

# The Decree

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## Locked side doors open and shut issue?

Welcome to North Carolina Wesleyan College, or what some might call North Carolina Wesleyan Penitentiary. During the first weeks of school, the side doors to each residence halls were renovated so that students were no longer able to enter the building through them.

Although it is possible to leave the building through these doors during certain hours, if the doors are opened after hours an alarm sounds and a \$25 fee is assessed to the person exiting the building. If no one is caught, the \$25 is charged to community damages. It is not fair to individuals who respect the door policy to be charged a portion of this fee.

Student Life's reasoning for this added security measure is to maintain watch on all people who enter and leave the building. What's next? Security cameras on each floor?

The inconvenience caused by being unable to enter the building through the side doors, because they no longer have door knobs on the outside, is unnecessary. It is understandable that the doors should be locked in the evening, but there is no reason why students cannot gain access through these doors from the outside during the day.

Most times during the morning and afternoon no one is present in the lobby to see who enters the building. Therefore, the only accomplishment made by having the side doors inaccessible from the outside during the day is inconvenience on the part of the students. If people who do not belong in the hall want to get in, they can enter through the front door just as easily as they could through the side doors if they still had door-knobs.

Student Life should examine this situation further.

## This paper's for you

It is the purpose of this paper to produce an informative, entertaining medium to the Wesleyan community. We invite replies to stories, story suggestions, letter to the editor, and editorial suggestions.

We will attempt to print material submitted to us. All work is subject to editing as the editors deem necessary.

All submissions can be placed in the Decree box located at the Student Activities Center or Box 3666 at the

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Students interested in writing for or working on the Decree should get in contact with Terrie Roberts, Edgecombe Hall, Room 218, or Diane Jensen, North Hall, Room 217. If unable to contact either of us, leave a note in Box 3666 at the post office on campus. Signs will be posted around campus concerning the date and time of the next meeting.

This is your newspaper.

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Center already available

## Commuters want space

By PATRICIA RADFORD

Many commuter students attending N.C. Wesleyan College have expressed a concern about the lack of adequate areas where commuter students can have the opportunity to meet other students outside of the classroom environment.

The idea of having a designated area where commuters may socialize, meet other students, or study seems to have a great deal of support. While a solution to this problem would be for commuters to become more actively involved in clubs, organizations, and student activities, this just isn't possible for many commuters who face the many obligations of work, house, and family as well as studies.

In defense of Wesleyan, I would like to point out that such an area already exists. The multipurpose room in the Student Activities Center was designed as a place where all students, both on-campus and commuter, could socialize. Many students regard this area as an auditorium and are not aware of its varied uses. While some students may argue that the building is too far removed from the classrooms to be of any use, realistically it is no farther than the dorms and would require very little effort to utilize the facility.

Whether we choose to utilize the facilities in the Student Activities Center or not, the fact remains that it was built for the students' benefit. It was meant to be a place where all students could go to meet and socialize.

Dean Marron has expressed an interest in hearing suggestions on how the center can be improved so that the students will feel more at ease using the center. As members of the Wesleyan community we, as students, should feel obligated to take advantage of this opportunity to

make our opinions known. It is only by doing this that changes can be made.

Not only should we voice our opinions but, we should take advantage of the opportunities already given us to our years at Wesleyan will be as enriching and fulfilling as possible.

## Aging rock groups dominated summer

By MARK BRETT

"Where is Santa and his sleigh? Tell my why it is always this way." Well, maybe that's because it was June, guys.

The above quote is from a song called "Merry Christmas (I Don't Want to Fight Tonight)" by the Ramones. Released early this June on the "Brain Drain" album, this song got the summer off to an odd start. Christmas in June can do that, I suppose.

At any rate, the Ramones seemed to set the tone for music in the remainder of 1989's summer. "Brain Drain" also included a surprisingly light theme song for Stephen King's "Pet Sematary," a punk version of "Palisades Park," and all the usual Ramones brilliance. After that, I thought at the time, the oddness quotient would surely plummet. Fortunately, I was wrong.

In the summer of '89, dinosaurs walked the Earth. Bolstered by new albums, the return of original members, and the "Debbie Gibson Backlash," long-dead seventies rock bands

## Review

seemed to be crawling out of the woodwork. Such hoary rock icons as Little Feat, the Doobie Brothers, and even Mother's Finest launched comebacks this summer, touring the length and breadth of the land.

While these groups were fantastic in their day, they don't seem to have progressed any since then. The new material, for the most part, sounds like a re-tread of the old. That being the case, why did they bother?

The only redeeming factor I can see in this situation is that at least good rock and roll is being given some airplay. There are young groups out there that could fill that void a bit more freshly, however. The only problem is that most of those groups can't get on the radio because they don't fit into the categories

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