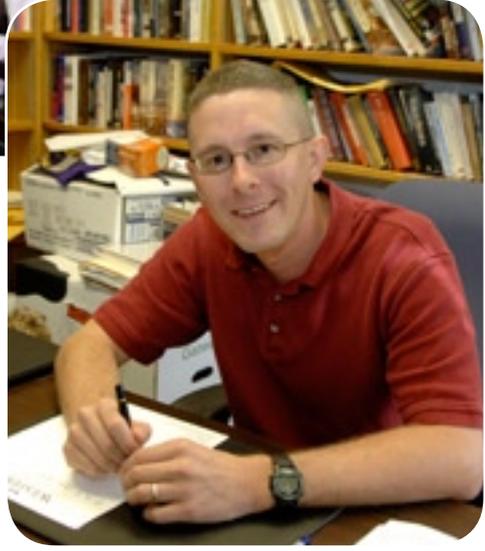




Richard Starnes recently returned to Western (right) to head the history department after serving in Iraq (above) as a major in the Army Reserve who assisted with strategic and logistical planning at the Multinational Security Transition Command.



History Professor Comes Home from Iraq

Richard Starnes had conflicting feelings as he boarded the plane to leave Iraq, where he served as a major in the Army Reserve for nearly nine months. On one hand, Starnes was excited and eager to spend time with his family and return to WCU, where he will resume teaching this fall and take leadership as head of the history department. On the other, it was tough saying goodbye to people he knew he was helping.

“The people I worked with are intelligent and savvy people who came together, whether Kurds, Shiites or Sunnis, to try to build a better life,” said Starnes. “It was hard to leave my interpreters and my counterparts knowing I helped them a certain distance down the road and that I would not be there to see them finish their marathon.”

Assigned to the Multinational Security Transition Command in Iraq, Starnes’ mission was to help the Iraqi Ministry of Defense with strategic and logistical planning. His major project was establishing a maintenance depot that will rebuild Iraqi army vehicles and other equipment. “All my Iraqi counterparts were college-educated engineers. Some were trained in Europe, and some in the Eastern Bloc,” Starnes said.

He came to know people in Iraq whose stories are less commonly told in media reports.

One of his interpreters was a mother of four who

brought in bread from the bakery to share when she came to work. She would call home whenever a mortar attack happened nearby to let her husband know that she was OK.

Starnes’ other interpreter was a Chaldean Catholic man in his early 20s who supported nine people with his paycheck. On the bus home from work one day, the interpreter was pulled out by a militia group for questioning. He panicked as he searched for his national identification, fearful that they would discover his International Zone access badge and harm him for working with coalition forces. He was eventually released.

During the time Starnes was there, two of his Iraqi counterparts were assassinated.

“The Iraqis live in a completely different reality than what we are used to,” said Starnes. “Violence, bombings and kidnappings define the Iraqi existence. It’s assumed when you say goodbye to your family in the morning that you may not come back.”

Starnes considers himself one of the lucky ones. He arrived home on May 31. He feels up-to-date on what is happening on campus, thanks to the e-mails he received and read while he was away. He wrote his family every

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Scholarship Created to Honor James Lewis

When James Lewis reminisces about the origins of his career as a history professor, he thinks back to the memory of his father coming home from World War II and the six generations’ worth of family stories told in the Ohio town where he grew up. “It just seemed to me that my family was part of history,” said Lewis. “Every place I looked had something about our past, and I just soaked it up.”

After teaching at Western for 35

years and leading the history department for nine, Lewis is entering phased retirement. To honor him and his contributions, members of the history department, past co-workers, friends and Western alumni established the James Allen Lewis Endowed Scholarship Fund, which, when fully endowed, will generate an annual scholarship for a student who demonstrates academic excellence. Lewis will develop the specific criteria for the award, said Laura Cruz, assistant professor of history.

