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Participation in elections sad

The editors of *The Decree* would like to express their concern over the recent elections for student and class offices. The participation by the students at Wesleyan College was implausible and quite weak. The percentage of students running and specifically those voting is inexcusable.

Less than 25 percent of the full-time student body even cared to circle names on the ballots, and that's including the votes that were cast by the students running for office — which made up 11 percent of the votes.

Another aspect of the elections we found surprising was the lack of any competition on most of the tickets. Besides five students running for Sophomore Class President, six for Judicial Board, and two for SGA Treasurer, 16 offices went unopposed — including one office that no one ran for at all.

We congratulate all of those who ran and are proud to have them represent us. We realize the great responsibility they are taking and are sure that they will attempt to give the student body what is needed.

However, we would like to inform all of those who "didn't have time" to circle

a couple of names that we don't want to hear any complaints about how the Student Government is run next year.

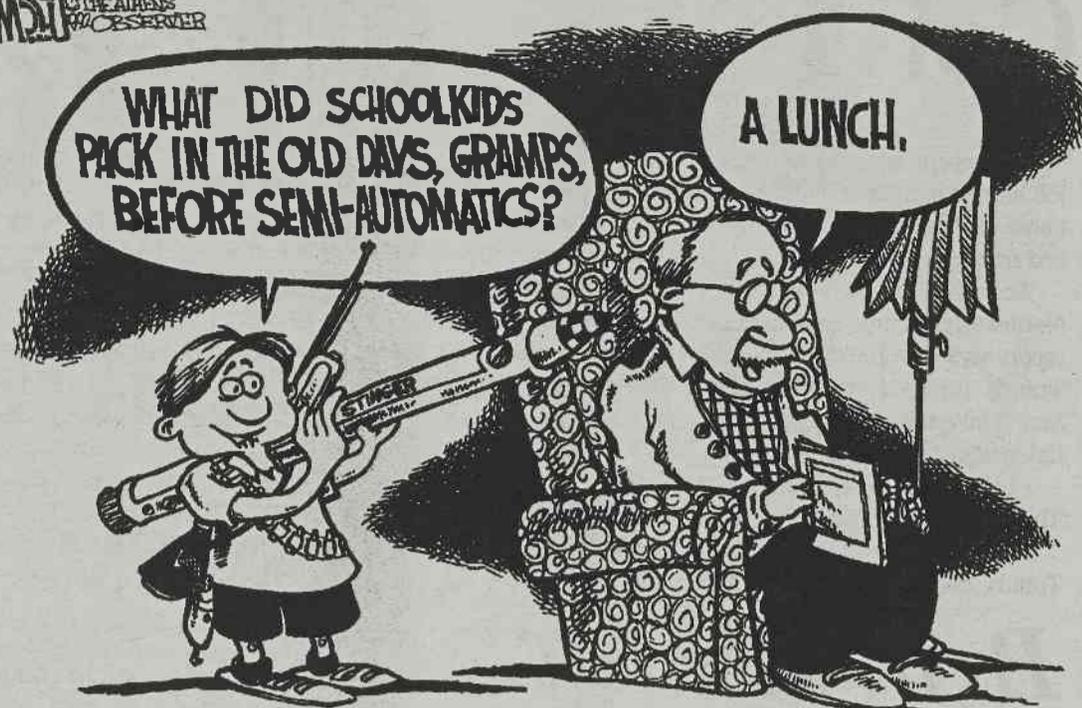
We understand that many of you may not have the capability or care for the responsibility of holding an office, but as the disappointed SGA President, Carl Turner, said, "Every student is part of the SGA and should take part in participating in its many meetings and activities."

The SGA meetings are held every other Monday in the Student Activities Center and everybody in the Wesleyan community is encouraged to attend. When less than five non-board students attend to contribute to the discussions and decisions, it shows that most students here really don't care what goes on with their college.

Most students don't even have a clue about what goes on at these meetings and don't even realize how much they have done for us, including a brand new pool table in the SAC.

Neal Latta, the SGA Treasurer, summed up how many people feel about the student body's lack of participation, putting it bluntly, "I'm pissed."

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Reaching another milestone

Every year was worth living

By DR. STEVE FEREBEE

By the time you read this, I will be 40 years old. Not since I turned 21 has any one birthday seemed so pregnant with meaning.

If you're younger than I am, you will be thinking I'm an old fogey with nothing better to think about. If you're older, you will be thinking, "Ha! What does he know?"

I know it is irrational, but I hesitate to think about myself as middle-aged. Though we were the ones who said not to trust anyone over 30, as long as I was in my 30's, I nonchalantly thought of myself as young.

Actually, except for some inevitable deterioration and a slight loss of stamina, I feel better than I ever did. We learn to take better care of ourselves. And I don't

Dr. Steve Muses

think I'm particularly infected by the American obsession with youth. But 40? That sounds like how old my parents were when I thought they were hopelessly lost to old age. So, even though I know a number change is only that, I think this one has a meaning beyond the calendar.

We try so hard for adulthood, and then we push it away. I don't want to be a child, and in fact I don't want to be any age other than what I am. But why does everyone on television commercials have to be so irritatingly fresh?

The problem with wanting to

be younger than you are is that you would have to ignore or negate some part of your life, and I can't think of ten or even five years I'd want to get rid of.

I guess what bothers us is that we might not have accomplished what we assumed we would by the time we were middle-aged. We may begin to think not so much about writing the great American novel or changing the political system as about one of our students or children doing it.

Now, don't get me wrong. The spirit to change and to move and to challenge does not go away. It's the body and our responsibilities which interfere. Our wants and desires still change; we still work our bodies; and we are eager to try new areas of experience.

What changes is that sometimes we more easily forget to

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Get involved or shut up

Dear Editor:

Everyone has a tendency to complain; it is human nature. It is also human nature to make an attempt to correct what you complain about. This is not the case at Wesleyan.

A typical comment heard around campus is "SGA does nothing." How in the hell would you know what SGA does? No one attends the meetings. This campus is in transition and the faculty are looking for student input, but you won't get out of your room or stay on campus to

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make comments to help them.

Last Wednesday, I sat at a table and had to literally grab people to make them vote. Still people told me that they did not have enough time to circle three names. People should want to vote.

Another thing is why do people constantly complain about

the cafe? Is it the "in" thing to do? Everyone has friends from other colleges visit. We take them to the cafeteria and see how they compare their cafe to ours. Why don't you take time to congratulate people more often. Let's practice, "Mr. Sparks, the campus looks great. You have done a really great job." Now what was so hard about that?

If you want to make a complaint, make it an educated complaint that you will try to do something about. If not, shut up!

Neal Latta