

## New Room Signs In Braille

Thompson, Hayes, and Lovette Halls are now complete with new signs containing Braille. These signs indicate room numbers and area and have been installed on the right side of the door at regulation height. This is another step toward meeting requirements of ADA (American With Disabilities Act). Braille signs will be added to other buildings on campus in the near future.

## Time

How would we define time? We tend to spend it in different ways. We pass it and waste it ... boy, does that sound like the first thing you do when you get up in the morning! Time is a luxury many of us can not afford. I've often heard people say, "well, if you don't have time, take time!" Well, if a frog had wings it wouldn't bump it's butt every time it jumped! Many people, such as myself, work as well as go to school full-time. A social life for me should have meant reading articles from the latest addition of Cosmopolitan magazine! But maybe, to some extent, I heeded the advice given to me by others. I realized that I needed time to myself and with people close to me. Against all odds, I made that time whether I had it or not.

Time goes on, with or without us. We thought it ever existing, stable and solid. We thought of it as a rock, so we took it for granite ... I mean, granted. All things put aside, how should we perceive time? I have heard it said to live each day as if it were our last, but why be so morbid about our own existence? Fate brings realities that may be unpleasant to us, but should we dwell upon them? Someone recently came into my life that gave me hope beyond all hope. I now live for tomorrow. No, we should not take time for granted. We have a fragile existence. We should, however, accept our own mortality and forge ahead. So we can make dreams come true! This my friends, is why we were given time!

— J. Correll

## Financial Aid

As each year passes by, the costs of continuing education keep rising so rapidly that many people are struggling to finance their way through college. In today's society, an individual without a college education is almost certainly doomed to a life of meager existence. Through talking with many friends I have discovered that almost the entire population is unaware of all the financial assistance programs that are at their fingertips.

Money for college is available for almost anyone who has any kind of financial need, and a student doesn't have to look very far to find it. The only students who might find difficulty getting financial aid are students living with their family and have no financial obligations or whose parents still claim them on income taxes. Even under these circumstances, students demonstrating financial need can, in most cases, still receive financial aid of some kind. All it takes is a little persistence, determination, and ambition on the part of the student in financial need.

There are certain students who are in a situation which necessitates the need to process a special situation form. These are available for students who may not meet certain eligibility requirements due to unforeseen circumstances. If you find yourself in this situation, you need to go by student development and discuss your situation with Allen Whittington, financial aid advisor.

If you are planning to apply for financial aid, here are a few dates you need to adhere to. The priority deadline for students to apply for most financial aid is March 15, and scholarship applications can be picked up Feb. 2. If you are receiving financial aid currently, then you can pick up authorization forms on Mar. 2, which is Spring Quarter registration day.

If you have any questions regarding financial aid, you are urged to go by student development as soon as possible. Good Luck.

— Troy Privette

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## Calendar 1992-1993

### Spring Quarter 1993

Feb. 15-19 - Registration  
 Mar. 2, Tues. - Registration/First Day of Classes Spring Quarter  
 Mar. 9, Tues. (4 pm) - Spring Quarter Registration ends  
 Apr. 9-12 - Spring Break  
 Apr. 13, Tues. - Classes Resume  
 Apr. 28, Wed., Last Day to Withdraw From a Class  
 May 19, Wed. (11 pm) - Last Day of Classes Spring Quarter  
 May 21, Fri. - Graduation (5 pm)  
**Summer Quarter 1993**  
 May 10-14 - Registration  
 May 26, Wed. - Registration/First Day of Classes Summer Quarter  
 May 31, Mon.-Memorial Day Holiday  
 July 5-9 - Summer Break  
 July 12, Mon. - Classes Resume  
 Aug. 11, Wed. (11 pm) - Last Day of Classes Summer Quarter

### Admission Requirements

Any high school graduate or any person 18 years or over who is able to profit from further education will be served by WCC.

### Financial Aid

Students needing assistance for the 1992-93 school year (with Spring Quarter beginning on March 2, 1993) must apply for financial aid as soon as possible.

For more information on the financial aid programs and other sources of assistance, including assistance with the application process, contact: grants, scholarships, college work study — Alan Whittington 651-8633, Vickie Call, 651-8630; JTPA (Job Training Partnership Act) — Claudia Eller 651-8777; Veterans Benefits — Coot Gilreath 651-8638. Information on other assistance programs: Employment Security Commission, Vocational Rehabilitation, NC State VA, NC National Guard, contact Melanie Staley, Business Office, 651-8605.

## Career Outlook

Successful people make decisions quickly (as soon as all the facts are

available) and change them very slowly (if ever). Unsuccessful people make decisions very slowly and change them often and quickly. — Napoleon Hill

Why? Why are we at Wilkes Community College? Most of us are here to prepare ourselves for a future in a career that we can enjoy and will give us the benefits we deserve. Upon graduation, the job hunt begins, and most of us grow nervous when the time comes for an interview. As you prepare your resume and meet with possible employers, there are certain things you must keep in mind. Probably the most important preparation you can make is for the interview.

You'll also feel more prepared if you rehearse for the interview. Have someone drill you with a list of questions you're likely to be asked by an interviewer. The most frequently asked questions include:

- Why should I hire you?
- What are your strongest abilities?
- How do your skills relate to your needs?
- What are you looking for?
- What would you like to know about us?
- Tell us something about yourself.
- Why are you looking for a job now?
- What are your strengths and weaknesses?
- Where do you want to be five years from now?
- Why do you want to work for us?
- What are your three major accomplishments?
- What have you disliked in jobs you've had?
- What kinds of people do you like to work with? What kinds of people frustrate you?
- How long before you can contribute?
- What has dissatisfied you about your performance in the past year?
- How long a commitment will you give us?
- What would be your ideal job?
- When are you available?
- What is your present salary?
- May we call your boss?
- What other positions have you interviewed for?

Prepare for the interview. Ask yourself these questions and develop answers for all of them. If you do this, you are already ahead of the game and are ten times as likely to succeed.

— Troy Privette



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