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Freshman Leadership Program Named in Honor of Robert Caruso

In commemoration of Robert Caruso's dedication to student leadership at Western, Chancellor John Bardo announced the naming of the "Robert Caruso Freshman Leadership Program" during a special presentation at Caruso's retirement reception on Tuesday, June 26.

Caruso came to Western in 1998 as the vice chancellor for student affairs. Throughout his nine years at WCU, he established many student services, including the A.K. Hinds University Center's Multicultural Center, Women's Center and Center for Student Involvement. He also created the first judicial affairs and service learning departments, as well as a summer Freshman Reading Program and a graduate program in college student personnel.

Among his accomplishments is the freshman leadership program, launched three years ago for incoming freshmen who had previous experience in leadership roles or who were involved in their home communities. He also was a "strong supporter" of the freshman leadership house in the Village and always offered a helping hand to anyone who needed it, said Jane Adams-Dunford,

associate vice chancellor for student affairs.

Bart Andrus, associate director for leadership, called Caruso a visionary who understood early on the nature of leadership education and development. "Dr. Caruso is a champion for students by way of their learning, their rights and their development as knowledgeable citizens," Andrus said. "I truly appreciate his responsiveness, support and encouragement for leadership education for our WCU students and his continued support of the initiatives that we have been developing at the Leadership Center."

In recognition of the naming of the freshman leadership program, Bardo presented Caruso with a framed proclamation. "Bob Caruso has been an able administrator, respected professor and mentor, and outstanding advocate for Western students, and a strong and successful leader on behalf of their academic, social, mental and physical well-being," he said. "His collaborative efforts within the university have established and developed new programs and services that will assist students well beyond his tenure."

At his retirement reception, several of Caruso's colleagues presented him with gifts



Robert Caruso

and offered kind words of appreciation.

"Dr. Caruso was serious about making sure student affairs was at the top of everyone's agenda," said Provost Kyle Carter. "He truly has been a great co-worker and friend."

Adams-Dunford said the Division of Student Affairs is "greatly indebted" to Caruso. "We have been very fortunate to learn and grow under Dr. Caruso's leadership. We will miss him, but the footprints of his work will be forever etched in the lives of our students, division and campus community. Above all, he will remain in our hearts," she said.

—By JESSICA CREGGER

Administrative Leaders Accept New Titles, Job Responsibilities

Western's Board of Trustees approved an administrative title change for the provost and reviewed several others at its June meeting.

The board voted to change the title of **Kyle R. Carter**, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at Western since November 2004, to provost and senior vice chancellor.

Other administrative changes authorized by Carter and Chancellor John Bardo include:

- **Michelle A. Hargis**, director of sponsored research, is now associate dean of the Graduate School and Research.
- **Bobby Hensley**, director of conferences in the Division of Educational Outreach, is now associate director of continuing education.
- **Kenneth Burbank**, professor of engineering, is now head of the department of engineering and technology in the Kimmel School of Construction Management and Technology.
- **Victor A. Agraz**, instructor of biology, is now director of the Upward Bound in Math and Science program.
- **Jeffrey Hughes**, interim director of A.K. Hinds University Center, is now director of the center.
- **Caroline R. Simpson**, a counselor in the Student Counseling Center at Auburn University, will become coordinator of multicultural services at Western, effective Sept. 1.
- **Arika L. Shafer**, formerly coordinator for counseling services at Wheeling Jesuit University, is counselor and coordinator of Campus Leaders Advocating Wellness.
- **Dr. Thomas Patrick Archer**, formerly in private medical practice, is now a university physician.



ENCORE Smoky Mountain Brass Quintet Takes Stage At Carnegie Hall

The Smoky Mountain Brass Quintet, from left, David Ginn, Dan Cherry, Travis Bennett, Michael Shallock and Bradley Ulrich, filled Weill Recital Hall

at Carnegie Hall on June 8 with music written by composers from WCU and inspired by cultural influences of the region, including traditional Cherokee music, shape-note singing and current trends in jazz and commercial music.

