

## Student Profile

### Robert Perkins

The purpose of the community college system is to help fulfill the educational needs of the people within the community. A prime example of Wilkes Community College providing these services would be that of student Robert Perkins attended Lincoln Heights School, where at the age of sixteen he dropped out. He then took a job with the intentions of relieving some of the financial burden on his widowed mother. Two years later he returned to school. Upon graduation from Lincoln Heights, Perkins joined the United States Air Force where he served for some twenty-six years.

The pursuit of knowledge has been a never ending goal in Perkins life. While in the Air Force he took advantage of every available chance to acquire more knowledge. He looks back on his travels abroad and his life experience in the service as a continuous learning experience.

Upon retirement from the service he entered New Mexico State University where he received a degree in pre-business. After returning home to Wilkes, Perkins and his wife Martha took a residence in Wilkesboro. He went to work as a jailer with the Wilkes County Sheriff's Department where he is still a full-time employee. Perkins is a 33 degree Mason Shriner and Master of a local lodge which he was instrumental in establishing. He is a lifetime member of the DAV, he serves as vice



president of the Lincoln Heights Recreational Cooperation and is on the Board of Trustees at Saint Home United Methodist Church. Despite this busy schedule in the fall of 1988 Perkins enrolled in the electronics program, where he has been on the Dean's List every quarter. He will be a member of the graduating class of 1990 at the proud age of fifty-five.

Perkins sees the art of learning as a never ending process. He enjoys both the professional and friendly atmosphere at Wilkes Community. He feels this community is fortunate to have this institution and its continuous effort to help meet the educational needs of all Wilkes Countians. He urges all to take advantage of the numerous programs and events offered here.

By Linda Carlton

## Divine Spark In Humankind

The unsinkable ship sank.

The Titanic, at that time the largest ship afloat, sank on April 15, 1912, after it struck an iceberg.

On board that ship were 2,224 people. Only 706 of them were rescued. The rest went down with the ship. This loss of life in a supposedly indestructible ship made the accident one of the greatest tragedies in the history of the sea.

After the disaster was confirmed, an artist illustrated the majestic ship pinned to the iceberg with this caption: "The weakness of man, the supremacy of nature."

Next to this illustration, the artist depicted another showing one of the passengers aboard the Titanic offering his place in the last lifeboat to a woman and a child. Its caption read: "The weakness of nature, the supremacy of man."

Nature - stronger, more powerful than puny man - remains supreme.

But man - that puny part of nature - retains the divine spark of supremacy.

Happy  
Easter

## "Service To Humanity"

### Profile of a person who cares

It took me thirty-two years to realize that people are what life is all about. Material possessions--money, too!--can be gone tomorrow.

Wilkes County has been my home for almost seven years. I am a certified First Responder, currently enrolled in an EMT-Basic Class here at Wilkes Community College. My plans are to become a certified paramedic and ride reserves with a local EMS system. I want to be where I am needed. My firm belief is that each individual is here to serve in some capacity, ministering to others. This is definitely where I belong.

I am presently training with a local fire department to become a firefighter. I work with the Ladies Auxiliary, too. The time I have spent with this department has reaffirmed my belief that people do care. These are dedicated individuals--people helping people--being there when they are needed. **Sharing and caring**

As my plans begin to focus, I would like to begin a support ministry for fire victims. Provide clothes, a place to stay, moral support, etc. for fire victims. With the help of the citizens of Wilkes County this can be a reality.

...Deborah Baccus

Let's all join these unselfish and sacrificing people. Let's lend a hand where it is needed. A word of encouragement, a word of kindness, a smile, all these are ways to uplift others, and they also make us feel better. We can only make the world a better place by serving others and not merely serving ourselves.

Phyllis Smith

## Good News!

Easter is on April 15. Easter is always a time of rejoicing and good news. It is the time to remember the resurrection of Christ. Easter means springtime is here...and it is! March 20 was officially the first day of spring.

