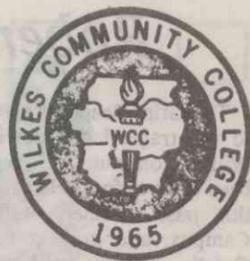




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Registration Up 22.47%

Mike Elledge Presents Play

Sophomore drama students enrolled in the Directors Workshop class will be presenting plays throughout the year.

Beginning this fall with "OH DAD, POOR DAD, MAMMA'S HUNG YOU IN THE CLOSET AND I'M FEELIN' SO SAD" written by Arthur L. Kopit, and will be directed by Mike Elledge. Mike says the play is an "absurd comedy suggested for mature audiences. Show dates are November 20, 21, and 22. Don't miss it!

The cast is as follows: Madame Rosepettle — Mable Callihan; Jonathan — Eddie Sturdivant; Rosalie — Kim Whiteside; Commodore — Freddie Johnson; Lt. Bellboy — Richard Cardwell; Bellboys — Charles Redmond, Steve Cardwell, Carl Ware, Steve Rodgers; Venus Flytraps — Lorrie Parker, Rebecca Wilson; Albert Edward Robinson Rosepettle III — Archie Miller.

WCC Symphony To Perform

The Wilkes Community College Symphony, under the direction of Dr. Robert A. Mayer will have its first concert of the school year Monday, October 27, in the Wilkes Central High School Gymnasium. The conductor's baton will go into the air at 8:15 p.m. Dr. Mayer said, "The symphony has really been working hard. Some of this is difficult music to play, but it promises to be a really fine performance."

The program will open with Coronation March from "The Prophet", and other selections include: "Espana, Spanish Rhapsody"; "The Sound of Music, Overture"; "Pomp and Circumstance, OP. 29, No. 1"; "Symphony No. 40 in G Minor"; "Allegro Molto"; "Andante"; "Menuetto"; "Allegro Assai"; and "The Pledge of Allegiance."

Admission for this performance is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

Theater To Present "The Little Foxes"

The college theater, under the direction of Bud Mayes, is at work again. This time they're doing Lillian Hellman's southern classic drama, "The Little Foxes." It is the story of a southern family and their many conflicts.

Definitely a show you shouldn't miss, the cast is as follows: Vicki Reins, Harrison Barnes, Judy Greene, Archie Miller, Mike Elledge, Karen Wheeling, Freddie Johnson, Terrie Callihan, Charles Redmond, and Richard Cardwell.

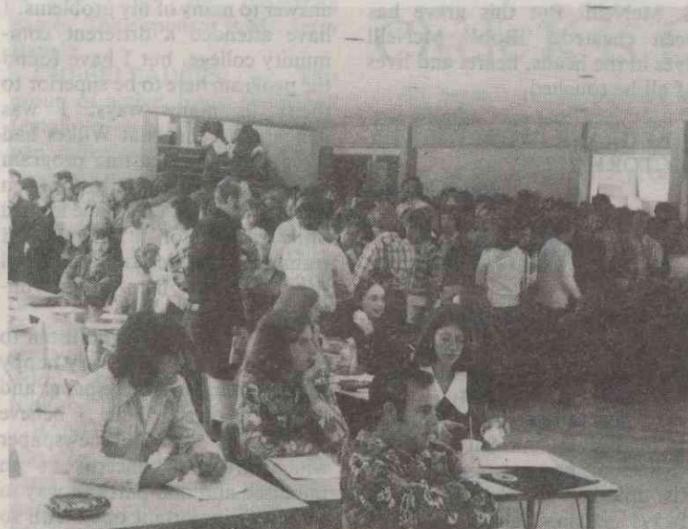
The show dates are November 7-8, 13-14-15. Show time is 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium, and admission is - Adults: \$1.50 and Students: \$1.00. Don't miss it.!

If you've had trouble breathing lately, maybe its because of the campus "squeeze" caused by the increased enrollment at WCC. This is the largest head count in the history of the college and everyone who was here last year can feel it.

Tom Whittington, Registrar, reported an enrollment of 2725 curriculum students up from 2225 last fall. Stokes Pearson, director of Continuing Education, reports that slightly over 3,000 students have enrolled in non-curriculum courses. This increased enrollment, combined with the fact that several faculty members who did not return this year were not replaced, has resulted in tight scheduling and an increase in the size of many classes. The increased enrollment has been attributed to many factors: the spiraling costs of education on other campuses, (tuition at WCC decreased \$9.00) the desire many people have to better themselves through education, the more personal attitude towards students available here, the GI Bill, and an assortment of other reasons.

The fact that registration here was later than on most other campus was a great aid on enrollment day. The Registrar's office having been warned by the increased enrollment at other community colleges, was prepared for the rush. Registration was spread over a three-day period; however, only 25% enrolled the first day and less than 25% the second day, leaving over 50% enrolling on the final day. Mr. Whittington reported that the last day was hectic and that the people in his office did not leave until well after 10 p.m.

