

various classes and labs in a team situation. Some of the instructors teach together or perhaps share equipment and lab space. Here at WCC there are 15 full-time instructors and 25 part-time instructors in Dr. German's division alone. Being a "people person" is essential for one to be there to listen when needed and to help motivate when required. Dr. German also finds himself being there as a counselor for the students, or sometimes just being there to listen. When asked if he would encourage students to go into the Industrial Engineering field, Dr. German commented that most all A-B achievement level students can find work in the maintenance type programs; industrial systems, electronics, computer engineering, and heavy equipment (the diesel program), because there is always a demand for those after graduation. Through the Industrial Systems program, the students learn every aspect of a manufacturing plant: electrical, plumbing, hydraulics, welding, etc. because when they go to work they are expected to repair anything that breaks down. The students that study heavy equipment and fiber optics have great opportunities after graduation.

Dr. German has been married for forty years and has six children and two grandchildren and we are really proud to have him here at WCC and appreciate all the hard work he does!



Mr. Larry Taylor Chairperson of Health/Sciences Division

By: Deborah Dancy

Mr. Taylor started in the Nursing program here at WCC in 1988 and after finishing classes here, continued on to Winston-Salem State, and then on to Appalachian State University. After finishing his education, Mr. Taylor returned to WCC to teach and has since become Chairperson for the Health and Sciences Division, while keeping his position as the Director of the Nursing Program. In addition, he is also director of the Dental Assisting Program, the Medical Assisting Program, and the Human Services Program.

Mr. Taylor related that he had always wanted to become a teacher but ended up working in industry for 16 years, as well as doing plant maintenance. He then decided it was time for a change so he returned to his first desire- teaching. Mr. Taylor finds working with people very rewarding and remarked how people will stop him on the street just to let him know how appreciative they are for the help he has given them in the past. But the thanks don't stop there. People have even expressed their thanks for the students who have had his classes, who continued on and have since helped care for their loved ones! "It makes you feel good to know you've got students here that are doing a good job," Mr. Taylor expressed proudly.

Much of Mr. Taylor's time outside the office is spent in traveling because he has students at different locations surrounding our area, such as Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem and Broughton Hospital in Morganton. It is his responsibility to follow up with his students and ensure things are running smoothly. A lot of the work involves keeping in touch with outside agencies that are also involved where the students are concerned. Notwithstanding, all the time spent between the traveling and his position as chairperson, he still finds time to devote to his love of teaching!

When asked "what in your opinion makes a good leader?," Mr. Taylor replied that he feels that leadership requires someone with knowledge and a good personality, but it's also very impor-



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