

Professor spotlights S. Africa

By MELVIN BARNES

In a seminar, on Feb. 5 at 3:15, entitled "Apartheid in 1986", Professor Walton Johnson, Chairman of Afro-American studies at Rutgers University and author of the book *The AME Church*, said "I argue that point that Apartheid is dead."

Professor Johnson, speaking in Wesleyan's Gravelly lecture hall, traveled extensively in Africa including three years in Zambia. Speaking distinctly, he conveyed his view by using various conversations he encountered: with a friend in Johannesburg, a white South African woman who migrated to Europe then returned to her homeland, a right wing leader, and a colored couple who are distinct because of mixed relations.

The present views in South Africa toward race range from the change toward democratic values in South Africa to the change that preserves race divisions. He related the feelings of oppression and change in South Africa to the problems staged in the 1960s' during the Vietnam saga and the domestic civil rights struggle.

"The question is not whether there is going to be a change but what we are going to change to." With this statement, he elaborated on the "Natal" states' discussion of multi-racial system and the Progressive Federal Party that moves for a more democratic society in contrast to the Political Governmental System encouraging white supremacy and the denationalization of South African citizenship by creating separate independent nations.

To conclude his lecture, he said that divestment and political sanctions are important now, even though they might become problematic in the long-term. "I think it is important for international pressure to alter the balance of power in South Africa," with reference to U.S. involvement with South African affairs, he said.

At the end of Professor Johnson's session, time was allotted for questions and answers. "Is there hope for a peaceful resolution to the problem?" asked one observer. Professor Johnson replied "There is always hope." "Does South Africa support divestment?" asked another observer. Professor Johnson said "Preparing for a new order and a new government welcomes trade and economy. Therefore my answer is yes, they do support divestment."

Knowledgeable of his views and responsive to the audience, he was given a round of applause for his colorful presentation, which enticed some to stay over into their lunch hour to raise issues and points of interest.



FOCUS ON SOUTH AFRICA — Professor Walton Johnson of Rutgers University gave two lectures on South Africa last week. (Photo by Mike Brown.)

Wesleyan increases security on campus

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The weaknesses include perception of effectiveness by the student body as negative, a single guard not adequate during critical hours, lack of qualified students, a dependable vehicle, proper equipment and uniform unity, capabilities of the person covering midnight to eight in the morning questionable, nor do they operate from a home base, were also cited in this document by Dr. McKita.

In reference to the need of their services, McKita responded, "they have the manpower. We never have to worry about someone being here. They are visible (uniformed and drive a marked car) and their presence is felt more." One of the victims of the peeper, who wishes to remain anonymous, is unsure about the effectiveness of the new security personnel: "Yes and no. Yes because I know they're here, but no because I just have mixed feelings," (about feeling safer) she responded.

Pinkerton Management is also advising the college on the possibility of posting of no trespassing signs, so that if any problems of the severity of the peeping incidents, or lesser problems, should arise the college can take legal action.

Dr. McKita suggested, "it will

take security, students, and student life staff working all together to make the campus safer. If students don't monitor or pay attention to whose on their floor we can't protect them." He also added, "in order to be safer you give up a little freedom." That is, it becomes a necessity to carry a front door key, to lock room doors and to have your guest buzz up and escorted in the female dorms.

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New policy recommended for assigning dorm rooms

By PAM DERRICK
Housing Director

An increase in the number of residents at Wesleyan this year has created situations that require the establishment of new guidelines to regulate the residence hall room assignment policy.

The residents hall population reached 355 students this year in contrast to 284 residents occupying the same space last year, 1985-1986. The increase of residents has decreased the availability of private rooms. Room and roommate changes cannot be made as easily as in the past (due to the reduction or elimination of open room spaces). Roommates experiencing difficulties have been forced to resolve their differences or live in an uncomfortable situation. These problems have always existed, but now the options are limited.

The present room assignment policy states that preferences for halls, floors, and rooms will be honored on the basis of the student's class standing and date of request. This policy is not sufficient to address the problems that have emerged as a result of the larger residence hall population. Seniority is not always the proper guideline in determining which student has priority over another in making room assignments.

Who has seniority, a junior readmit or a returning freshman?

Should two freshmen who have resided in separate rooms for one semester be forced to move in together in order to accommodate a junior requesting a private room?

The Director of Housing has the authority to make decisions as needed, but an organized policy recommended from students themselves is the best solution.

The Student Life Committee of the Community Council has been given the following policy suggestions to review. This policy affects all resident students and therefore should be representative of the opinion of all students. Any idea and suggestions about this and

other policies should be discussed with student leaders in order to have the changes made on campus that are needed to make Wesleyan a better place. Joy Patrick is the chairperson of the Student Life Committee.

RECOMMENDED ASSIGNMENT POLICY

Fall Room Assignments

1. Assignments will be made before the end of Spring semester. All students who turn forms in by the due date will be given priority by seniority status. New students and incoming freshmen will be given second priority status to returning students. Those students who do not turn in their forms by the due date will be given the same priority as new students.

2. Everyone except the Seniors must sign up for a double room and desired roommate for the Fall semester. Those who do not sign up for a roommate will be assigned one.

Room Swap

3. Room Swap Assignments will be based on seniority of all new and returning students. Forms must be turned in by the due date.

4. Freshmen will be asked to consolidate at the beginning of Fall and Spring semester, if they do not have a roommate in order to accommodate private room requests of upperclassmen during the Room Swap.

5. Private rooms (except for Seniors) will be assigned at Room Swap for upperclassmen. A waiting list will be kept for those who do not get a private room at Room Swap and wish to have one. This list will be based on seniority and by lottery with in each group (freshmen, sophomores, juniors).

Roommate Problems

6. If two roommates cannot solve their problems, both must agree to a contract that will be established in a conference with Student Life Staff. Any resident not following the contract will be made to move.

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