

EDITORIAL

Winter may bring an invigorating briskness to the air and a beautiful snow to the scenery, but it also brings with it dread diseases of epidemic proportions. Wilkes Community College has not been immune from this catastrophe even though it is still young and doesn't suffer the weaknesses of old age.

The sickness which has WCC in its grasp is known by the term, "INDOPLACENCY". This word is derived from two other words, indolence and complacency. Indolence may be defined as an aversion to exertion; while complacency is self-satisfaction accompanied by unawareness of actual dangers of deficiencies. Although hard to detect at first, it soon makes its presence known. Unlike a hurricane or flood which leaves behind a trail of destruction and chaos, "indoplacency" leaves a wake of stagnation and decay. This wake is almost like a vacuum and, as is well known, nature abhors a vacuum and seeks to fill it without regard as to what.

What are the student organizations on this campus doing to make WCC live and breathe? Alas, the answer is nothing! What little that is being done is the result of the half-hearted efforts of a few who feel that they have responsibility to the institution and a trust to fulfill to the student body. Where are the students as the sick ward grows!

But the students are not alone in the sick bed. The faculty seems to succumb to "indoplacency" as easily as, if not easier than, the students. In some classes the instructor seems about to die on the spot while the students have either already gone on to the "happy Learning Resource Center in the sky" or are analyzing the last few "death rattles" of the pedagogue. On the other hand the students may be so "dead" as to not bring out the ability and enthusiasm of the instructor. In either case the result is the same—postmortem showing the death of education due to asphyxiation.

Do you ever wonder about the dedication of teachers when you walk into a faculty room and interrupt a card game? Or the "esprit de corps" or the school when you see the small number of students at WCC basketball games? And do you ever wonder about the quality of education that results from things such as these? Please ponder these thoughts.

Only when the members, not student or faculty or administration but all WCC, awake and prescribe a remedy for "indoplacency" will the institution be able to grow and live up to its status as a college. As long as this disease runs rampant over the campus of Wilkes Community College, the realization of the potential here will die of apoplexy.

Comments Welcome

Any comments from the students or faculty on any letters, articles, or other forms are welcome and will be printed. The

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A Thought for the Day

The lights begin to twinkle from the rocks:

The long day wanes: the slow moon climbs: the deep Moans round with many voices. Come, my friends, 'Tis not too late to seek a newer world.

Alfred Lord Tennyson

"Tis not too late to seek a newer world." This should hold much for us, the youth of today, for we are the people that will lead this nation in just a few years. We will still have the problems of the 60's to cope

with. We will still have the problem of riots in the streets, both black and white, the problem of poverty among our people, and the increasing of Communism in the world around us. Should we be trying to solve these problems today, or should we wait with a passive voice?

Should we work co-operatively with the older generation in trying to solve these problems so that the decision will be part of our own, or should we rebel against them, alienating them to our cause?

Paul Hubbard

SNEA News

The Student National Education Association chapter of Wilkes Community College is a nationally sponsored organization for students who plan to become teachers in the future. The club officers, who were elected earlier in the year, are Mike Dancy, president; Mark Craven, vice-president; Vickie Church secretary; Wrenda Rogers, treasurer; and Betty Shumate, reporter.

During Christmas the club collected the names and addresses of all Wilkes County men who were serving in the Armed Forces and sent Christmas cards to each of them. As another Christmas project the SNEA sponsored and built a float for the Christmas parade held in North Wilkesboro.

At the last meeting plans were made for attending the state convention at Charlotte in March. Wrenda Rogers and Mike Dancy were elected as "Mr. and Miss Future Teachers" to represent WCC during convention meetings. The SNEA is sponsored by Mrs. Jo Hendrix, a mathematics instructor at WCC.

Letter to the Editor

From time to time, I have had the privilege of listening to some of my fellow students at W.C.C. gripe and fuss about a complete lack of school spirit at our school. Almost 100 percent of the time, someone will answer, "Well, when we get in the new building, it will be different."

I just want to know one thing. Do they think that merely being put under one roof with other students is going to cause a revolution? These students must be either "passing the buck" because they know they are as guilty as anyone else or they are idealists who are in for a surprise.

Richard Lovelace described the situation very well when he said, "Stone walls do not a prison make."

Stone walls do not a school make either. It's going to take more than those scattered buildings on Highway 268. It's going to take people and interest. The people we have. The interest is not to be found except for a select few. Most people call this select few the basketball team and the cheerleader squad.

An Interested Student,

ANNOUNCEMENT

Circle (K) to Assist in Bloodmobile Drive

To be Held on February 27 at

the VFW Hall

All students and faculty are urged

to Participate!