

## The Editor Speaks

I have seen the haggard shoppers grimacing with headaches, complaining about every blister forming on their feet. But as painful as it all seems, they cannot hide that special sparkle, and even tired toes cannot control that extra spring in their steps.

I admit that I love it too. The time of the year has finally come to show my friends and family just how much they are appreciated.

The gifts are not always big nor are they expensive. They are simple gifts, a small token meant to

show that I care. It may be a nic nac for a collection, or a reminder of a conversation to prove that I was listening.

It is Christmas, and no matter how much we complain, no matter how little money we have at the end of the season, we must agree that without Christmas there is no reason to suffer through the rest of the year.

Merry Christmas and happy shopping, from your editor!

Helen Markle

## What Is The Best News You Have Heard All Year?

The year 1986 has almost gone by, and it is time to look back on the events that have shaped our lives, world-wide, nationally, locally and personally.

1986 was a year of tragedy for NASA, and we all felt a loss when the Space Shuttle Challenger exploded after a minute in flight, killing all seven aboard.

We remembered the tenth anniversary of the fall of the Saigon government in Vietnam. Ceremonies were held at the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. where the names of more than fifty-eight thousand dead or missing soldiers are inscribed.

1986 was also a bad year in sports. The death of Len Bias, a Maryland basketball star promoted to the NBA, brought on drug tests for all sports and uncovered several drug scandals.

The year looked promising for the Reagan Administration until just recently, a scam was uncovered between the sales of arms to Iran and shipping them to Nicaragua.

1986 was a swift year, and it is hard to remember the good news amidst the fast, ever-changing society. Therefore, I asked several students to remember the best news that they have heard all year.

Two out of ten responses were news that affected or will affect our lives in 1986-87. Reggie Wiles stated that he was glad that the Iranian-Contra arms deal, resulting in the dismissal of some of the cabinet of Reagan's Administration, was uncovered. Wanda Burns said that she was excited that "Star Trek IV, The Voyage Home" was finally released.

The rest of the interviews were news that, in some way, affected their personal lives. Kevin Miracle and Ooi Lyn Hin were glad to discover that they made an "A" in Physics. Ooi also made an "A" in Calculus. Hope Moore had good news about passing Physics and Dana Michaels likewise about Calculus.

Pat Nelson's good news was that her divorce will be final before Christmas. Keith Whitley was thrilled by the news that his father and brother got saved.

Mr. Robert Walker, the Science teacher at WCC, stated that his good news was that his daughter, Lisa Honeycutt, will be graduating with a Masters in nutrition at UNC-Greensboro at the end of this semester. Congratulations, Mr. Walker!

My good news was that my sister got married this past summer.

Now we should look forward to 1987, and try to make it a "good news year" all year long.

David Wiles  
"Cosmo"

## "What Is Special About Christmas?"

By Hope Moore

Talking with our fellow students, I found what they really thought was special about Christmas: Listed are the comments I heard:

1. "Eating food and being with my family." . . . Stanley Blackburn
2. "Trying to stay up to see Santa." . . . Kenneth Wells
3. "Putting up the Christmas Tree and lights and also drinking 'Smooth' with Santa Claus." . . . Wayne Macemore
4. "Having a get together with all the relatives that I never see." . . . Keith Whitley
5. "Not having to work on Christmas Eve." . . . Phillip Call
6. "Decorating the Christmas Tree" . . . Wanda C. Burns
7. "Not having to write anymore essays." . . . Randall Miles
8. "Spending time with my girlfriend and working more than usual." . . . Brian Ferguson
9. "Getting a break from TLC's mouth." . . . Linda Nance
10. "Not coming to classes and spending time with my sweetheart, Kent." . . . Penny Spicer
11. "Spending time with family and friends, and decorating everything for Christmas!" . . . Joan Williams
12. "Being with my sweetheart, Danny, and getting to sleep late every morning." . . . Hope Moore



## Christmas Tree at JAWCC

The beauty of Christmas fills the John A. Walker Community Center. Christmas trees are an important part of inspiring the Christmas mood. The Walker Center Staff decorated the 16 ft. balsam fir tree on Wednesday, November 26, 1986, in the lobby. The task took eight hours.

