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Dr. David E. Daniel President

# President's Message

I would like to express my congratulations to those students who were recently elected class officers for the 1987-1988 academic year at Wilkes Community College. You have been chosen among your classmates to represent WCC. I am confident that you will be exemplary leaders and will strive to maintain and uphold the trust that has been placed with you.

Congratulations also to those students who were elected Miss WCC, Mr. WCC, Miss Cougar, Miss College Transfer, Miss Vocational, and Miss Technical College. You will be representing WCC's entire student body during Wilkes County's annual Christmas parade, and I look forward to seeing you there.

The WCC students who compose our security group are to be complimented for their effective and level-headed approach to campus security. They are always neat in appearance and thoughtful in every respect. While our parking spaces are somewhat limited they keep an orderly arrangement without being oppressive. Their presence is apparent at key times, indicating an awareness of daily activities. No request for assistance goes unattended. We receive many compliments from visitors who have been assisted courteously and quickly by these professionally trained students. We often take our daily routines for granted, but we should be mindful of these WCC

students who make our conditions more pleasant. These criminal justice students are a vital part of our program, and we thank them for their dedication to their jobs.

I hope that Fall Quarter at WCC has been a good experience for you, and that you will begin Winter Quarter with just as much enthusi-

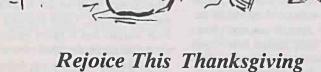
### **Chinese Educator** Visits WCC

An authoritative figure in Chinese education paid a four day visit to the campus of Wilkes Community College and the surrounding county on the 19th - 22nd of

Mr Yufeng Song is the Vice Consul of the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China, Mr. Song's chief responsibility is in traveling around the country to various colleges and universities providing any assistance possible to the Chinese foreign exchange students who may be enrolled there.

He also brings with him a dedicated curiosity of culture. Mr. Song enlightened us with the details of the Chinese culture while he was intrigued to receive information about the American culture. Mr. Song says that educating ourselves about each other's lifestyles, interests, and ambitions will help in the development of the new-found friendship between the two great

The realization of this process has been put into affect by Mr.



Our American forebearers were blessed with precious little in the way of material things, but they found occasion to and did observe many days of thanksgiving.

The first on record was that held August 9, 1607, on the coast of what we know today as Maine, by colonists who had come from England on the ships, The Gift of God and Mary and John.

The generally observed day of thanks among the New Englanders was that ordered by Governor Bradford in the autumn of 1621 in gratitude for the harvest. To the wild turkeys brought in by the colonists, friendly Indians added contributions of deer and participated in the feast, giving rise to the most durable of our Thanksgiving Day picturizations.

The colonists observed a day of thanksgiving on Thursday, Decem-

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fruitful friendships.

ber 18, 1777, to commemorate the surrender of the British General Burgoyne after the Continental Congress had recommended that a day be appointed to mark the signal of success late obtained over the enemies of the United States.

President George Washington issued a proclamation naming November 26, 1789, as a day of general thanksgiving for the adoption of the Constitution.

The first national proclamation of Thanksgiving Day as we know it now was made on October 3, 1863, by President Lincoln, who set aside the last Thursday in November as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.

Today, as in years past, Americans have even more reasons to give thanks.

#### College Bible Song. He encourages Americans to Studies

You are invited to take part in the good word every Thursday night between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. at Windermere Apartments, Bldg. 2, Apt. F. Bring your Bible and a friend. See you there!



Mr. Yufeng Song from China spent 4 days at WCC.

# SGA **Newly Elected SGA Officers**

The Student Government Association is off to another exciting year at WCC. There have been different activities planned to make the 1987-88 year very successful. There was a Halloween costume dance October 28th from 8:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight. Everyone was encouraged to come out and participate in the fun. The wrestling team had a scrimmage match Tuesday, October 27th. The members of the SGA attended the SGA conference October 29-31st.

It's almost Christmas time again, and the Christmas parade will be on Saturday, December 5th. These are the activities and important dates about SGA at WCC.

Elections have already taken place this year. Prior to elections, our Executive Council members are as follows: Bart Crater - President, Brenda Miller - Vice President, Angie Gray - Secretary, Wade Collins - Treasurer.

The newly elected members of SGA are as follows: Sophomore President - Kim Davis, Sophomore Vice President - Leigh Randall, Sophomore Secretary - Kim Tucker, Sophomore Treasurer - Jackie Howard. The Sophomore Senators are Scott Jones, Bobby Harless, and Denise Trapp. Miss Cougar -Stacey Colvard. Mr. WCC - Burt Crater, Miss WCC - Tracey Owings, Miss Vocational - Tereasa Roark, Miss Technical College -Wendy Miller, Miss College Transfer - Brenda Miller.

Bart Crater

# New Visitors Center Unveiled

For the last six to eight weeks passersby Collegiate Drive have been observing the gradual unfolding of the latest addition to the WCC campus. The multitude of observers have anxiously been awaiting the completion of the building, along with a formal announcement, declaring the building's purpose, how it relates to Wilkes Community College, and who was behind it

The answers flew fast and furious on Tuesday, September 22, during the ribbon cutting and dedication ceremonies. Master of Ceremonies, Dr. Conrad Shaw, began the festivities with opening comments, and was followed by presentations given by "B" Townes, Director of the Gardens, and by Dr. David Daniel, President of the College. On hand for the ribbon cutting honors was Dr. Howard E. Thompson, President Emeritus of Wilkes Community College.

Mr. Townes abruptly ended all the suspense by announcing that (Continued on page 2)