

Watson Festival

Bluegrass fans might expect to see Tony Rice or Peter Rowan on stage at any major festival, but they might be surprised to see a bonafide hollering champion.

Glenn Bolick, champion of the annual Spivey's Corner hollering competition, will be at the Merle Watson Memorial Festival this spring at Wilkes Community College. He is from Lenoir.

His performance is one of several acts added just for fun, said Bill Young of Wilkesboro, volunteer chairman.

The festival will be held Friday through Sunday, April 27-29, in the WCC Gardens at Wilkes Community College. Tickets are available at the Walker Center box office and Visitors Center. A 30 percent discount is given for tickets ordered before February 14.

Comedian Roy Book Binder is a new addition to the lineup. The fingerpicking guitarist combines blues, ragtime, humor and storytelling, Young said.

Comedy can also be expected from Gamble Rogers, Riders in the Sky, Robin and Linda Williams, Red Knuckles and the Trailblazers (also performing as Hot Rize) and The Dazzling Duck Wavers (also performing as Cedar Hill).

"We just want it to be a fun weekend for everybody. We've got a lot of good musicians, some activities like hay rides and children's concerts, and the Mountain Heritage Crafts Festival. We don't want anybody to go away disappointed," Young said.

Other artists include Seldom Scene, Peter Rowan and the Nashville Bluegrass Band, Mike Cross, David Grisman, the Tony Rice Unit, David Holt, Jerry Douglas, Jack Lawrence, Joe Smothers, the Tory Oak Twirlers, Bob Hill, Jack Williams, and the Smith Sisters with Pete Kennedy.

An international dimension has also been added, said B. Townes, dean of resource development at WCC.

The bluegrass gospel group Sacred Sounds of Grass will return this year. The group from West Germany performed traditional bluegrass gospel last year and was well-received, Townes said.

Slavik Hanzlik of Czechoslovakia learned to play music from Doc Watson tapes he smuggled into his country. "He will be add a spirit of glasnost to the festival," Townes said.

Pony rides and a barnyard animal petting area are part of the activities for children, said Karen Griggs, Director of the WCC Gardens.

Drawings will also be held again this year. In the past two years musical instruments and other prizes have been awarded. This year, top prize is

\$2,500 cash.

Instruments from Martin and Gibson, equipment from Peavey, records, video tapes, a Doc and Merle Watson print by Henry Wyn and

other prizes will be awarded.

Townes said tickets will be sold by the Tory Oak Twirlers square dance group and will be available Feb. 1.

Townes said tourism is another

A special award will be presented to the family of Merle Watson Saturday, Feb. 3 in Nashville, TN. Earlier in the week, two performances by Doc Watson will go toward finishing the stage for the Merle Watson Memorial Festival at Wilkes Community College.

The Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music in America (SBPGMA) will present the posthumous award for "Best Slide Guitar of the Decade" at the society's annual national convention.

The award will be presented to Doc and Rosa Lee Watson, his parents, and Nancy Watson, his sister.

Proceeds from performances by Doc Watson at the convention February 1 will go toward finishing a sound room in the Doc and Merle Watson Outdoor Theater in the WCC Gardens.

Merle Watson was killed in a tractor accident near his home in Caldwell County in 1985. He had traveled with his father since age 15 as a fellow performer, guide and friend.

He was adept at many instruments and wrote songs. Among musicians and music enthusiasts, he was considered one of the greatest slide guitar players that ever lived.

The garden was built in 1988 with proceeds from a music festival named in memory of Doc Watson's son. The festival is now an annual event held the last weekend in April.

epidemic, so he banned social kissing throughout the Empire.

During the Middle Ages, the Catholic Church made kissing a mortal sin unless the lovers had serious intent.

To the Chinese, as well as to many groups in Africa and the New World, the European penchant for kissing was anathema.

By the time of the plagues, public mouth kissing was just not done. (Very sensible indeed.)

From then till now, the kiss remained a private affair. Then, etiquette books declared kissing off-limits in public, at least for members of polite society. Now, however, public or social kissing is very "in"—even among business associates.

