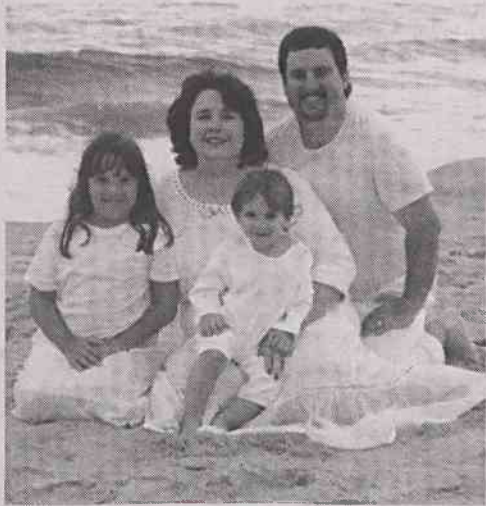


H O L I D A Y G R A M S



Merry Christmas Mel, Allie and Gabel!
Love,
Brian

Dear Kevin,
I love you and am so happy to spend another Christmas with you. I love you baby,
Love,
Your Babydoll,
Loni

Kyle Jordan, Kim Jordan, and Renea Taylor,
I hope you a great Thanksgiving and Christmas. You are great friends. I am blessed to have friends like you!

Love ya,
Kim Taylor

Dear Members of OWFC,
Happy Christmas. Lay off the eggnog. I remember last year guys. Okay, maybe I don't. I may miss you guys during those three weeks but I know where you all live and I will have pie to take away my loneliness. Illiteracy Prevails!

Shvic

Studios,
Your smile makes me giggle and long to be held in your long masculine arms. Come help me keep my house warm.

Red

Dear Chad Treadway,
Merry Christmas Super Chad! May you recive many great gifts!

From: Your Minnie Mouse

Sierra Phipps,
Hey Sierra. I love you!

Love,
Charles Miller

Holly Sweet,
Thank you for being the very best friend I could have for the past 12 years. I love you girl!
Kayla Bowlin

Sean Graham,
You are too cute!! What captivating eyes!
Merry Christmas! Wonder Who I Am?

To the OTFW,
Merry Christmas you bunch of goobers.
Sara Watson

To Peggy McCard,
Everyone should have a mom as cool as you. I love you so much. You are the best present I have ever received. Thank you so much for all the presents this is going to get me. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Jessica McCard

All of WCC Students,
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Michael Miller

Dear Father Neilson,
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
From,
All of your alter boys
From all of the Cougar Cry Staff,
Merry Christmas to you during this wonderful time of the year.

Digging, clawing, and scratching

By Michel Blevins

After starting 2-7, the Lady Cougar volleyball team had a remarkable second half digging, clawing, and scratching themselves out of the hole they were in. Any other sports team that started a season of 22 games with a record of 2-7 would have hung their heads, fooled around, and finished just as they had started. Although the ladies finished the regular season with a .500 record of 11-11, fifth in the conference, they earned the respect of many people with a stong finished.

Here are some stats: six of the eleven wins were 3-0 shutouts, and the woman posted three wins where the opposition only won one match. In the second half of the season the team's hitting efficiency increased over 5%. Five of our women were ranked in the top 50 nationwide in Aces per Game;

- Jessica Yearick 7th
- Sara Bauguess 19th
- Leah Gambill 24th
- Jessica Hardy 27th
- Kasey Sutts 45th

These rankings are for individual placement in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). Involving are one hundred and two schools. Amber Hamby finished the season ranked number 25th in the country with 4.963 digs per game. Sara Bauguess ended the season ranked 41st with 7.875 assists per game. Finally, Leah Gambill was ranked 49th in the nation with 3.325 kills per game.

The Lady Cougars made Wilkes Community College, the Cougar Cry, and Wilkes County proud. To fight back from an abysmal 2-7 record, and to finish the year winning nine of their last thirteen games, that's heart.

See stats at www.NCJAA.org

Lowes Hall Update

By Keisha Call

The new Lowes Hall is a magnificent facility being constructed where the old James Larkin Pearson building used to stand between Thompson Hall and Alumni Hall. It is close to being finished and only the punch list, is what has to be completed before occupation, needs to be addressed.

Staff and faculty plan to move in before winter break, but classes will not be held in the new building until the spring semester. Lowes Hall will also be a showcase for the James Larkin Pearson collection.

The new building is 33,000 square feet and cost \$6.4 million, 96% of which was funded by the Next Step Campaign, Plan One. It will house new science labs, lecture halls, and classrooms for biology, chemistry, and physical science.

There will also be ten computer labs and two cyber classrooms. Two elevators with glass backs overlook the atrium. Lowes Hall can be accessed from Randolph Hall, Thompson Hall, Alumni Hall, and from the parking lots. Parking will increase after the project is completed because many spaces are vurrently being used for construction equipment. The dedication for Lowes Hall will be March 29, 2007.



Goldilocks and the 3 Bears:

Left to right: Jayne Phipps-Boger, Director - Alleghany Center; Jackie Bryan, Student Services Counselor Associate; Kathryn Abernathy, Administrative Assistant; and Benita Hampton, Instructor/Coordinator.

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