

The Editor Speaks Know Most Difficult Job?

This job is the most difficult of all. It has been known to bring on nervous breakdowns, foster ulcers, and invite insomnia.

But that's not all.

This job can make you weep.

Often, it involves more mental muscle than an Einstein has. And though one does everything possible to succeed at this job, failure is often the bottom line.

Further, the duties of this particular job invite personal criticism, unpopularity, even fear. Yet, without it, the world's work would remain undone.

Obviously, then, it is a vital job, one that engages us all our lives.

The job? **Making intelligent choices and decisions.**

"Try Business"

If you are wanting to go into a middle management position, a secretarial position, or just get a good solid business education, then you need to go into Business Administration. The Business Administration program is designed to prepare you for entry into middle management positions in various industries and businesses. The program provides an overview of the management and organization of the industrial and business world.

The courses taken in this program will help you to develop an understanding of the principles of organization and management in business, operations, utilizing modern techniques to make decisions, communicating orally and in writing, and interpersonal relationships. It will also give you a better understanding of the economy through analysis and study of the role of marketing.

Through these skills and through development of personal qualities, you will be able to function effectively in middle management activities in industry or business. I personally feel that my time spent in this program at Wilkes Community College has given me the self-confidence to accomplish any task that I may come in contact with. I also feel that the Business Administration program is the most prestigious program offered here, because of the program's ability to connect you with the real world. So if you are still deciding on what program you want to tackle, then try Business Administration. It's a real accomplishment.

— Shannon Anderson

Individualized Studies

A Unique Learning Experience for WCC Students

Whether you are a new student or a returning student, the staff of Individualized Studies wishes to welcome you to Wilkes Community College. Our college offers many unique and interesting programs. One of these programs is Individualized Studies. Through this unique program, students may schedule classes when they want them and study at their own pace. Students may register at any time during the quarter and may take a maximum of two quarters to complete their work. Working students with busy schedules may find that Individualized Studies is the solution they have been looking for.

Individualized Studies offers classes in developmental studies, English, math, business, art, music, criminal justice and more. The I.S. staff members serve as instructors for many of the classes offered and provide assistance for other classes. Instructors for all I.S. classes are available during office hours to meet with students and answer their questions.

Attendance requirements for I.S. classes are basically the same as for other classes at WCC. For example, a three credit hour class requires thirty-three hours of total attendance. The advantage is that students may schedule their attendance during any hours that the Learning Center is open. During the week, the I.S. department is open from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Friday, and Saturday hours are available. A new requirement this year is that students must attend a minimum of ten hours of the required thirty-three hours during the first six weeks following registration for their class.

A major improvement this year is that the classroom space for I.S. has been enlarged. Students should notice a big difference with the expanded space. Returning students probably remember the small classroom space which I.S. previously offered.

If individualized Studies sounds like a good idea for you, please come by the Learning Center for more information. You may wish to call us at 651-8717. We are located in Room 108 across from The Pit Auditorium in Thompson Hall. Our director is Nick Klinkosum. Staff members Iva, Philip, Alisah, Donna, and Helen are anxious to meet with you and discuss the Individualized Studies program. One advantage of I.S. you'll soon notice... instruction is on a very personal level!

See you soon!

Sincerely
Nick, Iva, Philip
Alisah, Donna, and Helen

1991-92 Financial Aid Information

Many financial aid opportunities exist for students to attend Wilkes Community College, but for some reason many eligible students never apply. Some students just assume that they will not be eligible. Others think that they cannot receive help because of the low tuition costs. Only those that apply for aid can receive assistance. Most students completing the application process actually are approved. Also, the funds received can be used to help students meet costs for housing, food, travel, books, supplies and child care as well as tuition. Students can receive assistance from more than one program to meet their needs.

What's Available? Financial aid programs available through the college include grants, scholarships, part-time employment and loans. See the list below for specific programs offered.

Who's Eligible? Awards are made to students based on financial need (living contribution) and academic potential. Also, students not eligible for grants, scholarships, or part-time work usually are eligible for loans.

How Do You Apply? Complete a Financial Aid application which is available in the Financial Aid Office. Processing time is approximately 3 weeks.

Financial Aid Programs Available at Wilkes Community College.

Pell Grants (formerly called Basic Grants) provide "free" money to eligible students based on financial need. For 1991-92 the maximum Pell Grant will be \$1,710 and the minimum Pell Grant will be \$200 per year. Eligible applicants must be working toward a degree or diploma in either technical, college transfer, or vocational programs.

Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants are awarded to students based on financial need. Unlike Pell Grants, funding is limited for Supplemental Grants and awards cannot be made to all eligible students. Students are encouraged to apply early. In making awards, preference will be given to full-time students demonstrating financial need.

Scholarships are available from many sources to help students meet basic educational costs. Awards are made on the basis of financial need, academic ability and on an emergency basis pending the processing of a student's application for financial aid. The amounts vary from tuition only to full (tuition, fees, books, and supplies) scholarships.

College Work-Study provides part-time employment to students demonstrating financial need. Students work on campus in jobs related to their major if possible. The current pay rate is \$4.55 per hour with \$1,400 per year maximum.

NC Insured Student Loans are available to students if their education costs exceed the amount of financial aid they are awarded. Students can borrow up to \$2,625 per year at 8% interest. Repayment begins 6 months after student leaves school.

See Alan or Vickie in the Financial Aid Office for more information or for an aid application form.

I Wish I Had Known...

My son, Darren, is entering UNC-CH this fall - along with 16,000 other undergraduate students and 8,000 more graduate students! This place is huge! As a result, there are many students who find that the system does not have a great deal of individual attention to ensure that each student knows everything that he/she needs to know in order to succeed. However, the orientation program does provide each incoming freshman with a pamphlet entitled "I wish I had known..." In this publication, current and past student leaders in the UNC-CH orientation program give their thoughts and comments on things that would have made a difference if they had known.

