

# Ranger program to start fall '89

By Randal C. Turley

A new curriculum--Parks, Forests, and Outdoor Recreation Ranger Technology--is being proposed to begin at WCC this fall.

The proposed program is in its final stages of approval according to Ed Kelly, Director of the Co-op program. This approval from the Department of Community Colleges will make WCC the only college in North Carolina to offer such a program.

Kelly stated, "To be the first institution in North Carolina to offer this program speaks highly of WCC and the community."

The curriculum for this program is based upon pre-existing courses in the Forestry and Wildlife Technology programs.

Two new courses, Introduction to Natural Resources and Search and Rescue, had to be added to fulfill requirements for a degree.

The co-op aspect of the curriculum requires that students attend two summer camps where they will live in barracks and work in one of the state parks in North Carolina.

During the first summer students will be instructed in the basic duties of a Park Ranger; the second summer will be geared towards supervised law enforcement.

Kelly feels there is outstanding employment opportunity for anyone interested in a degree in Park Ranger Technology.

Anyone interested in this new program should see Bob Goodman, Chairman of the Agriculture and Natural Resource Department located in B-1.

## Local ranger tells what it's like

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After learning of this new program, "The Voice" took to the field to find out more about the life and duties of a Park Ranger. With the Cliffs of the Neuse State Park in the area we did not have to look far.

While talking with Brownie Southerland, Chief Ranger at the Neuse, it was clear what it takes to become a Ranger--a complete love and respect for nature.

As we stood at the edge of the cliffs winding down our conversation, Southerland said, "Look around and tell me what you see?" After a moment of silence the answer was obvious, "Not one thing that is man-made!"



Ranger Claude Crews explains some of nature's secrets to the vacationing Knetel family visiting from Baltimore, Md. as Chief Rangers Quintin Barnes and Brownie Southerland look on. Photo: Randal C. Turley

## Trailer 36 has key to opportunity

By A.Z. Hubbard-Thomas

Opportunity knocks not only for WCC students but also for Wayne County residents who need job assistance and skills.

The Human Development Services Department (HDS) housed in Trailer 36 offers the key to employment and educational opportunities.

HDS has three programs in the department: Human Resources Development (HRD), Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), and Student Support Services, (SSS) according to P. A. Best, Dean of HDS.

### Human Development Services

The main objective of the HRD program is to assist people 18 and over in obtaining gainful employment. To achieve that objective students enroll in a course that lasts four to six weeks meeting daily from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The course is divided into two sections: Motivation and The World of Work.

Motivation exposes students to exercises dealing with personality, attitude, self-esteem, self-awareness, and team work.

The World of Work trains students in filling out applications, acquiring interview techniques, and in writing resumes, cover letters, and thank-you letters.

The students video tape mock interviews to improve their presentation in an interview situation.

Dorothy Elliot, HRD Teacher Assistant said, "We have a job recruiter who is in contact with businesses and prospective employers. HRD will refer students to proper channels to seek additional education needed to obtain employment."

According to Elliot, students who finish the program, improve their chances for employment.

She also stated, "We have one of the highest success rates in the state, which is 97.4 percent placement."

### Job Training Partnership Act

Best stated that the program provides funds for students to receive skill training at any community college in North Carolina.

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Yvonne Crespo, HRD graduate; Dorothy Elliot; and Gerald Heath, HRD graduate discuss the program. Photo: A. Z. Hubbard-Thomas