Good news for sophomores! Graduation is on May 25. So just hang in there; it will be worth it all. Angela Triplett is already preparing for her life after graduation. She has been accepted at Appalachian State University.

More good news! These people are planning their future with marriage: Amy Mecimore - July 1, Tanya Childers - September 15, and Kristy Turnmire - next spring. Let this spring be a time for planning for you. Carefully consider your goals and what you want from life.

According to Missy Wood and Pat Hayes, PBL also has good news to share. The National PBL spring conference is being held in North Carolina this year from April 6-8. PBL also helped to improve our community by cleaning up their adopted highway. Spring can be a time of improvement for everyone.

Congratulations are in order for Dental Assisting Instructor Mrs. Deana Billings and her husband, David, for the birth of their first child Rebecca Lynne. Rebecca was born on February 19th at 8:14 pm. She weighed seven pounds, three ounces and was twenty and one half inches long.

Mrs. Billings will return to the classroom after the Easter holidays.

WCC certainly made a "good news" improvement. WCC is improving facilities for the handicapped by installing "Stair-lifts" to eliminate the problem of stairs for those who are in wheelchairs.

We hope each of you has a bit of your own good news!

by: Tanya Childers & Jennifer Pugh



On March 6th Mrs. Deana Bilings brought her daughter Rebecca for her first visit to our campus.

## The Yearbook Is Finished

Since the beginning of the school year in August, several of the students at WCC have been involved in the production of the WCC Yearbook for 1989 - 1990 and they are pleased to announce that their work is completed. Each student of the yearbook staff has had to assume a variety of positions in order to achieve a timely completion of the various sections of the yearbook. Many of these positions included: editors, writers, photographers, and typists. Melissa Walker, editor of the freshman section and index, and Phyllis Smith, editor of the academic section, spent countless hours rummaging through pictures to put onto each page and thinking of captions to place next to each picture. Susan Mitchell, chief photographer, Brian Barker, photographer, and Maitri Klinkosum, photographer, spent their time taking and developing the pictures that would eventually find their way into the finished yearbook. Maitri Klinkosum, who also doubled as a writer along with Phyllis Smith, wrote several themes for the closing of the yearbook as well as a piece on the 25-year history of the college. Diane Marcum, typist, single handedly typed and retyped all of the captions, names, stories, and all other written material that was included in the yearbook. Other students who contributed to the completion of the yearbook include: Tamara Elledge, Kerry Lynn Wagoner, and Melissa Wiles. The yearbook staff also wishes to thank the administration, faculty, and staff who graciously cooperated in the completion of the yearbook.

Wendy Moser

## From Circle K

Circle K recently sponsored a dating game in the commons on February 16th. It turned out to be a great success and loads of fun. Participants were Jonathan Francis, Kip Edwards, Tim Pitman, and Wendy Moser, for the first game. The following game participants were Michelle Hamby, Rachel Eller, Sue Ann Wyatt, and Larry Lee. The winners were Jonathan Francis, Wendy Moser, Larry Lee and Rachel Eller. The winners from both games won free dinners for two at Western Steer, Pizza Hut and Arbys.

## Phi Theta Kappa

The Phi Theta Kappa honor fraternity 1989 - 1990 has recently become the first group of PTK students at WCC to receive recognition for their achievements. The Regional Office of Phi Theta Kappa presented the Alpha Kappa Omega chapter with a certificate of achievement at the Regional Convention in Charlotte, NC on February 16, 17, and 18. The chapter was recognized for its many successful fund raisers and community activities. Several members of the WCC chapter attended the Regional Convention. They were Maitri Klinkosum, President, Brian Barker, Chris McNeil, and Michael Souther. The members of PTK are presently selling tickets for a drawing in which the winner will receive half of the money accumulated. The cost of each ticket is \$1.00. In April, PTK is planning to announce and induct new members for the 1990-91 academic year.

