



# The Cougar Cry



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## Who's Who Chosen



Melinda Jane Anderson, Mildred Sue Call, Patricia Hike Canter, Cynthia Dianne Poindexter, Todd Wayne Holland, Selena Jolly Metz, Jason Paul Maloney, Sheryl Stout Ransom, William Adam Huffman, Kimberly Ann Morris, George Daniel Hopkins, Jody Wayne Miller, Christopher Mark Elder, Shumaila Rashid Khan, Robin Walker Janes, Margaret Diane Howell, Stephanie LeAnne Foster, Thomas Edward Walton.

## Cheerleader Squad Formed



Cheerleaders the "Cougar Cubs" Sherrie Boggs, Kelly Dellinger, Theresa Foster, and Heather Miller.

This year's students expressed an interest in starting a cheerleading squad at Wilkes Community College. After many trials and tribulations, we were able to pull a group together. We have helped support the athletic program and represent WCC as a whole since our introduction in the fall of '94. The participants for this year are Sherrie Boggs, Kelly Dellinger,

Theresa Foster, Heather Miller and Katy Jo Colbert. The sponsor for the squad is Kaylynn Horn. Sherrie says that she "is glad we started the squad because not only is it a pep booster for the team, I have made close friends."

Theresa Foster agrees by saying that "the squad has made my first year at the college a blast!" Heather Miller states "I hope that by sharing our

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## Valentine: Be Mine!

St. Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, has, alas, nothing to do with either of the two St. Valentines recorded in history or with any recorded incident in their lives such as the legendary farewell note to the jailer's daughter signed, "From your Valentine." As a matter of fact, history cannot decide whether there were two St. Valentines or just one with two similar, yet different, life stories. Of course, for the truly romantic, there is always the more incredible belief that birds begin mating on Feb. 14 and so humans choose their mates then as well. (Probably just for the birds.)

However, don't despair. The Romans seem to have celebrated the fertility Feast of Lupercalia, dedicated to the pastoral god Lupercus and the goddess of love Juno, on Feb. 15. (Close enough). As part of the festivities, Roman young women placed their names in an urn in the public square and bachelors were entitled to draw one to determine their "blind dates" for the coming year.

In later years, the French and English had similar ceremonies. In France couples were given one year to marry or part company. (Very sensible.)

Paper valentines date back only to the 16th century and were probably the first of all greeting cards. By 1800 handpainted copperplates were produced to meet the ever increasing demand, followed by woodcuts and lithographs.

Nowadays, Valentine's Day is not confined to the sending of heartfelt or humorous greeting cards. Gifts of all kinds are exchanged to symbolize love and affection.

May thy Valentine be thine this Feb. 14...

