

## Staff Profile Gayle Byrd



Gayle Byrd began her work at WCC in January 1987. From 1987 until August 1991, she worked as an Executive Secretary in Student Support Services. Since August 1991, Gayle has worked in the College Transfer area as an Administrative Assistant.

She grew up in Johnston County, NC, with a loving brother and hard-working parents. She earned a B.S. degree in Business Education from Atlantic Christian College in 1968.

She has been married to Mr. Roger Byrd for 11 years. He is the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds for the First Baptist Church in North Wilkesboro, NC. They have one son, Grady (a student in the Exceptional Children's program at Wilkesboro Elementary School). Other members of her family include a poodle/terrier, Daisy, and two brand new 6-week old yellow kittens named Honey and Hooch.

Her interests primary include involvement with the Exceptional Children's teachers and parents from Wilkesboro School and activities involving grade parents for Sandy Eller's class. She speaks to parents, classes, etc. regarding Fragile Syndrome (her son's condition) whenever she can. She has taken it upon herself to disseminate any information available on the syndrome at every opportunity. Since she is the first person in her family's history, and in Wilkes County to her knowledge, to have a child with the genetic disorder, she is constantly learning more and more and trying to educate parents and parents-to-be regarding the condition, its causes and effects, and up-dating teachers regarding treatment and education methods which are effective with Fragile X children.

The biggest part of her time is, of course, centered around Wilkes Community College, College Transfer, and the students. When Gayle worked for Student Support Services, her endeavors centered around helping Student Support Services students overcome problems with finances, family, jobs,

and activities which make it difficult to stay in school.

Gayle says, "We all deserve the educational training we need to get more secure employment. That's why I'm here at Wilkes Community College, and I hope to play my small part in the overall plan."

## College Transfer

Make plans to pick up your application for the '92-93 Fall Semester, college spaces are filling up fast.

Scholarship applications for 1993-94 are here! Come by the Financial Aid Department to pick up your application.

## Yearbook News

In the midst of the hustle and bustle of the season, the yearbook staff is trudging along. Despite the hectic demands to meet deadlines, we're making the most of Christmas. The everyday demands often frustrate us all, but during this holiday season I wish that everyone could make a conscious effort to slow down a bit. Work is the one think that we can always rely on being there tomorrow. Life has a way of constantly speeding up on us and it's up to us to s-l-o-w the pace. Let's savor this holiday experience. Let's enjoy our company. Let's clear our minds of deadlines, exams, work...if only for awhile.

Yearbook members understand the importance of relishing this special time of year. We're like a little family. And like families, we plan to exchange gifts on December 17th, not so much for the sake of getting, but more for the sake of sharing and interacting.

In a world like ours, we should look around from time to time. Most of us find our problems miniscule when compared to others. We should keep that in mind during the holidays. I ask you, "How does it feel to be rich?" If you're like me and you don't consider yourself rich...think of Somalia...think of our homeless...and then let your heart do your thinking.

Merry Christmas  
from the Yearbook and Newspaper Staff

## Triplett Named Vice-President

Wilkes Community College automotive instructor, Jim Triplett, was recently elected vice-president of the Auto Diesel Instructors Association (ADIA) at the statewide meeting that was held at the Department of Community Colleges' Conference in Charlotte, NC. The yearly meeting took place in October at Charlotte's Central Piedmont Community College.

Mr. Triplett has been an automotive instructor at WCC for the past 5 years, but has been involved in the automotive industry for 32 years. He served as president of the regional division of the ADIA for two years before becoming vice-president at the state level.

Members of the state's ADIA executive committee are selected from officials in each regional division. The executive committee makes decisions that concern and effect the organization, plans conferences, and plans the statewide meeting which is held at a different community college each year. According to Mr. Triplett, the North Carolina organization is one of the strongest in the country with 100-150 members. It provides automotive, diesel and auto body instructors with a support group, opportunities for networking, training for advances in technology, and the organization carries a certain amount of prestige for its members.

Mr. Triplett is a graduate of the Nashville Auto Diesel College in Nashville, TN. He teaches all first year automotive technology courses at WCC and is working with the Department of Community Colleges in rewriting a model automotive technology program for community colleges. The model program can be used by any community college in the state that wishes to implement an automotive technology program.

A native of Wilkes County, Mr. Triplett and his wife, Bonnie, live in Millers Creek. They have two daughters, Melinda, 13, of the home; and a 25 year old married daughter, Robin Cornett.

If you're interested in WCC's automotive technology program, contact Dr. John German at 919/651-752. Registration for winter quarter in Monday, November 30, from 9:00 am until 8:00 pm.

## Go Metric

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1/1760 of a mile. "Kilo" and "milli" are unit prefixes we see every day. Watts, volts, ohms and amps are already metric.

So don't let metrics mess with your mind. It's not that hard to think metric. Always remember, do it by a multiple of 10.

## WCC's Select

Lorie Gambill — Miss WCC

Mark Jarvis — Mr. WCC

Kim Barber — Miss Cougar

Sheila Burgess —

Miss College Transfer

Tomeka Hester — Miss Technical

Tricia Christenbury —

Miss Vocational

## Until We Meet Again

May blessings abound;  
may trouble be scarce;  
may your labors be fruitful.

May the wind fill your sails;  
may your seas be never trying;  
may your nets swell with plentitude.

May the sun shine mercifully on you;  
may the rains fall gently around you;  
may the winds bring you sweet fragrances.

May your travels be easy;  
may your burdens be light;  
may your God be ever with you.

While time yet remains 'til I see you,  
and another moment separates our touch,  
I will wait hopefully until we meet again.

"Woody"

## Attention Freshmen

If you are in the College Transfer Program, you need to see Larry Caudill as soon as possible. Larry can do a quarter by quarter plan to get your general education requirements out of the way so you can feel confident that you are taking the right course (so that the transfer process can be completed with ease).

Happy Holidays!