New Recreation Center Opens Sunday, August 17

Visitors step inside the new $16.7 million Campus Recreation Center and can’t help but stretch. They look up – visually scaling the clifflike climbing wall 50 feet into a pyramid-shaped glass skylight. They turn their heads to the left, where treadmills, stepmills, elliptical machines, stationary bikes and rowing machines face six 37-inch plasma TVs and overlook the lawn of A.K. Hinds University Center. Then they turn their heads to the right, scanning the strength-training equipment and the rest of a room that, alone, is nearly three times the size of WCU’s previous fitness center.

“When you see the outside of the new recreation center, you say, ‘Oh, that’s really big. That’s going to be great,’ but when you walk inside, you realize you had no idea just how tall, vibrant and amazing the facility is,” said Meredith Morgan, a senior parks and recreation management major from Gastonia and the center’s group exercise specialist. “Almost everywhere inside, there’s a sense of space and also curiosity because you can see from one area to another – from the treadmills to the climbing wall, or from the indoor track to the basketball courts. When incoming students see the center, they are excited – as I am – to get to use new equipment in a new facility that offers as many fun fitness activities as you can think of.”

In the building’s 73,000 square feet of space, visitors can climb the wall, shoot hoops or serve volleyballs on two multipurpose courts; lift weights; get their heart rate up on treadmills or other cardiovascular equipment; or meet with a personal trainer in a private fitness assessment room. Upstairs, they can join a yoga, step, spinning or other class in one of two mirror-lined group exercise studios, or walk or jog on the second-floor, one-eighth-mile track. In addition, the building’s ground floor hosts locker rooms, an equipment cage, offices for recreation staff members and meeting rooms.

“This is a top-notch facility – one of the finest I have been in in a very long time,” said Kellie Angelo Monteith, director of campus recreation and wellness. “I walked in and thought, ‘Western is so lucky,’ – lucky to have this facility and lucky to have it in such a great location. You can socialize in the quad area and then walk on the track at the recreation center before getting a cup of coffee and going to a meeting at the UC. We’re also close to the bookstore and across the lawn from the dining hall and residence halls that are under construction now.”

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Freshmen Set to Roll into Campus

Keith Corzine has been moving freshmen into residence halls for 20 years, but his perspective changed two years ago after helping his oldest son set up home at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

Corzine, Western’s director of residential living, said he can sympathize now with parents who are leaving children in the hands of others. “You know parents are depending on other people to help their children with growth and development issues,” Corzine said.

Western faculty and staff can shoulder a small part of this big responsibility by volunteering to help the university’s newest class get settled into their residence halls. Freshman move-in day begins at 7 a.m. Friday, Aug. 15.

Even just a couple hours can have a big effect on a new student’s experience, Corzine said. “If I pulled up in front of a building and there was a professor or staff member there who thought enough of my experience to help me unload my car – how committed is that?” he said. “Institutionally, it’s positive if parents and students walk away with verification and validation that this big decision they made was the right one.”

Corzine is aiming for about 300 volunteers this year. There are roles for individuals who prefer not to lug heavy objects. They might hand out water, or use their knowledge of campus to offer directions. “We need those people just as much as somebody who can tote a small refrigerator up six flights of stairs,” said Corzine, who named willingness as the premier quality he seeks in a volunteer.

About 1,000 of the approximately 1,300 freshmen expected this fall will move into campus residence halls Aug. 15, Corzine said. This year, because of an expanded Western PEAKS residential transition program, approximately 90 percent of incoming residential freshmen will live in Scott and Walker halls, adjacent to each other and located in central campus. Volunteers will keep traffic flowing at this activity hub by unloading vehicles quickly at the curb.

“Life will be much easier if everyone listens to the parking people who are directing,” said Ernie Hudson, assistant chief of the University Police.

Moves must be complete by 5 p.m., when Freshman Convocation begins at Ramsey Regional Activity Center. Convocation will include a faculty procession, remarks by Chancellor John Bardo and Provost Kyle Carter, and music by WCU’s “Pride of the Mountains” Marching Band. Winford Gordon, a psychology professor, will speak to the freshmen about themes from their reading selection, “Three Cups of Tea,” which chronicles author Greg Mortenson’s mission to build more than 50 schools in Central Asia.

— By JILL INGRAM

OneStop Launches Web Site, Enhances Waiting Area

The OneStop Service Center is offering a new Web site and playing music in the waiting area as part of recent improvements designed to boost the quality and efficiency of customer experiences, said Mike Razdrih, associate director of the OneStop.

