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New SGA Officers Elected

The Wilkes Community College Student Government Association recently held officer elections for the 2000-2001 school year. The SGA officially represents the student body and is responsible for educational, social, and recreational events for students. The following people were elected to a position in SGA.

Andrea Brason, elected President, is enrolled in the Associate in Arts College Transfer Program. She is employed part-time as a service associate at First Union and is a counselor for the Elks Lodge Camp. She also plays intramural volleyball at WCC. Andrea's career plans are to become an elementary school teacher.

Richard Brown, elected Vice-President, is enrolled in the Associate in Science Program. He is Vice-President of the Yadkin Valley Astronomy Club and his future career plans are to teach chemistry and physics. Richard and his wife Tricia have three children.

Angela Martin, elected Secretary, is enrolled in the Nursing

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PTK Inducts New Members

By *Laura E. Generous*

How does it feel to be counted in the top 10% of community college students world wide? Just ask any one of the thirty-three new members of the Phi Theta Kappa chapter here at Wilkes Community College. On Thursday, March 9th, 2000, the Alpha Kappa Omega chapter welcomed aboard the hardest-working students on campus. The Induction Ceremony served to applaud these students for their academic achievements and to initiate them with the mission of the Honor Society.

Blair Hancock opened the ceremony with a welcome to the new members and their families and an introduction of the Chapter Officers. Though the rehearsal had been light-hearted, Blair reminded everyone that qualifying for Phi Theta Kappa was a very prestigious and internationally recognized honor of which all present could be very proud. In existence for 82 years, the Society's foundation is based on wisdom, aspiration, and purity. Available to Phi Theta Kappa members are more than \$28 million in transfer scholarships, \$60,000 in Guistwhite Scholarships, and \$50,000 in stipends awarded by the All-USA Academic Team program. After the inductees accepted membership by oath, Mrs. Hancock announced the name of each new member. The Chapter President then bestowed congratulations and certificates.

The Induction Ceremony occurred in the wake of a community controversy concerning academic freedom. Advisors Karen Staten and Alan Richey had just resigned in protest and Blair Hancock was attempting to fill the void as acting advisor. This left Executive Officers Laura Generous, Jada Parsons, Devin Staley, and P.R. Chairperson Brandie Huffman with most of the remaining details of the ceremony.

All went well, however, with several volunteers coming to the aid of their fellow classmates. Michael Thornton provided the music and served as an usher with Richard Brown. At the ceremony's end, old and new members mingled and enjoyed a covered-dish supper in the Thompson Hall lobby, graciously

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