



Scott and his lute

## Student Revives Ancient Craft

Lute making, an art almost forgotten today, is avidly pursued by a few craftsmen. The lute, a stringed instrument dating from the Renaissance period in history, is the forerunner of the guitar. It exemplifies some of the techniques used in the guitar but differs in the basic construction of paralleling phones and struting of the top braces. Lutes are usually made from a broad grain maple but can also be made from other resinatate woods such as cherry or rosewood. The top is usually made from a close grain spruce, other parts like the neck and peg box may be made from mahogany.

Approximately six months ago a student at Wilkes Community College, Scott Walsh, attained a set of lute plans which were drawn up in the 19th century by a German lute maker. He commented on the amount of interest to be found in the fact that most of the lute making carried on today is done by German artists. The lute Scott is making is a seven course Baroque lute which has thirteen strings. His instrument is being made in his spare time and should be finished during the quarter break before winter quarter.

Scott should be congratulated on his accomplishments in this almost forgotten art. So many of these ancient talents have

died, not to be revived and are lost in the shuffle of time. It is a commendable fact that a college student takes the time to relive the past through this musical medium.

## The Audiovisual Rooms

The Audiovisual rooms in our new buildings are still only little more than a hope. At present time these rooms, located in the bottom floors of Thompson and Hayes Halls, are mere holes in the walls. The floors, ceilings, and walls are unfinished, there are no overhead lights, electrical outlets, heating, air conditioning, doors, or furniture.

When initial planning was taking place at WCC, no plans were made for the media aspect of education. Dr. Thompson, seeing the handwriting on the wall, asked for a change order in construction to excavate certain areas under the above mentioned halls. At present there are no funds to complete these areas, but this condition should be eliminated shortly.

Located in Thompson Hall will be an electrified version of the Fundamental Learning Lab equipped with study carrels, projectors, audio devices, and at a later date, video devices. The second area will house a double

## Philosophy

(Continued from Page Two)

also does not exist, leaving this unfortunate somewhere in the foundation of his house. Now the fact being that neither his house nor its foundation really exist, he would now find himself falling through the earth and eventually out into the infinite realms of space. Now this does not really leave the follower of the idealistic philosophy much to lean on . . . does it?

A true philosophy should simply be something like the following: variety is the spice of life, the Golden Rule, Love thy neighbor, or even, to live is to dance. These short philosophies are truths that can be easily grasped--theories that actually mean something. Man tends to exist in a vastly confused state of being without all of these ridiculous philosophies to further dumbfound him.

As another equally incredible point of view the philosophy of George Berkeley should be discussed. Mr. Berkeley believed that all reality is mental and that there simply is no independently existing, external, physical world. How can this possibly be a philosophy that any rationally sane man could follow? If all reality were purely mental a person would never have to leave his bed to enjoy all of the fruits of existence. Man could just simply lie in bed and mentally visualize and experience anything

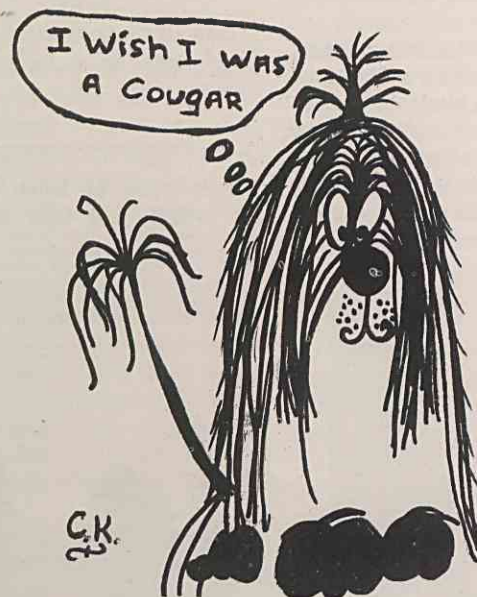


and everything that his personal character required. This would be a very wonderful way to exist, but that is the catch. A person would merely be existing not living.

It is my own personal philosophy that man should find his reason for existence in whatever way he wants without having to penetrate some murky, searching "ism" to do so.

It seems that a good enough reason for living would be the gentle ways of a man's wife. The smiling faces of robust children or the welcoming warmth of a small cottage should be enough to satisfy any man. Man should not live for the sake of philosophy or by the rule of a philosophy. Man should be free to do whatever he likes, whenever he wants to do it and in any fashion he deems fitting, just as long as he does not hurt anybody.

J.T.K.



language lab and dial access information retrieval system that will feed audio programs to the entire campus.

The large room in Hayes Hall is reserved for a large Audiovisual Production Center. The center will house a film library, preview rooms, duplication fa-

cilities, dark rooms, transparency production area, machine repair benches, and audio-video production studio.

So, this winter when we go to our new buildings, don't look for our Audiovisual rooms because they are still in the dark!