The performance was part of an "Arts Weekend in NYC," which also featured tours at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Guggenheim hosted by Martin DeWitt, director of WCU's Fine Art Museum; dinner with Terrence Mann, Broadway star and the Carolyn Plemmons Phillips and Ben R. Phillips Distinguished Professor in Musical Theatre; and Broadway shows. Plans for an "Arts Weekend in Washington, D.C." are in the works. Stay tuned to www.smbq.com for details.

Application Information Coming Soon For Staff Forum Scholarship

Application information for the first approximately \$500 scholarship to be awarded this fall from the recently endowed Staff Forum Scholarship Fund will be posted online this month at staffforum.wcu.edu.

The Staff Forum Scholarship was established to help the children of WCU staff members afford to attend Western. Criteria for selecting a scholarship recipient will be reviewed at the July 12 Staff Forum meeting.

WCU Staff Recognized for Years of Service

Western honored 78 employees at the 34th annual SPA service awards luncheon in June for their combined 1,065 years of service. Since their inception, the annual celebrations have honored 3,017 people for giving 26,418 years of service to WCU.

“That speaks well of us,” said Chancellor John W. Bardo at the luncheon on Wednesday, June 27. “That kind of support for our students means everything.”

Bardo presented the Judy H. Dowell Outstanding Support Staff Award to Clifton Fisher, grounds supervisor. Bardo said co-workers describe Fisher as self-motivated, an employee who fits the old moniker

“company man,” and someone who says, “I’ll stay as long as you need me,” and “Call if you need me again.”

Fisher joins Don Livingston, professor of political science and public affairs; and Patsy Miller, director of WCU Programs in Asheville, as Western’s nominees for the Governor’s Award for Excellence.

Employees with 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10 and five years of service and 17 retirees also received awards at the banquet. “For what you do for our students, thank you very much,” said Bardo.



Honorees for 20 years of service are, from left, Cindy Nicholson (Purchasing), Peg Shafer (Human Resources), Carolyn Parris (Residential Living), Martha Tolley (Social Work) and Mary Hill (Hunter Library).



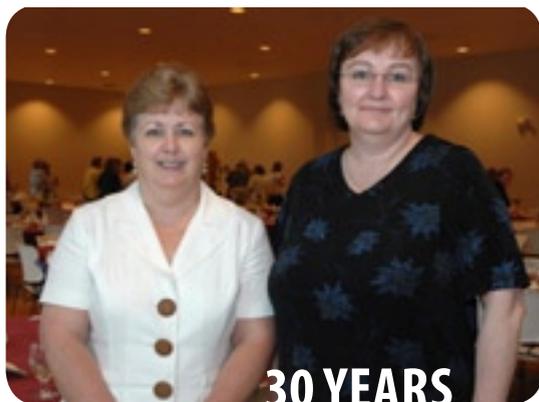
Clifton Fisher, grounds superintendent, accepts the Judy H. Dowell Outstanding Support Staff Award from Chancellor John W. Bardo (left) and Dowell.



Western employees with 25 years of service are, from left, Clifton Fisher (Facilities Management), Elaine Hyatt (Facilities Management), Dianne Harris (University Center) and Bobby Wikle (Residential Living).



Retirees honored were, from left, L.G. Painter (Facilities Management), Mickey Freeman (Management and International Business) and Richard Byrd (Health Services).



From left, Debbie Allison (Human Resources) and Debbie Justice (Office of CIO) have marked 30 years of service at WCU.



Edna Waldrop (Information Technology Services) has served Western for 35 years.