Each day, the OneStop staff fields a few dozen to more than 1,000 questions, from inquiries about a particular charge on a bill to how to replace a lost CatCard. Fred Hinson, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, said the mission of the 60 people who work as part of the OneStop team is to provide efficient and quality services to students when they have questions so that each student can have excellent WCU experiences. “Once a student enters Killian Annex and before he or she leaves the One Stop, the student should have an answer to his or her question or know what to do to receive an answer,” said Hinson.

Staff members strive to direct students to a solution to the problem – whatever it is – within five to 10 minutes. If the OneStop adviser at the front counter can’t answer the question, then the staff member refers the student to another specialist in Killian Annex, which also houses the offices for financial aid, student accounts, CatCard, disability services, student support services, enrollment management, registrar, career services, advising center and orientation programs.

The new onestop.wcu.edu Web site launched this summer links students directly to the Web pages for those offices and an array of campus information, including a campus map, the academic calendar, a list of scholarships and campus shuttle details. The site also links students to online services that allow them to add money to their CatCash balance or complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. To offer additional access to the OneStop’s Web site and other computer services during the opening of the fall semester, the center is temporarily adding seven more computers in Killian Annex room 136 to supplement the three that are always publicly available in the lobby.

Recent physical enhancements to the OneStop include installation of a new sound system in the waiting area, an electronic information sign and card-readers at the counter for tracking the number of people served. The sound system plays musical hits from the 1970s to today as a way to entertain waiting customers and provide privacy for clients who are being helped at the counter. The new sign will display reminders for students such as registration dates or commencement information. The changes follow the relocation of several offices in Killian Annex last year that shifted the most frequently visited offices, such as financial aid, from the second floor to the first floor. Also, the move of the Catamount Academic Tutoring Center out of Killian Annex to Hunter Library created additional room that has been renovated for expanded CatCard services.

“Our recent improvements have been met with very positive responses by both students and staff,” said Razdrih. “It has not only created a more customer-friendly environment, but also improved the workplace for staff. I would like to encourage faculty, staff and students to explore our Web site and become familiar with it. It should be easier to locate the OneStop service areas through this site. There also is an evaluation form on the Web site that allows an opportunity to provide feedback for those that use our walk-in or phone services. Our goal is to continue to provide quality services.”

— By TERESA KILLIAN
Timothy Willis, a senior chemistry major from Maiden, was sorry to see the summer end, but not because it was back-to-school time. After all, Willis spent his summer at school – at WCU – researching the “Isolation of Cytotoxic Compounds from Indigenous Plants of Western North Carolina” with Jason Clement, assistant professor of chemistry.

What made the experience extraordinary for Willis, however, was not only the research opportunity but also the personal experience of getting to know the faculty and students in WCU’s Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship program. Student participants lived together on campus and participated in lunch meetings and programs such as career workshops and sessions on resume development. Their experiences ranged from making formal research presentations before regional scientists at a summer conference to taking group hikes and attending chemistry department cookouts.

“We talked, and not just about chemistry or school, but also in-depth about the future of the country, politics, all areas of science, books, music and even religion sometimes,” said Willis, who wants to pursue a career in the field of natural products chemistry. “It was refreshing.”

The goal of SURF was to provide an eight-week, total immersion research experience at WCU for eight students. The chemistry and physics faculty proposed it as part of an effort to incorporate the university’s Quality Enhancement Plan into their program. The QEP commits the university to helping students have valuable learning experiences inside and outside the classroom and then reflect on those experiences in ways that prepare them to be “true citizens for life,” said Carol Burton, assistant vice chancellor for undergraduate studies and QEP project director. “It’s one thing to educate someone in an academic sense. It’s another to go beyond and help prepare true citizens for life. The faculty who worked with the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship program truly went beyond to offer our students that higher level of educational experience.”

“The chemistry and physics department is one of four academic areas selected to pilot the QEP this fall, and funding from the chancellor’s and provost’s offices is supporting endeavors such as the SURF program. To make the experience financially feasible for student participants, each received a $3,500 stipend, on-campus housing and a meal plan. Faculty also received stipends.

The department modeled the SURF program on the National Institute of Science and Technology’s SURF program and the National Science Foundation’s research experience for undergraduates program. “Research is a huge component of our curriculum, and I think it is the best form of teaching because it is totally discovery-based and allows for students to work one-on-one with faculty,” said William Kwochka, associate professor of chemistry and the QEP coordinator for the chemistry and physics department. What sets SURF at WCU apart from other programs are the comprehensive assessment and reflection components designed to quantify what students have learned, and help participants reflect on the complete experience and how it relates to their plans for the future, said Kwochka.