Although the registration period was somewhat hectic, it appears that things have settled down a great deal and everyone is adjusting to the slightly crowded situation. It's a sure thing that everyone will be glad to see the new buildings completed. There is no doubt that this will "ease the squeeze."



Bud Mayes And Bob Johnston Honored

The Public Affairs Department of WKBC Radio, each week presents an award to a citizen of Wilkes County who has performed an act of kindness or rendered public service to the people of Wilkes County. WKBC recently bestowed this honor on Dewey Mayes and Bob Johnson of the staff of Wilkes Community College.

Mr. Mayes is the director of the drama department of Wilkes Community College, and Mr. Johnston directs the College's Hotel-Motel Management class. The award was given, not only for their excellence of achievement, but for their fortitude in making a success of the Dinner-Theatre. They were told many times, "It's a good idea, but it will never work in Wilkes County."

The presentation of the awards was made by Stan Clifton of WKBC. Mr. Clifton said, "The performances and dinners were sold out -- a sure sign of acceptance from the folks of Wilkes. Thanks to the foresight and the daring of these two men, we in Wilkes can now boast of yet another attraction for our community and another good outlet for entertainment. For their contribution to the culture of Wilkes, it is my pleasure to make this Citizen's Award presentation on behalf of WKBC."

Nature Trail

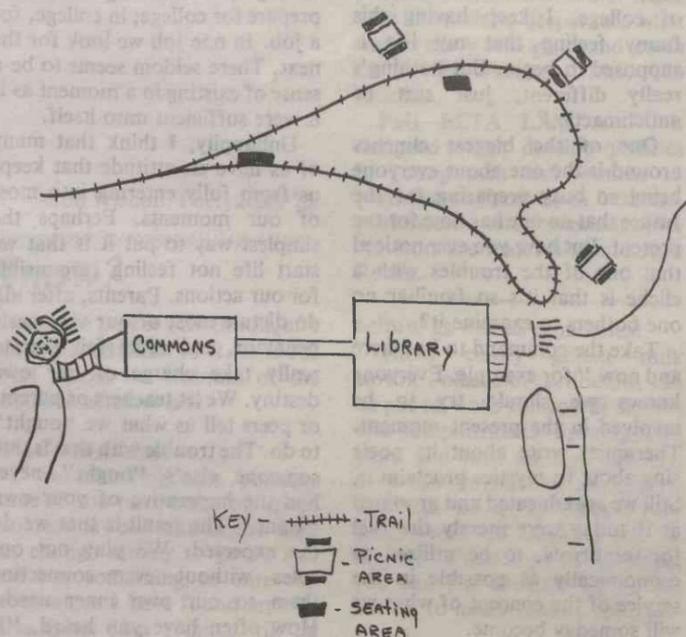
Trailing arbutus, oconee bells, "little brown jug," ratsvein, partridge berry, rattle snake plantain, and jack-in-pulpit are only a few of the wild flowers that will be along WCC new nature trail. The trail will be behind WCC, and it will have two main paths. The first path will start at the native plant area called arboretum. Then it will go across the hill behind the library above

the picnic table, and come into the ravine above the Commons. Then the path will connect with a walkway to the new campus. At least 150 hybrid Rhododendron will be planted along, in what will be the main path to the new buildings. The hard working group of people responsible for the trail comprise of WCC's horticulture class. The instructors of the class are, Mr. B. Townes and Mr. Jim Daniel who have put in much time working with the class on the nature trail project.

Much credit for the progress on the trail up to now should go to the sophomore horticulture class that had their internship this past summer. Donations of wild flowers of any kind and native shrubs that could be used in this area would be greatly accepted. The trail is open now for everyone although it is not completely finished. When the trail is finished certain plants and trees will be labeled and benches will be made throughout and placed on the trail.

Television permits millions of Americans to know Lucy or Ironsides, but not the neighbor next door.

In trying times, don't stop trying.



Student Night At Tobacco Road

Lee Key's Tobacco Road continues its policy of high energy rock and roll this weekend with a three piece band called "Stomp" from Charlotte. On lead guitar will be Weirido Perverto coming across with some out-a-sight rock music.

On Friday night, October 24, all Wilkes Community College students with college I.D.'s will be admitted free. You do have to be eighteen years old or older to get in.

Students, if your stomach starts growling for some grub, Lee now offers a fine selection of sandwiches and any short-order food, plus beverages. Regular cover charge is only \$2.00 per person on weekends, except at special outdoor concerts. Another exclusive feature of Tobacco Road is the Wild Horizon. This is a shop which sells clothing, leather goods, jewelry and other paraphernalia.

Hours are the same as the night club with the exceptions upon request. For additional information call 957-9912, and ask for John Sears. Remember, for a great stomping good time, go to Tobacco Road Friday and get in FREE with your student ID.