



Hiram Grady beams as he shows his award.

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## Former SGA President wins leadership award

By AMY RINEHART

On November 20, 1997 officials and guests gathered at the Marriott Hotel in Raleigh, NC, to honor those who made unique contributions to the community college system.

President Martin Lancaster and Lt. Governor Dennis Whicker presented awards for state board retirees, system retirees, Excellence in Teaching, I. E. Ready, and President's Leadership.

Hiram Grady, former WCC Nursing Student and SGA president, received the 1997 President's Leadership Award for his work with the North Carolina Comprehensive Community College Student Government Association (N4CSGA).

During his role as N4CSGA President, he led other members on a mission to address concerns for students and submit them for consideration to the Community College System, the North Carolina Association of Community College Trustees, and the State Board of Community Colleges.

Grady executed his leadership skills while keeping his grades above average in the nursing curriculum and maintaining a family and home.

Grady works as a registered nurse at Cherry Hospital.

He continues to show his support for the community by serving as District Public Information Officer of the NC Nurses Association.

He also organizes fundraisers for charities, coaches youth soccer and T-ball, and serves as assistant Cub Master for Cub Pack #392 in Kinston.

# SGA reps attend fall conference

By AMY RINEHART

The N4CSGA Fall Conference was held at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Winston Salem, NC, October 24-26, 1997.

Officers representing WCC included: Wayne Parson, SGA President; John Moses, SGA Vice President; Amy Rinehart, SGA Public Information Officer; Michael Corbitt, SGA Local Interactions Officer; Elbony Bennett, SGA Special Populations Officer; and Beth Jones, SGA Advisor.

Other SGA Representatives participating included Ricky Dills, Tiffany Durham, James Zuehlke, and Shelboni Daye.

The conference consisted of a luncheon with speaker Dr. Major Boyd (an N4CSGA Trustee), educational workshops, division meetings, business meetings, a banquet with speaker President Martin Lancaster, and 2 costume dances.

Boyd discussed Martin Lancaster's objectives as the new President of the community college system.

Delegates from WCC were required to attend 2 educational workshops each day.

Delegates voted on and passed 4 issues relevant to students during business sessions: a standardized 10-point grading scale, desks to accommodate students

## Former student wins bowl seat

Michael Russell, a college transfer student at WCC from 1994-96, now a geography major at East Carolina University, was selected to be a member of the ECU Geography Bowl team which won the state World Geography Bowl in 1996.

This year the ECU Team lost at the state level, but Russell had amassed enough points to qualify for regional competition in Birmingham, AL, November 23-25.

The North Carolina Team consisted of 6 members: Russell, representing ECU; 3 team members each representing UNC-Charlotte, Chapel Hill, and Appalachian; and 2 from Duke University. The North Carolina Team won in a round robin competition against 8 other state teams with the team having the best win-loss record declared the winners who would continue to finals, also held in Birmingham.

Russell's team with a 7-1 win-loss record defeated defending champions, the Alabama Team, with a score of 155-95 points.

Russell, who along with other teammates won a plaque and a book, "Exploring Your World," from National Geographic, said, "I look forward to competing next year."

The Southeastern District Association of American Geographers (SEDAAG) sponsors the competitions.

## Committee planning Ms. WCC

By AMY RINEHART

A committee to plan the Ms. Wayne Community College competition met on Wednesday, November 5, 1997, to discuss an agenda for the upcoming pageant.

The committee determined the theme "Broadway" would be the easiest for contestant preparation.

The pageant is planned for February 28, 1998, with the deadline for applications after January 6, 1998.

Michael Corbitt, committee chairperson, proposed having workshops for the contestants to prepare for areas of competition.

Last year's pageant winner, Maria Brinson, was awarded various gift certificates, jewelry, and merchandise area retailers donated.

Interested applicants should see Michael Corbitt or come to the SGA office.

with special needs, a vote for SGA presidents sitting on Boards of Trustees, and lower bookstore prices.

The N4CSGA Executive Board will present the issues to the State Legislature at the next session.

President Martin Lancaster spoke of future achievements for the N4CSGA and his support for its efforts in making the community colleges a welcome place for students.

WCC delegates and representatives participated in several contests.

At a costume contest, WCC representatives performed as "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."

A scavenger hunt provided members with a list of unusual items to gather. The WCC team won the hunt by providing unique items with the school logo: the Campus Voice, an SGA Flier, and student ID's.

Michael Corbitt, SGA Local Interactions Officer, commented about the conference, "It was very educational and will help my activities with the SGA."

Beth Jones, SGA Adviser, stated, "I felt it was a valuable learning experience for the students. They learned a lot about parliamentary procedure."