

ASU to offer degree at WPCC

Appalachian State University will soon begin offering baccalaureate degree programs to associate of science and associate of arts graduates in the Burke, Cleveland and Rutherford county areas.

Surveys in December 1995 indicate that the business administration, elementary education and sociology/social work academic disciplines were the three most desired degree programs of A.A. and A.S. graduates in these three counties.

At its March 15, 1996 meeting the University of North Carolina Board of Governors approved these three degree programs to be offered as "pilot programs" at Cleveland, Isothermal and Western Piedmont community colleges. Since approval, plans have been made to begin coursework in the fall semester of 1996.

Meetings will be held Thursday and Friday to provide potential participants of the programs with more information on each academic program, the course schedules, admissions processes, costs and other pertinent data.

The meetings for elementary education (K-6) and social work will be on the Isothermal campus on May 8 at 7 p.m. in the Library Auditorium.

Those persons interested in business administration will meet May 9 at 7 p.m. on Western Piedmont Community College campus in Moore Hall Auditorium.

For the first year of the three year programs, the location of each program will be as follows: business administration - Western Piedmont; elementary education (K-6) - Cleveland; and sociology/social work - Isothermal. These programs will revolve from one campus to another for the three year duration of the program.

These "pilot programs" established by the N. C. Legislature call for Appalachian, East Carolina University, UNC-Wilmington and Pembroke State University to provide undergraduate degree programs at 10 of the states' community colleges.

Enrollment will be limited to approximately 30 students per program and tuition will be at the same rate as part-time on-campus students are required to pay.

Students who have the A.A. or A.S. degree and wish to pursue a bachelor's degree in one of these areas should attend the meeting for the degree program.

For more information, please call the ASU Office of Extension Instruction at (704) 262-3113.