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Wesleyan vulnerable against liability suits

Over the course of this year, the college administration has claimed that it is worried about liability. Even though Wesleyan is in no danger of shutting its doors, it probably could not withstand a large liability settlement.

In October, Dean Marron decided that there would be no condom dispensation on campus because he did not want the college responsible for student misuse of condoms.

In January and February, Dr. Marron has zeroed in on the Greeks as the root of Wesleyan's "liability crisis."

First he asked for keys for all Greek lounges. More recently, he has asked for scavenger hunt lists and pledging activities, as well as the rituals.

The question which remains is the extent to which Wesleyan will go to protect itself from litigation. Obvi-

ously, the administration is not too worried. Otherwise, the maintenance crews would have been out Saturday and Sunday clearing the snow. It would not have taken much time to at least shovel and throw salt on the steps. Granted, that still leaves the walkways and parking lots a mess, but it is a start, and it would show that the administration cares about the students' welfare.

The college has yet to find a security solution, as well. One security guard driving a Ford Tempo with a yellow light does not begin to tackle the problem of townies roaming around the female residence halls with weapons.

If the school is really concerned about its liability, then some changes must be made. Until then, the administration should hope that it doesn't snow again.



Ideas can't be stopped

Censorship not acceptable

By STEVE FEREBEE

What a month for enlightenment February has been. Turns out that George Bush's gentler, kinder vision of America includes the thousand points of light from a semi-automatic hunting rifle. And the Oliver North trial can proceed, but if it looks as if the truth is about to slip in, the Attorney General can cancel the whole debacle. Ex-KKK member and Nazi-admirer David Duke, who still publishes racist literature, will represent an enlightened parish in the Louisiana state legislature.

And now you too can earn millions of dollars by tracking down and killing a certain British writer. The Iranian government will pay you and pray for you at the same time.

The writer's crime? He wrote a book which evidently insults the prophet Mohammed, because

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a character suggestive of him visits a brothel in a dream sequence. Muslims have rioted [killing several of their own] and condemned the publisher, the British, the Americans, and Salman Rushdie, author of *The Satanic Verses*.

Remember *The Last Temptation of Christ*, which also contains a dream sequence, showing Jesus in a marriage? Remember those fundamentalists tearing their hair and beating their chests for censorship? I can only wonder whether one single Christian's faith was so shaken by the movie that she became a Muslim. Look at what she's gotten herself into! Now Mohammed is a human with a sexual

drive. If either Jesus' or Mohammed's spiritual hold is so weak that it can't withstand this kind of poetic license, then their religions have a much more fundamental problem than mere blasphemy.

The first time I spoke out against religious bigotry was in my junior high school newspaper. John Lennon had said—rather offhandedly—that the Beatles were more popular than Jesus. Not more valuable or enduring, but more popular. The righteous few started these gleeful bonfires into which they threw Beatles records, wigs, fan magazines, clothes, whatever represented these evil guys from Liverpool, one of whom spoke the truth but used an inflammatory comparison.

I remember quite well sitting at my desk one afternoon in my

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Student Life not concerned about students

Dear Editor:

First, I would like to say I am a freshman living on campus and have a problem with Student Life. So far their major concern seems to be legal liability concerning students and condom dispensation.

What about the recent snowfall; snow was not cleared off steps until after eight o'clock when classes had begun Monday and it was still on sidewalks Monday night. I think the chances of someone slipping on the ice and being hurt are slightly greater than a condom breaking

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and someone contracting AIDS or getting pregnant.

The Student Life has chosen to pick a Greek organization to use as an example to show their power. I am not currently a member of a Greek organization and see that using this one or-

ganization is wrong. In my observation, this group has not done anything that any other group has not done this year.

Student Life seems to be so wound up on the fact the school may be sued that they don't care for the welfare of the students. Their restrictions are ruining the school's atmosphere and therefore losing students. I have talked to several students that have plans to leave at the end of this semester just because of Student Life's attitude towards students.

Other students, who have been here for four years, say that Student Life has realized the past Deans of Student Life have had no real power and now are trying to control the students in one big blow. Shouldn't steps be taken to slowly earn student's respect other than to take the dictatorship rule and lose many tuition paying students? Student Life is also threatening students with suspensions and bringing up their past records from years ago. Why should a student did two years ago matter when discussing current problems? An-

other problem is that there is no communication between students and Student Life. Something needs to be done to let students have a voice in what is going on, to let the students have an active part in the decision made in Student Life. This would break the communication gap and allow Student Life and students, to have a better relationship.

I think Student Life should shape up and start thinking about the students or there may not be any students to worry about.

A Concerned Student