

Over Area Radio Stations

Weekly Commentary Product Of WPCC

The Department of Social Studies and audio-visual staff of Western Piedmont Community College is producing a weekly program entitled "Weekly Commentary" for broadcast on radio stations in this area.

Begun in January by faculty members William Young and Larry Clark with student-moderator Ronnie Norman of

Glen Alpine, "Weekly Commentary" was created as a community service to keep the people of western North Carolina informed about events and interesting people of this region.

The 15-minute programs consist of students, faculty, and special guests discussing people, places, and issues in local, state, and sometimes national news.

"Weekly Commentary" is now being broadcast locally on radio station WMNC, Mondays at 7:45 p.m. and is also aired at other times by WSVM in Valdese, WBRM in Marion, WHKY in Hickory, and WKGX in Lenoir. Other stations in Western North Carolina may be added in the near future.

Past programs have included special guest Congressman James T. Broyhill discussing issues which face the 92nd Congress; a program presented on the Western Piedmont campus by Dr. Cratis Williams of Appalachian State University on "Appalachian Folk Music;" a panel discussion on President Nixon's war policies with two Vietnam veterans; and a recent discussion on busing conducted by students enrolled in Current History.

Staff members are presented working on a series entitled "Inmates and Penal Institutions." In coming weeks audiences will be able to hear inmates discussing their life in prison.

Dr. James White Jr., Western area administrator of the North Carolina Department of Corrections, will speak on penal reform and new correctional programs for inmates.

Burke County Sheriff Alvin H. Wise and Morganton Police Chief Billy Joe Hamrick will view penal institutions from the side of law enforcement.

During the month of April, Western Piedmont Community College, the Student Government Association, and the Department of Social Studies will sponsor a spring forum on "Contributions of Minority Groups to American Life."

Appearing on April 4, 6, 11, and 13 at 11 a.m. in the teaching auditorium will be a black artist from New York; Dr. Adolf Dial, speaking on the American Indian; and a panel of Western Piedmont students who represent minority groups on campus. Excerpts of these programs will be heard on "Weekly Commentary" at a later date. The public is invited to attend these programs and admission is free.

While discussing the series, one of the program's producers stated, "We hope that Weekly Commentary will prove to be both informative and educational and that local citizens will write to us and express their views."

Comments and suggestions may be addressed to Weekly Commentary, Department of Social Studies, Western Piedmont Community College, Morganton, North Carolina



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The Department of Social Studies at Western Piedmont Community College is producing a weekly radio program, "Weekly Commentary." One of the programs recently presented was on Appalachian folk music. The

taping session featured (left to right) Ronnie Norman, student; Dr. Cratis Williams of Appalachian State University, guest speaker; and Larry Clark and William Young, WPCC instructors.