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NCWC students should speak out

Scoop, where are you? You and the Archbishop have let us down! We have a hard time believing that you are happy with *everything* on this campus.

In case you haven't noticed, Bellemonte looks the same as it did the day the tractor pulled it across the field, and there are still no condoms available on campus.

We do have a new pool table in the game room, but

more than half the students don't even know where the Student Life office is located.

And what about the dorms, er Residence Halls (sorry Ms. Derrick!)? Do you realize how many mirrors, windows, and doors have been broken this year?

All we want is your input, so please oblige.

As for the rest of the campus, we welcome your input, also.

Remembering New Orleans

By STEVE FEREBEE

So there I was on Bourbon Street, amidst a seemingly endless crowd of semi-hysterical, joy-filled party animals. I was trying to remember where I had been an hour or so before discussing metaphysical poetry with that woman from Stanford. Or was it Berkeley? I wasn't even sure why I wanted her, but it seemed important at the time. When I bumped into a guy with a foot-high purple mohawk I thought, "I don't think we're in Rocky Mount anymore, Dr. Steve."

I was in New Orleans right after Christmas for the Modern Language Association Convention, or, as LaLonde's friend Bob put it, leaning over one of those ridiculously small bar tables. I was surrounded by 17,000 identical grey suits with yellow name tags printed on them.

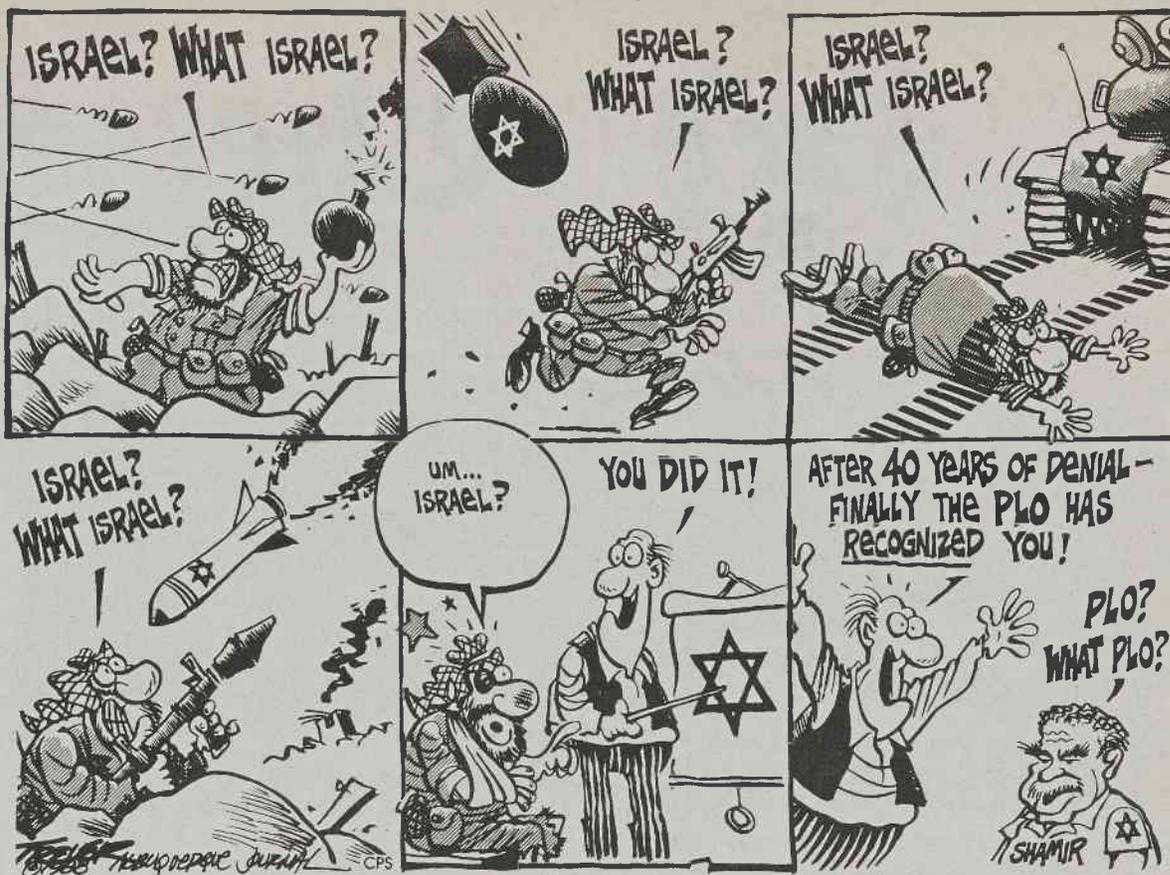
For some reason my memories of New Orleans are a bit jagged. I do remember a chocolate dessert which looked like an abstract painting and tasted like heaven. I ate this while LaLonde urged the waitress to notice his better traits. [We were there quite a while.] I also recall an Elvis impersonator who was suddenly flung out