Maitri Klinkosum  
President

## WCC Student Killed In Wreck

We are saddened by the death of our fellow student Johnny DeWayne Lineberry, age 19. Johnny died of multiple head injuries received in a collision of U.S. 421 near the Yadkin Co. line.

Johnny was the son of Stanley and Elizabeth Lineberry of East Bend, NC. He was born March 22, 1970, and

graduated from Forbush High School in 1988, where he was an "A" student. He was an active member of Mount Bethel Baptist Church. Although he was with us for such a short time, we will long remember this kind and dedicated young man.

## Strange Truth About Us

Most Americans know our national bird, the bald eagle, is a majestic symbol of power, that the Pilgrims gave us Thanksgiving, and that cowboys on horseback are synonymous with the Wild West. But few know that our national symbol could have been a turkey, that Pilgrims' thanksgiving days consisted of fasting and prayer, or that camels also were used in the Southwest. "Strange Stories, Amazing Facts of American's Past," published by *Reader's Digest*, reveals these and hundreds of other stories history books leave out, providing an intriguing angle on the country's past.

Did you know ...

- an enterprising newspaperwoman reportedly sat on skinny-dipping President John Quincy Adams' clothes until he granted her an interview?

- Alexander Hamilton was blackmailed over an affair with a married woman?

- railroad baron Cornelius Vanderbilt left an estate equal in size to all the money in the U.S. treasury in 1877?

- no presidential candidate had ever campaigned for himself until Stephen A. Douglas did it in 1860?

- it was illegal to celebrate Christmas in Puritan New England?

- Edward Mueller's otherwise convincing counterfeit dollar bills spelled the president's name "wahsington"?

- the young son of Princess Pocahontas and John Rolfe was forced to choose between his mother's people and his father's?

- whenever two trains meet at a crossing in Texas, both of them must come to a full stop; then neither one may proceed until the other has gone?

## Easy To Talk A Good Game

'Twas a big day in dogdom, for the first day of the World Kay-Nine Series was about to begin between the Bowser Diamond Demons and the Wolf Pack Howlers.

Unfortunately, the collie playing left field for the Diamond Demons broke his paw in a stupid fight with a bulldog and the other player set for that position was down with doggie flu. The manager had no choice but to put an eager-beaver rookie terrier in left field.

Well, during the game, that left field was as wild as a hungry greyhound after his rabbit dinner. After three innings, the rookie terrier dropped two high fly balls, let two more zoom through his paws, and he even lost his mutt mitt jumping for a fast grounder.

The manager, watching all this from his team's dogout, was so mad he called the rookie in, bawled the bark out of him, and announced he was going to play left field himself even though he was the manager.

But the next inning was no better. In fact, it was worse. The other team made four runs before the inning was out and three were home runs - all made because of errors chalked up against the manager.

The manager was furious. He stormed into the dogout, faced the rookie and barked, "You made left field so dog-gone, bone bad nobody can play it right!"

Guess it's easier to tell somebody how to play left field than to play it yourself.

## Wilkes LRC Holds Treasures For Students

One of the not so good things about returning to college this quarter would have to be the assignment of the term paper. Many students must face the dreaded task, especially those students enrolled in ENG 0103 Report Writing. My grandpa used to say, "They're two ways of doing things; the right way and the wrong way." Grandpa was right. This Spring when you have to do the term paper or research paper, start at the Learning Resource Center before panicking. Do it right.

One source of help is **The Writer's Advisor** by Leland G. Alkire, Jr. While it is not a good sourcebook for just any subject, the author does do a good job carrying out what he set out to do. If your term paper is related in anyway to

writing, with the exception of cave man exploits, you can truly benefit. The list of informational sources about writing reads concisely and in some cases the author has even put in a word about the books listed. Categories range from "Poetry" to "Realism in Books" to "Finding an Agent." While the average student may not use the latter section, the tips on article writing make the book worth checking out. Especially if you are trying to get the words right.

Perhaps the best news about the book is it is listed as a reference volume in the Learning Resources Center. It will be on the shelf probably just when you need it.

Brian Boles

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