

## A visit with Dr. Wilson

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The "Master Plan," as Dr. Ed Wilson, president of Wayne Community College, calls it, is completed.

That plan is the Walnut building, which was built because the college needed more space for Continuing Education and the Small Business Center.

Dr. Wilson has been involved in the construction since the beginning. He recommended the project to the college's Board of Trustees and the North Carolina Community College System. Then he consulted staff, signed off on the plan, and assigned staff to monitor the construction.

The building has great possibilities for students and faculty, he said. It will allow the movers to move the Small Business Center and administrative offices to the

Dogwood building. Ultimately, our book store will be expanding, along with Financial Aid and offices for the counseling staff.

Dr. Wilson has worked at other colleges, where he was involved in construction projects. He saw how construction could help.

"It benefited the college by turning temporary space, such as trailers, into permanent space," he said.

Another advantage that Dr. Wilson seems excited about is how the Walnut building is energy efficient.

With windows facing North and South, the building will use the sun in place of lighting, he said.

Dr. Wilson hopes the energy-efficient design will save money.

In the future, the college is scheduled to build another building called the Spruce building. This is expected to be completed in 2006.

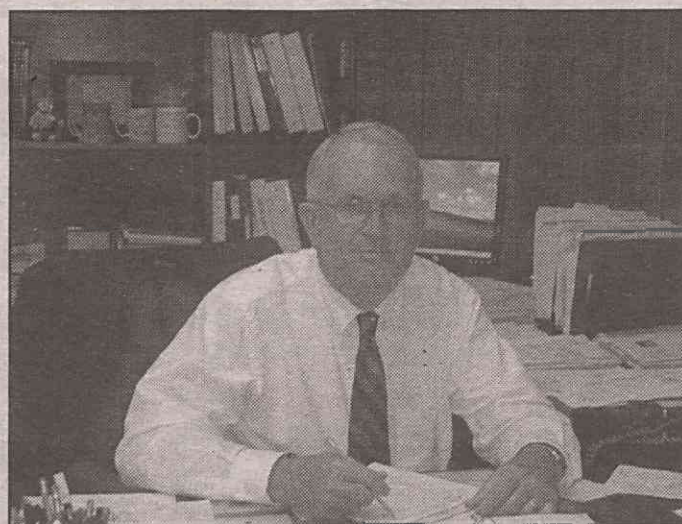


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Dr. Ed Wilson, pictured in his office, believes the Walnut building will be a showcase for WCC.

When deciding who will occupy the new buildings, the president and his staff meet with the Administrative Council, view different options and make a combined decision.

Dr. Wilson has heard a lot of positive feedback about the Walnut building.

He said he believes it will be a showcase.

## Walnut building newest addition to WCC campus

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As a new school year began and the students and staff returned to Wayne Community College, the school opted to continue its dedication to a higher standard of learning and pursue its plans for a renovation and expansion of the college facilities.

On June 22, 2004, construction began on the Walnut building and plans for expansion were set in motion. For several days, as students arrived on campus, they were greeted by the sounds of progress, construction workers working busily while chattering amongst each other and laying

the foundations for the newly constructed building.

Money received from 2000's North Carolina Higher Education Bond Referendum has allowed Wayne Community to act on its plans for more spacious and new facilities for faculty and students. An estimated \$9 million will be spent to offer more adequate facilities as needed on campus.

Some level of transition will of course be necessary as the new buildings become available to staff and students. Walnut will have new classrooms and offices for the Adult High School programs, GED programs, and the Basic Skills programs. Basic law, criminal justice, and human

service classes have been moved to the Pine building.

According to Ken Ritt, vice president of Educational Support Services here at Wayne Community College, Daniels and Daniels Construction Company, Inc., of Goldsboro was hired to build the Walnut building. Anderson Architects of Southern Pines was hired to draft the plans and design the building.

Walnut is estimated to be about 30,000 square feet in diameter and includes a Small Business Center, a 54-seat lecture hall, and a corporate training room.

Along with the Walnut building, a new parking lot has been constructed. Offering 38

new spaces, the spaces in the circle drive will be reserved for the college president and his senior staff.

The remaining 30 spaces near the building will be for staff and visitors.

Wayne Community held a ground breaking ceremony on Oct. 19 in recognition of construction that will begin on another new building. Spruce, which will be attached to the Magnolia building, will have 16 new classrooms, including eight new computer labs, and 22 new offices for the faculty and staff.

The new computer labs in Spruce will allow the older computer labs in the Wayne Learning Center to be shut down and used in the future as classrooms.

## A welcome to our readers ...

Dear Readers,

With the beginning of the fall semester came new classes, instructors, and experiences that will well equip you for the future.

Upon arrival this semester, you may have noticed that your classes weren't the only new things going on here on campus. While walking from class to class, you may have seen the construction of the new Walnut building located next to Hocutt and Dogwood. As you gazed at the diagonal building you saw that it was unique to the other ones on campus. Unlike the other square-shaped buildings, Walnut is rectangular with hexagonal walls to the front.

You may have found yourself wondering what this building will be used for, which students will have access to it, and if the construction will affect your tuition.

In this special edition of the Campus Voice, we hope to answer these questions - and more - concerning the progress of Wayne Community College. We'll also take a journey through history and into the future, seeing where Wayne Community College has come from, where we are now, and where we are going.

With engaging interviews and photos and a theme set on progress, this special edition of Campus Voice will be well worth sinking your teeth into. So grab a chair and immerse yourself in this journey through the progress of Wayne Community College.

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## What's coming next: A renovation schedule

### November:

- \*Begin renovations to Dogwood building (Continuing Education)
- \*Begin renovations to Dogwood building (Business office)
- \*Begin renovations to Dogwood building (executive offices)
- \*Complete renovations to Dogwood building (Continuing Education)

### 2006

#### February:

- \*Complete renovations to Dogwood building (Business office)
- \*Move Business office to Dogwood building
- \*Begin renovations in Wayne Learning Center Financial Aid
- \*Complete renovation to Dogwood building (executive offices)

#### March:

- \*Complete renovation to Dogwood building (Business office)

#### April:

- \*Move executive offices to Dogwood building

- \*Complete renovations of Wayne Learning Center Financial Aid area

- \*Begin renovations of Wayne Learning Center administrative area to bookstore

#### June:

- \*Complete renovations to bookstore

#### July:

- \*Move bookstore

#### September:

- \*Begin renovations to old bookstore

#### November:

- \*Complete construction of Business and Technology Center
- \*Complete renovation of the old bookstore

#### December:

- \*Move business programs to Business and Technology Center
- \*Renovate vacated Wayne Learning Center computer labs