Departmental News

From **Mathematics** and Science Department

Beginning with the Spring quarter, 1985, the Math Science Department at Wilkes Community College will offer a general biology course via the telecourse concept. Telecourses are a recent innovation in the educational process which allows students to take courses at home via cable television (Channel 4) or on campus at times to meet their own schedules. This method is an alternative means of reaching interested students who could not attend the regularly scheduled classes because of obligations or work. Since the course that is being offered is a science course, it does require that the students come to campus one night per week for a laboratory session. The regular classroom material may be obtained through the telecourse concept. This concept greatly enhances the chances of mothers with young children, working individuals, and homebound individuals to obtain quality college credit which would be otherwise impossible.

Please watch for future announcements or feel free to call WCC for more information.

New Equipment

The Math/Science Department has received a new set of equipment in the Biology area. It is called a Microvideo System and consists of a TV monitor, VCR recorder, TV camera, and a trinocular microscope to which the TV camera can be attended. With this exciting equipment, the Biology instructors are able to project onto the TV screen exactly what the students should expect to see with their microscropes. As the students become acquainted with the object to be studied, they also become more proficient at the use of the microscope. This equipment "takes the guesswork" out of the student's work so that each student is sure that he is viewing the correct object. In addition, the instructors can record the microscope specimens on videotape for futue use and study in the lab.

The TV camera can also be used to demonstrate firsthand the dissections of various animals which are studied during the course of biology. In this way again, there is very little guesswork, and many questions are answered before they are even asked.

Indeed, the biology area is very proud to have such an aid to teaching. And besides that, it is fun to work with!!

From **Transportation** Department

The Transportation Occupations Department is located on the upper campus of W.C.C. It is made up of the Auto Body Repair, Automotive Mechanics and Advanced Automotive Technology, and Diesel and Equipment Technology curriculum's. All curriculums feature the most up to date information and equipment available, and are offered in day and evenings. All instructors are highly experienced in their field and stay abreast with the latest developments by attending factory schools and special seminars. The success of the Transportation Occupations students must be evidence of the quality of instruction they received at W.C.C. A number of graduates have become shop owners, shop managers, or factory representatives. Many others are gainfully employed as automotive or diesel mechanics, or auto body repairmen.

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Arts and Science News

Mr. Pete Mann, chairperson of the Arts and Science Department, would like to make the following announcments:

The Wilkes Community College Literary magazine, The Decameron, goes to press at the end of this quarter. Instructor Dr. Hayes, will act as editor, and the creative writing class will be the coeditor and major contributors. The Decameron will consist mainly of poetry with a few short works of prose. Any student who wishes to contribute needs to present his or her work to Dr. Hayes. Illustrations are needed, also.

Mr. Bill Moffet and the Arts Club announced the successful return of Gamble Rogers to Wilkes Community College. The concert was held in Thompson Hall on Wednesday, December 5th. Roger's unique blend of humor and folk songs made the show a memorable one.

News From Ashe County Center

The Ashe Center of Wilkes Community College has just completed the most successful Winter Quarter registration in the history of the center. Classes in Business Administration, Secretarial Science, and Computer Science have been full since initial

registration, which was held on November 14, 1984, at the Ashe County Career Center. Approximately four hundred students registered in curriculum programs with a larger number in Continuing Education classes.

Planning for the Spring Quarter is now in progress with the expectation of holding some of our Spring Quarter classes in the new Skills Center. The Skills Center will allow us to expand our offerings and make training opportunities more available to Ashe County citizens.

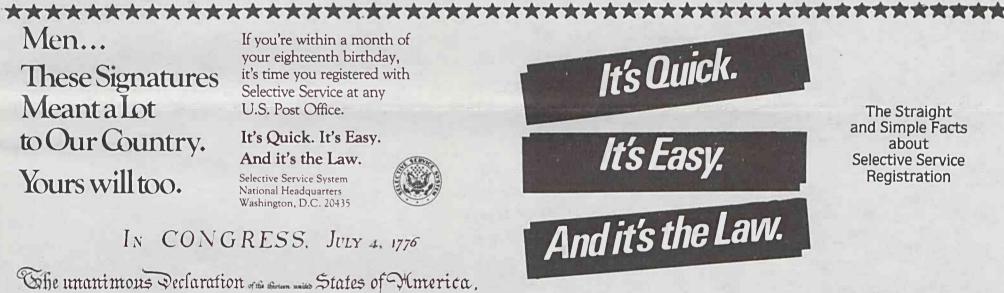
News From Alleghany Center

Alleghany Center of Wilkes Community College has enrolled over 200 students for Winter quarter classes.

The main street building has a computer lab with 10 IBM PC ir computers, and two classrooms. A small student commons area is located in the rear of the building. A large basement is the site for industrial and extension classes.

A second building, the Industrial Center, is located on highway 21 south. Two garage bays are used for auto body and small engine classes. A large front classroom is used for aerobics, self defense and extension classes.

The staff of Alleghany Center extends holiday greetings to all.



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Men: When you reach 18, you become an adult. With that new status come rewards and responsibilities. One of the first responsibilities you'll have is to register with Selective Service.

Why: Registration is a way of keeping a list of names in the event of a national emergency. When you turn 18, you have to add your name to this list. By having this list, our nation would save six valuable weeks in mobilizing our manpower in a national emergency. You help to keep our country strong.

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How: By filling out a simple registration form that asks only for your name, address, telephone number, social security number, and date of birth. Hand the card to the postal clerk, show some identification and sign the card.

Where: At any U.S. Post Office.

When: Within a month of your 18th birthday. (You may wish to fill out a registration form up to 120 days before age 18 if you are applying for a student loan or job-training benefits.)

Who: All men born in 1960 and later years - including those who would qualify for conscientious objector status or other classification (veteran, minister, physically disqualified, hardship). Because there are no plans to return to a draft in the foreseeable future, there is no need to classify men at this time.

Registration: It's quick, It's easy. And it's the law.

You must register to be eligible for most Federal Student Loans and Job **Training Benefits.**