The tree is from Watauga County. There are 3600 white lights on the tree, which automatically come on at dusk, adorning the branches, along with blue birds, bird's nest, electric blue balls, bright mauve balls, berry wreaths, iridescent mother-of-pearl balls and icicles. Two blue velveteen bows complete the magnificent tree. The Walker Center staff invites you to drive by at night and share the glorious spirit of Christmas which the trees aura creates.

Kate Wright

## Club News

### SGA News

The SGA has provided the students at WCC with a fun and exciting Fall quarter. Activities included a Gong Show and a Halloween Dance, along with various other events. The SGA has also planned an eventful Winter quarter. On December 18, 1986, they will host the annual Christmas Dance. This will feature "Electric Night Life" from Charlotte. Elections held for Mr. and Miss WCC; the lucky couple that will get to ride in the Christmas Parade. Good luck to all contestants! On January 20-23, 1987, we will be celebrating Winterfest. Several activities are planned for this occasion, including the 2nd Annual Bench Press Contest. January 21st, will be the last wrestling match against Gardner Webb, and January 22nd will bring the Winterfest Dance. This will be held at the John A. Walker Center featuring the band Stratus. The highlight of the night will be the crowning of the Winterfest Queen.

Let's all support the SGA and make Winter quarter a great time.

Allison Rash

### Phi Beta Lambda

For the Christmas season, Phi Beta Lambda is planning to sponsor a Candle Lighting Service on December 20. The service will be held on the college campus from 6:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to drive through and be a part of this special Christmas service. If you would like to sponsor a candle in honor of someone you love, please get in touch with any Phi Beta Lambda member or Mr. Randy Joyner.

Some of the upcoming activities for Phi Beta Lambda will include the state conference in Raleigh some time in April, another fund raising project, and an awards banquet at the end of the year.

Phi Beta Lambda wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Joan Williams  
Penny Spicer  
Linda Nance

### BSU News

The Baptist Student Union (BSU) has gotten off to a great start this year.

At the first meeting, the officers were elected.

President - Pat Hayes  
Vice President - Jennifer Hayes  
Secretary - Alisah Blevins  
Treasurer - Keith Whitley  
Reporters - David Wiles and Debbie Norman

The advisors this year are Alan Whittington and Jo Hendrix.

Meetings are held on Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. in room 410 of Hayes Hall.

We have several activities going this year. One was our trip to see Sandi Patti in concert. All who attended the concert had a great time.

Another activity planned is our Christmas party scheduled on December 13th. Members are going to bring a covered dish. We hope to have wonderful fellowship with one another.

The BSU would love all students and faculty members to attend our meetings whenever possible. Come be a part of the BSU - a wonderful experience.

Pat Hayes

### Phi Theta Kappa

The Phi Theta Kappa Fraternity was involved in several activities during the Fall quarter. One of the activities was a very exciting trip to Yadkin County where they visited an Amish family. They visited their home, the country store, and their school. The fraternity plans to extend a helping hand to the school by supplying money to help them furnish school supplies they need. Another field trip was a visit to Isothermal Community College on December 10, 1986. The fraternity elected new officers for the 1986-87 academic year. The new officers are: Dana Michael, President; Rose Staley, Vice-President; Frankie Miller, Secretary-Treasurer; and Tamara Triplett, Keith Mastin, and Becky Faw, Historians.

Dana Michael

### BSU

Every Thursday we hold our BSU meeting in room 410 in Hayes Hall at 12:30. BSU stands for Baptist Student Union and all denominations are welcome!

