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CHARLES "Barney" GRAHAM

Campus Personality

Charles "Barney" Graham, a freshman at WCC, was chosen as campus personality because of his congenial personality, marked by his never-ceasing desire to involve himself and others in the activities of the college.

Charles is a resident of Wilkes Central High School. He is currently enrolled in the College Transfer Program. His college activities consist of working in the library, participating with the cheerleading squad, and performing with the Human Encounter Group. When Charles is not in class or working in the library, one can usually find him engaged in a highly charged match of ping pong.

When asked about the college, Charles said "WCC helped me develop a better attitude because of its working atmosphere and because the instructors believe in helping a student get a really thorough understanding of the material."

Charles has two major activities in which he engages outside of school: he is a very avid tennis player and is a member of the group, "The Brief Encounter," in which he sings and plays trumpet.

So in recognition of your never-compromising efforts to help upgrade the standards of yourself and the college, we are naming you, Charles "Barney" Graham, our Campus Personality of this issue.

Oklahoma Auditions, 6-7

D. S. Mayes announced that auditions for **Oklahoma** will be held Wednesday, March 6, and Thursday, March 7. Singers, actors, and dancers are all needed.

Oklahoma, by Rogers and Hammerstein, was the first musical to incorporate the songs into the story. The college theater's production will be definitive.

To audition, come any time between 7 and 9 p.m. on March 6 or 7 to the Wilkes Community College auditorium.

WCC Alma Mater

The fact that we needed our VERY OWN ALMA MATER was brought to our attention at HOMECOMING.

Hence, Dr. Mayer and Mrs. Essie Hayes have collaborated and come up with the following words, to be sung to the traditional Alma Mater tune.

Verse 1

Midst the grand-our of your set-ting
Like a pre-cious gem;
You're the heart of our en-deavors;
Pride for you will stem.

Hail! all hail! our Al-ma-Ma-ter!
Hear the echoes ring;
Hail! all hail, we sing!

Verse 2

Bea-con of new hope and vision,
Wilkes Com-mu-ni-ty;
Proudly wear the gold and crim-son
Signs of vic-tor-y.

Hail! all hail! our Al-ma-Ma-ter,
Wilkes Com-mun-ni-ty;
Raise aloft your Cou-gar em-blem;
Hail! all hail, to thee!

Dr. Mayer On Grass . . . Blue Grass

No, it's not something you smoke — Blue Grass is the music of the earth — banjos, guitars, mandolins, bull bass, dobros, and a lot of pickin' songs like "Dueling Banjos" and "Rocky Mountain High."

Well, Dr. Mayer is at it again. He is gathering the best talents in the school and putting an outstanding Blue Grass Band together.

Talent like Steve Kilby, Bobby Gentry, Greg Billings, Khrist Transou, Don Phillips, Johnny Brookshire, and to add the female flavor will be the lovely Paula Lockman. We look for big things from this group. They really do play well, and they are brought to you by the same outfit that produced the Cougarettes, the Symphony, the Pep Band, and many other things; so they have a reputation to live up to.

Beat It Bugs; The B's Are Here

Jim Daniel and "B" Townes of the Life Science Division here at WCC passed the State Board Exam and are now licensed as pesticide consultants. This qualifies them as experts on insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, and their use. They are among the few people in North-western North Carolina to receive this distinction. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

The Quarter Is

Over

Thank God



DEBBIE NICHOLS
Homecoming Queen



SANDY BROOKS
Maid-of-Honor



JEANINE HUTCHENS



LINDA DuVALL



DIANE WHITTINGTON



KATHY GREENE



BECKY MORETZ

WCC HOMECOMING

Congratulations to Debbie Nichols, WCC's 1974 Homecoming queen and to Sandy Brooks, Maid-of-honor!

Homecoming is always an exciting time. There is the hustle and bustle of selecting the queen and her court. There is the tense excitement of the basketball team as they prepare, physically and mentally, for a most important game, and there is the excitement of anticipation that precedes the return of our alumni.

This homecoming had the added attraction of the college Cougarettes, who entertained during halftime with a drill routine and then formed an arch with their batons for the presentation of the Homecoming Court.

To the music of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," each nominee was introduced along with her escort.

Freshman attendants were as follows: Kathy Greene, escorted by Brent Holloway; Jeanine Hutchens, escorted by Bobby Smith; and Diane Whittington, escorted by Doug Blackburn.

