Academic Standards Deteriorating
Says Report to Wesleyan Faculty

by Mark Welshimer

A report by three Wesleyan University faculty members showed that academic standards are deteriorating at the university, and that Wesleyan students' chances for admission to the top graduate schools are diminishing.

David Adams, dean of Wesleyan, submitted the paper, "Academic Standards and Procedures in Wesleyan," to the faculty on Jan. 27.

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Clean Air Proposal Debated

by Jon Gimpe

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Constitutional Convention?

The student body's failure to elect a new Executive Council marks a grave setback to student government at the College; it places the students' appetites for more student responsibility and the free decision-making process in an almost indefensible position.

The three tickets that withdrew from the election, claiming it illegal, have left their mark on the possibility of a new system of government.

Though the three tickets' charge of unconstitutionality is correct, their position can be defended solely by virtue of their assertion that the present Senate constitution is unworkable. If the present constitution is not the source of the problem, then their claim that they are the cause for the complete destruction of student government until "new form" visions are found, can hardly be justified.

The past Senate wisely chose to overlook the clause restricting elections to the month of February so that speeches might be held and platformed. The unforeseen announcement that Mr. Kenney and Mr. Ruark would seek to include the postponement essential for an effective election. The Senate was fully cognizant of the fact that they had violated the constitution, yet was confident that the referendum necessary to override their decision would not be initiated. Their action in this respect was in the best interests of the student body.

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Skimming – The Doors Swing Back
by George Evans

Once more into the breach, dear friends, and with malice at hand and little undertow, I bring you this week’s batch of groovies. Oh, yeah. I was wrong about the Illinois Speed Press’ second album. It really is much better than I thought, but what isn’t.

MORRISON HOTEL, Doors, Elektra.

If you disliked the ‘Soft Parade’ as much as I did, and years for the good old days when ‘The Doors’ were synonymous with good, hard rock, then you will probably enjoy this album as much as I do. The voice of the Doors is still Morrison, and he’s still into his own philosophy as much as ever, but the backing and general musicianship is of a much higher caliber than ever before. Morrison needs some lessons in basic phrasing to give the songs more individuality. As I said, it leaves Soft Parade far behind. Best cuts (they’re almost all good) include ‘Roadhouse Blues,’ ‘Peace of Mind,’ ‘Riders on the Storm,’ and ‘Riders on the Storm.’

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Roadhouse Blues, Bill Haley and the Comets, Atlantic.

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Silence is Golden, Rare Bird, Probe.

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RARE BIRD, Rare Bird, Probe.

Another heavy English group has entered the rat race, but should not be overlooked. All cuts deserve attention, but most especially ‘Beautiful Scarlet,’ and ‘Bird on the Wire.’ The production and top-flight virtuosity on behalf of all concerned is to be commended, and, if possible, purchased. Leaves very little to be desired if you’re into good English rock. Well done -- A minus.

JOY OF A TOY, Kevin Ayers, Harvest.

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Amherst Faculty Votes Creation Of Black Studies; Meets Deadline

The faculty of Amherst College, conforming to a time limit set by black students, voted Tuesday to establish a black studies program at the college.

The action was the result of building turnover by 300 black students from the five-college area, February 15. The demands presented by the black at Amherst were given to each of the five colleges: Amherst, Mt. Holyoke, Smith, Hampshire, and the University of Massachusetts, February 15, and serve on the interim Five College Black Studies Executive Committee.

The action taken by Amherst will only establish a black studies program at that institution. Any five-colleges, coordinated program will result only with the affirmative response of the other four.

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The faculty approved two other black proposals:

1) To recognize a Five-College Black Studies Executive Committee when it is formed, and to give it the power of recommending future appointments to the black studies department and future course offerings.

2) To urge the president and the student-faculty curriculum committee to appoint, with the advice and consent of the black students, a faculty member to serve on the interim Five College Black Studies Executive Committee.

Amherst, March 24, 1970

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I can tell you frankly I don’t want a committee, Period. You are talking about the students seizing power, I don’t expect to see me,” Cooper said. “I am against the ‘union vocabulary’ used by the students who support the negotiating committee. He told the students they should “just do a lot of reading and thinking. Speaking in favor of the negotiating committee, David W. Green ’71 said that open meetings with all the majors and faculty were not the best means of getting the specific proposals. “Smaller groups,” he said, “were necessary to make some recommendations.”

Richard R. Wyland ’70 opposed the student government campaign stating that it would be used as a platform for the student radicals in the department, Anthony G. Netting, assistant professor, also spoke against a negotiating committee. Netting said that the “crucial weakness” of student committees was that they failed to involve non-member students in the issues before them.

They are great for the students who are on the committees,” Netting said. “But how about those who are not exploiting us.”

I would be much more concerned if the report were exactly on course and only three or four years at Harvard. “The Wesleyan degree is not regarded with any particular reverence by law school admission committees. Many of our own students have been admitted to the top graduate schools only in the last few years. The Wesleyan degree is regarded with a certain amount of apprehension,” the report said.

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Student Teaching Proposal for student-taught courses during the Christmas Term, 1970-71, must be submitted by noon, Tuesday, March 10. Interested students should contact the office of external affairs. please provide additional details about the student teaching proposal-program such as the number of students, the courses offered, and any specific requirements.