

Editorial

Over the holidays, I had the opportunity to travel out West. As I passed through Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, and finally Colorado, I was continually reminded of how beautiful our state of North Carolina is. Even though the trip to Colorado Springs was enjoyable, I was glad to return to home. On the trip west, we passed through the Mississippi Valley area of Tennessee and Arkansas and was witness to the incredible damage caused by the floods from the Mississippi and its tributaries. Everyone in the car was kind of "shaking in the car seats" as we passed through a tornado watch area in Central Arkansas; we were constantly watching for something to sweep us to the "Land of Oz." If you love boring flat lands, houses only three miles apart, and gas stations at the end of each tankful. I would encourage you to move to the western section of Oklahoma and the Texas Pan Handle. Only Eastern Oklahoma closely resembled North Carolina. As we approached Amarillo, Texas, we ran into semi-blizzard conditions; for all you snow freaks, you haven't seen snow until you go to Texas and watch the wind blow the snow. Once again we encountered beautiful, but deadly country when we headed northwest from Texas toward New Mexico, and the southern border of Colorado. It was really boring here; and car seats don't ride too soft at 100 mile intervals. The Rocky Mountains of Colorado are beautiful scenery, but they are not beautiful driving especially if you like to slide up and down. If you think its cold here in the morning, try Colorado Springs where the only thing you worry about is if you'll get the car door open before your fingers freeze off at 3 degrees and the sun shining. After all this, North Carolina was a sight for sore eyes. I was glad to return home where we only worry about early frost, if it will rain, inches of snow instead of feet...

Michael Windsor

"Goodby, To You"

By: Missy Walton

I've forgotten what you look like
 I've forgotten how you walk
 I've forgotten the proud tilt of your head
 I've forgotten the way your mouth pulls up at the corner when you smile
 I've forgotten what a sparkling shade of blue your eyes are
 Funny, I can tell what they are now
 remember their color after we'd talked or what you wore or even
 the exact words of our conversation as real lovers are supposed
 to do. I only knew you were there
 I've forgotten your fiery temper
 I've forgotten how shy you are
 I've forgotten your strong, gentle hand and the feel of your two strong
 arms about me
 I've forgotten your way with children...and women
 I've forgotten your birthday is January 4
 I've forgotten how I blushed at the mention of your name
 I've forgotten how I strained to listen to conversations where your name
 was mentioned
 I've forgotten how I thought I saw you everywhere and then how I
 would look again to find it wasn't you
 I've forgotten all the many names, places, and things that reminded me
 of you and made my heart start beating faster
 I've forgotten how I cried the day I thought I'd never see you again
 I've forgotten the last letter I wrote you telling you how much I loved
 you
 I've forgotten passed feelings, dreams and hopes
 I've forgotten how much I loved you and I no longer think or dream of
 you
 And now if you were to tell me you loved me it would be too late for I
 have forgotten you
 I don't love you anymore and I wonder if I ever really did
 Goodby

Contest On Facts About The States

The following are facts about the meaning of the name and/or the nicknames of some of the eastern states. Send your answers to the Student Publication Office in Hayes Hall. The first person getting the answers to the office will be awarded \$5.00. The contest will be closed after January 24, 1983.

(The states included are: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Connecticut, New York, and Vermont.)

- _____ 1. "The Palmetto State"
- _____ 2. The Green Mountain State
- _____ 3. Named in honor of Elizabeth, the "Virgin Queen"
- _____ 4. The Empire State
- _____ 5. The "Nutmeg State"
- _____ 6. The "Old North State"
- _____ 7. Named in honor of Choctau Indian meaning, "I open or clear the thicket."
- _____ 8. Name was given by the Illinois Indians who lived near the mouth of the river named after the state.

CLUB NEWS Phi Beta Lambda

The start of a new quarter has come and Phi Beta Lambda is inviting everyone taking one or more business courses to come and join in on the meetings. There has been many changes made from the last quarter, and things are really picking up. Many activities are being planned for the rest of the school year. Just to name a few we plan to attend the State Competition in the spring. This is where members compete against other members from around the state in subjects pertaining to the business field. Winners will then compete in the National Competition held during the summer. We also plan to attend the National Leadership Conference to be held this July in San Francisco, California. If you are interested in joining we meet

every Thursday at 1:00 p.m., in room 145.

