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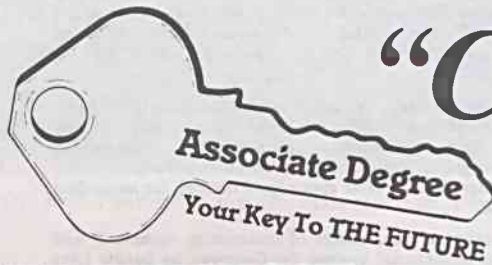
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"Community College" Month



Dr. David E. Daniel

President's Message

February, 1986 has been designated as National Community College Month. All across the United States special programs are being conducted to heighten public awareness of the contributions community colleges make to our society. Over 1200 community colleges now exist in the United States, 58 of them in North Carolina. Our community college system is one of the 5 largest in the nation, now enrolling over 600,000 North Carolinians annually. Approximately 3000 full-time equivalent students attend Wilkes Community College. The headcount of all students, full and part-time is about 10,000. In other words 1 out of every 10 citizens in our service area is now taking a course at Wilkes Community College. In Ashe, Alleghany, and Wilkes Counties we reach into every facet of society to touch thousands of lives, most of whom would not have such opportunities otherwise. During the month of February, we certainly reflect upon our early beginnings and our recent successes, but we also look to the future. To rest on our laurels would be folly. We must forge ahead accepting the unparalleled challenges of technological change. I believe that Wilkes Community College is ready for these challenges. And we shall stress excellence in the process!

NURSE RESIGNS POSITION

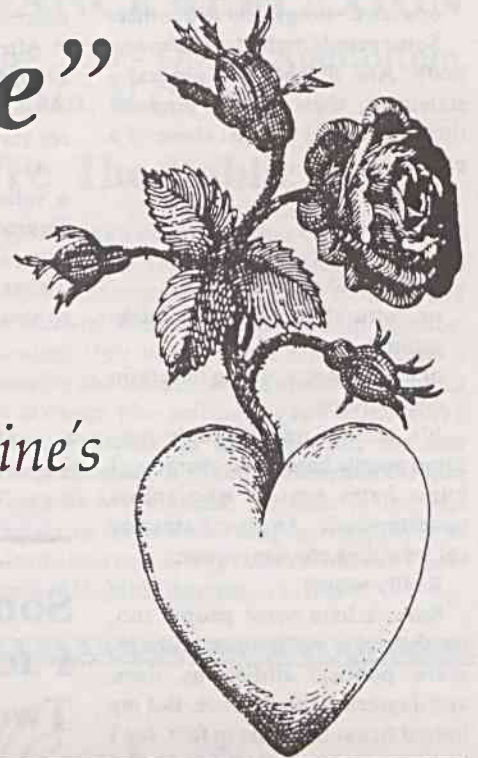
Carole Bundy, a part-time and then full-time nursing instructor for the past eighteen months, has resigned her position as of March 1, 1986. Due to the transfer of her husband to Forest City, NC with First Union Bank she will be leaving this area.

Nursing faculty and students will miss Mrs. Bundy's contribution in both classroom and clinical experience. A graduate of the University of South Carolina, she has had extensive experience in obstetrical nursing. Before joining the full-time faculty at WCC she was employed as a prenatal nurse educator at Bowman-Gray School of Medicine.

Valentine's Day February 14

Give your love one very red rose, or simple, unexpected kiss.
Share with that love a thought, a dream, a silent walk somewhere.
How good, how full is life, to need your love, and to be needed.
Give, then, your love, your thoughts, your time, yourself.

St. Valentine's Day



Be A Community College Lover!



Everyone knows that St. Valentine's Day is that day of the year when friends and lovers express affection for one another, through cards, candy and flowers, whatever means the imagination can find. But no one is quite certain who this St. Valentine was - or, more appropriately, who these Valentines were. The early lists of Church martyrs reveal at least three Valentines, and one source boosted this number to an unwieldy eight, each of whom had his feast day on February 14.

Of the three most important Valentines, one is known only through the martyrdom which he shared with a group of believers. The other two, a priest of Rome and a Bishop of Interamna, are both said to have been beaten and beheaded by the Emperor Claudius II in A.D. 269 and then buried in the Flaminian Way. The remains of one Valentine (which one is uncertain) are said to be in the church of St. Praxedes in Rome. The Porta del Popolo, the People's Gate, also in Rome, was once known as Porta Valentini, Valentine's Gate.

Various legends have come down to us concerning Valentine. He was said to have been imprisoned and, while there, he cured the jailer's daughter of blindness. Another story, in an attempt to associate him more closely with St. Valentine's Day, has him falling in love with the jailer's daughter and sending her a letter which he signed, "From your Valentine."

The various Valentines eventually evolved into one. Lovers' quarrels come under his jurisdiction and, naturally, he is the patron saint of engaged couples and of anyone wishing to marry.



At opening of Community College Month on February 4, 1986 are Dr. David E. Daniel, Mr. Tom Ogburn, Mrs. June Adams and son, Mrs. Judith Duncan, Judge Robert M. Gambill, Mr. Kyle Hayes, Mrs. B. Klinkosum and Mr. Bud Mayes.

Community College Month

On Tuesday, Wilkes Community College's faculty staff, administrators, Board of Trustees, Endowment Corporation, Advisor Board, and along with friends of the college met for the first meeting to recognize that February is the Community

College Month. Faculty and staff that were graduates of a community college were recognized, the different boards, and master teachers, Bud Mayes and Mrs. Betsy Klinkosum were honored.

Honorary Associate Degrees were given to Mr. Tom Ogburn, Mr. James Spicer, Mr. Austin Adams, Mrs. Judith Duncan, Judge Robert Gambill, and Mr. Kyle Hayes.



Mrs. Nithi Klinkosum

and her M.A. degree in Biology from Appalachian State University in Boone. She also has studied at Duke University in Durham.

Klinkosum has taught a variety of Biology courses at WCC since 1967. Prior to her employment with the college, she was the Chief Technologist and Instructor in Blood Banking at N.C. Baptist Hospital and Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem.

A very active person, Klinkosum has been cited as one of the Outstanding Young Women in America. She is also listed in the Registry of Medical Technologists (American Society of Clinical Pathologists). Although her busy schedule doesn't allow any time for hobbies, Klinkosum does enjoy good movies and playing with the family cat.

She is married to Nithi Klinkosum the Director of Telecommunications at WCC. They have one son, Maitri, a sophomore at Wilkes Central High School.

Master Teacher

Elizabeth H. Klinkosum has been designated as Wilkes Community College's Master Teacher of the year. Her excellence in teaching and learning will be showcased at the 1986 National Conference on Teaching Excellence, May 18-21 in Austin, Texas.

Born in Asheville, Klinkosum graduated from Broughton High School in Raleigh. She received her B.S. degree in Biology and Medical Technology from Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem,