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"The Western Piedmont Alma Mater"

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IN THE WINGS:

Theatre-for-the-Deaf, a new course being offered during the spring quarter, will culminate in a special performance during North Carolina Deaf Awareness Week, May 6-13. The class will present a shadowed performance of the light-hearted comedy, All in Disguise. Each role will be played either by a speaking actor who will be "shadowed" by an interpreter, or by a deaf actor who will have a reverse interpreter speak the lines. Performance dates for All in Disguise are Friday, May 11, and Saturday, May 12, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 13, at 2:30 p.m. in Moore Auditorium.

The cast is also planning to perform All in Disguise at Freedom High School, East Burke High School, and the North Carolina School for the Deaf.

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Western Piedmont Community College will celebrate its twentieth anniversary during April. In recognition of this occasion, WPCC Drama 120 will present Opening The Door, an original documentary based on the founding of the College. This historic, half-hour production will be presented during Open House at the College on Sunday, April 1, at 1:30 p.m. and again at 3:00 p.m. in Moore Auditorium. The show will also be given on Friday, April 6 at 8:30 p.m. Everyone is warmly invited to attend this special performance featuring a significant aspect of our local history.

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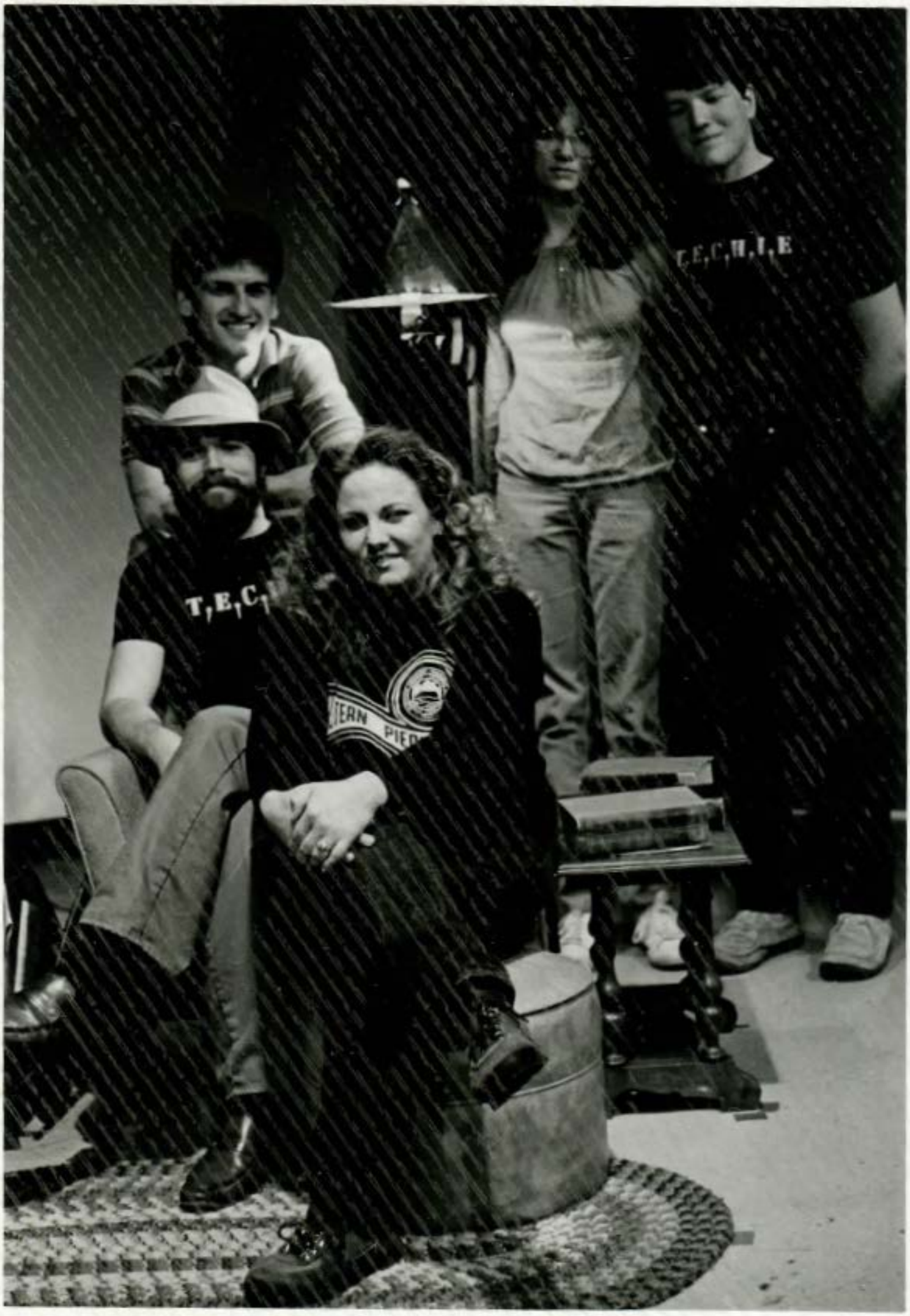
For further details on performances of Opening The Door, or other twentieth anniversary activities, call the College at 437-8688.



