

Top "C" Award

Nine members of Wilkes Community College's Student Government Association (SGA), along with advisor Scott Johnson, attended the spring conference of the North Carolina Comprehensive Community College Student Government Association on April 3-5 in Raleigh, NC. During the closing awards banquet, Wilkes' SGA was recognized as the "Top Campus" for 1997-98. The Top Campus Award (Top "C") is presented to the school which demonstrates the qualities consistent with the community tradition that the 59 colleges represent.

The Top "C" Award is based upon the Student Government Association's involvement and interaction on campus as well as in the community. The Top "C" Award solidifies this commitment and recognizes those community college Student Government Associations that symbolize outstanding commitment. WCC received the prestigious award based on its impressive list of events sponsored on and off-campus by the SGA. The numerous and varied on-campus events included: Freshman Registration Picnic and Concert; First Annual Back-To-School Blast and Volleyball Clash; Welcome Back Social at both satellite campuses (Alleghany and Ashe); Club Fair; Alcohol Awareness Week; Campus Clean Up Day; Pumpkin Carving Contest; Reverse Beauty Pageant; Ping Pong Tournament; Night Owl Socials; President For A Day; Mr. and Mrs. WCC Elections; FunFest; several live performances and movie presentations. Community events off-campus included: SGA Summer Leadership Retreat at ASU; Angel Tree Sponsorship; Christmas treat bags for local elementary school; SGA Clothes Drive; MerleFest and Adopt-A-Highway program.

On receiving the award, WCC's Student Activities Coordinator Scott Johnson stated, "We are very proud of our SGA for being recognized with this award. Our student government strives to make the educational experience at WCC fun as well as meaningful for our students, and it is an honor for these efforts to be recognized."

President of the college, Dr. Gordon Burns, commented on this award, "I am very proud of our students and our college. It

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Phi Theta Kappa Update

Twenty-six students at Wilkes Community College joined a highly respected organization on campus at the Alpha Kappa Omega Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa induction ceremony on February 26 in the John A. Walker Community Center on the campus of WCC. Phi Theta Kappa is the honorary scholastic fraternity for American community, junior, and technical colleges.

New members inducted at the February 26 ceremony were: Jami Bilicic-Adams, Jayme Brewer, Heather Campbell, Catherine Cook, Regina Elledge, Bonnie Eller, Alysia Fortner, Shannon Gaillard, Derek Goddard, Rachel Gorshe, Lynna Greer, Joan Hinson, Layla Howell, Jonathan Kitchen, Richard Laws, Scott Means, Kenneth Miller, Jamie Millsaps, Patricia Parks, Tina Rutherford, Amanda Shumate, Joyce Snyder, Pamela Stokely, Joel Watson, Chadwick Whitley, and Tara Wyatt.

At the induction, families and friends were welcomed by the Chapter's advisors Dr. Barbara Holt and Dr. Karen Staten. Dr. Gordon Burns, WCC President, addressed the audience noting the accomplishments and membership benefits of this organization. Membership certificates were presented by WCC Dean of Instruction, Dr. Rita Rodabaugh. Dr. Burns congratu-

lated each new member as they signed the chapter membership roster.

Membership in Alpha Kappa Omega is extended by invitation. To be considered for membership, a student must: (1) be enrolled in a two-year college, (2) have accumulated the number of credit hours used by the college to designate full-time status, (3) have achieved a grade-point average equivalent to not less than a 3.50, (4) have established academic excellence as judged by the faculty, and (5) be of good moral character and possess recognized qualities of citizenship.

According to club advisor Staten, the purpose of Phi Theta Kappa is to recognize and to encourage scholarship, leadership and service among two-year college students. In the pursuit of these ideals, Phi Theta Kappa becomes more than a club or a list. Its members enter into an intellectual and cultural fellowship that extends beyond a particular campus to regional and national networks. Through the achievement of these goals, Phi Theta Kappans continue to enrich themselves, their communities and society.

Any WCC student interested in membership in Alpha Kappa Omega should contact Dr. Karen Staten at 838-6506.