

## "4-5-6 Day"

When "4-5-6 Day" signs began appearing a month ago, they aroused a lot of interest. "What's a '4-5-6 Day'?" asked many. The curiosity built. No one knew except a few Student Development staff and SGA students who would have sooner divulged their ATM code than revealed the secret. A few persistent students did find out, adding to the fun. Some confusion remained, however, after posters were up. Was "4-5-6 Day" a new tradition beginning at WCC? As it turns out, "4-5-6 Day" is an old tradition with a new name. Despite the rain, on May 4th, a delicious chicken lunch was served. Music drifted through the corridors of Thompson Hall. Indoor games with balloons and shoes replaced tug-o-war and softball. There was an evening dance. I think those who participated would agree it was fun. Is fun frivolous? Some would say yes. Research does not support their position. The literature says that college students do better and are more likely to succeed in school if they are involved in activities outside the classroom including sports, clubs, and other things. Because this opinion is not shared by all at WCC "Spring Fling" was dubbed "4-5-6 Day" and classes were not cancelled. By the time you read this SGA Elections will be over. I hope you exercised your right to vote. SGA is the students' voice on the WCC campus. Share your concerns with SGA members you know and don't be afraid to have fun!

— "Woody" Woodside

## From the Heart M-E-D-I-O-C-R-I-T-Y Spells Mediocrity

"Pick a partner for your term project," said the shop teacher to his class. "Pick carefully. Both of you will work on one of the dozen suggested projects listed on the blackboard. And to help you choose, examine the work on the benches in back of the room. They're grade A examples of top effort.

"Now, let's get started."

Good friends Rocky and Chip paired off so they could "do the thing fast and get it over with."

"Why knock ourselves out?" Rocky said.

"Yeah," Chip agreed. "Anyhow, the teacher hates my guts; we'll get lousy grades no matter what we do."

They chose what they judged the simplest thing to make; and, as expected, both received "lousy" but passing grades.

Nothing wrong, of course, with a passing grade. But all was wrong with their negative approach to the assignment. Unfortunately, their "why-knock-ourselves-out" attitude extended to all their assignments, all their subjects; and that kind of thinking continued into their adult lives.

"Always look for the easiest jobs," they told themselves.

"Don't do more than you're paid to do."

"As long as it passes inspection, it's okay."

"So what if it's getting late for work? There's always time for another cup of coffee."

"No use working up a sweat on a rush order. Let the company sweat it out."

"More money would be nice, but the supervisor hates my guts."

"Who needs the hassle of more responsibility?"

"No harm playing sick on Friday or Monday. Good for a three-day weekend to relax."

"Too many other guys want the promotion, so why try?"

With little ambition and less effort, Rocky and Chip remained \_\_\_\_\_.  
(How would you fill in that blank?)

## The American Way

King George I! No!!

In May, 1782, George Washington received a letter from Colonel Lewis Nicola who had served in the Revolutionary War. The Colonel complained about incompetence in Congress, lack of funds in the Treasury, and the weakness of republics in general.

His solution? To avert what he saw as a country sliding toward complete chaos, he suggested a monarchy headed by the commander in chief as king. Washington would then be King George I of the United States.

Washington quickly replied: "Be assured, sir, no occurrence in the course of the war has given me more painful sensations than your information of there being such ideas existing in the army as you have expressed..."

"Let me conjure you, then, if you have any regard for your Country, concern for yourself or posterity, or respect to me, to banish these thoughts from your Mind, and never communicate, as from yourself, or any one else, a sentiment of the like Nature."

Having fought hard for independence from one monarchy, George Washington could not imagine turning around and installing another. Nor could the other framers of the Constitution... thankfully.

## Attention Poets

Owings Mills, Maryland (USA)

— The National Library of Poetry has announced that \$12,000 in prizes will be awarded this year to over 250 poets in the North American Open Poetry Contest. The deadline for the contest is June 30, 1993. The contest is open to everyone and entry is FREE.

Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner. Every poem entered also has a chance to be published in a deluxe, hardbound anthology.

To enter, send ONE original poem, any subject and any style, to The National Library of Poetry, 11419 Cronridge Dr., PO Box 704-XN, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be no more than 20 lines, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked by June 30, 1993. A new contest opens July 1, 1993.



## You Can't Have One Without The Other

The following famous people are often remembered as a duo. Fill in the blanks.

1. Lewis and \_\_\_\_\_ (explorers)
2. Franklin and \_\_\_\_\_ (White House residents)
3. Burns and \_\_\_\_\_ (vaudeville team)
4. Gilbert and \_\_\_\_\_ (wrote operettas)
5. Bonnie and \_\_\_\_\_ (bank robbers)
6. Simon and \_\_\_\_\_ (pop music team)
7. Antony and \_\_\_\_\_ (lovers)
8. Orville and \_\_\_\_\_ (inventors)
9. Boswell and \_\_\_\_\_ (literary friends)
10. Astaire and \_\_\_\_\_ (dancing team)
11. Laurel and \_\_\_\_\_ (comedy team)
12. Victoria and \_\_\_\_\_ (married British rulers)
13. Rodgers and \_\_\_\_\_ (wrote musicals)
14. Sacco and \_\_\_\_\_ (anarchists; cause celebre)
15. Ozzie and \_\_\_\_\_ (TV mom and dad)
16. Torvill and \_\_\_\_\_ (ice skaters)

## How Does Your Garden Grow?

Plant a different kind of spring garden this year —

First six rows of lettuce: *let us be happy, let us make intelligent choices, let us be truthful, let us laugh, let us consider the other guy, let us love one another.*

Second, three rows of squash: *squash gossip and rumors, squash destructive criticism, squash indifference.*

Next, two rows of peas: *prepared-*

*ness, promptness, perseverance, politeness.*

Plus, three rows of turnips: *turn up with a smile, turn up with a new idea, turn up with real determination.*

Finally, no garden is complete without plenty of thyme: *time to listen, time to relax, time to think, time to work, time to read, time to ... stop and smell the roses.*

## Computer Programs

Student Support Services now has the following software programs that make learning subject such as math, medical terminology, science, anatomy and physiology, etc., a breeze! These are like studying by playing Nintendo.

Bodyworks; Medical Terminology Made Easy; Algebra Concepts; Strategies for Solving Math Word Problems; Algebra Equation Solving Skills; More Power To You! Exponents & Scientific Notation; Chemaidd; Protozoa; Clip Art for Math Technology (for instructors); Clip Art for Science Technology; Learning Dos; Using Dos; Introduction to Windows; Customizing Windows; Wordperfect 5.1; First Choice 3.1; Physics Software designed using TOOLBOOK.

We will be getting in the following tutorial programs soon:

U.S. Constitution Tutor; American History: Becoming a World Power, 1865-1912; Phrase Maze: Grammar Through Phrases; Talking Spell - X Plus; Talking Word Attack for English, French and Spanish; Work Munchers; Alge-Blaster Plus; Studymatic; Test Quick!