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SPECIAL TO THE DAILY HERALD

The Student Support Services Program sponsored a workshop for Summer Bridge participants on July 17. Dr. Mike Henry, director of Student Support Services and professor at Southwest Virginia Community College in Richlands, Va., led the workshop.

His presentation covered a range of topics from time management and study skills to learning styles and what to expect in college.

In addition to his duties at Southwest Virginia Community College, Henry also conducts counseling and retention strategies and program management workshops funded through the U.S. De-

partment of Education. He is a native of Bluefield, W.Va., and holds a bachelor's degree from Bluefield State College, a Master's from West Virginia University and a doctorate from East Tennessee State University.

Through the HCC Summer Bridge Program students gain a glimpse of the college experience. During a six-week period, they take curriculum courses and become familiar with various academic and cultural enrichment activities. For more information about the program, contact Sherida Gholston, director of student support services, at 252-536-7229 or via email at [gholstons@halifaxcc.edu](mailto:gholstons@halifaxcc.edu).



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Dr. Mike Henry, Director of Student Support Services and Professor at Southwest Virginia Community College in Richlands, Va.



# New teachers get big welcome

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# Practical nurses pinning ceremony held at Halifax Community College

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Halifax Community College 2006 PN graduates are, in the front row, Natasha Vinson, Rae Coley, Kyrell Nicholson and Sabrina Love. In the second row are Melissa Spivey, Amanda Brown, Latasha Davis, Heather Bann and Dorina Massey. In the third row are Jesse Ellis, Carol Hox, Tammy Wilson, Darlene Hughes and Kenya Solben. In the fourth row are Crystal Tucker, Amity Whitaker, Marshella Sanders, Taita Hunter and Terrika Coss.

## Practical nurses pinning ceremony held at Halifax Community College

**SPECIAL TO THE DAILY HERALD**  
The 2006 Practical Nurses Pinning Ceremony (PN) was recently held in The Centre at Halifax Community College.

Family members, friends, college staff and guests gathered for the ceremony to honor the accomplishments of the class.

The 19 members of this 2006 PN class have completed the course of study and are now prepared to sit for NCLEX-PN, the national li-

**COMMUNITY EXAM.**  
This is the fourth graduating Practical Nursing class at HCC, a part of the Nash-Edgewood-Wilson-Halifax (NEWED) Consortium.

The program at HCC averages 18 graduates per year, and the class of 2006 had a 100 percent pass rate on the NCLEX-PN Exam.

Dr. Harold Mitchell, HCC interim president, welcomed the guests and congratulated the students. Pam Richardson served as pianist and

Hisley Richardson, minister of St. Gibson Baptist Church, sang "Still Holding On."

Crystal Mosley, PN class president, Amity Whitaker, PN Class vice president, and Tammy Wilson, PN class secretary/treasurer, spoke words of appreciation to their instructors, families and classmates.

The speaker for the event was Dr. Focobonts Jones, HCC Dean of Curriculum Programs.



# Buffaloe takes post on UNC Board of Governors

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## Buffaloe takes post on UNC Board of Governors

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY HERALD

WELDON— After working for more than 40 years in the field of education and spending 35 of those at Halifax Community College, Dr. Laura W. Buffaloe finally decided to retire.

Her plan was to go home and spend quality time with her grandchildren. But less than a year into her "retirement," the former HCC vice president of instructional services finds herself back in education. This time on an even higher level.

The woman, who many call the "matriarch of HCC," was sworn in as the newest member of the University of North Carolina Board of Governors earlier this month.

She was nominated for the post by Sen. Robert Holloman and won unanimous approval from state lawmakers.

She replaces former Halifax County Schools Superintendent Dr. Willie Gilchrist who began serving on the board in 2001 but recently resigned to become interim chancellor of Elizabeth City State University.

According to the UNC Web site, the Board of Governors is the policy-making body

legally charged with "the general determination, control, supervision, management, and governance of all affairs of the state's 16 four-year colleges and universities."

As the newest member of the board, Buffaloe serves on the Educational Planning, Policies and Programs Committee, where she will remain until 2007, after which she will be appointed to another committee.

