

## Comments From The Editor

Freshman elections topped the list of activities at WCC the week of October 27. Voter turnout was very good, indicating a new willingness on the part of the students to participate in school activities. This is a refreshing change from past years when apathy was a major factor in low voting and few students were interested in holding SGA offices. Predictions that this will be the best year in WCC history are holding up, and the Cougar Cry and the Student Government Association hope that this trend will continue.

### NEW BUILDINGS

Although there has been no word from the office of Dr. Shaw, it is thought that construction of the new buildings is still on schedule. Students who will be sophomores at WCC next year will indeed have something to look forward to.

### COMMENTS ON THE NATIONWIDE ELECTIONS

Starting at the local level, I am glad to see that the Democrats are making substantial gains in Wilkes County. Traditionally Republican, Wilkes shows to be moving toward a true two-party system. I sincerely believe in the two-party system, and I feel that control by the same party year after year impedes progress in most cases and even stops progress in others.

I was rather disappointed in the state elections because Democrats made an almost clean sweep in every area. I do not feel that this will be good for the state, but only time will tell. Furthermore, I am disappointed in anyone who might have voted a straight ticket. Voting in such a manner, this writer believes, shows no imagination and the result is usually the blind leading the blind. If there is an all Democrat or all Republican senate or house in the state, "YES" men control the state. I venture to say that few will go against the party that elected them if they expect to survive in the world of politics.

On the national level I found no surprises. Jimmy Carter won, and the Democrats retained control of the Congress. I will have to observe proceedings for at least a year before I can express any opinion in one direction or another, but as was said during the election returns, "If anything goes wrong in Congress in the next four years, there will be little doubt as to whose fault it will be."

Briefly returning to local politics, it was the Democrats who came to Wilkes Community College to solicit votes. I saw none of the Republicans. Democratic headquarters called my home to encourage me to vote. I heard nothing from the Republicans. This leads me to think that the Republicans in the county are taking too much for granted, but, "The Times They Are a Changin'."

## Radio Television Broadcasting Report

BY MIKE WINFREY

Between the time of the last writing of this column and today's writing, the radio-television class has been active. It has gone on field trips to eight different radio stations. These stations include: WWWC, 1240 AM in Wilkesboro; WKBC, 810 AM and 97.3 FM, in North Wilkesboro; WSKS, 580 AM, in West Jefferson; WCOK, 1050 AM, in Sparta; WIFM, 1540 AM and 100.9 FM, in Elkin; WYDK, 1480 AM in Yadkinville; WJRI, 1340, in Lenoir; and WKGX, 1080 AM, also in Lenoir.

The procedure is basically the same for each station visited. The class is given a tour of the station during the visit, talks with the station manager and any employ-

ees who may be present at the station during the visit, and question-and-answer sessions with any persons there. Each station explains its own policy on sales advertising, programming, etc. Each station has been very hospitable to the class, and very helpful.

On Thursday, November 4, the class took the FCC examination for their third class operator's permit, the license needed to get a broadcaster on the air legally. The examination was held at the U.S. Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Training Center in Winston-Salem. Eight members of the class passed the examination. Those members are: Ray Brown, Doug Cannon, Tommy Holder, Carmen James, Dean Miller, David Patterson, Joey Sprinkle, and Mike Winfrey.

## Operation Halloween

BY MIKE BAILEY

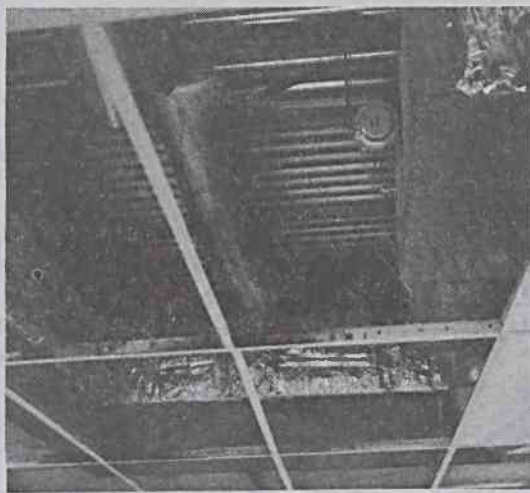
Saturday, October 30, from 4 to 7 p.m. the WCC "Circle K" club members held a party for under privileged children at Wilkesboro's First Baptist Church. The children, ranging in age from 3 to 11 years, were from all over Wilkes County.

