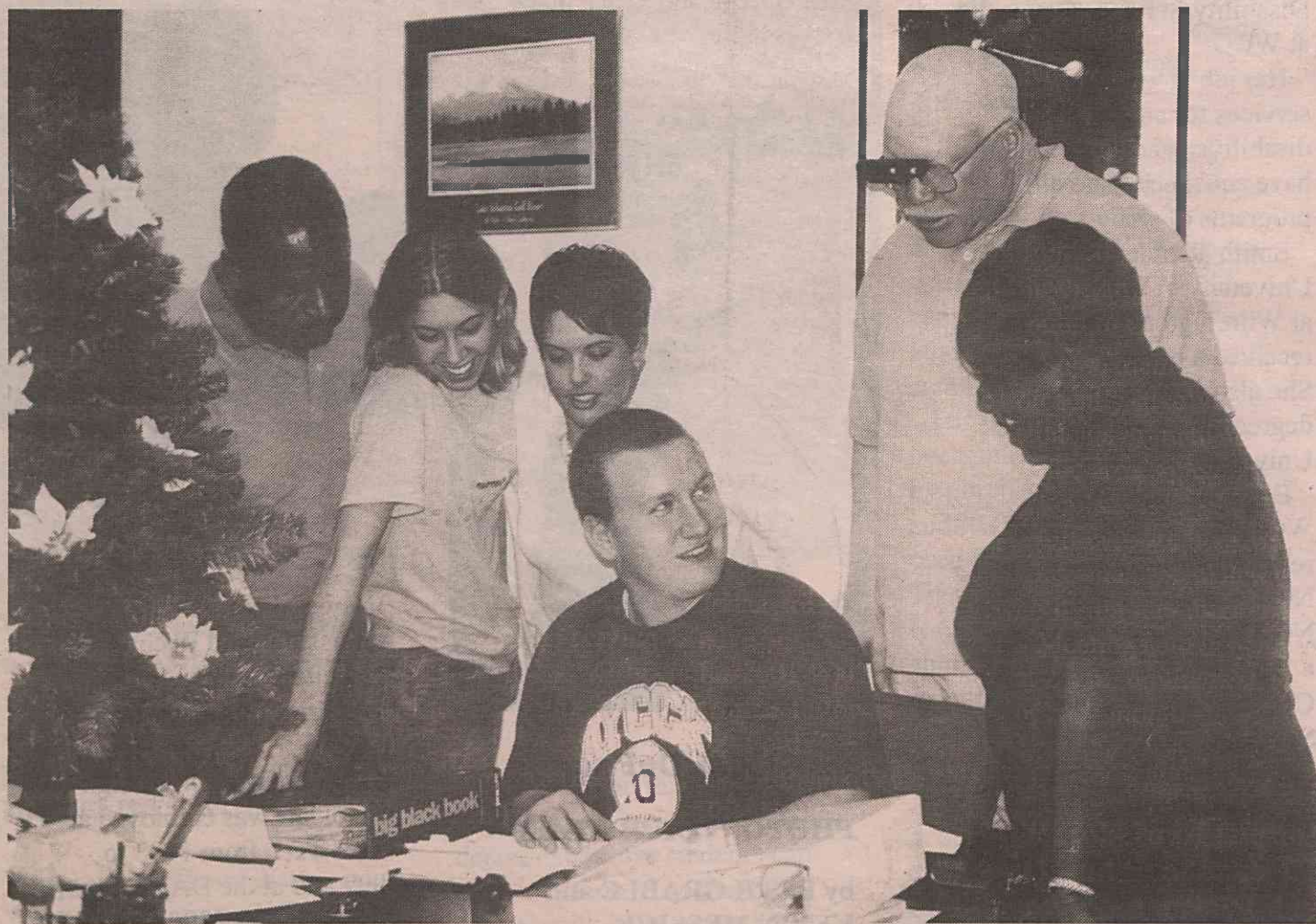


SGA leadership provides innovative activities



SGA Executive Board members confer about upcoming events and plan for spring activities: (l to r) Director of Student Activities, Wayne Parson; Stephanie Pittman, Local Interactions Chair; Kristin Cottle, Vice President; Robert McAllister, seated, President; Barrett Simmons, Special Populations Chair; and Olavee Williams, Public Information Chair.
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Wayne Community College's Student Government Association (SGA) is diving into a year of activities and is encouraging students to become involved.

Participation can range from being a representative on the Student Council for an academic department or a club to competing in a sports tournament.

SGA leadership for fall 2001 consists of President Robert McAllister, a sophomore associate in science major from Pikeville; Vice President Kristin Cottle, a sophomore associate in arts major from Rosewood; and Secretary Amanda Balree, a sophomore associate in arts major from Mount Olive.

Also, Local Interactions Chairperson Officer Stephanie Pittman, a sophomore associate in arts major from Nahunta; Special Populations Chairperson Barrett Simmons, a sophomore in information systems/network administration and support major from Fremont; and Public Information Chairperson Olavee Williams, a sophomore associate in arts major from Goldsboro.

Co-advisors this year are instructors Margaret Baddour, liberal arts; and James Slye, agriculture and natural resources/forestry.

This semester SGA is placing dry erase boards around campus to relay news of its meetings, student activities, as well as Thanksgiving baskets and pleas for volunteers for the Christmas float to students and staff.

Wayne Parson, SGA advisor, held a training day for new officers on October 15. The focus of this day was to help the officers to get to know each other and to acquire leadership skills.

On Friday, October 26 SGA hired Starflix video, a professional video production company, to film students as they performed lip syncing, dancing and playing musical instruments such as guitars, keyboards, and drums. Students gathered in the student union from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. as the production went on.

They gave away 45 videos, for free, with 135 student participants.

As well as having Starflix entertainment SGA kept the students content by having Papa John's pizza deliver lunch to the school.

According to Parson, about 500 students had pizza and drinks or watched their classmates perform throughout the day.

On November 3, 2001, the executive board of SGA attended a conference in Atlantic Beach held by N4CSGA entitled "North Carolina Comprehensive Community Colleges Bonded Together for Success." The activities consisted of meetings and workshops designed to enhance the attendant's leadership abilities and parliamentary etiquette as well as dancing and games.

According to Robert McAllister the greatest concerns across the 59 community college campuses were state-wide e-mailing systems so all of the SGA's can communicate quicker and easier, a phone accessible for the handicap and funding for Student Leadership Institute.

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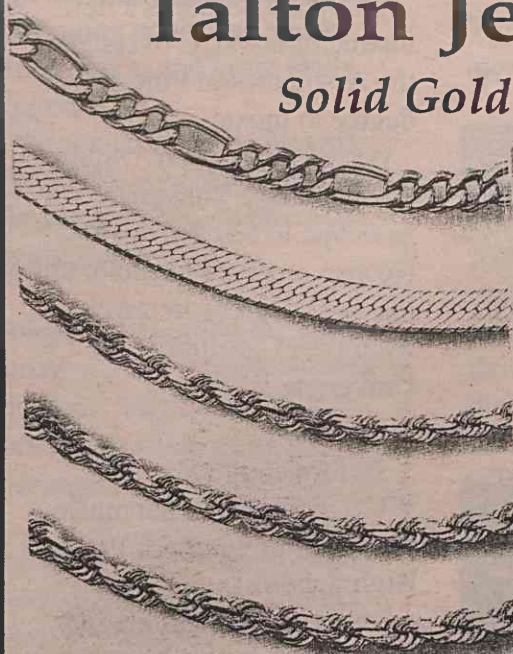


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