



The Cougar Cry

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"WCC Winners of Volleyball Tournament"



WILKES COMMUNITY COLLEGE COUGARS ARE CONFERENCE AND TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS! - The members of this championship team are: (first row, left to right) Charlie Huffman, Scott Farrington, Travis Anderson, Jennifer Townsell, Kelly Trivette; (second row left to right) Richard Fink, Phillip Rasnick, April Edwards, Scottie Lambert, Shaunda Handy. (Photo by Bob Thompson)

Wilkes Community College Takes The Tournament

After an undefeated regular season of volleyball in the Western Tarheel Conference, the Cougars of Wilkes Community College traveled to Lenoir ranked #1 in the post-season tournament. Receiving a "by" in the first round, Wilkes began play against Caldwell Community College, the host school. The match started quickly as Shaunda Handy served four straight points, 2 as aces. Caldwell soon rallied to bring the game close 8 - 8. The Cougars eventually won the match 2-0 with powerful play from Richard Fink and Travis Anderson and consistent serving from the entire team. "We concentrated hard on serving this past week in practice, I guess it really paid off for us." (Coach Smith).

Venturing into the next round, the Cougars met the defending tournament champions Catawba Valley Community College. As he did in so many other games this year, Fink started out the match with a flurry of powerful serves. Anderson added to the point spread with his unique jump serving ace. "There was also great hustle plays by Jennifer (Townsell) and April (Edwards)

on defense," recalls Coach Smith. "Our motto this year was 'nothing drops' (meaning that no easy balls would land around us). To this point, very few had." After winning game one, the Cougars fell asleep and were pounded by CVCC 10-15 in game two. However, the final game of the match brought the team together. Blocking and team communication played key roles in this game. CVCC was noted in the scouting report to primarily use the dink shot, not the spike. Using the team's height, the Cougars recorded 7 blocks against the soft-hitting CVCC team. With all of the players working together, the Cougars took control of the game and won the final game 15-11, completing the match 2-1. The next step for the Cougars was to play for the tournament championship against Caldwell.

"Caldwell was definitely the toughest team we've played all year. Their tall, left-handed kid could really hit the ball. He gave us some tough plays to try to defend." Bringing a perfect 10-0 record to the finals, the Cougars were poised

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Burr Visits Beacon Building

Congressman Richard Burr from Winston-Salem visited Wilkes Community College's Beacon Building Monday night on October 23 for the facility's open house and assisted in the ribbon cutting officially opening the new WCC Child Development Center.

Congressman Burr said to a crowd of parents, teachers, WCC officials and others, "This is a great example of what the public and private areas of our community can do together. We don't realize what an asset we have in our community colleges. When we compare ourselves to other states, we can realize that we have tools for education that other states do not have."

Barbie Anderson, director of the child development center said the center has space for 50 children, aged six months to five years. However, there is a waiting list at this time.

"We are a learning lab in which we model quality child care," said Ms. Anderson. She continued, "This is also a learning facility where students in the child care programs at WCC can get practical training."

Phi Theta Kappa Convention - Raleigh

On Saturday, November 4, Alpha Kappa Omega traveled to Wake Technical Community College in Raleigh for the second Phi Theta Kappa Presidential Workshop. This conference was attended by Dr. Jo Hendrix, Christine Boulton, Amber Burgess, Elaine Lineberger, and Christy Blevins.

This conference gave Phi Theta Kappa Members from the Carolina's region the opportunity to prepare for the upcoming Regional and International Phi Theta Kappa competitions. The regional director, Joan Keller and her cadre of regional officers provided members with information concerning Hallmark essays and other areas of competition.

The Presidential Workshop also represented the last opportunity for Phi Theta Kappa members to officially gather during the year 1995. 1996, however, will provide Phi Theta Kappa members with many more chances to meet. In March of 1996, the Carolina's region has scheduled a Regional Convention at Hilton Head Beach and Tennis Resort in Hilton Head, South Carolina. This three day event will allow time for members to have fun and fellowship as well as conduct Phi Theta Kappa business. In April of the same year, Alpha Kappa Omega plans to journey to Washington, DC for the annual International Convention.

In Memory of Mrs. Sara Whittington



Mrs. Sara Whittington, a Nursing Instructor at Wilkes Community College, departed from this life on October 3, 1995. She had been ill for several weeks. Mrs. Whittington had been with the College for fourteen years. Prior to this she was a nurse at Wilkes Regional Medical Center (former Wilkes General Hospital when she was employed there.)

Mrs. Whittington was married to Joseph R. Whittington. They have two children, Kimberley W. Nixon, Greenville, NC and Rochelle L. Whittington, Roaring River, NC.