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Phifer: I believe that now is the propitious time for our business and public affairs committee to stimulate a movement among the service clubs of this town to work toward the goal of establishing a junior or community college in Morganton. Of all the industries we might chase, it seems to me that this is the one that would do the most to raise the ethical, intellectual, and cultural standards of our community.[1]

Narrator 1: This "propitious time" was January, 1962. The speaker was Dr. Edward W. Phifer, Jr. The occasion was Dr. Phifer's inaugural address as the new President of the Kiwanis Club. His speech marked the first public advocation of such a local institution for higher education.

Narrator 2: Dr. Phifer was not alone in recognizing the need and the potential for a comprehensive community college in Burke County. The 1962 Governor's Commission on Education Beyond the High School, instigated under the administration of former Governor Luther Hodges, made a survey which showed that Burke County ranked No. 1 in potential enrollment among fourteen high priority areas where community colleges might be established in the state.

Narrator 3: Burke County resolved to try to obtain one of the first five such colleges to be established after the North Carolina General Assembly enacted the 1963 Community College Act. On November 1, 1963, formal application was made to the State Board of Education, in the face of competing applications from this area. Stanley Moore, then editor of The News Herald, called the movement for the college a

"once in a lifetime chance."

Moore: If Burke County is given the chance for a college, the opportunity should be seized overwhelmingly and enthusiastically. There should be no reservations or doubts. A community college would be a crowning resource in a county which is well able to move forward in all fields provided it has the vision and will to grasp opportunity.[2]

Narrator 1: Stanley Moore seized every opportunity to keep the issue of a community college before his readers. When the first community college to be built in the state was approved by a landslide election in Moore County, the Morganton editor wrote:

Moore: We think the citizens of Burke County will have the same overwhelming response when and if given the chance to approve a community college, because they know that the community college program is perhaps the most revolutionary, far-reaching breakthrough in the realm of education since the expansion of public education in North Carolina near the turn of the century.[3]

Narrator 2: The second referendum to be held under the community college legislation enacted by the 1963 General Assembly took place in Rockingham County. The citizens of Rockingham demonstrated an eagerness for a college similar to that exemplified in Moore County. Editor Moore commented:

Moore: The people of Rockingham, with a record of being cautious and conservative in tax matters, knew what they were doing when they approved a comprehensive community college. What they were doing was authorizing an investment in the future of their young people which will pay dividends that will

make the cost seem trifling. We believe that when and if Burke is given the same chance, the citizens of our county will seize the opportunity with all the eagerness demonstrated by both Rockingham and Moore.[4]

Narrator 3: Finally on January 9, 1964, the State Board of Education approved Burke County as a site for one of the first five colleges to be authorized by the North Carolina General Assembly. The following Resolution was announced from Raleigh.