Mickey Yost, a senior clinical laboratory sciences major from Maggie Valley and SURF participant, wants to pursue a doctorate in microbiology. For SURF, Yost conducted research with Jack Summers, assistant professor of inorganic biochemistry, that related to compounds proposed for anti-cancer treatments (more specifically, the inhibition of superoxide dismutase) and then presented their work to a private biotechnology company in Maryland. She said she learned a lot about their research topic, but the most valuable parts of SURF, for her, were the friendships formed and interactions with faculty and fellow students. “I feel smart and validated to be able to say they are my peers,” said Yost. “They accept me as one of them.”

— By TERESA KILLIAN

Quality Enhancement Plan In Action This Fall

• Students in eight to 10 classes will test the education briefcase described in the QEP.
• Four programs – chemistry and physics, history, recreation therapy and health information and administration – are piloting the QEP in specific classes or programs.
• Check out the draft of WCU’s application for the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching’s community engagement classification at www.wcu.edu/engagement.
The opening of the new facility increases programming opportunities not only for the fitness program under the student affairs division, but also for academic departments such as health, physical education and recreation. Sharing space in Reid Gym created scheduling limitations for both. The fitness center used to close, for instance, from 8 a.m. to noon to allow classes to meet there. Now that won’t be necessary.

Membership and visitor fees will go up, however. “We’re going to keep the costs to use the facility as low as we can because we believe physical fitness is important for everyone,” said Monteith. “We are not a for-profit facility. We just need to pay our expenses.” For students, the cost is included in student fees. For faculty and staff, memberships will be available for purchase each semester. Spouses and dependents of full-time employees and students also will be eligible for memberships. The price will be based on the operating costs of the facility. To give everyone in the campus community a chance to check out and try the facility, access will be available for free in August to anyone who has a valid CatCard.

The opening, Sunday, Aug. 17, comes nearly a decade after Chancellor John W. Bardo addressed student interest in a major indoor recreation center as part of a campus update and almost three years after the university broke ground on the project. At the formal ground-breaking, Bardo described the facility as a key part of the development of WCU into a “true university community” – a community that students would feel connected to for the rest of their lives. “You do not create that lifetime relationship just in the classroom,” said Bardo at the center’s groundbreaking. “You also create it through the activities that take place outside the classroom and through a sense of belonging to a community.”

– By TERESA KILLIAN

CLIMBING WALL
The 2,100-square-foot indoor climbing feature includes a rocklike arch for bouldering, a sport in which climbers attempt very short climbs, typically close to the ground. On the 50-foot vertical face, rock-shaped pieces called holds, which climbers grab, push or step on, will be reconfigured monthly to create new routes to the top. Base Camp Cullowhee is managing the wall and will schedule when it is open for use, as well as coordinate safety training and equipment, which includes ropes and harnesses.

“Climbing provides an excellent full-body muscular workout,” said Josh Whitmore, director of Base Camp Cullowhee. “Balance and coordination is paramount in climbing, so fine motor skill development is also highlighted. The common misconception is that climbing ability comes from strong arms, but in reality, core conditioning is really the key.”

FITNESS AREA
Fourteen treadmills, four stepmills, 12 elliptical machines, four rowing machines, eight stationary bikes, six spin bikes, six steppers, two recumbent cross trainers, a series of Cybex strength-training machines and free weights will be featured in a 9,800-square-foot fitness area. Cardio Theater will allow users to plug their own headphones into equipment and listen to TV or music. Special flooring will help cushion weights and reduce sound. Nearby are two private rooms for meeting with fitness trainers and conducting fitness assessments.

INDOOR TRACK
A three-lane indoor track upstairs at the recreation center extends one-eighth of a mile. The kidney-bean shaped route offers walkers and runners glimpses of the exercise studios, the climbing wall, the multipurpose courts and the fitness area.
MULTIPURPOSE COURTS
The side-by-side multipurpose courts, which have basketball hoops and striping for basketball and volleyball, can be divided. Electronic scoreboards and pull-out bleachers also are in place.

GROUP EXERCISE STUDIOS
Two exercise studios feature mirrored walls, built-in audio and microphone systems, and secure closets to store equipment. One studio has suspended hardwood and the other a specialized indoor sports flooring. Group classes will include yoga, Pilates, spinning, aerobics and other forms of strength training. The schedule for the semester will be released after the Group X Jam sampler event on Wednesday, Sept. 3. The studios will be open when not in use for classes or dance team practices.

MEETING AND CONFERENCE ROOMS
Two meeting rooms offer space and equipment for training and possible expansion of courses such as cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid.

BONUS FEATURES
Two 50-inch plasma digital TVs, one on each floor, offer campus and recreation center information and announcements. The system upstairs will be interactive. The center also has security cameras and a public address system.

POOL
Although not part of the new building, recreation center staff members manage the pools. Over the summer, workers drained, acid-washed and regROUTed the six-lane, 25-yard pool in Reid Gym. Old lights that used to hang over the pool have been replaced. Paint to match the new recreation center has added color to the formerly white walls. New amenities include purple and gold kickboards, shelving, cabinets, a pace clock and backstroke flags. “There’s a more welcoming, lively ambiance now, and the pool itself appears cleaner,” said Shauna Sage, assistant fitness director.

Climbing Wall
Multipurpose Courts
Indoor Track
Reid Pool
• Robert T. Berry, associate professor of emergency management, completed his professional recertification and earned the designation “Lifetime Certified Emergency Manager.”

• “A Comparison of Service-Learning and Employee Volunteering Programs,” an article whose co-authors include Glenn Bowen, director of service learning, and Paul Jacques, assistant professor of management, has been accepted for publication in the Academy of Educational Leadership Journal. Also, Bowen’s article “Supporting a Grounded Theory with an Audit Trail: An Illustration,” has been accepted for publication in the International Journal of Social Research Methodology: Theory & Practice.

• Christopher Cooper, director of the master’s degree program in public affairs, will begin directing Western’s Public Policy Institute as Gordon Mercer, the institute’s founder and director for 10 years, enters phased retirement. The PPI strives to empower the region’s residents and leaders to discuss and develop effective public policies.

• Oak Knoll Press recently published “The Paradox of Prosperity: The Leiden Booksellers’ Guild and the Distribution of Books in Early Modern Europe,” by Laura Cruz, assistant professor of history. The publisher notes that the book explores the migration of printers from the Southern Netherlands to Leiden and how a guild of printers became an instrument to exercise market power.

• Dottie Saxon Greene, assistant professor of social work, was elected to the N.C. Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board, which is the state’s credentialing body for all substance abuse professionals.

• M. Scott Koger, Information Technology security analyst, co-authored “From Chalk and Talk to Online Offerings: Keeping Pace With Technology in Education,” which was published in the International Journal of Management in Education. Koger co-presented “Defining Enterprise Computing: A New Model Proposal or the Death of the Intranet” at the Southwest Decision Sciences Institute’s 2008 annual conference, and presented “Putting it in Play, Compliance - An Object-Oriented Approach” at the New York City Metro Chapter Information Systems Security Association meeting in June.

• James Scifers, associate dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences, was awarded the National Athletic Trainers’ Association Service Award in St. Louis at the association’s annual meeting. The award is the third highest given by the organization.

• Ann Brett Strickland, assistant athletics director, was elected to the board of directors of the National Association of Collegiate Marketing Administrators at the association’s 17th annual meeting in Dallas.

• John A. Williams, director of the forensic anthropology program, was re-elected to a three-year term as a member of the board of directors and treasurer of the American Board of Forensic Anthropology, the only certifying board in the field of forensic anthropology.

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 Daughter of Two Employees Wins Staff Forum Scholarship

Brittany Haskett grew up at Western tagging along with her parents, Tammy and Mark Haskett, to the conferences, events and games where they were working. The majority of her wardrobe is purple and gold, and she has twice performed on the stage of the Fine and Performing Arts Center. She has even taken classes on campus as a dually enrolled student at Smoky Mountain High School, but it wasn’t until Haskett decided to enroll full-time at WCU this fall that she truly felt like part of the university family. “I am looking forward to finally calling myself a Catamount,” said Haskett, winner of the 2008 Staff Forum Scholarship.

The scholarship is offered annually to help the children of non-faculty staff members afford to attend Western, and recipients are selected based on their involvement in activities, scholastic performance, financial need and personal essays about educational and career goals. Haskett has been involved in volleyball, student council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Honor Society, Spirit Club and volunteer service, and her awards include National Anthem and Spanish awards. What particularly impressed the staff forum scholarship selection committee was her interest in using her education – a degree in construction management – for the good of humanity, said Lisa Frady, committee chair and academic adviser.

