

SGA

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pening soon include:

*SGA End of Summer Blast - August 28 from 11 a.m. till 3 p.m.

(Pick up some free ice cream on Thompson Lawn and enjoy some music and volleyball)

*SGA Elections - September 9 and 10 from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m.

(Vote and receive free refreshments in the student commons)

*Hiking Trip - September 13

*Founder's Week - September 15-19

(Help celebrate the 32nd birthday of WCC)

*Basketball Intramurals - Sign-ups begin Sept. 8

As the school year begins, the SGA crew sincerely hopes that everyone will make room in their schedules to attend some of these great events!

Eating Disorders

By Joan Money, Yadkin County Health Department

Every year there are millions of people in the United States who suffer from serious eating disorders. More than 90% of those affected are teenage girls and young adult women. One reason that women of this age group are "particularly vulnerable is their tendency to go on strict diets to achieve an ideal figure." NIH Researchers have found that this type of dieting can play a major role in the development of eating disorders.

About 17% of teenage girls develop anorexia nervosa, a dangerous condition in which they actually starve themselves to death. One in ten cases of anorexia nervosa leads to death from starvation,

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Dr. Thompson Retires

By Sandy Sheets

Dr. Bob Thompson, our former Dean of Student Development, retired in June after serving WCC for 27 years.

Dr. Thompson had worked at WCC since 1970. He came to Wilkes from Forsyth Technical Institute in Winston-Salem, where he was director of student personnel. Prior to his job at Forsyth Tech, he was director of guidance at East Forsyth High School and a teacher/counselor at Kernersville High School.

He served 27 years in the Navy, including four and a half years of active duty as a naval aviator. When Thompson retired from military service in September 1991, he held the rank of captain.

Thompson earned his undergraduate degree from Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tennessee; his master's degree from Appalachian State University and his doctorate from Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He also completed additional graduate work at the University of Georgia in Athens; NC State University in Raleigh and Cal State in Los Angeles.

Thompson is an active member in the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church where he is the receiving treasurer, the Wilkes chapter of the N.C. Symphony, and the North Wilkesboro Lions Club. He is also a member of Phi Delta Kappa, a national professional fraternity.

Thompson grew up in the North Carolina High Country town of Pineola, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. D.M. Thompson. He is married to Betty Thompson, who runs the WCC Bookstore. The Thompsons, who



Dr. Bob Thompson and his wife, Betty, celebrate his retirement at a reception in the Student Commons on Friday, June 27.

live in Wilkesboro, have two children: Phyllis, a doctoral student and part-time instructor at LSU, and Barbara T. Wright, a teacher at the Wilkes Career Center.

As WCC's dean of student development, Thompson has been in charge of the student development office, which is responsible for the welfare of the students, admissions, student records, registration, financial aid, academic/career and personal counseling, placement testing, orientation and student activities.

Dr. Thompson has been an important part of the college and will be missed by many people. The campus will definitely not be the same without this familiar and kind face. The faculty, staff and students all wish him the best of life as he begins his retirement.

Run For SGA!!!!!!!!!!!!!!