

Club News

Yearbook

For those who made deposits for purchases of a yearbook, the student had a chance to win a "homeless" WCC panda bear. This was sponsored by the WCC Bookstore. The drawing was held on September 22, 1988, in the Student Commons. The winner was Jones Brian Darnell. This panda bear was delivered to him in his chemistry lab class. Jones is quoted, "I can't believe it. My sister will take it away from me." A colleague in the class, Michelle Hamby, is quoted, "No, he can't have it!" In spite of this reply from Michelle, Jones did give the panda a warm, loving home.



BSU

The BSU meets every Thursday at 12:30 in room 410. Thus far, members have sold doughnuts and went to an Amy Grant concert on October 6. Grant Caudill and Wendy Moser attended the Fall Convention at Ridgecrest. They met students from other colleges and had a terrific time. On October 27, members dined at the Cottage House to discuss business. Members have also dined at Sunny Italy on October 29, and members visited the Haunted House on 115 near Wilkes-Iredell Fire Department. Our planned trip to see Sandi Patt's performance will be on April 12 at the new Charlotte Coliseum. Everyone is welcome to come and join our Christian fellowship.

Phi Theta Kappa

On September 29, 1988, ten students were initiated as official members of Alpha Kappa Omega Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. The following members are listed: Janet Harless, president; Brenda Harrington, vice-president; Shirley Welborn, treasurer; Diane Absher, recording secretary and Newsletter co-editor; Brenda Joyce, public relations secretary; Donna Garris, social committee chairperson; social committee members Albert McGee, Randy Whittington, and Jeff Clark; and Jamie Hamlin, co-editor of the newsletter committee. Sandra McCloud has become our newest member.

The initiation was conducted by Dr. Jo Hendrix and Dr. Barbara Holt, advisors; and Brenda Hartsoe, alumni member. All members and invited guests enjoyed refreshments after the ceremony.

SGA

Campaign week for candidates running for freshman class elections was October 3-7, 1988. On October 11, campaign speeches by candidates were given. The freshman class elections were then held on October 12-13. The following students were voted in as freshman SGA officers: Tim Pittman, president; David Cartner, vice-president; Tanya Stewart, secretary; Ritchie Greer, treasurer. Chris Sanders, Kim Shores, Kandi Kearman, Mandy Taylor, Darron Brown, and Hosea Hampton were also elected as senators.

Camera Club

The Wilkes Community College Camera Club will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, November 15 at 1 pm in room 415 of Hayes Hall. The subject for this meeting will be the use of filters in photography for both improved color quality and special effects.

Membership in the camera club is open to any WCC students, faculty, or staff member interested in improving photographic skills. Beginners and experienced photographers are welcome to share in the club's activities.

The camera club directs its activities toward "how to" techniques for learning photography skills. Future club activities include workshops on nature, landscape, flash, and portrait photography, slide shows by experienced photographers, visits to photo exhibits, and more.

Contact Larry Caudill or Lynn Worth for additional information.



TO: ALL WCC STUDENTS:

The WCC Security Team seems to be receiving some criticism from students concerning the parking situation on campus. We feel that this is unjust criticism. Each student received a set of parking procedures and rules when they enrolled for classes, so they should be aware of these rules.

We, as WCC Security Officers, also have rules that we must abide by. These include enforcing a campus wide 15 MPH speed limit, issuing tickets for infractions, such as parking in a restricted space or not having a parking sticker on the left rear window of a vehicle.

We realize that parking is a problem due to the construction and special events we have on campus. All we ask is your indulgence and cooperation in keeping our campus a safe place and a place we would be proud to have visitors see.

Our Security Team is here to help you, but we need your cooperation also.

Sgt. David Johnston
WCC Security

President's Message

Just as we have watched the arrival of fall and the changes the season brings, the faculty and staff at Wilkes Community College are witnessing another change.

It is the change we see in students, as you learn and work hard to reach higher goals.

As you progress in your program of study, you become closer each day to greater rewards in your future. Your achievements are also a reward to our faculty and staff, who dedicate themselves to bringing you the best in educational opportunities.

You have proven to be an excellent group of students this fall

quarter. That is evident in the effort and enthusiasm you put into your studies and student activities. As we approach winter quarter, I urge you to keep your dreams foremost in your mind. Take every advantage of this opportunity to learn. Call on the faculty and staff to help you.

Remember that great things are achieved one small step at a time. Be persistent and stubborn in your efforts. And most of all, be proud of what you are accomplishing.

We look forward to beginning winter quarter with you in November.

... Dr. David Daniel



"I think I'm undecided... but I'm not sure..."



Editorial Voter Apathy

The Washington-based Committee for the Study of the American Electorate has concluded. "There is every likelihood that turnout in November elections will be both down and the lowest in 40 years."

It is possible that only half of the estimated 170 million eligible voters are likely to cast ballots. Sixty-five million eligible Americans are not even registered to vote. Because most people don't exercise their right to vote, elections are increasingly being decided for all the people by the minority who do. In 1984, for example, only 68 percent of eligible voters actually did vote. That means only 25 percent of eligible voters exercised their right to vote in 1984. This demonstrates how a minority actually dominates national politics.

In local and state elections, turnout is frequently even lower, since voters often do not bother to complete their ballots. Voter turnout in primary elections and in school board elections is worst of all. It usually averages just 10 percent of eligible voters. In the races, one reason for low turnout is the erroneous belief that one person's vote simply won't make any difference. But, in today's politics, just the opposite is true.

Because so few citizens vote, those who do are very powerful. For example; if only half of registered voters vote in an election and a candidate wins by 55 percent, this means that only 27 percent of the registered voters elected the winner. This is clearly not a majority. Many elections have ever been decided by just one vote or less per precinct.

Basically your voting precinct is your local neighborhood. For example in 1960, John Kennedy won the presidency by an average of only one-half vote per precinct.

Everyone should be encouraged to vote since a minority of voters can swing an election. Elections are very winnable. Victory comes through identifying those citizens favorable to the candidate, registering them to vote, and getting them out on election day. The apathy of some becomes opportunity for the activists.

Critical elections are upon us. Not only the presidency, but one-third of the U.S. Senate and the entire House of Representatives are to be elected. The outcome will influence laws and public policy into the next century. Not only this election, but future elections should be taken into consideration. Three important questions must be asked. 1) Are you and all your friends registered to vote and committed to voting on election day? 2) Have you critically examined the candidates positions and voting record on the issues? Is your view of the candidates based on television commercials or possibly biased news reports? It is best to contact the candidates organization and ask direct questions. 3) Would you spend just a few hours or just a few dollars to help a good candidate get elected? Volunteers are important.

With or without your input, laws and public policy will be made. To be apathetic is to surrender these decisions to others.



NUTCRACKER

Tuesday,
December 6, 1988

Ballet South presents this magical holiday ballet about a little girl named Clara. Her wondrous Christmas Eve unfolds on stage - a storybook night when toy soldiers do battle, the Mouse King rules, sugar plum fairies twirl, snowflakes dance, and a nutcracker doll comes to life. Famed dancer Mikhail Baryshnikov has hailed the Company as "Talented, young, energetic... and with quality and determination."

Cash for Books

We buy the widest range of books.
Hard or soft cover — whether used on this campus or not.
Sell them at:

WCC BOOKSTORE
WILKES COMMUNITY COLLEGE
TUESDAY THRU THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 15 THRU 17
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

