

President Wilson responds to ACA inquiries

By MELISSA LANE

In a fall semester visit to an ACA 111 class, Dr. Edward H. Wilson, Jr., WCC president, spoke about his role as college president, changes in college presidencies, important issues for students, and the future for WCC.

Wilson has been President of WCC since 1992. He was also a Vice President at WCC from 1973-1981.

He told students that the average tenure of a community college president was 4½ years, though in North Carolina, tenure is much higher.

He commented that he liked appointed boards of trustees as opposed to elected ones, because politics played a smaller part in decision-making.

A difference he has seen in presidencies is the addition of women, which Dr. Wilson says is "a nice change." He said currently of the 59 community colleges in the system, 8 have women presidents.

Both external and internal duties keep Dr. Wilson busy. In fact, he said 40% of his time is devoted to meetings and civic organizations outside of the college.

He is involved with donors and civic groups, and he will be the next president for the United Way.

The other 60% of his time, however, is devoted to the internal aspects of the presidency. Management of the college, meetings, and speaking to ACA 111 classes are just some of the many things he does.

Wilson responded to concerns students had written before his visit. Questionnaires revealed their problems with parking and book costs.

Many students believe that more parking is needed to keep spaces from filling up so quickly. Wilson pointed out all of the new parking available for students and stressed the importance of getting to class early.

He also mentioned that parking in the reserved "staff" spaces will result in a parking fine.

Wilson informed the students that book prices were mainly based upon what publishers charge. The college raises that price to make just enough profit to keep the bookstore operating, and to help support student scholarships at WCC.

Students asked Wilson about his feelings on Internet classes. He said that with self-confidence and good time management, a student should have no problems with the course, but urges those with little discipline to stick with on-campus courses.

Wilson also stressed the importance of the bond issue and the major impact it would have on WCC.

If passed, the bond would enable the college to build a larger student activity building which would house a larger bookstore and a gym.

Wilson has been particularly busy promoting the bond issue.



Lori Hill listens as Dr. Ed Wilson, Jr. explains how to operate the cell phone Hill will use to call voters about the bond issue.
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From the beginning of September to November 6, he spoke about the bond issue to various groups: The Optimist Club, Goldsboro Rotary, Elks Club, Mount Olive Lions Club, and 4 different chapters of the Kiwanis.

He has also spoken to "Wake Up Wayne County," The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), Dillard Alumni Associates, Wayne County Commissioners, Mount Olive Town Hall, The Fireman's Association, and Joint Advisory Committees of Wayne Community College.

In addition to speeches, Wilson has also been interviewed by WHFL television and has spoken twice on WGBR radio station.

Students support registration opportunity

By JOHN F. BRESHEARS

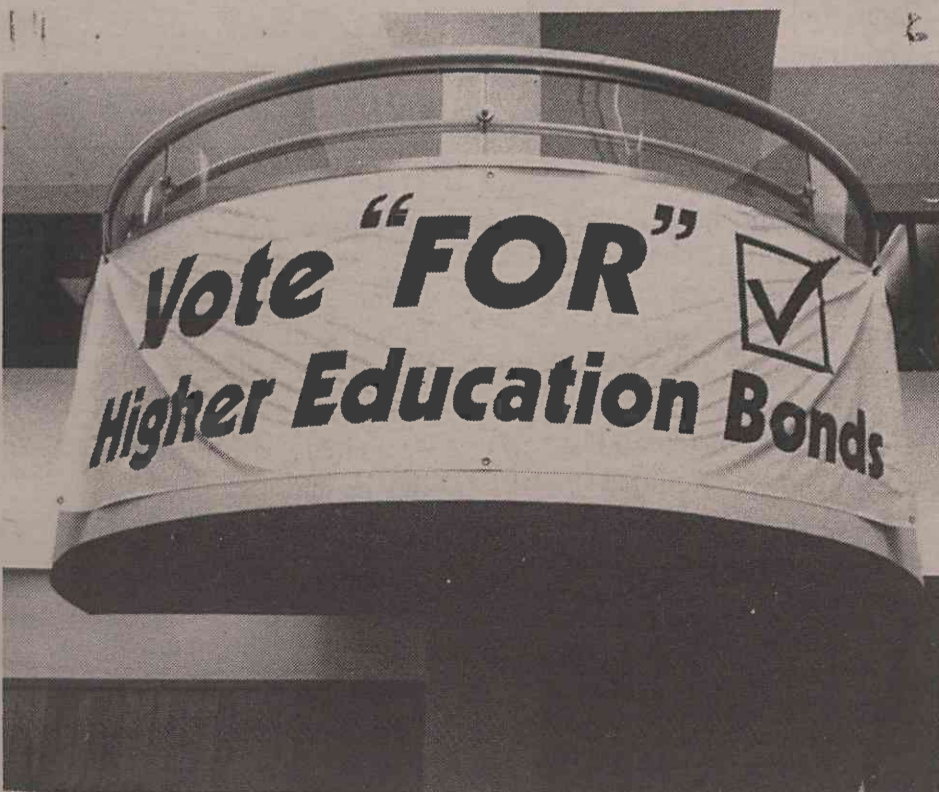
Wayne Community College held a Voter Registration Day on the September 5, 2000.

Former SGA President Ginger DeVore and Wayne Parson organized the event.

Parson said, "We had a great student turnout for the pizza-fest and voter registration. Our student government was able to make the students more aware of the importance of their vote."

Thanks from Dr. Wilson to these student volunteers for their help with promoting the Bond Issue:

- Tammi Allen*
- Brandi Barnes*
- Jessica Broome*
- Tamika Bryant*
- Vickki Daniels*
- Bobby Duncan*
- Ginger DeVore*
- Wendy Edmund*
- Phyllis Hembree*
- Lori Hill*
- Vanessa Kirby*
- Robert McAlister*
- Gail Minshew*
- James Myles*
- Willa Neal*
- Trena Newson*
- Chris Oats*
- Paige Reeves*
- Amye Ross*
- Tonya Sibbett*
- Belinda Smith*
- Tammy Tatum*
- Nancy Warren*
- Onda Washington*
- Dharee Williams*
- Fina Williamson*
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Wayne County voters followed through, supporting the Bond Issue by 77.4%.
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