Of course to Humphrey and Ingrid's characters in *Casablanca*, "a kiss is still a kiss . . ."

Student Apathy

What is apathy? Apathy is a lack of interest or concern for something. As students, we may sometimes become indifferent in the way we face our daily curriculum. This time of year is an especially hard time for students. The Spring quarter is almost here, the SPRING BREAK is almost here, and most of all, for some of us, a long break over the summer—or at least a lighter course load. Even though each of us become worn out with our coursework, our jobs, or the daily routines we must follow, apathy is not a good habit to fall into. Once a person becomes apathetic, it is very difficult to rededicate oneself to the task at hand.

When apathy first begins to set in, one must try to vary the routine to which he or she has become accustomed. To vary a routine may simply be to drive to school a different way. Or it may be to sit in a different seat in class or walk to class a different way. A student may also ward off apathy by simply trying a new method of notetaking. A new perspective in class is the easiest way to prevent a bad habit.

A symptom of student apathy is procrastination. Once someone begins to procrastinate, a sort of traffic jam begins. Homework, papers, reading assignments, and tests begin to pile up to enormous proportions and a student begins to dig his or her own grave in a sense.

Start a hobby or something in order to revive yourself and stick to your deadlines. Start caring about your work and everything you do! The best cure for apathy is to get excited about school or work or whatever you do!

... Carol Blackburn
Editor of *Cougar Cry*

reason for all of the additions to this year's festival. "Tourism development is one of the benefits of the festival we want to cultivate. "It is interesting to see the letters from literally all over the world—Brazil, Canada, Japan, and other places—inquiring about the festival."

He said he expects all motels and campgrounds to be filled over the weekend.

For more information or to order tickets, call the Walker Center at 651-8666, the WCC Gardens Visitors Center at 651-8691, or toll free to 1-800-343-7857 from outside Wilkes.

SGA

On January 30, 1990 an informal meeting of SGA was held in the Commons Area of the John A. Walker Center. Douglas Toledo, Freshman, to SGA, arranged the meeting to express his concern for the lack of communication between the organization and the student body. Attending this meeting were Dr. Jim Randolph, Dr. Bob Thompson, Phyllis Smith, Melissa Walker, Dawne Houck, Ritchie Greer, Wendy Moser, James E. Bernabe, Shawn Tucker, Gwyn Zachary, Michelle Hamby, Jeanine Groce, Lori Hemric, Gina Anthony, Tony Church, Herman Norman, Matt Cardwell, Michael Church, Maitri Klinkosum, Hosea Hampton.

Suggestions were made for ways to improve communication. Tony Church, SGA President, suggested putting bulletin boards, voting boxes, etc., in all buildings, not just the Commons Area of Thompson Hall. He also stressed the importance of working together. Tony and Doug agreed that changes need to be made in our SGA.

Everyone agreed that we all need to get more involved in our student government.

Coming events sponsored by SGA are Winter Fest and Spring Fling.

... Phyllis Smith

Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa has been very busy in the past few months. First of all, a formal initiation was held for the members at the John A. Walker Center. The oath was taken and each person received his or her certificate and pin. The ceremony was officiated by the National President of Phi Theta Kappa. Phi Theta Kappa's officers for 1989-1990 were also initiated into office. Secondly, some of our members attended the Regional Conference in Greenville, SC. Those attending the conference were Boot Klinkosum, Angela Triplette, Mike Souther, Brian Barker, and Chris McNeil. The conference was a wonderful learning experience and gave our members a chance to meet other Phi Theta Kappans in the Carolinas. Other events sponsored by PTK were two clothing drives for needy families. One family was chosen for November and another was chosen for December. We enjoyed participating in a worthwhile charity in our area.

