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Dr. David Daniel
President

From the President

Welcome new and returning students! All of us who work here are delighted that you are here. Obviously we are here with you in order to assist in meeting your educational and career goals. This is a pleasant place to learn. Our facilities are appropriate, our equipment is modern, and our programs are current. Most important is the fact that we present to you a well trained and dedicated faculty. They represent the very best in community college education and will challenge you to meet those important goals.

I implore you to complete your program of study. Certainly many may serve to deter you. But persistence is the key. Statistics plainly show that completers get better jobs, earn more money and have a higher sense of personal and professional accomplishments. When you are tempted to leave your studies for a temporary and less rewarding respite, just remember that the long term goal of completion is worth your best efforts.

This college belongs to you. Get all you can from these resources of books, people, programs and facilities. Again, we are proud that you have chosen Wilkes Community College!

From Student Development

The Student Development Office extends a warm welcome to citizens of Wilkes, Ashe, Alleghany Counties and all Northwest North Carolina.

This is a special welcome to each enrolled at Wilkes Community College and an invitation to visit our offices in Thompson Hall for assistance with admission information, financial aid, career decision making counseling, college transfer information, student records, job placement, and requirements for graduation.

We count it a privilege to be able to assist you, the student, as you pursue a vocational, technical, college transfer or continuing education program.

During this academic year we are celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Community College System in North Carolina. As a student at WCC, you are among the more than 600,000 students enrolled at an institution in the N.C. Community College System, the state's largest provider of postsecondary education.

Congratulations on your choice of WCC. We encourage you to take full advantage of our \$15 million facility staffed with individuals ready to assist you with every phase of your educational program.

Bob C. Thompson, Vice President
for Student Development

Welcome To WCC

English Instructor Enjoys Summer Abroad

"Grand - Colossal - Legendary - Monumental - Complex - Magical." According to Brenda Moore, these are the words which describe the sights and sounds of Egypt and Israel. "The trip," she said, "is one I will never stop talking about; although I'll never be able to communicate all I experienced."

Brenda was one of fifteen North Carolina Community College Instructors to receive the prestigious Fulbright-Hays Group Study Abroad Grant funded by the U.S. Department of Education this summer. This award is a first for N.C. Community Colleges and is aimed at promoting better understanding between people of the United States and other countries. This award was the culmination of four years of intensive study, research, planning, writing, and submitting project proposals by two dedicated, persevering Sandhills Community College instructors, Bill Harris and Barbara Cole.

The group spent six weeks in Egypt and Israel, studying at the American University in Cairo and the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. In addition to hearing more than 40 lectures on all aspects of Egyptian and Israeli life and thought, the group toured extensively in both countries.

"In Egypt," Brenda said, "we visited the incredible Egyptian Museum, rode camels at the pyramids of Sakara, and climbed to the main tomb

of the Great Cheops Pyramid at Giza." According to legend," she noted, "being in this tomb is supposed to make one younger, but getting in and out is bound to take years off your life." The group cruised the Nile, stopping to visit a Nubian Village where the people lived in mud huts. "These people," Brenda added, "may not have our standard of living, but they are not poor; they are so rich in spirit. Their children are happy and giggly and are appreciative of any small gift, such as a ball-point pen. We have much to learn from these people". The group flew south to Aswan, Luxor and Abu Simbel, where they visited, in 120 degree temperatures, numerous monuments, temples, the masoleum of Aga Khan, and Elephantine Island. They stopped at the famous Aswan Granite Quarry, from which many of the huge blocks, columns, and obelisks were cut and miraculously transported to all parts of Egypt during the time of the great god-Kings. They also visited the Aswan High Dam which now controls the flooding of the Nile Valley. When asked what impressed her most about Egypt, Brenda replied, "Of course, one is awed by the majesty and size of the monuments and pyramids, but the people make Egypt an exotic and mystifying country. The fact that 50 million people (15 million in Cairo alone) can live in an area as small as the Nile Valley with almost no crime,

no violence, few murders, and no scared children, is an achievement we need to try to emulate here in the states."

In July, the group left Cairo and bused across the Sinai, crossing the Suez Canal. Stops through the desert included Mt. Sinai, the Ramon Crater, the Red Sea, Nuweiba, the Dead Sea, Arad, Eliah, and Masada.

In Israel, the group spent two weeks hearing lectures at the beautiful, modern Hebrew University at Mt. Scopus, and touring the old city of Jerusalem. One additional week was spent touring the northern area of Israel around the Sea of Galilee, the Golan Heights, the head waters of the Jordan River, and visiting the cities on the Mediterranean Sea-Haifa, Acre, Caesarea and old Joppa.

"Israel is a state of contrasts," Brenda concluded. "On the one hand, it is like walking back 4,000 years into the Bible. From Bethlehem to

Jericho, from Hezekiah's Tunnel to the Garden of Gethsemane, every place we went reminded me of stories from Bible School and church. On the other hand," she continued, "Israel is a thriving state which has performed its own miracles in just 40 years. It is surely a modern state with high levels of literacy, science, and technology. That Israel has accomplished so much in the midst of war is impressive."

When asked about the Arab-Israeli conflict, Brenda responded, "it is so complex that neither foreign ministers, ambassadors, political scientists, nor the world's leading experts on the Middle East can offer a solution. In my opinion, what would bring peace and stability to that area is respectful relationships - developing respectful relationships. But then, wouldn't that be the answer to all of our problems?"



Giza - The Sphinx of Sakkara



Jerusalem - Seen from Mt. Of Olives

Pictures for Yearbook

Freshmen: August 30, 1988 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
WCC Staff: August 30, 1988, Sept. 7, 1988
Sophomores: Sept. 7, 1988



Brenda Moore



LUXOR TEMPLE - Statue of Ramses II

Bloodmobile

Will be here
from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
on September 21, 1988
sponsored by
Phi Theta Kappa

Workshop Yearbook

Five members of the Wilkes Community College yearbook staff recently attended a four day workshop at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Approximately seventy-three schools were represented at the workshop. The workshop began July 31 and continued through August 3. The yearbook staff included Missy (Grace) Wiles, photographer; Tina Walker, yearbook editor; Scott Pardue, photographer; Brenda Joyce, Cougar Cry editor; and Dr. Jo Hendrix, advisor.

The day started at 7 a.m. with a hearty breakfast at Lenoir Dining Hall which was on campus. There were busy schedules of day classes and plenty of homework for late

nights. The classes consisted of learning the principles of layout, photography skills, and writing copy. After classes and homework, the convenience of a good night's rest was in a university dormitory.

The workshop had an advantage in that it generated ideas for the school yearbook, and these ideas were brought back with us to WCC. A meeting with a representative artist from Clarksville, Tennessee, helped in the finalization of the yearbook's cover.

The 1988-1989 yearbook will be a successful one because of the knowledge acquired at the workshop.

By: Brenda Joyce



Scott Pardue, Tina Walker, Brenda Joyce, and Missy Wiles