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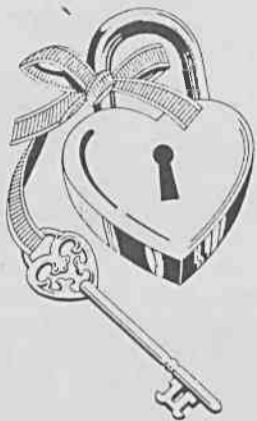
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President's Message

The school year has been one of the best in Wilkes Community College's history. Much of the credit for the smooth and efficient operation goes to our student leaders. Our organizations are active and productive. The Student Government Association has provided meaningful programs which have been carried out without any problem whatsoever. All of us who are professionally connected to Wilkes Community College are grateful to our students for accepting important roles of responsibility and filling them in mature and wholesome ways.

Our student leaders are indeed the nation's leaders for today and tomorrow. If this school year is any indication, the days ahead should be anticipated with great optimism.

Thank you Students!

David E. Daniel

Who's Who Selected



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Diane Richardson, Letha Woodruff, Robert Blom, Franklin Stokes, Donna Moore, Nancy Huffman, Remi Welborn, John Anderson, Denise Burkes, Angela Royal, Steve Williams, Midori Yanagida, Deborah Transeau, David McCoy, Mike Beuttel, and Monica Shumate.

Financial Aid for 1984-85

The necessary forms for applying for financial aid for 1984-85 are now available in the financial aid office. Whether you plan to continue at WCC or to transfer to a four year institution you may pick up the financial aid forms.

Financial aid has helped millions of students continue their education. If you think you need outside help, your chances of getting it are best if you apply the right way at the right time.

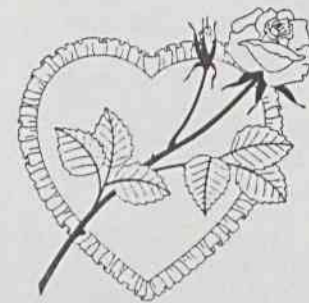
WCC, as do most colleges and state programs, asks that you complete either a Family Financial Statement, a Financial Aid Form or an Application for Federal Student Aid. These forms collect information about your family's income, assets, family size, etc. that are needed to determine your need.

If you are interested in the Pell Grant only, you need to complete the Application for Federal Student Aid. However, if you are interested in other grants and in the College Workstudy Program you need to complete and send in one of the need

analysis forms. Wilkes Community College and many other colleges want you also to complete an institutional application for aid.

Check the deadlines for each college, state program, or other scholarship programs to which you plan to apply. The need analysis forms should be filed as soon as possible after January 1, 1984.

Please come by the financial aid office if you have questions or need help completing the forms. Financial aid is available to those students who need it.



Winterfest Queen

Letha Woodruff was crowned as the first Miss Winterfest Queen at the Winterfest Dance on January 24, 1984. Letha is a Sophomore who will graduate in the spring with an Associate in Science Degree. She plans to transfer to NCSU and major in computer science. Letha says she was very pleased to have been named Miss Winterfest because she has really enjoyed the past two years spent with her friends at WCC.

Personifications of Excellence

In the midst of this era in post-secondary education when a majority of curriculums and courses lack a sufficient degree of academic rigor, and far too little is expected of students, there are a few shining examples of truly superior or above average performance; that, in a class that does set high standards in addition to demanding academic commitment and pursuit of excellence.

I would like to take this opportunity to confer the praise and respect that an achievement of this nature so richly deserves upon those students who are currently sustaining an A or B average in Economics. This is all the more significant because economics is a discipline which demands thinking logically, and analytically, in an abstract manner. This, of course, is something far too few students are capable of doing and something that far too educators insist that students do.

In addition to this article providing peer recognition to those who are deserving of such, I would like for it to represent a challenge to all those students who have the ability to achieve excellence but for various reasons are not making the sacrifice and commitment to do so.

The following students should be recognized for making the necessary commitment, and for providing evidence that if something is sufficiently challenging the cream inevitably rises to the top.

Name	Program Code
Jeff Minton	C011
Judy Joines	C018
Remi Welborn	C011
Kemuel Pruitt	T018
David Osborne	T016
Betty Winslow	C011
Ann Gorciak	C011
Steve Garris	T018
Kamels Shore	C018
Carol Jordon	T018
Penny Lyon	C011
Mark Eller	C011
Gail Pruitt	T018
Rita Bumgarner	T018
William Burke	C011
Debbie Watson	T018
Sherry Winebarger	C011

By: Jim Barrow

SGA President Visits Governor

On Monday, January 30, 1984, Nancy Huffman, our WCC SGA President, was invited to the Governor's Mansion in Raleigh with other student government presidents across the state. This reception and discussion marked the first time that students in junior colleges and senior institutions, both private and public, had ever been recognized on the same level. The discussion with Governor Hunt was similar in form to that of a press conference, with students asking Hunt or his

cabinet about such issues as merit raises, capital punishment, and prayer in schools.

One issue Nancy raised was the question of state-wide economical child-care for students of the community college system. Since the average age for community college students is 26 years, several schools expressed interest in, and had made attempts at, such endeavors on their own campus. Governor Hunt and Ray Jefferies, Bob Scott's representative at the meeting expressed interest in such an idea. They are to issue information to Nancy concerning her inquiry in the near future.

ONE On ONE Volunteers Of Wilkes

The Wilkes County One-On-One Program is a new program in our community that matches responsible adult volunteers with youth who are having difficulties in life. Most of the youth involved in this program are between the ages of 12 and 16 and are under Juvenile Court supervision. Many come from single parent homes and lack positive role models to guide them. But most of all, these youth suffer from a low self-image, many times a complete feeling of worthlessness.

One-On-One Volunteers, who commit to spend four (4) hours a

week for one year and attend a six (6) hour training session, are matched with a youth. The volunteer becomes their friend and hopefully becomes a role model for them, guiding them in a positive direction.

It is the strong belief of the Wilkes One-On-One Program that caring can make a difference in the lives of these youth. The question is, do you care and are you willing to make a difference?

To volunteer in this program or for more information contact Alicia Murphy, Program Director at (919) 667-1266.

Tutors Available Through Special Services

If college students are having academic difficulty, the Best and Foremost source of help is their instructors. The instructor may suggest a tutor.

Special Services will refer WCC students to volunteer tutors who can help with some English and social science courses. In addition, some tutors for accounting, math and other technical fields are available for \$4.00-\$5.00 per hour.

The Special Services Tutoring Program's reduced budget for 1983-84 resulted in the termination of most free tutoring for those who qualified for the Federal Program. However, the Tutoring Service expects full federal funding again beginning September 1, 1984.