Not pictured:
Deloise Anderson (University Police), Clara Bryson (Controller’s Office), Lewis E. Buchanan (Facilities Management), Lorinda Casey (Facilities Management), Kenneth Cook (Facilities Management), Sharlene Davenport (Education and Allied Professions), Mary Dillard (Facilities Management), David Duvall (Hunter Library), Janice Harris (Health and Human Performance), Annie Estes (Facilities Management), David Frizzell (Controller’s Office), Byron Johnson (Facilities Management), Ricky Watson (Facilities Management) and Patricia Wike (Facilities Management).

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Curator Suzanne McDowell plans exhibits at the Mountain Heritage Center.

Mountain Heritage Center Curator Inspired to Give Back through Campaign

What fascinates curator Suzanne McDowell most about the Mountain Heritage Center's more than 10,000 artifacts are their stories, from century-old stones used by native hunters to the first personal computer at Nantahala Power & Light in the 1980s.

One of McDowell's favorite stories belongs to a blue, overshot weaving that hangs in her office. It's not part of the collection, and she doesn't know the name of the man who made it. She only knows the reason for the unexpected gift—that the Mountain Heritage Center enriched someone's life.

"We were in the parking lot, when a gentleman visiting from out of state told us that he was so inspired by the traveling 'Coverlets: New Threads in Old Patterns' exhibit we organized that he made this," said McDowell, also a hand-weaver herself.

The story helps drive McDowell as she schedules exhibits, develops exhibits and applies for grants to make them possible.

To her, the center is more than a harbor of objects and records of the past.

"What we like to do is get people thinking about the shapes and forms of who we are now, and, in a very thoughtful way, who we will be tomorrow," said McDowell. "What legacy will we leave to be interpreted by others?"

To support that mission and the future of the center, McDowell directed part of her gift to The Campaign for Western to the Mountain Heritage Center and the Staff Forum Scholarship Fund, and increased her contribution to the history department.

McDowell said she had great support within the university community as she pursued her bachelor's and master's degrees at Western. She enjoyed coming back to work at the Mountain Heritage Center, where she said she feels grateful to have spent 15 years of her career.

"I always knew at some level that I would give back," she said.

For more information about The Campaign for Western, check out campaign.wcu.edu, or contact Brett Woods at 227-7124 or bwoods@wcu.edu.

—By TERESA KILLIAN

Campaign Update

Contributions and pledges from faculty, staff and retirees total nearly \$340,000.

The Loyalty Fund, Staff Forum Scholarship Fund and Cat Club have drawn the most support from faculty and staff campaign-specific gifts.

New Scholarship Helps WCU Students Afford To Research at Highlands Biological Station

The rich biodiversity surrounding Highlands Biological Station attracts researchers from around the world, and Scott Higgins, dean of the Graduate School and Research, takes pride knowing Western faculty are among them. Higgins just wishes more of the students conducting research at the nearby interinstitutional research station in Highlands were Catamounts.

“When I have visited Highland Biological Station, I found more University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill students studying there than Western students,” said Higgins, whose experience led him to contribute to a new Highlands Biodiversity Scholarship. “I want to help more WCU students afford to conduct research at this unique, pristine laboratory, which is unlike any other in the state.”

UNC-CH currently sponsors the only residential, semester-long program for college

students at the station. Western students can apply to be one of the 12 students in the program offered through the UNC Institute for the Environment, but, to participate, they have to pay the difference in tuition—about \$2,000.

“This new scholarship at Western helps an outstanding undergraduate biology or environmental sciences student cover the difference,” said Higgins.

The scholarship, funded this year by the Graduate School and Research, was the brainchild of Higgins and Jim Costa, director of Highlands Biological Station and also a member of the WCU biology faculty.

“We realized that a good way to encourage a Western student to participate would be to help pay the difference in the tuition fee between the schools,” said Costa. The first scholarship was made to Anna

Vandenbergh, a rising junior majoring in environmental sciences.

Higgins said ultimately WCU would like to host its own semester-in-residence program for biology students at Highlands Biological Station. The recent collaboration of several WCU departments and the station to create the Southern Appalachian Biodiversity and Ecology Center is a step in that direction, he said.

