

President's Column

Students are what it's all about! Comprehensive curricula which speaks to student needs and deliver quality programs makes it work. As we enter a new academic year we must work together to meet those needs and maintain high quality. The faculty, staff, and administration pledge to you our very best -- we will do our homework; we will share our lives with you because we care; we will provide learning experiences for you which will help you meet your objectives successfully.

What an exciting time to be a student at Wilkes Community College! A new Developmental Studies Program will provide an

avenue for students to attain maximum proficiency in basic skills. The Criminal Justice Program offers a needed service and an opportunity for students who wish to enter this important vocational area. Cosmetology has been added to our program, as well. As we anticipate the completion of our new buildings, we realize that our campus is nearing completion physically. However, there is much to be done in all areas of our program. With your help we will have a good year. The spirit of Wilkes Community College is in you. We look forward to sharing that spirit with you.

Art Center Offers Classes

Adult evening in arts and crafts begin this week at the Wilkes Cultural Arts Center in downtown Wilkesboro. Courses being taught this fall by the local government sponsored group include drawing, jewelry, macrame, pottery sculpture and weaving.

Wilkes Community College students interested in enrolling in these courses can pickup schedule and registration forms in the Student Services Office.

To further introduce Center activities to WCC, several staff artists/craftsmen will demonstrate their skills in the college Student Commons on September 28th and 29th. Slated to appear are Susan Squires-Stewart, jeweler, and Lee Stone, painter. Squires-Stewart, who joined the Center in June will be in the Commons from 10:30 a.m. till noon on Wednesday. Stone will appear from 9 to 3 Thursday afternoon.

The Center's adult courses are being taught at two locations: the Davis House on North Street in Wilkesboro and the Center studio in the basement of the Wilkesboro Hall of Justice also on North Street. Meeting once a week, scheduled courses are: Macrame by Susan Squires-Stewart and also pottery by Jay MacNeil (Monday), drawing by Lee Stone (Tuesday), tapestry weaving by Nancy Putzel (Wednesday), and jewelry by Squires-Stewart and sculpture by Don Ephraim (Thursday).

Classes last six weeks except for the eight session tapestry course. Average course fee is \$12.

One afternoon course, weaving for senior citizens, is being held Tuesday afternoons from 1 to 3:30. Cost is fifty cents per class for the six session course.

Also being offered by the Center are Saturday classes for children in drawing, multi-media and fiber arts.

The Wilkes Cultural Arts Center was founded in August 1976. Three artists/craftsmen and one apprentice were added to its existing staff of two in June 1977.

Over one hundred Wilkes citizens enrolled in Center classes this summer. In addition to

GED Test Dates

October 5, 6
November 2, 3
December 7, 8

If you are nineteen and over, if you are eighteen and have been out of school for over six months, and **YOU WANT** or **NEED** your high school equivalency diploma, contact a member of the Student Services Office staff, Learning Lab staff, or Adult Education staff at the College or at off-campus locations.

teaching, the Center conducts demonstrations in the Wilkes public schools and at civic meetings. Funds from county and city governments, from the N.C. Arts Council and from local civic groups help support its activities.

Center studios and offices are open to visitors Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Additional information on classes and other activities is available by calling 667-5111 ext. 259, or, after 6 p.m., 667-2952 or 984-3266.

Three WCC Circle K's Attend Convention

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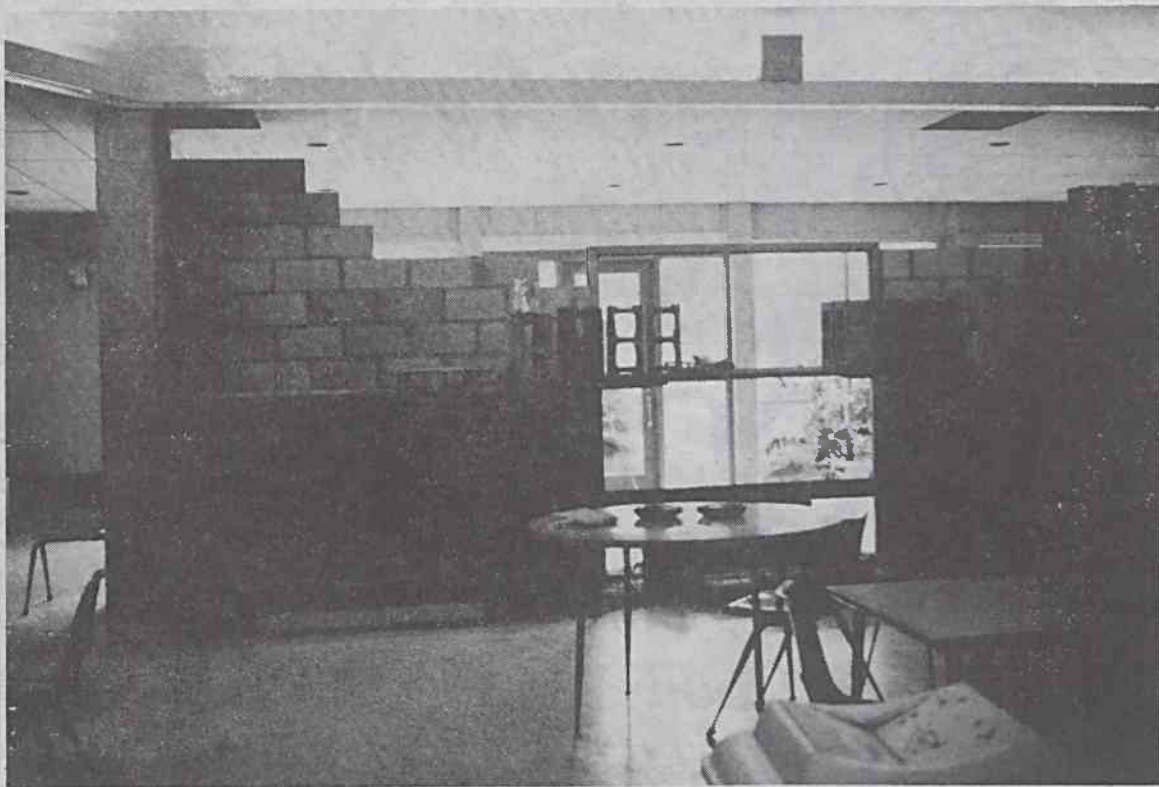
This year's Circle K International Convention was held in Kansas City, Missouri, August 14-17. Three members, Harold Blevins, Carolyn Goodman and I represented WCC at the convention.

