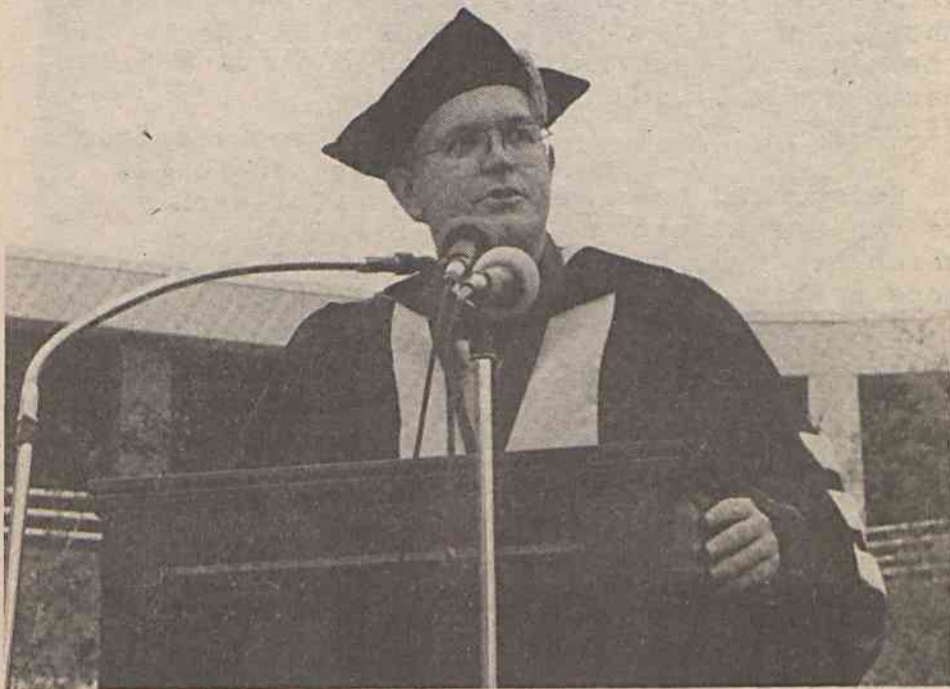


Inauguration attracts 300



Dr. Ed Wilson addresses the crowd of 300 who attended his inauguration.
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Dr. Ed Wilson listens to William Simpson, chair of the State Board of Community Colleges, proclaim him the new president of WCC.
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Wayne Community College welcomed a new President this fall when Dr. Ed Wilson, replacing the retiring Dr. Herman Porter, was inaugurated on September 24, 1992.

The inauguration, held in the courtyard among newly constructed buildings, was attended by 600 community leaders, faculty, staff, student representatives, and friends and family of Dr. Wilson.

Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) Raymond Hart, Senior Chaplain at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base offered the invocation and benediction.

Jack E. Kannan, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Donald M. Coles, Jr., President of the Student Government Association, presented greetings to Dr. Wilson.

Coles said it was a privilege to work with Dr. Wilson because Wilson is interested in the students and what they do.

Greetings came also from Dr. Ned Sauls, Chairman of the College Council; Yvonne Goodman, representing the Administrative Staff; and Robert W. Scott, President of the North Carolina Department of Community Colleges.

Representatives from 32 colleges and community colleges attended.

Trumpeter Bill Jones and organist Roger Searles preformed the Prelude, "Trumpet Concerto in D," and the hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee." They also performed the processional and recessional accompaniment.

William F. Simpson, Chairman of the State Board of Community Colleges, administered the Oath of Office, and Jack Kannan presented Wilson the President's Medallion, a symbol of power and authority passed on to each new president.

