



IRA G. GAMBILL

Staff Profile

Patience is a characteristic ascribed to Mr. Ira G. Gambill by his students. He is also said to go into a lot of detail and will go the second mile with any student who needs help understanding a problem.

Mr. Gambill has been an instructor in the Business Department for 14 years. He tremendously enjoys teaching such courses as Word Processing, Principles of Accounting, Business Math, Office Machines, Machine Transcription, and Shorthand. He attended Appalachian State University where he received his B.S. and M.S. degrees. Mr. Gambill then had his first year of teaching experience at a high school in Asheville and taught at Lees McRae College before coming to WCC. He now resides in the Mulberry community.

Mr. Gambill is a truly diversified person who has many outside activities and interests. He is an avid gardener, he grows a big garden each summer, he has a "green thumb", he enjoys working in his own greenhouse, and somehow finds time for the delicious art of cooking.

Highly regarded by all his colleagues, Ira Gambill is an important asset to both the Business Department and WCC. When Dr. Miles, chairperson of the Business Department, asked him about the long hours he was putting in on the IBM Display Writer, he replied by saying that it's not really working, but it is just so much fun.

His colleagues can attest to his expertise in the cooking field because he is continually bringing some tasty treat to "tempt their tummies." The staff is really looking forward to his annual cheeseball.

As can be seen, Mr. Gambill is a very talented and interesting person. If you have not been able to meet him yet, then be sure to make a special effort to do so before you leave WCC. Your time and effort will be well spent with such a worthwhile person as Mr. Gambill.

Math & Science

When astronomers observe a portion of the sky or take photographs of a section, many different types of celestial bodies in addition to stars are noticed and recorded. Some of these are faint, featureless, fuzzy images on the photographic plate. These could be a distant galaxy; a distant cloud of gas in our Galaxy; or a comet. If the fuzzy image of the object doesn't move from night to night, it may be an image of an object far beyond the solar system. But if it moved among the stars, it is most likely an object within our solar system. It is most likely a comet. Many of the comets are discovered by professional astronomers who stumble on them while looking for something else. However, a comet will be appearing before many

Letters To The Editor

Editor The Cougar Cry

Dear Editor:

Many thanks to Dr. Jean Miles, Chairperson of the Business Department, for her comments in the last issue *The Cougar Cry*. All members of the current SGA are working together to make this a productive year.

The major setback encountered by the SGA is student apathy, however. We have had requests for more dances this year, so on December 2, 1983, a back-to-school/Christmas dance was held. After spending several dollars and

hours in preparation, the turnout was extremely disheartening. We had planned a major dance in January with someone like Sugarcreek or Sidewinder to perform, yet this morning I cannot help but wonder if the expense would be worth what the students would get in return.

We shall, however, continue to come up with activities that all students can become involved with. Please give us your suggestions and once again, thanks to Dr. Miles for her heartening words.

Nancy Huffman
SGA President

There will be wars until men grow brave enough to stop them.

Financial Aid

Wilkes Community College will begin accepting financial aid applications for the 1984-85 award period on January 1, 1984. Students are encouraged to have their applications postmarked by March 1, 1984 since this would increase their chances of receiving certain types of assistance.

The College offers several types of assistance to meet students' needs including Pell Grants, Supplemental Grants, State Incentive Grants, Scholarships, Work-Study, and Guaranteed Student Loans. Funds received from these programs could be used for living expenses as well as direct school costs. It is possible for students to receive help from several of these programs simultaneously if they demonstrate enough financial need.

Over 80% of our students completing the application process for 1983-84 have been approved for assistance. 83-84 applications will be taken through March 15, 1984. If approved, students could receive payments retroactive to Fall Quarter 1983.

If you could use a little help with expenses don't hesitate to contact Pat Lyall in Student Services for additional information.

"Overheard by one of the instructors in the Applied Science area say. "I don't know what to get my wife anymore. First she wanted a mink; I got her a mink. Then she wanted a silver fox; I got her a silver fox. It was ridiculous...the house is full of animals."



Criminal Justice

The Criminal Justice Club is a newly formed organization of persons who have taken or are presently taking at least one Criminal Justice class. Our purpose is to promote interest in the field of Criminal Justice and its occupational opportunities.

Phi Beta Lambda

Phi Beta Lambda members discussed during the last weeks of Fall Quarter how to celebrate the beginning of WCC's Christmas vacation. A holiday party is scheduled for December 17 to tentatively plan trips to the state and national leadership conferences in Raleigh and Atlanta, Georgia next spring.

