

Alumni Association reorganizes

By: Ronald Lane

In March 1991 the Wayne Community College Alumni Association met in the North Campus Atrium to reorganize, according to the group's first newsletter.

Officers of the newly-formed group include president Dr. Steve Taylor, 1978 WCC graduate; president-elect Kemp Teague, former WCC SGA president and graduate in 1990; secretary Beth Jones, SGA vice-president in 1989 and WCC graduate in the same year; treasurer Diana Parker, member of the class of 1967; and historian Patricia Coor Kornegay, also of the class of 1967.

Taylor, now the Assistant Superintendent of the Wayne County School System, believes that by being a part of the Alumni Association, he can give back a little of what he received from WCC.

Teague, an Ag Science graduate, is now employed at Goldsboro Milling.

Beth Jones serves as WCC Student Activities Coordinator.

Parker is Receptionist/Volunteer Coordinator for the Family Support Center at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base.

Kornegay, Secretary for the Plant Manager at R G Barry, stated that the Alumni Association is the best way to share in the improvement of the college.

Jerry Kornegay, Director of Student Activities and Recruiting, serves as liaison for the group.

Membership, now standing at 43 alumni, consists of three types:

Membership: open to any former student of WCC who has completed a minimum of 48 quarter hours in a curriculum program and who has left the college of his/her own accord.

Associate Membership: open to non-graduates who have taken one or more credit or non-credit courses. Associate members shall be deemed non-voting members of the Association.

Honorary Membership: open to any individual instructor, administrator, citizen or trustee who has rendered service to WCC.

Honorary members shall be deemed non-voting members of the Association.

To join the Alumni Association, prospective members need to fill out a simple application and pay the \$10 annual membership fee.



Leasa Oliver (l) and Bill Thompson discuss plans for Program Review. Photo: Ronald Lane

Thompson heads program review

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Bill Thompson, Director of Planning and Research under the Title III grant, will coordinate program review, a 4-year process that involves looking at the past, present, and future of academic life at WCC.

The Program Review Committee, along with Thompson, consists of Division Directors Ralph Leach, Applied and Mechanical Studies, and Ronald Taylor, Health and Science; Miriam Wessell, Chairman Liberal Arts Department; and Carolyn Walston, Continuing Education.

The committee surveyed local businesses which hire graduates from WCC.

The surveys will be used to determine needed changes in programs.

The committee will look at all 19 programs offered at WCC.

The committee, which the President appointed, has the responsibilities of facilitating, monitoring, and validating the reviews of the programs they are being achieved.

Thompson, employed at WCC for 1 year, holds a full-time temporary position, up for review annually.

Before coming to WCC Thompson served 25 years in the Air Force as a personnel officer.

His received a master's degree in management from Western University, St. Louis, Missouri, and a bachelor's degree in occupational education from South Illinois.

His has a wife Gayle, an older daughter Stacey, married to Jim Chaffin, who has just returned from Saudia Arabia, and a grandson Jimmy Jr.

His youngest daughter Tonya attends WCC.



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