

Western Piedmont receives recognition for two programs

Western Piedmont Community College's transfer visual arts program and technical interior design program has received words of praise from a state university.

Marion Sykes, associate director of admissions at East Carolina University, told WPCC officials students who transfer from the community college with a degree in visual arts have done so well that ECU's school of arts recognizes WPCC as having the premier two-year art program in North Carolina.

Because of that reputation, ECU plans to develop an agreement with WPCC to encourage more of the community college students to transfer to the university.

"It's wonderful to have a school like East Carolina recognize our graduates who have performed with distinction," said Raymond Goodfellow, coordinator of WPCC's visual art program.

"Students from our program have consistently been very successful not only at ECU, but at other universities throughout the region."

Former WPCC graduates are also doing well professionally, Goodfellow added.

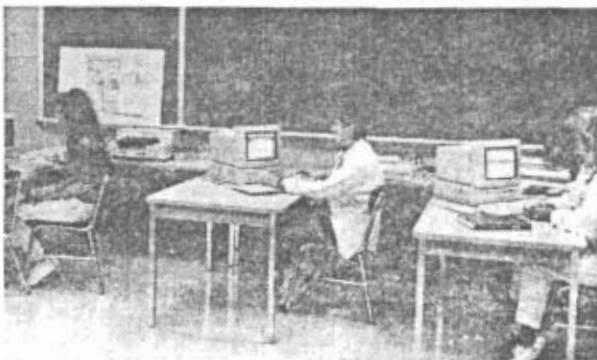
Many work as artists and art teachers. One graduate of WPCC works as director of graphics at the North Carolina Zoo. Another is director of art at Broughton Hospital and another is the director of the Burke Arts Council.

Just as ECU is working on an agreement with WPCC's visual arts program, the university is also working on an agreement with WPCC's interior design program.

Sykes said the interior design



Raymond Goodfellow helps a visual arts student.



Interior design students use computer lab.

class at WPCC was rated as one of the top two associate in applied science degree programs in the state by

for transfer to a university. That ECU recognizes our graduates as being qualified for transfer says a lot about the quality of our program," said Carolyn West, dean of humanities and social sciences at WPCC.

Lynne Galvin, interior design coordinator at WPCC, said the agreement will benefit WPCC stu-

dents.

"I'm pleased because this gives our graduates additional opportunities. Many of our grads are employed in this area; being able to transfer to the university is yet another option for them," Galvin said.

Some design graduates from WPCC have opened their own busi-

nesses and work with area furniture galleries.

"We are very proud of our fine programs in visual arts and interior design, and to have a university with the reputation of East Carolina give us such a glowing evaluation. We look forward to working with ECU to enhance opportunities for our students," said West.

visitors to the college.

"Technical programs such as ours are not designed specifically