

the Reporter



News for the Faculty and Staff of Western Carolina University

Western's Nursing Facilities Move to Enka

Helping to Meet the Need

Relocation of Western's nursing education programs to the Haynes Center on the Enka campus of Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College will help ensure a supply of well-qualified nurses to meet the growing health care needs of Western North Carolina.

That was the consensus Tuesday, February 17, among speakers at a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house for the Western nursing department's new headquarters. The move from cramped quarters on the campus of the University of North Carolina-Asheville into 10,000 square feet of office, classroom, and laboratory space in the former BASF plant was made possible by a grant of \$250,800 from the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust.

Robert Burgin, president and chief executive officer of Mission-St. Joseph's Health System, Western North Carolina's largest health care provider, told the nearly 100 people attending the ceremony that the hospital currently employs about 2,000 nurses. As the population of WNC continues to increase—and to age—the number of nurses needed also will rise, said Burgin, a member of Western's board of trustees.

Chancellor John Bardo thanked both A-B Tech and UNCA for their current and past roles in providing space in Asheville for nursing education, and called the dedication of Western's new nursing facilities in Enka an important day in the life of Western North Carolina.

K. Ray Bailey, a Western alumnus and president of A-B Tech, said the donation of the former BASF plant to the community college in October 2000 presented the opportunity to explore partnerships with other institutions working to enhance the region.

"This is a real win-win-win," Bailey said. "It's a win for UNCA because they need space to grow. It's a win for Western because they needed room to expand their nursing program. And it's a win for A-B Tech because it presents an opportunity for our graduates to continue their educations, whether bachelor's or master's degrees in nursing, right here in Asheville."

Western is the only state-supported university in WNC that provides baccalaureate and master's level nursing education. The Department of Nursing at Western was founded in 1969 and has a long history of preparing nurses for practice in a variety of health care settings across the state.



Taking part in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Western's new nursing facilities at the Enka campus of Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College are (front row, from left to right) Adelaide Daniels Key, member of The University of North Carolina Board of Governors; Vanessa Sanders, president of WCU's senior nursing class; Vincent Hall, head of WCU's nursing department; WCU Chancellor John Bardo; Robert Burgin, president of Mission-St. Joseph's Health Care System; and K. Ray Bailey, A-B Tech president. On the back row are, left to right, state legislators Bob Carpenter, Ray Rapp, Joe Sam Queen, and Bruce Goforth.

Western Names New Dean of Distance Education

Patricia Brown, senior adviser for strategic initiatives and associate professor at the Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions in Boston, is the new dean of the Division of Distance and Continuing Education at Western.

In her role at MGH, which she held since 2001, Brown was responsible for the development of new program initiatives, grants and contracts, and institute outreach, including international program development. She also acquired funding to develop online components of the program.

Brown previously served as division director of distance learning and continuing education at MGH.

"Dr. Brown brings a wealth of experience in distance education that will assist Western in its efforts to be even more responsive to the needs of

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Making Progress

Construction continues on the 300-bed residence hall located adjacent to the Alumni House. Completion is scheduled for fall 2004.

Performances Benefit Women's Causes

Presentations of the play *The Vagina Monologues* are set for Tuesday and Wednesday, March 2 and 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the University Center theater.

Based on Eve Ensler's interviews with more than 200 women, the productions are part of Women's History Month activities. Proceeds from the benefit performances will go to local and international efforts to stop violence against women.

Sandra Kay Weden, instructor in the Department of Communication, Theatre, and Dance, will direct the productions. Proceeds from the Western performances will go to REACH of Jackson County, the university's Women's Center, and a campaign to help the women of Juarez, Mexico.

Tickets, \$5 for students and \$10 for non-students, are on sale at the UC and City Lights Bookstore in Sylva.

For more information, contact Rebecca Caldwell, director of the Women's Center, at 227-3982.

Nominations Sought for Support Staff

Do you know a staff member who goes above and beyond the job description? Nominations for the Judy H. Dowell Outstanding Support Staff Award are now being accepted to select the support staff person who deserves recognition.

All current non-exempt SPA employees who have five years of full-time service are eligible. The award recognizes dependability, cooperative spirit, loyalty to the university, and effectiveness in performing assigned duties. A minimum of two paragraphs outlining the person's contributions is required.

