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WCC responds to September 11 tragedies



Students begin to gather around the flagpole where a moment of silence was observed and the pledge to the flag recited. PHOTOS: VOICE STAFF

By REBECCA WHITMAN

Students stood in rapt attention in front of campus wide televisions as the news broke September 11, 2001.

For some the effect was disbelief; for many the events left a deep spiritual wound.

Twice in the week after the planes had struck, WCC students met around the flagpole in front of the LC building for a moment of silence to sing and to pledge allegiance to the flag.

In classrooms, instructors gave students a chance to discuss their feelings about the tragedy.

The WCC Educational Office Personnel (EOP) sponsored a campus-wide collection for the New York Disaster Relief Fund.

Over a 5-day period, EOP representatives raised \$724.10 to be presented to American Red Cross officials.

Also, over a period of 2 weeks, sales of patriotic memorabilia at the bookstore increased; it sold 156 t-shirts and 60 pins.

On Monday, September 17, a forum was held to respond to students' questions. That same day, base classes, which had been closed since September 11, moved to the main campus.

Students once able to go to classes at SJAFB with a simple ID were suddenly subjected to a new policy of background security checks.

By the Fall II term, day classes resumed on base for those who could obtain security access, but night classes remained on the main campus.

All classes are expected to resume at the base location in the spring for students with approved security access.

Another effect of the tragedy on WCC students was an interest in the policy for reimbursement of money to deployed military students.

According to John Pritchett, former Programs Coordinator of WCC classes on SJAFB, military students will be compensated on a one-on-one basis independent of the NC Community College System policy until a large deployment is in effect.

While a small deployment did affect some students and families at WCC, sources say that the deployment occurred early enough in the semester for students to meet the drop/add date and the policy was, therefore, not used.

Attack on America Forum held to meet campus needs

By LEEANNE EPPS

After the recent tragedies in New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania, Wayne Community College instructor Dr. Edmond Hogan organized a forum of 5 panelists for parents, students, faculty and staff, as well as the general public to share their thoughts and learn how to cope with questions they had and their children had.

The panelists included the Rev. William Barbour II, pastor of Greenleaf Church; Dr. William Brettman, a retired Episcopal minister; Dr. Edwin Hooper, M.D., psychiatrist; Oneida Levine, Ph.D., Wayne County Mental Health Child Family Services Director; and Dr. David Tayloe, Jr., pediatrician.

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Basic Law Enforcement Training students stand at attention with their instructor Beverly Deans, far left, during the pledge to the American flag.