Narrator 1: The State Board of Education finds that Burke County meets the requirements of law and the standards established by this Board for approval as the site of a comprehensive community college. The Burke County application is approved, subject to approval by the voters of Burke County of the financial support required.[5]

Narrator 2: Climaxing a county-wide movement begun early in 1962, the preliminary approval represented the go-ahead signal for a special election in which Burke voters would be asked to approve a bond issue for the county's share of construction costs and authorize the county to pay its part of maintenance expense.[6]

Narrator 3: A quick survey of reaction to the approval announcement showed general elation. Dr. E.W. Phifer, Jr., Morganton surgeon who is chairman of county-wide steering committee, said he was pleased that approval was received without further delay.[7]

Phifer: The steering committee has been especially impressed with the enthusiastic support and encouragement received from school superintendents, principals, and teachers throughout

the county and even in neighboring counties. One reason is that they know the large number of able students now unable to go to college because of cost but who would be able to drive daily to a community college where the tuition cost is low.[8]

Narrator 1: Stanley Moore called the occasion of the State's approval of a local college "Burke's brightest day."

Moore: Many fine things have happened to Burke County, but a comprehensive community college can become one of the best. The final decision rests with the people of Burke County who must give their approval in a special election soon to be held. In light of the financial and educational bargain, the local share appears small. It is unthinkable that it can be regarded other than favorable. There is no doubt that an informed citizenry will speak out overwhelmingly in their approval and will help to bring to Burke County an institution that will pay for itself many times over in its economic and cultural contributions to our area.[9]

Narrator 2: After the State Board of Education approved Burke County as the site for a community college, the local board of county commissioners lost no time in beginning plans for a special election to provide the necessary county supplement for its construction and operation.[10]

Narrator 3: In a special meeting, the county board by unanimous vote set March 21 as election day to pass on a bond issue for approximately one-half the construction cost and authorizing the county to appropriate fifteen per cent or less of the operating expense.[11]

Moore: It was not surprising that after State approval was given last

Thursday, the board of county commissioners met the next day and set March 21 as election day. But because the action was history-making, it cannot be dismissed as routine. The county commissioners have provided the sort of official leadership which has brought to Burke County citizens their greatest opportunity of their generation.[12]

Narrator 1: Proposed as a site for the college was a 150-acre tract owned by the North Carolina School for the Deaf, with Interstate 40 forming its southern boundary and U.S. 64 on its west. Directors of the School for the Deaf passed a resolution agreeing to sell the tract, no longer needed since farming operations were discontinued, as the site for a community college and for no other purpose.[13]

Narrator 2: For easy accessibility to the largest possible number of students for the drive-in college, the steering committee agreed that the site was unexcelled.[14]

Narrator 3: Dr. Edward Phifer, Stanley Moore, Frank C. Patton, Dr. P.N. DeVere, and other members of the steering committee began soliciting endorsements for the community college from civic, political, fraternal, religious, and educational groups throughout Burke County.

Narrator 1: February 7. The Burke County PTA unanimously endorsed a movement to obtain a comprehensive community college for Burke County. The March 21 election is backed by the three school systems in the county.[15]

Narrator 2: February 10. The Valdese Lions Club passed a unanimous resolution approving a community college for Burke County.[16]

Narrator 3: February 11. The Chesterfield Ruritan Club is solidly behind a move to urge Burke County citizens to get out and vote for

the proposed community college.[17]

Narrator 1: Directors of the Morganton Chamber of Commerce voted to give organized support to the passage of the bond election necessary to the establishment and operation of a comprehensive community college.[18]

Narrator 2: Saint Mary's Episcopal Church of Quaker Meadows has gone on record as supporting the proposed community college.[19]

Narrator 3: The Morganton Rotary Club unanimously endorsed a comprehensive community college for Burke County. The Club's resolution came after Dr. P.N. DeVere reviewed the movement which led to approval of this county as a college site by the State Board of Education. DeVere concluded:

DeVere: We are on the doorstop of one of the greatest opportunities Burke County has ever had.[20]

Narrator 1: February 14. The Burke County Citizens Committee for Better Schools gave unanimous endorsement and promise of support to the community college proposal.[21]

Narrator 2: The Burke County Ministerial Association and the Burke County Medical Society have joined other key groups in endorsing a comprehensive community college for the county.[22]

Narrator 3: The Salem PTA voted to endorse the community college proposal and to work toward having voters approve it in the March 21 election.[23]

Narrator 1: February 24. The George Hildebran Ruritan Club voted to support the community college.[24]

Narrator 2: At the mid-February program and dinner meeting of the Pilot Club of Morganton, members were unanimous in going on record as supporting whole-heartedly the college program and its bond election scheduled for March 21.[25]

