



# The Cougar Cry

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## 270 Degrees Given At WCC

### ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

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### ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE

William Dwight Billings, James Douglas Blackburn, John Russell Byrd, John Robert Canter, Debra Joyce Eller, Randy Douglas Miller, Wayne Scott Shumate, Kenneth W. Smith.

### ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREES

#### Accounting Technology

Robert Clyde Edminston, Cathy Phillips Howell, Brenda Beshears Lowe, Margaret Arlene Royal, Elizabeth Ann Smith, Johnny Frank Wilborn, Tony Eugene Wilson.

#### Building Construction Technology

Jack Rupert Bower, Thomas Wayne Davis, Gary Thomas Hayes, Alan Scott Loy, Elton Van Matthews, Jr., Roger Eugene Moose, Thomas Edison Sexton.

#### Business Administration Technology

Eyda Bruniselda Bennett, French Parker Blevins, James

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### NEWSPAPER WINS AWARD

THE WILKES COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEWSPAPER, THE COUGAR CRY WON A TOP AWARD IN A SOUTHEAST USA JUDGING OF COLLEGE NEWSPAPERS AND YEARBOOKS AT SAVANNAH STATE COLLEGE, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA. COMPETITION WAS OPEN TO ALL TWO- AND FOUR- YEAR COL-

LEGES AND WAS JUDGED BY JOURNALISM INSTRUCTORS AND PROFESSIONAL NEWSPAPER EDITORS FROM THROUGHOUT THE SOUTHEAST. OF A POSSIBLE 50 POINTS ON THE JUDGING SCALE THE COUGAR CRY WAS AWARDED A SCORE OF 43.

## 212 GRADUATES - 270 DEGREES

Graduates only, are allowed to read this.

Well, it's finally here — I thought it never would come, and it's a little hard to believe. What has it all meant? How will the rest of my life be affected by the time I spent at Wilkes Community College? Was it worth it? Could I have put my time to better advantage somewhere else?

These are some of the questions that we are all asking, and they are questions that we should ask. The answer to these questions we have known all the time, and were reminded of again when our learning experience started at WCC. This writer remembers Bob Thompson and John Idol giving the answer to these questions during orientation two years ago. They each said, "The value of what you receive while you are here will be in direct proportion to your investment." Is it not true? Understanding the truth of that statement certainly must be somewhere near the beginning of knowledge. And that is kinda what college is all about anyway.

Graduation is very special and perhaps like beauty, it is in the eye of the beholder. It means

different things to different people. It is a ceremony that is a tribute to the student who has stuck it out, worked, and done the things required to earn the degree. However, it goes a step beyond that. The real tribute belongs to the people who put it all together, and made quality education available on a local level.

We feel pretty good about ourselves right about now. Everyone is telling us how smart we are. We've been to college for two years (or whatever), and now we are graduating. Everyone wishes us luck in whatever we do. We have the world by the tail. Look out world.

All the while, the people who did as much for us as we did for ourselves are preparing to start all over again. Another new bunch will be coming along soon, and their work will start all over again, never ending.

The faculty, staff, and administration have a job to do, and primarily that job is to impart knowledge, to make us smart enough to earn our degrees. No, we don't get all the credit, not nearly. You say, "That's what

they are paid for." True, but surely you will agree that we have at our college the cream of the crop, the top notch. Anyway, to make a long story short — don't get to big headed as to believe you did it all yourself. Take a few minutes this week to express your feelings to that special teacher

who helped you "above and beyond the call." That will serve two purposes. It will let them know their "above and beyond" was not in vain, and it will help keep you humble.

CONGRATULATIONS!  
John Cashion

### DEDICATION

He's been a one-man Public Relations Department for campus cohorts, from peers to president. He's boosted causes: the Symphony, College Theatre, Dr. Thompson Day, Pitch-In, and Spring Fling.

He's led a super student government organization and edited an award-winning campus newspaper. The wonder is that he's found time to complete a degree program, but the word is that he just may make it.

Our grapevine gazette tells us, happily, that he'll be hanging around to help us out here.

"Newspaperpersons try not to make news," advised journalism class guest, Rebel Good.

But for one young man it's been nigh on too impossible. While passing out orchids to everyone else, he too has been making news despite the Tribune editor's admonition.

So, without permission from or prior knowledge of our editor, we dedicate this issue of the Cougar Cry to (thought you'd never guess!) JOHN CASHION.

THE COUGAR CRY STAFF