### The Editor Speaks

Why an Oddball?

Spence, a really smooth-looking fellow, was also one terrific guy in terms of intelligence, physique, and hand-to-eye coordination on the baseball field.

But Spence had a problem: his toes. He had twelve of them, six on each foot. Unusual? Yes. But so what?

Spence didn't treat his toes as a sowhat fact. Instead, when he was introduced to somebody, off came his shoes and socks so he could exhibit his twotoo-many toes.

The result: People who didn't know him well judged him a twelve-toed oddball.

Too bad. For he could have been judged a top fielder and batter or an honor student or a sharp dancer or a better than so-so debater. He could have been recognized by any number of outstanding characteristics and achievements. But rather than capitalize on these, he stressed his one peculiarity: two tiny additional digits.

For some reason, too many people flaunt their poorest or so-called funniest features. Maybe they think that's the best way to be in with the crowd.

Could be, however, that exposing their best mental, physical, and social assets would make them stand out with the crowd.

What do you think?

#### Phi Beta Lambda

Phi Beta Lambda is an organization for students interested in the field of business. The growing interest in this field, added to the interest in the club, made up for a 67% increase in membership, this quarter. There are 30 members in PBL. Officers were elected at the second meeting, and results were are follows:

President .... Jennifer Dolinger Vice President . . . . Randy Royal Vice President of

Committees . . . Jason Martin Recording Secretary .. Beth Jones Corresponding

Secretary . . . . . Peggy Benson Reporter ..... Karen Brown Co-Parliamentarians

.... Jennifer Carlton ..... Cindy Greer Treasurer ..... Rita Colbert Historian ..... Renee Bannigan

In addition to the election of officers, the club decided on fund raisers to promote the Free Enterprise Project. The members decided to have a Bake Sale and a Raffle. The Bake Sale made a profit of \$61.45. The raffle made a profit of \$165. The winners in the raffle were: Jason Martin: first place - \$50; Bud Rhodes: second place - \$30; Jennifer Rose: third place - \$10.

On November 8, six Representatives (Jennifer Dolinger, Amy Royal, Beth Jones, Mandy Vanoy, Rose Higgins, and John Lawson) traveled with advisor, Marty Franklin, to East Carolina University. While at ECU, the group participated in a Fall Membership Training Program.

PBL has also Adopted A Highway. On October 22, PBL members joined together to do their part in making the environment a cleaner place to live.

PBL is an active club that illustrates the quality of education that one may obtain, while pursuing a career in business, here at WCC. If you are a student who is looking for an opportunity to get involved in school, while gaining knowledge of the business world, you should check out PBL. For more information see Marty Franklin or Jennifer Dolinger.

Karen Brown Phi Beta Lambda Reporter

### Answers to Whiz Quiz

ment, European diseases and slaughter. tween 1492 and 1575 from enslavegenous population of the Americas be-4. The death of over 90% of the indi-

3. The Iroquois Confederacy

2, Columbus I. The Incas of Peru

#### WCC Theatre

It is difficult to determine what is needed most to present the fine caliber of entertainment witnessed by WCC Treatre audiences in the Fall presentation of A.F. Gurney's "The Dining Room." The comedy dealt with the life style of upper class people in the era of the neglected dining room. After joining the cast and working with them, I have determined that no one ability is most important, rather many talents and abilities pooled together. In addition to acting talent, a good play involves creativity and teamwork.

The acting talent of the cast evolved to a fine tune under the expert guidance of the Director, David Reynolds. All members from newcomers to veterans were cast in roles that soon became like second personalities. For example, the multi-skills of veteran Tracy Anderson were tested when he was cast in six distinct roles, ranging from a strict, authoritarian father to an elderly man realistically planning his funeral with his eldest son, Dick, who was played by Burt Jarvis. Another veteran, Tim Reynolds, excelled as Arthur, the cunning brother intent on conniving the dining room from his sister after the death of their mother. Tim also showed versatility in his role as Ted, who is involved in an affair with Peggy, played by Alison Mann. Renee McMillan gave a fine performance as Ellie, a student intent on using the dining room table as a typing desk and again as the competent, but haughty, maid, Bertha. Actor Stuart Barr displayed acting genius in his version of Grandfather, who holds the family purse strings. Michael Hall adapted well to the role of Nick, the money grabbing grandson. Stuart adeptly went from playing the aging patriarch to the role of Gordon, a borderline gigolo involved in an affair with the wife of his best friend, played beautifully by Ursula Mason. Talented Karissa Eilert wove magic in her role as Meg, the confused and unsettled daughter of near alcoholic, Jim, played by Jake Chewning. Jake also played the part of Paul, the laid back carpenter, who is preparing to repair the time-worn dining room table. Elayna Jarvis played the roles of Margery, owner of the table and possible love interest of Paul.