Narrator 3: February 26. The Catawba River Baptist Pastors' Conference voted to go on record as approving the proposed community college.[26]

Narrator 1: The Morganton Civitan Club announced formal endorsement of a comprehensive community college for Burke County and urged widespread public support in the election March 21.[27]

Narrator 2: During last night's meeting at the community house, the Morganton Jaycees reaffirmed their unanimous stand in favor of the community college.[28]

Narrator 3: February 28. The Rutherford College Lions Club voted unanimously to support the college in the March 21 election.[29]

Narrator 1: The Morganton Junior Woman's Club went on record to give their full support to the proposed community college.[30]

Narrator 2: March 2. The Valdese Junior Chamber of Commerce today announced its support of a comprehensive community college for Burke County.[31]

Narrator 3: The Kiwanis Club renewed by unanimous vote its support of the college movement in Burke County. Stanley Moore, editor of The News-Herald, received the Kiwanis Club's Distinguished Service Award for his work on the community college project.[32]

Narrator 1: The Drexel Lions Club last night voted unanimously to support the community college in the March 21 election.[33]

Narrator 2: After reviewing the community college movement with special emphasis on the instruction it will offer in trade, vocational, and technical fields, the Morganton Lions Club last night reaffirmed its support of an institution for Burke County.[34]

Narrator 3: Chairmen of both political parties in Burke County see eye-to-eye about one election -- the March 21 voting on a

comprehensive community college. This was revealed today when the county-wide steering committee made public letters written by N.O. Pitts, Jr., chairman of the Republican Executive Committee, and Robert B. Byrd, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee.[35]

Narrator 1: Byrd and Pitts are both members of the county steering committee and both urge public support for the Burke County community college. In his letter, GOP Chairman Pitts said in part:

Pitts: Because this is a wonderful opportunity for us to improve our county, I hope you will help by voting for the college in a special election March 21 and by urging your friends and neighbors to do the same. Burke County citizens will be helping themselves by voting "Yes." I sincerely believe this is one of the best things we can do for our county.[36]

Narrator 1: Democratic Chairman Bob Byrd distributed the following letter:

Byrd: I have given considerable study to what a community college with its related industrial and technical training programs will mean to ALL the people of Burke County, and, in my opinion, the passage of the bonds to construct and maintain a community college here will be a historical day for generations to come in our good county. I urge your earnest and wholehearted support of the proposed community college. Vote "Yes" on March 21, 1964.[37]

Narrator 2: Wave after wave of endorsements for the community college flooded in. For his efforts to win approval for a community college in Burke County, Dr. Edward W. Phifer, Jr. was named Man of the Year for 1963. Stanley Moore, editor of The News-Herald, was the principal speaker at the Morganton Rotary

Club's banquet honoring Dr. Phifer.

Moore: Without Ned Phifer's dogged perseverence and his unrelenting and fastidious attention to detail in the harnessing of this widespread public interest, Burke County would not now be having the opportunity to obtain by its vote on March 21 one of the comprehensive colleges which the State of North Carolina is in the act of establishing. Without Ned Phifer, I am convinced we would still be sitting on the sidelines, hoping that perhaps in another decade or two or in another generation we might make up for our failure in the years 1962-63-64 to get in on the ground floor. The fact that the State Board of Education, through its Department of Community Colleges, approved Burke County as a site for one of the five college units in this tremendously worthwhile concept of education is the greatest personal tribute that can be paid to Dr. Phifer. It is an accomplishment of a rare order.

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Phifer: Even though I know that there are people in Morganton who deserve this award far more than I deserve it, this fact does not, for a moment, detract from the pleasure and pride that I feel when I realize that I am the one who actually did receive it. Some say that I received this award for my work on the community college. If this is the case, I must say that I accept it on behalf of the many who have worked so diligently -- sometimes sacrificing their own primary interest -- to bring this institution into our midst. This effort has also had solid bedrock support from the great mass of people of this county, who are usually smart enough to recognize a bargain when they see one.

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Narrator 1: With the March 21 election looming ahead, much grassroots

work remained to be done to convince the citizens of Burke County of the educational bargain before them. The Community College Steering Committee began precinct organization.

