

Essay entries due January 30

By ANGELA L. AGUIGUI

Attention all current and former students, faculty and staff, who enjoy healthy competition, publication, and cash prizes!

According to WCC's Public Information Officer Bill Bennett, WCC will sponsor an essay contest in celebration of the 40th anniversary.

Participants should submit an essay of 500 words or fewer on the topic "What Wayne Community College has done for me."

One entry per person can be handwritten, but double-spaced keyboarded entries will be given first consideration if the number of entries is exceedingly high, Bennett said.

First prize is \$300, second prize is \$150, and third is \$50.

Though faculty members are not eligible for cash prizes, they may receive honorable mention.

Bennett said the prize winners and honorable mentions will be published in a collection entitled "Profiles of Achievement."

Judges will be 6 faculty members from a variety of programs. They will be evaluating the entries on 3 criteria: adherence to theme, human interest appeal, and writing style.

For those who want to take advantage of this opportunity, contact Bill Bennett, at ext. 210, or in his office A&M 139.

Participants must fill out an entry form and turn in their essay by 5:00 p.m. on January 30, 1998.

Winners will be announced March 31.

Teleconference results in letter to student

By SHOWNELL EZZELL

On Tuesday, August 26, at 3:00 p.m., the new president of the NC Community College System, Martin Lancaster, spoke during a teleconference via satellite to all 59 schools.

Lancaster assumed the position in July and saw the teleconference as a means "to involve more people in a larger dialogue . . . to hear the vision and goals we are all considering."

Dr. Barry Russell moderated the event, introducing Lancaster and directing the call-in portion of the teleconference.

About 20 faculty and staff watched in the board room while 2 orientation classes meeting with instructors Bo Wessell and Rosalyn Lomax observed in MSS 207.

During the call-in time, WCC student Olivia Johnson asked President Lancaster a question about Pell grants and Dislocated Worker benefits that he said would require research.

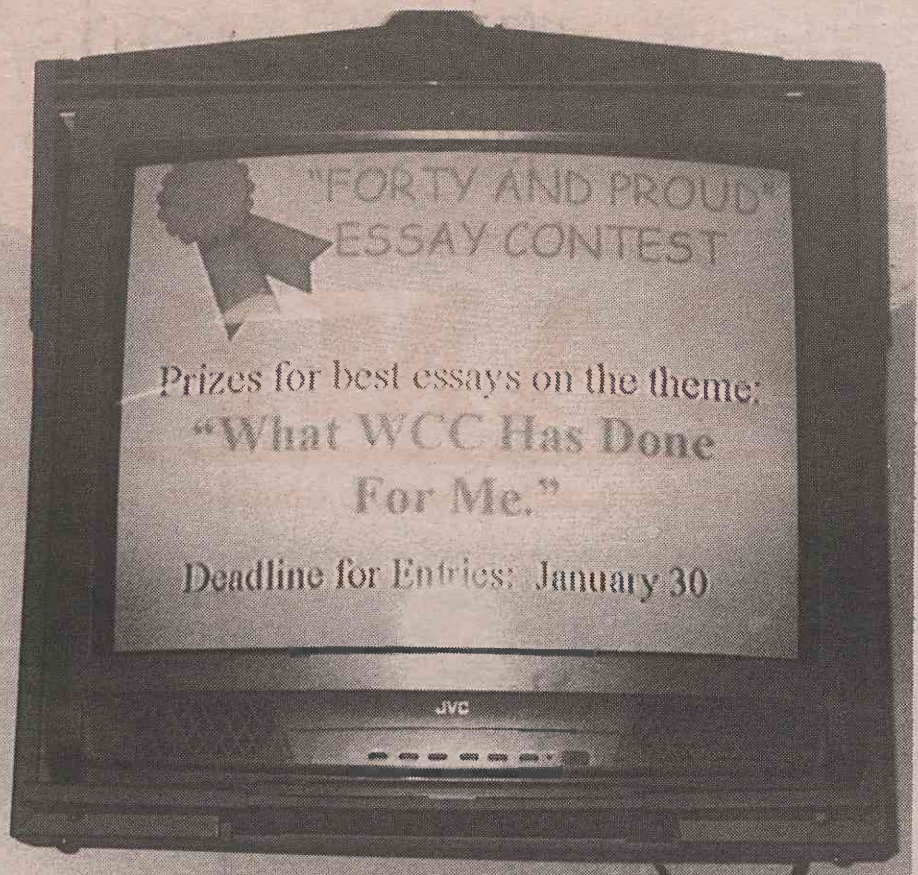
A week later Johnson received a 2-page letter from President Lancaster answering her question and listing resources to contact if she had further questions.

Lancaster responded that "income eligibility is not a consideration in determining participation in this program."

Johnson was pleased to receive such a quick response from someone who obviously cares about students.

Faculty and staff members watch President Lancaster during the August teleconference.

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CamNet's daily updates replace the weekly Information Bulletins read in classes in the past. PHOTO: ALVIN ODOM

CamNet informs campus

By ALVIN ODOM

In May 1997, WCC introduced a new way of getting information to students efficiently: it's called CamNet.

CamNet replaced weekly bulletins instructors read to students during class time, usually on Thursdays.

CamNet is updated daily by Kay Bradley, Information Specialist, who uses Powerpoint in the Media Production Department to produce the text and graphics that embellish each announcement.

CamNet cost the college \$4,000 to \$5,000 from the college equipment fund to get the system started, according to Linwood Anderson, vice president of Educational Services.

Currently 8 monitors transmit the news, and Anderson has hopes of buying more so that every floor has one.

Each building has 1 monitor with the exception of the LC Building with 3 monitors, 1 in the dining hall, 1 in the atrium, and 1 on the 2nd floor.

All buildings have a monitor on the 2nd floor except the A&H building with 1 on the 1st floor.

Administration announcements, club meeting times and dates, community events, and the cafeteria menu are some of the entries on CamNet.

Suggestions for improvements are welcome, Bradley said.

