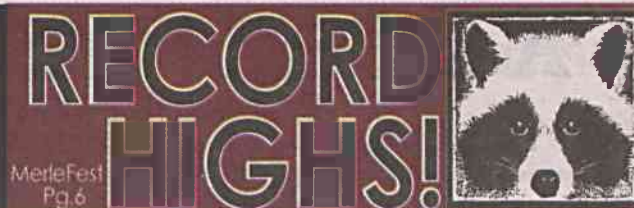




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WCC Earns Superior Status from State Board

Wilkes Community College's "Superior Rating" was issued by the North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges Critical Success Factors Report.

"The hard work and dedication of the people of the college make these results and successes possible," says WCC President Dr. Gordon Burns. "I'm extremely proud of them and this recognition."

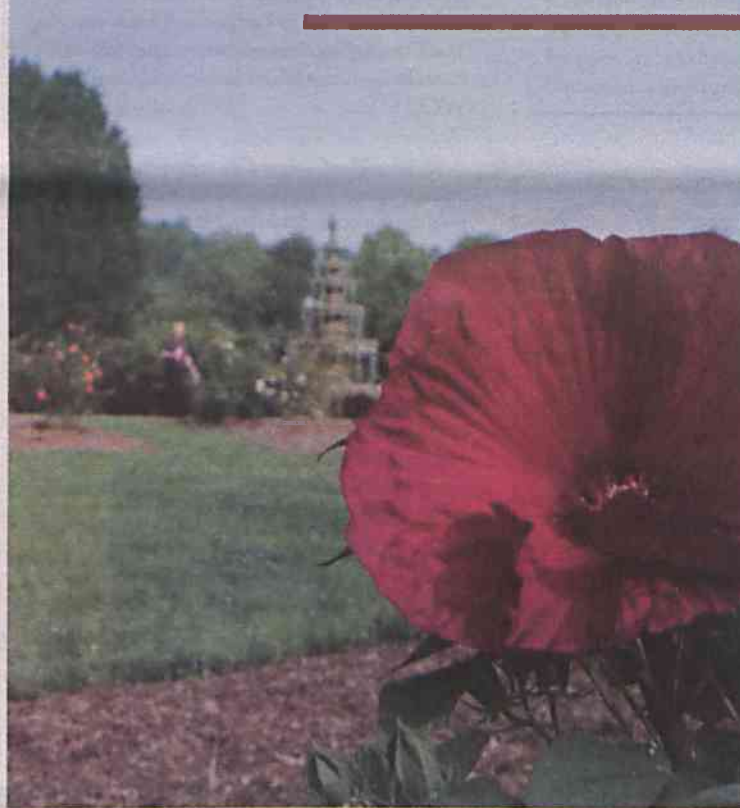
A "Superior Rating" allows the college to carry-over unspent state budget balances up to 1 2/3% and makes the college eligible to receive a portion of end of year system-wide fund balances.

In addition to the financial implications, the rating serves as proof that the college is fulfilling its mission, having a positive impact on the community and reaffirming that the college is delivering quality educational services.

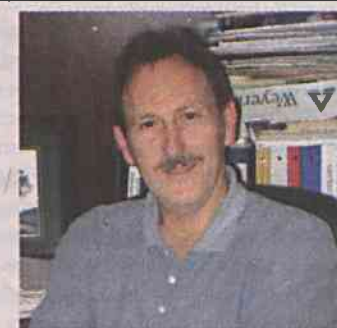
First mandated by the NC General Assembly in 1989, the Critical Success Factors Report has evolved into the major accountability document for the North Carolina Community College System. Twelve performance measures for accountability, adopted by the state board in 1999, are

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WCC Makes An "A" On The Biggest Test of All!



Many WCC faculty and staff members have played an important role in the reaffirmation process. Dr. Dean Sprinkle, who led the reaffirmation process, has provided exemplary leadership college-wide.



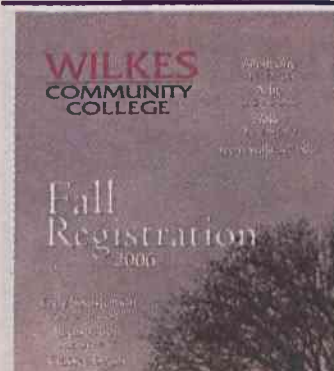
Wilkes Community College received the news on Thursday, June 22 that the college had received reaffirmation of accreditation from The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools is the regional body for the accreditation of higher education institutions in the southern states and Latin America that award associate, baccalaureate, master's or doctoral degrees.

Accreditation by the Commission on Colleges signifies that an institution has a purpose appropriate to higher education and has resources, programs and services sufficient to accomplish and sustain that purpose. Accreditation indicates that an institution maintains clearly specified educational objectives that are consistent with its mission and appropriate to the degrees it offers and that it is successful in achieving its stated objectives.

The accreditation process occurs every 10 years and involves a collective analysis and judgment by an institution's internal constituencies, an informed review by peers external to the institution and a reasoned decision by the elected members of the Commission on Colleges. The current reaffirmation process was initiated in January of 2004.

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Fall Tabloid designed by Adam Mitton

Strong Designs by WCC Graphic Students

The cover of the WCC Fall 2006 Tabloid was designed by second-year graphics student Adam Mitton who has also been assisting with production of a new WCC promotional video.

Graphic Design 1 students were given a class project to design a cover for the fall tabloid with an eye-catching and engaging

image. Students used photos, artwork or a combination for imagery and were allowed to use colors and fonts of their choosing. The only criteria given to the students were to use the established WCC logo and follow printing rules set up on the tabloid template.

Once the projects were complete, the WCC Marketing Committee gathered to select

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