“I want to help people in need,” said Haskett, who was drawn to the profession after volunteering with Habitat for Humanity and helping rebuild homes in Gulfport, Miss., as part of a hurricane relief effort. “I had no idea that one hurricane could do so much damage. When we drove through the town, everyone was silent.” In the following days, Haskett helped put a roof on a house for a young family. When she returned a year later, she helped build a house from the ground up. “The combination of helping out people in need and feeling the satisfaction of a job well done was inspiring to me,” said Haskett.

She chose WCU after meeting the construction management faculty and taking classes at Western, and her parents are grateful for the scholarships that make it easier for their daughter to pursue her dream in Cullowhee. “She will be living on campus and I’m sure she will love it as much as her father (the university photographer) and I do,” said Tammy Haskett, director of orientation programs.

Frady urged members of the campus community to make a contribution to the scholarship fund. “It is our goal to increase the amount of the scholarship fund to include two awards, and that can only be possible with your help,” she said. For more information, check out the Staff Forum Web site at www.wcu.edu/stforum.

Haskett has received numerous other scholarships and grants including Western’s Deborah J. Bardo Employee Scholarship, a $700 merit-based scholarship awarded to children or grandchildren of WCU employees starting their first year at WCU, and a Kimmel Foundation Scholarship, which is awarded to students majoring in construction management at WCU’s Kimmel School of Construction Management and Technology.

— By TERESA KILLIAN
Stage and Screen Gets New Department Head

Thomas M. Salzman, past chair of the performing arts department at the College of Santa Fe, in July joined the WCU faculty as head of the stage and screen department. “We are excited about the wealth of knowledge Tom brings to Western, from his extensive experience in the professional world as a lighting designer, general manager, production manager and artistic director, to his experience in higher education as a teacher and administrator,” said Robert Kehrberg, dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts. “We offer the best of both worlds to our students when our CEO in stage and screen brings professional reality to the classroom and curriculum.”

Salzman, a native of Brecksville, Ohio, earned his bachelor’s degree in theater arts in 1982 and his master’s degree in lighting design in 1989, both from Carnegie Mellon University.

His theater experience includes working as general manager and artistic associate for the Caldwell Theatre Company in Boca Raton, Fla., where he was responsible for a $2.2 million budget and tasks such as negotiating artist contracts and marketing. Also at the Caldwell, he served as artistic director for an outreach series that focused on creation of new plays and designed the lighting for more than 70 productions, two of which won Carbonell Awards for Best Lighting Design.

“Lighting designers try to move the eye of the audience to where the director wants them to look, just as a filmmaker might zoom in for a close-up or out for a long shot,” said Salzman.

His experience in higher education includes teaching at Pennsylvania State University and the University of Miami, where he was head of design and production from 1991 to 1997. At the College of Santa Fe, Salzman developed and taught classes including “Theatre: Arts, Audience and the Critic” and an interdisciplinary class in playwriting that incorporated the theater, motion pictures and creative writing departments.

His interest in the connections between stage and screen attracted him to WCU’s merged department.

“The next generation of theater and film artists and technicians will need to be prepared to work in a variety of mediums,” said Salzman. “My primary goal for the next five years is to truly integrate stage and screen in a way that is unique to training programs in the country – in our productions and in our teaching methods and paradigms.”

Susan Brown-Strauss, who led the department prior to Salzman, will continue to serve as director of theater and dance programs.

— By TERESA KILLIAN

State Funding Includes $4 million for Education, Allied Professions Building

The North Carolina budget for the 2008-09 fiscal year contains funding for new programs and projects at WCU, including $4 million to plan a new College of Education and Allied Professions building.

“This is a milestone for the college and all of its programs,” said Michael Dougherty, dean of the college. “The planning money will allow the College of Education and Allied Professions to build upon its national reputation by planning a state-of-the-art facility that will allow us to prepare professionals for the 21st century, thus continuing our impact on the region, the state and the nation. The building will allow us to take our award-winning programs to the next level of excellence.”

Dougherty said faculty, staff and community partners will begin this year to develop a vision of what the building will look like and what it will enable faculty, staff and students to do.