"This rotation format allows members to serve and offer input on various committees, which is a wonderful model, because it helps us remain motivated and permits us to offer expertise in many ways while learning all aspects of educational governance," Buffaloe said.

"I am in awe of this blessing, and indeed it is a blessing for others to value your experience to the point that they believe you have something to offer a university system," she commented. "It is exciting and challenging to be a part of governance and educational policy."

Buffaloe received a bachelor in science degree in business education from Elizabeth City State University in

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Dr. Laura W. Buffaloe, former Halifax Community College vice president of instructional services, is sworn in as the newest member of the UNC Board of Governors. Holding the Bible is Michelle Manns, assistant secretary for Policy & Records Management for the UNC Board of Governors.

1965 and later received a master's from N.C. Central and a certificate of advanced graduate studies and doctorate in education from Virginia Tech University.

After teaching in public schools for five years, Buffaloe accepted a position at Halifax Community College in 1970. After moving through the ranks from instructor to division chair to director to dean and eventually vice president, she decided to call it quits.

In 2005, Buffaloe was one of North Carolina Community College System top five Staff Member of the Year nomi-

nees. Additionally, she received the Association of Community College Trustees Southern Region Faculty Award, HCC Teacher of the Year, HCC Spirit Award, HCC Association of Educational Office Professionals Administrator of the Year Award, HCC Employee of the Year, twice the HCC Leadership Award, and she was honored in 2005 by the Halifax County Branch of the NAACP for her contributions to education and the African American community, and the list continues.

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# Roanoke Construction opens Plan Room at HCC

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Curtis Wynne, center, CEO and executive vice president of Roanoke Economic Development Inc., and Halifax Community College Vice President of Instructional Services, join other dignitaries in officially opening the new Plan Room at the college's Small Business Center on Friday. The room will be used to help small firms compete for contracts in large developments such as Carolina Crossroads & Entertainment District.

## Roanoke Construction opens Plan Room at HCC

**LANCE MARTIN**  
HERALD SENIOR STAFF WRITER  
WELDON — Halifax Com-

munity College and Roanoke Construction Group have entered into a partnership to help contractors place bids and give them other resources to compete for major projects.

The two have partnered to turn a portion of the college's Small Business Center into a plan room where contractors can go to research projects in a three-state area — North Carolina, Virginia and South Carolina.

"This has been in the works for about a year," said Joy Cooley, HCC vice president of Instructional Services. "This is an exciting project. This is an example of what we can do working together. Within the next 10 years there will be drastic changes (in the area's growth)."

Curtis Wynne, CEO and executive vice president of Roanoke Economic Development Inc., thanked the college for sharing space with Roanoke Construction, which is a group of mostly small or minority-owned construction and construction-related companies in Northeastern North Carolina.

Sondra Dickens, director of the construction group, said the Plan Room will provide plans and specs for projects that are out for bids. Contractors will be able to get the plans at no cost, something that typically would cost \$200 to \$500. The public can get these plans at a nominal fee.

"You can come here and relax and look at plans. There are plans in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. They can be turned to CD."

The Plan Room will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Tuesday and Thursday by appointment only.

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# Public schools to partner with local businesses and ECU

*Daily Herald* 10/12/06



**Dr. Ron Preston, graduate program director of the Department of Mathematics and Science Education at East Carolina University, discusses the importance of education reform during a press conference at HCC Wednesday.**



# **New director for The Centre eager to continue its success**

*Daily Herald 11/2/06*



**Jason B. Stewart was named the new executive director of The Centre  
at HCC on Wednesday.**



# HCC to benefit from SAS program

*Daily Herald 11/5/06*



**Beth Gray-Robertson, director of distance learning, said she is excited about the new pilot program, Curriculum Pathways, recently launched between the N.C. Community College System and SAS inSchool.**



# HCC students receive scholarships during ceremony

*Daily Herald* 11/26/06



**HCC student Judy Oglesby of Roanoke Rapids described the positive impact scholarships have on students. She received the GlaxoSmithKline Teacher Prep Award, the HCC Leadership Award and the *Daily Herald* Women in Business Award.**



