



## News notes from Western Piedmont

# Trip to Europe set

Western Piedmont Community College is hosting a trip to Europe, departing July 23 to Germany and Switzerland plus an optional second week in Strasbourg, France and Amsterdam for friends and their families.

The trip originates in Charlotte with jet transportation and it offers first class hotel accomodations.

The vacation includes stays in Baden-Baden, Engelberg/Lucerne and other favorite European sites, and an extra week in France and Holland is an optional side trip. For more information about the trip and reservations, call Ruth Thomas or Raymond Goodfellow at 437-8688.

## Meeks selected

Billie Meeks, dean of student services at WPCC, is one of 160 women in management chosen nationwide to participate in a leadership training program financed through a grant from the Fund For Improvement of Postsecondary Education, FITSE.

The program, "Leaders for the 80s" is designed to assist community college women to assume major policy-making positions during the decade.

During the 6-month project, participants will be paired with mentors at their colleges to work on a research project that will aid their institution, participate in special regional workshops and national conferences and become involved with other women in top-ranked administrative positions.

Designed to help women to improve the skills they will need to assume major decision-making roles, the program will include instruction and practice in supervisory and human relations skills, finance and budgeting, employee relations and labor management skills and discussions with national experts on the issues confronting community colleges during the 1980's.

The project is sponsored by the League for Innovation in Community Colleges, a consortium of 18 community college districts nationwide, and by the American Association of Women in Community and Junior Colleges. The program is being conducted by the Institute for Leadership Development at Rio Salado Community college in Phoenix, Arizona.

Ms. Meeks has been dean of student services for the past three years at WPPC. She graduated from Appalachian State University with a bachelors of art degree in psychology and sociology/anthropology and received her masters degrees from University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She resides on Bost Road with her husband, Ed and son Mark, 7.

## Program approved

WPCC's pre-engineering program has been approved by the sub-committee on Engineering Transfer for transfer to the engineering programs at North Carolina A&T State University, University of North Carolina at Charlotte and North Carolina State University.

This approval extends to 1990 and the subcommittee is sponsored by the University of North Carolina, The North Carolina State Board of Education and the N.C. Association of Independent Colleges.

Odell Witherspoon is the coordinator for WPCC's pre-engineering program.

## Authors presented

The Creative Writing Club is sponsoring a trip to attend "Writerspeak," a literary panel featuring three North Carolina writers, April 11 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Catawba Valley Technical College Auditorium.

The panel will consist of Ann Deagon, Linda Bragg and Garrett Epps. Walter Spearman, who sat on last year's panel, will serve as moderator for the evening panel discussion.