Narrator 2: Interested citizens from all over the county crowded the community house to hear talks on the community college and to make plans for pre-election and election day efforts to bring out the voters. Frank C. Patton, a member of the Steering Committee, was the opening speaker.

Patton: I'm not one to advocate needless expenditure of the taxpayer's money or the incurring of bonded indebtedness. But I consider the community college to be a necessary expense. It is the most economical way of educating our children. We're living in a complex world. When I was a boy, there were men of consequence and success in business who could hardly write their names. But such success stories of the past are no longer possible for the uneducated. A small businessman today must have the rudiments of education if he is to carry on. An education today is a necessity if we are to make progress in this land of ours. We're giving to low and middle income groups the opportunity for their children to better prepare themselves for living. It's for all of us and for all the people in Burke County -- and some adjoining counties. In my judgment if we don't take advantage of this opportunity we'll be setting our county back. I urge you to go to your communities, to organize, and take this matter to the voters.

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Narrator 3: Meanwhile, local endorsements for the community college continued to pour in to the news media.

Narrator 1: March 5. Pilot Mountain Parent-Teacher Association went on record in 100 per cent support of the community college

proposed for Morganton.[41]

Narrator 2: Directors of the Burke Farmers Cooperative Dairy have unanimously endorsed a comprehensive community college for Burke County.[43]

Narrator 3: The Valdese PTA has given unanimous endorsement to the proposal for a community college for Burke County.[43]

Narrator 1: Members of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics are backing the movement for a comprehensive community college for Burke.[44]

Narrator 2: March 10. The Glen Alpine Ruritans voted their all-out support for the proposed Burke County community college.[45]

Narrator 3: March 11. The Morganton Optimist Club voted 100 per cent to support the community college bond issue.[46]

Narrator 1: March 13. The Morganton Woman's Club went on record this week as supporting wholeheartedly, as other civic organizations have done, the move to bring a comprehensive community college to Morganton.[47]

Narrator 2: March 17. The Chesterfield PTA went on record as being for the community college.[48]

Narrator 3: The Forest Hill PTA has endorsed the proposed community college and voted to assist it in any way possible.[49]

Narrator 1: March 18. Attorney Claude Sitton, President of the Burke County Young Democratic Club, invited everyone interested in the college proposal to hear Irving Carlyle speak on the subject: "A Community College for Burke County -- A Vital Need." Carlyle headed the 1962 governor's study commission which recommended the establishment of a community college system in North Carolina.[50]

Narrator 3: After hearing Carlyle, the Young Democratic Club voted unani-

mously to support a community college in Saturday's special election.[51]

Narrator 2: March 19. The Hillcrest PTA reaffirmed their vote of last year to support the community college drive in any way they could.[52]

Narrator 3: March 20. Without a dissenting vote, the George Hildebran Parent-Teacher Association recorded its backing for a comprehensive community college for Burke County.[53]

Narrator 1: Friday, March 20. Burke voters will go to the polls tomorrow to ballot on a proposal for the establishment of a comprehensive community college. The board of elections said the voting machinery is in readiness at the county's 38 precincts where balloting will be conducted between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Narrator 2: Reports from throughout the county indicate lively interest in all precincts. Nonpartisan get-out-the-vote campaigns have been under way this week. Supporters of the college said there is no organized opposition.[54]

Moore: There is reason to believe that voters will approve a comprehensive community college for Burke County in tomorrow's election. Few causes have been so universally endorsed. Practically all organizations -- ministerial groups, civic clubs, PTA's, school boards, educational leaders, business, fraternal and professional associations, Chamber of Commerce, and others--have adopted resolutions approving it and commending it to the citizens of Burke County. Leaders of both political parties are working for it. Probably no public issue in this century has been so unanimously supported. The positive way to demonstrate the spirit of the county and to implement the

widespread endorsements is to vote. No amount of talk and no wave of resolutions can take the place of a vote in the ballot box. The decision in Saturday's election is perhaps the most important we will be called on to make in this generation.[55] Certainly it is among the most historic.

Narrator 3: Monday, March 23. College wins by landslide.

Narrator 1: 17 to 1 vote cast for proposal.

Narrator 2: All precincts favor community college for Burke County.

