

Students Account of "TRIP"

In last week's issue of The Cougar Cry, you read the "official" account of the Humanities 212 trip to Washington, D.C. Today, you will get a factual student account of the trip. (Editor's note: This is in keeping with our policy of truth before bureaucracy.)

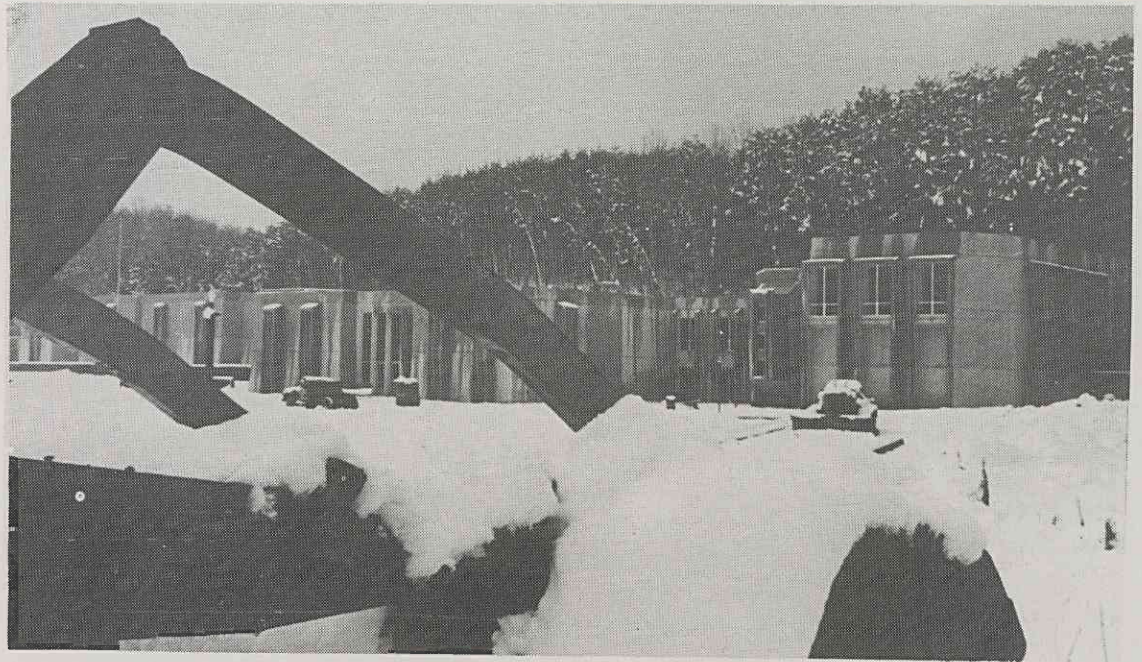
Last week I was a member of the delegation from Wilkes Community University that went to Washington, D.C., on a cultural exchange tour.

With expert navigation and a heavy foot, the long and tortuous trip from Wilkesboro to Washington was made in seven and one-half hours. This was an astounding feat and nearly a record considering that one of the cars was a fully loaded Volkswagen that valiantly kept up with General Motors finest for the duration of the trip.

When we arrived at the hotel, at about 12:15 a.m., we were promptly admonished by the cleaning woman for tracking up her clean floor. After this moment of unpleasantness, we were then received with pomp and ceremony fit for a king. (We were given our keys and "allowed" to carry our own baggage up to our rooms.)

Upon finding the rooms, we were immediately dissatisfied with the accommodations and proceeded to redecorate the room. We felt that the hotel and the staff would appreciate our generosity in giving them a "taste of the South." We began with just general horseplay which soon graduated into a full-fledged pillow fight. One member of the redecorating staff was wounded in action. It seems that this character had decided to put his soul in a "stoned housing" for the duration of the trip. While climbing a wall to adjust the position of the drapes, he fell and severely injured his right knee. (You've never seen blood that thin!) However, with the help of a Band-Aid and a good healthy snort of "pain-killer," he was as good as new.

On the second day of the trip, we visited the National Gallery of Art. They only had 30,000 works of art, and it was just like being at home. Except for one thing; the hall of the Administration Building would have to be 63 miles long. Several members of our entourage were sufficiently fatigued from the night of driving and redecorating that they actually required wheelchairs (obtainable on loan at the



SCENE AT WCC DURING RECENT SNOWFALL

front entrance of the Gallery) for the long tour we took. One member of the faculty discovered that she had actually sprained her wrist during the tour. This resulted from faking cerebral palsy for four straight hours so people would think she actually needed the wheel-chair. Well, we managed to survive the Gallery and get back to the hotel.

That night, it was decided that we would go to a movie. The cartoon was much better than the feature. We people of Wilkes learned that it is just as easy to get "burned" at a three-dollar movie as a seventy-five cent one. During the trip to and from the movie, we were simply astounded by the wit and wisdom of the Washington cab drivers.

After returning to the hotel, we again redecorated the room, this time in a bright red, till dawn.

On the third day, the group, in keeping with the high ideals of the trip, visited other sights of Washington. We first went to the Smithsonian Institution. Next on the agenda was the Washington Monument. Since we did not believe that the monument actually had 898 steps, we walked up it. And, the astounding fact we discovered is that it actually has 897 or 899 steps, depending on how you count them. Not 898 at all! We also went to the Museum of History and Technology, the Freer Gallery of Art, and the Aerospace Building.

Later that day, in another attempt to absorb the culture of Washington, some of the group went to a Swedish "skin-flick." It was titled "Inga," and is featured in the March issue of Playboy. The Playboy uncoverage

Students Pre-Register at WCC

Students at Wilkes Community College are presently in the process of pre-registering for the Spring Quarter. Any person interested in enrolling for a class for this next session is advised to contact the Office of Student Personnel, telephone 667-7136, in Wilkesboro.

Registration for the Spring Quarter will be completed Thursday, March 20, at the Administrative Office Building according to Mr. John V. Idol, Dean of Student Personnel. Offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for regular students, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. for night students. Students may enroll in three divisions of the College-College Transfer, Technical, or Vocational.

Classes for the Spring Quarter will begin Monday, March 24, and the quarter ends June 6, 1969.

Graduation exercises are scheduled for Saturday, June 7, at 10:30 a.m. at the Wilkes Central Gymnasium.

was much better than the movie, but it still proved stimulating for the morale of the staff.

On the fourth day, we left the hotel and took with us our Northern souvenirs; soap, towels, etc. We also left them souvenirs of the South--a free decorating job on their rooms.

We made our way hastily home from the land of politics, graft, and corruption; to the land of bliss, hominy, and grits.

It was truly a cultural exchange

Wilkes Antique Fair

The Wilkes Community College Circle K Club is now selling tickets to the Wilkes Antiques Fair, which will be held at the National Guard Armory in North Wilkesboro on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, March 28, 29, 30.

The Wilkes Antiques Fair, sponsored by the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club, is for the benefit of underprivileged children in Wilkes County and for historic restoration.

Price of the tickets is \$1.50 each. They may be obtained from any Circle K member or from John Idol, the WCC Circle K Club sponsor.

They Really Are

Two little girls were playing and one pretended that she wanted to rent the other's playhouse.

"Have you any parents?" asked the owner of the playhouse.

"Yes, two," was the reply.

"I'm sorry," said the tiny landlady, "but I never rent to children with parents. They're so noisy and destructive."

The Bare Facts

A young woman took a job as a governess, then suddenly left it.

Asked why she resigned, she said: "Had to. Backward child, forward father."

trip--We learned what high prices are, and they learned what a mistake it was to keep a Southern group in a Yankee hotel.