

Wanted: Student Center Editorial Comment

For the past year we students at Wilkes Community College have not had a place for social meetings. When we had two or three hours between classes, we would go to the college library where we would PRETEND to study. Because we had no particular place to socialize, a conversation would always arise. If a few of us wanted to take our cars, we would meet at Jack's Drive-in and try to carry on a conversation from one car to the next, while others tried to study. Can you imagine studying Newtons' theory of gravity while french fries were being dumped into your lap? To say the least, the whole thing became frustrating at times, but we kept hoping that maybe by this year we would have a student center. Now we are sophomores and

there is a new freshmen class and we are still hoping for a student center. The administration and faculty are aware that we need a student center, but they have not been successful in solving this problem.

We feel that it is now time for the students to take action and find a vacant room or rooms for a student center. Many students are ready to clean up and decorate a place so we can say, "this is ours, we're proud of it." This feeling in itself shows that the students want to work for the betterment of themselves and their school.

The reward for locating such a student center will be the knowledge that one has expressed school pride and also brought many hours of pleasure to others.

Message From The President

The college year has been launched, and all curriculum classes are now in session. For students that have entered programs for the first time, the cloud of confusion inherent during orientation week with its testing programs, counseling sessions, registration procedures, standing in lines and myriad other activity should now be clearing. It is hoped that the majority of your questions have been answered and that you are now settled in your chosen program. As you look around, you find that you have plenty of company. Therefore, you should become acquainted with fellow classmates as soon as possible; you will have a lot to share.

The number moving from one class to another is firm evidence of a record enrollment. As of this time our enrollment stands at 543 FTE

students. (FTE is an equation used by the state to determine full time enrollment and is equal to a student's taking sixteen contact hours for a period of eleven weeks.) This enrollment sets an alltime record for Wilkes Community College; in fact, the increase is 196% over the fall term of last year.

This record enrollment has both good and bad implications for you: Good in that it makes possible a wide offering of courses, greatly increases opportunity for school activities such as sports, student government, social activities and many others; bad in that the facilities that we are temporarily using may not be what we would desire for you. In either regard you will have a wealth of opportunities to take full part in all those experiences and activities that make college life one of the most rewarding experiences of your life.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Miss Daye:

The newspaper staff thanks you for your letter in which you expressed your interest in material printed concerning freshmen in this paper.

In our first issue, we had a notice concerning a special meeting on Sept. 19, especially for interested freshmen and sophomores to join the newspaper staff. To our disappointment there was one freshmen who came. Where were you?

The staff has its regular meetings on Tuesdays at 3 o'clock at the Baptist Church in Wilkesboro. If you are still interested in the paper and have any suggestions, we urge you to attend these meetings. If this is not possible, we will welcome any contributions which you may have.

Sincerely,

Becky Landreth
Editor

THE COUGAR CRY staff & Editor,

Having read the first copy of your paper, I would like to commend you upon the rather nice job you did.

However, I notice the person who wrote the "editorial comments" seemed to feel that the newspaper staff and sophomores in general are far more knowledgeable than we freshmen and therefore entitled to give advice on any and all matters. This is a mistake and will cause resentment to your paper I think.

Marci Daye, Freshman

I have noticed-as have numerous others - that when entering highway 268 from Woodlawn it is impossible to see traffic on the highway, especially that coming from town. We think that school officials should take the proper steps to get a stop light INSTALLED because under present conditions this is obviously a traffic hazard.

Carol Caudill

I want to thank all of you on THE COUGAR CRY staff for the nice job you did on the paper you put out. Anyone can see that you did a lot of work and most of it was just for us freshman. The letter to us was really neat. Thank you from all of us.

Josh D. Peoples, Jr.

YOU CAN HELP

FILL THIS SPACE

WE NEED

A STUDENT CENTER

THIS COLLEGE IS YOURS, PLEASE SUPPORT IT!

There will be times during this current year that you may become disturbed concerning the facilities for your classes and your activities. In this regard you should consider the challenge and the opportunities these afford you. Few students have opportunities such as these to bring into existence a new institution. Students who have gone to established institutions this fall will have little opportunity to take part in the development of the character of the institution. The most they can do is to conform to the existing pattern. You, on the other hand, will be setting the patterns for student life in the college to which others following you will have to conform. This is a grave responsibility and an all encompassing challenge. Do not take it lightly, I have full confidence that you will not.

Concerning the most important part of your activities here, your academic life, I would encourage you to take full advantage of all resources: the library, your class time, your instructors, and your fellow students. Make your academic activities exciting; if they are exciting, you need have no apprehensions concerning success. The resources and personnel are here to assist you. Make full use of them.

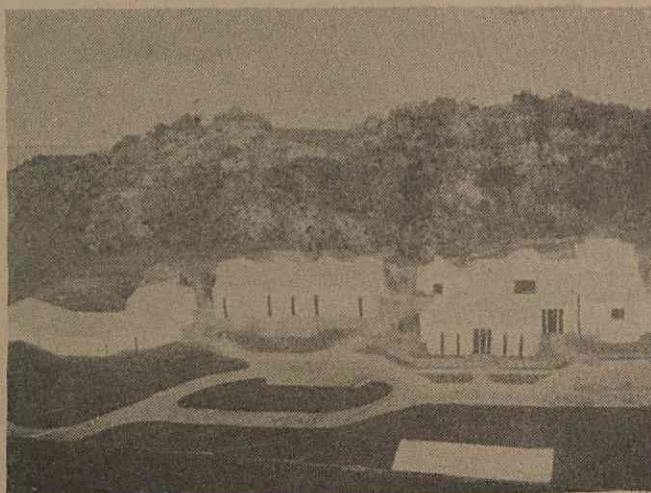
May you have a successful and rewarding year!

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