



# The Cougar Cry

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## Valentine: Be Mine!

St. Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, has, alas, nothing to do with either of the two St. Valentines recorded in history or with any recorded incident in their lives such as the legendary farewell note to the jailer's daughter signed, "From your Valentine." As a matter of fact, history cannot decide whether there were two St. Valentines or just one with two similar, yet different, life stories. Of course, for the truly romantic, there is always the more incredible belief that birds begin mating on Feb. 14 and so humans choose their mates then as well. (Probably just for the birds.)

However, don't despair. The Romans seem to have celebrated the fertility Feast of Lupercalia, dedicated to the pastoral god Lupercus and the goddess of love, Juno, on Feb. 15. (Close enough.) As part of the festivities, Roman young women placed their names in an urn in the public square and bachelors were entitled to draw one to determine their "blind dates" for the coming year.

In later years, the French and English had similar ceremonies. In France couples were given one year to marry or part company. (Very sensible.)

Paper valentines date back only to the 16th century and were probably

## Who's Who Chosen



Pictured above are Steve Shew, Daniel Hutchins, Greg Greer, Lynn Dillard, Diane McClure, Sandra Foster, Carolyn Edwards, Michael Carpenter, Karissa Eilert, David Turnmire, Cynthia Anderson, Kim Hendren, Neal Hayes, Richard Goodman, Brett Cothren, Edward Farmer, Jean Stafford, Thelma Kastl, and Heather Elswick. Not pictured: Sheryl Monks and Troy Privette.

## Twenty-One Chosen For Who's Who

Students who strive for and achieve academic excellence are awarded with honors, such as "Who's Who" and membership in Phi Theta Kappa.

Students placed on the Who's Who list are among a group of distinguished college students throughout the United States. Students are nominated by faculty and staff.

Those chosen for this honor include:

Sheryl Monks, Steve Shew, Daniel Hutchins, Greg Greer, Troy Privette, Edward Farmer, Carolyn Edwards, Lynn Dillard, Diane McClure, Sandra Foster, Jean Stafford, Michael Carpenter, Neal Hayes, Britt Cothren, Heather Elswick, Thelma Kastl, David Turnmire, Karissa Eilert, Richard Goodman, Cynthia Anderson, and Kimberly Hendren.

the first of all greeting cards. By 1800 hand-painted copperplates were produced to meet the ever increasing demand, followed by woodcuts and lithographs.

Nowadays, Valentine's Day is not confined to the sending of heartfelt or humorous greeting cards. Gifts of all kinds are exchanged to symbolize love and affection.

May thy Valentine be thine this Feb. 14...

## Veterans, Etc.

### Veterans — National Guard Reservists — Dependents

Take advantage of your VA educational entitlement and don't let your delimiting date, which is ten years from date of separation, expire before you finish your education. Your future will depend on your being able and qualified to take advantage of advancement opportunities in whatever field you have decided on as a career.

You may receive G.I. Bill benefits by enrolling in any approved program leading to a degree or diploma. This includes the G.E.D. (High School Program).

Veterans enrolled in Associate De-

## Pearson Memorial Library

The James Larkin Pearson Memorial Library, located on our campus, houses the collection of Pearson, the North Carolina Poet Laureate from 1953 until his death in 1981. Living to be almost 102 years old, the Wilkes County native authored several books of poetry. He printed a successful newspaper during the 1910's and 1920's called *The Fool-Killer*. His books, papers, letters, and some of his furniture are now housed in the library that was built in his honor. This material is available for research and must be used in-house.

Also in the library is an extensive collection of video and audio cassettes of local history. These vary from interviews with citizens of our country and local areas, to making molasses, removing bee gum from a tree, and making hominy grits. These may be viewed by appointment in the library. There are exhibits of medical instruments from the 1800's, arrowheads, Wilkes County authors, a lovely sewing/vanity case that belonged to Mrs. Alexander Hamilton, and other interesting items.

For further information on the Pearson Library, you may contact J. Jay Anderson, the curator, at 651-8690; Janet Atwood, Librarian, at 651-8689; or Dr. Fay Byrd at 651-8650.

gree programs must register for a minimum of 6 credit hours (1/2 time). Those enrolled in diploma programs must register for at least 11 contact hours (1/2 time).

Contact the Office of Veteran Affairs at Wilkes Community College for information concerning qualifications and pay rates.

Note: Cooperative education, tele, or individualized studies classes are not approved by the State Approval Agency for VA benefits.

*Need brotherhood/sisterhood  
require that we all think alike!*

FREE

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### St. Valentine's Day Dance

Thursday, February 11, 1993  
WCC Gym: 9:00 pm - 12:00 am

\* Refreshments    \* D.J.    \* Students, Staff, Faculty Welcome

