

## Editor's Corner

Since this is the first edition of the Cougar Cry for this school year, I felt that this would be the place and time to write about some of the organizations at Wilkes Community College that need student support. These clubs and organizations have been originated for the student with the purpose of extending to the student a feeling of being a part of the college life.

The Wilkes Community College Student Government Association has scheduled freshman election for the second week in October. Information on the election can be found in the column "President's Notes" found in this publication. The S. G. A. acts as an impartial mediator between the student and the administration. The SGA also approves charters for organizations and allocates funds for publications and student affairs. The association conducts hearings for student violations. It provides leadership in student affairs and in the development programs for the betterment of the college.

If your talents are rooted in the journalistic field, the college has two publications, one of which you should find rewarding. First is the year-book, *The Cougar*, which is a

portrayal of the year's events both by pictures and written word. It is compiled and edited by a staff of students under the supervision of a faculty advisor.

The second publication is the school newspaper, *Cougar Cry*, which is published monthly. It furnishes students with current information on school happenings. The *Cougar Cry* staff meets at 1:00 every Tuesday in the Conference Room.

Wilkes Community College also has several nationally chartered clubs which may interest you. One is the Circle K which is a service organization sponsored by the local Kiwanis Club for college men. The purpose of the club is to develop future leaders and citizens whose philosophy is founded on freedom, initiative, the American and Canadian heritage, and unselfish service to others.

A sister organization to the Circle K is the Keyettes. Its purpose is to assist the Circle K in group projects on the campus and in the community. The main objects of the Keyettes is to encourage participation in group activities and to promote good fellowship and high scholarship.

Phi Beta Lambda is an organization for students enrolled in one or more business

courses. Last year this club co-sponsored WCC's first homecoming, along with the SGA.

### Black Organization for Student Services

The college also has chartered the S.N.E.A. which is a student branch of the National Education Association, the largest professional teacher organization in the world. The main goals of the Student National Educational Association are to develop an interest in better education and in better professional methods and attitudes. It helps prepare more alert students today for better teachers tomorrow.

Wilkes Community College also sponsors a Veterans Club which is open to any student who is a veteran of six months of active duty in the armed forces of the United States. This club's purpose is to provide information for incoming veterans concerning VA benefits, assist them in finding living quarters, and to focus their efforts and opinions for the benefit of the college.

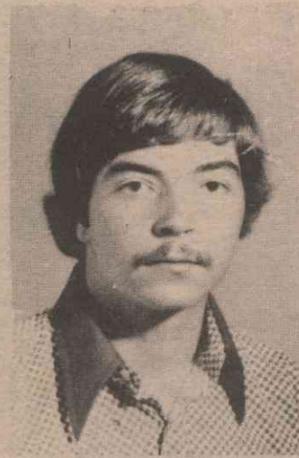
Last year the Black Organization of Student Services was formed and chartered by the SGA. The main purpose of BOSS is to help incoming Blacks adjust to their new environment.

The college also sponsors a cheerleading squad for which tryouts have just been concluded.

Wilkes Community College fields basketball and golf teams which compete in intercollegiate competition.

Times, dates, and places where these meetings or tryouts are to be held will be published in the student information bulletin which can be found in the Commons area Monday afternoons. This note to club advisors or officers: Information concerning meetings should be in the Student Personnel Office by 4:30 on the Friday before publication.

These clubs and organizations are here for you, the student. They were organized to get you involved in the college life. So join now and add something to the college atmosphere.



TERRY JACKSON

## On The Way To Class

By KAREN WILES

"Did you see what I saw?"

The Thompson Hall entrance near the Instructional Media Center of Wilkes Community College was adorned with very impressive works of art.

"Oh, I'm late for class. I'll look on the way home."

I hope everyone found the time to observe the eighteen exhibits selected from the works in the thirty-fourth Annual North Carolina Artists Exhibition at the North Carolina Museum of Art.

The North Carolina State Art Society provided the funds for the traveling show and offered it absolutely FREE as a service to you, in cooperation with the N. C. Museum of Art, W.C.C., and the Northwest Art Gallery.

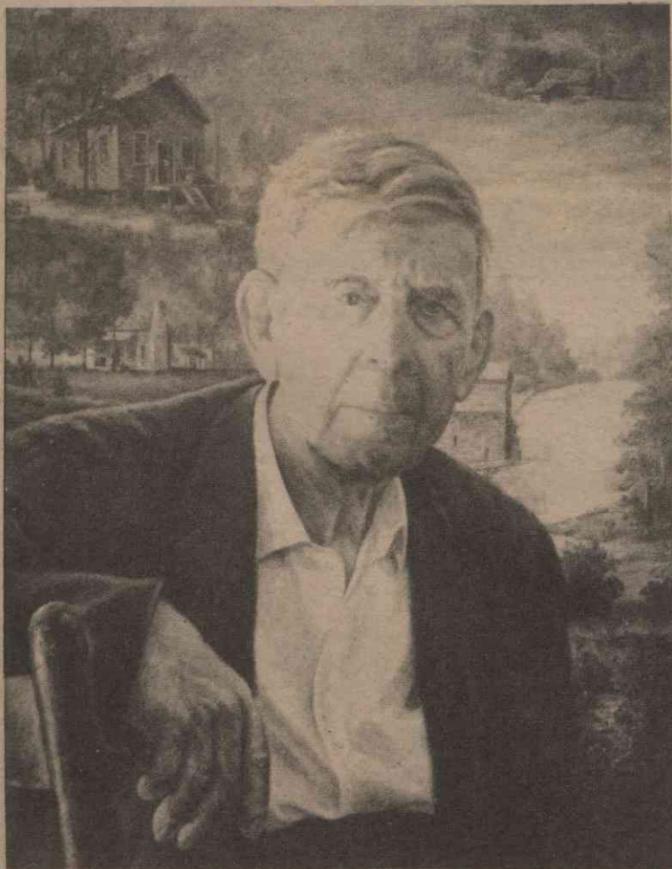
"I missed the exhibit; maybe next time."

