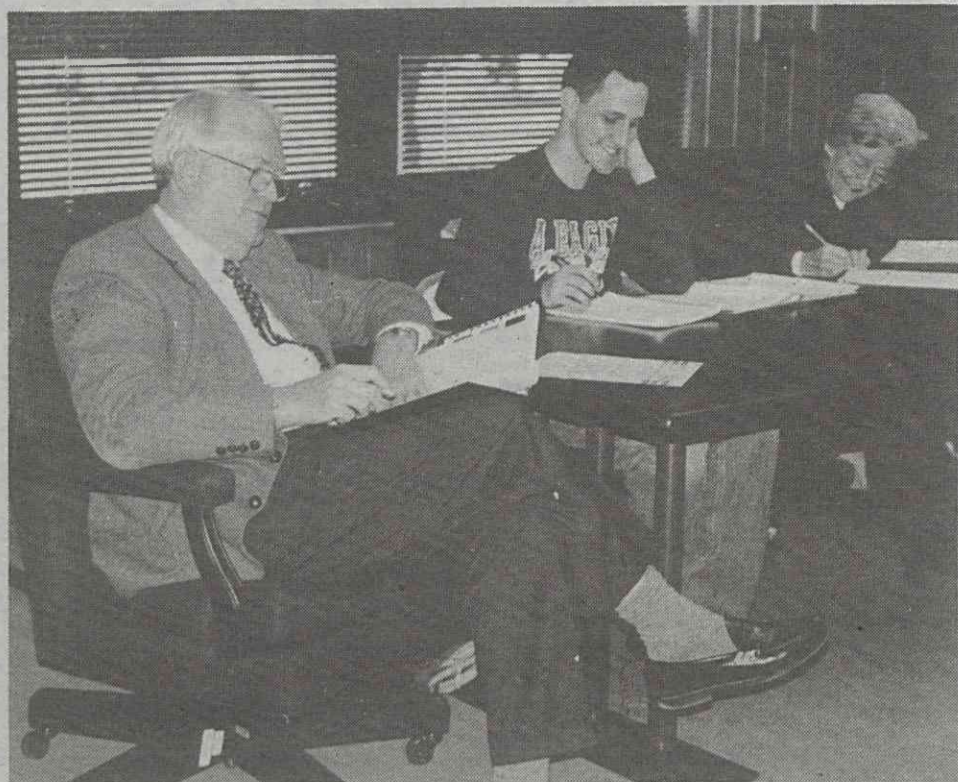


Interview with WCC's President

Because you asked...



Dr. Ed Wilson, Jr., sits in on a monthly Student Government Association meeting to respond to student concerns. Also pictured are Nathan Rennels, WCC student, and Caroline Phillips, nursing instructor.

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By **JOSHUA ASH** and **ZACK RAYBURN**

VOICE: How has this past semester been for you?

WILSON: It's been quite hectic and extremely busy.

VOICE: Has this semester been any different from past semesters; if so, how?

WILSON: It's mostly been just accreditation [The process by which members of the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities (SACS) validate their mission.]

VOICE: What has been the most challenging situation that you've had to deal with thus far for the semester? And how was it dealt with?

WILSON: Well, again I would have to say accreditation and also bomb threats.

VOICE: So that everyone knows, what is being done about the bomb threats. What is the penalty for making a bomb threat to the college?

WILSON: A bomb threat is a felony, and if the person were to get caught, he or she would be prosecuted and serve time in prison.

VOICE: What are your feelings/opinions on the bomb threats that took place here last semester?

WILSON: It's not printable, but is a difficult thing to deal with. It is a definite and major hassle with making up classes.

VOICE: While the college is trying to recruit new students, how much room is actually available? For example, student parking as well as space available in the classroom.

WILSON: Approximately we can have 400 more students; not all programs are full. With more students we are creating an extra 70 parking spaces in the future.

Approximately 40 spaces will go to the newly built Walnut Building, and the other 30 will go to the Computer Technology Spruce Building, which will be built in the summer of 2006.

The college has asked for money from the county budget for 80 extra parking spaces behind the Magnolia Building.

VOICE: What are some new programs for 2005-2006?

WILSON: A biotechnology program and an emergency preparedness technology program.

VOICE: Since we no longer have a drama instructor, what is going to happen to the drama concentration under the fine arts program? What is going to be done about the students that are in the program?

WILSON: We are in the process of making a decision in the next couple of weeks.

VOICE: Is there any way to make the walkway from Dogwood to Azalea a smoke-free area?

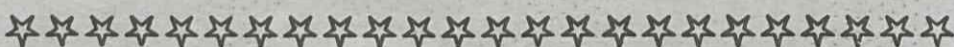
WILSON: It will be looked into.

VOICE: What will be the impact of the new Con Ed building?

WILSON: First off it will give more space for all Continuing Ed programs as well as the small business office, with a corporate training room, a 50-seat tiered classroom, more flexibility, and finally will allow future moves to give the Bookstore more space and Financial Aid.

VOICE: So far how's the college been affected by the loss of Dr. Hogan?

WILSON: In many respects, he was a counselor to many people. He was an excellent teacher, and for those students who were not able to attend his class, they definitely missed out.

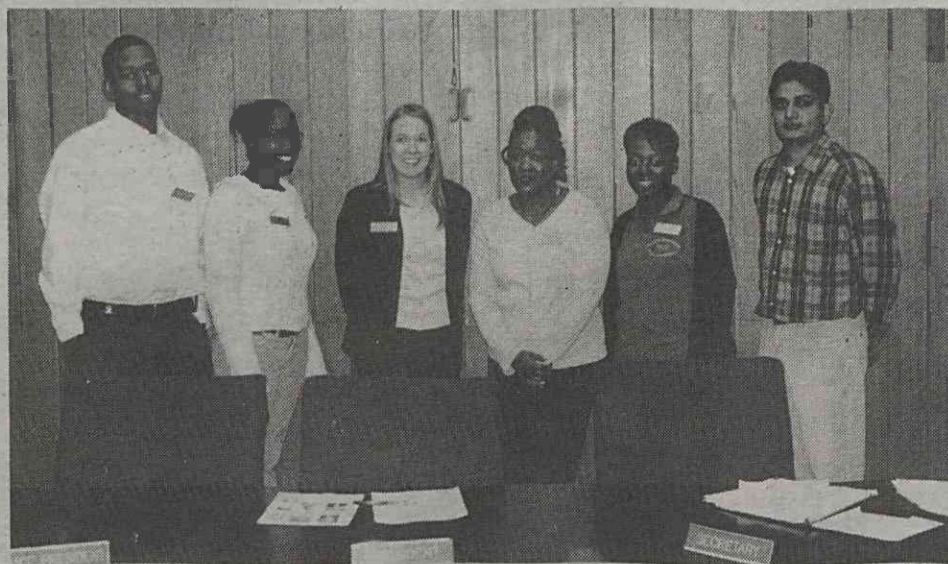


SGA president selected for Who's Who



Dr. Ed Wilson, Jr. presents SGA President Shawna Morton with the certificate notifying her of her selection to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

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SGA officers for spring 2005 (l to r): Kyron Ray, vice president; Tia Parker, secretary; Shawna Morton, president; Mickey Turton, local interactions; Toya Jenkins, public information; and Suresh Bhagchandani, special populations.

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