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"Have A Nice Thanksgiving"

WCC Nursing Graduates Rank First

The National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) Summary Profiles Report, a report that gives in-depth information concerning the test results of nursing graduates, reported that the 1992 WCC nursing graduates were ranked first among those who took the test nationwide. The NCLEX is required by the state for two-year and four-year nursing graduates who wish to practice as registered nurses. The summary indicates that Wilkes Community College ranked first in three categories. It was first among 59 RN programs from the state of North Carolina, first among the 837 Associate Degree RN programs nationwide, and first among 1,467 RN programs nationwide.

The North Carolina exam is the same test given to students throughout the country allowing test results to be compared to the scores of both in-state and out-of-state students. Kathryn Tisdale, RN, chairperson of the Allied Health Department at WCC and a nursing instructor, attributes the high ranking to "the innate ability of the students" and an outstanding faculty. Ms. Tisdale was especially proud of the fact that WCC students had higher test scores than students from colleges with bigger and more technologically advanced teaching facilities. "What we lack in facilities, we make up for in faculty," she commented.

WCC's Allied Health Department program currently has programs for medical assistants, nurses and dental assistants. The department has a high caliber faculty of five full-time instructors and two part-time instructors, all registered nurses. Full-time instructors are Laura Abernethy, RN, BSN; Wanda Douglas, RN, MSN;

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Endowment Approaches \$680,000

(A) Total To Date

The Wilkes Community College Endowment Corporation has raised \$346,792.72 as designated scholarships for the WCC Scholarship Fund. These scholarships are awarded to Wilkes Community College students based on the guidelines established for each scholarship. These include: Lowes C/E Foundation Scholarship, Douglas & Sons Auto Tech Scholarship, Junior Johnson Auto Tech Scholarship, Whittington Auto Tech Scholarship, Brown Chevrolet Buick Auto Tech Scholarship, Wilkes Business Women's Scholarship, Lydall, Inc. Diesel Equipment Program Scholarship, Salem Leasing Auto Tech Scholarship, Allied Health Scholarship, Automotive Technician Scholarship, Rex Williams Scholarship, Edith Murphy Scholarship, Blue Ridge Shoe Scholarship, Fred Lovette Scholarship, Bonnie Rhodes Scholarship, T.E. Story Scholarship, Jimmy Absher Scholarship, George C. Barber Memorial Scholarship, Ron Davis Scholarship, Robert B. McNeil Scholarship, J.B. Hash Educational Trust.

(B) Total In Progress

In addition, \$72,000 is presently accumulating in the WCC Endowment account awaiting completion of each project by payment of pledges. When complete these projects will total over \$100,000: Allied Health Scholarship, M.B. McNeill Auto Tech Scholarship, Yadkin Valley Motor Company Auto Tech Scholarship, Lewis Williams Scholarship, Presidential Scholarship, Bill Young Memorial Scholarship, Merle Watson Memorial Scholarship.

As these are endowed scholarships, only the interest will be spent with the principal remaining untouched to

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From The Drama Dept.

The drama department at Wilkes Community College competed in a state theater festival on October 30 at Catawba College in Salisbury, NC. A winner from each state will be selected to perform at the regional conference at Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama. The winning performances from that competition will go on to perform in the American College Theater Festival (ACTF) at Kennedy Center in New York City.

According to David Reynolds, instructor of drama at WCC, "Some scholarship money will be awarded to students at the regional conference at Auburn, and there will also be scholarships offered at the American College Theater Festival. In addition to the scholarships at the ACTF, there may be agents and producers watching performers in search of new talent."

This is the second year that Wilkes Community College has participated in the theater festival. Mr. Reynolds says that the festivals are centered around new plays and that they are especially interested in plays written by students. "It is a demanding schedule," Reynolds explained, "We have to arrive at the stage six hours in advance to set up the scene, set up the lighting and adapt to the new space. We use up the whole six hours and, at times, could use more."

"The Lucky Spot" is the play that WCC presented at the state festival. It's a warm hearted play set in rural Louisiana during the Great Depression. It centers around a group of zany Southern misfits who struggle to make a go of it with a rural dance hall. They have converted an old Victorian house into the dance hall that they call "The Lucky Spot." Mr. Reynolds described the play as "offbeat with humorous, touching insights."

Seven WCC students performing

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Yearbook News

Since returning from the annual Delmar Yearbook Workshop in Charlotte, your yearbook staff has been very productive. The first deadline of October 16 was easily met, despite the staff's little experience. The first 16 pages of the yearbook are generally the most difficult to produce. In past years the staff had trouble at even meeting the deadline, let alone adding special touches. This year, however, we're proud to tell you that we were lucky enough to spruce it up a bit. We've added a few finishing touches that we hope you will be pleased with.

An informal pizza! pizza! party was held on Monday, October 19 to celebrate a job well-done! We have a super group of students who are dedicated to producing the best yearbook ever! It's hard to believe that the quality of work this staff produces is primarily coming from beginners! From candid photos and honest, thought-provoking stories, I'm sure you'll be pleased with the finished product. We intend to change things around, add things and move things, in an effort to blow the competition out of the water at the yearbook judging and review. Along with the staff, I'd like to thank those students who volunteered stories and photos of their own, outside of the yearbook staff. I invite any stu-

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