The recipient of the award will receive \$1,000 and a plaque commemorating his or her selection. The award will be presented at the annual SPA Service Awards luncheon later in the year. Deadline for nominations is 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 31. Nominations may be made online at wcu.edu/staffaward or by using the nomination form distributed recently. For information on staff eligibility, contact the Office of Human Resources at 227-7218.

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the region the university serves," said Michael Dougherty, dean of the College of Education and Allied Professions at Western, who chaired the search committee that selected Brown.

Prior to joining MGH, she was chief operations officer and chief learning officer for the International Center for Distance Learning Inc., an education and training solutions company with a focus on distance learning. From 1995 until 2000, she was vice provost and academic dean at Thomas Edison State College in Trenton, New Jersey.

Brown served as dean of distance education at St. Joseph's College in Standish, Maine, from 1985 until 1995, and was assistant vice president for academic affairs at Boston University from 1982 to 1985 after four years as assistant dean for continuing education at Boston University's School of Nursing. Her career in higher education began at Glassboro (New Jersey) State College, where she was coordinator of environmental studies and an assistant professor of biology.

Brown holds a doctorate of education in environmental science and master's degree in biological science from Temple University and a master degree's in public health from Boston University School of Medicine. She earned her bachelor's degree in nursing education from Temple University and her registered nurse degree from the Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing. She also earned a management for lifelong learning certification from Harvard University.

Brown starts her job at Western on March 1. She fills a vacancy created by the retirement last year of Oakley Winters, who had served as dean of the Division of Continuing Education and Summer School since 1996. The division has been renamed to reflect an increased emphasis on distance learning.

Western's Division of Distance and Continuing Education includes off-campus degree programs, conferences such as Mountain Dulcimer Week and The Cullowhee Conference: Native Plants in the Landscape, professional training, adult learning seminars, and summer school. The division is housed in the University Outreach Center, which serves as a meeting and training site for businesses and professional organizations throughout the region.

Slideshow spotlight, Mountain Heritage Center: "Stream of Life" tells the natural and cultural history of Hazel Creek, an Appalachian watershed, from prehistory to the Tennessee Valley Authority.

WCU Calendar

March 1-15, 2004

Look for regular updates on the university's Web site at www.wcu.edu/cal.html

Monday, March 1

Women's History Month event—Walk for Women. Noon. Lawn, UC. Inclement weather location: Grandroom, UC. (227-3982)

Concert—Western's Jazz Ensemble, performing compositions by Thad Jones, Duke Ellington, Bob Brookmeyer, and others, 8 p.m., RH. (227-7242)

Tuesday, March 2— Wednesday, March 3

Women's History Month event—*The Vagina Monologues*, a production of Eve Ensler's play, (as part of the 2004 VDAY College Campaign) benefiting Western's Women's Center and REACH of Jackson County, 7:30 p.m., theatre, UC. \$ (227-3982 or 227-7491)

Tuesday, March 2

Catamount Concert Series—WCU Wind Ensemble, premiering *Symphony #2* for Band by award-winning composer Frank Ticheli and performing other works, 8 p.m., RH. (227-7242)

Wednesday, March 3— Saturday, March 6

Basketball—Southern Conference Championship Tournament, North Charleston, South Carolina. (227-7338)

Wednesday, March 3

Workshop—"Influential Leadership," Part 1, 6 Professional Development credits; must attend both Part 1 and Part 2 (Part 2, March 10). Choose either 9-11:30 a.m. or 2-4 p.m., Room 404, Belk Building. (<http://www.wcu.edu/hr/training/professional.asp>)

Women's History Month event—Women's History Month Art Invitational opening reception and celebration. 4-6 p.m. Chelsea Gallery, UC. (227-3635)

Mountain Folklore Series—featuring Eric Mrozowski, Western graduate and high school band director in Jackson County, and Barry Boyland, professional drum maker, discussing and demonstrating African drumming, 7:30 p.m., Auditorium, MHC. (227-3900)

Friday, March 5

Catamount baseball—vs. Miami (Ohio), 3 p.m., CF/HS. (227-7338)

Saturday, March 6—Sunday, March 14

Last Minute Productions Alternative Spring Break Service Trip—to construct and renovate homes in abandoned coal camps. \$ (227-7479 or <http://lmp.wcu.edu>)

Saturday, March 6

Catamount baseball—vs. Miami (Ohio), 2 p.m., CF/HS. (227-7338)

Sunday, March 7

Catamount baseball—vs. Miami (Ohio), 1 p.m., CF/HS. (227-7338)