# HCC & ECSU Partner to “GROW” Area Teachers

*The Littleton Observer* 11/29/06

*Daily Herald* 12/3/06



**Halifax Community College (HCC)/Elizabeth City State University (ECSU) students work toward an elementary education degree at HCC during an evening class.**



# HCC leadership changes hands

*Daily Herald* 12/1/06

**HCC interim president Harold Mitchell discussed his hopes for the school's future Thursday as he prepared to hand over the leadership to President Ervin V. Griffin, Sr.**





# On the Job

## Griffin begins tenure as HCC president

*Daily Herald* 12/3/06



**HCC President Ervin V. Griffin, Sr. took over the leadership position Friday from interim president Harold Mitchell.**



# Cisco partners with HCC; equipment, knowledge donated

*Daily Herald* 12/17/06



**HCC students and staff recently took a trip to Cisco Systems in RTP.**



# Halifax Community College's BLET Academy graduates 31<sup>st</sup> class

*Daily Herald 1/7/07*

*The Littleton Observer 1/24/07*



**Nine Basic Law Enforcement Training cadets recently graduated from HCC's 31<sup>st</sup> academy.**



# **HCC Phi Theta Kappa members inducted**

*The Littleton Observer 1/24/07*

*Daily Herald 1/28/07*



**New members of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society Alpha Eta Phi Chapter were recently inducted.**



# Give Kids a Smile helps 26 children

*Daily Herald 2/11/07*



**Students from Aurelian Springs Elementary participated in Give Kids A Smile, Feb. 2, at HCC.**



# HCC, Halifax Medical takes part in AIDS awareness day

*The Littleton Observer 2/21/07*

*Daily Herald 2/25/07*



**Halifax Regional's Misty Lane (right), Program Coordinator for HIV/AIDS Case Management, and Rozelle Garcia, outreach assistant, were at Halifax Community College to share information with students during National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.**



# **Jay Baker appointed to HCC Board of Trustees**

*Daily Herald 2/22/07*

*The Littleton Observer 2/28/07*



**HCC President Dr. Ervin V. Griffin, Sr. welcomes new Board of Trustee  
member Jay Baker.**

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# Ella Fitzgerald Community pays tribute to 'First Lady of Song'

*Daily Herald 3/1/07*



**HCC President Dr. Ervin V. Griffin, Sr. is joined by Roanoke Rapids Postmaster Toni Agner as they unveil the Ella Fitzgerald commemorative postage stamp.**



# Garysburg native and author speaks at HCC

*Daily Herald 3/4/07*



**Dr. Angelia D. Nelson  
recently read from her  
book, “The Ghetto is  
Not My Final  
Destination,” at HCC.**



# Student designs college logo

*The Littleton Observer 3/7/07*

*Daily Herald 3/11/07*



**Becky McCoy, a student at HCC, designed the school's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo.**



# **HCC EMT Participants completed class**

*The Littleton Observer 3/14/07*



**HCC offered an Emergency Medical Technician Basic class,  
which concluded March 5.**



# HCC marks Arbor Day with tree planting

*Daily Herald 3/28/07*



**HCC Horticulture Technology students, faculty and staff commemorated Arbor Day by planting an Amur Maple tree in front of The Centre, March 19. Students also planted a Kousa Dogwood in the same area.**



# High School juniors visit HCC

*Daily Herald 4/1/07*



**HCC hosted Juniors Learning About Careers Day on March 20 for area high school juniors. Students had the opportunity to explore the campus and hear from instructors in different academic areas about careers.**



# **‘Swan Lake’ Captivates youngsters**

*Daily Herald 4/25/07*



**Performing for a packed house at The Centre at HCC, The Carolina Ballet put on a stellar performance of Swan Lake for students from Weldon, Halifax and Northampton County schools.**



# HCC graduates march toward future

*Daily Herald 5/13/07*



**HCC graduates celebrate the conferral of certificates, diplomas and degrees during commencement exercises, May 12.**

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**Presentation created by Melanie Temple**