

Letters To The Editor

Address Letters To: Editor of Cougar Cry
Wilkes Community College, Wilkesboro, N. C. 28697

Dear Editor:

On behalf of all who work with the American National Red Cross Blood Program in Wilkes County, we would like to express our thanks to the Student Government, Circle K Club, faculty and student body for the wonderful job all of you did in making the Bloodmobile visit such a great success to your College campus.

After our experience with you in the Bloodmobile visit, we are convinced that many of you young people on our college campuses want to get involved in what's happening today.

All of us are looking forward to the next bloodmobile visit on your campus. We are ready to come at your invitation.

Thanks again,

I. V. Couch
Chairman of Wilkes
County Blood Program

Purlear, N. C.
Jan. 22, 1972

Dear Editor,

Thank you for sending our son Sp. 4 Bradley S. McNeal a copy of the "Cougar Cry." Bradley entered the Army Feb. 23, 1971, received basic at Ft. Jackson, S. C., went to Fort Sill, Okla. for advanced training in heavy artillery, more specifically a "cannoneer."

He won canoeer of the month for November. He left Douglas Municipal Airport today, after a month's leave at home, on his way to Ft. Dix, N. J., the first leg of his journey to Frankfurt, Germany.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours
Mrs. H. J. McNeal

Who's Who Student Gets Scholarship

Miss Evelyn O'Lean Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curlee Bailey from Statesville, North Carolina has been awarded an Upper Division Scholarship from the College Entrance Examination Board.

The scholarship will provide financial assistance to aid Miss Bailey in continuing her education at a senior college. Her major is to be History with emphasis on Black History. The scholarship may be used at any college in the United States in which Miss Bailey is accepted.

Miss Bailey will graduate in May of 1972 from Wilkes Community College with an Associate in Arts degree. She has been outstanding at Wilkes Community College as a student and also in extracurricular activities. In addition to her current role as treasurer for the Black Organization of Stu-



Miss Bailey, Scholarship Recipient

dent Services, Miss Bailey is co-captain of the cheerleading squad and member of the college chorus. She was chosen Maid of Honor for 1972 Homecoming and has been nominated

for Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. Miss Bailey has also participated in the Work Study Program at Wilkes Community College.

An Evening Of Dramatics

By Carol Keys

On Friday night, January 28, the Drama Department of Wilkes Community College presented an evening of dramatic readings and songs by Mr. Bud Mayes, who was assisted by Phil Edwards, a WCC student. This program consisted of a variety of good music and interesting readings worth far more than the fifty cents admission charged.

However, the evening had extra bonuses for those who attended. For example, the audience had a chance to observe someone on stage doing the program without its having been edited as it would have been on a movie screen; and, therefore, one could associate with those involved on stage to a greater extent than could have been the case with characters in a movie. The atmosphere was warmer and friendlier than in a movie theater. The closeness that each member of the audience felt to the other was very noticeable. On stage, plays and dramatic readings bring this closeness across as a movie theater cannot.

In associating with the person on stage, one also experienced the joys, sorrows, humor and pain of the characters in the poems read and the songs sung. Mr. Mayes took the audience back in history to Biblical times as he sang "Samson," and one heard Delilah coaxing

Samson to tell her where his strength came from. The audience traveled in the silent, snow-filled countryside in "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening" and felt the parched lips and dry throat of a farmer hard at work as he sang the American folk song, "Bring Me Li'l Water Sylvie." If experience is the best teacher, then assuredly the audience derived many valuable lessons from the evening.

An exceptional job of acting and quality of voice are essential to impress people in such a way, and Mr. Mayes possesses both of these assets. He and Phil both did an outstanding performance. Other songs and readings done included Chapter One from *Look Homeward Angel*, "Barney Hainsfeather" from *Spoon River Anthology*, "Ol' Blue," and "You've Got To Hide Your Love Away."