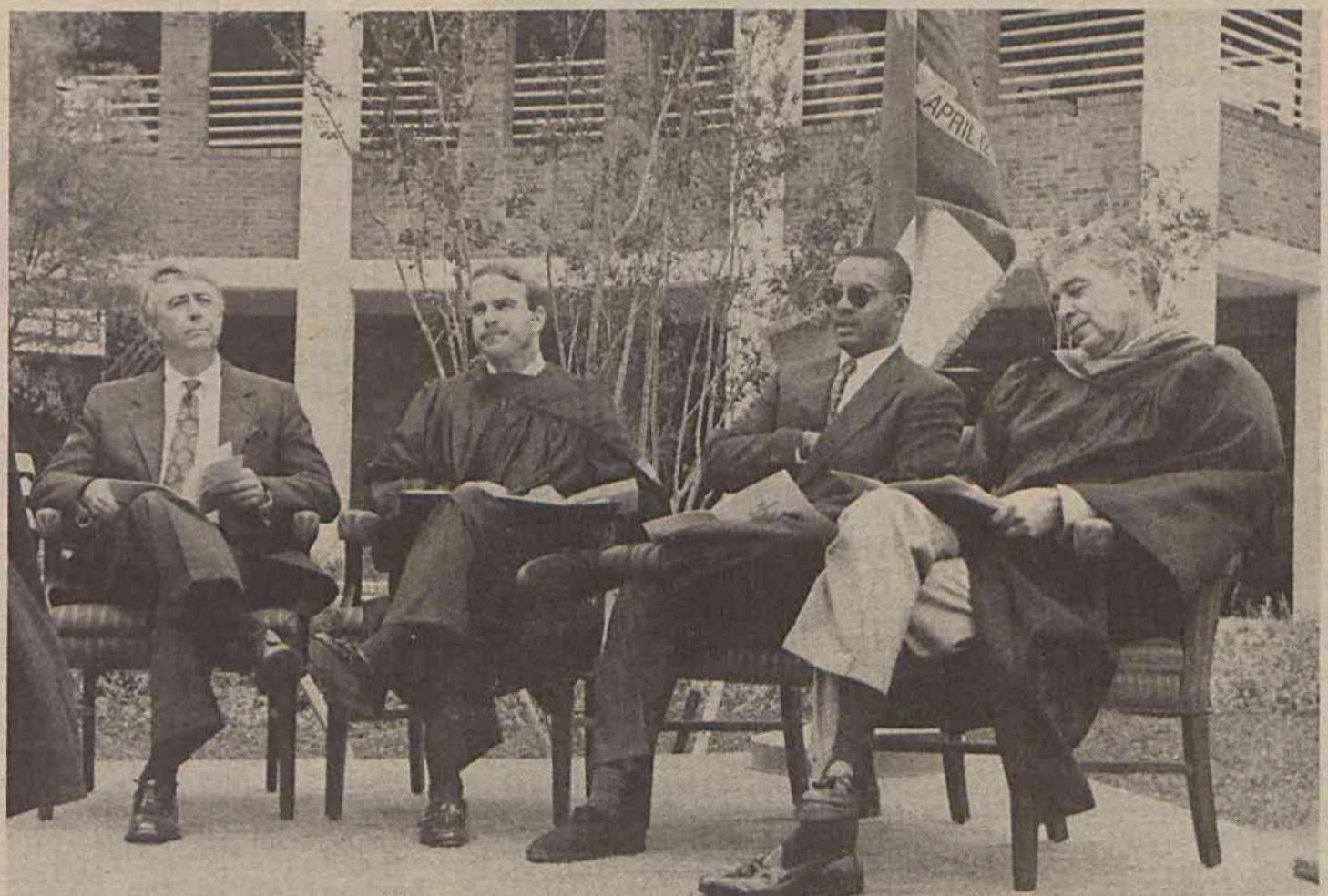
Throughout the ceremony the speakers conveyed pride for the beautiful new buildings on the campus, the increased enrollment, and new academic programs in place at WCC as the quarter begins.

Wilson referred to a German proverb, "If We Rest, We Rust." He said "We believe in that proverb wholeheartedly, and are committed to show no signs of rusting."

Scott said that Wilson's 9 years as vice president at the Department of Community Colleges had left an "imprint that time will not quickly erode."

Dr. Wilson delivered a speech praising the school and the community.

Wilson said, "We have quality people here. I enjoy being here because I am in the presence of quality."



William F. Simpson, Jack Kannan, D.J. Coles, and Ralph Leach listen as Wilson delivers his inaugural address.

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