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Walnut to be ready by July

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The 2005 spring semester saw ongoing progress for the new Walnut building.

According to Ken Ritt, Vice President of Educational Support Services, the project will be completed by July 2005, a month ahead of deadline.

The Walnut building will consist of 8 labs and 8 classrooms for Basic Skills and Continuing Education classes.

The downstairs portion will feature a large boardroom and a 54-seat Lecture Hall, Ritt said.

The Walnut building will be high-energy efficient, the only building at WCC that features an automatic lighting system. "This feature will save a great deal of energy," Ritt said.

Walnut building will have a covered walkway connecting it to the Hocutt Building.

Walnut will provide a circular drive that will be completed with the building in July.

The circular drive will lead to the administration building area in Dogwood, adding 10 parking spaces for visitors.

Extra parking for the students will be available because of this addition on campus.

The total cost of the new building is \$4.2 million funded by the 2000 bond referendum.

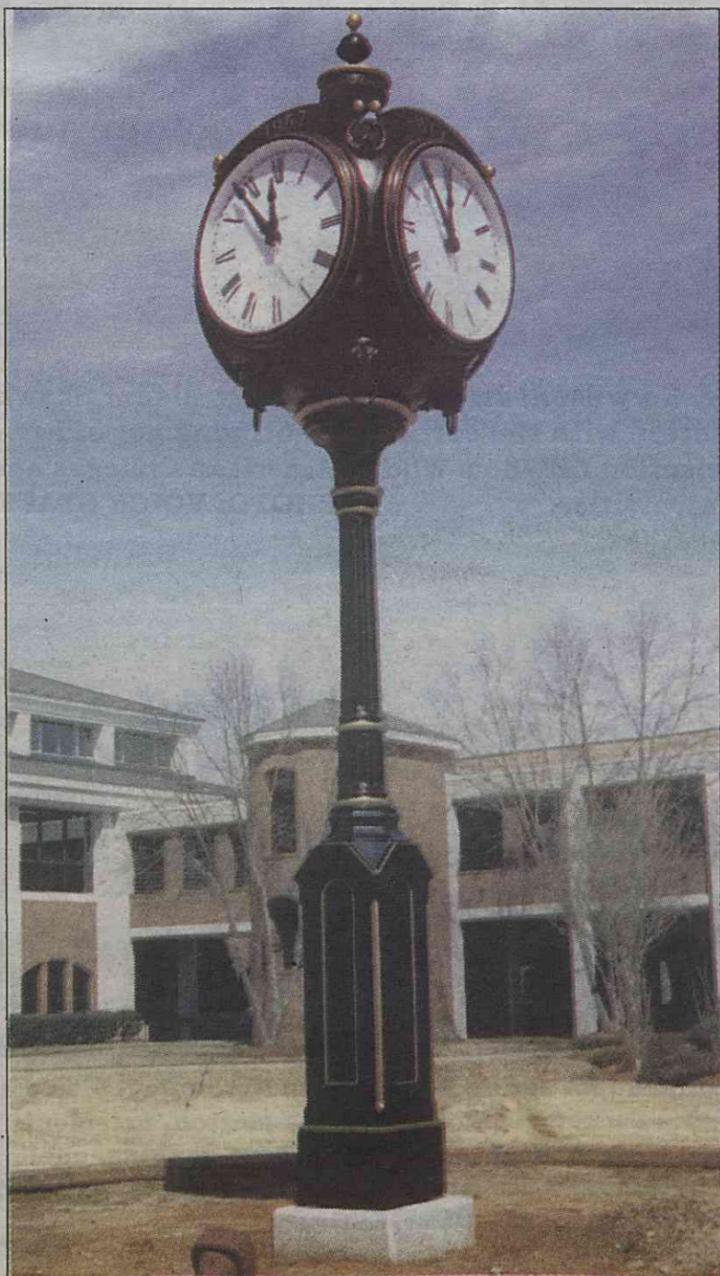
New construction for a second building is scheduled to begin in July. This building will be named the Spruce Building.

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In the background is the walkway that will be covered and will connect Walnut with Hocutt building.

The Hal Plonk Memorial Clock was dedicated on April 21, 2005, what would have been the 84th birthday of the honoree, Hal Kiser Plonk, who advocated the growth of Wayne Community College from its early beginnings as the Goldsboro Industrial Education Center (IEC). Plonk was the Director of Vocational Education for Goldsboro City Schools when he became the Director of the IEC in July 1961. He had a major role in starting area community colleges.



Dr. Ed Wilson, Jr., WCC President, third from right, admires the new clock he is showing to Board of Trustees member, from left: Tommy Cox; Al King, current mayor of Goldsboro; Jack Kannan, Foundation director; Wilson; Tommy Jarrett; and Joanne Roberts.