“We are planting the flag in the mountains toward becoming a center for the UNC system in mountain biodiversity and ecology research,” said Higgins. “Just as Wilmington has marine science, Cullowhee has unique opportunities for research in the mountains. Russ Lea, outgoing vice president for research for the UNC system, has wanted this campus to do this for years, and we are going to do it.”

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—By TERESA KILLIAN



Scott Higgins



Jim Costa



Patrick Brannon, supervisor of the Nature Center at Highlands Biological Station, and WCU biology student Jennifer Autry study salamander habitat.

Make Your Gifts Online

Gifts to The Campaign for Western can now be made online from a credit or checking account.

A secure online giving form can be accessed through the Web site campaign.wcu.edu by clicking on the “Give Now” link at left. The form enables contributors to make a one-time gift or set up a recurring donation.

To set up gifts through payroll deduction, staff and faculty will need to complete a printed pledge form. Copies of the form can be printed from the campaign Web site.

For more information or assistance, contact Brett Woods, campus campaign director, at (828) 227-7124 or bwoods@wcu.edu.

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William Bartram (1739-1823)
Oil Portrait by Charles Willson Peale
Courtesy Independence National Historical Park

Mountain Heritage Center Opens “Bartram’s Journey” Exhibit

The Mountain Heritage Center recently opened an exhibit on natural history explorer William Bartram. “Bartram’s Journey: The 1775 Journey of William Bartram to Western North Carolina” traces Bartram’s life and his observations of not only plant life, but also the people and places he encountered in the southeastern United States.

The region was the scene of plant collecting in the early to mid-18th century, with its largely undescribed flora, and Bartram and his father, John Bartram, were known as purveyors of seed and stock of North American plants. More than 4,000 species were propagated at their garden in Philadelphia, Pa., and more than 200 species were introduced into the horticultural trade through their efforts.

William Bartram’s observations were published in 1791 in a book now titled “Travels.”

The Bartram’s Journey exhibit is the result of a collaborative effort of the Mountain Heritage Center, the Highlands Biological Station and the Cashiers Historical Society. The Highlands Biological Station recently debuted its “William Bartram Trail” exhibit featuring about 30 mountain and piedmont species with Bartram connections, and the Cashiers Historical Society held a three-day symposium exploring the travels of Bartram to Western North Carolina.

Bartram’s Journey will remain on display at the Mountain Heritage Center through Aug. 20. For more information, call 227-7129 or check out the Web site www.wcu.edu/mhc.

—By SUZANNE McDOWELL



Plate 58, William Bartram Botanical and Zoological Drawings, 1756-1788



Plate 22, William Bartram Botanical and Zoological Drawings, 1756-1788

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“As department head, he makes sure to meet all of the students and has been a very active part of the scholarship process,” said Cruz. “He has made a difference in our department, and we wanted to find a way to thank him.”

The job that opened in 1972 in Cullowhee after Western’s Latin American specialist left the faculty was a good fit for Lewis. After earning his bachelor’s degree in history from Ohio State University, Lewis had joined the second group of volunteers from the Peace Corps sent to Venezuela in 1964. Part



James Lewis

of his mission was to establish a credit union in a rural, agricultural community. “I had this little office I would open for an hour or two on Sunday before mass, and coffee farmers, who were paid once a year, could deposit or withdraw,” said Lewis. “We started with \$200 in the credit union, and when we left two years later we had \$50,000.”

The trip refocused his interest in history to Latin America. “I had thousands of questions: Where did the people who lived in the Andean mountains come from? Why are they growing coffee? With Venezuela in the midst of an oil boom, where was the money going?” When Lewis returned to the United States, he pursued his master’s degree in

Latin American history from Northern Illinois University and then his doctorate from Duke University.

