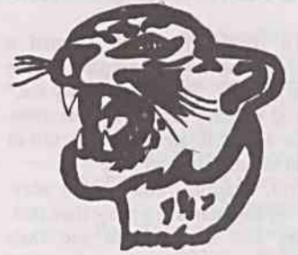




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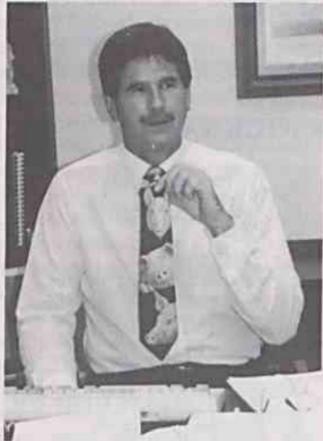
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“Have a Great Thanksgiving”

President's Message



Dr. Jim Randolph, President

It had been in my closet for about a year. I don't remember where I got it. Perhaps it was a gift (from my mother-in-law?) or maybe it was passed on to me by my son. But, there it was, along with all my other ties. I looked at it again. It was navy and pink. It really did match the shirt, pants and sports coat that I had picked out to wear that day, but did I have enough courage to actually wear it out in public?

Yes, I decided to do it. I carefully knotted it around my neck and adjusted it for proper fit. I looked into the mirror and there they were, seven plump, pink, porkers.

The *sus domesticus* is a proud and noble beast. A descendant from the wild boars of central Europe, the swine (hog, pig) is a member of the Artiodactyla family of even-toed, hoofed mammals. This fine creature is adorable when young, grotesque when an adult and delicious when eaten. The swine is reputed to be one of the smarter animals in the barnyard. This can be attested to by such characters as Porky Pig, Miss Piggy and Arnold. And, wasn't it the pigs, who, in George Orwell's novel, *Animal Farm*, lead the farm revolt and declared that "all animals are created equal."

My first stop for the day was the dentist office. While sitting in the waiting room, leisurely reading a magazine, I noticed a woman arrive and explain to the receptionist that she had already had a difficult day. She was in an automobile accident, spent an hour at the hospital and now, was forced to face the dentist's needles and drills. As she moved into the waiting room, I could not help but feel her staring at my tie. Finally, after sitting down, she said, "Sir, I've already had a rotten day, and now I can't believe that I'm sitting in a waiting room with a man wearing a pig tie."

With that comment, however, she broke into a smile. How could she resist those placid, pink, plump, pitiful faces. My tie had brought happiness to this poor soul. I was delighted and proud of my tie. Happily, I kept getting the same reaction throughout the day. What a wonderful tie I had finally discovered in my closet.

I really don't like to wear a tie. In fact, I don't understand why men wear ties in the first place. This is one of those unanswered questions in life. It's right up there with "Why do adults put stuffed animals in their cars?" or "Why do we get that insatiable urge, upon seeing a cow, to go ... Moooooo?" or "How does that microwave really work?" or "Is Elvis really dead or is he working in the kitchen at Glenn's Taste Freez?" or "Does Bud Mayes actually have a chin?"

I don't know why men feel compelled to wear ties, but wearing my pig tie makes it all worthwhile. I learned an important lesson from my pig tie; we should not be afraid to try something a little different. We should be willing to break out of our day-to-day molds. Quite often, as in my case, the results may be very rewarding.

I have ordered a cow tie and can't wait until it arrives.

One of the First Community Colleges to Be Environmentally Concerned

Wilkes Community College is conducting a major project to improve our environment. Generating from the purchasing office in Thompson Hall is our own recycling center. To help implement the recycling project every office in the school has a box or boxes available for the placement of discarded paper. Then every two or three weeks someone from the purchasing office collects these recyclable items and delivers them to J & W Recycling which is located on Hwy. 421. Items suitable for recycling are: white paper/with or without print, newspaper, computer paper, cardboard, plastic jugs including milk jugs, plastic drink bottles, and other household plastic bottles, glass, and aluminum.

Frank Shuford, from the purchasing office says, "we are among the first community colleges to take it upon itself to recycle." Beginning a recycling program here created numerous problems. Personnel was needed to manage the program, to

collect the items and to sort them, and to deliver them to the recycling center. Another problem was the need for a place to store these items until they could be sent to the center. Shuford said these tasks demanded as much as fifteen work hours per week. Work study students as well as the shipping and receiving department, were utilized to provide the labor needed.

Presently we are encouraged to recycle on a voluntary basis, but by 1993 recycling becomes a law. Senate Bill 111 mandates a 25% reduction in solid waste by 1993. Frank Shuford says, "we are well on our way toward reaching this goal."

The purchasing office admits that recycling is not a money-making endeavor for Wilkes Community College. However, Shuford emphasizes that the rewards outweigh monetary value. We're all glad that our beautiful campus can contribute to a cleaner, healthier, and safer environment.

—Phyllis Smith

Remember all those who fought and those who continue to fight —to be free and to keep you free—the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

End of Summer Dance



Scene from End of Summer Dance.

