

# Since you asked. . .



Dr. Ed Wilson, Jr. addresses faculty and staff at the annual Christmas party at the Officers' Club, Seymour Johnson AFB. PHOTO: CRYSTAL WADE

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Dr. Edward H. Wilson, Jr. previously was employed at WCC from 1973 to 1981 before he became the current President.

He worked with continuing education and curriculum programs and served as liaison with business and industry.

With this record of service, Wilson has a unique perspective on long-term change at the college.

While such obvious changes as the new campus and some new faculty and staff have occurred since his first association with WCC, Wilson said the school is essentially the same.

He expressed satisfaction with the consistency and experience of the faculty and staff.

With the acceleration of technology, however, WCC must adapt to changes, Wilson said.

One way the college remains current is by becoming one of the first 12 community colleges linked into the new Information Highway.

Wilson said that many of the network's uses were as yet undetermined, but he sees advantages.

"Probably our most immediate use of it will be teaching classes among the institutions that are on the Highway," he said.

He explained that arrangements would need to be made among the first members about these classes and studios would have to be set up to accommodate them.

The recent passage of the bond referendum will bring more change for the college.

Wilson immediately mentioned construction.

"We'll be adding 2 new buildings on campus and one off campus," he said, describing with some pride the college's imminent growth.

One building will be added behind the MSS Building to house certain automotive classes, agriculture laboratories, and heating and air conditioning classes still on the old campus.

Another will be an addition to the HS Building to provide room for new allied health programs.

A third will be added at the Gold-Wayne Airport to provide a permanent location for aviation classes currently housed in trailers.

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## Employees receive awards

On Friday, December 10, 1993, at its Christmas celebration, Wayne Community College recognized 3 employees for excellence with a plaque and \$500 which the Foundation of WCC provides.

The 1992 Employees of the Year served as presenters: P.A. Best presented the Professional Staff award to Earl Davis; Marie Lewis presented the Professional Support Staff award to

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Janice Clark; and Eugene Hooks presented the Operational/Maintenance Staff award to David J. Sasser.

Davis has served as a counselor since 1977 in Student Support Services.

He is currently a Counselor in the Upward Bound Program.

Davis belongs to several college committees including College Council, Staff Development Council, and Financial Aid.

Janice Clark worked part-time in the business office from 1969 until she was hired as a full-time cashier in 1971.

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Marie Lewis (center) congratulates Janice Clark, Employee of the Year award winner, while Bea Balkcum (left), chair of the Board of Trustees, looks on. PHOTO: CRYSTAL WADE



David Sasser (left) receives the Operational/Maintenance award from Eugene Hooks during the Employee of the Year award ceremony. PHOTO: CRYSTAL WADE