

College foundation reviewed

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Funds from private sources can make the difference in the quality of programs offered at Western Piedmont Community College, according to WPCC President Wilmon H. Droze.

Droze met with college, foundation and Northwestern Bank officers Tuesday to discuss future plans for reactivation of the college foundation. A non-profit organization, the foundation was founded to encourage and develop public and private support for the college among the community it serves. It has been inactive the past several years, except for its financial support of the search for a new WPCC president.

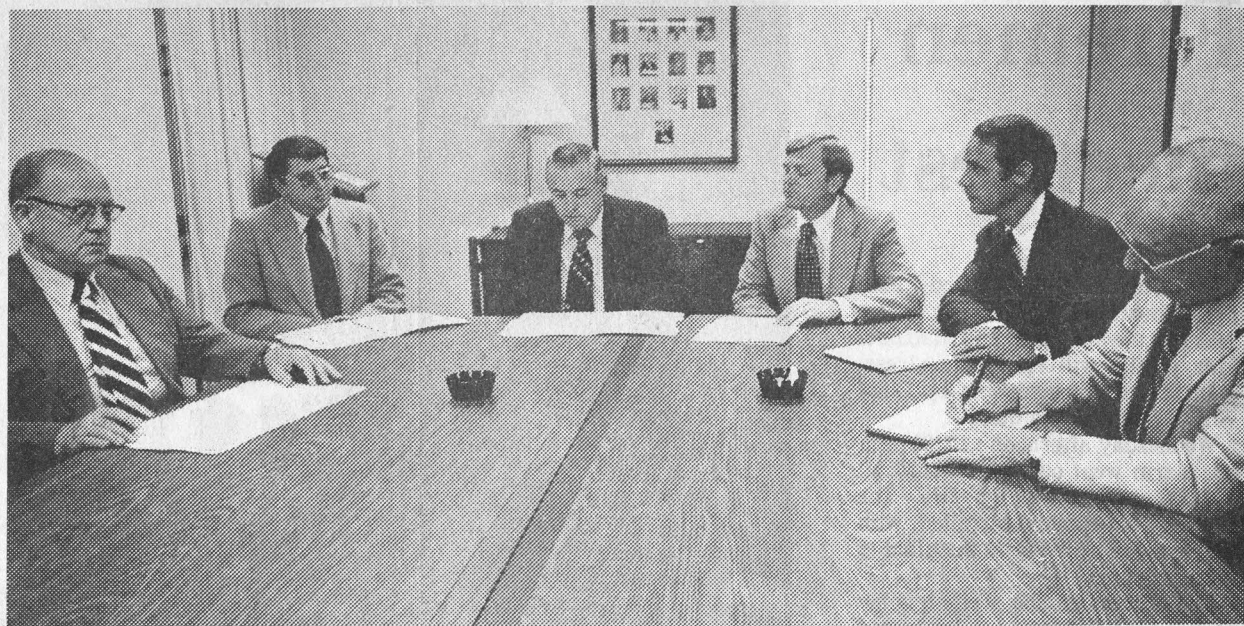
While most of the school's financial support comes from county, state and federal funds, Droze said private donations help take care of needs not met any other way.

"The whole idea of the foundation is to give us the flexibility to move...from a mediocre program to a program of excellence," he said.

The foundation got a boost Tuesday with the presentation of a check from Northwestern Bank. The gift marks the start of the reactivation effort. A kick-off meeting will be held probably within the next month, Droze indicated.

On hand for Tuesday's presentation were Droze, foundation President Howard Haworth of Drexel Heritage Furnishings, Northwestern Bank Executive Vice President Tony Wolfe, Dean of the College H.D. Moretz, WPCC Business Manager Ken Clark and D. Holmon Sigmon. Sigmon is a member of the college board of trustees, chairman of the local board of Northwestern Bank, and director and executive committee member of Northwestern Bank, which has its home office in North Wilkesboro.

"We are delighted to have this contribution, obviously," Haworth said. "We hope it will be a forerunner to a lot further interest from ...the community."



Officials of Western Piedmont Community College, the college foundation and Northwestern Bank gathered Tuesday at the college to discuss future plans for the foundation. Seated in the

college conference room (from left) are D. Holmon Sigmon, Ken Clark, Dr. Wilmon H. Droze, Tony Wolfe, Howard Haworth and H.D. Moretz. (Staff photo by Mark Phillips.)

Speaking for the college, Droze expressed appreciation for the "cooperation and assistance" from the community demonstrated by the check. "Private funds enable us to provide many important services to students we would not be able to do otherwise," he added.

A 1978 survey at the college listed 19 other projects private funds could support. These range from an annual awards program for outstanding teaching, research and public service by staff members to replacement of vehicles and grounds maintenance equipment, installation of automatic fire detection and alarm systems, construction of a science department

greenhouse and purchase of library periodicals.

Contributions to the foundation and college are tax-deductible and can be made in cash, bonds, stocks, securities, real estate, annuities, wills, trusts or memorials. Establishment of scholarships is also encouraged.

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