

## Mini-grant committee awards \$4490

By ALVIN ODOM

In November 1997, 10 out of 15 applications for mini-grants were approved by the Mini-Grant Committee, according to Jack Kannan, new executive director of the WCC Foundation which funds Mini-grants.

Kannan said \$4490 was awarded this semester.

The objective of mini-grants is to "... fund specific projects, equipment, seminars or materials needed to enhance education awareness and opportunity for WCC," according to Kannan.

One of the mini-grants funded 69 tickets to "The Nutcracker Ballet" for students in Margaret Baddour's humanities class.

In preparation for the ballet, students will be studying the theme, story, and history of the ballet.

The Goldsboro Civic Ballet perform the ballet at the Paramount Theater in downtown Goldsboro on December 4, 6, and 7.

Another mini-grant will allow counselor Carl Brow to purchase 2 dozen polo shirts with the WCC emblem for ambassadors and other college representatives.

On February 6, 1998, about 70 students and faculty from the dental department and about 30 outside volunteers will participate in a statewide project called "Seal the State in '98."

A mini-grant will be used to purchase kits to be used on randomly selected 2nd graders from across the county.

According to Dr. Susan Brunbaugh, Dental Department Head, WCC dental students and other dentists in the county will apply the protective seal to 275 children county wide.

Foreign language instructor, Fe Finch, will be purchasing Spanish and French software to be used by all WCC students.

The software will use audio and visual aids to help students learn to pronounce words correctly.

Finch hopes the software will be in place by the spring semester on computers in the Academic Skills Center in the LC building.

Counselor Janice Hill received a mini-grant for a support group for African American males.

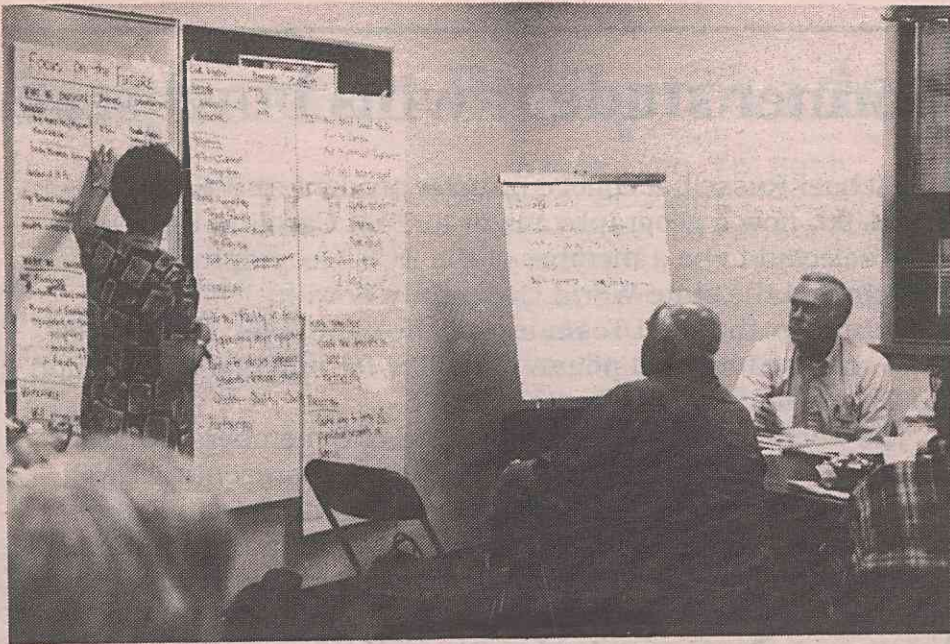
A monthly workshop is held in the seminar room in the LC building.

According to Hill, "This program gives access to positive experiences where they may not be exposed."

A mini-grant will fund a piano duo concert-recital on the WCC campus.

According to instructor Marshall Lewis, the duo concert will be held sometime in the spring semester.

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## Future search participants generated lists of suggestions during their all-day session.

PHOTO: DENISE MITCHELL

## Future Search Conference examines WCC's impact during its 40-year history

By DENISE MITCHELL

On November 7, 1997, WCC hosted 80 participants at the first Future Search Conference.

The group met in A&M 124-125 to provide community and institutional input about where WCC needs to be in 10 years from technological, social, structural, and economic standpoints.

According to Bill Thompson, Director of Planning and Research for 7 years, this process allows the "stakeholders" to share their ideas about WCC.

Thompson said, "We looked at WCC's past and present to formulate some ideas or visionary statements that will later be translated into goals or objectives."

Thompson also stated, "The information will be used by the Planning Council to review WCC's mission statement and long range goals to be implemented in Fall 1999."

WCC is the first community college in NC to institute this process.

Thompson said, "We thought it was appropriate to include it as part of our 40th celebration."

Tim Haithcock, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, came up with the Future Search concept.

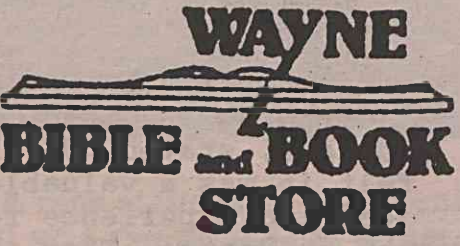
Future Search provided an opportunity for a diverse cross section of people from different geographical areas of the county to meet.

Representatives included public school officials, representatives from business and industry, and WCC administrators.

Of the 280 names suggested for the survey, 80 people from the community were selected.

Participants discussed the influence of WCC's past, shared their perceptions regarding present developments, and suggested visionary statements that eventually will be incorporated into mission statements.

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