

Lakeland's First Talent Show

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From singing and dancing to fire-eating productions, the first annual talent show proved to be a success for first time talent and fund raising to help benefit three different scholarship funds.

The talent show was held in the Performing Arts Center on Feb. 21, 2001 offering guests anything from coffee, pastries and most of all entertainment. The cover charge was \$5.00 to see the talent this year and all the money earned was forwarded to the scholarship funds for the students at Lakeland.

Lakeland plans to hold another talent show next year,

"Next year we hope to start the planning in advertising for it sooner so we have more time to actually get it out to students," Lisa Latz, Lakeland Police Officer said. Lisa was also involved in planning and putting together the talent show.

The students involved in this year's talent show received fifty-dollar gift certificates and a T-shirt who placed in first.

The staff involved was honored with 1st place ribbons as honorable mentions.

The idea for this talent show came from Chief McBride, Chief of Lakeland Police. This idea was a very interesting approach for

benefiting scholarships that benefit the students here at Lakeland.

"We are hoping next year to get a lot more anticipation, but at the time we had both basketball teams out of town," Latz said.

"If we can get some of the athletes involved they will bring along other students."

Board Member Ray McGinnis was the master of ceremony. He did a welcome and he introduced each act.

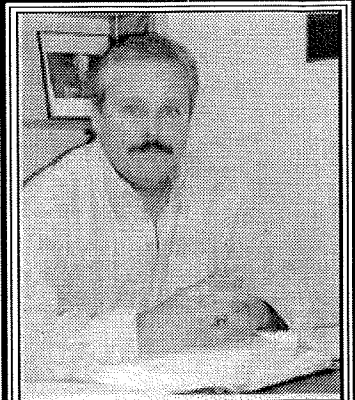
Some of the acts included cheerleading acts, poetry, and piano pieces. Some acts were funny and some were more serious.

Lakeland's first year talent show seemed to be a success and hopefully will expand next year.

"With a little more organization we can get things flowing more smoothly, but everything seemed to be really good for the first show," Latz said.

A thank you goes out to Chief McBride, with the police department, Evelyn Grady, Lisa Latz, and Paula Tyson for arranging the talent show. Also, a special thanks goes out to Frank Kitchen, student activities and everyone else involved in making this talent show a success.

The Lakeland's Faculty of the Issue



Teacher Jim Dailey

Dailey is teaching two classes this semester, Art Appreciation, and Intro to Humanities. He has been teaching at Lakeland for two years. Once the owner of Art Avenue in Great Lakes Mall and a hobby in glass-blowing, Dailey gives an edge to the humanities classroom. He said he is here for the sheer joy of teaching, and with a great appreciation for art he can make any student learn and enjoy it.

"Laughter is the key ingredient in the classroom. It keeps students on their toes, it keeps the learning environment less oppressive and it is one of the most crucial aspects to teaching at any level," Dailey said.

Dailey brings lightness and energy to the classroom along with a student, teacher camaraderie that combine to create greater academics and greater minds.