



The Cougar Cry

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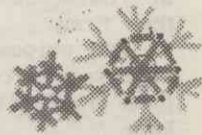


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Christmas



SCENE FROM PARADE

The Score Is 1-0, With Four Left On

By John Cashion

Being acquainted with most of our County Commissioners, I felt I would not rock the boat if I spoke with each of them as a reporter concerning their thoughts on the monies the College recently requested for its expansion program.

The conversation with each was non-partisan, non-pressure; and each was told in advance that our conversation would result in an article in the College newspaper.

Each Commissioner was very receptive, eager to explain his position, and interested in being sure I understood.

Trelia Kilby

This conversation was very short, to the point and without apologies.

"The people elected me, I have to support the voice of the people — the people said NO."

George Sale

George Sale is the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and votes only in the event of a tie.

His comments were favorable: "I personally am in favor of it if we can provide it. We are gonna go all out. This will be the first big money we will have the responsibility of spending, and we must be sure it's the right thing to do."

Peggy Marley

The only (and I think the first) woman on the Board impressed upon me that she was speaking only for herself and not the board as a whole. She told me that of the letters and comment she had received, none were in opposition to the college having the monies it requested, and she thinks "it" looks favorable, but there are some further questions which must be answered.

Other statements were "I hope so; looks favorable; many things to consider; and trying to find a way."

Although she was totally non-committal, I felt undertones that Commissioner Marley was sincerely interested in the cause.

Gerald Lankford

"I have not yet made up my mind because I am not through researching it, I don't know whether or not we have the money, and if we do not, if we

can morally raise taxes when the voters have so recently voted against a tax raise for this purpose." He told me the Board would recall Dr. Thompson for the December 17th meeting to ask more questions about how the money will be spent. "We also need to know if this will need to be a lump sum payment or if it can be done on an installment arrangement. I know I have given you a politician's answer, but I will assure you I personally will do all in my power to try to find a way."

I believe him.

Green Shepherd

"At this time any statement I made would be more damaging than it would be good. It's an uphill struggle. The taxpayers have already said no to two million and what we are talking about is 25% of that. Now, I must consider that fact, and so will the commissioners that want to be elected again. However, in the final analysis, I will do what I think is best for the county."

I was impressed by the candor and openmindedness of all the commissioners with the possible exception of Mr. Kilby. Although he certainly was to-the-point and honest about his feelings, I felt that what he may call progress would be the exchange of one nuisance for another.

This is in no way intended to be a prediction of the outcome of what the Board of Commissioners will decide, but rather is a personal feeling of where our support may lie.

Cougarland Christmas

On Thursday, December 19th, Wilkes Community College's SGA will sponsor a foot-flying, meat-moving, body-bumping dance. Two bands will play; "Stoney Creek" from 7-9 p.m., and "Kentucky" from 9-2.

Due to the SGA's Yuletide spirit, admission to the dance is free to WCC's students, faculty staff, and their guests. All others \$5 each.

Get into the spirit of Christmas; come on down to the Star Dust Inn and have a rip-roaring time!

COUGARS ANNIHILATE CVTI

Behind a 24 point outpouring by freshman forward Mike Richardson the Wilkes Community Cougars picked up their second win in five outings Friday night at the Wilkes YMCA.

The crowd could not be called capacity, but those who did manage to work the game into their schedule witnessed the Cougars running a smooth offensive game, a very aggressive defensive game and an all round superb performance.

Richardson, leading field goal percentage shooter in the conference had 14 of the Cougars 40 points at the half. WCC went into the dressing room with a sizeable 40-19 lead over Catawba Valley who had lost earlier in the week to Surry Community College in Dobson. Excellent backcourt work by

Jerry Byers, Steve Bumgarner, Rick Anderson, and Henry Anthony combined with key rebounding and the high percentage shot proved too much for CVTI who found themselves down by 33 points with 10 minutes remaining in the game.

Then was the time for some Cougars to see their first action of the year. Thomas Hackett and Mike Caldwell were sent in underneath to relieve Horton and Richardson. Hackett connected for two and Caldwell hit a bucket that ruled nil after he was called for steps.

BOX SCORE — WCC

	fg	fta	ftm	tp
Richardson	11	3	2	24
Horton	2	2	1	5
Hunt	3	4	3	9

Anderson	5	2	0	10
Byers	3	0	0	6
Bumgarner	3	3	1	7
Hackett	1	1	0	2
Zachary	3	1	1	7
Persons	2	2	1	5
Caldwell				
Absher				
Goodman				
Elliott				

TOTAL 75

BOX SCORE — CVTI

	fg	fta	ftm	tp
Casstevens	5			10
Phillips	3	4	4	10
Williams	2			4
Mitchell	2			4
Ferber	5	2	2	12
Goforth		2	2	4
Price	4	2	1	9
Coffey				
Baker				
Teeters				

TOTAL 51