On October 23, 1986, Joe David Fore, with the Baptist Campus Ministries came to join us and we had a picnic on the parking lot grass area. We had a great time fellowshiping with each other!

November 6, 1986, our President, Pat Hayes gave all the members a gift. We were honored with two special guest speakers. Mr. Kay Huggins, who is with the Baptist State Convention and he works with the youth and campus ministries throughout North Carolina. With him was Beth Harris who is a Summer Missionary and she is from Battlecreek, Michigan.

On November 18, 1986, several of the BSU's went to see Sandy Patti in concert in Charlotte, NC.

A 19 year old girl, Tammy Snipes, wrote to Dear Abby and requested that she run a poem that had been run previously in 1972. It goes like this:

### If God Should Go On Strike

How good it is that God above has never gone on strike,  
Because He was not treated fair in things He didn't like,  
If only once he'd given up and said,  
"That's it, I'm through!"  
"I've had enough of those on earth, so this is what I'll do.  
"I'll give my orders to the sun -- cut off the heat supply!  
"And to the moon -- give no more light, and run the oceans dry.  
"Then just to make things really tough and put the pressure on,  
"Turn off the vital oxygen till every breath is gone!"  
You know he would be justified, if fairness was the game,  
For no one has been more abused or met with more disdain  
Than God, and yet he carries on, supplying you and me  
With all the favors of his grace, and everything for free.  
Men say they want a better deal, and so on strike they go.  
But what a deal we've given God to whom all things we owe.  
We don't care whom we hurt to gain the things we like;  
But what a mess we'd all be in, if God should go on strike.

Debbie Norman

### What's Cookin' With Ye Hosts

The Ye Host Club has been very active since you heard from us last.

This year, the Ye Host Club participated in the Brushy Mountain Apple Festival. It was a beautiful day, and we were very successful in our sales of fresh hot pizzas and ice cold cokes. We all worked together and had a very good time.

In November of this year, a few members of our club, Gigi Grady, Tammy Hutcherson, Tammy Wolfe, Phyllis Tevepaugh and our instructor, Bob Johnston, made a trip to New York City.

We arrived in Newark, New Jersey on Saturday morning, November 1, to begin our adventure to New York. On Saturday night, we enjoyed a Broadway play. Tuesday, we went to a restaurant and hotel show at the Jacob Jabitz Convention Center that was very interesting. And on Wednesday, we were able to visit the Statue of Liberty. It was a wonderful experience for us all.

For December, our group plans to sponsor several gifts for needy children by taking names off the Christmas tree at Wilkes Mall. We would like to encourage the other clubs at Wilkes Community College to participate in this event at this time of giving.

Merry Christmas from all of us on the hill, the Ye Host Club.

President Phyllis Tevepaugh  
Vice President Tammy Wolfe

### Film As Literature

You have just paid hundreds of dollars for that state of the art V.C.R. and every chance you get, you run out and rent movies to watch. And sometimes when you have a few extra dollars, you might even brave the crowds and venture out to a movie theatre to see the new Tom Cruise flick.

Movies, movies, and more movies . . . have you ever wished you could get some kind of credit for watching movies? Now is your chance.

On Wednesday afternoon from one to four p.m. Brenda Moore heads the "Film as Literature" class.

The class allows students to watch films, express their opinions, and listen to what others have to say.

The students in Ms. Moore's "premiere" film class had only positive comments. They felt that the class was unique and they gained new insights about film making and techniques important to film makers. They also had a great time just watching movies.

If you are interested in movies and discussing them, then "Film as Literature" is the experience you will not want to miss.

Helen Markle

### Success

Success? To be successful, you set goals and work hard to reach them. Once you reach those goals, you might raise them to go higher.

My goals? I set a goal to get this issue of THE COUGAR CRY out for you, the reader. My other goal was to get you to pick this paper up. You did that. Are you reading this? That was my next goal. That smile on your face is my success.

Thanks for the smile.

Helen Markle