

Earl Davis uses listening skills in his roles as counselor and volunteer in the local schools. PHOTO: A-Z HUBBARD-THOMAS

## Davis helps youth

By MARTIN COX

Earl Davis, an academic counselor with Student Support Services, volunteers his time in 2 different areas.

Davis gives his time to the Wayne County Employment Task Force, an experimental program which works with children in schools.

He works at School Street School in Goldsboro as a "male role model" for fourth graders.

He said he helps with whatever the children need.

Listening and one-on one counseling are the most important skills Davis uses in the school setting, he said.

"It's rewarding to see the progress they make," said Davis about his work with the children.

Davis also volunteers his time as president of the Goldsboro High School Parent/Teachers/ Association (PTA).

He tries to get parents involved with their students and works for the students, one of whom is his son.

The PTA is in the process of developing a program of rewarding students for good academic behavior and other progress.

Davis said he asks
God for guidance often
and does his volunteer
work to help people and
"for the glory of God."

## SADHA news

By RONALD LANE

This year's Student American Dental Hygienists' Association (SADHA) members attended a State Conference in Charlotte and sold toothbrushes for their fundraisier, according to Linda Chitty, dental instructor and club advisor.

Officers of SADHA are the following: President, Kandi Runyon; Vice-president, Kris Greene; Secretary, Kathy Wolford; and Treasurer, Dana Weaver.

## Nurses have busy fall

By RONALD LANE

According to Jackie Richter, President of the Freshman class for the Associate Degree in Nursing, the class has been taking a part in the various activities at Wayne Community College.

The members attended the North Carolina Association of Nursing Students Conference in Fayetteville.

The club's fundraising activities have included candy bar sales and a successful yard sale.

Caroline Phillips, Nursing Instructor, is the club advisor.

The other officers are Vice-president, Lori Lanier; Secretary, Claudia Fordham; and Treasurer, Diana Dunham.

The Senior Class advisor is Rachel Hall, nursing instructor, and the class officers include President, Ronda Creech; Vice-President, Phyllis Stevens; Secretary, Karen Newsome; and Treasurer, Wanda Kayo.

The class sold First Aid Kits as its fund raiser.

The Senior Class also attended the conference in Fayetteville.

## Forum

[The Voice invites faculty and staff to submit opinion/analysis essays that will appear as a regular feature of this newspaper.]

By LIZ MEADOR

Once upon a time there was a lovely young woman.

She married early and had to say goodbye to her young husband going off to war.

To calm her nerves, she began smoking, a habit she continued throughout her life until breast cancer made her wonder about this habit.

But no doctor said, "Stop smoking," even though 4 years later lung cancer mutilated her body.

The lengthy scar begins below her right shoulder at her back and travels downward around to her chest, continuing halfway up her chest.

I can still remember the metallic staples glinting in the light of the hospital room.

Still, no doctor said the magic words, until 5 years later severe emphysema claimed her.

Today a machine helps her breathe, its long plastic hose running from clips in her nostrils 25-30 feet to the motor that supplies oxygen.

She would say to all of us, "Stop smoking. Don't ever start."

I think about this person I love, my mother-in-law, as I notice what seems to be an increase in the number of women smoking at WCC this quarter.

In the past women have enjoyed longer lives than men, but that statistic will soon change unless we change our habits.

Yes, we've come a long way, Baby. But we cut that progress short if we can't live to enjoy it, women.