Phi Beta Lambda hopes to see you in room 145 at 1 p.m. on Thursdays! Members, old and new, are welcome!

Student Profile



Sandra Scott is the daughter of Gilbert and Margaret Scott of Taylorsville. She is a 1982 graduate of Alexander Central High School.

Before coming to WCC, Sandra attended Lee College in Cleveland, Tennessee for one year. Last year, she started taking night classes during the fall and winter quarters and then became a full time student spring quarter. Sandra is a sophomore in the college transfer program. After she leaves WCC, Sandra hopes to attend Appalachian State University to major in mathematics. Eventually she hopes to teach math at the junior high or high school level.

Sandra is very busy outside of class. She teaches piano to 30 students at Galaxie Studio in Taylorsville. She is also very active in church activities. Sandra plays the piano, sings in a quartet, and teaches Sunday School. At the moment, she is busy helping with the church Christmas play.

If you haven't met Sandra yet, do so as soon as possible. She is one of the nicest people you'd ever hope to meet.

We are currently in the process of electing officers and planning activities for the winter and spring quarters of this academic year.

Club meetings are held during both day and evening hours to accommodate all who are interested. The day meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in Room 317, Hayes Hall. The evening meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in Room 415 Hayes Hall. Anyone interested in joining is invited to attend. Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 5, during, which times the new officers will assume their duties.

Christine Howell and Karen Ray
Criminal Justice Club Advisors

A student was writing a statement on the chalkboard: "DO ONE TO OTHERS AS OTHERS DO ONE TO YOU."

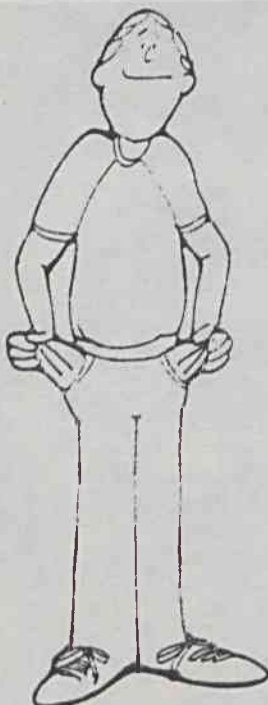
NEED HELP WITH THOSE COLLEGE EXPENSES?

DON'T FORGET TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID!

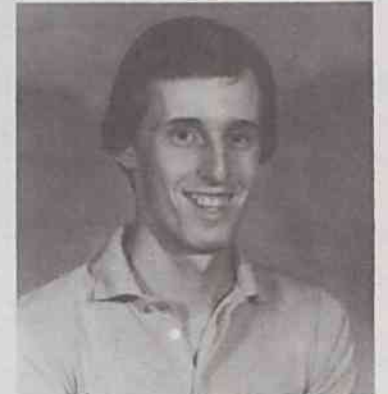
APPLICATIONS ARE BEING TAKEN NOW FOR BOTH 1983-84 AND 1984-85.

YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO LOSE - BUT A LOT TO GAIN.

CONTACT STUDENT SERVICES FOR MORE INFORMATION.



By: Steve Williams



David Wayne Bentley is the son of Leroy and Lena Belle Bentley and resides in Taylorsville. He is a 1982 graduate of Alexander Central High School. Here at WCC, David is a sophomore in the college transfer program. He plans to graduate in the spring with an Associate in Science degree. After he leaves WCC, David hopes to become a computer programmer and a published writer.

David loves to write poetry and short stories. In fact, he hopes to publish his own book soon. Right now, David is waiting for word from *The Twilight Zone* magazine about some short stories he sent in. David has put his writing talents to work at school. He is the editor of *The Decameron*, the campus literary magazine.

Writing isn't David's only hobby. He collects decals. He watches auto racing. He loves to play basketball - he's an avid Carolina fan!!!

David is a number one student and a number one person. Take the time to get to know him if you haven't done so yet.

Angela Royal

College Day

Admission representatives from many colleges and universities in North Carolina and some from out-of-state will be on campus Thursday, January 26, 1984, from 9:00-10:30 a.m. During this time all WCC students who are interested in transferring to a senior college or university will have the opportunity to talk with the representatives in the Student Commons of Thompson Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity for WCC students to obtain the information with a great savings in gas, postage, telephone calls, and time.

For more information please contact the Student Services Office.

