

George Knox named leadership fellow

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The Board of Directors of the Institute of Political Leadership (IOPL) has chosen George Knox, dean of law enforcement at Western Piedmont Community College, as a fellow for the fall 1993 class.

"This fellowship means that I can continue to serve my community in the best way I know how," Knox said.

In addition to his duties at Western Piedmont, Knox has been active in a variety of community activities and has served for two years on the Burke County Board of Education.

The purpose of IOPL is to pull out North Carolina citizens who have the potential to be future political leaders.

"It is my opinion that any individual who runs for public office, be it local, state, or national, be or she has a direct obligation to serve the people to the best of his/her ability," Knox said.

The IOPL board selected 20 fellows out of a large group of applicants.

Members of the fall session of fellows come from different areas and backgrounds in North Carolina.

"I will be interacting with a host of talented people from throughout the state, who are also fellows, but also I will be gaining knowledge from people at the Center for Creative Leadership, and Institute of Government, veteran politicians, and be exposed to the very best that this state has to offer," Knox said.

Fellows of the organization will meet on alternate weekends starting Aug. 27, 1993 until Jan. 8, 1994.

At these meetings, the fellows will follow and study three general categories: personal style and com-



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munication, governing and public policy issues, and campaigning.

The fellows will conduct hands-on activities such as a public opinion poll, writing and producing a 30-second commercial, and writing and presenting a paper on why they are a Democrat/Republican/ or independent.

They do this to learn leadership training in practical politics.

"I want to acquire a greater knowledge base of government in the state of North Carolina, the campaign process on a state-wide and national level, and finally the opportunity to network with future and present political leaders in our state," Knox said.

Knox has been a member of the Burke County school board for two years. He has been with Western Piedmont Community College for six years and was promoted to dean of the law enforcement training division last week.