of a bar onto Bourbon Street; he bounced twice and then disappeared into the carnival crowd.

And I remember wandering through the packed streets looking for my lost friend from Stanford, or Berkeley. I walked past a woman propped up on two bar stools; she was singing and sweating the blues and looking as if she already knew the Bush presidency's effects on poor people. Then this guy with his yellow card upside down [a real rebel] hailed me, insisted that I had gone to grad school with him, and pushed me into a heavy-metal-scene bar where this very skinny adolescent who was screaming blue meanies and shaking his chains. Suddenly, I was elsewhere dancing to dixieland jazz with one of my former students who is now a professor at a college in Florida.

Next I was sitting in a night club



Policy on condoms wrong

Dear Editor:

As a North Carolina Wesleyan student, I was disturbed to discover the college's position on campus distribution of condoms. Perhaps the possibility of AIDS on our campus seems too farfetched for our officials.

I'd like to point out that in a recent study of college students, one in 400 tested positive for AIDS antibodies. If this is so, then statistically N.C. Wesleyan has an AIDS infec-

tion on campus. Three practices known to spread the AIDS virus are homosexuality, bisexuality, and intravenous drug usage. It is no secret that each of these occur at N.C. Wesleyan. Imagine how embarrassed our officials will be when a documented AIDS case occurs on campus — knowing that it could possibly have been prevented by making condoms available to students.

Condoms have other benefits besides preventing AIDS. They are an effective method of birth control. Considering the number of students from NCWC that have abortions each year, it is obvious that the college would benefit from condoms as a means of birth control. Lastly, condoms prevent other types of sexually transmitted diseases besides AIDS. Pregnancy and disease occur on our campus, two factors our college officials should have considered in their decision.

Officials gave a few reasons for their decision against condoms, but the one fact that was emphasized was the possibility of a lawsuit. I do not agree with this excuse. It is highly unlikely that a student would sue the college for money. If a student was interested in money, he would sue the manufacturer.

If N.C. Wesleyan knowingly distributed defective condoms, then there would be the possibility of a lawsuit. Any other scenario seems unlikely. If providing condoms to students could save one life, then it

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would be worth all the so-called risks of offering them on campus.

Students views were also overlooked in the final decision regarding condom distribution. In our college's Student Life office, Financial Aid office, and Admissions office are signs, proudly proclaiming: Students Come First. If this is so, then maybe a student vote should have been taken. Students pay tuition here and expect certain benefits, such as having a voice in the issues that affect them. A vote would see if there is sufficient student interest in providing condoms. If our college is concerned with students at all, then the least they can do is consult the students and incorporate their views in the final decision.

Students, we are the ones who make this college. Without us, there is no college. We should have the right to be heard, *before* decisions directly affecting us are made. Legally, we are adults now; why don't we start acting like adults and demand a more active role in campus decision making? We have a Student Government Association, maybe now is the time to implement it.

Name withheld by request

No point to condoms on Wesleyan campus

Dear Editor:

What's all this controversy I hear about dispensing condoms on campus? Dean Marron has decided not to dispense condoms on campus, while others say that those latex life savers should be free to infiltrate this institution and corrupt the minds of our innocent student body.

Come on, wake up, people! Dean Marron is absolutely right. Whoever thinks that condoms should be dispensed on this campus should be

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