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Ex Post Facto Declaration of Principles

by Nate Spaltjes

During the past two weeks, Administrators, Faculty, Alumni, and Students have made many o.m.p.i.a., or the students against the student newspaper. These complaints have been made without their emotional content will always find a way of coming through and can never be really dealt with. Voice hopes to deal with the rational portion of the complaints, which protest one-sidedness in presentation, poor editorial policy, or misinformation.

Voice is a community newspaper, which means all members of the community—Students, Faculty, Administrators, etc.—will be expected to express opinions. These opinions should never be construed as representing the community or any one segment of that community. The opinions expressed in the Voice are those of the individual (who cannot be separated from the community).

There is no priority established to place the individual segments of the campus. Voice does not cater to one group. We are at the present time fighting the ramifications of such a policy, taking form in pressure from students, the loss of donations and in the loss of advertising. We honestly believe, however, that an opportunity for an individual expression. We all know the individual sometimes loses sight of fairness when trying to get his view across.

The position of Voice then becomes one of trying to present the various opinions. However, Voice is a segment of the campus and also has a responsibility to users of its views in the form of Editorial.

The Voice hopes that the little efforts we can make can perceive the merit of establishing such a format. The merit of mutual exchange of ideas is not a concept of mutual respect if we deal with each other rationally.

THE STUDENTS DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH INVOLVEMENT WITH THE FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION, AND THEREFORE THERE ARE CONTROVERSIES ON CAMPUS.

Scholarship Referendum To Be Voted On Monday

by Jim Thomas

The past several years many efforts have been made to increase the availability of financial aid to students. This year, according to the financial aid office, more than 800 students are on some type of financial aid. The need for greater funds is unquestioned; the source of such funds remains the problem.

In the view of the fact that so many students are directly affected by the availability of funds, the SGA is undertaking a project to express the students' concern relative to this problem and is proposing that 10 percent of the student activity fee be given to financial aid. The fund would be administered by staff and student committee appointed by the cabinet of the SGA working in conjunction with the board of trustees. The funds would go to students whose parents would contribute 1/3 of fee. These funds would be used to help students pay the college cost for room, board, tuition, and expenses estimated by the financial aid office to be $3,800 for the 1970-71 school year and about $4,000 for the 1971-72 school year.

The organizations of the campus through the SGA and general committees are asking the students to establish such a fund by a majority vote in a referendum to be held this coming Monday. The activity fee is in accordance with Illinois law. This referendum is for approval of student involvement in the SGA and the funds are approved by the student body, it is understood that the board of trustees and the cabinet for their approval.

The size of the fund would be approximately $3,800 which is recommended in the proposal. Many students have the need, but such a fund would demonstrate to those people who

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ROHO is Swallowed for Voice

by Chris Dudbridge and Steve Grier

According to the administration that the Wooster Selective Service Center (WSSC) has available 0.020243% of the total people of certain registrants of the Selective Service System can be removed from the draft competitive lottery, with the liability with the SSS in 1970.

All registrants in 25 years and 26 with lottery numbers between 196 and 306 may write their local draft boards and request that a 1-S, 1-A, or 1-H, referendum be withdrawn and these that be classified I-A. This request should immediately place the registrant in the first liability group of the lottery pool and

COW POLICY: HONESTY

by Gary Thomoson

Last Sunday's concert could very well be the start of something significant for COW in terms of Big "Chicago" Entertainment. The biggest hit of the bigger group, the larger the crowd was put to the test last weekend and a capacity crowd of nearly 5,000 turned out to give Chicago several standing ovations. Close to 1,500 students from COW bought tickets which has got to set some kind of record for a single performance of any group here at Wooster. These students are in order for everyone connected with the concert.

The concert became a reality when, after contacting Chicago and discovering they couldn't swing it, the ETC committee approached Ashland with the joint concert concept at the suggestion of Hal Cleon. By looking Chicago last spring just before their big hits were released, Wooster and Ashland got their BNE at a bargain price.

