

Because you asked . . .

By SAM DAVIS

[This article is a regular feature in the VOICE.]

VOICE: Who ultimately makes the decision about closing the school in bad weather?

DR. WILSON: I make that decision. That's one of the things they pay me for.

VOICE: What factors are considered when making the decision to close the school?

DR. WILSON: It is mostly from a safety standpoint. If we can determine that people can safely get here, we keep the school open.

We try to take into account what goes on with the public schools. The other thing is whether we can get the parking lot and driveways cleaned.

I've been back here for seven years, and this is the first time we've had to close for snow.

VOICE: How can students learn about school closings and delays?

DR. WILSON: The most reliable information comes from WGBR or "the double Q." They will give us a more expanded message.

VOICE: Using the Telephone Registration for You (TRY) system, students may register only when the date for their major has passed. How is this order determined?

DR. WILSON: We rotate the order. We allow certain programs to go first then we switch them around.

VOICE: Is there a system in place to afford students the opportunity to register for closed classes?

DR. WILSON: If we have faculty members available and classroom space available, we open other sections.

VOICE: When a class has closed, is there a priority list for students wishing to add the class?

DR. WILSON: Typically, the course instructor keeps a list of students wishing to add the class, in case a space becomes available.

VOICE: Are there any projected increases in student tuition rates?

DR. WILSON: No. There are no projected tuition increases now.

VOICE: What will be the purpose of the building WCC is considering constructing?

DR. WILSON: That [project] is still pretty much up in the air. We need a multi-purpose space to be used for physical education, and we also need some additional space for early childhood and child care facilities.

If all this comes together, we'll move the student activities area into the new building and then move the Bookstore from where it is now to the Student Activities Center.

VOICE: Will the new building replace the existing auditorium in the Wayne Learning Center?

DR. WILSON: We don't know whether the new building will have an auditorium, but no. It will not replace the existing one.

VOICE: Will construction costs affect student activity fees or tuition rates?

DR. WILSON: No. Absolutely not.

VOICE: What are the primary objectives of the plan to expand the continuing education program and advance the technology curriculum?

DR. WILSON: We will expand training in areas such as Microsoft, Networking, Novell, and Cisco systems. This will provide training for people for various jobs in the community.

VOICE: WCC will be offering up to 14 web-based courses this fall. Why the dramatic increase in on-line courses?

DR. WILSON: Basically we are getting our feet wet and expanding our offerings. Bottom line is that it is mostly for the convenience of our students.

VOICE: Is a web-based course comparable to the traditional in-school setting? Is there a concern that content could be compromised for convenience?

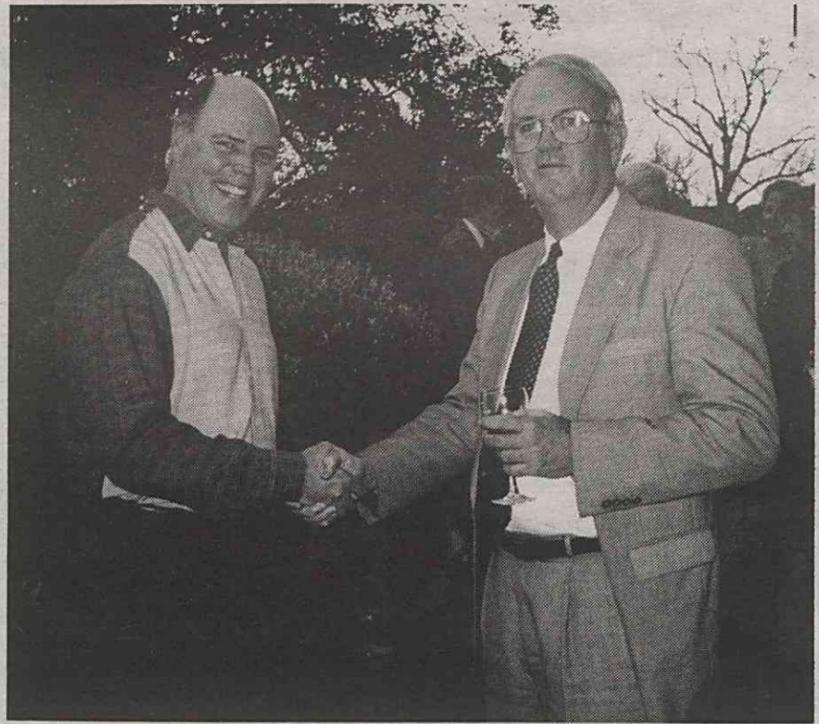
DR. WILSON: Most of the research has shown that it is equivalent. Obviously, traditional classrooms will not be replaced.

VOICE: Students have requested a paved walkway from the rear parking lot to the campus.

DR. WILSON: That is something we are taking a look at.

VOICE: Can parking slots be color-coded to distinguish staff, student, and visitor parking?

DR. WILSON: I really hadn't thought of that, but it is something to look at.



Dr. Edward H. Wilson Jr., right, welcomes entertainer David Holt at a pre-performance dinner in the home of Rhonda and Charles Gaylor who hosted the event.

VOICE: What would you like to see happen as WCC enters the 21st century?

DR. WILSON: We would love to improve the use of the web.

VOICE: Did WCC encounter any Y2K difficulties?

DR. WILSON: Actually, no. It was because the staff worked really hard to make sure that we didn't.

VOICE: If you could spend time with any person in history, who would he or she be, and why?

DR. WILSON: I suspect it would be John Kennedy. I think he would be a person I would like to sit down and have a conversation with. I admire his leadership.

Roofing project from page 1

Barriers have been placed around certain portions of the Learning Center to protect faculty, students, staff, and visitors to the campus from risks associated with work area.

The roof is expected to be completed by August 1, 2000, just prior to the start of the fall semester.

In 1989 students and staff moved into the completed Learning Center and from that day on found problems with leaking, cracking shingles, loose nails, and wet underlayment, according to Anderson.



Jerrie Stanley

New secretary joins administrative staff

By JASON ROWE

Jerrie Stanley, from Lubbock TX, is the new Administrative Secretary to the President, replacing Cindy Howell who served in the position for 3 years.

Stanley received her associate degree in business administration from Randolph Community College in Asheboro.

She was a legal secretary at Walker, Clark, Allen, Herrin, and Morano in Goldsboro before beginning work at WCC.

Danny Stanley, her husband, a graduate of WCC, is a physical education teacher at Meadow Lane Elementary School. They have 2 daughters, Dannille and Bethany.

Stanley enjoys watching movies, collecting seashells, and gardening in her spare time.