

Phi Theta Kappa Inductions

On Monday, April 19, forty-two new members were inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Fraternity of Community Colleges and two-year junior colleges. One can remain a member through the Alumni Association after graduation. The ceremony was held in the Pit Auditorium, in Thompson Hall. Special guests included Dr. James Randolph, WCC President, and Dr. Bob Thompson, Dean of Student Development. Dr. Randolph presented each new member with Phi Theta Kappa certificates while Dr. Thompson presented the fraternity pins. To become a member of Phi Theta Kappa requires a G.P.A. of 3.50 or above and qualities of leadership, citizenship, and must possess good moral character.

The Initiation was conducted by Phi Theta Kappa officers and advisors which included Bruce Monks, President; Neal Hayes, 1st Vice-President; Greg Greer, 2nd Vice-President; Thelma Walker, Secretary; Dr. Jo Hendrix, Advisor; and Dr. Barbara Holt, Advisor.

— Anita Blackburn

PTK A Real Picnic

Phi Theta Kappa held its first annual Fellowship Picnic on April 28. Members of the club, which is more commonly regarded as an academic and leadership organization, made attempts with neighboring PTK's (such as Surry Community College and Lees-McRae College) to come together in fellowship. Unfortunately, neither sister chapter was able to join our local branch of Alpha Kappa Omega. Nevertheless, the picnic was a shining success with a large member turn-out for the sunny skies, volleyball, food, drinks, and fun! Fun! FUN!!! Members even arrived 30 minutes early with homemade goods in hand, anticipating the day's events.

Phi Theta Kappa has had a busy year, but slowing down is not part of the agenda. Wednesday, May 5 was the annual Bloodmobile which PTK sponsors each spring. Club members arrived bright and early to set up chairs and tables to assist the Red Cross staff as much as possible.

The PTK bookstore raffle was held the following day (Thursday, May 6). For several weeks, members sold raffle tickets for 50¢ each to students and faculty members. A \$50 gift certificate for any bookstore merchandise was awarded to the winner.

On Saturday, May 8, PTK sponsored a Car Wash, to raise club funds, in the parking lot of the Wal-Mart shopping center. Members provided the community with old-fashioned hand-washed service for a mere \$3.00 per car. PTK proved that, once again, if you're not in control of the hose — you're simply ALL WET!

— Sheryl Monks

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box cars, engine and caboose are made of chocolate poured and cut from a template. Inside each box car is white chocolate mousse. There are even railroad ties and tracks made from black and white cookies, a cookie commonly used by chefs in food shows.

Ms. Dillard's creation was selected among approximately 50 entries. She explained it took about 3 weeks to make, with a lot of planning and practice taking place beforehand. Chris Cheap, Chef/Instructor for Hospitality Education at WCC said that Ms. Dillard is "extremely talented."

The technique used to make the figures is called "modeling," and Mr. Cheap explained that Ms. Dillard "learned the art faster than anyone I have ever taught." He also pointed out that the John Sector Award is most often won by professional chefs rather than students.

Ms. Dillard is a sophomore and will graduate this coming May. She hopes to work toward American Culinary Federation certification as a pastry chef. She said that she has always had an interest in baking. Before attending WCC, her hobby had been cake decorating. "I have really learned a lot at WCC," she said.

Immediately after graduation, Ms. Dillard will take her circus characters to Chicago, IL where she will compete in the National Restaurant Show. Mr. Cheap will escort Ms. Dillard and 15 other students on a passenger bus to the show along with other chefs and instructors. Mr. Cheap explained that this is the largest trade show in the United States.

Ms. Dillard lives in Hays, NC with her husband Ronald and their 3 year old daughter, Laura.

Claire Bost

WCC Talent Show

On Tuesday, April 20 more than a dozen students, faculty and staff performed in a talent show in the TH Commons. In addition to entertaining the crowd, these artists were competing for a \$75 First Prize and a \$25 Second Prize. Talent ranged from dance and song to rap and a barber-shop quartet. Winners, pictured here, were Peanut, who performed a rap song - first place; and Bodia, who sang - second place.

— Joe Correll

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sustenance. I've seen a spirit open a locked door; that door will never close again.

These miracles, and many more, were experienced during the Sixth Annual Merle Watson Memorial Festival. The actual count of people involved is probably in error, but the miracles were real. These miracles have been returning every year since the festival first started.

People were blessed by the sweet spirit of Merle Watson for four days and nights — April 29 through May 2. I was blessed; people from all over this country and the rest of the world were on the campus of WCC. I met people from Wilkesboro to Washington State, from Miller's Creek to Montreal, Canada, from Fairplains to France, and from Jonesville to Japan. They all came with a common interest — to hear Merle's music. They heard his music, and the music he loved in life; through Bluegrass music, Merle spoke to each and every visitor.

One of the sweetest miracles which I was privileged to witness was the children's singer "Raffle." For a thirty minute period on Sunday afternoon, the adults in attendance gave most of the front area of the audience over to thousands of children who were fed by the love this man poured from his heart. I, too, enjoyed his music immensely. Since I was occupied as an attendant, I was unable to see this man's act directly, but I could see it in the eyes of all the children.

Finally, but not the least of miracles, was a spirit that would not accept defeat. Though the festival was not permitting some festivities, many people chose to oppose authority and enjoy the show their way. Something about this spoke to me. I caught the fever of happiness. I began to dance. I began to sing. I began to enjoy myself. I began to understand jubilee.

Yes, I believe in miracles. So call me a fool. I wait in wonder for another miracle to happen.

"Woody" Woodside



Answers to Whiz Quiz

1—Winter. 2—Charleston, SC. 3—Silk. 4—Mississippi. 5—Japan. 6—Danube. 7—Laos. 8—Bangladesh and Pakistan. 9—Poland. 10—Peru. 11—Texas. 12—staple. 13—equal elevations. 14—Valdez.