Talking with the group after the show, the people were revealed that the members of the group are not in the least bit down to earth. Looking into the future for Chicago according to Job Lansky their new album would be released in January. This is closed to this article, a word to the wise: if the bookstores doesn't order about 2,000 albums, look out!...
Independent Edge Establishment 54-43

In beginning the fall of 1967, the Institute of Politics has conducted an annually political a prefered to determine the strength of a political party to educate the state's students. Some of the evidence from parties has been presented. Although some slight increases in Democratic identification are recorded, these were not very significant, being within an acceptable margin of error. However, a very significant cumulative decreases in the Republican column have occurred. At the same time, there was a substantial cumulative increase in the number of persons who considered themselves independents.

This shift toward the independent column has been reflected by the decreasing degree of activity in organized political activity, particularly in that of the College party.

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Key: * indicates figures not available  
* indicated no such choice prior to last poll

Some of the more important aspects of this year's data are as follows:

The freshman class has the highest percentage of political activity of any student class. The number of independents does not change significantly. The freshmen have an increase with an increase of class standing as in past polls, but, instead, move down graduations to the younger student of the group. The students, the greater proportion of his indicating independent identification is rather the older than the younger. This could be due to any one of several factors or to a combination of them— a more open-minded freshman class, a feel for independent affiliation, and a developed critical opinion toward the general radicalizing effect of the events of the last year. In the junior class, the senior class showed the least Republican identification, keing in step with past trends, but also showed a median Democratic identification and an independent group about equal to that of the other classes. Although the polling techniques used were not very accurate and the poll not broad enough to cover possible influencing factors, it can probably be safely said that the current poll shows marked changes in the political orientation of the classes.

Two, many more men responded than women as determined by the number of students who provided their names or dormitories. Of these, 2,326, 71% were women indicating Republican and independent preferences and 29% Democratic identification almost an equal division of the sexes was recorded.

Three, the last question was used as a rough appreciation of interest in political activity, recognizing that involvement in political organizations is a form of activism. Almost no "Republican" interest in the third question, 71% of the people, the most active being the independents (20%). According to pre-Ohio's 1969-69, only 19% of the student body could be considered "activists" according to the results of a broad survey question distributed to over 600 students. See the second table below for comparison of the figures.

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Additional polls will be conducted by the Institute during the year including a follow-up to this poll in the spring. A Student Attitude and Issues Poll will be conducted during November. Continued support of students will be greatly appreciated by the staff and by various persons using the information gained.

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THE DOPE ON HARRINGTON

CPS — George Harrington, who told The Chronicle of the State's Grand Jury that he was investigating the Kent State May disorders, was not indicted by the jury. According to the report that he was pressed to in commitment for crimes committed during May 1-14 on the Kent State campus.

Harrington had claimed he was indicted on charges of incitement to riot, inciting a riot, obstruction of justice, as an inactivation police officer, assaulting a fireman, and illegal flight to avoid arrest. Harrington had also reported his connection with the Johny Style, the student leader who was arrested for his role in the Kent State protest.

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* Ed Gilbert

MOOKE SHAKE-A-LEGGE

written by white students, by white pros services in my office. In other issues, the number of articles written by whites was in a great majority. In the instance in question, the number of articles written by whites was high, and the editor should be blamed for not being a black racist while the former is not? Come, come now, Whom are you trying to fool? Certainly not me.

There is no logical reason why an issue of the Voice is not dedicated to each minority group represented on campus. The Voice as it stands, is representative of the white majority on campus. A little more here and there is good for the eye. Each minority has the right to a special Voice issue if it so desires.

Power to the People!!

Libby Moore

BURL

quickly find a donor to provide for the huge expenses of a "Batt" week, yet, if the class of 1967, was interested in the potential of violent reprisals on Dick Wagner for his satirical cartoon in Ohio State News. That sort of political activity is intolerable in an academic community. Is this place just a post high school sanctuary for immature and are not able to cope with life yet, or is it a community of contrasting individuals participating in a diverse educational experience? I think most of us feel it is the latter. Wagner's article offended constructive criticism of a campus activity that he and many others felt contributed little to that goal of a diverse educational experience.