Narrator 3: Burke County citizens voted overwhelmingly Saturday for the establishment of a comprehensive community college. Fully 94 per cent of the voters approved the proposal.

Narrator 1: Piling up an unprecedented ratio of 17-to-1 in authorizing a bond issue, supporters of a college for Burke County carried all 38 precincts in the county.[56]

Moore: Burke County's overwhelming vote for the establishment of a comprehensive community college is perhaps the most impressive showing of unity seen in this generation. History will prove, we predict, that Saturday's election was one of the most important decisions in Burke County's history and will bring in a new era of progress marked by the start of the college. Because of its importance, there is enough credit to be dispensed lavishly to all who had a part in this history-making project. Every organization which supported the movement can record in their permanent records that they had a part. There will come a time when their successors, heirs and assigns, along with historians who will review this era, will concede that their contribution to an enduring cause far outweighs in importance other current but temporal activities.[57]

Narrator 2: With the successful passage of the special bond issue, the dream of a community college for Burke County could now become a reality. The next step was the appointment of a 12-member board of trustees.

Narrator 3: Four members were to be appointed by the county's three school boards, four by the county commissioners, and four by the governor of North Carolina.

Narrator 1: April 7, 1964. The three school boards in Burke County met jointly to appoint four trustees for the comprehensive community college authorized by Burke voters. Named to the 12-member board were:

Narrator 2: Earl M. Spenser, president of Valdese Manufacturing Company.

Narrator 3: Dr. C.L. Walton, Glen Alpine physician.

Narrator 1: Frank C. Patton, Morganton attorney.

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Narrator 2: Robert P. Carr, a civil engineer and Morganton's city manager.

Narrator 3: April 13, 1964. Appointment of four trustees for Burke's community college was announced today by the board of county commissioners. Commissioners approved for the college board the following:

Narrator 1: G. Maurice Hill, president of Drexel Furniture Company.

Narrator 2: C.E. Yoder, Hildebran merchant.

Narrator 3: Thad M. Poteat, assistant manager of Burke Farmer's Dairy.

Narrator 1: Ben E. Hoffmeyer, superintendent of the N.C. School for the Deaf.

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Narrator 2: May 13, 1964. Governor Terry Sanford today announced appointment of four trustees for the Burke County community college. Named to the 12-member board were:

Narrator 3: Dr. E.W. Phifer, Jr., Morganton surgeon.

Narrator 1: Eugene M. White of Lenoir, assistant superintendent of

Caldwell County schools.

Narrator 2. E.P. Dameron, Marion attorney.

Narrator 3: W. Stanley Moore, editor of The News-Herald.[60]

Narrator 1: One note of sadness eclipsed the county-wide elation over the founding of the college. C.E. Yoder, a well-known Hildebran merchant who had recently been appointed to the board of trustees of the new Burke County community college, died at his home on May 26.[61]

Narrator 2: The board of county commissioners named the Reverend Clement Hahn to fill the vacancy created by the death of Mr. Yoder.[62]

Narrator 3: Dr. E.W. Phifer, Jr. was elected chairman of the board of trustees of the Burke community college when the 12-man board held its organizational meeting.[63]

Narrator 1: The board's first responsibility was selecting a President for the community college which had been pursued so vigorously by the citizens of Burke County. On September 13, 1964, The News-Herald proudly printed the following announcement:

Narrator 2: Dr. Herbert F. Stallworth, prominent figure in Florida educational circles, has been selected as President of Burke County's community college. He was the unanimous choice of trustees of the comprehensive college soon to be built in Burke County. In speaking for the Board of Trustees, Dr. E.W. Phifer, Jr., chairman, said:

Phifer: We feel that Burke County is fortunate in obtaining as President a man with the broad and rich educational background and experience which Dr. Stallworth possesses.[64]

Narrator 3: The Burke County community college, which as yet existed only as a charter from Raleigh, now had a President and Board of Trustees to guide it s future growth and to insure that

this institution, from which so much was anticipated, fulfill its potential.

Narrator 1: Among the myriad tasks confronting the 12-member board of trustees was the responsibility of deciding on a name for the new college. On October 23, 1964, Editor Moore announced the college's christening.

