



The Cougar Cry

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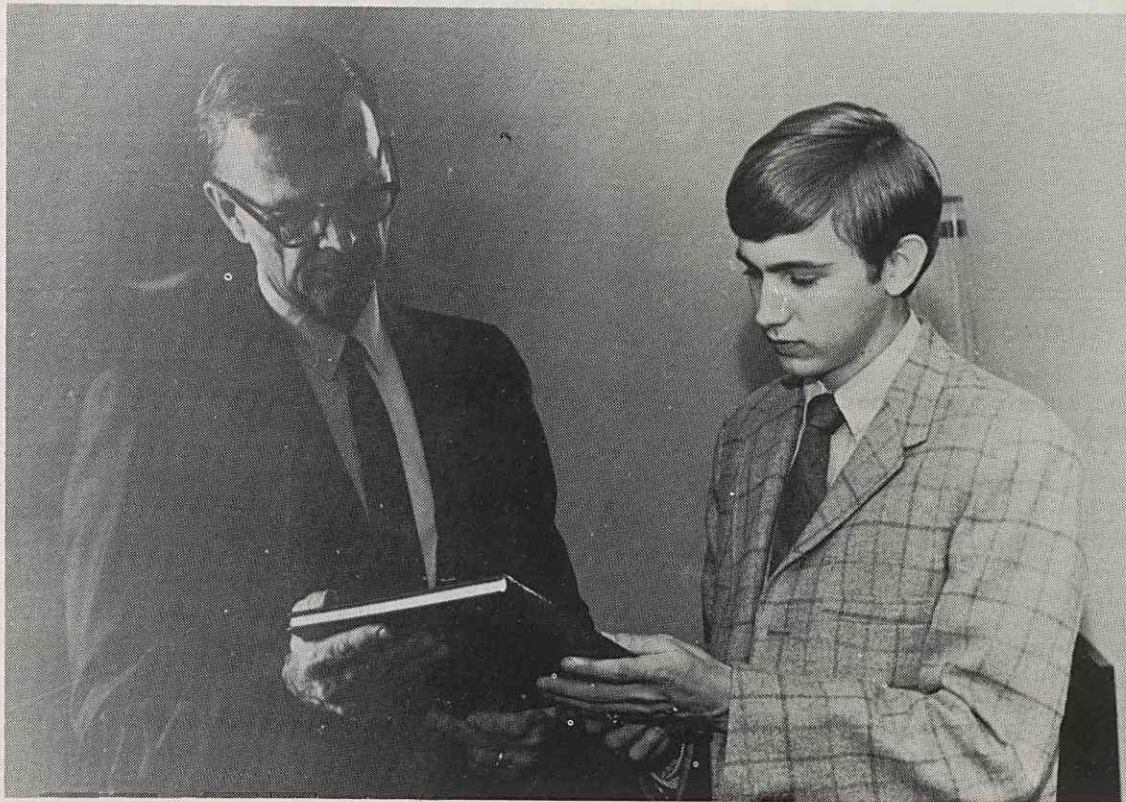


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THE COUGAR DEDICATED TO DR. THOMPSON



DR. THOMPSON RECEIVING ANNUAL

The 1969 Wilkes Community College Yearbook, "The Cougar", was released to the student population on April 24, and 26. The yearbook was dedicated to Dr. Howard E. Thompson, president of W.C.C.

This year's annual is quite impressive. It is obvious that Mrs. Bassett and the entire staff put many long hours into the production of this book. One of the more catchy features of this annual is the binding. Done in Baroque Red with a gold Cougar prominently displayed, the cover of our annual is most impressive. The actual contents are tastefully arranged and captioned so as to made the "browsing through" of this annual something more than just looking at names and faces.

The staff of "The Cougar Cry" would like to take this opportunity, to congratulate the Annual Staff on a job well done in making "The Cougar," 1969, an annual that we can all enjoy and be proud of.

Professional Opera in Wilkes

On Monday night, April 20, The National Opera Company presented "La Perichole", an operetta in English at the Wilkes Central High School Gymnasium.

The setting for the opera is in Lima, Peru. The citizens of Lima turn out on a spring day to celebrate the birthday of their ruler, Viceroy, Don Andres. The entrance of the Viceroy, in disguise, elicits loud shouts of "Long Live the Viceroy" whenever he questions a native on the merits of his administration. He is obviously recognized by everyone.

Two impoverished street singers, Perichole and Paquillo, attempt to raise the price of a marriage license by their singing. The music is good, but not profitable. Don Andres sees Perichole and immediately falls in love with her and talks her into becoming a lady-in-waiting

to his wife. His wife had been dead for years!

Poor Paquillo, having received a farewell letter from his beloved Perichole, decides to hang himself. Meanwhile, Don Andres has sent out his men to find a husband for Perichole so the whole thing will look respectable, and, through wine and persuasion, Paquillo drunkenly concedes to do it. The marriage is performed without either Perichole or Paquillo knowing whom he is marrying.

When Paquillo learns the identity of his wife, he thinks she was behind it all and goes into a fit of rage. He throws Perichole at the feet of Don Andres and earns himself a berth in the city dungeon for recalcitrant husbands.

An old prisoner, who has spent twelve years digging through the walls of his cell, joins Paquillo. Perichole enters with a bag of

jewels to bribe the jailer. However, the jailer is Don Andres in disguise again and he chains her with Paquillo for her unfaithfulness to him. Then the old prisoner appears again and helps them to escape.

A search for the fugitives begins, but Perichole decided to risk all by singing of her love for Paquillo to the Viceroy. The tender-hearted Viceroy pardons the couple and heaps riches and titles upon them, attesting to the all-conquering power of a Spaniard's Love.

The National Opera Company was founded, as Grass Roots Opera, by A.J. Fletcher, a Raleigh businessman, in 1948. The principal aims are to give experience and employment to rising young singers, and to give the public an opportunity to hear opera performed in the language of the audience. The troupe has performed over 1,700 times in the majority of the United States.

Ken Welborn

NOTICE

Students interested in participating in tennis intramurals should contact Jerry Pardue to sign up. No date has yet been set.

Death of A Salesman

Last week, the faculty and students of Wilkes Community College were treated to a film showing of "Death of a Salesman". This drama, Arthur Miller's finest, had for the title role of Willy Loman the fine actor Fredrich March.

The story of the play has to do with the last days of a failing salesman, who seeks to find out, by a tragic series of soul-searching revelations of the past life he has lived with his wife, his sons, and his business associates, just where and

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