

Editor's
Corner

Student Apathy

By, Angie Royal and Nancy Huffman

Student apathy is at a serious level here at Wilkes Community College. As each full-time student arranges his financial admission requirements in the Business Office, six dollars goes toward activity fees. These fees maintain the Student Activity Office and Student Government Association. As activities are scheduled, both groups seek as much student participation as possible, yet few students get involved. Complaints are often heard, yet few legitimate suggestions are made to SGA members or placed in the suggestion box. Each group is open to any ideas that you as students, faculty, and staff can contribute to a more fulfilling year at WCC for everyone. Active participation is sought so that your year will be a memorable one.

Letters to Editor

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Dear Editor:

The Student Government Association is to be commended for the numerous activities they have sponsored already this year.

In my opinion, this year's SGA has done an outstanding job of making themselves visible to the student body, as well as planning and implementing a variety of activities in which all students may participate. It appears that the SGA is making a dedicated effort to use the student activity fees for the benefit of the entire student body.

Congratulations to Nancy Huffman, President, and the entire slate of SGA officers! Keep up the good work!

Jean Miles
Chairperson, Business Department

Thoughts from the
Business
Department

By: Jean Miles, Chairperson

I would like to share some observations about where we must be heading in terms of our continuing training in vocational/technical education.

Current Labor Department statistics show that 80 percent of the labor market in the United States is in small businesses. Big business and industry represent only 20 percent of the labor market, yet they have resources to train and re-train, when necessary, their own workers. Small businesses do not have the capacity nor the resources to undertake entry level training program or re-training of employees for changing job requirements based on new technologies. Therefore, individuals desiring to be productive members of our economic society must avail themselves of vocational/technical training.

The comprehensive course offerings in the Business Department provide students the opportunity to develop basic and advanced skills in secretarial and accounting areas. The business administration program offers students opportunities for coursework in general business and entry level management areas. Electronic data processing - business provides students with an opportunity to develop competence in computer programming. The medical office assistant program provides an opportunity for coursework in preparation for

CLUB NEWS

BSU

The BSU kicked off the new year by holding a cookout on campus. It turned out to be a great success with over one hundred students and faculty attending. We would like to extend our appreciation to all who helped with the cookout and to Richard Shumate for providing the entertainment.

The BSU would like to thank Lorelei Williams for being an outstanding President during the past year. We are very sorry to see her leave, but we wish her the best of luck in the career she chose to pursue. Our new President is Joan Wells.

Since fall has decided to show her beautiful colors, the BSU is planning a Sunday evening hike in the near future. We are also planning other activities to be carried out in November. It is never too late to join the BSU. Come out and get involved with us.

"Where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them." (Matt. 18:20)

By: Becky Foster

Math Club

Although the Math Club has gotten off to a slow start this year, we have still accomplished a lot. We only have a very few members who attend our meetings regularly, but we also have quite a few who help with and participate in the activities we plan.

So far this year, we have sponsored the Red Cross Bloodmobile. It was a major success due to the participation of students, faculty/staff, and many community members. Our goal was 80 pints, but thanks to all the blood donors who so willingly gave "the gift of life," the Red Cross volunteers collected 102 pints. Mu Alpha Theta, or Math Club, will sponsor another bloodmobile this spring and will be raising money for the heart fund this winter. Also, the Math Club will soon be ordering shirts for members to wear as they participate in any planned activities.

Just as a reminder, the Math Club is for anyone who is interested in mathematics or is planning a math-related career. At our meetings we usually learn to play an exciting math game, such as NIM. So, if you would like to be a member, all you have to do is attend one of our meetings. They are held in Room 410 every Thursday at 1:00. Come join in all the fun and excitement. You'll meet lots of people and go to some great places.

By: Steve Williams

They say that one in every four people is unbalanced. Think about your three closest friends. If they seem okay — then you're in trouble!

employment in various medical offices. Vocational/technical training is essential for individuals desiring to land and keep so many of the jobs today. The more skills and training an individual has the greater his competitive edge in the job market — and the more productive he can be for his employer and society in general. Similarly, employee productivity is correlated to the financial compensation given by an employer and the productivity of an individual to society is directly proportional to the quality of life he wishes for himself and his family.

I challenge you, as a student, to become technologically prepared to compete in the labor force today and tomorrow. Avail yourself of one of the many vocational/technical training programs. Determine to be a productive and contributing member of the free enterprise system. Consider the alternatives of another economic system.

Ye Host Club

WCC students were welcomed to campus by the Student Government Association and Ye Host Club members at an ice cream social on September 8 and again on the 19th.

Ye Hosts members, sporting new sweatshirts bearing the club's insignia, amazed those attending the 1983 Brushy Mountain Apple Festival with five-foot hoagies sandwiches. The hoagies, loaded with deli meats, was a first at the festival. Also offered for sale were hot chilli and baked goods.

Ye Hosts members are expanding their work experience through various elective courses, including the table-side service. Members in this class have on two consecutive weekends shown their talents in table-side service in executing flaming desserts and other menu items found in such noted resorts as the Greenbrier.

On October 28, Ye Hosts members, will again be serving at the buffet dinner which will precede opening night of "Arsenic and Old Lace."

Whatever the future holds for those on campus, students in the hospitality classes will be available to lend a helping hand.

Ye Hosts Alumni
Dale Dockery, President

Patricia's
Comments

Sam says if some people went ice fishing, they'd come home with 30 pounds

A wealthy Texan wrote a check for a very large amount, even for him. Unfortunately, the check came back, marked "insufficient funds." But the bank clerk had written on the check, "Sorry. Not you, but us."