The range of courses he taught at Western began to shift the direction of his scholarly work, too. “I ended up teaching a lot of American history, and so my research began connecting Latin American with American history.” Lewis authored two books and co-authored a third. His work, “Neptune’s Militia,” a study of a joint campaign by the state of South Carolina and the Spanish military to take the Bahamas during the American Revolution, received an award from the Spanish Ministry of Culture in honor of the quincentennial of discovery. His fourth book, a work-in-progress, explores the Spanish fleet that blew ashore on the Outer Banks of North Carolina after a hurricane in August 1750.

Greg McLamb, a Western alumnus and now part-time history instructor, said Lewis is just the kind of professor who strikes the right balance in his courses. “They are tough enough to make you think and so interesting you want to go and learn,” said McLamb.

Another former student, Brandon Robinson, says Lewis is the epitome of integrity and intellectual refinement. “For the rest of my life, when I study Latin American history, read biographies of George Washington and Alexander Hamilton, read Gore Vidal’s novels, or seek to improve my discipline and time management skills, I will always think of Dr. Lewis,” said Robinson. “I am a better person because of his wisdom and generosity.”

Gifts to the James Allen Lewis Endowed Scholarship Fund can be made through The Campaign for Western at campaign.wcu.edu or by contacting Brett Woods, campus campaign director, at (828) 227-7124 or bwoods@wcu.edu.

—By TERESA KILLIAN

More than a calendar

Check out the comprehensive campus calendar online, or schedule and post an event, at <http://r25web.wcu.edu/wv3>.

New Software Lets Staff and Faculty Schedule, Surf All WCU Events Online at One Web Site

A new Web site at Western provides the ultimate answers to what's going on around campus—from what class is in what classroom to big-ticket shows at Ramsey Regional Activity Center.

WCU's WebViewer for Resource25, or R25, went live this spring from the Web site at <http://r25web.wcu.edu/wv3>. From that site, WCU employees can reserve space for an academic or nonacademic event and, when they do, add the event to the university's online calendar where faculty, staff, students and the world can see what's happening around campus.

"R25 streamlines what had been described as a fractured scheduling process at Western," said Keith Stiles, planning and institutional research analyst in the Office of University Planning. "Different departments and organizations had individual calendars posted in different places. R25 allows the campus to see that the old adage that there is 'nothing to do in Cullowhee' has been wrong. What's more, the accompanying analytical tools also give us the ability to better understand how we can use our classrooms and other space on campus most efficiently."

To see what's happening on campus today, this week, this month or beyond, cruise through the calendar on the R25 Web site. Click on "What's Hot" to see upcoming public events, or click on different "filters" from the menu on the right side of the page to see certain types of activities such as "Arts and Entertainment" or "Community Events."

To request an event, WCU employees start the process by clicking on "My Requests" at the top of the Web site and then entering the same username and password they use to access their computers or e-mail. Then, they answer a series of questions

including event name, projected headcount and equipment needed, such as parking spaces or box lunches.

"Once we all get used to the new system, everyone will benefit from more efficient and transparent scheduling," said Stiles. "Space approvers will be better able to manage events in their spaces while the rest of us will better know what is going on around campus."

The Office of the Provost launched the initiative in March 2005 to implement Suite 25 software, which includes R25, as a way to create optimal learning opportunities for WCU students through the best use of time and space.

WCU's implementation process entailed surveying every space on campus, collaborative meetings of staff and faculty across disciplines, eight training sessions (with more to come) and roughly 15 months of hands-on software installation and debugging.

R25 is used at institutions in all 50 states as well as in Canada, Mexico, South America, Hong Kong, Australia and the Middle East, said Paul Casey, spokesman for software company CollegeNET.

For more information, contact Keith Stiles at 227-3043, by e-mail at kstiles@email.wcu.edu or check out <http://planning.wcu.edu/resource25.htm>.

