

EDITORIAL

S.G.A. - POWER AT LAST

Congratulations to all of the members of the Student Government Association on their newly found authority. Up until this past Tuesday, October 28, the total of the SGA's authority seemed only to be the "power" to sponsor dances and clean up after them. These modest duties did not somehow seem quite befitting of the position of elected representatives of the student body. It was the belief of the students at Wilkes Community College that the representatives they had elected were to have final voice (with counsel from the administration of course) in all matters of student government, student funds and other governing decisions. Up until a week or so ago this was not entirely true. A representative of the student body should not be confined to the duties of a member of a clean-up crew. It is high time that the Student Government Association acquired its rightful duties.

Now the problems of obligations to the students and the responsibility of leadership must rest heavily on the shoulders of the SGA. Only a test of time will prove or disprove the capabilities of the SGA. Will this group of student government leaders pass the test of endurance and bear the weight of this complicated burden? Judging from the character and potential of the students representing Wilkes Community College, my answer is yes! We have never seen a more qualified group of representatives in charge of a college this size.

Under the capable leadership of Louis Poteet and the qualified counseling of Mr. Don Redding, I feel that the government functions of Wilkes Community College Student Body are in line for remarkable progress. This is their greatest opportunity to prove their usefulness and I feel that the entire student body and faculty at WCC should stand behind them 100%.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Mr. Editor:

Concerning your Editorial on October 28, 1968, I deeply feel that your stand was well taken because an institution such as this is a college's best means of advertising the many aspects of college life. Many friends of mine of high school age have asked me just what Wilkes Community College has to offer them. My reply has been limited by the courses that I and my friends have taken, and this certainly does not cover all that Wilkes Community College has to offer. This answer does not fully satisfy them at all. The next question is, "Where can I see a copy of the W. C. C. catalogue?" To this I must sorrowfully reply, we do not have one!

From this they draw the conclusion that a college that has been established for almost four years and still does not have a catalogue must not have a very broad base of study, and that I will have to seek elsewhere a school that will better prepare me for further college work or a vocation.

I am sorry that many people are under the delusion because W. C. C. does have a broad curriculum in many fields of study. A college catalogue would enhance the opportunity for Wilkes Community College to grow and serve the community.

Signed,
An interested student

Roger's Reflections

An Expression of Gratitude

By FLOYD ROGERS

Mr. Whelan, I am eternally in your debt for making me aware of my shortcomings as a writer of satire. But for your letter to the editor, I would have continued to float around on the kind words of my friends who so insincerely applauded my satiric effort, "The Demise of the Great Sheep Society." But now my eyes are open--thanks to your letter.

I realize now that my first effort at satire, "The Demise, etc.", was really a magnificent flop. In order for satire--or any writing--to be worth its ink it must communicate. And when the reader's inferred meaning is completely at odds with the writer's intended meaning, the satire or whatever, can be said to have failed. This appears to be exactly what happened in our case. It seems that you, sir, inferred in my column "the attitude expressed by the shoe-pounding ex-Russian Premier, Nikita Khrushchev--'We shall bury you'."

It happens that I am staunchly anti-socialist and anti-communist. And if my satire from this viewpoint is misconstrued as expressing an attitude of communism, then I have surely failed as a writer of satire. This being the case, I apologize to my readers and express again my gratitude to you, Mr. Whelan, for making me cognizant of my failure.

On second thought it is possible that the communication failure

To the Editor

Mr. Rogers' reflection, "The Demise of the Great Sheep Society," fairly rings with the attitude expressed by the shoe-pounding ex-Russian Premier, Nikita Khrushchev-- "We shall bury you."

Fortunately, unlike the Eastern European goat, the North American sheep possess shears of their own--the vote. The extent to which they are sheared or buried is directly related to their determination and ability to use this hard earned right.

If the flock gathers wool during this year of national and state elections, their sense of obligation is mighty sheer.

Signed,
D. W. Whelan

lies in Mr. Whelan's letter, not my column. It is possible that the letter was written with the author's concern for witty arrangement of words rather than for clarity of expression.

It should be pointed out here that your columnist is innocent of malice; he is concerned only with advancing clarity and understanding.

Freshman Elections

The Student Government Association has informed the Cougar Cry that nominations for freshman class offices will be made Wednesday Thursday and Friday of this week. These nominations will be made by petition rather than by popular ballot, requiring at least twenty-five signatures for qualification. The reason for the petition is due to the light treatment and ballot box stuffing that resulted from previous nominations. The final voting for freshman class officers will be held in the English classes this coming Wednesday and Thursday. We hope that in the future the students of Wilkes Community College will act as if they were responsible people, and try to take important elections in a more serious fashion.

All About "Doc"

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Plattsburgh, New York, and North Wilkesboro, North Carolina.

On May 14, 1969, there will be the dedication of the three buildings on the new campus of Wilkes Community College and also the formal inauguration of Dr. H.E. Thompson to the office of President of Wilkes Community College.

Answer to Last Week's Question

To "Answer This" Editor:

Most Emphatically no. However, I believe that the producers have a moral obligation to support those who can not support themselves.

D. W. Whelan

Gossip spreads much faster than the truth; that's why there is so much talk of scandal and so little about really important matters.

The Cougar Cry

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