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Looking back with gratitude

Over the past two semesters, there have been a variety of editorials in *The Decree*. The editorials have ranged from topics of getting involved in the activities on campus to how one should respect the library, but none have really touched on the subject of what it is like to reflect on Wesleyan and the quality of the education a student receives during his or her time here.

Wesleyan has meant a great deal of things to since I enrolled here in the fall of 1985. I had already spent one year of my college career at another institution of higher learning in North Carolina which I was not pleased with. Upon arriving at Wesleyan, I was hoping that this experience would not be the same.

Over the course of the last three years I have come to know and respect the Wesleyan Community. I have formed some very strong and lasting friendships with not only my fellow students but with staff and faculty members as well. These people have all played an important part of my college education in one way or another.

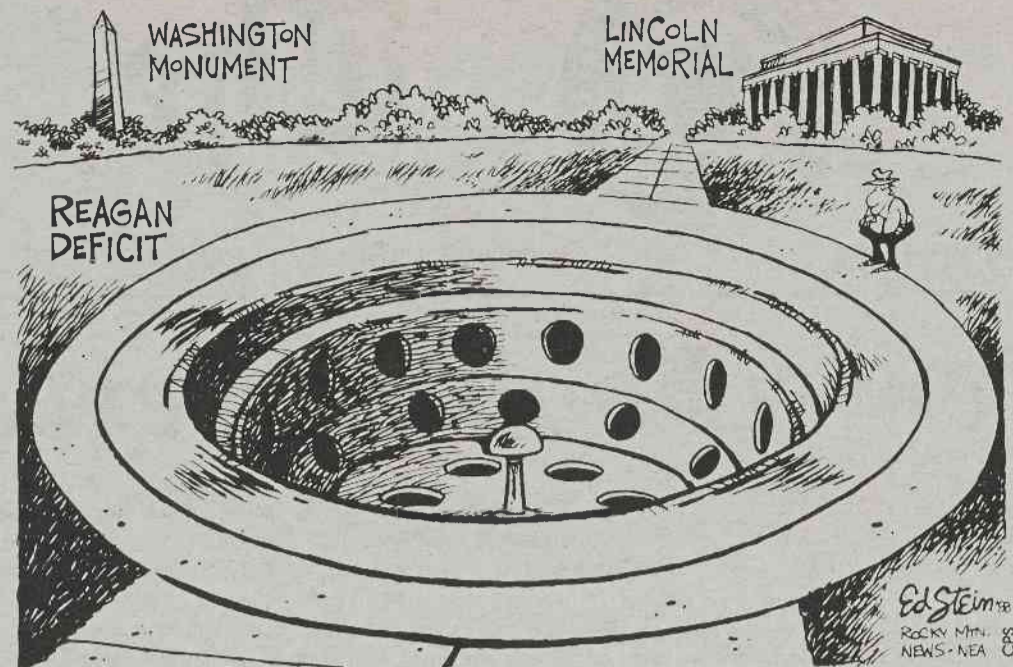
I feel the quality of education that I have received here is equal to or better than the education received by other college students across the nation. Some think the size of Wesleyan takes away from the learning environment and also takes something away from the college experience.

After receiving most of my college education here, I say those people are wrong. Wesleyan has helped me to better myself as a person while at the same time learn valuable things inside and outside of the classroom from people here.

Wesleyan is a small, liberal arts college just as it claims to be in all of the literature about the school. At no time during my college career has anyone here tried to make a statement to the contrary. The aim of Wesleyan is educate students in a liberal arts setting that will enable the student not only to learn how to make a balance sheet or to learn about the judicial system, but to learn how to think and evaluate situations so in their lives they can make educated decisions and make responsible citizens. In my opinion, Wesleyan does a good job at doing just that.

Wesleyan is a place that is unique in many ways. If new buildings are built and enrollment is increased to 5,000 students so there will be many nice facilities for students, this place will cease to have that uniqueness. There are many things to take advantage of at Wesleyan and I just hope that every graduating senior, and every other student as well, appreciates the value and the quality of the education that he or she has received during their time here.