—By TERESA KILLIAN



Keith Stiles

Newsfile

- **Carol Burton** has been appointed assistant vice chancellor for undergraduate studies, a new position established to coordinate implementation of key elements of undergraduate education, including the Liberal Studies and Service Learning programs. Burton, who spent three years leading Western's successful bid for reaccreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, also will be responsible for implementing the comprehensive plan developed in the reaccreditation process titled "Synthesis: A Pathway to Intentional Learning at WCU." The plan is designed to enhance undergraduate student learning by helping students connect their academic and co-curricular experiences in order to better reach their goals after graduation.
- **Stephen Miller**, assistant professor of economics, recently had his article "Conservatives and Liberals on Economics: Expected Similarities, Surprising Differences" accepted for publication in the journal *Critical Review*. The article, which examines the relationship between economic and political beliefs, will be published in August.
- **Dan Grube**, associate professor of physical education, recently was named to a four-year term as vice president of the Physical Education Association of the North Carolina Alliance for Athletics, Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Grube also will participate this summer in the southern district leadership retreat for the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

WCU Earns High Marks For Drinking Water Quality

Drinking water supplied by WCU's water plant to the university community met all federal and state standards and requirements for quality, according to the annual drinking water quality report for 2007.

In addition, the wastewater collection system performed satisfactorily, with no wastewater reaching surface water such as Cullowhee Creek or the Tuckaseegee River.

Copies of the reports are available at the Facilities Management office and posted on the Web under "Water Reports" at <http://admfina.wcu.edu/plant/>.

For more information, contact Bill Manware, assistant director of facilities operation and maintenance, at 227-7224 or manware@email.wcu.edu.

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day that he could, and he treasured the letters and care packages that came. "At Christmas, we got a mountain of stuff from people we did not know. We papered the walls with the thousands of Christmas cards that children made for us," he said.

Starnes looks forward to returning to the classroom this fall to teach history. He also will become head of the history department, replacing James A. Lewis, who postponed entering phased retirement until Starnes could return. Though not in a classroom, Starnes saw history around him, sometimes thinking about the parallels between Iraq and Reconstruction in the United States after the Civil War, the



subject of his current research. He returned with a deeper appreciation for Cullowhee—the pronounced change of seasons, the trees on the mountains, water that lacks a green tinge, and the smell of clean air. "I'm glad to be home," he said.

—By TERESA KILLIAN

Reporter Calendar

July 9–August 19

Monday, July 9–Friday, July 13

Camp—Eco-Adventures; for rising second- and third-graders. \$. MHC. (227-7129)

Monday, July 9

Visiting artist presentation—Avantika Bawa, Atlanta-based artist-in-residence. 10:30 a.m.–noon. Room 223, FAPAC. (227-7210)

Tuesday, July 10

Summer Concert Series—Tracy Silverman, mix of rock, folk, world and classical music with electric violin. 7 p.m. Lawn, UC. (227-7206)

Thursday, July 12

Summer Concert Series—Cooking with Quanta, original rock 'n' roll music. 7 p.m. Lawn, UC. (227-7206)

Friday, July 13–Monday, July 16

Camp—Volleyball individual skills camp for players in grades 6–12. \$ (227-2390)

Friday, July 13

Visiting artist conference—“MFA and the Contemporary Art World.” 9 a.m.–noon. Room 130, FAPAC. (227-7210)

Reception—for MFA Thesis exhibition. Noon–2 p.m. Room 130, FAPAC. (227-7210)

Sunday, July 15–Thursday, July 19

Pride of the Mountains Marching Band Symposium—tracks for high school students, adults who serve as judges, and marching band directors and staff. \$. (227-7397)

Sunday, July 15

AKC dog show—RRAC. (227-7722)

Monday, July 16–Thursday, July 19

Camp—Catamount Select Baseball Camp for players entering ninth grade through recent high school graduates. \$. (227-2022)

Tuesday, July 17

Visiting artist presentation—Bob Trotman, artist-in-residence. 10:30 a.m.–noon. Room 223, FAPAC. (227-7210)