Our most recent activity was the construction of a float for the Christmas parade. A lot of time and work was put into this project. There was also time for fun and getting to know each member by working together. Other activities we enjoyed were the Regional Leadership Conference in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and the State Leadership Conference held at Eastern Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina. While there, we attended workshops that helped us to develop job searching skills, and the ability to communicate effectively in situations. We also had some free time for touring the local sites and shopping.

Baptist Student Union (BSU)

By: Steve Williams

The BSU has been very busy the past two months doing many exciting activities. On November 7, some of our members attended Union Baptist Church for the morning service and afterwards

drove to Kim Fitzgerald's house in Wilbar for a nature hike. While there, they enjoyed a delicious cookout, a refreshing and exhilarating 2 1/2 hour hike around the mountains and a lovely lake, and some fun social games. Later on that day around 6:00, they built a huge bonfire and roasted marshmallows. It was truly an enjoyable experience for all those who went.

Mu Alpha Theta

The Math Club has attempted to meet several times over the past few months. At one meeting, our sponsor, Dr. Josephine Hendrix, introduced NIM, a number game, to attending club members. The shirts ordered by the Math Club through the bookstore have arrived, and every club member is urged to go by and pick up their's soon. Coming up in the spring, the club will once again sponsor a bloodmobile with the American Red Cross. We hope you will support this spring time event. There will be a required meeting on Wednesday, January 12, at 9:50 in Room 410 so a yearbook photo can be made. At our next meeting, plans will be made concerning our spring trip.

By: Michael Windsor

New Year's Resolutions

- Jerri Wells — To go to Paris and study art.
- Gary Eldreth — Not to make any New Year's resolution
- Gregg Roten — No more video games
- Melanie Carven — To exercise every day
- Denise Carroll — Use time more wisely
- Robin Luffman — Not to get behind in my school work
- Lorelei Williams — To find a new way to have fun
- Harold Johns — Not to make any New Year's resolution

- _____ 9. Name means "flowery" and is sometimes called "The Sunshine State."
- _____ 10. State named for King Louis XIV of France.
- _____ 11. Known as the "Magnolia State"
- _____ 12. Named in honor of King George II of England.

Mathematics and Science Lab Completed

The Mathematics and Science Department has completed installing 15 micro-computers to be used by students in the Mathematics and Science classes beginning Spring Quarter.

SGA CORNER

From Student Government President

The Student Government Association has been very active over the past weeks. The second annual SGA Christmas dance was an enjoyable success. "Bullet" a popular top forty band, performed before a very large crowd at the North Wilkesboro National Guard Armory on December 23.

The SGA also sponsored a needy family for Christmas. Clothing, groceries, and many other items were donated by WCC students and faculty. The items were distributed to a needy family in the area with many items going to Wilkes Cares. We would like to thank everyone for their support and donations on this successful project.

Homecoming is approaching and the SGA is sponsoring a dance on January 15. The dance starts at 8:00 p.m. with students being admitted free.

By: Keith Johnson

SGA News

The Student Government Association has been busy with several projects. Besides helping out with the Winterfest, we had a Christmas dance and sponsored a needy family for Christmas. This Year's Winterfest was a great success, with various artists from across the state performing each night. We would like to thank everyone for their interest and support. The SGA also planned a Christmas dance which was held at the Wilkes County Armory on December 21, from 8:00-12:00 p.m. The dance featured Bullet, and refreshments were donated by the Coca-Cola Company and Foster Beverages. In addition to this, the SGA sponsored a needy family, consisting of a mother and three children, for Christmas. Several bags of groceries were purchased along with an outfit of clothing for each member of the family and a toy for each child. These presents were delivered to their house on Monday, December 20, by the SGA members.

Looking a little ahead, several members of the SGA will be attending the NCCCCSGA Winter Conference. This will be held February 2-5 in Raleigh. Up till now these conferences have been very prosperous for our SGA, and we hope this one will be no exception. The SGA is also planning a Homecoming dance on January 15, from 8:00-12:00 p.m. Although several bands have been looked at, we have not made a decision as to which one will be performing. We would like to congratulate one of our SGA advisors, Alan Whittington, on the arrival of his son Benjamin Alan who was born December 21 and weighed 8 lbs. 1 ounce. We would also like to wish everyone a very happy and prosperous year.

By: Kathy Walton

DID YOU KNOW?

Facts About The Earth

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| Diameter at Equator | 7,926.68 miles |
| Diameter at the Poles | 7,899.99 miles |
| Circumference at Equator | 24,902.32 miles |
| Water Area | 141,055,400 square miles |
| Land Area | 55,885,000 square miles |