Are you waiting for the next time to find your mood and personality in a work of art? Pay attention to the displays at W.C.C. for there may not be a "next time."

### College Scene

Sign on Dorm Door: If I'm studying when you enter, wake me up.

-Oak Leaves.



JAMES LARKIN PEARSON, N. C. POET LAUREATE

## College Honors Poet Laureate On 93rd Birthday

On Sunday afternoon, September 17, the staff, and students of Wilkes Community College, along with members of the community honored Mr. James Larkin Pearson, the poet laureate of North Carolina, on his ninety-third birthday. The hour-long party consisted of a program centered around some of his more popular works.

The program, narrated by Mr. J. Jay Anderson, was opened with a welcome by Dr. Thompson. Mr. Pearson's daughter, Mrs. Agnes Eller, then recited her version of one of the poet's works, "Christmas Morning," transformed by Mrs. Eller to become "Birthday Morning." Two of Mr. Pearson's poems were read by Mr. Bud Mayes, and several others were set to music and performed by Miss Kay Miller and Miss Janet Brookshire.

A highlight of the program was a political skit based on Mr. Pearson's poems and featuring Miss Kate Anthony, Miss Barbara Stone, Mrs. Janice Campbell, Miss Janet Brookshire and Miss Kay Miller.

Ballet students of Mrs. Margie Canipe did interpretations of Mr. Pearson's poetry as the poet's own recorded voice read in the background.

At the conclusion of the pro-

gram, the audience stood and sang "Happy Birthday" followed by benediction, offered by Dr. John Wayland.

The afternoon's festivities were climaxed with refreshments in the Student Commons, Mrs. Violet Kellam was in charge.

## SGA NEWS

Freshmen class elections are to be held the second week in October. Freshman students may become candidates for office by filing a petition signed by twenty-five students. These petitions will be circulated one week before the elections and may be obtained from any member of the Student Government Association.

The offices to be voted on are President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Freshman Class. Six Freshman Senators will also be selected.

Any Wilkes Community College student carrying at least ten credit hours or paying a student activity fee will be eligible to vote in this important election.

### No Secret

The difference between a curve and bulge is years.

-Times, Marshalltown, Ia.

## MARS HILL FESTIVAL

MARS HILL, N. C.—Ninety-years-old Bascom Lamar Lunsford, the man who originated the concept of folk music festivals, was flat on his back in the bed last week in Asheville recovering from a stroke, yet mention of his mountain music festival Saturday, Oct. 14, here at Mars Hill College brought sparks to his eyes and a cascade of memories.

He said his energies would be limited just to getting here for the "frolic," but to get here he would.

Lunsford does not organize or perform at festivals any more, but he loves to hear others pick and sing. "I try to sing a little sometimes, but my picking days are over on account of my fingers. Time is the success of folk music and I can't get the timing anymore. I will say this about myself though: I picked a banjo as well as a banjo has ever been pucked—that's a word I made up."

He considered the annual Mars Hill festival as a homecoming event. He learned ballad singing and to play the banjo, as well as the fiddle and guitar, as a child on the college campus where he was born while his father was teaching. This was a reason why, of all the festivals that have sprung up since he began them in the 1920s, the one here at Mars Hill is the only one which he allowed to bear his name: "Bascom Lamar Lunsford's Minstrel of the Appalachians."

Lunsford, who has an international reputation as collector, researcher and promoter of Appalachian folklore, credited his musical upbringing in Madison County as giving him the realization of the "value of the fine tradition in mountain people."

He said this realization has been the key to whatever success he has had and that he has devoted his life in trying to convey this realization to others.

Lunsford said he began establishing folk festivals as a means of encouraging others to learn to appreciate mountain culture. The first was in 1928 with the Mountain Dance and Folk Festival in Asheville, which is still going on. Others followed at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, at Renfro Valley, Ky., at the North Carolina State Fair.

He has lectured and performed at colleges, schools and concert halls from coast to coast and Venice, Italy, and with a band of local performers, has given programs in Pittsburgh, Dallas, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Chicago.

One of the highlights of his life, Lunsford said, was in 1939 when FDR invited him and his group of friends to perform at the White House for visiting King George VI of England and his queen. "When we got back everybody asked 'What did the queen say?' I replied, 'She just sat there and patted her foot.'"

Lunsford has mixed feelings about the multitude of folk music festivals, now. He is encouraged by their popularity, yet discouraged about some that were less than authentic.

### WWWC BROADCASTING

The Wilkes Cougar home basketball games will be carried live on WWWW for the 72-73 season.

Broadcast begins at 7:50, with sports director Ric Ross doing the play-by-play.

If you can't make it to the game, let WWWW bring the game to you. Tune in to 1240, the Wonderful World of Wilkes County.



PARTICIPANTS IN BIRTHDAY PARTY