Phi Theta Kappa also held two bake sales before Christmas break in order to fund upcoming events. One of the bake sales was in October and the other was right before Christmas break in December. Phi Theta Kappa also held a raffle in December. Tickets sold for one dollar and the winner received half of the profits from the sale of tickets. Thanks to everyone who purchased a ticket from PTK. Even as we speak, Phi Theta Kappa is in the midst of getting ideas for other community projects. There is an upcoming conference in February and possible another initiation ceremony in April. PTK also gave a baby shower for one of our members, Melissa Bowman, who is expecting her first child in late February. The entire organization would like to wish her, her husband, and new baby good luck in the future.

Look for news of Phi Theta Kappa's endeavors and fundraisers in the future.

... Carol Blackburn,
Corresponding Secretary

KNOWN BY 3 NAMES

Match the correct third name of the right with each woman's name on the left. Put the letters in the spaces provided.

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| _____ 1. Helen Gurley | a. Lincoln, first lady |
| _____ 2. Elizabeth Cady | b. St. Johns, journalist |
| _____ 3. Laura Ingalls | c. Stowe, <i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i> |
| _____ 4. Elizabeth Barrett | d. King, civil rights leader |
| _____ 5. Mary Todd | e. Luce, editor/playwright |
| _____ 6. Shirley Temple | f. Moody, tennis player |
| _____ 7. Margaret Chase | g. O'Connor, justice |
| _____ 8. Harriet Beecher | h. Cash, singer |
| _____ 9. Jacqueline Kennedy | i. Lindbergh, author/aviator |
| _____ 10. Anne Dudley | j. McPherson, evangelist |
| _____ 11. Mary Tyler | k. Bethune, educator |
| _____ 12. Clare Boothe | l. Joyner, athlete |
| _____ 13. Edna St. Vincent | m. Brown, publisher |
| _____ 14. Coretta Scott | n. Howe, philanthropist |
| _____ 15. Sandra Day | o. Moore, actress |
| _____ 16. Anne Morrow | p. Browning, poet |
| _____ 17. Adela Rogers | q. Quinn, economics columnist |
| _____ 18. Florence Griffith | r. Jackson, <i>Ramona</i> |
| _____ 19. June Carter | s. Wilder, children's books |
| _____ 20. Julia Ward | t. Birney, actress |
| _____ 21. Aimee Semple | u. Smith, legislator |
| _____ 22. Helen Wills | v. Millay, poet |
| _____ 23. Jane Bryant | w. Stanton, feminist leader |
| _____ 24. Mary McLeod | x. Bradstreet, colonial poet |
| _____ 25. Helen Hunt | y. Onassis, editor/first lady |
| _____ 26. Meredith Baxter | z. Black, actress |

Answers: TWO GREATS OF FEBRUARY

1--Spiro Agnew. 2--Yogi Berra. 3--Havelock Ellis. 4--Cloris Leachman. 5--Kikujiro Ishii. 6--Waslow Nijinsky. 7--Michael Chang. 8--Olivia Newton-John. 9--Fra Filippo or Lippo. 10--Richard Nixon. The first group of vertical letters spells Abe Lincoln; the last group, Washington.

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Do it yourself!
And if you don't know how, learn.
Only one question to answer: Is it worth doing?

'A Kiss is Still A Kiss'

Rodin immortalized it in bronze. After saying "I do," the bride and groom exchange it. Marathons award prizes to the couple puckering up with it the longest.

It is, of course, the kiss.

It comes in various shapes, sizes and intensities as evidenced by the words—often harsh-sounding—coined for it: buss, osculate, peck, smack, and smooch. Related verbs and phrases are more romantic: blow a kiss, kiss and make up, play kissy-face or kissy-poo, pucker up, sealed with a kiss.

Satirist Jonathan Swift said, "I wonder what fool it was that first invented kissing." Kiss-tory seems to indicate the romantic kiss started from the early lovemaking ritual known as *rubbing noses*. According to Professor Bryant of the Texas A&M Anthropology Department, one couple may have missed noses and found the lips more sensitive. *Nose rubbing leading to a kiss* references can be found in an ancient East Indian book.

The Greeks threw kisses at statues to show respect.

The ancient Romans would have none of that. They went so far as to perfume their lips and mouths with spices from the Orient. But all this kissing was not without risk. Emperor Tiberius had to cope with a herpes