EDITORIAL

Wilkes Community College seems to be strong in initiative but weak in action. Although this school opened its doors in 1965, four years ago, it still does not have a catalogue. How can a prospective student know what courses WCC has to offer? Printed course descriptions that are available are inadequate for a student to plan a two-year course of study. Cases have occurred where students have been told that certain courses will be available during a certain quarter and then the courses are not offered then. This causes problems and ill will between faculty and students.

When students transfer to a senior institution, these schools want to know what the courses they have taken consist of. Do these schools have a nice, neat catalogue from WCC to refer to? Unfortunately they have to request for course descriptions, and the whole process of application is slowed by this. Things like this reflect badly on WCC.

Another case of "feet-dragging" is the Student Advisory Council to the President. This council was formed to discuss problems of the students and to keep the president in close contact with the students. The council was formed at the beginning of the Winter Quarter and was to meet twice a month with Dr. Thompson. Now it is the end of the Winter Quarter and the council has not met once. What happened? The need was recognized and a remedy prescribed. The only thing lacking was the will to carry it out.

Remember that initiative is only as good as the action which follows!

Letter To The Editor

To the Editor of "The Cougar Cry":

In your recent editoral of February 17, 1969, you have stated that we students here at Wilkes Community College suffer from "indoplacency", which you have defined as aversion to exertion in combination with "self-satisfaction accompanied by unawarness of ...deficiencies." On what evidence do you base the opinion?

Does the number of students in attendance at basketball games indicate the number of students who revere WCC? Is participation in extra-curricular activities a measure of school spirit? Simply because we all do not participate in such activities, you have no reason to classify ALL of us as uncaring. Personally I feel that many of us find a sincere satisfaction in our attendance at WCC. Wilkes Com-

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A lot of questions have stemmed from the lack of student activity this quarter. The reply of the SGA is that there were so many dances given last quarter, and with the expenses of the newspaper and the annual, there is not enough money left. This brings up a series of other questions. Why is there not enough money? Who planned out the budget? Why is there not enough money this year when there are more students paying activity fees than before?

During the last week of the spring quarter of last year, Jim Lyalls, the president of the SGA, reported that there was approximately \$1700.00 in the student activity fund. The only expense incurred after that was the end of the year picnic which was by no means an extravaganza. There should have been between \$1000 .-00 and \$1,500.00 left to be brought forward to the next year. The business department says none was brought forward. Whathappenedto the money? Was it used by the school? Was this the result of

munity College offers many of us students educational opportunities that would have been unavailable had she not been established here. Because many of us have pressing obligations we can participate in few activities, however. This lack of participation does not mean that we do not respect an admire Wilkes Community College.

On the other hand, you have stated that the faculty are also succumbing to "indoplacency." Apparently your assumption is based on incomplete data. Have you, by chance, asked for a minute of a faculty member's time recently? You will, if you ask, probably get not just one minute but as many more minutes as you can possibly need. There is no faculty member here at WCC who will not do as much as he or she is able to help the student who asks. Is the willingness to help, to become involved, indicative of a lack of dedication on the part of our professors? I think not.

Although your evaluation of the faculty seems unfair, dear editor, you have "placed your finger on a sore point" where student feeling is concerned. Actually most of us students really care about WCC, although we may now show it. Hereafter, because of the stimulus provided by your editorial, we shall attempt to be more vocally active.

Sincerely,, Susan Greene mismanagement? Who can answer this question.

The school's budget was set up to use \$8000.00 by the end of the school year. This money was to be divided between three groups on the campus. The newspaper was to get \$2,100.00. As of to date they have spent a little less than \$1000.00 with almost two thirds of the year gone. The annual staff was to receive an estimated \$3,400.00 which they have consumed in the regular course of their operations. This leaves \$2500.00 for the SGA for dances and other student activities

The fall quarter saw an enrollment of 697 full-time students and 297 part-time students. The activity fee that should have been realized by the school was \$4,227.50. The winter quarter had an enrollment of 614 fulltime students and 210 part-time this enrollment should have totaled \$3,595.00, bringing the total income to \$7822.50 - \$177.50 short of the total budget with a full quarter to go. This does not include the money that was supposed to be left from last year or the activity fee from the past summer school which was to go into our fund. Now, why are we \$2,000.00 short of our projected income? Someone of authority please answer that.

This letter is not written as a document of accusations but merely an inquiry in the interest of the students.

Neither is this letter written to slander anyone, but rather to get some students and administrators to start looking into our true financial situation.

An Interested Reader

ATTENTION

All students planning to complete a program during the Spring Quarter or Summer Quarter 1969 and have not made application for graduation must come by the Business Office to be measured for a cap and gown, order diplomas and invitations. The cost for the cap, gown, and diploma is \$10.00. The invitations are 30¢ each. You must pay all fees when orders are taken.

FFF Award at WCC

The Students' Advisory Council to the President has been named to receive the flying Fickle Finger of Fate Award because in the interest of the students at WCC, they have not met since formed.