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Sherrill: The Champ Whistler

By Paul Worsham

The Eighth Annual Whistlers Convention, sponsored by the Franklin County Arts Council took place Saturday, March 28, all day in the downtown courthouse area of Louisburg.

"Tobe" Sherrill, a sophomore from Greensboro, took the grand prize in the whistling competition, with his special brand of tooth-whistling. Jason Serinus, a professional whistling entertainer from San Francisco gave concerts in the morning and afternoon. Fred Newman, author and whistling entertainer was the judge of the whistling contest, and the moderator of a seminar on whistling. Carlin Morton, the world's champion whistler collector was on hand in the National Whistlers Museum with his collection of over 300 whistles, in addition to stories about whistling, whistling records and pictures of people whistling.

There were a variety of concerts which included classical, contemporary, solo and group, novelty and workshop.

P.M. Magazines from Raleigh

and Charlotte were there getting everything on film, as were local news people.



"TOBE SHERRILL"

Smith Elected President

Derek Wilkins

On Thursday, March 26, the SGA Elections were held for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Running for the office of President was Skip Smith. There were no other contenders for the office of president. Also, no one entered the race for Vice President nor Secretary. Both of these offices will be appointed to students who qualify and know they have the time and are capable of doing the job.

The only office which had two candidates was that of SGA Treasurer. In a hotly contested race, Chuck Johnson edged out Tony Bart. Said Bobby Talbot, dorm counselor for Patten Dorm, of the election, "This is an apathetic attitude typical of all Louisburg students, because no one seemed interested in this election."

Regan Budget Cuts To Affect Financial Aid

By Derek Wilkins

Since President Reagan has taken office, there has been one thing on his mind that seems like it is going to affect many people in this country. That one thing is budget cuts.

Besides wanting to trim the excess off of Social Service programs such as Welfare, Food Stamps, and the like, the president also wants to cut back on Financial Aid To Students. Without the student grants and loans provided by state and federal government, many students would not be able to attend college at all anywhere.

One of the questions we have to ask is, will any of this affect the Louisburg College student? The answer is ambiguous. First, the tuition grant that most Louisburg College students received will be kept for next year, with maybe an increase to \$600.00 from \$550.00. But the proposal for this grant is still under debate in the State Senate. It has a rather shaky future.

Besides the fact that some Louisburg students get financial aid from the government, the students should have nothing to worry about, since the scholarships that students receive at Louisburg mostly come from private funds.

According to Steve Brooks, Director of Financial Aid and Admissions, "Unless cuts are worse that we expect, we should be able to provide for people who apply." Also, Brooks said, "Students who got a scholarship this year will get one next year. But for incoming students, we will look over their financial status along with their academic record and give the money to those who need it most."

For those who are receiving financial aid from the government, it is best for you to get your application in as soon as possible, so yours will be considered before the program runs out of money. Also, it would be beneficial for students getting the tuition grant from the state to write your state congressman, urging him to pass the tuition grant bill when it comes up in Congress.

Balsam Gap Boys Win Folk Festival

By Paul Worsham

The Louisburg College and Franklin County Eleventh Annual Folk Festival was held Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28 in the college auditorium.

The entertainment, which included a variety of music and dance routines, started at 7:00 p.m. both nights, and lasted until the wee hours of the morning. Some of the distinguished guest performers were: the Reed Family Band, Mike Seeger, the Nee Niny Band, John McCutcheon, the Scottish Country Dancers, Chris Turner, the NCSU Pipe Band, the Sourwood Mountain Cloggers and many others.

Four teenagers, who call themselves the Balsam Gap Boys, stole the grand championship trophy with their rendition of the tune, "Blue Ridge Cabin Home." They were, Craig Tripp, 13, Doug Stuart 16, and Tommy and Timmy Mendenhall, 14. Tommy Mendenhall won the instrumental championship, playing "Galax" on his mandolin. The overall second place award went to fiddler Earl Link. Winners of the dance competition were the Stony Creek

Cloggers.

The winner of the Honorable Mention Awards was Paul Taylor. Honorable Mention for string bands went to the local Fort Creek String Band led by Emil Preddy, fiddler. Earl Link and the Country Cousins also won the folk singing category with "Rolling In My

Sweet Baby's Arms."

Keith Aiken, with "Buffalo Gals" won Honorable Mention on the banjo, and for best traditional clogging, Honorable Mention went to the Click 'N Cloggers. Over 400 contestants from seven states competed.

