

Bonds for WCC

The passage of the community college bond referendum on November 2, means that officials at Wilkes Community College will begin to move forward with plans to construct a new Learning Resources/Student Center.

The new Center will house a library, media production laboratory, offices for student development personnel, and student commons. The new building will be a two story structure containing approximately 25,000 square feet per floor. It is estimated that the building will cost approximately \$4.7 million, including design costs.

The college's library is currently housed in Thompson Hall. It was designed for 1,000 students. Today, WCC enrolls nearly 2,000 students in one-and two-year degree programs and another 3,000 to 4,000 students in continuing education courses. The library was originally set up to hold 30,000 books. Today, the library contains just over 500,000 books. Because of the space limitation of the existing library, book shelves are overflowing and are crowded close together.

The second component of the new building will be a student center. This new center will bring together in one location resources for students currently scattered across campus. Included in the center will be a new food service and vending area, college bookstore, student government office, student meeting rooms, lounge area and offices for the college's Student Development staff.

The bond will provide \$250 million for the state's 58 community colleges. Because this was a statewide bond referendum, there will be no increase in local property tax." The General Assembly plans to retire the debt on the bonds through the revenues already being generated. The state's debt service is very low, the state has a AAA bond rating -- the best rating possible -- and interest rates are at an all-time low.

Student's Life: Not a Happy One

Think today's students have a rough time?

Think of the rules of student behavior taken from a manuscript titled, *Statutes of King's College in the City of New York*, the former name of Columbia University.

The rules or statutes, published in 1763, included these provisions:

✓ Everyone had to attend daily prayers as early as 5 a.m.

✓ Students had to wear the academic habit at all times.

✓ Students could not leave campus without permission, nor leave their rooms after 9 in the evening.

✓ A student could be expelled if he were caught twice playing cards or dice.

✓ Parents had to post a bond upon their child's admission to the College, in part "to make good all Damages that the said student shall willfully have been the Occasion of."

✓ A student could be fined 10 shillings if he chose to "willfully and personally affront the President of the College," or if he "molested the President by making unreasonable noises." If the student's offense was serious enough, he was "oblig'd to compose and repeat in the Publick Hall a Modest Recantation of his Fault in order to deter his Fellow students from the like practices."

✓ And (lacking an invasion-of-privacy custom) the president of the college was authorized to visit any student's room at any time and, if denied entrance, break down the door.

The rare manuscript containing these rules was first owned by John Jay, once a student at King's College. He graduated in 1764 and went on to become President of the Continental Congress, a noted American diplomat in Europe, the governor of New York, and the nation's first Chief Justice.

Seven Named Nurse Scholars

Seven local students have been named to the N.C. Nurse Scholars Program, a state-funded scholarship program designed to attract students to the nursing profession. They were among 1,442 who applied for this competitive, merit-based program.

All seven are attending community college nursing programs. They receive grants for \$3,000 per year which are renewable. They are required to work full time as registered nurses in the state one year for each year funding is received.

Candidates must have earned a 3.0 grade-point average in high school work and have demonstrated leadership and service through extra-curricular activities.

Nurse scholars attending Wilkes Community are Diana Lynn Barker, Sebrina Shefawn Hamm, Candace Dawn Jordan, Sheila Jean Morgan, Laura Christine Spencer, and Tammy S. Worley.

One scholar is a student at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute, Hudson. She is Evelyn Patrick Brewer.

From: Jefferson Post

Twenty-One WCC Nurses Pass Exam

Wilkes Community College recently received notification that all twenty-one May, 1993 graduates had successfully completed the National Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses. Out of 60 programs in the state, WCC is one of 18 with 100% of its students passing.

The two-day exam is designed to insure that nursing graduates are capable of safe and effective practice as Registered Nurses. All nursing graduates take the same licensure exam regardless of educational program.

WCC's two-year associate degree program is a challenging curriculum which provides individuals with the opportunity to gain expertise in hygiene skills, positioning, medication administration, intravenous therapy, assessment, care planning and management.

Students receive both classroom and clinical experience in all nursing courses. The students gain their clinical experience from six area agencies which include Wilkes Regional Medical Center and Brithaven both in Wilkesboro; Broughton Hospital in Morganton; Cannon Memorial Hospital in Banner Elk; and Forsyth Memorial Hospital and North Carolina Baptist Hospital both in Winston-Salem.

WCC is currently accepting applications for fall, 1994. Class size is limited and the application deadline is December 15, 1993. Individuals interested in admission to the program should complete courses in high school algebra, chemistry, and biology. Prospective students who lack these courses should contact Brenda Jolly in the Student Development Office at 910/651-8631 for more information.

WCC's 1993 nursing graduates who passed the licensure examination are: Kelly Ashley of Warrensville, Kimberly Blackburn of Roaring River, Kimberly Breaseale of Wilkesboro, Laura Bumgarner of Wilkesboro, Carolyn Edwards of Laurel Springs, Mary Ellis of Moravian Falls, Angela Greer of Crumpler, Delores Hamby of Wilkesboro, Sandra Lambert of West Jefferson, Sheryl Marlow of Statesville, Diana McClure of Lansing, Sheila Owens of North Wilkesboro, Karen Phipps of Sparta, Barbara Reynolds of Wilkesboro, Edith Roark of Boomer, Christie Saunders of Hays, Wendy Sidden of Traphill, Laura Wagoner of Taylorsville, Meredith Walker of Boone, Angelia Whitley of Roaring River, and Sharon Wilcox of Wilkesboro.

Beacon Hill Property

The WCC Endowment Corporation will soon announce that it has completed negotiation with the Reliable Insurance Company for the purchase of the 25-acre tract of land between the college and NC 268 and the 20,000 square foot building located on the land. The price is \$800,000 with Reliable donating \$100,000 toward the purchase. The Endowment Corporation will have to raise \$700,000. Fortunately, a donation of \$250,000 has already been made by a person who wishes to remain anonymous. This reduces the actual amount yet to be raised to \$450,000. The Endowment Corporation is off and running on this fund-raising project.

The anonymous donor has requested that the college's child care operation be moved to the new building and expanded. It is hoped that the child care operation could become a model for northwestern North Carolina, both in terms of services provided to pre-school children and their families and as a training facility for child care workers. It is my hope that on the next round of grants to the State's Smart Start initiative, Wilkes County will be successful, in part, because of this new facility.

Attention Poets

Owings Mills, Maryland (USA) — The National Library of Poetry has announced that \$12,000 in prizes will be awarded this year to over 250 poets in the North American Open Poetry Contest. The deadline for the contest is December 31, 1993. The contest is open to everyone and entry is FREE.

Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner. Every poem entered also has a chance to be published in a deluxe, hardbound anthology.

To enter, send ONE original poem, any subject and any style, to the National Library of Poetry, 11419 Cronridge Dr., P.O. Box 704-ZN, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be no more than 20 lines, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked by December 31, 1993. A new contest opens January 1, 1994.