Arti-Facts!—series designed for children ages 6 through 12 to explore our natural and cultural heritage presents "Tie Your Own Apron." No admission charge, but reservations required, 2:30-3:30 p.m., MHC. (227-7129)

Tuesday, March 9

Training Tuesday—"Finding the Funder," registration requested, 8:30-10 a.m., Room 186, Hunter Library. (www.wcu.edu/hr/training)

Training Tuesday—"Building the Budget," 10:30 a.m.-noon, Room 186, Hunter Library. (www.wcu.edu/hr/training)

Training Tuesday—"Preparing the Proposal," Review of components of a request for proposal (RFP) and the basic structure of a grant proposal, 1-3:30 p.m. Room 186, Hunter Library. (www.wcu.edu/hr/training)

Training Tuesday—"Organizing the Objectives," 3:30-5 p.m. Room 186, Hunter Library. (www.wcu.edu/hr/training)

Wednesday, March 10

Workshop—"Influential Leadership," Part 2, choose either 9-11:30 a.m. or 2-4 p.m., Room 404, Belk Building. (<http://www.wcu.edu/hr/training/professional.asp>)

Friday, March 12

Catamount baseball—vs. College of Charleston, Southern Conference game, 3 p.m., CF/HS. (227-7338)

Saturday, March 13

Catamount baseball—vs. College of Charleston, Southern Conference game, 2 p.m., CF/HS. (227-7338)

Sunday, March 14

Catamount baseball—vs. College of Charleston, Southern Conference game, 1 p.m., CF/HS. (227-7338)

Submissions:

Send news items and calendar notices to WCU Calendar, 1601 Ramsey Center, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina 28723 or e-mail to Reporter@email.wcu.edu.

Submit items for the university's online calendar at least one week prior to the event.

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Belk Gallery

Ken Leslie: Space + Time. An exhibition of unique artist-made books and mixed media paintings by Ken Leslie, professor of art and chairman of the Visual Arts Center at Johnson State College in Vermont. Gallery talk and reception, March 3, 4 p.m. (227-3591)

Chelsea Gallery

OPENING MARCH 3: **Women's History Month Art Invitational.** Through April 6. Opening reception and celebration March 3, 4-6 p.m. (227-7206)

Mountain Heritage Center

Mama's Aprons. More than 60 aprons chronicle the apron's place in the past and present. Through July 6.
The People of the Land. An introduction to Cherokee heritage sites in the Cullowhee Valley. Through May.
All Things Iron: Practical and Decorative Ironware. More than 200 iron items dating from the 1600s to the 1900s, including implements, blacksmith and farrier tools, and lighting devices. Through December.
Migration of the Scotch-Irish People (permanent exhibition). (227-7129)

Key: \$ - Admission fee; HA - Hoey Auditorium; HFR - H.F. Robinson Administration Building; HS/CF - Hennon Stadium/Childress Field; MHC - Mountain Heritage Center; NSA - Natural Sciences Auditorium; RRAC - Ramsey Regional Activity Center; RH - Recital Hall, Coulter Building; BB - Belk Building; UC - A.K. Hinds University Center; UOC - University Outreach Center; WS/BW - Whitmire Stadium/Bob Waters Field; SSF - Schrader Soccer Field.

Monks Create Sand Mandala



Tibet's Drepung Loseling monks worked on a sand mandala in the University Center, painstakingly laying millions of grains of sand into place in an ancient spiritual art form designed to purify and heal the environment and its inhabitants. Construction began on Monday, February 23; the closing ceremony was held at noon on Thursday, February 26.

March Forum Features State Education Leader

Faculty, staff, and students are invited to a reception and open forum with Howard Lee, chairman of the North Carolina State Board of Education, on Tuesday, March 16, 3:45–5 p.m. in the Grandroom of the Hinds University Center.

The Chancellor's Office and the College of Education and Allied Professions are sponsoring the event. If planning to attend, contact Carol Burton at 227-7056 or burton@email.wcu.edu.

MCA Newsfile

▲ Dawn Karima Pettigrew, writer-in-residence, has been honored with a resolution from the Ohio House of Representatives for the publication of her first novel, *The Way We Make Sense* and for her position as writer-in-residence at Western. Pettigrew and her mother, the Rev. Dr. Carolyn Landers Pettigrew, have co-authored *Children Learn What They Read* which was released in November.

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