You might think that Wilkes Community College is just too small to have the same kinds of problems as a big university. Wrong! I teach a course called "College Survival Skills" (look for it under ORI0151 in the schedule of classes), and I find that many of the same comments apply to our little community college. Below are some of the most common with a few comments of my own.

"I wish I had known..."

1) that it's o.k. to drop a class if you are not doing well - but check with Financial Aid."

2) that the teacher would not automatically drop me if I quit going to class, and that I would just get an "F" instead!"

3) that sometimes I could stand in line a long time and then find out that I needed something else before I could complete the process."

Many times your advisor can save you from disaster or just prevent you from wasting time. Make out a list of questions and be sure you get the answers to each one during your session with your advisor. Don't be afraid to ask - even if it's just "Where's the...?" question. But don't believe everything you hear from us teachers (either in class or as your advisor). Check it out! You are responsible - even if I'm the one who gave you the wrong information. And probably the **least reliable** (and yet the most popular) source of information is **other students!** If you believed me when I said "Check it out!" for the faculty, then you **MUST** approach your fellow students with even more caution. "I wish I had known..."

4) that knowing how to type could be so important."

5) that high school left out so much."

6) that college would be so much more demanding than high school."

Many students learn too late that a full-time academic load and a job can fill up most of a week. The course "College Survival Skills" is a really good elective for everyone. The text is *Becoming a Master Student* and is the top selling text in the USA! Check it out in the bookstore. It has hundreds of suggestions to help any student become more efficient and successful in classes. Taking notes, taking tests, memorizing, managing time - these are just a few of the topics. However, you will find that there is no section on "how to succeed without really trying;" not one on "how to make an 'A' without really studying." "I wish I had known..."

7) that it's all right to be stressed - most students are!"

8) that everyone needs help from time to time and all you have to do is ask."

9) that it's o.k. to stand up for my own values as long as I don't force them on someone else."

Career counseling, personal counseling, academic counseling - they are all here! But not everyone takes advantage of them. The first step is always the same. Tell the truth and admit to yourself that you could use some help - just like 99% of the population (and the other 1% just want everyone to think they don't ever need help). The only reason that any of us (faculty and staff) are here is to serve you, the students. Now give us a chance!

I look forward to seeing you in class or in the halls or up in the gym. In the meantime, if you see my son, tell him to read that little book "I wish I had known..." As you probably know, the last place students go for advice is to "Dad." And then they only pretend to listen.

— Sam Sink

The Baptist Student Union

Let's look ahead for a moment to the life of a college student. As an entering freshman, you will be living with term papers, examinations, reports, and other unrelenting demands in a community of intellectual competition. This doesn't look easy, does it?

You have all the energy of youth, the opportunities studying and learning provide, and the responsibility to discover who you really are. In this kind of situation, you might find that you are bored, frustrated, and lonely.

Achievement and affiliation (or recognition and fellowship) are two primary personal needs. It is difficult to give too much emphasis to the desire to be accepted and to belong - especially if you are a college freshman.

First-year students frequently feel confused by their new situations. They find themselves floundering in the flood of claims, demands, and pressures; and pleas upon their time and interests seem all-consuming. A good life can come, but only if you take initiative. You must take an active role in plotting the kind of career, life-style, and personal priorities you want to develop. What associations are important to you?

Baptist Student Union (BSU) on your campus provides a spiritual journey for you - personal growth in learning, living, and reaching out to other people. In your own experience, BSU is a chance to relate to the students on your campus, particularly persons who share your spiritual values. Meeting and learning together clarifies life's meaning.

What Does BSU Do?

The BSU is perhaps best known for getting involved in the lives of students. What actually is done is based upon the needs of people.

Just take your poor grades to someone who is an "A" student (a BSUer, of course). No self-respecting BSUer will refuse to show you the way to survival in college. You might also improve your grades as a result.

Do you have questions about your life and future? BSU means you are part of a suitable forum to ask the "improper" questions: *What does my life mean? Where am I going? and Will anything that is part of me remain when I am not alive?* These are tough questions.

Quick answers to complex questions are not a function of BSU. Students who have all the answers are not usually interested in BSU. Within a climate of faith and inquiry, students are enabled to steer a course for their own spiritual journeys. BSU is "close," not closed. BSU touches lives at very important times. It does what needs to be done to meet the needs of others.

Now, let's look deeper. On your campus, what can you offer BSU? Are you a dreamer, designer, or strategist? Are you a self-reliant leader? Then build a community of spirit, develop a service project, or start something creatively different. Indeed, take the initiative to participate in BSU programs of ministry, social service, and personal witnessing.

Meanwhile, give some time for improving the way you share your faith in God. Witnessing is an intensely personal action. It involves sharing what you experience in Christ. *Are you a believable person?*

To be sure, BSU has undergone changes with the passing of these years. Who thinks BSU is not changing? Its popularity is spreading. The relationships are unique. BSU (old or new) is people; call it a family - students united in a faith commitment.

BSU has made plans and welcomes you to WCC this fall. You will grow spiritually as you decide to come involved and acquainted and to participate. While college and its demands may not be easy, BSU and Christian fellowship will help you cope.

Look for signs announcing our club meeting time and date. The WCC BSU Club - check us out... You'll be glad you did!



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Part-Time Jobs Wilkes Community College

Job Title:
Tutor, Student Support Services

Duties:
Tutoring Curriculum Students on Campus

Qualifications:
Personable and dependable with proven ability in subject area.

Requirements:
Completion of eight hour training program. Available a minimum of 15 hours per week.

Salary:
\$4.50 PER HOUR

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