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This is in response to the editorial page of the last of General and to Mr. Legge's comments in particular.

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To find any article of Mr. Wagner's caliber in any paper, is a disheartening experience. Not only did it show a lack of interest in the political activity, its direct role in shaping public opinion, but it also shows a lack of understanding of the political activity in the paper.

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I am more disappointed in the Editor, than in Mr. Wagner.

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It seems to me that there is a definite attempt to smear a brother for upholding his position as Lowry Center Board Chairman. It is indeed a sad state of events when a man is public without being harassed by a fellow Black. We as Black men and women must remember that we owe it to our other not to publicly exhibit dislike among ourselves.

The Voice should not be the battleground for us to express our feelings about our lack of interest in any students. In the last issue of the Voice a reply was posted to do miracles, is again a clear sign of favoritism, racism, or biased decisions.

It is obvious that Rick Legge is a legge. He represents the black bloc on campus for over 25 years. In the year I have been at Wooster, the Voice has maintained its dedication to the students of the white Wooster community. Now that the blacks have a chance to express love like Legge and express their talent and art, whites are afraid that black autonomy will do them in. Wake up, Legge, before you have a nightmare!!

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The concerns of such a fund and don't feel the success of their organization would be detrimentally influenced by such a fund.

As stated earlier, slightly less than half of the students at Wooster are on some type of financial aid. Please demonstrate your concern for those around you and support the fund in the referendum Monday.

**America's White Problem**

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There are many people who say that black culture is inferior when it comes to helping people learn to make money or keep clean houses or some other standard of status and identity. But the question before the white man is the question of how to save the American Indian and the black man in the ditch. What comes first: the fact that a man is a man and needs to be treated like one? or the prejudice that money and manners are more important for individual dignity and self-respect (if not self-preservation)?

The majority can, through force, impose its own concepts of identity. But the question of force is not a simple one. It takes an awful lot of force. The south has paid heavily in hard cash (and culture) for the quantity of force with which an imposition requires. Surely no Christian or humanist of any kind would consider that.

Can people's minds be changed on this issue? A good many people would rather be antimcnees about the prospects. But the evidence is that a massive change of mind in this country began about 15 years ago and made possible the political climate for major legislation in school integration, voting rights, the abolishment of individual dignity and self-respect (if not self-preservation).

Seniors Brenda Smith and Joyce Morris, members of the Gamma Chapter of Phi Sigma Iota, Romance Language Honor Society, along with Mrs. Judy Mathys, instructor in French, represented Wooster at the Triennial National Convention of the society.

The convention was held at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge from Nov. 5 to 7. Wooster representatives aided in committee work for constructing, amending, expanding, and finances.

**Socio-Academic Integrity**

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On the other hand, the Hearing Counsel, as a non-voting member of the Board, acts as a pre-hearing investigator in cases of alleged academic dishonesty and alleged social infractions. While most of this has been devoted to the clarification of the duties of the Board and the Referee, we would like to stress that the ultimate success of our academic code rests on the student body. As many of you may remember, the concept of Academic Integrity was born out of a belief that each student and faculty member is responsible for the maintenance of intellectual honesty. To quote the CoC, "This responsibility requires that each individual confront the problem of academic dishonesty personally when it comes to his attention," either directly or indirectly (through the Referee).

Likewise, the College Code of Conduct recognizes individual responsibility and, in addition, emphasizes the self-governing nature of each residential unit. Accordingly, in cases involving alleged infractions of the Code of Conduct committed by members of the unit within the residential unit (for example, poem p. 165-167) the Hall Council, not the Judicial Board, will be the hearing body. Students and faculty are urged to re-read the academic and social codes and to address the address to Don wolf, Chairman of the Judicial Board.
Scot Highlights

by Tom Hilt

VOICE Sports Editor

Coach Bob Nye, head mentor of the Fighting Scot boosters, told Voice sports this week that he wanted to express his thanks to all of the great support by Wooster fans this season. "Without their loyalty, an integral part of the season would have been lost." Today and tomorrow the Scot boosters are at Delaware, bidding for their first NCAA Regional tournament win in five years. Let's show Coach Nye that our support has not faded yet by travelling to Delaware and cheering the team to victory!

