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Congratulations to all the winners

Many congratulations are in order for the new members of the Campus Activities Board, the new officers of the Student Government Association, and all the award winners at the 1992 Honors Convocation.

The Campus Activities Board with its new members will have a tough job assigned to them in that they will have to do an equal or superior job of providing entertainment that those of this academic year provided. Congratulations should thus be awarded to those who worked hard this year on the CAB also for making the social life at Wesleyan satisfying and entertaining. Next year should be a huge success if the CAB follows in the footsteps of this year's members.

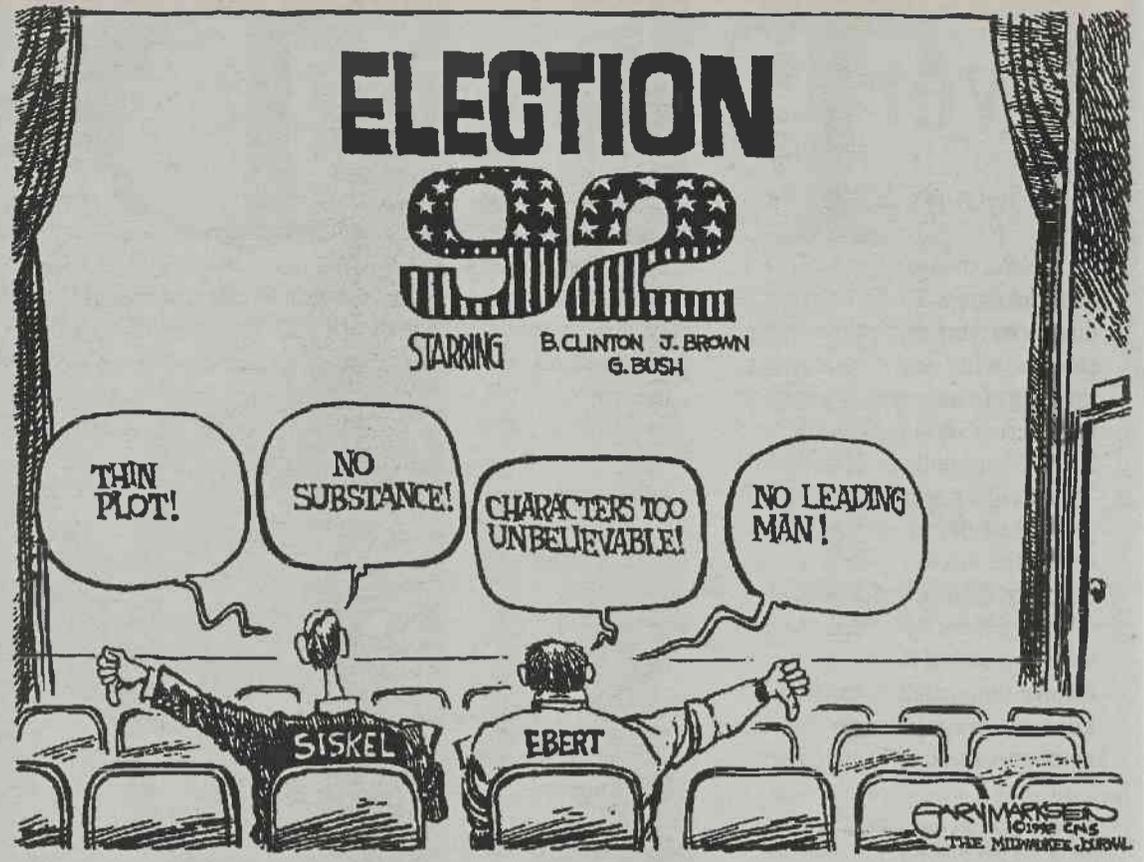
The Student Government Association has done a remarkable job this year and it has the students headed in the right direction. All year students have heard, "Don't complain, take your concerns to the SGA." Well, students have done this and action and improvements have taken place. Next year's SGA should be

better as long as it continues in the direction that this year's SGA has gone.

As for the award winners from this year's Honors Convocation, all of you deserve it. This just shows all students that if one puts his/her mind to it, one can and will accomplish anything. The award winners not only prove to themselves that they can do it, but that any student or organization has that potential to excel.

These members, organizations, and winners should be commended for their great commitment to the school and for their achievements. For the officers and members of this academic school year, thank you for making this school year a success. Students probably take things for granted at times and do not realize how much time and effort goes into what these organizations do for the college.

And for next year's officers and members, congratulations again and let's hope that these organizations can make next year a huge success, just like this year.



Generation still has hope

Students still cherish ideas

By DR. STEVE FEREBEE

I spent the weekend up in Roanoke, Va., at the Southern Regional Honors Council annual conference, and I was repeatedly struck by how complicatedly diverse people are.

The theme of the conference was "Perspectives on Discovery," and I attended several student sessions. Students from Appalachian State broke the audience into groups and instructed them to create a work of "art" representing "civilization." Almost every group included representations of AIDS and war and rape and racism. One group had us remain silent for a minute and said our discomfort represented our lack of civilization.

Some Randolph-Macon students described the troubles they have setting up a student honors organization; some students weren't sure the expenditure of time on community service or socializing or organizing was

Dr. Steve Muses

worth it because some other student might get ahead of them and get that place in law school.

A woman from Greensboro College reported on a statistical survey she had done to find out "What Students in Small-College Honors Programs Want." What they want is money and courses that will help them compete. Even honors students perceive themselves as less adequate than their records and performances indicate.

Some students from Gramley College presented a report on "What College Students Want to Know About AIDS." I was amazed to hear women ask if their fetuses could contact the virus, if eliminating homosexuals would eliminate the disease, if Magic

Johnson could have been infected by a mass murderer.

"He just *can't* be gay or use drugs," cried an attractive young woman whose boyfriend was hanging onto her legs. But most people in the room were ready to try to help stop the spread of the disease, even if it meant facing their own homophobia. "I didn't want my girlfriend to think I was gay, so I didn't want to suggest a condom," admitted one young student.

I followed this up at the Southeastern Louisiana University students' "Censorship: Are We Losing Our Intellectual Freedom?" I heard a very nice looking woman argue earnestly that she asked God before each reading assignment whether or not to proceed. "He's kept me from reading about incest in *Native Son* and about sexual intercourse in almost every book assigned by my English teacher," she said.

A man in this session then ar-

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Line-item veto helps fight pork in Congress

Dear Editor:

Have you ever wondered why truckers go to sleep at the wheel? I've always assumed that it was because they get tired while driving. Congress, however, wants to get to the bottom of this mystery. To answer this burning question, Congress has ordered a

\$1.3 million study into that very question.

In the 1992 budget, taxpayers get to pay for all sorts of useful programs. Michigan State University conducts a study of "apple quality" at a cost of \$94,000 to us. There's a \$1 million study into why people don't use more bi-

cycles or walking for transportation; \$1.2 million to develop Hawaiian homeland infrastructure,

whatever that means; \$2.9 million to find new uses for wood; \$80,000 to see if milkweed floss could replace goose down in bedding; \$500,000 to build a museum at the birthplace of Lawrence Welk; \$50,000 to study New Mexican wildflowers.

Senators Robert C. Smith (R-

NH) and Daniel Coats (R-Ind.), the leading fighters of this kind of wasteful spending, which is commonly called "pork," often read off some of these programs in their speeches to illustrate government waste.

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