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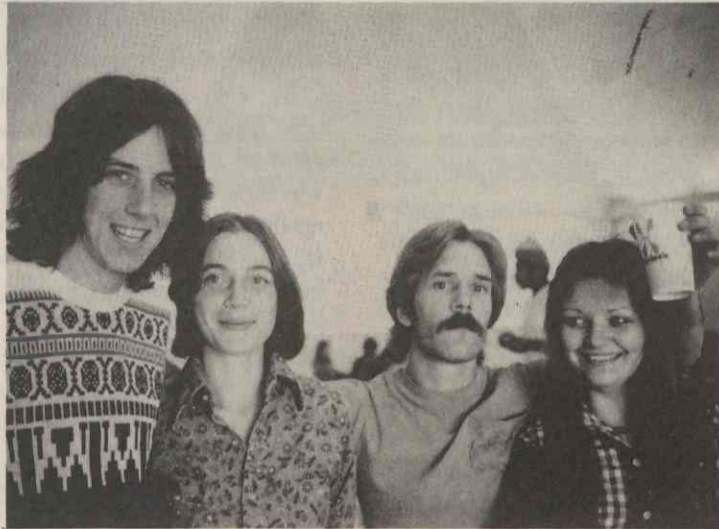
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BILL DANIEL ELECTED PRESIDENT FRESHMAN CLASS

Elections were recently held at WCC to determine the SGA officers for the Freshman class and two unfilled Sophomore positions. The competition although not great was somewhat more fierce than in the past. There were four people running for the office of President of the Freshman class and four ran for the office of Vice-President. All the other offices ran unopposed.

The winners were Bill Daniel, President Freshman Class; Skip Phillips, Vice-President Freshman Class; Dayle Rogers, Secretary Freshman Class; and Sandra Ratcliff, Treasurer Freshman Class. The Freshman Senators are Kathy Golden, Judy Greene, Cindy Brown, Archie Miller, Susan Choplin, and Marcia Foster. The Sophomore positions were filled by Steve Rogers and Karen Wheeling.

This appears to be an active group and they are sure to represent WCC well. Congratulations.



WINNERS IN STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Left to right - Skip Phillips, Vice-President freshman class; Judy Greene, Senator freshman class; Bill Daniel, President freshman class; and Cindy Brown, Senator freshman class.

SEN. BYRD SPEAKS AT DEDICATION

Senator Robert C. Byrd, a native of Wilkes County and U.S. Senator from West Virginia was in Wilkes County on Sunday, November 23. He visited here to dedicate the statue of Colonel Ben Cleveland, Revolutionary War hero from this area. The statue was placed adjacent to the County Courthouse where he can see the mountains he loved so well, and the mountains can see him.

The Structure is made of concrete and steel and weighs approximately three tons, and is a project of the Wilkes Community College sculpture class, under the direction of Robert Mayer.

The ceremony began at three p.m. The Wilkes Central Band performed prior to the beginning of the program. The Invocation was given by Rev. Frank McKenzie, Master of Ceremonies was John Barber, County Manager. Dr. Howard E. Thompson, president of Wilkes Community College unveiled the statue prior to remarks by Dr. Robert Mayer. Paul Cashion, local business leader introduced Sen. Robert C. Byrd as the guest speaker. Invitation for refreshments in the Old Jail was given by Mrs. Annie Winkler.



JAMES LARKIN PEARSON

POET LAUREATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Years ago, James Larkin Pearson, North Carolina's only Poet Laureate, wrote the following lines in a poem entitled "Love Me While I live":

I will not ask that in the future years,
When I have passed into that Silent land,
Thou come to me with kisses and with tears
And offer love - I would not understand
So if thou hast a blessing to bestow,
Or if thou hast a kindly word to give,
Defer it not till I am lying low
In death's embrace, but tell me while I live.

Wilkes County and Wilkes Community College are taking Mr. Pearson's counsel. In order to preserve his personal library and his own printing presses, the College is planning to build the James Larkin Pearson Memorial Building, which will be located on the hill behind Thompson Hall. The building will also house works of other local artists, musicians, and writers as well as collections of oral history. Estimated cost of the building is \$115,000.

The College and the twenty public schools of Wilkes County have just kicked off a special campaign to raise money for the memorial building. Each of the twenty-one schools will hold an art and talent show within the next three or four months. Winners of each school will then compete against each other

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FOURTH ANNUAL SCOTT THOMPSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



Erlene Williams and Ray G. Absher, Jr. are this year's recipients of the Charles Scott Thompson Scholarships at Wilkes Community College.

This scholarship fund, the College's first self-sustaining award program, was established in memory of Scott Thompson, son of Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Thompson, who was fatally injured during his senior year at Western Carolina University.

Miss Williams is the daughter of Roy Ray Williams of Olin, N.C. and

is majoring in Early Childhood Education. She is a 1974 graduate of North Iredell High School.

Mr. Absher is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Grubb Absher of Taylorsville and is in the College Transfer Program. When he graduates this spring, Ray will enter North Carolina State University where he plans to major in Forestry. He is a 1974 graduate of Alexander Central High School.

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