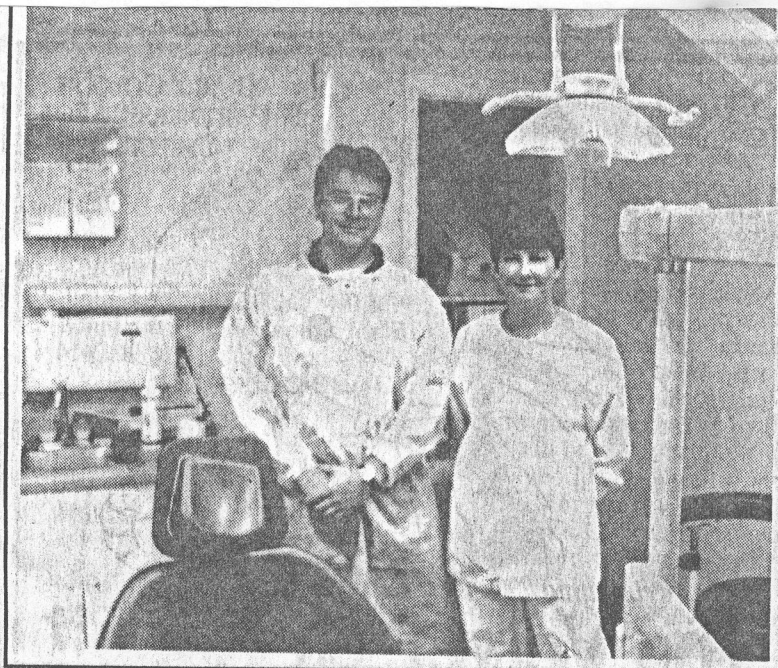




Shown are Dr. Hensley and Laura Rosenberger.

Hensley aids WPCC students

One dentist in Burke County who got his start at Western Piedmont Community College is Dr. Rick Hensley. Hensley attended WPCC 1988-1990 and graduated with an Associate of Science Degree. He then went on to Appalachian State University where he completed a Bachelor of Science in Biology and from there, was accepted at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

After receiving his doctorate in dentistry in 1997, he worked for Burke County Health Department before opening his practice in Morganton in June of 1997.

Of his educational experience at WPCC, Hensley says, "Fantastic. I am really pleased with my education at Western Piedmont. Of all the schools I attended, the instructors at Western Piedmont tried as much or more to help me to be successful in my studies."

Dr. Hensley has a sister who graduated from WPCC's nursing program and a brother who also attended the College. "Our entire family has been very pleased with Western Piedmont."

It has been nine months since Dr. Hensley opened his practice and

he now takes the opportunity to help aspiring dental students to be successful in their career pursuits by using his office for student internships.

Laura Rosenberger is one such student who assists Dr. Hensley on a regular basis as an intern. Rosenberger is in the process of completing her two year degree in Dental Assisting from WPCC.

Interning for Dr. Hensley is certainly a great learning experience for the WPCC dental assisting students, and they don't have to travel far to work since his office is located across the street from the college on Burkemont Avenue.