

Visit The Library!

By Fay Byrd

The best part about the Learning Resources (Library) of Wilkes Community College will always be its personnel who include: Mrs. Janet Atwood, librarian; Dr. Fay Byrd, director; Miss Vickie Cothren, technician; Mrs. Audrey McNeil, librarian; and Mrs. Rebecca Queen, secretary. As new or returning students, come by for an orientation that will help you become a better student.

Can you imagine moving from trailing technology to the cutting edge? That is exactly the hope of every librarian or media specialist - to be able to access the world of communication or information at one's finger tips.

While we are getting the new Student Center/Learning Resources facility ready - we hope that the North Carolina Legislature is moving closer to North Carolina Live - an electronic library project that will provide universal access to reference and research materials in electronic format regardless of geographic location and time. Students will be able to dial into our on-line catalog from their homes and will have improved access to other libraries, archives, business, and government data. More CD's will also be interactive.

This vision will start to become a reality during the Christmas holidays. Back to the present, we have much of this technology in place through the Internet and a subscription to FirstSearch. Spend a few minutes with one of the library staff and become a proficient user of all of our resources.

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dent Development Personnel Association where he previously served on the executive board as chairman of the Counselors Division.

Active in community service, Larry is a past chairman and currently serves on the Board of Directors for Wilkes County Group Homes where he has also served as chairman of the Personnel, Finance, and Grievance Committees.

He is a graduate of Western Carolina University with Bachelor of Science degrees in Psychology and Business Administration and a Master of Education degree in Guidance and Counseling.

Faculty/Staff Awards for 1996-1997

By Sandy Sheets

At the faculty/staff picnic on May 8, Wilkes Community College president, Dr. Gordon Burns announced the recipients of the outstanding personnel awards for the 1996-97 year.

The recipient of the 1997 Excellence in Teaching Award is Spencer (Bud) Rhodes. Mr. Rhodes is an instructor in Accounting at WCC. He was selected by his fellow instructors to receive this award for his outstanding instruction and his motivation of and interaction with students. He has demonstrated his leadership within and beyond the classroom as he ably serves as advisor to the college's Rotaract Club. Rhodes is an active member of the North Wilkesboro Rotary Club, several professional Certified Public Accountant organizations, and his church. In nominating him for this award, one co-worker described him as one who maintains high morale with his friendliness and unique sense of humor. In

presenting the award, Dr. Gordon Burns commented, "Bud Rhodes exemplifies everything we at Wilkes Community College strive for. He cares about his students, both personally and educationally. It is his goal to see that they leave WCC well prepared for their future in education and life, and he far exceeds that goal. To put it in accounting terms, Bud Rhodes is an immeasurable asset to Wilkes Community College.

For the first time, the college's staff voted on and awarded the Outstanding Staff Member of the Year Award. The recipient of the award for 1996-97 is Steve Hall. Mr. Hall serves as Equipment Coordinator for WCC. In announcing the award, Dr. Burns stated, "Steve is a team player who always displays a cooperative attitude, routinely going above and be-
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1996-97 Award Recipients. Left to right: Steve Hall and Bud Rhodes.

