

Debi Jernigan maneuvers her wheelchair with the aid of Tish Golden, her helper, (hidden by door) while Harvey Hines looks on. Photo: K. McLeod

New campus meets needs of handicapped?

By: K. McLeod

Since WCC's North Campus has been under construction, major changes have been made to accommodate 47 handicapped students.

Susan Penuel, Dean of Student Development who works with these students, says that the new campus has been a big success in meeting needs of the handicapped.

According to Penuel, in the past, wheelchairbound students who had classes on the second floor of K building had to be carried upstairs by security.

Also, because students in wheelchairs had problems working at the desks not designed for handicapped use, separate tables were brought into the South Campus classrooms.

According to Penuel, specific actions are being taken to facilitate the educational experience of handicapped students.

For instance, WCC has hired someone to take notes for a wheelchair-bound student who has limited movement.

WCC is also having a Medical Terminology book typed in braille for a legally blind student.

Debi Jernigan, a wheelchair-bound student, has, however, cited several problems on North Campus: the cafeteria doors need to be push-n-go, and the existing push-n-go doors do not allow enough time for the wheelchair to enter.

They also require two other people to operate safely.

In addition, desks in some classrooms are attached to chairs, a design not helpful to wheelchair-bound students.

The elevators allow only enough room for her wheelchair (facing the wall) and two other people.

In spite of these complications, Debi appreciates the help that several WCC staff and students have given her.

She said, "The faculty and staff are great. Susan Penuel is very kind. patient, and compassionate. She goes beyond the call of duty and I really appreciate the things she's done for me."

Penuel said that if any handicapped people wish to further their education at WCC, she and the school will do all that is in their power to help.

Food services launched

By: Ronald Lane

Starting fall quarter 1990, the college assumed responsibility for the food services program, according to Linwood Anderson, Vice President for Educational Support Services.

In the past the college used contracted vendors to provide food services.

Willie Taswell, Food Services Director, said, "The college is not trying to make a profit on food services but trying to bring reasonable prices to the students."

Weekly menus are now published in the Information Bulletin, and Taswell hopes eventually to have

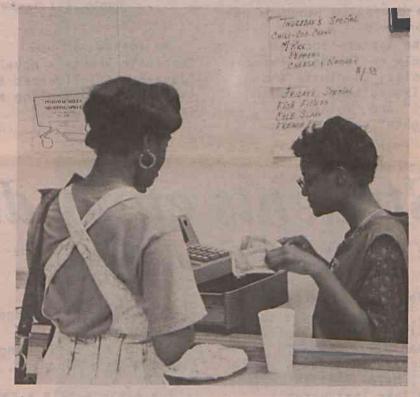
printed menus available in the dining hall.

Regina Rowe, a student in the Menth Health Program, stated that she would like to see the food service stay open for evening classes, an idea Taswell agrees with and plans for the future.

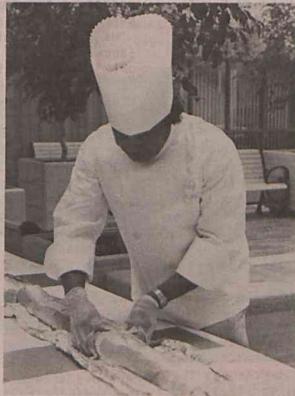
Besides Taswell, the staff members of Food Services include 4 regular workers and 5 work study students.

Taswell employs 5 others who are on call for special functions.

Students who have complaints or suggestions about food services are asked to contact Willie Taswell at extension 274 (North Campus.)



Tara Worrell, work-study student, receives payment for a student's food order. Photo: Ronald Lane



Willie laswell, rood services Director, prepares the 150-foot submarine sandwich SGA provided students during orientation Photo: Liz Meador

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