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Poetry Reading April 15: Whisnant, Wood and West to Appear



These three poets will be on campus April 15 as part of the poetry reading sponsored by *Images*, campus fine arts magazine and the North Carolina Arts Council. They are (l-r): Mrs. Charleen Whisnant, Mr. George Wood and Mr. John Foster West.

Images, the campus fine arts magazine, and the North Carolina Arts Council will host a poetry reading in the university coffee house Thursday, April 15, at 8:30 p.m. Featured in the reading will be three North Carolina poets; Charleen Whisnant from Charlotte, George Wood from Durham and John Foster West from Appalachian State University. The winners of the UNC-A literary contest, Melinda Pearlman, Bill Comfort and D. R. James, will also read.

George Wood is the editor and founder of the *Above Ground Review*, a literary magazine in Durham. He was also editor of the *Duke University Archive*. Wood attended Duke University for a short time, dropped out and joined the Marine Corps where he served 13 months in South Vietnam. He returned to Duke and has since published his work in a number of little magazines around the country.

John Foster West has been writer-in-residence at Appalachian State University for three years. Before that he taught at Elon College for nine years and Old Dominion College, Norfolk, Virginia, for ten years.

Mrs. Whisnant took part in a similar reading last year at UNC-A. She graduated from Meredith College with a B.A. in English and Latin and took her M.A. in Modern Poetry at UNC-Chapel Hill. Since then she has taught at the University of North Carolina at Raleigh and Queen's College, Charlotte. Her poetry has been published in *Southern Writing in the Sixties*, *The Prairie Schooner*, *Carolina Quarterly*, *Southern Poetry Review* and others.

West's poetry has appeared in *The Atlantic*, *Southern Poetry Review*, *Red Clay Reader* and *Carolina Quarterly*. He was co-founder of the *Carolina Quarterly*. He recently published a novel, *Time Was*, and has published a volume of poetry, *Up Ego*. He is presently working on another novel, *The Long Way Home*.

Recently, Mrs. Whisnant was editor of the *Red Clay Reader*, a collection of new writing from the South that was published annually. It has been widely acclaimed as one of the top literary magazines in the country and has been reviewed by the *Saturday Review of Literature*, *Newsweek*, and the *Chicago Literary Times*. In addition, Mrs. Whisnant has published a volume of poetry, *Stompin for Love*.

In addition to hosting a poetry reading, *Images* has sponsored two literary contests this year, one for the students of UNC-A and one open to all college students in North Carolina. Winners for the two contests will be printed in the 1971 issue of *Images*. The magazine will go to press in its final form in two weeks, according to Sukey Durham, editor. Copies will be available at no cost to students early in May.

April 19: Johnson Begins Forum

The University of North Carolina at Asheville will open its 1971 Foreign Affairs Forum on Monday, April 19, with one of the architect's of U. S. policy in Viet Nam.

He is U. Alexis Johnson, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs and former ambassador to Japan and Thailand. He also served as U. S. representative to the SEATO Council and as deputy ambassador to South Viet Nam under the then ambassador, Gen. Maxwell Taylor.

Mr. Johnson will speak twice on the UNC-A campus April 19, addressing members of the University community in a special session at 10:20 a.m. in the Lecture Hall of the Carmichael Humanities Building, then speaking at the Foreign Affairs Forum opening session at 8 p.m., also in the Lecture Hall. He is the first of four

speakers for the 1971 Forum, which will be held on four consecutive Mondays through May 10.

Theme of this year's Forum is "New Directions in U. S. Foreign Policy for the 1970." Open to the public without charge, it is sponsored jointly by the William D. Carmichael Jr. Fund and UNC-Asheville.

Mr. Johnson's area of discussion will be Southeast Asia.

The other speakers include: Monday, April 26, 8 p.m., George S. Springsteen, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs and previously special assistant to Under Secretary of State George W. Ball, will discuss the North Atlantic area.

Monday, May 3, 8 p.m., John Hugh Crimmins, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs and

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Cochran Wins by 51% Napoli Approved by 85%

The March 19 elections, characterized by low key campaigns, and marginal indifference on the part of the voters, saw Jim Cochran and Jacki Napoli elected to office.

Cochran, a Presidential candidate tallied 51% of the ballots cast, followed by Jim Stebbens with 25% and Virginia Beacham with 22%.

The outcome of the Vice Presidential race is to date undetermined pending a decision of the Judicial Board on the legitimacy of Mike Zimmer's candidacy. Though the election is contested, Zimmer tallied 67% of the ballots, followed by Chuck Bennett, who claimed 17% of the vote, and David Anders with 16%.

A total of 362 votes were cast. Only 47% of the student body voted. Three percent of the ballots were disqualified.

Total Ballots cast 362.

Candidate	N(votes)	%of total
Cochran	188	51
Stebbens	94	25
Beacham	86	22
Zimmer	237	67
Bennett	58	17
Anders	56	16
Napoli	305	84

Cochran campaigned on a platform which mentioned the need for student attitude polls, the publication of the S.G.A. minutes on a regular basis, all-campus assemblies, an increase in the funds for *Images*, and a speaker program. Cochran has not commented on how he intends to implement his programs. He has however, stated that the new Social Commissioner will be Butch Oschenreiter.

In line with the first item on

his platform, Cochran promises an increased effort to provide more variety in the S.G.A. entertainment programs. Cochran noted that he plans to eliminate complaints about the lack of social activities on the campus. He stated that "Next year the students will get their money's worth."

He admitted that he really has not had time to consider the remainder of his platform in depth. He noted that he was the elected "representative of the will of the students." He said that his prime function is to give the students "what they want," noting further that social activities is "what they want."

In his role of Vice President this year, Cochran was accused by President Coonan of inactivity and lack of ability and interest, particularly when Cochran's failure to act decisively resulted in the failure of the Academic Forum.



Jim Cochran won the recent SGA elections by a slim 51% of the vote after a week of largely lackluster campaigning. The case of Mike Zimmer, elected Vice President but pending a judgement of his legitimacy by the Judicial Board, revolves around the payment of fees by basketball players at UNC-A. Story on page 3.