

Alliance meeting

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Wilcenski said that consumers have the choice of being "either fat or crazy."

She feels that the mentally ill must be allowed to make their own mistakes; otherwise they are not allowed to be successful.

Wilcenski stated that of the 4 times she was in Cherry Hospital she was abused on 3 occasions.

Wilcenski now sits on the Governor's Board of Advocacy Directors.

Also at the meeting was Vicki Field, a support group coordinator and consumer client for the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR).

Field said, "My main job is to keep people out of the hospital." She said one of the main purposes of her job was to "give hope in a hopeless situation."

At the end of the meeting, Wilcenski shared a poem, and then refreshments were served.

Discussion about starting a group for clients followed the meeting.

The meeting opened the eyes of friends and family members of the mentally ill as to what these patients were going through.

NAMI holds its meetings the second Thursday of every month in the LC building in room 131.

Interested students should call (919) 751-1904.



Cathy Lewis, WCC student in her first year of the Associate Degree in Nursing program, chats with phlebotomist Betty Davis of the Wilmington Red Cross at the bloodmobile on Tuesday, February 4 in the Student Lounge. Of the 40 units collected, nearly meeting the goal of 45 pints, 11 were from first-time donors, according to Brenda Bellamy, Wayne-Sampson County Blood Director. PHOTO: VOICE STAFF

Hackley tenders resignation

By AISHA LOFTON

Lloyd V. Hackley, President of the North Carolina Community College system since January 1995, has announced his resignation effective June 30, 1997.

Hackley said, "I look forward to continuing with each of you during the transition period."

Hackley referred to the transition from quarters to semesters to be effective system-wide starting summer 1997, a change which he spearheaded.

At the request of the governor, President Hackley led a special task force which enlisted the help of community colleges in an effort to prepare more minority teachers for public schools.

The board commended Hackley for his total commitment to North Carolina's continuum of education.

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