

An interview with the president

■ **Dr. Ed Wilson discusses the latest about renovations, the college's 50th birthday and his retirement.**

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The renovations and construction at Wayne Community College are going "very well," according to Dr. Ed Wilson, college president.

Dr. Wilson discussed the latest news during a recent interview with the Campus Voice.

He said that the work on the new bookstore and the old business office, both located in the Wayne Learning Center, is expected to be completed and occupied by the end of this month.

The WLC first floor has practically been redesigned to accommodate student needs. Dr. Wilson explained that the original floor plan in the 1970s was set up so that the entire first floor would be for students. A separate administration building was planned.

However, that much space was not needed at the time, so the college had the administration and business offices put in the WLC building, and the additional building was never built.

There has been a lot of construction going on in the past year, and Dr. Wilson shared that it will not be the last.

Two more buildings are planned in the near future. One will be a new science building with new equipment and more space, and the other will be a

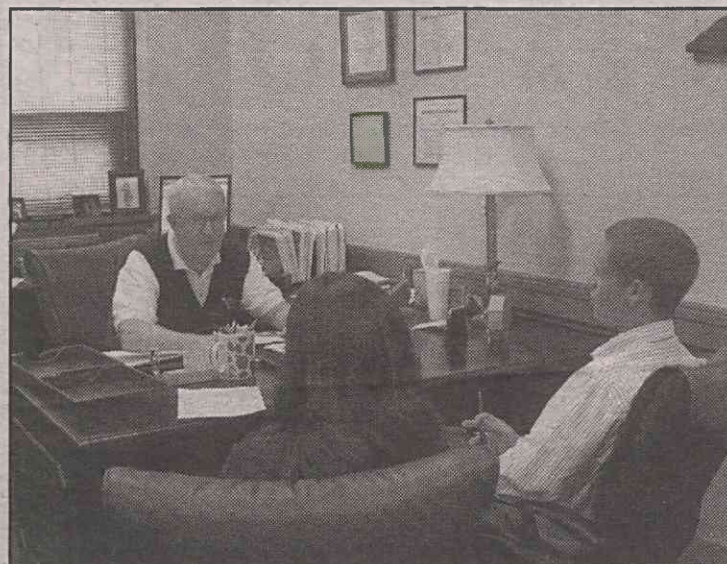


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Dr. Wilson talks with Nicole Milliken and Christopher Daniel in his office in the Dogwood building.

performing arts building which will also include a new fitness area. The construction on the new buildings is planned to begin during the 2010-2011 school year.

The 50th anniversary of Wayne Community College is coming up, and Dr. Wilson said that there are going to be many things throughout the entire year to celebrate the anniversary.

The celebration will begin with the dedication of the Spruce building and the burying of a time capsule.

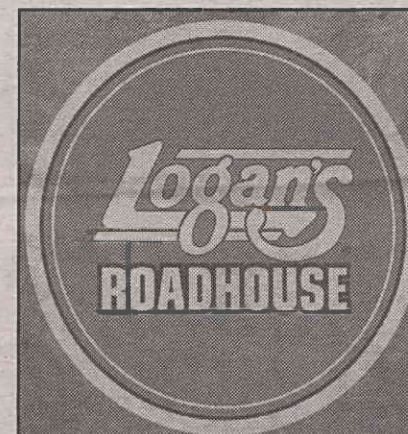
As WCC looks forward to upcoming events, Dr. Wilson is preparing to retire. Next semester will be his last as president.

He said that he is looking forward to watching his grandchildren play ball, spending time with his family, and also having time to get out on the golf course more often.

He also said that he is going to miss the people he works with

and all the students at WCC.
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