



# COUGAR CRY



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## What Do Freshmen Think of WCC?

Several freshman students have been surveyed on their opinions of WCC while attending a session of the Student Success Class(ACA 111). Listed below are some of the comments that were received by these new students.

### What do you like most about WCC?

- "Independence." Amanda Holloway
- "It gives you interesting classes and subjects." Melissa Billings
- "The people are friendly." Raina King
- "Student activities." Wendy Oakley
- "The atmosphere, people and surroundings." Jamee Millsaps
- "Friendly people and staff. Small classes." Maria Hamby
- "Caring environment." Amanda Shumate
- "The faculty and staff make you feel at home." Michael Mackey
- "Staff try to help you." Tony Perkins
- "The small classes that create a one on one contact with the teacher." anonymous
- "It's got nice people." anonymous
- "Teachers treat you like adults." Jaret Hemrick
- "It has more choices than other community colleges" Benita Martin
- "Friendly people and the beautiful campus." Christy Riddle
- "It seemed that my instructors went out of their way to help." Juliet Prevette

### What was the biggest challenge you faced during your first week at WCC?

- "Getting to class on time." Bradley Hayes

- "Remembering where classes were." Steven Norris
- "Trying to find a parking space." Jaret Hemrick
- "Getting my schedule fixed." Sirena Jordan
- "Sifting through all the class expectations and assignments." Amanda Holloway
- "Remembering my schedule." Jeanette Carroll
- "My biggest challenge was leaving my 2 year old at daycare all day and being here at 8 a.m." Melissa Billings
- "Not knowing many people. I came from Starmount." Raina King
- "Getting used to the homework." Jamee Millsaps
- "Getting adjusted to the scheduling and managing your time." Michael Mackey
- "It has been so long since I was in school, it was just a challenge to learn how to do homework again and study." Lisa Cox

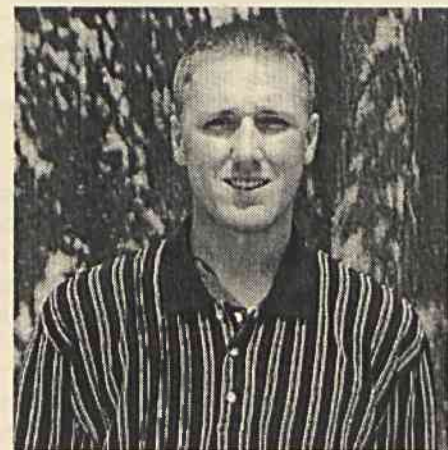
### Is there anything you would like to see changed at WCC?

- "More intercollegiate sports." Eric Marley
- "More parking." Dawn Taylor
- "More lower parking." Shena Bare
- "Larger classes need to be put in larger rooms." Elena Everton
- "The registration process. Maybe it could be done by a telephone electronically." Maria Hamby
- "Have a football team." Bradley Hayes
- "Escalator up the "mountain" of steps." David Bauguess

## Shawn Yambor Receives Distinguished Academic All-American Award

By Sandy Sheets

After graduating from high school, Shawn Yambor attended a community college near his home for about six months. Shawn was active in sports during his high school years and found that going to class daily, without the outlet of playing sports, was monotonous. He quit college and resigned himself to working without any further education when he was contacted by Kerry Nichols. Head coach of the Wilkes Community College baseball team, Nichols had seen Shawn play baseball and knew of his love for the game. Shawn was injured playing ball his senior year in high school and was told by doctors that he would not be able to pitch ball again. "When Coach Nichols offered me a second chance to play ball," states Yambor, "I knew I had to go to Wilkes Community College. He (Nichols) believed in me and I proved to myself that I could do it."



Not only has Shawn proven that he can be a winner on the pitcher's mound, he has also proven himself a winner in the classroom. In August, 1997, Shawn was notified that he had achieved the honor of being recognized by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) as a Distinguished Academic All-American in both the Sport and Academic categories. To qualify as an academic all-American by sport, a student athlete must have completed three semesters

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## Dates To Remember

November 27 & 28	Thanksgiving Holiday (College Closed)
December 2 - 5	Early Registration (Tues 8am-9pm; Wed-Fri 8am-4pm)
December 15 - 17	Final Exams
December 17	Last Day of Classes
January 6	Registration Day (9am-8pm)
January 7	First Day of Classes for Spring Semester