Even though the party was forced inside by the rain, the children had a great time. Among the activities were bobbing for apples, singing, eating some very delicious food prepared by the Circle K, and there was even a ghost giving the kids popcorn balls by candlelight.

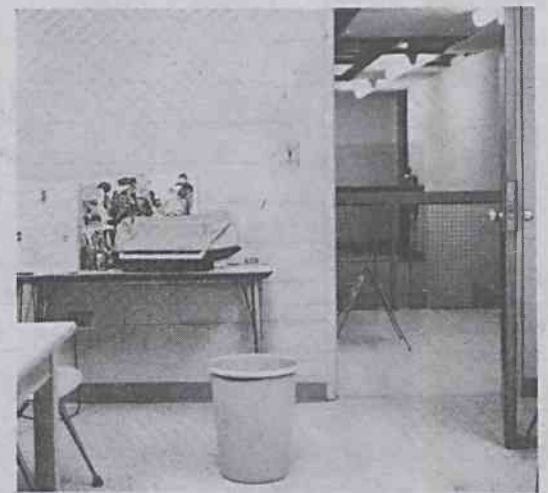
A special guest at the party was Pete Joshland, a junior at Lenoir Rhyne, the Lt. Governor of the North Appalachian District of Circle K. Also in attendance was WCC's club advisor and dedicated Kiwanian, Dr. James Knox.

The Circle K would like to extend heartfelt thanks to West Pak Hallmark for decorations, Roses for candy, Lowes Food on Second Street for paper bags, First Baptist Church of Wilkesboro and everyone else who had anything to do with making Halloween '76 a special holiday for 25 very happy children.

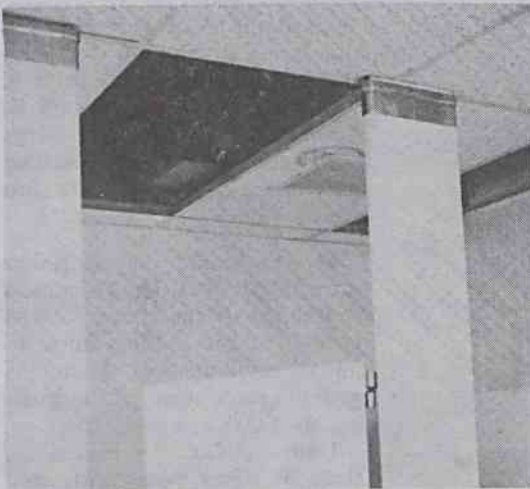
*As Soon As This Paper Goes To Publication; I'm Going Out To Have One Of "Life's Little Pleasures."*  
The Editor



CEILING NEAR BIOLOGY LAB, HAYES HALL



SGA OFFICE WALLS ARE WATER MARKED.



UPSTAIRS MEN'S ROOM, THOMPSON HALL



STAIRWAY — SOUTH END, HAYES HALL

## WCC Roofs

BY DAVID SWARINGEN

One of the most distressing things at WCC is the leaking roofs. What's worse is the fact that all attempts to procure money to repair these roofs have failed.

