

Editorial

Age Before Beauty

By Bruce Groce

Well gang, your "famed" editor has very little to say in this edition. Instead I refer you to my story on Francis George. He, at age 79, has accomplished what many our age do not. Merely coming to school and going to class does not accomplish our goal. This man, at his somewhat unusual age, beat the odds. It just goes to show that age does not determine knowledge as it is so often stereotyped. So take a tip from Mr. George and follow his example and if your determination is strong enough, you can accomplish any goal. You only get one shot at life. **Make it count!**

In Memory Of James Otis Howell

On January 12, 1985, Wilkes County lost a dedicated citizen and a loving friend; James Otis Howell, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Howell.

James was a student at Wilkes Community College and a friend to all. Wherever James went, he expressed an attitude of being happy.

James Howell was a 1970 graduate of Wilkes Community College in the Radio and Television Broadcasting curriculum. After graduation he joined the United States Army. He again enrolled at Wilkes Community College in the Fall of 1983 in the Food Service Management program.

In 1984, James entered a food display into the Cullinary Exhibit at Charlotte, NC, and received a Bronze medal award for his efforts and talent.

In his second year in Food Service Management, he was elected President of the Ye Hosts Club, which he represented the club and this office with pride, leadership, and respect for the advisors and fellow members.

Mr. Robert Johnston, instructor of Food Service Management, described James Howell as one of the best. He said, "James was a gentle, very-well liked person with a likeable personality."

The loss of such a fine person is always difficult to accept, and we, the students, faculty, and staff at Wilkes Community College send our deepest love and sympathy to the family and friends of James Otis Howell, former student and forever a friend to all.

Regina Elliott
Cougar Cry Staff



James Otis Howell

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1. Any student is eligible to submit his or her verse.
2. All entries must be original and unpublished.
3. All entries must be typed, double-spaced, on one side of the page only. Each poem must be on a separate sheet and must bear, in the upper left-hand corner, the NAME and ADDRESS of the student as well as the COLLEGE attended. Put name and address on envelope also!
4. There are no restrictions on form or theme. Length of poems up to fourteen lines. Each poem must have a separate title. (Avoid "Untitled"!)
5. Small black and white illustrations welcome.
6. The judges' decision will be final. No info by phone!
7. Entrants should keep a copy of all entries as they cannot be returned. Prize winners and all authors awarded free publication will be notified immediately after deadline. I.P. will retain first publication rights for accepted poems. Foreign language poems welcome.
8. There is an initial one dollar registration fee for the first entry and a fee of fifty cents for each additional poem. It is requested to submit no more than ten poems per entrant.
9. All entries must be postmarked not later than the above deadline and fees be paid, cash, check or money order, to:

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Business - DPMA

The Data Processing Management Association has had an array of guest speakers this year. On November 6th, Mr. Phil Osborne, a computer operator from Holly Farms, visited the club. Mr. Ken Watuch a computer programmer at the Lowes Company, was the next speaker on December 4th. The most recent visitor was Ann Weatherman, the manager of systems analysis at Northwestern Bank, who came on February 5th.

Due to bad weather and conflicting schedules, DPMA has not held as many meetings as desired. Their regular Schedule is the first and third Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. in room 136. All freshmen in EDP or pre-computer science are urged to attend the meetings. If more information is desired, please contact Mr. Jim Payne or Sandra Lunsford.

By: Pat Snow

BSU

On December 6th, the Baptist Student Union was visited by Dr. Rick Traylor of Raleigh. Looking like a scene out of the Bible, he dramatized the story of the Leopards. I greatly benefitted from the words spoken by this man and I'm sure everyone else, who attended, did also.

By: Pat Snow

Business - Phi Beta Lambda

On December 18th, Phi Beta Lambda had a Christmas party, which was attended by six members and a guest. Dr. Miles and Jan Tugman attended this party. This club is also looking forward to the visit that will be paid to them by Mr. George Forester on February 7th. He will be speaking on investments and stock marketing. Phi Beta Lambda is also planning to attend the PBL State Leadership Conference in Wilmington on March 29th through the 31st.

By: Pat Snow

Gold: The No Good Metal

The captain of a merchant ship, on his way from England to Australia, was blown off course during a storm. Fortunately, he found an island, an uncharted place with a natural harbor.

After the storm passed, a native invited the captain to visit and he agreed, especially since he noticed the many gold ornaments around the native's neck.

"Where do your shiny things come from?" asked the captain.

"On island. Lots on island, but no good. Too soft."

"Can you give me some?"

"Give much."

"That's generous. Tell you what. Give me as much shiny metal as the weight of ten men, and I will give you ten bolts of cotton."

"Show cotton."

The captain produced the material and the native smiled. "Your cotton nice. Good! Me take. Later bring you metal weight of twenty men."

On the following day, the native and several of his friends delivered a large quantity of metal.

"But this isn't gold!" screamed the captain. "We agreed on the shiny metal."

"This better," said the native. "It iron. Most good. Can make many things. Don't want cheat you. Shiny metal no good. Too soft."

Financial Aid for 1985-86

The necessary forms for applying for financial aid for 1985-86 are now available in the financial aid office. Whether you plan to continue at WCC or to transfer to a four year institution you may pick up the financial aid forms.

Financial aid has helped millions of students continue their education. If you think you need outside help, your chances of getting it are best if you apply the right way at the right time.

WCC, as do most colleges and state programs, asks that you complete either a Family Financial Statement, a Financial Aid Form or an Application for Federal Student Aid. These forms collect information about your family's income, assets, family size, etc. that are needed to determine your need.

If you are interested in the Pell Grant only, you need to complete the Application for Federal Student Aid. However, if you are interested in other grants and in the College Workstudy Program you need to complete and send in one of the need analysis forms. Wilkes Community College and many other colleges want you also to complete an institutional application for aid.

Check the deadlines for each college, state program, or other scholarship programs to which you plan to apply. The need analysis forms should be filed as soon as possible after January 1, 1985.

Please come by the financial aid office if you have questions or need help completing the forms. Financial aid is available to those students who need it.

Alan G. Whittington
Financial Aid Officer

Appreciate Your Castle

"For a man's house is his castle," wrote Sir Edward Coke in 1644. (Needless to add, that house is her castle as well, but that's another story.) The important fact is that no matter what one is or appears to be in the world, home is where each is emperor. Chairman of the board or file clerk, teacher or student, Hollywood star or plumber, genius or moron - all are absolute rulers in their own homes.

Another important fact about each castle home is that its size, architectural style, furnishings, grounds - none of those makes the home less a castle. Be it a mansion on a thousand-acre estate or a one-bedroom apartment in an ancient tenement, home is where both rich and poor alike can do... whatever.

One's house is, indeed, his or her castle. And you really can't appreciate it until you've left it.

TERSE VERSE

Of seven days in every week
his favorite is one day:
That restful day he finds unique
between Saturday and Monday.