Congratulations to the production staff who did an outstanding job. The crew included Ralph Holbrook, in charge of lights; Janet Lyon and Steve Benton, who handled business; and Hattie Brock, who did the publicity.

Definition

A go-getter: A man who runs out of gas two miles from a station.

-Dispatch, Richmond.

Bloodmobile Visit

On Wednesday, January 26, the Circle K Club and the SGA sponsored a visit by the Red Cross Bloodmobile. The number of potential donors far exceeded the goal of 125 pints, but only 98 were accepted. The sponsoring organizations would like to extend a thanks to those volunteers and the following donors who made this visit a success:

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INFLUENZA

By Stanley Miller

It has occurred to me that the school newspaper could be used as a median of students' special interests, as well as reporting school activities.

Since my interest lies in medicine and with the recent local rage of influenza, I decided to use it as the subject of this article.

Influenza is an infectious disease. There are four main types: A, B, C, D. Each somewhat different from the other. In 1957 a new strain of type "A" appeared, and since it first appeared in Asia, it has been named the Asian Flu. Another new strain appeared in 1968 and was named A2/Hong Kong/68. A single case of flu appears occasionally, but usually the disease occurs in lesser or greater epidemic form.

The cause of influenza is a virus. Viruses are smaller than bacteria and are identified with powerful electron microscopes. When a person has influenza or is coming down with it, the fluids in his nose and mouth contain the viruses. The disease is spread very easily. The most common method is through sneezing or coughing virus-laden spray into the air for others to breathe.

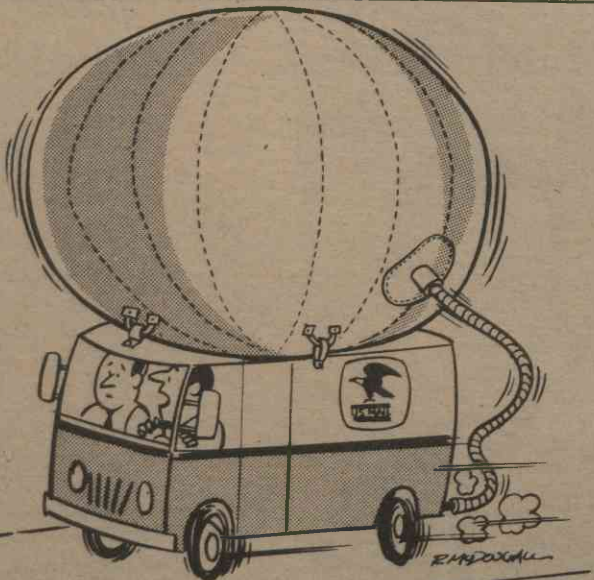
Influenza attacks the individual suddenly. The symptoms can be some or all of the following: fever, chills, headache, sore throat, cough, and soreness with aches in the back, and limbs. Although the fever usually lasts only one to five days, the patient is often as

exhausted or weakened as if he had gone through a long illness. No known medicine will cure influenza. Sulfa, penicillin, or other antibiotics have no affect upon it; although they are used to combat some of the complications which may follow.

Methods used by health departments to combat the spread of slower moving diseases are of little help against the swift attack of an influenza epidemic. It is really up to the individual to understand how this disease spreads from one person to another and to protect himself sensibly during an epidemic.

The only medical preventive of practical value known to medical science is influenza vaccine. The vaccine presently available is made specifically to combat the Asian strain of influenza. The significance of the disease is often overlooked; however, even in the most recent years it manages to claim the lives of several thousand people each year, complications being greatly responsible. Infrequently as in 1918 and 1957, rapid fatal pulmonary infection occurs. In many cases the viral pneumonia was accompanied by bacterial infection.

The disease may be sporadic or epidemic. Epidemics occur every one to four years. Influenza may also be pandemic, spreading to all parts of the world. In the pandemic of 1918-1919 nearly 10 million people died of the disease.



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An on the job shot of one of the varying courses offered at WCC. This one is Hotel Management