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Daycare to be ready by June 1

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Dreams of a fully functioning, state-of-the-art daycare center on the Wayne Community Campus are swiftly becoming a reality.

Completion of this facility was predicted for April, but the daycare will not be occupied until May, said Dr. Kay Albertson, Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs.

All furniture and needed supplies have been ordered. Furniture is at this time being moved in, according to Ken Ritt, Vice President of Educational Support Services.

The daycare is predicted to be fully functioning by June 1.

The building will be named the Oak Building to coincide with the horticultural names of the existing facilities on campus.

Four classrooms will house infants 6 weeks-1 year old. The second will accommodate toddlers 1-2 years; the third, 3 year olds; and the fourth, 4- 5 year olds. The total capacity is 55 students.

An exciting feature of the daycare is an outside learning environment, Albertson said. It brings the learning tools or lessons outside for the children to continue their education while experiencing nature.

Designated areas for art, dramatic play, reading, blocks, sand and art station, and a gross motor station allow for a variety of stimulating activities to enrich the minds of the students.

A paved walking/ tricycle track provides a chance for physical activity. This track consists of 2 loops around the playground area.



The truck from Kaplan furniture stands ready to be unloaded in front of the daycare.

The building will house a substantial increase from the current enrollment of 22 children. According to Dr. Albertson, a long waiting list exists now.

A technological addition to this daycare is a closed-circuit television that, through an internet connection, will allow parents to observe their children throughout the day.

WCC is striving to create a top-notch facility for youth. "There are high hopes for a 5 star license," Dr. Alberston said. "Every child will be prepared for school."

The campus is currently accepting applications for daycare positions. If anyone is interested, contact Dr. Albertson, at ext. 316. All workers are required to have a minimum of an AAS degree.

Larry Mills assembles toys for the children.
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Congratulations to WCC nursing student Lisa Cordell for being North Carolina's 2003 New Century Scholar!