

Since you asked. . .

By CATHERINE GERRINGER

In an interview, WCC President Dr. Edward H. Wilson, Jr. responded to the questions and concerns that follow.

VOICE:

A student asked why the transfer process from a university to a community college is so difficult, and why WCC doesn't accept all the credits the student transfers.

DR. WILSON: Students need to check with the Admissions and Records office, but it depends on what the course is and whether that course applies to the degree we offer.

VOICE: When will students have access to Internet?

DR. WILSON: I think some students in certain programs already have access like the Business Department; we're working on getting more access for students, but I'm not sure when that will be, maybe this coming year.

VOICE: When will the college be switching from quarter to semester hours?

DR. WILSON: The proposal says the fall of 1997.

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VOICE: What is your reaction to the exit interview from the Reaffirmation Committee?

DR. WILSON: I really can't comment too much on it because we are told by the Southern Association that the only comments about our status have to be made by them in Atlanta.

We got 18 recommendations which is a very small number, and we have to respond to those by Sept. 13, and then if the Visiting Team chair approves our recommendations they go to the Southern Association for their review.

We find out in December whether our accreditation is reaffirmed. I'm very optimistic that everything will be all right. We did receive 10 suggestions that we don't have to respond to, and 2 commendations, which is very unusual.

VOICE: When the report shows a new recommendation, what does that mean?

DR. WILSON: That means it's a recommendation by the Visiting Team that we did not already have in our own Self-Study. The other recommendations were ones we made ourselves.

VOICE: Do we have to follow through with the new recommendations?

DR. WILSON: Oh, yeah. We have to follow through with all the recommendations whether they are ours or theirs.



Dr. Ed Wilson, Jr. congratulates College Transfer student Sharmella Gates upon her winning the North Carolina Association of Educational Office Professionals scholarship for spring quarter while Consuelo Bryant, (l) winter quarter 1994 winner, and scholarship co-chair Kay Bradley look on. Not pictured is Leasa Holmes, co-chair.

VOICE: What do you think is WCC's greatest weakness?

DR. WILSON: Good question. Probably the lack of resources necessary for us to pay the type of salaries we need to pay for our faculty and to offer the different kinds of programs we need to offer in our area.

VOICE: What do you think is WCC greatest strength?

DR. WILSON: I think the quality of the faculty that we have and the quality of the programs we offer to our students is our greatest strength.

VOICE: Why are more students not aware of the SGA, what it stands for, and how it affects WCC students?

DR. WILSON: I do not have a clue to the answer to that question.

I don't know what else we can do. I think they have tried to publicize events. The information is in the Student Handbook that everybody gets, and information is put in the weekly bulletin.

I think it's primarily a factor that our students are older for the most part, two-thirds of them work regularly; they come to school to get their course work and then they go on to work.

I think our SGA has done a really good job this year trying to involve students in various aspects of this school.

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According to George Fouts, Vice President for Academic Affairs, the average number of recommendations community colleges in North Carolina receive as a result of self-study is 25.

After 3 days, Dr. Richard Federinko, the Chair, read the team's evaluation at the exit meeting in the Lecture Hall to a crowd of about 100 faculty and staff.

The results of the report were that Wayne Community College received 18 recommendations, 10 suggestions, and 2 commendations.

According to the reaffirmation committee's Exit Interview, the Self-

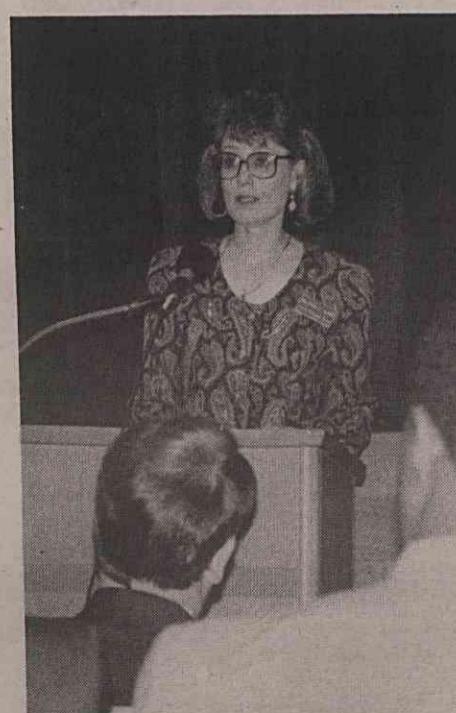
Study was a "minimally acceptable effort" and "yielded limited beneficial results."

They noted that it was "lacking in evidence" and showed a "lack of documentation and analysis."

Fouts said the next step in the evaluation process is to respond to the committee's recommendations by September 13.

According to WCC President Dr. Ed Wilson, Jr., the visiting team Chair has to approve the responses before they are sent to the Southern Association for review.

WCC will be informed in December about its renewal of accreditation.



Eileen Haddix, Reaffirmation Team member, reads 1 of 2 commendations WCC received from the Visiting Team. Haddix commended the library for its leadership with the Wayne Information Network (WIN). The other commendation cited the effectiveness of budgeting into the planning process. PHOTO: JENNIFER L. TATE

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She abandoned her original intention to teach and became interested in jobs in the outdoors. Someone in the State Department of Parks and Recreation recommended WCC's program for a degree in parks.

Stell is single. She stated that her platform "will be one of equity and fair-play for all students."

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