Wesleyan not true to stated purpose

By KENNETH LEONARD

The Statement of Institutional Purpose of North Carolina Wesleyan College claims that NCWC "strongly affirms the ideals of Christianity" and hopes to help students "understand and respect the Judeo-Christian heritage." Oh, really?

What are these ideals that are being promoted? Rather than encouraging chastity, the college makes condoms easily available for those with no ability to control themselves.

While the halls are filled with liberal materials of every sort, there was an office that was forced to remove Bible verses on display. (I saw the verses before the thought police attacked. It was far from offensive, quite time by my standards.)

In one of my classes my first semester here, the professor told us not to believe anything that doesn't sound reasonable, and specifically cited Jesus, the Bible, and religion in general as things to rationalize. He then commented on the Virgin Birth, contending that there were a lot of "virgin births" - it was, he said, a popular story to cover for pre-marriage pregnancies. I am trying to keep the professor anonymous, but I want to emphasize that religion was not directly related to the topic. I never saw the connection, in fact.

In another class, the professor accused Christians of being warmongers, claiming that we use

God as an excuse to go to war. Not that we ever believe we are fighting for anything for God, that it is a worldly interest. This is strongly affirming Christian ideals?

A member of the faculty told me a story about a girl who was failing a class for the second time. Interested in finding the problem, the faculty member went to talk to the student's advisor. The advisor said that the student was just "discovering sex" and that she should be given some leeway. The advisor was proud of her. Interesting. I do not think that this is what was meant in the statement when it says "freedom of intellectual inquiry."

I have heard it proposed more than a few times by several faculty and staff that Paul, the early leader of the Christian church, was homosexual. In a religion class last semester, Buddhism was given a better shake than Fundamentalism. The list of offenses against Christian ideals goes on and on.

I did not come to Wesleyan because I thought it would be seminary, nor did I expect that it would even be as squarely on the religious right as I. I came knowing it to be a liberal arts schools. and (as is the Methodist Church of which I am a member) well to my left in ideology. I did not expect, however, to have the secular left running rampant. I certainly did not expect to have the "homosexual rights" agenda

I can trace my life through

these records and books. My solo-

saxophone stage; my party-dance

music stage; my search through

autobiographies for validation of

my own ideas; the tremendous

piling-up of books during gradu-

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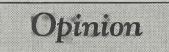
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shoved down my throat at every turn.

Here we see the problems inherent in the religious left. By changing with the times so that they keep their appeal to the public, they have made it impossible to distinguish between the Christian and the heathen. If you cannot tell the difference, there is in fact none. Welcome to North Carolina Whatever College.

I do not attend the chapel ser-

vice, a fact which was used against me (just after the class I'm not in — the professor apparently thinks that I am a fair target in my absence) to question my devotion. The fact is that I don't need to waste my time hearing from the religious left and borderline secularists. I prefer to hear sermons meant to change people, not to make them feel all warm and fuzzy and tolerant of everything, even what is wrong - but not what is right.

What are the ideals being affirmed? Surely not the Bible's moral teachings. Surely not even tolerance, considering the mockery made of Fundamentalism and the forced removal of the Bible verses.

There is no reason that Wesleyan, supposedly a Christian school, has to make itself look as secular as the other schools. And if NCWC is going to do so, the administration should be honest enough to clarify its Statement of Purpose:

"NCWC will force you to defend your beliefs constantly unless you do not believe that God wants to change your life."

Honesty is another Christian ideal. If nothing else, tell us what we're getting into.

Slur leads to frat's suspension

A racial slur in a pledge pamphlet has resulted in a fraternity being suspended from the University of Georgia campus for an indefinite period.

University officials discovered that a printed pamphlet for Pi Kappa Phi fraternity contained the phrase "no niggers." An investigation revealed that some fraternity members knew about the slur and chose to do nothing about it.

More than 1,000 students signed a petition demanding that the fraternity be ousted from the campus. The petition was started by the university's chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The suspension resulted from an Oct. 22 hearing in which the fraternity exercised its option to have the case heard by an administrative officer rather than a student panel. The fraternity can apply for reinstatement during the summer of 1993.

"I intend the time during this suspension to be spent learning and teaching the value of diversity in a modern university and to

satisfy the expectations announced by your national organization and your local alumni," wrote William Bracewell, director of judicial programs who served as hearing officer on the case.

Pi Kappa Phi president James "Tripp" Ackerman III appeared at a recent meeting with the Black Greek Council and read a statement of apology by the pamphlet's author. He said the fraternity did not condone the material.

"""""The offensive statement, was not condoned by the chapter president or the brotherhood," Ackerman said. "I regret that this situation may have caused others to form negative opinions about the Lambda chapter, the Greek community, or the University of Georgia community as a whole."

The Greek organizations at the university reacted strongly to the incident, officials said. The school's sororities have refused to participate in Pi Kappa Phi's annual philanthropic War of the Roses football tournament this vear.

The ruling against the fraternity was unexpected, though welcomed, said Jonathan Burns, managing editor of the Red and Black, the campus newspaper.

Keep standing for the right

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ing, ripping, and crushing of children who are too young to even speak for themselves), and a lot of other terrible causes. And Clinton, who flip-flops on both sides of an issue with no regard for the truth, one who disregards the importance of character ---this is who we are settling for, by not voting Republican!

had the guts and character to make a good choice: stand with the Wesleyan College Republicans. Yes, you are Wesleyan students, but remember, you are Americans, too. Don't get caught up in the liberals' murderous, hideous, unpatriotic stand on the issues. Stand for the right!

Brad Barnes (Barnes is president of the Wesleyan College Republicans.)

Now, to the 52 people who



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experience the bicycle trip past a graveyard I lived near; I can see the New Mexico desert stretching beyond the graves; I can feel my youthful enthusiasm for books.

My records bring back even more memories. My eighth-grade girlfriend's childish handwriting telling me that she had seen me dancing with some long-forgotten Shirley still scrawls across the back of an old Sonny and Cher album. I remember taking this record to an after-school dance, but I cannot remember which of these silly songs we danced to. When I found a Ventures album, I began instinctively dancing to "Wipe Out" and hearing the hoises of Friday nights at the Teen clear way.

Center in Albany, Ga.

Things define history