Other programs at WCU that received new funding include:

- The forensic science program received an additional $500,000 in recurring funding, Mark Wilson, director of the program, said the increase could help the program expand research opportunities, purchase equipment and hire new faculty.
- The North Carolina Mathematics and Science Education Network’s precollege program at WCU received $200,000 to expand programming. The program provides academic support and enrichment in science, technology, engineering and mathematics for Western North Carolina’s middle and high school students.
- Other areas funded include enrollment growth, campus safety, distinguished professorships and salary increases – merit-based EPA salary increases of 3 percent, and 2.75 percent salary increases or $1,100, whichever is greater, for SPA employees.
Tuesday, August 12
Freshman Assembly – 8:30 a.m. FAPAC. (227-7303)
Campus Natural Science Open House – 10 a.m.-4 p.m. MHC. (227-3591 or http://mhc.wcu.edu)
Wednesday, August 13
Opening assembly — For faculty and staff. 8:30 a.m. reception, 9 a.m. assembly. FAPAC. (227-7100)
The Reveal — Unveiling of the new Catamount athletics logo. 4 p.m. RRAC. (227-7337)
Thursday, August 14
Open faculty caucus — 3 p.m. Kilian 104. (227-3800)
Thursday, August 14-Sunday, August 17
Theater – “Laundry and Bourbon” and “Lone Star,” two one-act plays by James McLure. 7:30 p.m. Thursday–Saturday. 3 p.m. Sunday. Niggli Theatre. $ (631-2888)
Friday, August 15
Residence halls open to freshmen — 7 a.m. (227-7303)
Freshman Convocation — 5 p.m. RRAC. (227-7147)
Saturday, August 16
Residence halls open to all students — 8 a.m. (227-7303)
Freshman Assembly — 10 a.m. RRAC. (227-3621)
Catamount women’s soccer — Alumni scrimmage. 2 p.m. CAC. (227-7338)
Valley Ballyhoo — Annual back-to-school celebration. 4:30 p.m. UC lawn. (227-3621)

Athletics to Unveil a New Look for the Catamount on August 13

In recognition of the 75th anniversary of the selection of the Catamount as the official mascot for WCU’s intercollegiate sports teams, a new breed of cat will be on the prowl beginning this fall, with the university unveiling a fresh look for Catamount athletics on Wednesday, Aug. 13.

The “big reveal” of the 2008 version of the Catamount will begin at 4 p.m. in the main arena of the Ramsey Regional Activity Center. The event will include a fashion show of items adorned with the new Catamount logo, which is part of a multiyear branding initiative to better define the university’s image and message.

As part of the athletics image update, Western also is reverting to original shades of its school colors of purple and gold, with a deeper purple and traditional gold replacing bright hues of purple and yellow used in recent years.

Western, which first began fielding sports teams called the Catamounts in 1933, is one of only two universities in the nation that use the name. The other is the University of Vermont.

The “big reveal” is open to the public and is free of charge.

Exhibits
Fine Art Museum
“Fragile Earth: Reflections on the Environment” — Juried competition of new work in a variety of media by artists in WNC’s eight westernmost counties and the Qualla Boundary. Through Saturday, Aug. 16.

“Worldviews” — Selections from WCU’s permanent collection. Ongoing.

Mountain Heritage Center
“Stream of Life” — August slideshow spotlight

“People of One Fire” — Cherokee pottery. Through Sunday, Nov. 16. Gallery B.

“The Artistry of Plain-Style Furniture” — An exhibit of furniture handmade in Western North Carolina during the 1800s and early 1900s. Through Monday, Dec. 15. Gallery C.

“Migration of the Scotch-Irish People” — Permanent exhibit. Gallery A.


Historic “Worldviews” — Selections from WCU’s permanent collection. Ongoing.

Picture Time
Photos of new employees will be included in an upcoming issue of The Reporter dedicated to introducing newcomers to WCU. Full-time employees hired after Sept. 1, 2007, are invited to stop by the photo studio at 420 H.F. Robinson Building between 1:30 and 4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, or 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 14.

Send news items, calendar notices and address changes to Reporter@email.wcu.edu or WCU Calendar, 420 H.F. Robinson Building. Submit items for The Reporter at least four weeks prior to the event.

KEY: $—Admission fee; BB–Belk Building; CAC–Catamount Athletic Center/CAT–Center for Applied Technology; CBB–Cardelia Camp Building; CSC–Catamount Softball Complex; FAP–Fine and Performing Arts Center; H–Hoke Auditorium; HFR–H.F. Robinson Administration Building; HLC–Hunter Library; HS/CF–Hennon Stadium/Childress Field; MHC–Mountain Heritage Center; NSA–Natural Sciences Auditorium; RH–Rhododendron Hall, Coulter Building; RRAC–Ramsey Regional Activity Center; UI–A.K. Hinds University Center; WS/BW–Whitmire Stadium/Bob Waters Field.