Newcomer Michael Laws did an outstanding job as Standish, a member of the elite upper crust, who is prepared to fight for his brother's honor. Stephanie Moser played Standish's wife, Emily. The role of Emily seemed to be made for Stephanie, who brought an air of delicate refinement to the part. Other

novice cast members, Michelle Johnson and Dacia Eilert, did a convincing job as Helen and Sarah, two teenagers who invade the liquor cabinet after being left alone at home. Peggy Benson excelled in her role as Ruth, the hostess of a dinner party held in celebration of the dining

The creativity shown by the cast in designing and building the set was remarkable. The set design was the innovative genius of Karalyn Johnson. Karalyn also displayed her talents in the hilarious, yet sensitive role of Aggie, the maid, and again in the role of an aging mother who is rapidly losing her mental capacity. Jake Chewning, lighting operator, created the mood for each scene, while Doug Steward contributed special effects through music.

Each cast member, as well as interested participants, added to the teamwork needed to put the play into production. Each contributed something according to their own talents and interests. For example, Becky Johnson and Michelle Johnson coordinated props. Gayle Byrd and Dianne Abrams contributed to the publicity needed. Scenery construction was handled by several cast members, with Burt Jarvis and Jake Chewning being lead carpenters. Stage managers, Alison Mann and Renee McMillan pulled the cast together and coordinated cues. All cast members were on hand to assist with the loading and unloading of the stage and props when the play was presented in Salisbury. The "never say die" attitude of the crew and the willingness to help each other are the attributes that made this play a success.

On Sunday, Oct. 27, the production was taken to Salisbury to be presented before the regional American College Theater Festival representatives. The play will be eligible for inclusion at the ACTF regional festival. From the regional festival, six productions are selected to be part of the ACTF national festival at the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts.

The WCC Theater will present the Sweetheart Dinner Theatre of Feb. 13, 14 and 15. This will be student directed one act plays with a buffet dinner. In the spring, the theatre will present a production of "The Sound of Music." Auditions for the roles of the Captain, Maria, and the children will be held on Nov. 14, at 7:00 p.m. at the John A. Walker Center. I know that these productions will be as successful as the one presented this fall.

- Nancy Sizemore

#### Human Still Smarter

Jane Doe, a computer programmer, owns two watches. Both of them are family heirlooms. One watch loses seven seconds a day, and the other watch doesn't run at all.

So Jane decides to present this problem to Wiley the Computer: "Which watch should I keep and which one should I throw or give away?"

Wiley Computer flashes this answer on his screen: "Get rid of the watch that loses seven seconds per day."

Jane promptly tells Wiley he definitely has crossed circuits somewhere.

Wiley then flashed back this explanation: "The watch that loses seven seconds a day will be right only once every 17 years, but the watch that doesn't run at all is right twice every 24 hours!"

Wiley Computer's logic is perfect, yet perfectly ridiculous.

No ... humans will not be replaced by machines or so-called artificial intelligence.

# Your Nitpicker

Keep Your Nitpicker From Picking On You

"I can't believe I said that." "I'm too fat/too thin/too tall/too short." "I should have done better." "I wish I were better at sports/school/making money/life." "Why don't I have a mate ... or even a date?"

Everyone has an internal critic — that nagging voice of self-put-downs inside your head which affects self-esteem. Self-esteem issues underlie many personal and societal problems examined by public broadcasting through its outreach projects.

Recognizing that it's easier to conquer the known vs. the unknown, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), in a unique, new booklet on self-esteem, has personified that illusive internal critic as a mischievous, gremlin-like, comic-book character called the Nitpicker who whispers unsweet everythings in your ear.

· Because that inner self-attacking voice is often so habitual and overwhelming, the creation of the troublesome Nitpicker enables readers to cut their critic down to size and objectively deal with its tricks, lies, and exaggerations.

The easy-to-read booklet is designed to make the principals of healthy selfesteem available to people of all ages. It is written for teenagers and adults who want to explore their best selves. It can also be used with youngsters under the guidance of parents, teachers, and child care providers.

CPB produced the booklet with the help of the American Psychiatric Association, American Psychological Association, American School Counselors Association, National Association of Social Workers, and the National Institute of Mental Health.

For single copies of this booklet (up to 99 copies), send \$2.00 for each to: CPB/Self-Esteem, P.O. Box 4205, Arlington, VA 22204. For more info, phone: (202) 879-9600.

