

President addresses concerns

Because you asked...

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[Dr. Wilson has agreed to respond to student, faculty, and staff interests by way of the WCC Campus Voice.

Please place questions or concerns in the yellow box marked "Campus Voice" in the Student Union or slip them under the door of the Campus Voice office (A&M 211).

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE QUIET ROOMS AND STUDY ROOMS IN THE LIBRARY? PEOPLE ARE SPILLING INTO THE LIBRARY TO STUDY IN GROUPS AND IT'S TOO NOISY.

Dr. Wilson: Since the Literacy Center moved into the building, the area has been closely monitored. There is plenty of space, and in my personal observations I have seen no problems with noise.

We will continue to monitor the area to insure there are no recurring problems.

WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE PROPOSAL FOR A NEW CAMPUS SMOKING POLICY?

Dr. Wilson: The Committee has given me a proposal. I will add my recommendations and present it to the Board of Trustees for approval on March 23, 1993. [see related article on page 16]

HOW SHOULD A STUDENT GO ABOUT INITIATING A CHANGE IN SCHOOL POLICY OR PROCEDURE?

Dr. Wilson: I encourage student input and suggestions. Students can initiate change by talking to a counselor in Student Services or to advisers in the Student Government Association.

They are also welcome to speak with me. I am open for discussion.

HAS FUNDING BEEN APPROVED FOR AN ADDITIONAL BUILDING ON CAMPUS? IF SO, DO YOU HAVE A DATE SCHEDULED FOR GROUNDBREAKING?

Dr. Wilson: Funds have not yet been approved for another building.

Future plans are for a building to house both the Small Business Center and the Literacy Center.

A separate building would make these programs more accessible.

WHY ISN'T FEEDBACK PROVIDED TO STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT SELECTED FOR THE NURSING PROGRAM? WHAT STEPS CAN WE TAKE TO INSURE SELECTION?

Dr. Wilson: A meeting was held recently concerning the limited admissions programs, including the nursing program. Tom Lutten, Vice President of Student Development Services, is taking a hard look at feedback and ways to improve communications.

The selection criteria is kept as objective as possible and is constantly reviewed.

The primary concern in selection is insuring students have a reasonable chance of making it through the program.

The key to admission is to improve test scores, grades, and meet pre-requisites. I am concerned about the lack of minority participation in the program, and I've asked Lutten to investigate the situation.

WHAT IS THE SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION ACCREDITATION? AT WHAT STAGE IN THE PROCESS ARE WE?

Dr. Wilson: It is a reaffirmation process involving many steps.

We will spend two and a half years conducting a self-study. The purpose of the self-study is to identify our weaknesses and areas in need of improvement.

The culmination of the process will be a peer review by representatives from other community colleges in the Southeast. A team of 12 to 14 people will



Dr. Ed Wilson is surrounded by well wishers after his inauguration.
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review the results of the self study, talk to students, faculty, and staff, and tour our campus.

Students may be asked to complete surveys, serve on committees, or answer questions. It is extremely important for students to participate if asked.

The bulk of the study will be done in the 1993-94 academic year. The team visit is scheduled for 1995.

COULD EXAM SCHEDULES BE POSTED ALL QUARTER? SOME OF US NEED TO PLAN AHEAD.

Dr. Wilson: Exam schedules are printed in the Schedule of Courses prior to classes beginning each quarter. Spring quarter exam schedules appear on page 6 of the Schedule of Courses.

See Winter Exam Schedule on p. 14

To Students, Faculty, and Staff

I am extremely pleased with student response during pre-registration. Your participation is a tremendous help. I encourage you to pay fees on time to ensure the process continues to run smoothly. The staff has been working hard to improve the registration process by reducing long lines and waiting time. They have made great strides, and I thank them for their efforts.