A few misconceptions by a fellow Voice staff member, concerning predominantly football allocations, should be hereby corrected. In Mr. Dick Wagner's front-page article of last week, he repeated the question which a few people on this campus have been asking since last school year: "Hey school, where are your priorities?" Among others, he falsely attacked three points: a $20 expense for the "Victory Express", "all that practice equipment"; and "the athletic department slash fund." In the first case, Mr. Jack Lengyel paid the total cost, $22, out of his own pocket for the enthusiastic "Victory Express." In no way was this paid for out of student funds or the football budget. On the second point, nearly all of the football practice equipment is an accumulation from past years. The newest and one of the most expensive items, the Tack-L-Matic, is leased to the school by the Hooker Tack-L-Matic Co. for experimental purposes. Mr. Lengyel is an advisor to this company, and in return for his work, the school is given free repairs on all major practice equipment.

Finally, in confronting Mr. Bob Bruce, Athletic Director for the College, the point of an "athletic department slash fund" is found to be absurd. The athletic department maintains what is called the "Athletics General" for such purposes of paying NCAA and OAC dues, office supplies, a part-time student secretary, overtime wages for grounds people working on athletic fields, and many other important items. But this essential part of the athletic budget is far from a "slash fund" in any sense.

On the lighter side of things, here are my final predictions for this season. Remaining at 69 percent on 18 of 26 picks for the season, here goes my final thrust for a 70 percentee this year. The Scots have been a dedicated team all season, and I see no reason why they should falter now: make it, SCOTS 15, Ashland 7. Although the Bucks have not been impressive, they are in the same position as Michigan was in last year. Make it, OSU 27, Michigan 24.

Not only have the Browns consistently wrecked my predictions column, but they even caused one member of my Section to break his mirror--what bad luck! For him, or the Browns--your guess is as good as mine! Make it, HOUSTON over the Browns, 20-17, and the BENGALS over Pittsburgh, 21-17.

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Scots In Final Clash

Dedicated to the seniors, the Scot gridders will meet Ashland Eagles tomorrow in the final clash between these two arch-rival schools. The Scots will be bidding for their finest season record since the team won 3-0 in 1970. The Scots will have to respect Ashland's running game. For example, in the first meeting the Eagles racked up 235 total offensive yards, 27 yards less than the Tiger total. Personnel-wise, Larry Johnson, a halfback, and Frank Thomsen, a halfback, lead ball carriers on the Eagles' squad. A sophomore, Johnson averaged nine yards per carry against Witt, including a 72 yard TD run.

Diagnosing tomorrow's clash, Scot mentor Jack Lengyel restates what has been a good year if they beat us. As far as we are concerned, a win, or loss, will make the difference between a fine season and a great season. It's a must game for us.

As usual, the Scots found rain and cold weather at Oberlin Saturday when they dropped the Yeomen, 19-6, to up Wooster's season record to 6-1 in the OAC, and 7-1 overall. Lengyel pointed to the Scots making the political down plays and Gary Vendemia's TD pass to Ron Showalter as the key plays of the game. Among other things, he was pleased with the defensive play of freshman Mark DeFro who intercepted one pass and recovered one fumble.

Four Scotteens won berths to play in the Great Lakes Sectional at Detroit tomorrow following their excellent play in Saturday's Sub-Sectional field hockey event at Dayton.

Junior Linda Fullhart won first team honors, while seniors Joan Hayden and Cindy Rutan made the third team and freshman Fancie Randall made the fourth team. Four teams will be chosen to represent the Great Lakes region in the National finals at Lancaster, Pa., over the Thanksgiving vacation.

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The Wayne County National Bank
Cleveland-Beall Office Public Square Office
Where do they go, these quick ones
Who enter without knocking from the dust?
They are like clear fish in muddy ponds
and dimly like men, thickly tracing the tenets of dreams.
I know the crystal look of moons they have.