— Tom Rivers



SGA has good year ahead

By BOBBIE JONES

I would like to thank everyone that voted for me to become Student Government Association (SGA) President. My election to represent you was a surprise to me. Not because I am not capable, but because I have probably written up every student at North Carolina Wesleyan College (NCWC) in my capacity as Resident Assistant. Your voting for me made me respect you more. I thought no one would vote for me because of my job. When I saw the results of the election, the first thing I thought was my peers understand that I am only doing my job. Secondly, I did not win by popularity, but by you believing I am the best person for the job.

Representing the student body will be a difficult job, but I am ready for the challenge. Before we start on the major problems at NCWC, we must correct the minor problems that exist within the SGA. Courtesy, and respect will be adhered to at all SGA meetings. When a person is talking, everyone else will be quiet, and listen. When we have a meeting everyone in the SGA will be at the meeting, and on time. If anyone elected to an office think they are going to put their title on a resume and forget the responsibilities of their position, they are mistaken. We have the opportunity to make 1988-89 the best year ever at NCWC, but we cannot accomplish this feat without participation from the entire student body, especially the elected officials.

Now that we have our minor discrepancies known, let us talk about our major problems. We need more varieties of food, and the food needs to be prepared a different way. Our variety of food would not be a problem if we could not predict having fish for dinner on Fridays, but we can. The preparation of the food would not be a problem if half of us liked the way it is prepared, but more than half of us do not. After we leave the cafe-

teria, it would be nice to go to a clean dorm. We understand that we get the dorm nasty, but after the custodians finish their jobs, the dorm should be clean. Maybe the custodians forget to clean some days. If this is the case, their supervisor should inspect the dorms before they leave. We should discuss the possibility of having someone clean the dorms on Saturday also.

Another priority is getting all students, including commuters, involved in our everyday activities. We

have many commuters that have no idea how much fun we can have on campus. We have to establish a commuter committee. Their responsibilities will be to inform the SGA about activities they would like to sponsor, and get their fellow commuters involved.

Involvement from the Wesleyan Community will help make 1988-89 a great year. Again thank you for your vote, and at the end of 1988-89 we hope you will be thanking us for a great job.

Awards presented

Award winners announced at the recent Honors Convocation are:

- Cardinal Savings Bank Awards — Lisa Brumble Griffin, biology; Deborah Bounds, mathematics; and Sylvia Denise Whitley, chemistry.
- American Institute of Chemists/N.C. Institute of Chemists' Foundation Award — Sylvia Denise Whitley.
- Chemical Rubber Company Award (Best Student in Freshman Chemistry) — Taher S. Husain.
- Computer Information Systems Award — Jason R. Barrios.
- Peoples Bank Award, Business Administration/Economics — Rebecca D. Phillips.
- Planner's National Bank and Trust Co. Awards for Outstanding Academic Achievement — Valerie J. Hales, native; Rebecca D. Phillips, transfer.
- Helen Merriam Thorp Music Award — Mary Elizabeth Love.
- W.C. Reid Band Award — William James Jones Jr.
- John Paul Jones History Award — Virginia (Ginny) Parkerson Wooten.
- NCAE Student Program Education Award — Valerie J. Hales.
- Criminal Justice Award — Mark Kellerhals.
- Freshman Writing Award, English Department — Alan P. Felton.
- Senior English Award — Joseph L. Bryant.
- Politics Award — Kimberly D. Murphy.
- Physical Education Award — Lori Ann Blackburn.
- Psychology Award — Lynne S. Lynch.
- Religion Award — Tony Evans.
- Theatre Award — Randall Wisniewsky and Jimmy D. Stone.
- Outstanding Food Service and Hotel Management Senior Award — Cynthia R. Braly and Christopher L. Walters.
- Cooperative Education Awards — Mark D. Crum, alternating; Tonia A. Grooms, parallel.
- Accounting Award to Outstanding Senior — Deborah Ward.
- Marc M. Harris Accounting Scholarship Award — Thomas Edward Rivers.
- Sarah Alexander Tulloss Award — Robert E. Greene.
- James R. Hailey Leadership and Service Award — Courtney Creekmore.
- Pilot Club Leadership and Service Award — Lesley L. Freeman.
- Student Life Organization Award — Student Government Association.
- Nu Gamma Phi Professor of the Year Award — Dr. Raymond E. Bauer.
- Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award — Lori Ann Blackburn.
- President's Cup Award — Thomas Edward Rivers.