



# The Cougar Cry



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## President's Message



Dr. Jim Randolph, President

A new decade is a symbol for a new beginning, prompting people to reflect upon the past and dream about the future.

Here in the middle of the school year, you may be more occupied with your next test or looking forward to the summer break than thinking about the next ten years. But take a minute to reflect. Is what you're doing now going to influence your life during the 1990s? Where will be at the end of this decade? What will you be doing?

Three decades ago, 1960 to be exact, a two-year college in Illinois was my starting point in higher education. It gave me opportunities I would not have had otherwise. I learned new things. I developed skills for a career. I made new friends. As I look back over those 30 years since my first year in college, I know that I have been blessed. I have many things to be grateful for, especially my family and the opportunity to continue to make new friends like the ones I have made here at WCC.

At the end of my freshman year at college, my best friend drowned as he successfully saved a small child from being caught up in a strong undertow. His life ended so that another life could go on. He is not here today to reflect on the past nor plan for the future. This thought leaves me hollow and sad. I wonder, if he were alive today, what he would be like? I'll never know, but I will never forget this friend that I made in college.

I know that you will make a lot of friends at WCC. I hope that, in addition, you will not waste the opportunity you have to earn a living or build a foundation for continuing your education. This college was built on 25 years of hard work and vision by community leaders, faculty and staff. I sincerely hope that you will make the most of your opportunity here so that you will be prepared for the decade to come.

... Jim Randolph

## What Would You Recall?

An old Persian proverb teaches that these four things cannot be recalled:

1. An arrow that has left the bow.
  2. An opportunity that was neglected.
  3. A word that has been spoken.
  4. A life that has been lived.
- And if one could be recalled, how would you change it?



# Who's Who Chosen

Twenty students at Wilkes Community College have been named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

They were selected by a nominating committee at WCC, and were chosen for their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

They are:

\*Connie Poteat Nicks of Rt. 2, Ronda, a sophomore in the associate degree nursing program;

\*Sheila Robbins Franklin of North Wilkesboro, a sophomore in business administration;

\*Angela Marie Triplett of Rt. 1, Jonesville, a sophomore in the secretarial/executive program;

\*Brenda Kay Ellis, of Rt. 1, Wilkesboro, a sophomore in associate degree nursing;

\*Kerry Lynn Wagoner, Rt. 1, McGrady, a sophomore in the associate in arts program;

\*Susanne M. Haynes of Rt. 1, McGrady, a sophomore in criminal justice/protective service technology;

\*Michael Steven Roope of Rt. 1, North Wilkesboro, a sophomore in the associate in arts program;

\*Carol Anne Blackburn, Wilkesboro, a sophomore in the associate in arts program;

\*Tanya Dawn Childers of Rt. 5, Taylorsville, a sophomore in the secre-

tarial/executive program;

\*Patrick Thomas Hayes of Hays, a sophomore in business administration;

\*Winnie Lee Johnson of Rt. 1,



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McGrady, a sophomore in business computer programming;

\*Maitri Klinkosum of Wilkesboro, a sophomore in the associate in arts program;

\*Sharon Janine Souther, Wilkesboro, a sophomore in accounting;

\*Dixie Smith Horne, Wilkesboro, a sophomore in business computer programming;

\*Michael Eugene Souther of Rt. 1, Union Grove, a sophomore in associate in science/pre-computer science;

\*Christopher Lee McNeil, North Wilkesboro, a sophomore in associate in science/pre-computer science;

\*Jerri Michele Faw, Rt. 4, North Wilkesboro; a sophomore in business computer programming;

\*Laura Phillips Zeigler, North Wilkesboro, a sophomore in business administration;

\*Brian Wade Barker, Hays, a sophomore in associate in fine arts/pre-art; and

\*Raymond Gary Lawhorn, Rt. 7, Yadkinville, a sophomore in the associate in arts program.

They will be included in the 1990 "Who's Who" directory of student leaders selected from 1,400 colleges across the U.S. and several foreign countries.