Lights were flashing, music was playing, and people were laughing. What was going on in the student commons area? The curious student pondered this as he cautiously peaked around the corner and saw people dancing. Then he saw the sign: End-of-Summer Dance: Sponsored by SGA, on September 6th. This was the first big event of the school year.

This main event got started at eight p.m., but really came alive at nine o'clock. At this time the dance exploded with excitement. The floor became flooded with dancing students. Several students enjoyed standing on the sidelines being spectators of the eye dazzling light show, and of the videos that were being shown on the huge monitors. All of the excitement was featured by "Dance LTD."

The students who were standing on the sidelines were asked how they felt about school starting and summer ending. Students responded with great enthusiasm. Mike Smith and Tracy Myers said they thought it was great! Greg Blevins replied, "I think it's going to be a great year." Some students didn't exactly know what to think and others weren't quite ready for school to start back. Linda Ellis responded, "I don't feel anything, I'm numb. Angie Reid exclaimed, "I'm ready for next summer." Students were enthusiastic about the upcoming school year, yet they hated to see summer end. The End of Summer Dance was a great success. It gave students a chance to have fun and to relax, plus a chance to end summer with a blast!!!

—Anna Forester

Congratulations Freshmen Class Officers

The following were elected class officers of the 1990-91 Freshman Class:

- President Albert "Al" Brockman
- Vice President Shannon Bailey
- Secretary April Shell
- Treasurer Melody Shelton
- Senators Michelle Hamby, Shellie Millsaps, John Welborn, Julie Smith

WANT SUCCESS? GET ALONG!

To learn what errors youngsters starting on their first jobs should be warned about, a group of vocational teachers wrote to several thousand employers asking them to look up the last three people dismissed and tell why they had been let go.

The teachers had expected a long catalogue of reasons. They were amazed that more than two-thirds of the people losing jobs had been fired for one reason. It was the same in every sort of business for workers of all ages and both sexes.

It amounted to this: *They couldn't get along with other people.*

Winter quarter, Student Support Services welcomes to its agenda the Minority Student Support Group. The objective of this group is to offer assistance to minority students in addressing their needs in the college society. This group is built around the idea of students helping students.

If you are interested in this group or need more information, please contact Cassandra Lanier in Student Support Services or Linda Carlton at home at 921-2746.

—Linda Carlton

Turkey: Fowl, Not Foul

"He's a turkey!" she said.

But what she meant had nothing to do with food fare—gustatory treats of white meat and drumsticks that melt in your mouth. If anything, the term connoted a foul fool rather than fowl food.

Yes, anyone called a *turkey* these days is more foul than fair, more stupid than satisfying, more assinine than able.

Still, why defile and defame the true turkey, a delicious bird whose parts, properly prepared, having become the traditional treats of Thanksgiving?

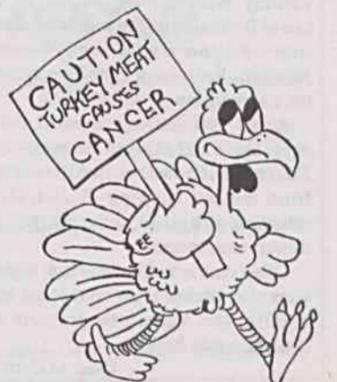
There is no good reason why this defamation of birdly character should continue. The appellation is as malicious as it is false!

Therefore, we urge—no, implore—you good readers to cast aside the derogatory turkey term and replace it with a more accurate word.

To that end, we suggest a return to this more precise designation: ass. It's a good word, a meaningful word that describes a beast of burden with long ears. Equally important to this proposal, it pictures, as Webster notes, "a stupid, obstinate, or perverse person."

Perfect!

So drive *turkey* out of your vocabulary unless your reference is to some gobbler. And let ass be your more descriptive substitute.



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REGISTRATION — WINTER QUARTER 1990-91

- Thursday, November 8 9 AM until 4 PM
- Friday, November 9 9 AM until 4 PM
- Monday, November 12 9 AM until 9 PM (NIGHT)
- Tuesday, November 13 9 AM until 9 PM (NIGHT)
- Wednesday, November 14 9 AM until 4 PM
- Thursday, November 15 9 AM until 4 PM
- Friday, November 16 9 AM until 4 PM
- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26 ... REGISTRATION DAY (9 am-8 pm)

During registration, students will meet with their advisors and plan their Winter schedules. Upon payment of tuition and fees in the Business Office, their registration is complete. Students will begin classes on Monday, November 26, 1990

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT REGISTRATION NIGHT WORK SCHEDULE

- Monday, November 12 - 4 PM until 9 PM Vicki Nichols, Cathy Annas
- Tuesday, November 13 - 4 PM until 9 PM Shirley Church, Bob Thompson

REGISTRATION FOR CLASSES TAUGHT IN ASHE AND ALLEGHANY COUNTIES

- Ashe Center Wednesday, November 14 - 3:30-7 PM
- Alleghany Center Thursday, November 15 - 3:30-7 PM