



Cougar Cry



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Phi Theta Kappa Attends Regional Convention

By Sandy Sheets



Wilkes Community College Phi Theta Kappa students and advisor win distinguished honors at regional convention. Front row, left to right: Amanda Trivette; Joanna Barelski; Monica Whitworth; and Sherry Van Etten. Back row, left to right: Dr. Barbara Holt, Phi Theta Kappa advisor who received the Distinguished Advisor Award; Beth Blevins; and Dr. Gordon Burns, WCC president, who expressed congratulations from the college family.

The Wilkes Community College Alpha Kappa Omega chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society walked away from the 1997 Regional Convention with eight awards. Phi Theta Kappa is an honorary scholastic fraternity for community, junior and technical colleges. Its purpose is to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students. To achieve this purpose, Phi Theta Kappa provides opportunity for the development of leadership and service, for an intellectual climate for exchange of ideas and ideals, for lively fellowship for scholars, and for stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence. But Phi Theta Kappa is more than a social club or

a list of names. Its members enter into an intellectual and cultural fellowship that extend beyond a particular campus to regional and national networks. Through the achievement of these goals, Phi Theta Kappans continue to enrich themselves, their communities and society. For these reasons, to be recognized through awards at the annual convention is exceptionally rewarding for these students and a great source of pride for Wilkes Community College.

The Five-Star Awards Program recognizes chapter progress toward goals the chapter sets as a group. WCC's
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Action!

By Allison Leeds

How are the soaps, sitcoms, documentaries and nightly news shows created? What gives those authoritative anchors and animated D.J.'s their composure and stage presence? Wilkes Community College RTV students know! For over two decades WCC has answered these questions through intensive training in the Radio and Television Broadcasting Technology program, or "RTV" as it is known. Originally under the direction of the late Dr. Al Stanley, students have since landed satisfying, lucrative broadcasting careers.

Today's RTV program is more valuable than ever! Doug Smith, instructor, talks the talk and walks the walk of the broadcasting industry due to years of experience: four years of college radio while doing undergraduate studies in Vermont; three years in technical and supervisory TV positions at WNNE in White River Junction, VT; and another three years in television as Program Director and Operations Manager at WGME, Portland, Maine. Additionally, he has completed two years of graduate school at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Clearly, we can boast about professional staffing in the RTV program! Doug's insights, coupled with studio quality equipment, afford students the knowledge and skills needed for a wide variety of employment opportunities.

An estimated three-quarters of a million Americans are employed in the electronic media field. To meet job requirements, the RTV curriculum includes hands-on technical training in the operation of editing, lighting, camera, and control board equipment. Students
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