



Our LRC Is Overstuffed

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Have you looked closely at the Media Center lately? Have you noticed that many shelves are so full, bookends can't be used or that books and equipment spill over onto file cabinets, desks, tables, and the floor? This reporter did and, after a little checking around, uncovered some pretty interesting facts.

For instance: The library was originally planned to hold a maximum of 20,000 volumes. It now contains 35,000. One gentleman donated his entire personal library to Wilkes Community College. It is still packed in boxes. There is not shelf room available.

Newspapers older than two weeks can not be kept due to lack of space, and magazines not frequently used must be sacrificed for others. It is almost impossible to use the older magazines which can be kept for these must be designated to storage. Microfilming magazines create additional room, but there is no suitable space to use the films. The two

previewers share one small table. Several older previewers are available, but there is no suitable space to use them. Books must be stored in the preview room creating disturbances for anyone who is working there. There are no separate area for counseling, private conferences, group work, or GED instruction. There are no soundproof rooms for typing practice or movie viewing and no space to create these rooms. Three people share a one-person office. There are neither sufficient filing cabinets nor sufficient outlets. All equipment is run by only two main power sources. OSHA regulations (Safety and Health Administration) are violated daily.

Many manhours are wasted cleaning books of mold and mildew from lack of air circulation. Money is also wasted as valuable books (costing an average of \$15 up to \$600 for encyclopedia sets) are ruined. Books jammed together on shelves eventually develop torn spines and bowed covers. Media equipment must be wiped down

with special cleaning fluid to protect against mold and mildew. Audio visual equipment suffers too. Rust, especially of film containers, is a big problem.

To keep a media center "up-to-date" new material must be ordered regularly. But the librarians have been told that no more space is available. With the addition of new buildings, more room was hoped for, but this seems to be in vain. When the re-affirmation team from the Southern Association visited Wilkes Community, they termed our Learning Resources Division as "grossly deficient". In answer, WCC responded that the old student commons area would be used for media growth. Why then, now that our accreditations is affirmed, is this area planned for something else?

What solutions can be found? The media center is used by almost everyone involved in the college and community. An average head count shows 7,500 people use the library a month. Shouldn't the center get top priority?

Letters To The Editor:

Dear Editors:

You have heard of the saying "Be kind to your webbed-footed friends cause a duck maybe somebodys mother." Well someone ran over one of our ducks and killed it dead. I have thought about this today,--4-25-78-- the exact date this abomination occured. How could this crime have ever happened? What foul

person could envision such a deed?

When I found the poor bird, it was squashed flat and lying in the road. It's lifeless form pelted by drops of rain. So much for the dead duck. What I want to write about is the mother-ducker that would run over a duck with at least 1,000 pounds of steel. How many people have observed the

beauty of our ducks? The one that was hit had to be the only wild one. WCC has been a haven for the harmless creatures. We lured the birds with our lush green grass and beautiful pond; for what, but to be crushed by some thoughtless individual. I can not understand how such a thing took place unless the duck committed suicide or a person committed fowlicide.

I hope the person that did this crime will realize the damage inflicted. I hope that this person is forever haunted by visions of dead ducks until forgiveness is asked and maybe then if a public apology is offered, it just might free that person of guilt.

ED FLEAGLE

Help!!

Has anyone noticed anything strange in the library lately? Well I for one have. It seems like every time I go up there the book shelves and other equipment are trying to smash me. The reason for this is because the library is over crowded, not by people but by books. It is not the library staffs' fault, they are doing a

FACULTY FEATURE



IRA G. GAMBILL

MARY R. SHEW

What do you think a teacher who is friendly, cheerful, and always helpful--no matter what the problem or who has it? One who never loses his temper or his patience? An instructor students can speak with about problems without being made to feel a dummy (the most important quality for a teacher to possess)?

Never happen! Too good to be true? Not at all! We have such a person here at Wilkes Community College and his name is Ira G. Gambill.

Needless to say, he's a favorite instructor at W.C.C. He has earned students' deepest respect and gratitude with his unending patience and unique ability to explain even the most complex problems in such a way that an average student can comprehend them. Although he teaches many different courses, he still makes time in his busy schedule to give students extra help when needed.

His education began at Mulberry Elementary School, then on to North Wilkesboro High School. After graduating from N.W. High, he spent four years in the Navy. He was stationed at Alameda Naval Base in California for about a year. During his stint in the Navy he crossed the Pacific three times. Upon leaving the Navy, he attended Applachian State University where he received his B.A. and M.A. He also has credits at Carolina University.

He began his teaching career with one year at Asheville City Schools, then taught nine years at Lees-McRae in Banner Elk before coming to Wilkes Community College. He has been an instructor at W.C.C. for the past nine years.

It Is Cold Inside

On the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth it was cold inside the school buildings. The building are not old. Why are they drafty? Will the new buildings be as faulty? I noticed the roof still leaks. What gives? The building program here seems impressive but is it? Are we getting representations of buildings?

good job with what space they have. The problem is that the library is running out of space, and they do not have any place to expand. Some of the students at W.C.C. have signed a paper saying that they would like to see the Library expanded. We are all hoping that this paper will help solve the problem. If it does not help, then very soon we will not be able to turn around in the library.

RENEA TAYLOR

He teaches Accounting, Short Hand, Office Machines, and Business Math, among other courses.

Mr. Gambill resides in Mulberry Community on Highway 18 North. His hobby, gardening, is done on a fairly extensive scale. He has a variety of fruit trees which include Dwarf Apple, Peach, and Chestnut, among others, and also thirteen grape vines. Not only does he tend to these, he also has a large greenhouse where he raises spring bedding plants, tomatoes the year 'round--and even orchids.

W.C.C. is indeed lucky to have such a great instructor and such a nice person. To Mr. Gambill--a big A+!

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