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DR. H.E. THOMPSON
President

Doc Announces Retirement

"I am asking that, effective June 30, the trustees grant me the title 'president emeritus.'" With these words of his pending retirement, President Howard E. Thompson shocked the college staff gathered in the teaching auditorium for a meeting last week.

Having headed the institution since July 1, 1965, Dr. Thompson gets much of the credit for the growth of the college from an initial enrollment of 58 to its present enrollment of approximately 3,000.

Under "Doc's" leadership, three buildings were constructed

on the present 75-acre campus, and three more buildings should be completed by October, 1977.

A news story in the Wilkes Journal Patriot calls the growth of the college during Dr. Thompson's administration "one of the major success stories in education in North Carolina during the past decade."

Named to the Presidential Screening Committee to recommend a successor were Austin A. Adams, chairman, representing the Board of Trustees. Others on the committee include Bonnie L.

Rhodes and Milton J. Ingram, trustees; Stokes R. Pearson, college administrator; J. Jay Anderson and Mary Nichols, instructors; Steve Day, SGA; John Cashion, alumnus; and Gerald Lankford, ACC Advisory Board and County Commissioner. Betty J. Burcham will serve as secretary.

The committee is asked to submit five names to the Board of Trustees by April 15. Deadline for applications is set for February 1.

Dr. Thompson isn't leaving Wilkes. He says he wants to continue to serve the college in some capacity.

Phi Beta Lambda Recruiting New Members

David Hayes, president of the WCC chapter of Phi Beta Lambda, reported a banner year for 1975-76 activities, and looks forward to another fine year in '77. Phi Beta Lambda is the national organization of business students.

Selected theme for the coming year is "Awareness of the American Economic System," and the local organization plans, among other things, fund raising projects and charity work. Plans are also being made for recreation activities, and the group expects to have a lot of fun together. The organization is open for membership.

Last year, eight young people from the local group attended

their first state convention in Charlotte. They placed five of the eight in competitive events and came away with three first place awards, 1 second place and 1 third. Some of the members also attended their first national convention in Washington, D.C.

Phi Beta Lambda is the sister organization of the high school club, Future Business Leaders of America. Its goal is to help the student be more aware of the business world while in school.

Requirement for joining the club is that the applicant must be taking at least one business course. Anyone interested in joining should contact David Hayes, Billy Howell, or faculty advisor, Dr. Jean Miles.

Freshman Class Officers



LINDA McNEILL
President



CAROLINE DAVIS
Vice-President



TIANNA DANCY
Secretary

DEAR FRIENDS

Thank you for your support during the school elections. I really appreciate it. If there is any way that I can help you, let me know. If you need a friend, I am here.

-Linda McNeill

SEX!!

It has come to my attention that the Student Senate and other organizations in this school are being run by the female sex. I am sure that there are many qualified and capable men in this school.

So gentlemen, get involved----- You are needed.

-Anonymous



BETH DAVIS
Treasurer



CAROLINE GOSS
Senator



KAREN HOLBROOK
Senator



ROSEMARIE JARVIS
Senator



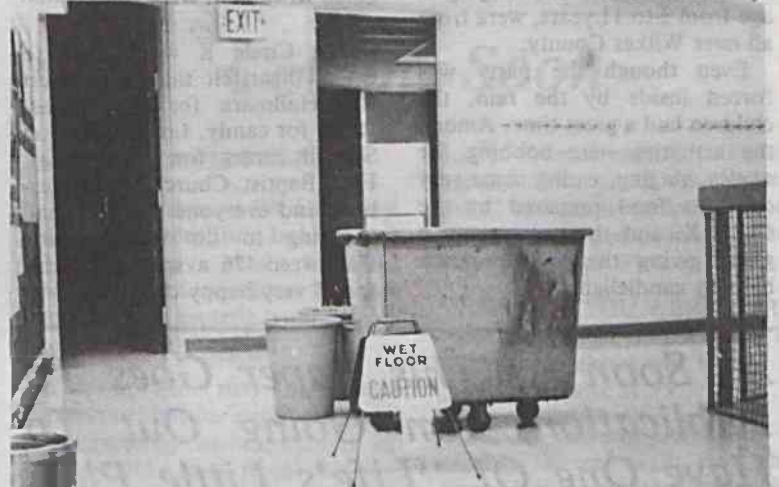
LORI KIJEK
Senator



ANNE PREVETTE
Senator



SHARON WALKER
Senator



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