

Oil spill

The training benefits forestry students as it applies to forest fire control, construction of roads, and drainage, according to Amery Wills and Kelvin Houston.

The machinery is no respecter of sex.

Three female students, Lula Davis, Forestry Management Technology; Harriett Garrison and Debbie Hissong, Fish and Wildlife Technology, all agreed that they have earned the respect of their male classmates through hard work.

Davis said, "They treat me just like one of the guys."

With the crawlers and motor graders for books and the earth for their test, these students learn skills that prepare them for the job market in their fields.



Heavy equipment students enjoy their lunch break before getting back to work: (l to r) Lula Davis, Debbie Hissong, Harriett Garrison, Mike Sawyer, Kelvin Houston, and Deleon Lee.

Photo: Jill Watkins

Anderson said the college had to purchase an oil-water separation unit.

General Industries, the company in charge of the clean-up, will check oil/water ratio weekly until clean up of the spill meets EPA standards.

According to Anderson, full clean-up of the spill may take as long as eight years, costing the college close to \$300,000 if a settlement is not made with the responsible party.



WCC sees chainsaw massacre

By: John Brantly

Just this month tree cutters have been felling Pettigrew Forest, one of the many changes South Campus has witnessed as part of its demise.

It is felt that a higher price may be brought if the forest was cleared since the land will be sold as commercial property.

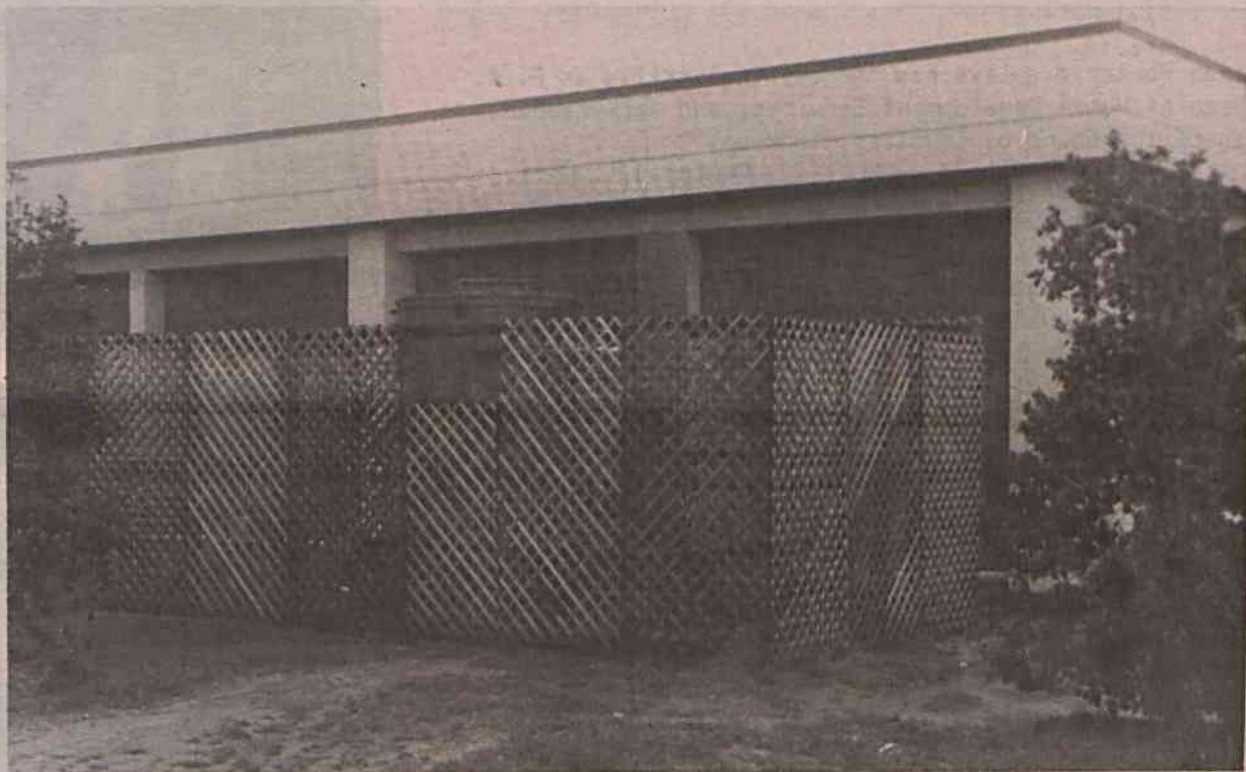
The forest, planned as a wind-break for the South Campus, was planted more than 20 years ago by students in George Pettigrew's forestry classes.

According to David Meador, an Instructor in the forestry department since 1972, Mr. Pettigrew was an older man even in '72.

Pettigrew, who came to WCC on June 1, 1967, ran his own private consulting business, as well as his teaching job at WCC.

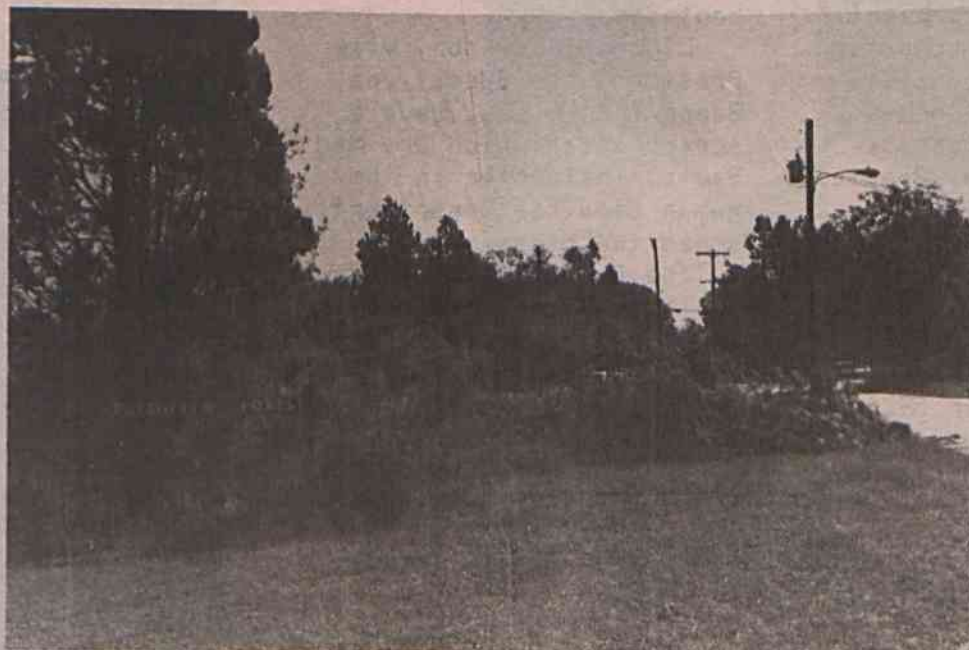
Described by his colleagues as "a very energetic man," he was often seen in a coat and tie, riding around campus on a motorcycle.

According to Yvonne Goodman, Director of Personnel and Financial Aid, Pettigrew retired June 30, 1979, and he now resides in Raleigh.



The fenced-in oil separation machine is just one of the many costs associated with the spill.

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Pettigrew Forest, planted as seedlings by George Pettigrew's silviculture class, has been a South Campus landmark for years.

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