The moon settled finely in lines on their foreheads,
it paled their cheeks and,
startled at my mirror, I remember how like a halo it shone.
They came poised and desperate,
grasping any poem that loved their sadness.
There were books, and the feeding of five thousand birds,
and there was so much glancing up from prayers.
They cried, they needed fruit and milk;
they needed names of ancestors and kings.

And at the end
(I know how they stand at the window on one leg,
I know how they go to the door.)
they always speak softer.
They ask for food and directions,
then they smile.
So I wrap up apples easily and slow,
and then they wait.
So I, pointing out Polaris, rhyme long sentences,
and they, believing gravely that I see beyond
my finger, straighten.
I lie.
They admire my serenity:
I lie serenely.
Some of us must live.

They have their maps and their misty roads.
And I do not even have footprints.

C. Shepp

This is Thistle,
a small purple bush
in the jungle of experience,
by which we touch
our others.

SUMMER AFTERNOON
Yellow girl:
hair of sand,
dress of sunflowers,
like fritillary seed.
Spinning
in the orange chair,
laughing and
shrilly bubbling
like first mentionings
of a teapot.

Pine-wheeler girl
graceful blur
whirling whirling whirling.

Where is the breeze
that turns you here?

R. Cameron

WISH FOR A FRIEND IN SAN FRANCISCO
Child of the fire people
unto life westward toward the sea,
slowly scoop out your mind past the last
breathe of uncertainty.
Child of the tranquil wisdom of Indians,
merge your soul with the immensity of the sand
and the sweet tangle of seaweed
that which in your long brown hair,
twisting no visions of mankind...
Child of the darkness, dance through the waves
for me, arms and legs spinning
endlessly free, patterns of gladness.

L. Leonard
RING OF LIPS

The beat of my feet
As I run down ridges
Of your bodies.

My words are never my own.

Even when I type out sounds,
Your dresses flash
As I close my eyes quietly.

Your voice dances
In the huge halls
Of my lungs.

Gull sweep,
Your legs form
A gentle ring of lips.

WHEN I CLASP MY HANDS

When I clasp my hands
Two flies can be seen
Berserkly hooking.

My bones are tiny filaments.

I am so small without you
That when I walk outside,
Rabbits open up,
And let me pick chewed lettuce
From their teeth.

PROOF

The wind blows words,
Clyde looks up,

DID YOU KNOW DESCartes
SLEPT TO NOON EVERY MORNING?

the brashing of a tree limb
like a bugle'

and everywhere
cars mothering the streets
don't bring Descartes
home for breakfast!

the window was discovered
silently creeping open

air
charging past the bed
like great white bears
that run to the rocks
and copulate

all over the country
summer camps could be heard
rising to shine
their delicate bodies
in the sun
knots groaned
coming together
sheets were ceremoniously
raised
in our own back yards
MY PIRATE'S EYES

I think my pirate has locked me in his cabin
while he stays above
on deck
steering the ship

Sometimes I think I could escape
should escape
sighing
but our eyes would meet in the passageway
as I fled

he would not touch me
he would let me go

But his eyes
I would see his eyes
and know my world hides in his eyes
and to escape would be to go nowhere
into nothing

So I wait until he tires for just awhile
of steering the ship
and returns to his cabin where I have been waiting
securely locked

I search his eyes
to see if I can see
to see if I can discover
my world

But their depths of sea-green wisdom
are cast over by thick brown nets
tired brown nets
they have no energy to untangle themselves
and let the sea pour out
and let my world burst forth

They close
my pirate's eyes close
and he sleeps
with me beside him
waiting
Hunting

I was walking when you brought the horses,
I thought I wanted to be alone.
I thought I was alone.
For the dusty road I left my home,
for the mountains I lost my way.

And then galloping by
with his white mane free,
with your black hair trailing out the sky
and letting go
you came.

With the horses you came thundering,
two horses and you came silently.

