

The Lead Story

Distinguished panel tackles tough issues Wednesday

By **Mary Anne Pol-lard**

An esteemed panel made up of various community college backgrounds participated in a Q & A forum for the SLI on Wednesday.

Those participating on the panel were: Audrey K. Bailey, the assistant to the president of public information at the NCCCS; Barbara Barker, the vice president for administration and support services at Durham Technical Community College; Sandra Hayes, a graphics/printing consultant and state board volunteer and former

Haywood Community College trustee; Dr. Katherine Johnson, president of Nash Community College, and Daryl Mitchell, Durham Technical Community College and 1999 SLI graduate.

Bailey, the facilitator,

conveyed to the participants the importance of community colleges in North Carolina. Not only was this a learning experience about our individual community

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colleges but the state



Facilitator Audrey Bailey takes questions from the SLI.

NCCCS President Lancaster addresses SLI

By **Ann Tyndall**

NCCCS President H. Martin Lancaster addressed the Student Leadership Institute with a discussion on the "Traits of a Good Leader" on Wednesday morning. He noted that a good leader is always "curious and aware of others' needs."

The second trait leaders must have is confidence, but some may need a couple of personal successes to gain that confidence.

Leaders must also surround themselves with smart people; this is one reason why the Student Leadership Institute

works so well. Being around so many bright, intuitive and sensitive up and coming leaders is a great experience for all of us.

Another trait good leaders have involves being aware of the needs of others, and in seeing those needs, they can learn how to delegate responsibility. By doing that, leaders meet another trait; they learn not to spread themselves too thin.

After his presentation, President Lancaster addressed budget shortfall concerns and fielded questions from SLI students. We all learned

about the community college system and how the budget works.

He encouraged us to approach our legislators about the budget crisis and ask for their support of the community college system in NC.

The SLI appreciates President Lancaster's support.

Our hope is that President Lancaster will remain an advocate of the Student Leadership Institute and NC's community college students.

Secrets of leadership lie within students

By **Monique McIver**

Glenn Daughtride pounced upon the SLI, much like Tigger in “Winnie the POOH,” the night before he was to give his workshop on the “Secrets of Leadership.” Mr. “D’s” agenda for the evening seemed to be getting to know something about each of the students and their lives. One could equate the force of his enthusiasm to that of an atomic bomb explosion.

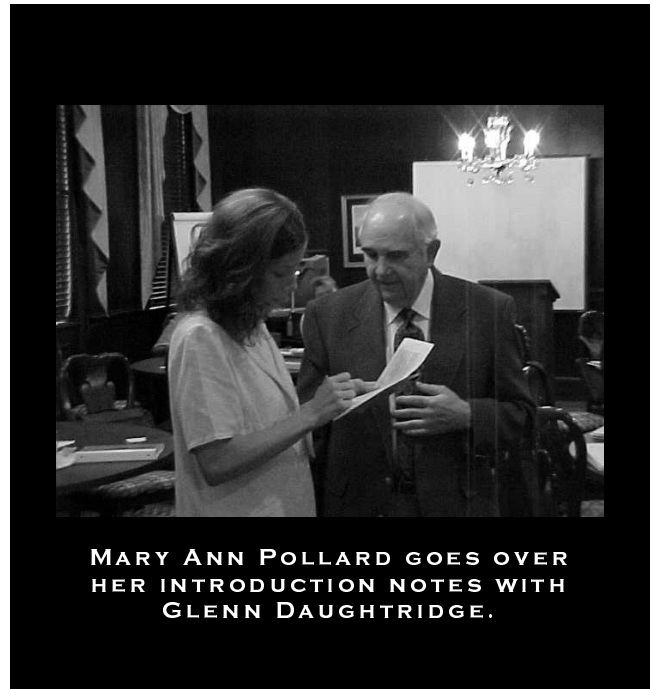
On Wednesday morning, he addressed what he termed the future leaders of North Carolina with four points of dominant leadership style: coaching, delegating, facilitating and directing. He discussed how to measure where you are as an individual and how to be a positive, self-reliant, and effective leader. Leadership cannot be rolled up into a nice little package and sold, though many would go into debt trying to acquire it. Mr. “D” stated that personality tests and the like are designed to help individuals draw on their inner strengths and determine what leadership skills they need to develop.

By telephone, your first impression is made in the first seven seconds; in a face-to-face situation, you create the impression shortly after introduction.

“So make that introduction a good one,” he said.

Minutes into his presentation, students learned that spouting off and foot-in-mouth disease are not examples of effective leadership. In analysis, the “Secrets of Leadership” along with democracy, power, experience and vision are embedded in us all; the question is will we embrace these traits, develop and excel, or will we wallow in our self-inhibitions? In the words of Mr. “D,” there are no secrets to leadership; there are just simple con-

cepts that make leadership viable and more effective. The workshop was presented with spunk and vigor, and interaction was at an all-time high. Students should have walked away from this workshop digesting the apparent: leadership is indeed, as the workshop was subtitled, “humor with a purpose”—for one of the qualities of greatness is being able to laugh at yourself.



NCCCS President Martin Lancaster addressed students' questions and concerns about next year's budget shortfall. He urged SLI students to contact their legislators to ask them to support community colleges.

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community college system as a whole. Bailey also provided a link to more information about the community college system; SLI participants can check out the system news at www.ncccs.cc.nc.us.

SLI participants came prepared with numerous questions ranging from concerns about the security of the bond monies to ways of encouraging student involvement on our campuses.

Dr. Johnson addressed the concerns about the bond monies assuring the SLI class about the safe keeping of the funds at this time.

In conclusion, co-director Karen Yerby commented that this year's discussion was one of the most thought-provoking and relevant Q&A panels to address the SLI.