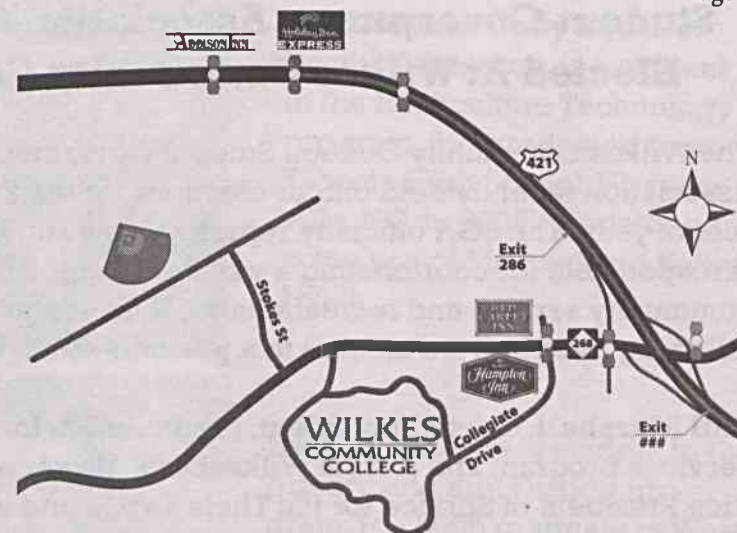


# Sports

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Map to WCC's New Baseball Field

## The Lady Cougar's Best Yet!

In the world of Lady Cougar sports, the women's basketball team had its best year in the history of the team. Finishing the regular season with 16 wins, the Lady Cougars put together a season worth talking about.

Losing three of their first four games, the team did not get discouraged. After their initial 1-3 start, the Lady Cougars won twelve out of their next fourteen games. With the post season in mind, the team put health at the top of their priorities. The women then lost five of their last seven games. The end of the season for the Cougars was bittersweet with a loss in the first round of the tournament. Although the 2005/2006 campaign ended on a low, the season as a whole brought pride to the program and to WCC.



## New Baseball Field

Over the last year a project for the baseball team and college has been the new baseball field. I am happy to announce the new field is finished, and the 2006 season is underway. The former field was shared with Wilkes Central High. Both the baseball program and WCC are happy to have a field to call their own.

### A building season

The Cougar men's basketball season started out with few expectations due to a 1-30 showing in the 2004/2005 season. With a talented class of freshmen coming in and a returning class of five sophomores, the team knew it was a building block year. After winning two out of their first five games, the players were optimistic about their year. On December 6th the Cougars were 2-6 and knew something had to change. That night they played Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute and prevailed 87-85. Four days later, rival opponents Louisburg College rolled into town. December 10th proved to be a highlight in the 2005/2006 season. The Cougars downed Louisburg 77-62 and ended the first semester with back-to-back home wins.

The spring semester proved to be a long, hard road filled with close losses. After beating Danville Community College 98-77 on January 14th, the Cougars failed to win again until a month and a day later. Despite the long winning drought, the Cougars still made it to the Region X tournament for the first time in Coach Ian Adam's tenure. In order to place in the tournament, WCC had to compete in a Play-in game, and as fate would have it, the opponents were none other than Louisburg. Adams called reaching the tournament a milestone for the season.

Overall the 2005/2006 campaign, although ending with a losing record, was a successful season of building and growing. The Cougars have nine returning players with game experience and three who practiced with the team until being declared academically ineligible. The 2006/2007 campaign looks to have extremely optimistic expectations.