Moore: The name is now official. It's Western Piedmont Community College. Dr. Herbert F. Stallworth, recently selected as President, took no part in the naming, a board responsibility. But he had told several groups of Burke citizens that the appeal and significance of whatever name chosen would have to be built into it by the college itself.[65]

Narrator 2: The dream of securing a community college for Burke County had come true through the vision, dedication, and relentless effort of many individuals. Now the continuing challenge lay ahead. On October 30, 1964, Dr. Phifer, chairman of the Western Piedmont Board of Trustees, made public the following long-awaited, history-making statement:

Phifer: Western Piedmont Community College should be ready to open its doors to receive students by the fall of 1966.[66]

Notes

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[2] W. Stanley Moore, "Once in a Lifetime Chance," The News-Herald, 1 November 1963.

[3] W. Stanley Moore, "A Landslide For College," The News-Herald, 6 November 1963.

[4] W. Stanley Moore, "Eagerness for a College," The News-Herald, 20 November 1963.

[5] "Resolution on Burke County Application," in "College Vote Set March 21," The News-Herald, 13 January 1964.

[6] "Burke is Awarded College," The News-Herald, 10 January 1964.

[7] "Burke is Awarded College."

[8] "Burke is Awarded College."

[9] W. Stanley Moore, "Burke's Brightest Day If -" The News-Herald, 10 January 1964.

[10] "College Vote Set March 21," The News-Herald, 13 January 1964.

[11] "College Vote Set March 21."

[12] W. Stanley Moore, "Boards Provide Leadership," The News-Herald, 14 January 1964.

[13] "Burke is Awarded College."

[14] "College Vote Set March 21."

[15] "PTA Council Backs Community College," The News-Herald, 7 January 1964.

[16] "Valdese Lions Hear Talk By Patrolman Joines," The News-Herald, 10 February 1964.

[17] "Chesterfield Group Backs College Move," The News-Herald, 11 February 1964.

[18] "C of C Adopts Year's Goals, " The News-Herald, 11 February 1964.

[19] "St. Mary's Backing Community College," The News-Herald, 12 February 1964.

[20] "DeVere is Speaker: Rotary Club Supports Community College," The News-Herald, 13 February 1964.

[21] "Citizens Committee For Better Schools to Work for College," The News-Herald, 14 February 1964.

[22] "Burke Ministers and Medics Back College," The News-Herald, 14 February 1964.

[23] "Salem PTA Supports Community College," The News-Herald, 20 February 1964.

[24] "GH Ruritans Back College," The News-Herald, 24 February 1964.

[25] "Pilots Pledge Aid For March Bond Election," The News-Herald, 24 February 1964.

[26] "Baptist Pastors Endorse College," The News-Herald, 26 February 1964.

[27] "Civitan Club Urges Support For College," The News-Herald, 26 February 1964.

[28] "Local Jaycees Plan Projects," The News-Herald, 26 February 1964.

[29] "R.C. Lions Supporting Burke College," The News-Herald, 28 February 1964.

[30] "Junior Women to Support Local Projects" The News-Herald, 28 February 1964.

[31] "Valdese Jaycees Back Community College," The News-Herald, 2 March 1964.

[32] "Kiwanis Club Backs Burke College Vote," The News-Herald, 2 March 1964.

[33] "Drexel Lions Vote Support For College," The News-Herald, 4 March 1964.

[34] "Lions Renew Support for College in Burke," The News-Herald, 4 March 1964.

[35] "Political Heads Urge Support For College," The News-Herald, 4 March 1964.

[36] "Political Heads Urge Support for College."

[37] "Political Heads Urge Support For College."

[38] "Phifer Honored as Man of the Year for College Movement," The News-Herald, 20 February 1964.

[39] "Phifer Has Praise For Teamwork in County," The News-Herald, 20 February 1964.

[40] "Burke Steering Group Plans Community College Drive," The News-Herald, 5 March 1964.

[41] "Pilot Mountain Supports College," The News-Herald, 5 March 1964.

[42] "Dairy Board Backs Burke College Move," The News-Herald, 6 March 1964.

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[44] "Junior Order Pledges Aid for College," The News-Herald, 6 March 1964.

[45] "GA Ruritans Vote Support for College," The News-Herald, 10 March 1964.

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