

EDITORIAL

April, 1969, brought to the community of the Wilkesboros spring weather and a new three and one-half million dollar college campus.

Wilkes Community College received its charter from the state of North Carolina in 1965. The student body was very small, and classes were held in old school buildings, local churches, and other facilities. But in the past four years this handful of students has grown to approximately eight hundred in number. These young collegiates come from all parts of North Carolina and other states and from all walks of life and facets of society. But in WCC they all find a common bond — an intimate atmosphere in which to pursue their individual preparations for life.

In the past these students felt something lacking in their college life. This need was to have something concrete, something they could see and touch and most of all, something to be proud of. The new campus has provided this.

The student body is the most important single group on any college campus; they are the reason for the school. For the student body to feel and act as a student body, they must associate with one another without the distraction of the general public. Again the new college facilities are an important step in realizing this internal cohesion.

I feel that WCC has taken a major step forward in its goal to serve the people of Wilkes County and the surrounding area as an institution of higher learning. These people owe a lot to Dr. Thompson for his ability in organization, planning, and foresight in creating a college of such scope and dimensions as Wilkes Community College has.

Official Class Attendance Policy

Printed below is the official class attendance policy as set up by the WCC faculty and administrators, and outlined by the Dean of Instruction:

A. A student who incurs in any class, one UNEXCUSED absence in excess of the number of times a class meets per week will be considered as dropped from the course.

B. Absences may be excused when caused by personal illness, death in the immediate family, or participation in approved college activities.

C. It is the responsibility of the student to clear his absence with his instructor within one week after the student returns to class. Any conflict in regard to whether an absence is excused or unexcused will be referred to the Office of the Dean of Instruction.

D. A student who incurs in

any class one absence, excused or unexcused, in excess of twice the number of times a class meets per week will be referred to the Office of the Dean of Instruction.

Not Me

Jones was sitting with his wife behind a palm on a hotel veranda late one night when a young man and a girl came and sat down on a bench near them.

Hidden behind the palm, Mrs. Jones whispered to her husband: "Oh, John, he doesn't know we're here and he's going to propose. Whistle to warn him."

"What for?" said Jones. "Nobody whistled to warn me."

A Professional

She--What job do you hold in the Navy?

Sailor--Ship's optometrist.

She--What do you do?

Sailor--My job is to cut the eyes out of the potatoes.

Announcements

There is to be a meeting of the yearbook staff on Monday, April 21. The meeting is to be held in the conference room of the Student Personal Department. Yearbook staff members should see Steve Harvel or Mrs. Bassett prior to this date to ascertain the exact time of the meeting.

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Students, faculty, and all other WCC personnel are asked not to take paper cups, candy wrappers, or other food containers out of the Student Commons area. When they end up in cigarette butt receptacles in the buildings, they make an unsightly mess which distracts from the beautiful decor of the interiors of our new facilities.

Students are asked to observe these unwritten rules so that "direct orders" do not have to be handed down from the college administrators. IT IS YOUR SCHOOL; KEEP IT CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL!

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Anyone interested in learning how to play the game of bridge should contact Mr. Paul Hepler. Mr. Hepler and other members of the faculty are willing to devote a couple of hours of their time every day to teach interested students the fundamentals of this game. Knowing how to play bridge will broaden your social life especially if you intend to transfer to a four-year school.

The "Cougar Cry" Needs YOU!

Mother--Well, Eddie did you let little sister choose which one of the two apples she wanted?

A Letter To The Editor

In the last edition of the Cougar Cry, an unsigned letter was printed that caused much talk on the campus. I wrote this letter. A lot of this talk was aimed at the unsigned editorial as a whole. When I submitted this letter anonymously, it was for a reason. Because of lack of contributions to the paper, many of the letters that appear in the Cougar Cry are written by members of the staff of the newspaper. These letters are not only written to make the student more aware of the situations at our school but also to widen the scope of the paper.

Last year I learned that many of these letters, because they were consistently written by the same people, were unread, or the people who contributed these editorials were labeled as "someone who only wanted to gripe."

I thought if the readers had the idea that this letter was written by a person outside of the newspaper staff, it would be better received and carry more weight. I was wrong and for this, I apologize to you, the students and other readers. I do not regret writing the article. I do regret that I used poor judgment in not signing the letter.

I have one other regret. The editorial was unsigned and as of the present, it is unanswered. The facts in that letter were correct to the best of my knowledge. No one has told me otherwise. No one has told me anything.

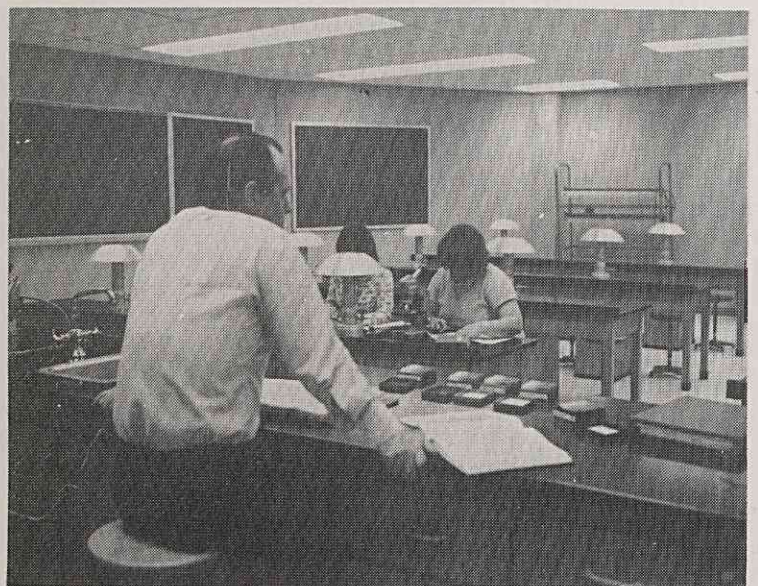
Jerry Pardue

Eddie--Yes, mamma, I told her she could choose between the small apple or none at all, and she chose the small one.

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