

Sam Bush Rocks The Walker Center

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"MerleFest favorites the Sam Bush Band delighted an enthusiastic audience of 800 with a three hour show at the Walker Center at Wilkes Community College on Friday, February 2."

Bush is not only known for being an accomplished vocalist, guitarist, and fiddler, but more so for being one of bluegrass' greatest mandolin pickers. This concert was full of energy not only from the band, but from the audience as well. Sam Bush's energetic style of bluegrass coupled with a hungry audience can only lead to an exciting, crowd pleasing evening. "Howlin' at the Moon" proved to be a favorite when the request was made by a member of the audience and the band agreed to play. This fun-filled two set show ended with a standing ovation after the encore performance.

Sam Bush is known for shaking up the traditional bluegrass sound. From his first record released in 1972 with his band New Grass Revival, through playing with other well known artists like Bela Fleck, Emmylou Harris and Lyle Lovett, to his most recent solo album "Laps in Seven" in 2006, he has



continued to raise the bar and reinvent bluegrass music. Traditional bluegrass, country, fusion, breakdowns, jazz, reggae, and rock are some of the styles the Sam Bush Band has made their own and compiled to form "newgrass". Each member of the band is able to receive thunderous applause with their breathtaking solos throughout many of their jam style songs.

Bush has made annual appearances at Wilkes County's own bluegrass festival, Merlefest. This year will not only mark Sam's 20th, but Merlefest's as well.

Phi Theta Kappa Update

Early December was a time when temperatures began to fall. Once again this year, members of Phi Theta Kappa chose to spend \$500 to purchase blankets. Westpoint Stevens was gracious in supplying us with blankets that we were able to distribute to various agencies in Alleghany, Ashe, and Wilkes counties. The blankets were then made available to elderly and shut-ins.

Every two seconds someone in America needs blood. Our area recruiter for the American Red Cross informed us that every blood type was low prior to our February blood drive. Phi Theta Kappa hosted a blood drive on the WCC Wilkes Campus on Wednesday, February 21, 2007 and a total of 37 pints were collected. Each pint can help three people. Hooray for the five first-time donors! Thank you to all who took time to donate.

The criteria for membership in Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society are: completion of 12 semester hours of credit, a cumulative grade point average of 3.50, and enjoy full rights of citizenship of one's country. If you have met these criteria and would like to join, please stop by the Student Services Office in Alumni Hall to learn more about becoming a member. An induction ceremony of new members will be held in April.



Is It 4:20 Yet?

<http://is-it-420-yet.blogspot.com>

This is a safe place for WCC students, faculty and staff to access information, resources, request a referral for help, share personal experiences, recovery stories, or just ask a question. This blog is hosted by the Drug Education Counselor in Student Services and your anonymity is respected.

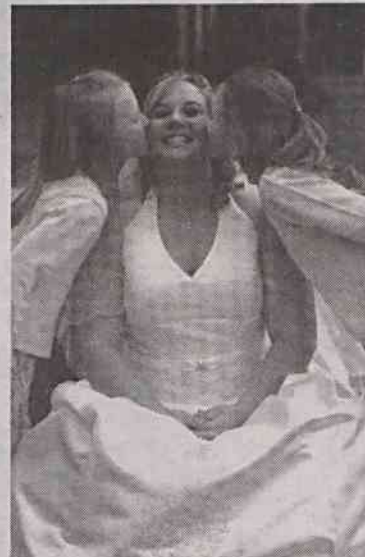


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Positions available include: ★

*Executive Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer & Public Information Officer. ★

Requirements for eligibility:
 *minimum cumulative gpa of 2.5
 *must be a rising sophomore
 *must be a full time student (minimum of 12 hours)

*Programming Chairperson (4 positions)

*Sophomore Senators (4 positions)

Requirements for eligibility:
 *minimum cumulative gpa of 2.25
 *must be a rising sophomore
 *must carry a minimum course load of 9 hours)

Petitions may be picked up in Student Services and are available on Campus Cruiser. Completed petitions must be turned in by Monday, March 19.

ELECTIONS WILL BE MARCH 27 & 28!