

Hey Folks, I'm Down Here In That Big House

Many people do not realize that a woman can have a big influence on a college campus whether she has a professional title or not, if she is concerned and interested enough. This article is an attempt to make the student body aware that Mrs. Petteway is one of these concerned and interested women, and is willing to work with us to improve the quality of life here at Wesleyan. She is also quite aware of all the things we have here at Wesleyan and often fail to be thankful for. Mrs. Petteway loves the campus itself, the architecture, the trees, and all the space. "I know sometimes we'd like to pick it up and put it somewhere in all the action, yet we must realize that often, people that do live in busy places, love to get out here where there is lots of space and plenty of quiet. "I don't think there are many people who would deny the beauty and tranquility of our campus, only those who tend to take it for granted. She was also quick to point out that the faculty here at Wesleyan is excellent. "We wondered, first coming here, how the faculty would react to us. They have made us feel welcome and wanted here. In talking with the students I hear that they learn a lot, and are able to have close relationships with their professors. Overall, the faculty seems very interested and I think that's great."

Wesleyan is a small campus and sometimes it's hard to have any privacy when we all know

everybody else's business. However, some people see life on a small campus as a challenge and take advantage of the many opportunities it offers us. One of the opportunities Mrs. Petteway sees, which might also be seen as a challenge, is that of forming close relationships with so many different people. "I love the closeness that you can have on a small campus. Wesleyan is small enough for us to know and care about others." At first she was a little apprehensive about living right on the campus as this was new for her, but she was soon put at ease. "The first few days we were here, I was sort of afraid and I thought, oh my gosh so many people! Then one of the sororities came over and brought me a plant. All of you are just great, I love you."

Mrs. Petteway loves the students she has had the pleasure to have met and would like to get to know more of us. "I love the students I have met they are top quality. I'm so eager for them to find happiness in their religious activities, learning and socialization." It is obvious to me that Mrs. Petteway is very interested in us as people and in our development in all areas of our lives.

Mrs. Petteway seems to understand that when we've just bombed a test, or had it out with our latest sweetheart or just feel generally depressed, and our hard working roommates don't have time for us or are feeling just as bad. You

know, it's really nice to know there is someone on campus whose door is always open to us. "I just want you to know that if you feel bad, if you need a ride somewhere, if you need help with a party, or any kind of support, I'm a friend who's waiting."

By this point, the interview had made a little shift in mood, I no longer felt as if I was talking to Mrs. Petteway the president's wife, but rather Mrs. Petteway, my friend. I felt so relaxed and comfortable talking with her that I decided I would go back to visit with her again, I feel any student who has not yet had the pleasure to visit Mrs. Petteway should do so, and I know you'd be welcome. "I wasn't sure what my role should be here at Wesleyan when I first arrived. I did not want to get too involved with the policy making and all, that's really the faculty and staff's responsibility, but I did want to get involved with the students." At the same time she was also concerned that this might not be what the students wanted from here, and did not want to meddle. "Yet, I don't want to be a substitute mother, I realize this is not my role at Wesleyan. We've got mature people out there, of course we all go astray occasionally but I'm not here to criticize. I don't always like what the students do, but I love them anyway. My one wish would be for all the students to know that, Hey folks, I'm down here in that big house. If you

need a friend, come on down. "Not only do we have someone to talk with when we are in the slumps, but someone who is not going to pass any judgments on us, rather treat us as mature individuals and accept us as we are. At a time in our lives when we are confronted with so many new experiences, that we are often surrounded by confusion, what more can a student ask for but someone to love and encourage them?"

Mrs. Petteway is also concerned about the student life on Wesleyan campus and worries when something doesn't come through. "I was very upset when the girls basketball team fell through, because if they wanted it, I wanted them to have it." However, she felt it was possible for the girls that were still interested to play ball anyway.

"Can't we have one floor playing another floor and still have fun?" Mrs. Petteway made me realize that if students are really concerned and interested in our life on campus we ought to be able to do something about it besides talk. She also mentioned the fact that at the beginning of the semester there was talk about turning one of the empty dorms into a sort of social hall where we could have a television and maybe a juke box, and where males and females would be able to meet together in a

relaxed atmosphere. What happened to that? Did we let this dribble away too, like water through our fingers?

We talked a little more about open forms and alcohol on campus. "I believe something could be done about these things if it was done in a mature and responsible attitude." Not only did Mrs. Petteway feel that we could work things out, she even offered us a place to start. "Often, you get more accomplished when you eat, so, if you've got ten or so people who want to talk about it, come on down, I'll fix you a meal." There it is folks, an offer one cannot refuse. There is no longer any reason for any student to sit in his room and complain about the social life at Wesleyan. Surely, if we all work together as mature intelligent people we can work something out.

In all, Mrs. Petteway's message is this: "If we look into the long-avenue of the future and see the good there is for each one of us to do; I believe life would take on a new perspective. Lost time is never found again and I do worry when I see or hear some students throwing their lives away. At the same time, I must never attempt to compel others to believe as I do—yet I want the students to know and feel I'm available as a friend who loves them."

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New Hope

In the gathering of and sifting over ideas that have surfaced themselves in our publication we found it astonishing that so many people are having a hard time mixing with the opposite sex on our campus.

Using the fine minds we sometimes control, a clear and revolutionary solution to the whole bundle of romantic indigestion, would be a student dating service.

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