Having worked in the roofing business for almost two years, this editor knows that efforts to patch the existing holes will probably be

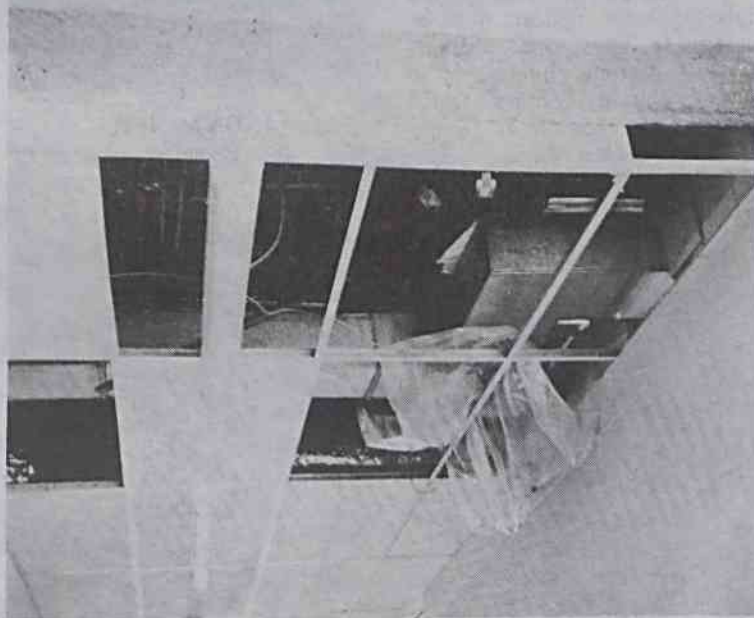
fruitless since each trip across the existing roofs causes cracks to occur in other areas.

The expense of replacing the roofs may be substantial, but what will be the cost if someone falls on wet floors or falls down wet steps caused by these leaking roofs?

Dr. Thompson has assured this editor that every effort is presently being made to solicit help from the County Com-

missioners to repair the roofs, and certainly every student at WCC is in full support of the effort to stop the rain in the classrooms.

In the opinion of this editor, we have the finest board of commissioners that Wilkes County has ever had and feel that they understand our problem. If all of us at WCC support our leaders in the county government, then they will in turn return that support by helping us to have a better college.



HALLWAY — NORTH END, THOMPSON HALL

## Increase Justified

The Federal Power Commission's recent decision to nearly triple the price of natural gas from new wells corrected a long-standing mistake: Natural gas has been underpriced for years.

The FPC raised the wholesale price from 52 cents to \$1.42 per 1,000 cubic feet for gas brought into production after Dec. 31, 1974. The action brought the price of interstate natural gas closer in line with that of intrastate gas, which is not federally regulated.

However, two days after the action, the U.S. Court of Appeals blocked the increase because it was being challenged in court by a consumer coalition.

The immediate reaction of

those groups is understandable but saturated with emotion - not reason. Although the cost to consumers would be \$1.5 billion the first year, the average user's bill would be \$15.60 more than the year before, or \$1.30 a month.

Natural gas supplies have dwindled in recent years because the big gas and oil companies have lacked the incentive to explore new areas. Considering the 52-cent limit and the rising costs of drilling, coupled with spiraling taxes, the expense of drilling new wells just hasn't been worth it.

The courts should uphold the FPC decision if future gas shortages - and cold winters - are to be avoided.

## WCC Basketball

BY TOMMY HOLDER

Approximately seven weeks ago, twenty-two young men went out on the basketball court in an effort to make the WCC Basketball team. None were dropped from the team, but only twelve could stand the pressure of hard work.

The team practiced diligently every weekday from 4:30 to 7:30 at Lincoln Heights School gym. The coach, Joe Liney urged the team to strive for perfection.

The team consists of: forwards Malcom Sneed, Rob Banguess, Peter Tharpe and Kenneth Davis. The guards are Patrick McCann, Chris Pardue, Mike Wilcox, Cecil Miller, Henry Sheets and Terry Bowers. Steve Jones and Dan Ingram are centers.

The first game, against Surry Community College, will be played the first weekend in December. Home games will be played at the North Wilkesboro YMCA. There will be no admission to students of WCC as long as they present their identification cards.

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