#### Come Out A Winner

Often we encounter road blocks in our life which force us to re-evaluate and make changes. These road blocks can come in the form of accidents, illnesses, change in marital status or any variety of random encounters. It is what we do with these road blocks that determine whether we fail or succeed in taking charge of our lives. There are strategies that can be used to transform these set backs into opportunities for growth:

1. Assume responsibility for yourself. Many people never fully recover from a crises and cope by blaming God, fate or others. Ultimately, we must move beyond the hurt and assume responsibility for our own lives.

2. Surround yourself with a positive, supportive group of friends. Relationships can influence how we feel, think and behave. Avoid people who are drains on your energy. Successful people often have friends and mentors who support and guide them.

3. Be prepared to make and to act on your own decisions. We grow because of the decisions we make. One does not grow by playing it safe and hoping all will turn out well. In his autobiography, Lee Iacocca states that decisiveness the ability to make a decision and act on it — is the mark of a good manager. It is also the mark of anyone else willing to risk and to grow and become his or her

To come out a winner, we must recognize road blocks for what they are -life shaping experiences. How we handle these experiences is up to us.

— Nancy Sizemore

# Take A Day Off

... from smoking! To be precise, quit smoking for 24 hours beginning November 21 this year. To help, these "quit tips" from the American Cancer So-

1. Hide all ashtrays, matches, etc.

2. Have a stash of munchies ready, i.e., sugarless gum, carrot sticks, nuts, fruit, etc.

3. Drink plenty of liquids (except alcohol and coffee).

4. Tell everyone you're quitting and encourage them to encourage you. 5. Take a deep breath, hold it for ten

seconds, release it slowly - when the urge to smoke hits.

6. Exercise to relieve tension.

7. Ask a friend to join you in quitting and/or a nonsmoker to "adopt" you. (Materials are available from local American Cancer Society offices.)

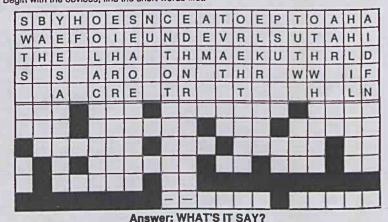
#### School Days

The average length of the school year in this country is 180 days. In Japan, it is 243 days. Other countries with longer school cycles than ours include South Korea (220 days), Italy (216 days), the Soviet Union (210 days), Thailand (200 days), the United Kingdom (196 days), Canada (196 days) and France (190 days).

- U.S. Sen. Claiborne Pell (D., RI) reported in Congressional Record

#### WHAT'S IT SAY?

This FILL-IN spells out a saying plus its famous author. To find it, drop the letters from each column into the diagram beneath, always in the same column (but in a different order). Begin with the obvious; find the short words first.



Born Nov. 30, 1835 - Mark Twain

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The lie travels halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to

# S.A.D.D. News

(Students Against Driving Drunk)

S.A.D.D. sponsored the National Red Ribbon Week at Wilkes Community College during October 19-27. Students and college employees wore red ribbons displaying the slogan "DRUG FREE AND PROUD." Educational materials were distributed to increase drug abuse awareness.

On December 18 at noon, S.A.D.D. will be serving free non-alcoholic party drinks in the Studen Commons area to support "Don't Drink and Drive."

All students interested in joining the S.A.D.D. Chapter at WCC, contact Cathy Annas, Student Development Counselor, Room 234, Thompson Hall. - Madeline Gordon

Whiz Quiz

Can you answer these questions? 1. What nation developed 3,000 separate varieties of potato?

2. What explorer was responsible for the extermination of the Arawak Indians of Haiti, whose numbers were reduced from an estimated 250,000 to under 500 by 1550 and to zero by 1650?

3. What government served as a model for the concept of federalism adopted by the drafters of the U.S. Constitution?

4. What has been called "the greatest demographic catastrophe" in recorded

## **Dental Assisting**

The students in the Dental Assisting Program perform services during lab such as radio-graphs, sealants, and nutritional counseling. High academic standards must be maintained. Officers for the Dental Assisting Club are:

President ..... Cathy Howell Vice President . . Sonda Shumate Treasurer ..... Selena Pruitt Secretary ..... Kim Freedom

A car wash was held on October 1, 1991, and the proceeds went to the Dental Club for fees and various other activities. National Dental Month is in the month of February.

Other activities include spring and summer clinic which is held at WCC in March-July and is available to students and faculty as well as the general public. For more information on these activities, contact Deana Billings at 651-8658. - Shirley Roberts

#### A Student

When William James, the psychologist, and Henry James, the novelist, asked their father (a man of independent means) what they should tell people he did, he replied: "Say I'm a philosopher, say I'm a seeker for truth, say I'm a lover of my kind, say I'm an author of books, if you like; or best of all, just say I'm a student."