

## From The Editor

To begin with, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. Now that the holidays are over, routines are now again starting new. Once again it is the paper's desire to inform you of any events happening. If anyone has a comment or suggestion please feel free to drop me a letter. Our drop box is located outside room 405 in Hayes Hall. No comments will be overlooked. I wish to all a safe and productive new year here at Wilkes Community College.

Thank you  
Editor-in-Chief  
Brian Elledge

## January Birthdays

January is the first month of the Gregorian calendar which our modern calendar is based. The most famous event in January is New Year's Day, but there are also many birthdays in the month as well. The most famous January birthday is that of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on the 17th. Listed below is some other famous (and not so famous) birthdays in January.

9 - This day would have marked Richard Nixon's 82nd birthday.

10 - Rock singer, Rod Stewart, turns 50 today.

17 - The man who wanted the turkey to be the USA's national bird (Benjamin Franklin), celebrates his 289th birthday anniversary today.

20 - Like the Energizer Rabbit, George Burns keeps going and going, and celebrates his 99th birthday today.

26 - Hockey player, Wayne Gretzky, turns 34 this month.

27 - Today marks the anniversary of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's 239th birthday.

## Guest Editorial By E.T. "Pete" Petrie

"Faculty members...shall be assigned no more than 25 hours per week of a combination of contact and office hours." The 25 hours only covers two of the five faculty responsibilities. I for one find it terribly difficult to accomplish all of the necessary "instructional related work (lecture and lab preparation, test writing, paper grading, etc.), professional development, and college and community service" that is expected, in the remaining 15 hours of a 40-hour workweek. We indicate in the Student Handbook that a student, in order to be successful, needs to spend 2 hours outside of class for every hour spent in class. A teacher spends more than 2 hours outside of class for every hour spent in class...18 to 24 contact hours, 36 to 48 hours in instructional preparation, for a total of 54 to 72 hours per week. Not bad for a teacher who only has to work 25 hours a week.

My personal schedule for the fall quarter had 28 contact hours, 8 different lecture and lab preparations, 2 of which I had never taught before and 2 others with new books, all of which required new lecture preparation, new tests, etc. My Monday went from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., 12 hours with 8 of them in class. My Tuesday went from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., 13 hours with 7 1/2 of them in class. I had 3 sections of a course, with 16 students in each one. Those 48 students each handed in 10 one page assignments and a 5 page research paper; that's 720 pages of reading just for those three classes. And I was, "only required to work 25 hours out of a normal workweek" to accomplish all of this. I did the very best job I could...was I pleased with what I accomplished...not at all! But like most of the faculty, I did what I had to do.

This is just an example of what most of the faculty had to do.

The journalism staff is working diligently to complete the 1995 yearbook. Students who would like to assist the staff in completing the yearbook should come to room 405 Hayes Hall in the afternoons.

If you haven't placed an order for your yearbook, you need to do so this week.



## Ye Host Happenings

Hello Wilkes Community College. We are the Ye Host Club. Our club is an organization dedicated to the service of our students, our school, our community, and the hospitality industry. It consists of students enrolled in the Foodservice Specialist, Foodservice Management, and the Hotel and Restaurant Management degree programs.

Here's what's going on:

Officers for the 1995 school year are as follows:

President ..... Sue Parks  
Vice President ..... Todd Somers  
Secretary ..... Elcheva Parks  
Treasurer ..... Chuck Ford  
Publicist ..... Jerry Sink

Congratulations to the 20 members who received the Ye Host Scholarship for the winter quarter.

Penny Woodard, Greg Owens, Donna Owens, Chuck Ford, Hazel Dancy, Will Melton, Debbie Childress, Sue Parks, Christine Reynolds, Everette Miller, Amanda Marze, Scott Miller, Elcheva Parks, Brenda Barlow, Cheri Elliott, Todd Somers, Mike Vaught, Jerry Sink, Keiko Yamamoto, Holly Marsh.

Planning is underway for our annual trips to the North Carolina Restaurant Association show in Charlotte, NC and the National Restaurant Show in Chicago, Ill.

-Jerry Sink