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"Congratulations to the 1996 Graduates"







Mindy Hudson

The Drama Department at Wilkes Community College stays busy all year round, and it keeps many students on their toes. These days, one of the busiest students in the Drama Department is Mindy Hudson. Mindy is very active in the production of the department's current show, the musical comedy "Bye Bye Birdie." Aside from the exhausting task of playing the role of Rosie Alberez, which is one of the leading roles, she is also the choreographer.

Mindy is in her first year at Wilkes, and she seems satisfied with the campus environment and with the activities available here. In fact, she chose Wilkes Community College in order to gain acting experience through the Drama Department. In contrast to Wilkes, four-year schools have very little to offer to freshman and sophomore students in the way of leading roles, and Mindy felt that Wilkes was a better prospect. She is currently earning a double major in Music and Theatre, and she plans to transfer to Appalachian State University to continue these studies. When she finishes her education,

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five o'clock
John A. Walker Community Center



Mindy hopes to act in the musical theatre industry.

Even though she is a first year student, Mindy is already gaining valuable experience in her profession. Being the choreographer of "Bye Bye Birdie" has taught her leadership skills and has led her to "sympathize with teachers that have to yell and scream to get their students' attention."

Mindy is also very active in other activities on campus and in the community. She is a member of the Wilkes Community College Chorus, and she is always involved in some capacity with all the shows performed at Wilkes, both by students and by outside organizations. During the summer of 1995, she worked for

"Horn in the West," the outdoor drama held each summer in Boone, NC. While working in this drama, she was a alternate in the PR Quartets and an understudy to the main character, Widow Howard. Outside of her many activities in the theatre world, she teaches Sunday School for four-year-olds in the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church, and she babysits frequently.

One thing Mindy feels could be changed at Wilkes is the support available for the Drama Department. Both the faculty and the students should make more of an effort to attend the performances, and even to be a part of the production. Just, take it from Mindy, "Don't ever do two shows at once!"



Student Receives Scholarship

Mark Royal, who will be graduating on May 23, 1996, was the recipient of a scholarship from the National Academy for Nuclear Training, an organization under the auspices of the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations. The scholarship, awarded in the amount of \$2,500 for the 1996-1997 school year, is renewable for two years. Funds for this scholarship are provided by the United States nuclear power industry.

Mark is a resident of McGrady, NC, and he will be attending the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in the fall. While at Wilkes Community College he earned an Associate in Arts degree, an Associate in Science degree, and an Electronics Engineering Technology degree.

Mark is an active member of WCC's Phi Theta Kappa Chapter, the honorary fraternity.

1996 Graduates

Associate in Arts

Richard Kevin Aldridge David Taylor Ashley Barbara Ellen Bernstein Kathy L. Bishop Christy Darlene Blevins Diane Riddle Bouchelle Amber Dawn Burgess Kevin Dean Calloway Alida Rosa Cardo Viola Jane Church Deborah Sue Coffey Michelle Dee Cole Deanna Victoria Durham **Beverly Trivette Gaddy** Sheree Stewart Garvin Kristi Lei Hall Brandon Glen Johnson Jaime Rebecca Johnson (continued on page four)