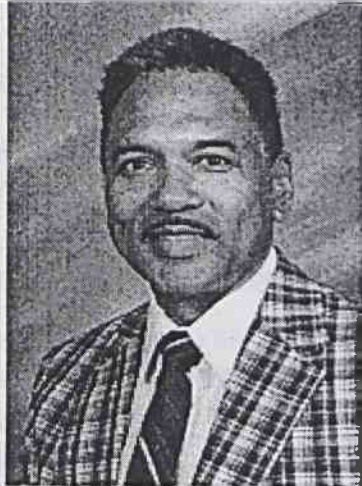


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## A Student's Perspective: A Tribute to Coot Gilreath

By Melissa Ellis



Family and friends said goodbye to Rev. Coot Gilreath on Friday, January 7. The overwhelming expression of love and the crowd that gathered to say goodbye at Mr. Gilreath's funeral was to say the least, impressive. Family and friends filled the church to pay their last respects. There

were so many people who came to pay their respects that chairs had to be set up downstairs. I went because I had known Mr. Gilreath for many years and wanted to say goodbye to someone who was such a wonderful person. He was fair, concerned about his students, and helpful to them. He was always a joy to be around.

I am sincerely thankful for the short time I got to know him better. I thought the world of him and so did many of the other students I have spoken with. Everyone was shocked and saddened to hear of his sudden passing. He was well liked and admired. It is hard to imagine that he is gone, but we have so many wonderful memories of him, memories that will keep us warm when we become sad and wish he was still with us. My heart goes out to the people who worked with him everyday and got to know him as a friend. Just think of the memories they have, the times they shared, and the friendship they have lost. There was and still is a lot of love and joy in the Office of Student Services. They lost a dear friend, but gained an Angel. Goodbye Mr. Gilreath and thank you for everything.



## Charlotte Wheelchair Hornets Basketball Team Play at WCC

By Scott Johnson



The Charlotte Wheelchair Hornets Basketball Team played an exhibition game on Monday, December 6, at Wilkes Community College. Chris Jefferson, a student in Wilkes Community

College's Automotive Technology Program, has played for the Charlotte Wheelchair Hornets for almost seven years and was a participant in this exhibition game. The money raised through admission fees totaled \$825 and a check for this amount was presented to Coach Dick Bryant at the end of the game. Coach Bryant has been working with wheelchair basketball for 29 years and is also a member of the team.

The purpose of this event was to promote disability awareness and to make other people aware of the extraordinary abilities of athletes in wheelchairs. During half-time, non wheelchair

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## WCC Welcomes New Dean of Instruction Walt Plexico

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