There were a number of important speakers at the convention--H. E. Walker, Vice President of Public Affairs for Shell Oil Company; Maurice Gladman, President-designate of Kiwanis International; and Robert J. Dole, United States Senator for Kansas. Entertainment was provided at nearly all functions. We had a comedian, well-known singing groups, and other fantastic entertainers.

Each day our agenda was full. Meetings started early in the morning and sometimes did not end until midnight. Since Harold, Carolyn, and I were all delegates, we attended the Caucus meetings held to hear and question the candidates running for international office. Our immediate past District Governor, Randy Swing, ran for International President; he was not elected President, but was elected Vice President. Our district, the Carolinas, won "most improved district," which was quite an accomplishment.

Our trip to Kansas City was very exciting. We learned a lot about club improvement, service projects, and many other Circle K functions. We also had a good time meeting new people, sharing ideas and projects.

Circle K is a service club sponsored by Kiwanis International. All Wilkes Community College students who desire community involvement, fellowship, and fun are invited to attend our weekly meeting on campus. **JOIN CIRCLE K--IT'S WORTH IT!**



Good-bye Sunshine

Walls have flown up in the Commons. College plans required a developmental studies area and the wizards in the administration are materializing one. There will be a new Commons in the new building. Y.B. Johnson and his merry band of mortar slingers appeared to be making hasty fortifications the first week of September. What they have achieved is a first rate professional looking wall. Soon the den of iniquity we all enjoyed so much will be a hallowed hall of learning. Progress is moving the wingy Commons gang onto new fields of battle. I sincerely hope people will spend as much time learning here, as in days gone by they squandered avoiding the library and teachers whose classes they were cutting.

AFA Degree To Be Offered

Wilkes Community College was approved last year to grant an Associate in Fine Arts Degree (AFA) in Drama.

The North Carolina Department of Community Colleges approved the program to grant the degree during the 1976-77 school year. WCC has offered courses of instruction as well as production experience for the past eleven years. Bud Mayes, director of the program, stated that only in the last few years has there been a demand for and enough students to initiate a full degree program in theater arts.

The AFA program is designed for those who are interested in taking a concentration in theater courses on the junior college level and/or transferring to a senior institution and continuing their studies for a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) or a Master of Fine Arts (MFA). A number of universities in the state and region offer such degrees.

Major emphasis is on production experience and a full schedule of shows is presented each year to meet these needs.

Courses include Play Production, Introduction to Dramatic Arts, Introduction to Cinema, Acting and Stage Movement, Stagecraft, Scenery Design, Stage Makeup, Stage Lighting, Dramatic Literature, Educational and Community Theater Management, Directing, and Theater History.

Those interested in the program should contact Bud Mayes in General Studies or the office of Student Services.

College Workstudy

The College Work-Study (CWS) Program provides jobs for students who have great financial need and who must earn a part of their educational expenses. You may apply if you are enrolled at least half-time as a graduate, undergraduate or vocational student in an approved postsecondary educational institution.

The educational institution which participates in College Work-Study arranges jobs on campus or off campus with a public or private nonprofit agency, such as a hospital. If you are found to be eligible, you may be employed for as many as 40 hours a week.

In arranging a job and determining how many hours a week you may work under this program, the financial aid officer will take into account: (1) your need for financial assistance; (2) your class schedule; and (3) your health and academic progress. In general, the salary you receive is at least equal to the current minimum wage. Maximum hourly wage rate depends on the job and your qualifications.

Apply through the Financial Aid Officer at your school. He is responsible for determining your eligibility and arranging the job.

Applications are available in the Student Services Office at Wilkes Community College.

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Basic Educational Opportunity Grant Program

Application



The Basic Educational Opportunity Grant Program (Basic Grants) makes funds available to eligible students attending approved Colleges, Community/Junior Colleges, Vocational Schools, Technical Institutes, Hospital Schools Of Nursing, and other post-high school institutions.

In academic year 1977-78 (July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978) you may apply for a Basic Grant if you are an undergraduate student enrolled on at least a half-time basis in a program of study which is six months in length or longer.

To apply for a Basic Grant, you must complete a form called "Application For Determination Of Basic Grant Eligibility" for the 1977-78 academic year.

You may get copies of the application from Postsecondary Educational Institutes, High Schools, Talent Search, Upward Bound Projects, and Public Libraries, or by writing to P.O. Box 84, Washington, D.C. 20044.

Send the completed form in accordance with the instructions on the application. Within six weeks you will receive a notification of your eligibility.

Applications are available in the Student Service Office at Wilkes Community College.