The Special
Services Tutorial
Program is off
to a Busy Start

The Special Services tutorial program is off to a busy start this fall. This year's tutors come from a variety of subject areas and several are college graduates.

Brenda Gooch is from Kentucky, attended Jefferson Community College and the University of Louisville, and is a graduate of DuPont Manual High School. Brenda tutors in accounting and reading.

Another out-of-stater is Rebecca Henderson from Denton, Texas. A graduate of The Selwyn School, Rebecca received her BA from

Randolph Macon Women's College where her major was history. She has four years experience in teaching 6th

Decameron —
It's Coming

It's coming! The 1983 *Decameron* is on its way. The *Decameron*, Wilkes Community College's own literary magazine, packed full of poetry and short stories. It is compiled and published by the Creative Writing class. This will be the first time it has been published in the Fall. It should go on sale around the second week in November and a tentative price should be around \$1.00. Copies will be available in the college bookstore, but remember only a limited number of copies will be printed. Make plans to get yours today!

David Bentley

A sermon can help people in different ways. Some rise from it greatly strengthened. Others wake from it refreshed.

grade and tutors reading, history and math at WCC.

Bob Rutledge, a Yancy County immigrant, graduated from Wilkes Central Senior High School. A WCC freshman in the college transfer program, he plans to attend either Brevard College to major in music education or North Carolina State University to major in computer science. Bob tutors in chemistry, physics, pharmacology, math from arithmetic to calculus, and computer science.

North Wilkes High School graduate Bobby Sawyer is from Wilkes County. After completing the college transfer program at WCC, he transferred to Appalachian State University where he received a BS degree in business management. Here at WCC, Bobby tutors accounting, math, English and business administration courses.

Lastly, Glenda Shumate is an Air Force brat whose parents are Wilkes County natives. She is a graduate of Wilkes Central High School and received an AAS from WCC in accounting. After working in the county for a time, Glenda attended North Carolina State University and graduated with a BS in rural sociology. This is her 3rd year at WCC as a Special Services tutor and she tutors accounting, biology, sociology, psychology, English, arithmetic, algebra, term papers and other business, social sciences and science courses.

Special Services tutoring is free to any student who qualified for the Special Services project. If you need help with any of your courses, see Dr. Barbara Holt in the Special Services area (room 806) of the Technical Arts Building to see if you qualify for a free tutor.

By: Glenda Shumate

News from the
Math and Science
Department

Wilkes Community College has joined the robotics revolution. Walk up to the second floor of Hayes Hall and probably you will hear Mr. Hero say "I'm ready" and then the next thing you will see is one of the Mathematics and Science Staff down on the floor beside Mr. Hero programming the robotic to walk or talk.

By the year 1990, it is estimated there will be one-quarter million industrial robots in the United States. Projections for other countries are even higher. We are, indeed, on the brink of a robotics revolution, and there is a tremendous shortfall in educated trained personnel to design, specify, sell, program, operate, install, and service robots.

By Fall 1984, WCC will offer a Robotics Program. The program will provide practical experience in a long list of disciplines that will have a broad application to the modern industrial setting. The student will learn, practice, and apply basic principles of industrial electronics, computers, automated equipment, sensors, servos, steppers, relays, and controllers. In working with different robotics, the student will gain practical, hands-on experience with the basic elements of robotics, including programming, electronically - controlled movement and positioning, interfacing and data acquisition.

Angela Royal

Two men approaching Dallas saw a sign at the city limits of Mexia. They began to argue about how to pronounce the name of the place, one insisting that it was "Mex-ia" and the other equally vehement that it should be "Me-he-ya." After a while, still without agreeing, they stopped for coffee. When the waitress came to their table, they explained that they were disagreeing on the pronunciation and asked her, "Please say the name of this place and say it slowly." So the waitress said, "D-a-i-r-y Q-u-e-e-n."

What
would a day in
your life
be like — without
the private enterprise
system?

7 a.m.

Time to start the day with a cup of coffee. There's only one brand. Quality's not too good, but you probably won't know that, since you've never had an opportunity to select from different brands competing for your taste preferences.

8 a.m.

Off to work. Many of the kinds of jobs you work at today won't exist, for there would be no incentive to risk money creating jobs if there were no opportunity to make a profit.

9 a.m.

Perhaps there's a meeting at work this morning to discuss productivity. No reward particularly for doing a better job, but remember - there may not be lots of places where you can look for work, so you work harder, longer, without any real hope for significant improvement.

10 a.m.

You have a doctor's appointment. While you may not need to bring any money - you probably won't have much choice in who treats you - or even in the quality of treatment you require.

12 noon

Lunch time. There's a restaurant not far away. Food's not particularly good and the menu has been the same for six months - but since there are very few choices, it really doesn't make a lot of difference.

3 p.m.

Time to pick up the kids. You're the only one on the block with a car. Oh, the Smith's ordered one eighteen months ago and they'll be able to help out when it comes in, but meanwhile -----

7 p.m.

TV time. No advertising to interrupt your favorite program. In fact, there won't be too many favorite programs. Tonight there is a report on the benefits of the classless society.

11 p.m.

Bedtime, and you can't understand why you're always bored; no zest for life, never anything challenging to look forward to.

Is this an over-simplified version of life without the Private Enterprise System? Too dramatic? Too pessimistic?

Perhaps, but before you answer, think about it a little while. Is the competitive system, free-choice, your right to decide for yourself what quality of life you wish for your family, how you will live, what you will buy and what you will pay - is freedom itself important to you?

Ask anyone who has lived under another system.

