



# Cougar Cry



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## A Welcome From Our President

Whether you are a new or returning student, welcome to Wilkes Community College. To continue your education is one of the most important decisions you will make concerning your future, and I am glad you have decided to make WCC a part of your education. You have placed confidence in us by choosing WCC as your college, and our faculty and staff are eager to prove themselves worthy of your trust. It is our belief that education is a life-long journey and we here at WCC are dedicated to ensuring your success as you continue that educational journey.

The people you will meet, work with, and learn from at WCC are some of the best in the educational field. Our highly qualified faculty and staff are caring and dedicated individuals who are committed to making your learning experiences challenging and rewarding. Our goal is your success.

This is an exciting time, as we are now operating on a semester calendar. What this means to you is that, should you decide to



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transfer to a senior college or university, the transition will be a smooth and successful one.

Also, we are constructing a new Learning Resources and Student Center which we plan to occupy in 1998. Although the construction is now causing some parking woes, the benefits of this beautiful new facility will be well worth it. The replacement of the exterior and renovation of the John A. Walker Community Center is also planned for this year. We know you join us in taking pride in our beautiful campus and facilities.

Again, welcome and thank you for choosing Wilkes Community College. You are why we are here. I look forward to sharing a great year with you!

## Clingman Family Resource Center Is Bursting at the Seams

By Regina Dimmette

The purpose of our program is to provide families with an opportunity to learn, grow, and play together. Students who come to the Resource Center to finish their high school education also bring their preschool children with them. Their children are enrolled in our child development program where they are exposed to activities to develop their social and emotional skills, cognitive learning, language skills, gross and fine motor skills, self-help skills, and pre-writing skills. Children enjoy a recreation area that has a beautiful playground, basketball court that they can ride tricycles and other riding toys, a ball field, and a walking track. We have grown so large that our child care area is now divided into three areas, one for infants, one for toddlers, and one for preschoolers (ages 3-5 years).

Parents are now involved in a wellness program. They learn about nutrition by having cooking classes where they learn to prepare foods that are low in salt, su-

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