

Editor's Comments

Well, here it is, Springtime. Everybody is looking forward to June and summer vacation. No one is interested in anything but the number of days left in the present college calendar. It's a downright shame.

When I first came to Wilkes Community College to seriously further my education I had no desire to become involved in campus activities. All I wanted to do was get what I came for and leave. As is obvious, things just didn't turn out that way.

In September of 1975, the Student Government at this institution was all but a shambles, with the President carrying the full responsibility. Eddie Sturdivant talked to me and convinced me to run for a student government office. I did and I have been involved with school activities since, with my main interest in editing this newspaper. I have enjoyed this challenge, and I would like to pass it on to someone with the desire and willingness to make this paper speak to future students. As of this time no one has come forward to indicate an interest in my job. However, I don't find this particularly alarming. Very few students at W.C.C. have showed any interest at all in the various clubs and activities here.

To carry things a little further, I have been criticized for having so many pictures and news about the same people in almost every edition of the Cougar Cry. Maybe it hasn't occurred to some students that there is a relatively small minority of individuals at this college who do anything to deserve mention in the news. Stories are written about people who make the news, not the ones who sit around and criticize the news.

If I have stepped on a few toes, I can only hope that I made them bleed. I do not like to do things half way. I welcome any objections or criticism either for myself or the Cougar Cry. Since I have heard little this year, I can only assume that "Shorty" Waller, David Patterson, Dusty Ball, Peggy Wyatt, Ron Wishon, Charles Adams and I are doing a perfect job.

The Editors Box is clearly marked and highly visible in the Commons. Student feedback is desired.

THE ROOFS DON'T LEAK ANYMORE

Hayes Hall is now the proud owner of a new roof, and the leaks that have plagued many of us for the past several months have dried up. The trash carts and waste-paper baskets have disappeared from the halls and it is perfectly safe to walk up and down the stairs without fear of slipping on wet steps. Dr. Shaw and Dr. Thompson have come through the war against the leaks with only minor scars and they are both smiling with relief. Thank you doctors for bringing us through.

News From Mu Alpha Theta

The Math Club has been busy selling chances at a record album of the winner's choice. On Monday, March 14, Jim Cagle was holding the winning ticket at the first big drawing and immediately laid claim to his prize. This, however, is not the last of the red hot winners.

The remaining album is now accompanied by an eight track tape and ticket sales are still underway. Let's keep up the interest, and YOU might be the next big winner. All prizes in this raffle will be awarded, so don't miss out on this big chance to be a winner.

In the not so distant future, the Math Club will sponsor a car wash. The location will be announced in the Commons at the earliest opportunity. The car wash will include interior cleaning, so keep this project in mind.

In keeping with past Math Club news, here is another in the series of helpful math problems. This stumper deals with my favorite grapefruit.

My favorite grapefruit weighs nine-tenths of its weight plus nine-tenths of a pound. How much does it weigh? (The answer is on page three)

-David Swaringen

WSIF Is A Rumor No More

At 9:58 on Wednesday morning, April 6th, WSIF signs on the air. Using a ten watt transmitter, WSIF will cover the Wilkesboros. If you have an FM radio in your car, you can hear WSIF by dialing 90.1 within a five mile radius of the college. There is a rumor going around that speakers will be hooked up in the Commons so that the station can be heard there also.

WSIF programming can be classified as educational variety. The station will carry local, national, and international programs. Programs will originate from many countries including Finland, South Africa, Germany, Denmark and Holland. There will also be shows put together by people whom you know here at Wilkes Community College. WSIF has an Associated Press Teletype Machine which will furnish news and weather for broadcast. You can even keep up with what is going to happen around the campus by listening to the W.C.C. Calendar of Events.

WSIF, which might mean Where Sound Is Finest, will involve many students, faculty, staff, and administrative people, who will strive to make sure it really is finest.

We want you to listen to WSIF. It is the other voice of Wilkes Community College (since the Cougar Cry already claims that distinction). Hopefully you will find something interesting, fascinating and entertaining as well as educational.

By David Patterson



MR. KIM CHI HA
Republic of Korea

Prisoner Of Conscience

Mr. Kim Chi Ha is an outstanding poet and writer who is presently on trial for his life in the Republic of Korea. Because of his criticism of the authoritarian administration of President Park Chung-hee he has spent many of the past 14 years in prison. He was re-arrested in March 1975 after publishing articles on the torture of fellow political prisoners. He is now being held in solitary confinement in Seoul's West Gate Prison where he is denied visits from his family and even his lawyers. Thirty-five years old, he suffers from tuberculosis but is being kept in an unheated cell even during the winter months. A devout Roman Catholic, Mr. Kim Chi Ha is charged with violating the Anti-Communist Law; the law which is often used to silence opposition in the Republic of Korea.

A Message From The SGA President

education courses, but Wilkes Community College has made dreams become reality for many of these people since the doors of opportunity opened here twelve years ago. I now take the time to encourage students here to convince friends and neighbors of the importance of supporting our institution of learning.

In another area, however, many people complain that there are not enough extra-curricular activities at W.C.C. We have a basketball team, a tennis team, a golf team, a Math Club, the Student Government Association, Circle K Club, Phi Beta Lambda, The Decameron, and the Cougar Cry. If you think that's not enough, help us to get more.

Class Visits Holly Farms

On Wednesday morning, March 9, the Wilkes Community College Hotel-Restaurant class visited Holly Farms Poultry Industries. The students were shown the famous Holly Farms process from start to finish.

The portion of the trip that generated the most interest was the observation of the packing procedure since no matter which branch of the hospitality industry these students enter, pre-packaged foods will be there.

Thanks go to Bob Johnston, John Cashion, the Hotel-Restaurant Class, and Holly Farms for their great hospitality during the tour. -Ervin L. "Shorty" Waller

Circle K News

Convention time has finally come. On March 19th and 20th, twenty Circle K members will attend the Circle K Convention in Raleigh, N.C. They will be staying at the Hilton in Raleigh.

The members attending are the following: Kathy Golden, Harold Blevins, Linda McCann, Gary Brooks, Diane Dotson, Angie Crabb, Carolyn Goodman, Barbara Bumgarner, Mike Bumgarner, Mr. John Idol, Brian Ridgeway, Jeanie Absher, Anne Pevette, Mark Johnston, Shelia Scott, Mike Bailey, Melody Simpson, Hai Do, Curtis Johnson, Dr. James Knox.

Remember, it hasn't been so very many years ago that W.C.C. was just a swamp waiting for something to happen.

-Steve Day-

Doc Is Honored By Phi Beta Lambda

On March 9, Phi Beta Lambda held a special meeting in honor of Dr. Thompson's birthday. Many PBL members and members of the business faculty attended. Dr. Thompson was presented a pipe and stand on behalf of PBL to commemorate many years of service to W.C.C. and the community. Coffee and doughnuts were furnished by Mr. Robert Johnston.

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