

WPCC conference focuses on humanities

The role of the community college in the humanities will be the focus of a conference scheduled for Friday and Saturday in Morganton.

The invitational workshop is funded by the N.C. Humanities Committee and Western Piedmont Community College.

Dr. Harold Robinson, chancellor of Western Carolina University, will address the opening session of the con-

ference Friday night at the Holiday Inn. His topic will be "The Place of Humanities in Technical and Vocational Education."

Also addressing the opening session will be Dr. Richard Bardolph, a professor of history at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, who will speak on "The Role of the Humanities in a Pragmatic Culture."

On Saturday, the expected 150 participants will meet in 10 small groups on the WPCC campus to discuss the main issue of the conference: What is the role of the North Carolina Community College system in furthering humanistic learning in the local communities of the state?

Organizers of the conference postulate that the statewide emphasis on technology has "encouraged the development of programs which exclude course work designed to develop more of the total student potential."

At the closing session of the conference Saturday night at the Holiday



William F. Troxler



Dr. Richard Bardolph

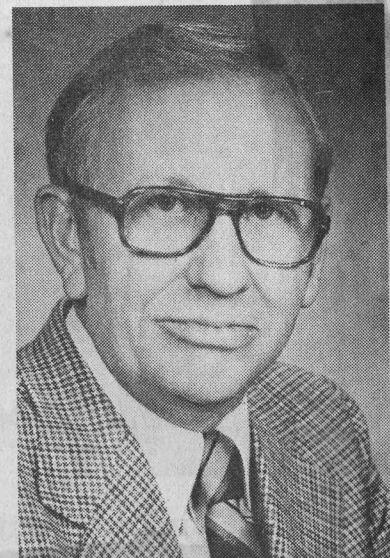
Inn, moderators of the small groups will report their findings to the assembled group.

William F. Troxler, president of Troxler Electronic Industries Inc. and a member of the N.C. World Trade Association Board of Directors, will close the conference with a talk entitled "The Industrialist Views the Humanities."

Troxler replaces Lt. Gov. Jimmy Greene, originally scheduled to speak Saturday night.

Community college and technical institute presidents will moderate the small-group sessions Saturday, while humanists serve as resource persons to each group.

Findings and recommendations of the conference will be published for limited distribution to state agencies and community groups.



Dr. Harold F. Robinson