Sophomores were Becky Moretz, escorted by Tommy Graybeal; Linda Duvall, escorted by Glen Winebarger; Sandy Brooks, escorted by Nick Cheek; and Debbie Nichols, escorted by Mike Miller.

Sandy Brooks was announced Maid-of-honor and Randy Cockerham, president of Phi Beta Lambda, presented her a lovely nosegay of mixed flowers.

With the introduction of Debbie Nichols as the new Homecoming queen, Miss Jennifer White, '73 queen, crowned her and President Thompson presented her with a bouquet of long-stemmed roses.

The bustle of other Y activities preceding the game hindered our getting data on all alumni present, but we were able to learn the following:

Ric (Ross) Vandett was there, not just as an alumnus, but also as emcee for halftime activities. Ric, a WWWC radio announcer, graduated from Wilkes in '73 and is presently enrolled at Appalachian.

Teresa Bullis Childress, a '73 graduate, was also present supporting our team and homecoming activities. She, too, is currently enrolled at ASU. Teresa is the wife of Kimmie Lee Childress.

Ford Markle, another radio announcer at WWWC, was at the game and assisted with technicalities at halftime. Ford received his AA Degree here at WCC and is one of the few newcomers who has not yet left home. He is planning to enter ASU in September.

Steve and Martha Ray came out to revisit their alma mater and to see their old team in action. The Rays are now residents of Kernersville. They have one daughter, Rebecca Michelle, age two.

Fred Reeves, a '72 graduate, was also out supporting the Cougars. Fred received his A.S. Degree in diesel mechanics at WCC and is now self-employed.

Phil Anderson, (class of '72) was also on the cheering line for the Cougars. Phil is working on his BS Degree at ASU. He is presently student teaching at West High.

Honor graduate, Fern S. Absher, was also present. Fern received her BS Degree at ASU, where she was elected to Alpha Chi. She is currently working on her M.A. Fern, in addition to her other achievements, is the mother of 5 children and is employed by the North Wilkesboro City Schools as a speech and hearing clinician.

Barbara D. Russell, 1973 Homecoming Maid-of-Honor, also came out for the occasion. Barbara has an A.A.S. Degree and is employed with E. James Moore, Attorney-at-Law.

Although we didn't get to interview them, the following alumni were also present:

Class of '69: LINDA JORDAN, JAMES JOHNSON, J. KERRY KRIDER, BEAUFORD BAUGUESS, CARL L. HUDSON.

Class of '70: VICKIE CHURCH, JAMES SPEER, JAMES STEELE, KEITH MILLER, RONALD PEARSON, GARY C. JORDAN, PATTI JOHNSON, TONY BYRD, RICHARD WARD, CHARLES W. JOHNSON, JIMMY M. CHURCH, LARRY PENDRY, KENNETH HUFFMAN.

Class of '71: DELMAR OSBORNE, DENNY BAUGUESS, SANDRA RUSSELL, PATTY WAGONER, LINDA GOFORTH, JERRY C. MATHIS, LINDA COLVARD, MIKE INSCORE, CHARLIE MITCHELL, DAVID RASH, MARY ANDREWS, BETTY PIPES, WANDA MILLER, PAUL L. PAYNE, Jr., MAURICE CRAVEN, STAN WHITTINGTON, ALLEN E. VANNOY, PERRY MATHIS, STEVE WHITTINGTON, DEBORAH WILSON, BARBARA STONE.

Class of '72: BRENDA COFFEY, GARY ROUPE.

Class of '73: MARY D. BARBER, BETTY JO JOHNSON, CARLA TRIPLETT, ROBERT HARDIN, PHYLLIS MORETZ, BARBARA RUSSELL, TERESA CHILDRESS, TONY MILLER, DAVID TAYLOR, JENNIFER WHITE, JANE POTEAT, SHIRLEY GLASS, JANE R. JOHNSON, DEBORAH WILSON, GARY DAVENPORT, KAY MILLER.

A special thank you to Phi Beta Lambda and the SGA, co-sponsors of the event, to Dr. Mayer, director of the Cougarettes, and to everyone who made homecoming a reality.

To all who attended, we're glad you came. Your presence helped to make Homecoming '74 THE event of the year.

— Charles Osborne
Sylvia Haymore

CONGRATULATIONS