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Your vote counts, so go register now

Vice President George Bush spoke here two weeks ago, stating that young people deserve representation. Governor Jim Margin also encouraged all people to "exercise their God given right to vote."

With the Presidential election only two months away, now is the time to encourage all students to register and vote.

The statistics are at best gloomy. Barely half of United States citizens eligible to vote actually go to the polls. For young people, that figure is even worse. Too many people believe that their vote does not make any difference. These people are way off

base. The only way that your vote does not matter is if you do not cast it.

Voting is more than just a duty, it is a privilege. It is the one thing that sets our country apart from the rest of the world. If Americans do not vote, we might as well live under a totalitarian regime, where the citizens do not have any control over their government.

Perhaps the best part of the Bush visit was the voter registration tent set up in the Pines. Students could register for either party, and many did, but until every eligible student has registered and voted, the job is not finished.

Creative writing sought for next literary journal

Aspects, NCWC's literary journal, publishes student, faculty, and staff writings. We accept poetry, fiction, essays, and graphics. We are hoping to publish an issue this winter, and we need new material to do so. We are also thinking of having a "best joke competition," so submit those knee-slappers now.

All students interested in writing or editing or drawing or helping in any way (who can design a cover, for instance?) please come by Dr. Steve Ferebee's office in Spruill Building next Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 1 p.m. If you can't make the meeting, let him know you're interested.

We also accept material at any time, so leave your considered words or drawings in Dr. Steve's office or mailbox. He also has information on various literary contests. (As much as \$1,000 for a poem, no less. Crass, but practical.)



Bush vulnerable on issues

By Dr. STEVE FEREBEE

Well, I have entered the enemy camp and returned relatively unscathed. (And unchanged, I might add.) George Bush has come to Wesleyan, we have achieved our 15 minutes of fame, and classes have resumed. (Has anyone wondered what Bush has done to earn his salary as Veep lately?)

Bush spoke well — he was energetic, clear, forceful. He looked good — he seemed relaxed, self-confident, determined. (Read his lips: he has an effective PR manager.)

But does he ever listen to his speeches or does he merely repeat the words someone has put in front of him? (Haven't we asked that about someone else lately?)

If the U.N. is such a laughable organization, why does Bush's campaign biography brag about his tenure as ambassador to the U.N. and why doesn't he make the same complaint when he speaks in Boston?

If Bush would really sign an unconstitutional bill (to require The Pledge), then how does that jibe with his Reaganist push against federal government interference in private lives and what oath of office is he planning to take if elected? (The president promises to uphold some document or other, right?)

If Bush really will hold to "no new taxes" (which is cleverly not the same as "no more tax payments"), then how will he pull us out of the deficit that Reagan's "voodoo economics" (cf. Bush in 1980) plunged us into?

If Michael Dukakis is really a bum because he is the A.C.L.U., then what will Bush say to all the other Americans who pay dues and believe in this organization or to those who have been defended by A.C.L.U. lawyers?

If George Bush wants us to believe he embodies honesty and decency, then why was his speech so full of vicious half-truths and snide

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implications about his opponent's patriotism and personal judgement?

Does Bush really believe that Governor Dukakis purposely furloughed a man so that he could go out and break more laws? That Dukakis is against the ideals represented in The Pledge? That a 200,000 person rise in the unemployment level is "statistically irrelevant?" (Aren't all people relevant even if they don't enjoy Mr. Bush's standard

of living?) That the future is assuredly peaceful, prosperous, and palatable only if and as soon as George Bush is elected? If so, I have very little faith in his judgment.

George Bush may look like a gentleman, but he's playing a ruthless rogue's role. Wesleyan gained a brief moment in the national spotlight from his visit, but no political or intellectual dialogue ensued, no issue was clarified, no one was made to seem honorable, worthy, or respectable. George Bush wants to appear presidential, but he seems more interested in exiling his detractors to a Liberal Alcatraz than in persuading the uncommitted doubters that he is capable of and worthy of leading them to a just and civilized future.

New Dean faces challenge

Dear Editor:

There have been several changes made in the Student Life Department over the last few years. Most importantly, we have had three Deans of Student life in the last three years. The first of the trio appeared to strictly enforce what I would charitably call a slap on the wrist if that, discipline policy.

After that Dean mysteriously left the office in a cloud of smoke, Wesleyan administrators managed to find what turned out to be a one-year replacement. This new Dean seemed to believe firmly in capital punishment and rigidly enforced it throughout his one-year regime until he, too, resigned in the same cloud of smoke. The air is certainly getting thick over and around Student Life.

Now, the students of Wesleyan are presented with a man by the name of Joe Marron — so I am told. I have not yet had the chance to meet Mr. Marron, but I am sure that our paths will cross sooner or later.

I hope that he will be partial to the needs of students, yet firm when it

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comes to the deviant and often criminal behavior which is often displayed by some of Wesleyan's finest. After all, one can't help but wonder why students who urinate, defecate, and vomit on another human being are permitted to reside on campus.

Dean Marron, I call your attention to a few of the recent problems with Student Life in the off-chance these issues were not raised during your interview.

Please clean up the mess that your predecessors left and make Student Life work for the students — not against them. I wish you the best of luck, as you have one hell of a job ahead of you. I hope that when I write my next letter I will be praising the efforts of you and your staff.

Scoop