

WCC Student Showcase & World Cultural Celebration: By Donny Elder

This past May at WCC, we hosted the Student Showcase and World Celebration. It was held on May 4, 2001 in the Walker Center. Dr. Karen Staten was the person in charge of coordinating the cultural celebration. Her committee included Al de Lachica, Kim Faw, Arlene Handy, Diane Harper, Scott Johnson, Donna McNeil, and Dr. Walt Plexico. The event had a good turn out number for both the showcase and cultural celebration. A variety of displays were organized by many of the academic programs.

The Architecture students displayed house plans and brochures. Art students showed artwork by faculty, staff and students. Automotive students displayed pictures and brochures. Biology classes displayed their cat dissection, wild edible plants, plant medicines, emerging infectious diseases and AIDS awareness info. Broadcasting students had disc jockeys and brochures. Building Construction students displayed blueprints and brochures. The Child Development Center posted children's art work. The Computer Programming students showed a display of RPG, C++ and Java programs. The Dental Assisting students displayed their dental clinic projects. Early Childhood students gave us multicultural folktales and a flannel board story display. Economics students displayed published student letters. The Education students displayed their portfolio of lesson plans and their ideas of being our future teachers. The Electronics students displayed electronic equipment and gave out brochures. The English/Literature students showed a collection of essays, professional reports and creative writing assignments. Heavy Equipment/Diesel students had a display of pictures and brochures. Horticulture students had plants, pictures and brochures for their display. Humanities/Southern Culture students did collages, writings on Southern icons, places and folk activities and musical performances. Industrial Maintenance students had robotics, pictures and brochures. Information Systems/Office Systems Tech students displayed desktop publishing projects, word processing and spreadsheet projects. The library staff displayed local and oral history information. Medical Assisting students showed their nutrition projects. Nursing students gave everyone free blood pressure checks. Religion students displayed their portfolios of Religion in America. Sociology students displayed pictures and projects and also a video of class activities and a "Wall of Respect for Diversity." WCC international students showed up for us to meet them and we had many students from South Africa, Germany, Kosovo and other countries here at WCC.

The showcase also had a lot of activities for all ages to enjoy. Outdoors there were displays of race cars and diesel vehicles. Dr. Staten also had WCC drama students to perform and Sarah Jane Masterson, Meredith Johnston and the WCC student choir

to sing for us.

Performances were also provided by 3rd Dimension (Christian rock band), a Spanish guitarist, and a humorous interpretation. Dr. Staten also had some of our community people to help get involved. They were the Acappella Choir from the First Baptist Church in North Wilkesboro, a Non-denominational, Multi-cultural Choir from Cornerstone Church, and our Steppin'Stones cloggers. The showcase and cultural event had plenty of games for all ages to attend and crafts and story telling for us to enjoy. The WCC culinary students are owed a big thank you for the ice sculpture of the Eiffel Tower and the wonderful buffet that they cooked up for us to eat. I would like to thank personally Dr. Staten for all the hard work that she put into this event to make it happen and to all the help that she had with the staff too. Dr. Staten would like to thank all the students and staff and performers for the help in this event and for making this happen for everyone to see here at WCC.

Ridgecrest Trip by Tim Pennell

On June 18-22 over 450 youth, from all over the country, gathered at the Lifeway Baptist Center at Ridgecrest, NC. I was very blessed to attend. The title of this conference was "How Now Shall We Live?" This conference was 5 days of praising, worshiping, and learning about God. My church sent 18 of us and we all agreed that we have never had so much fun praising and worshiping God. Everyday had its own specific schedule. We had a morning devotional, worship, and bible study. We also had an evening worship and then we divided into our church groups and had reflections and devotionals on the day. Every day we divided up into our "teams," which were our respective age groups where we were taught in depth about how to live and witness in this modern day life. We had no television there which was great because we could devote our free time to study the Bible. The closest thing that we had to TV was movie clips from The Prince of Egypt, Liar Liar, and The Waterboy. All of these clips were used to tie in all that we had learned on the day. All in all, the week was AWESOME! God was definitely in our midst. Tears fell, miracles happened, and friendships were made to last a lifetime. I know that the youth of our church became even closer by the end of the week. I thank God everyday for giving us the opportunity to go.



Lunch Break

What is it called when you spend 25 minutes looking for restaurant, 20 minutes finding a place to park, 15 minutes standing in line to place your order, 10 minutes waiting for your food, and five minutes trying to locate an empty table? Fast food.

—Scott McLaughlin