

# The Watson Festival

## Just Do It

Well, it's spring again and time for all the great feelings, fun, and games that come with it. In this area, we are blessed not only with natural beauty and genuinely exciting people, but also with an event that is acclaimed as one of the best of its kind in the world. I'm talking about the Fifth Annual Merle Watson Memorial Festival.

Yeah, yeah. I know what kind of image that the Watson Festival conjures up for many of us. We picture a bunch of nice old guys up there pickin' and singin' "She'll be comin' 'round the mountain drinkin' dew!" But let me tell you that what emanates from this campus during that last weekend in April is the hottest, most intense barrage of cutting-edge musicianship that I have ever witnessed. And friends, I have seen a few.



Ricky Skaggs

A lot of folks feel that the music at the Watson Festival is far too different from their musical preference to be fun. However, it couldn't be any further from theirs than it is from mine . . . In the sixties, I cut my teeth on the funky soul music of James Brown, Aretha Franklin, Wilson Pickett and Eric Clapton. I went to more insane rock concerts than I'll ever remember, and was a professional rock and roll singer for seven years. My point is this: Nowadays I won't cross the street to hear a band unless they can really blow me away.

You won't believe the caliber and firepower of these artists. I mean people like Ricky Skaggs, Tony Rice, Alison Krauss, and Emmylou Harris have been putting people on the run all over the world. But perhaps what is most surprising is how powerful

the 100-plus other performers are, and that **on Friday, we students and faculty can experience this magic absolutely free.**

1. In THE PIT starting at 11 AM there will be a guitar championship featuring Doc Watson and dozens more of the world's finest, including Happy Traum, who has been featured in almost every "How To" book, audio, and videotape there is on acoustic instruments.

2. In the ROSE GARDEN at 10 AM you can see world-renowned cloggers "The Fiddle Puppets" along with the Dol McCousey Band, the Tony Rice Unit and 12 other acts.

3. At the CABOOSE at 11 AM, there will be 15 acts, including the Smith Sisters. You can even bring your own axe for an open jam across from the Visitors Center. Faculty and staff get free lunch passes from 11 till 1 to hear Mike Cross at the MAIN-STAGE.

**4. Student tickets for MAINSTAGE events are dang-near FREE!**

Thursday — \$6.00  
Nitty-Gritty Dirt Band & 8 other bands.

Friday — \$10.00  
Ricky Skaggs & 18 other bands.

Saturday — \$15.00  
Alison Krauss, Riders in the Sky & 20 other bands.

Sunday — \$15.00  
Emmylou Harris, Bella Fleck & 16 other bands.

I dare anyone to pay ten times these prices and get as much fine music! The sound system, by Sound Engineering, Inc., is the same stuff that is used by every top band in the business (rock or otherwise). "B" Townes and the hundreds of local volunteers have formulated such a rapid-fire production that the air will never fall silent.

And don't be surprised if your parking routine gets altered slightly. There's plenty of parking up the hill, so I don't want to hear it. People will come to our little county from all over the world just once this year, so come on out and join 'em. Folks will be bending fenders, cruising Movie Maxes in hundreds of towns across the nation while you and your friends are enjoying great food and music in your own back yard.

Parker Steele

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C015 Associate in Fine Arts Degree — Pre-Music	V001 Automotive Body Repair
C018 Associate in Science Degree	T027 Building Construction
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#### Associate in

#### Applied Science Degree

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T030 Administrative Office Tech.	V031 Medical Assisting
T059 Associate Degree Nursing	T179 Radio and TV Broadcasting
T176 Automotive Technology	<b>Certificate Program</b>
T027 Building Construction Tech.	T030 Administrative Office Tech.
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T022 Business Computer Prog.	T018 Business Administration
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T039 Electromechanical Tech.	T045 Electronics Engineering Tech.
T045 Electronics Engineering Tech.	T053 Foodservice Specialist
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## How to Study Smartly

There is a skill you will need to master in order to become a successful student of science or engineering (or any subject). The skill is to study efficiently — to get the most out of the time you set aside for study — to study smartly. You can learn it on your own by following these few simple steps:

1. **Study the most important material first.** Find out which principles and processes you must know for examinations.
2. **Focus on what you have not yet mastered.** What answers did you get wrong on your tests and homework?
3. **Periodically re-study important material.** Re-solve some problems you have already done. This helps you remember important principles.
4. **Do homework within two days.** Get to work right away when your teacher introduces a new subject, a new principle, or a new procedure.
5. **Get help after one hour of fruitless study.** Don't give up, but don't waste any more time. Get help from a tutor, a fellow student, a parent or an instructor.
6. **Join a study group to keep up with homework.** Agree on regular times to meet and help each other with difficult problems and concepts.
7. **Check your academic progress every week.** Develop an "early warning system" of your own. Are you getting behind in homework? Are you getting poor grades? Do you feel you aren't understanding the material? If the answer to any of these is yes, don't wait.
8. **Use the "time-on-task" concept to study well.** Schedule study time and stick to your schedule. Find ways to use your study time more efficiently and ways to reduce the time it takes you to learn.

As you become more efficient in your study, you may want to allow more time for some subjects and less for others. That's fine, but don't give up scheduling. Simply change your schedule. Make new commitments to yourself and keep them. Since time management is basic engineering, you are practicing a skill you will use throughout your engineering career.

## Spring Quarter Bible Studies

Monday Nights 7:00 - 8:00

WCC Technical Arts Building Room 720 - Tory Oak Room