

An Interview with WCC's President

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By DANA BRADFORD and KEVIN SPENCE

Voice: How is the budget shortfall in the state affecting WCC?

Wilson: This year we had to use about \$335,000 from our budget due to the reductions in the state revenue. We had been asked to submit to the state 4% at \$336,000 and 10% at \$1,053,000 base budget cuts. The state has a 1.2 billion dollar shortfall in revenue enhancements; the 10% cut will result in 9 faculty cuts and 9 administrative cuts.

Voice: Will tuition increase?

Wilson: My guess is yes. We are lobbying very hard to keep the increase as low as possible, hopefully no more than 10%.

Voice: Where is the money coming from for the daycare center?

Wilson: One part -- \$500,000--is coming from the bond issue; the other \$200,000 is coming from the county.

Voice: Where else is the bond money being used?

Wilson: Funding the daycare center, re-roofing the Holly Building, and upgrading the computer network.

Documents trace key moments in nation's history

By DANA BRADFORD

As students, faculty, staff, and visitors on campus walk toward the cafeteria in the Learning Center building, they have probably noticed the 28 historical documents that comprise The Freedom Shrine.

The Exchange Club of Goldsboro, NC, erected The Freedom Shrine "to strengthen citizen appreciation of our American heritage."

The earliest document posted is the Mayflower Compact, from the 17th century.

Documents from the 18th century include The Declaration of Independence, The Treaty of Paris, Patrick

Voice: Will base classes continue due to heightened military security?

Wilson: We have been assured by the base that the classes will continue. We ask that students get their security clearance in by the deadline to ensure they will be able to get on the base.

Voice: Will the college ever enlarge the fitness center?

Wilson: The plans are in the second building that we have funds to enlarge the fitness center 4 or 5 times its size. We will be able to expand the classes offered in our fitness department.

Voice: Many students have to park in the back clay parking lots. Will these ever be paved?

Wilson: No, we have plans to eventually build on that site.

Voice: Does WCC have a terrorist plan?

Wilson: Yes, we are getting ready to test the plan. Law enforcement and Fire Departments will need to be involved with the exercise, so the exercise will probably take place on a day when students are not in school.

Henry's instructions to George Rogers Clark, The Northwest Ordinance, The Constitution, George Washington's first Inaugural Address, Benjamin Franklin's epitaph, George Washington's letter to Colonel Nicola, The Bill of Rights, and George Washington's Farewell Address.

Documents posted from the 19th century include Thomas Jefferson's first Inaugural Address, The Monroe Doctrine, The Gettysburg Address, The Emancipation Proclamation, Abraham Lincoln's second Inaugural Address, The 13th Amendment, and Robert E. Lee's letter accepting the Presidency of Washington College.



President Ed Wilson, right, confers with Comptroller Alice Wadsworth and the vice presidents about ways the state's budget crisis will affect WCC's operations. Standing (1 to r): Roy C. White, Vice President of Continuing Education; Kenneth R. Ritt, Vice President for Educational Support Services; and Dan Krautheim, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Services. PHOTO: VOICE STAFF

Voice: Are the plans for enlarging the bookstore definite?

Wilson: Yes. The bookstore will be doubled in size and relocated where the administrative offices are currently located.

Voice: How will the Civic Center affect WCC?

Wilson: The Civic Center could have both a positive and negative effect. The civic center would provide a big enough space for graduation in case of interfering weather conditions.



WCC's President, Dr. Edward H. Wilson, Jr., poses in front of the Freedom Shrine display in the Learning Center building. PHOTO DANA BRADFORD