

EDITORIAL

There are rumors around school today that the Cougar Cry will be stopped completely for the remainder of the year. To clear the thoughts in many people's minds on this matter, let us look at the SGA budget and the list of expenditures for this year. The SGA has approximately \$8000 in student activity fees to work from in this three quarter period. This estimate is based on the amount paid this fall quarter. The annual received a budget approved of \$5800, which was lower than last year's budget. This left \$2200. From this came the newspaper's budget request for the Fall quarter which amounted to \$635. From this also came \$400 for the President's trip to Washington where he met with other college President and leaders of the United States.

The SGA paid a \$300 debt from the first dance this year, had a \$750 loss on the concert, and had \$100 in bills from last

year. This leaves a grand total of \$15 in the SGA budget. So, what happens to a newspaper when it has no funds? Does it fold up? Does it quit? My first thoughts were to do just that, but friends and co-workers urged that it not be given up. Therefore, we are seeking financial support elsewhere to sustain our paper through this crisis. Even though there may be only one issue a quarter, the paper will stay alive if it is all possible. Many people have expressed the wish that we continue.

Did the SGA put all its eggs in one basket? The cost of the recent concert featuring a group called the Box Tops exceeded \$2000. The loss on this venture was approximately \$750. Maybe for a small college in a town this size, a number of smaller projects with less cost per project would have been more appropriate.

Judge Johnson Jay Hayes

In his four score years and four, Judge Johnson Jay Hayes proved himself to be one of Wilkes County's tall men, and his passing (as the poet Markham said of Lincoln) "leaves a lonesome place against the sky."

He was a judge who had a heart --

A Sunday School teacher who stirred the soul--

A friend of education who challenged the mind.

Indeed, it was largely through his efforts that Wilkes Community College came into being with the granting of a charter in October, 1964. It is fitting that on an October morning five years later, the Judge Johnson Jay Hayes Classroom Building was dedicated in his honor. His portrait was placed in the building and a plaque, bearing the following inscription:

IN HONOR OF JUDGE JOHNSON JAY HAYES RETIRED FEDERAL

JURIST AND CHARTER MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THROUGH WHOSE UNTIRING EFFORTS WILKES COMMUNITY COLLEGE WAS APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

No one present for that memorable occasion could have foreseen that the October following would mark his passing-- "A loss," in the words of Dr. Thompson, "not only to Wilkes Community College but to the county of Wilkes."

Dean Idol spoke for many when he said: "As individuals and as a county we are richer because Judge Hayes passed this way-- because he touched us."

EDITORS NOTE: My sincere apologies to Harry Mayes whose name appeared in the Coffee House article of the last issue erroneously spelled as H-A-R-R-I-E-T. Sorry Mr. Mayes!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Who wants a football team?

We have all noticed with varying degrees of interest the Football Devotees that almost daily enlivened front campus with their games. Yesterday one of these Devotees came to me with an Idea which he and some of the others had been pondering: Sine lethargy, apathy, and tension had been so apparent in the campus atmosphere this year as to merit consideration in GAS, and since football is a sport which has a spirited, cohesive following everywhere, and since we have a group of young men who obviously enjoy football, would not a formal football team "kill two birds with one stone?" Then why not organize one?

But our Devotees are not "all brawn and no brain." Being logical, educated young men they were unable to stop with an 'Idea'. Unsure of the proper channels through which to voice the 'Idea', one of the Devotees came to me. I recommended certain channels of the SGA and the President's Advisory Board and promised an article for the paper. One member of the Judiciary Council has promised to personally take to the President any petition the Devotees may present in promotion of their 'Idea.' I also urged my Devotee to have EACH of his group to present his plea for the 'Idea' in the "Cougar Cry." And, Men, don't think your opinion doesn't count! The number of st-

udents wanting a football team will be a deciding factor in its becoming a reality. Let every student of WCC voice an opinion. Let's give our campus the spirit-arousing nucleus of football.

Devotees--you've taken the first step. The hardest part--that of putting your 'Idea' into effect--is yet to come. I don't know what objections will be raised, but they may all be surmounted if you want the team badly enough. Prove your determination to have a team by producing numerous 'Ideas' to solve every objection raised.

I, for one, am a Devotee-Fan. And I can almost promise support for your 'Idea' not only among the students but out in the county as well. As soon as the spirit-demanding an organized team catches on here on campus, I'll see what emotion an article in the local paper will arouse within the county. So, Students, Devotees, Faculty, Administration: Fan this spark-ling 'Idea' into a flaming reality. Get together at least a limited petition so that the Administration must specifically state any objections it may have; for we can only oppose real objections, not vague, nebulous ones. Just get involved. If you hear an objection, jot it down. Think of several solutions, and ask others for solutions. I, for one, would like to see these Devotees get their Wish, to see an organized Football Team at WCC, and someday be able to look back at my Alma Mater and say, "I was there when....."

How about it? Who's for a Football Team?

EVA RUSSELL

EDITORS NOTE: This second letter was presented after more research had been done on the subject of a football team.

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The above article ("Who Wants a Football Team?") was written in an attempt to solicit your support for the 'Idea' and your help in making it a reality. The Devotees were working hard in several ways: They were coming up with more new ideas, they were circulating petitions to evaluate student interest (These were rapidly amassing signatures), and the 'Idea' was taken to the President. There came the veto; it seems that there is a law that only high schools and four-year college can have football teams. Two-year colleges can not. This does sound final. But another member of the administration is quoted as having said that the law is merely requiring a certain numerical full-time enrollment, which no community college can meet. I don't know. I hope to find out more. Meanwhile, it isn't a dead issue. Discuss it, ascertain the real situation for your-self.

The Devotees are still playing football and coming up with new ideas. So what are you, the students of Wilkes Community College, going to do about this? I'm listening for your answer.

EVA RUSSELL

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