Seven nights and toward the moon we rode
swept up in the running
swept out in the wind.
I have no memories of stopping
except on a hill where the fence was down
and the cow with their calves
were not sleeping.
Their bells were like water,
as young as our voices but slow.

I was not brave;
twice I would have turned back.

Four times I saw ice on the streams.
We passed the moon, suddenly.
And the sun hung always low in the trees
beyond.
One time the sun rose behind your head and
one time it caught in your eyes.

I remember soft forests:
the burs and the cones the wind combed
through our cloaks,
the dense forests we approached so long,
the great damp forest,
at its edge.
When I thought it would eat me
I slept.
And you led by my bridle
so gently;
I awoke calm in the dawning wood.
Looking about,
I trembled. You smiled.

Closer Than Shadows

Closer than shadows:
as if shadows cast
turned to reflections, as if
our dark forms shimmered.
In the afternoon, animals
drop suddenly from trees.

And now
it is the things I trust
that frighten me.
What is there left
as the blue down feathers grow
steadily in the sky
close to the vulnerable skin of the sky;
as finally manifest
from the substance of our dreams
the dawn does come.

It bears no faint resemblance to fire.
It is clear blue.
At the end of night
it is not the sun, but the growing brighter
I love,
I hear the noises of drunken frogs
and raccoon children eating in the night.
Sometimes at the end of an empty week
I think the soldiers will come.
Whether death frees us to march to the sea
or for revolution we leave our house
I plead not to be left behind.
And I sit here so silent, so maimed by dread,
I hear the rebels in the hall
without moving.
I am grasping deeply to my knees
in the orchard grass
and at some secret appointed hour
from the tree
every leaf flies off.
Dear God, keep my blood inside my head.
Jesus, keep my body from the flies.

C. Shepp
The Briefcase

An unusual evening,
A cozy room, the two of us
And a briefcase,
My life contained within it.
We both sit in expectation,
Awaiting its inevitable unveiling,
Yet we wait for separate reasons:
You for its secrets
And I for relief.

How can I release it?
The clasp on the case,
Glowing without light,
Is unfastened,
Revealing to your eyes
Words, hot and heavy,
You glance them over
With innocent eyes,
And I begin to pray...

You neither love them nor hate them;
You cannot even fathom them
And, for that matter,
Neither can I.
I stare with past glances,
Knowing my feelings
Before they arrive,
My written words
Piteously returning my vacant stare.

A buried laugh of absurdity
Echoes in my head:
"What's the use?"
But utility does exist,
And I thirst not
For that assurance:
Rather, I hunger
For a godsent reason
To wait...

Wait... Wait...!
Postpone the inevitable:
So I suck my selfish sponge
Until it is dry,
All my crying, all my tears
Lie in a leather briefcase,
And what do I own
But my tears?
A leather briefcase, full of tears...

P. Shambarger
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It's a warm day and everything is yellow and gold and red and when there's a little breeze a few more leaves decide to take off on their own after a long sun-bath of being stuck to the same old tree. What a thing when they find out that the only thing they can do is to fall down on the ground and rot! Being a person is perhaps slightly more interesting than being a leaf—most people are able to get in at least several summers before they have to fall down on the ground and rot. Did you ever notice how blue the sky gets in October?
The love of friends is embrace
deepest and patient
One's warm
foundations
and internal temples
of hallowed bright bone
and stars

Seeing
but not stretched in,
the surface tension that
keeps us packed on our bones
And hopefully through
since I desire
knowingly
to melt into flesh

Sick and still as death,
Breathing the thick air again,
I stare above me
At the flat ceiling.
If your face would intervene
In the air between--
I open my eyes
To see you bend over me.
I can lift my hand.

L. Allison

For Eric and Laurie

Tru, and, Jan;
on that day surely
all was made of breast skin
Two band shells were constructed
facing one another
like a drawn and halved egg
Tunes and echos flew between them like loom threads
The crowd (and not just the usual dowagers, either)
said this is Arthur Feeler's best show.

S.K. Senne