## **Spring Lecture Series**

By Scott Johnson

Wilkes Community College is proud to announce the schedule of guest speakers and activities planned for the spring 2005 Lecture Series. The focus of the lecture series is to provide programs designed to enhance leadership, intellectual, cultural and personal development for students. A philosophy of the college is to encourage a wide variety of programs that contribute to the holistic development of students, and the upcoming semester's events reflect a diversity of programs that includes speakers from across North Carolina. The schedule listed below provides more details on these events and all sessions are open to the general public. Please remember that seating will be limited for some of the activities. For more information, call 336-838-6142.

Donna Edsel, Cooperative Extension Director, will be speaking on Balancing Your Life. This program is designed to help participants learn more about balancing work, family and personal time. The Balancing Your Life Seminar will be on February 15 at 12:15 p.m. in room 1112 of the Student and Learning Resources Center (limited seating).

Meet ASU Chancellor, Kenneth Peacock:Dr. Peacock will provide an opportunity for individuals to learn more about some of the opportunities offered by Appalachian State University that will enable them to continue building upon their education. Dr. Harry Williams, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Services and Associate Vice Chancellor for Diversity, will also be speaking with Chancellor Peacock. This event will be on February 22 at 12:15 p.m. in the Pit Auditorium of Thompson Hall.

Wanda Starke, WXII 12 News co-anchor, will share her Career Story on March 23 at 12 noon in the Pit Auditorium of Thompson Hall. Ms. Starke plans to talk about her career in broadcasting and share some thoughts on components of successful leadership.



Wanda Starke and Sherry Mabry

Nolan Belk and Julie Mullis, WCC Instructors, will present Still Killing Us Softly on March 24, at 12:30 p.m. in room 1112 of the Student and Learning Resources Center (limited seating). Still Killing Us Softly is a 30-minute video that examines the image of women in advertising. After the video presentation there will be a discussion facilitated by Belk and Mullis.

Life & Times of Fannie Lou Haymer will be presented by The Touring Theatre Ensemble of NC on March 30<sup>th</sup> in the Pit Auditorium in Thompson Hall at 12:00 noon. In this play, the late Haymer narrates her life story. Using supporting voices, Haymer is unflinching and unapologetic in recounting her life as a sharecropper and a freedom fighter in rural Mississippi. She is an unsung heroine of the Civil Rights Movement.

Tony Peacock, World Champion Hollerer, will talk about Southern Culture and Hollering. Peacock will tell stories about growing up in rural eastern NC and learning to holler. He will also do some hollers and explain their meanings. This program is scheduled for April 20 in the Pit Auditorium in Thompson Hall at 1 p.m.

Southern Culture and Appalachian Music will be presented by R.G. Absher and Randy Gambill (of the musical group R.G. Absher & Extra Measure) on April 27 at 3:00 p.m. in the Pit Auditorium in Thompson Hall. Mr. Absher will talk about the Celtic connections of Appalachian music and play his hammer dulcimer, banjo, and other instruments as examples.