## WCC Group Tour of London A Success

Wilkes Community College English instructor Becky Mann and humanities instructor Pete Mann recently led a festive and informative post-Christmas tour of London and the English countryside. Twenty-nine college students, instructors, and community residents participated in the ten day tour.

Tour participants enjoyed unusually good English weather during their visit, which included excursions to Dover Castle, Stratford-upon-Avon, Bath, Stonehenge, Salisbury, Oxford, Canterbury, Runnymede, Eton, and Windsor Castle.

In addition to scheduled activities, tour members arranged individual outings to special interest sites, such as London's Hard Rock Cafe. Also included in these was a visit to John Keats' House in the London Borough of Camden, formerly the Borough of Hampstead. The house, adjacent to Hampstead Heath, is maintained by the Friends of Keats House for the pleasure and education of the public in the appreciation of the life and work of John Keats. Keats wrote some of his best-loved poems while living in Keats Grove, including "Ode to a Nightingale." Americans wishing to join the Friends of Keats House

are encouraged to do so by sending twelve dollars US to: Mrs. Daphne Slater, 10 Provost Road, London NW3 4ST. Make postal orders payable to Friends of Keats House.

Other tour members attended services at St. Paul's Cathedral. St. Paul's, designed by Sir Christopher Wren, stands on the summit of Ludgate Hill. This Renaissance church, the fifth London church of this name, was begun in 1675 and completed in 1708. Group members visited numerous chapels within the Cathedral, including All Soul's Chapel, the Chapel of St. Dunstan, and the Lady Chapel, which is located at the east end of the South Choir Aisle.

The British Museum was a particularly popular attraction for group members. Founded in 1753, the museum houses permanent displays of antiquities from Egypt, Western Asia, Greece, and Rome. In addition, the British Library exhibition galleries are housed within the museum. Notable items in the collection include the Rosetta Stone, the Elgin Marbles (sculptures from the Parthenon), and the Magna Carta.

A highlight of the tour for some participants was a special visit to the

home of twentieth century British novelist Barbara Pym. Ms. Pym, author of ten novels, including *Quartet in Autumn* and *Some Tame Gazelle*, spent the last 8 years of her life in the village of Finstock, fourteen miles west of Oxford. She lived there with her sister Hilary until her death in 1980. Hilary Pym still lives in the house, known as Barn Cottage, and allowed tour members to enter her home for a brief visit. The Pym visit ended with a visit to her grave at Finstock village church where she regularly attended services.

The tour also included three theater performances. These were Bertolt Brecht's *The Good Person of Szechuan*, Bob Carlton's *Return to the Forbidden Planet*, Alan Jones' *Buddy*, the Buddy Holly story. The most notable of these, Brecht's *The Good Person of Szechuan*, was performed in England's world famous National Theater. The National houses three theaters in one complex. The complex also includes restaurants, a book store, and terraced walks overlooking the Thames.

The tour included one day of full sunshine, a rare event in England in January. Tour participants spent this day at Dover castle, a 12th century

Norman fortress perched high above the white cliffs of Dover overlooking the Channel toward France. The castle surrounds the King's keep and offers many surprises, including Becket's Chapel, secret passageways, and a 350 foot cylinder leading down from the top of the castle to a well that's 150 feet deep. Inhabitants under siege in the highest, most secure area of the castle were assured of a water supply regardless of the duration of the battle.

Tour members stayed in the first class Great Eastern Hotel on Liverpool Street. The hotel is located in the financial district of the City of London, within easy walking distance of St. Paul's Cathedral; the Bank of London, also known as the Old Lady of Threadneedle Street; and the Museum of the City of London, which houses an elaborate exhibit of the London Fire of 1666.

Plans are currently underway for Wilkes Community College's 1990 Christmas tour. If you would like information about this event, contact Becky Mann at 919-651-8738 or Pete Mann at 919-651-8741. Participation is limited and is on a first come, first serve basis.

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WCC Tour Group