Summer Concert Series—Hope Massive, a blend of roots and vintage dancehall music. 7 p.m. Lawn, UC. (227-7206)

Wednesday, July 18–Saturday, July 21

Conference—Native Plants in the Landscape. (227-7397)

Thursday, July 19

Summer Concert Series—Scott Celani, melodic pop songs. 7 p.m. Lawn, UC. (227-7206)

Friday, July 20

Workshop—“Let’s Get a Grant: Insider Tips,” led by nationally recognized grant-writer Jack Smith and Mark Sorrells, executive vice president, Golden LEAF Foundation. \$. 9:30 a.m.–noon. Room 143, CCB. (227-3688)

Monday, July 23–Friday, July 27

Camp—Boys and girls youth soccer day camp for ages 5–12. Monday–Thursday 9 a.m.–4 p.m.; Friday 9–11:30 a.m. \$. (227-2025)

Monday, July 23–Friday, July 27

Monday, July 30–Friday, Aug. 3

Monday, Aug. 6–Friday, Aug. 10

Monday, Aug. 13–Friday, Aug. 17

Tiny Tot Swim Program—ages 6 months to 3 years, 5:15–6:05 p.m.; ages 3 to 5, 6:10–7 p.m. \$. Reid Gym. (227-7397)

Tuesday, July 24

Sizzlin’ Summer Shorts Series—24th annual Folkmoot USA, North Carolina’s official international folk festival, featuring music and dance by six groups from around the world. \$. 7:30 p.m. FAPAC. (457-2997)

Wednesday, July 25

Visiting artist presentation—Luke Allsbrook, Haywood County landscape and figurative painter. 10:30 a.m.–noon. Room 223, FAPAC. (227-7210)

Saturday, July 28–Wednesday, Aug. 1

Camp—Girls junior/senior elite soccer camp for ages 10–18. \$. (227-2025)

Sunday, July 29–Sunday, Aug. 5

Camp—Broadway in the Mountains, intensive performing arts workshop for high school students age 16 or older and undergraduate students no older than 22. \$. (227-7397)

Monday, July 30–Friday, Aug. 3

Learning for Fun—Construction camp for rising sixth- through eighth-graders. \$. 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. (227-3688)

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Thursday, Aug. 2–Sunday, Aug. 5

Camp—high school boys/team soccer camp for ages 13–18. \$. (227-2025)

Friday, Aug. 3

Summer commencement—7 p.m. RRAC. (227-7495)

Sunday, Aug. 5

Performance—participants in Broadway in the Mountains camp showcase results of their intensive weeklong musical theatre workshop. 2 p.m. Studio Theatre, FAPAC. (227-2479)

Wednesday, Aug. 15

Meeting—general faculty and staff reception and meeting. 8:30 a.m. reception; 9–11 a.m. meeting. FAPAC. (227-7495)

College meetings—1 p.m. Various locations. (227-7495)

Thursday, Aug. 16

Departmental meetings—9 a.m. Various locations. (227-7495)

KEY: \$—Admission fee; BB—Belk Building; CAC—Catamount Athletic Center; CAT—Center for Applied Technology; CCB—Cordelia Camp Building; CSC—Catamount Softball Complex; FAPAC—Fine and Performing Arts Center; HA—Hoey Auditorium; HFR—H.F. Robinson Administration Building; HS/CF—Hennon Stadium/Childress Field; MHC—Mountain Heritage Center; NSA—Natural Sciences Auditorium; RH—Recital Hall, Coulter Building; RRAC—Ramsey Regional Activity Center; UC—A.K. Hinds University Center; WS/BW—Whitmire Stadium/Bob Waters Field.

Submissions: Send news items and calendar notices to WCU Calendar, 242 H.F. Robinson Bldg., Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC 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.

Saturday, Aug. 18

Residence halls open to freshmen. 8 a.m. (227-7303)

Lady Catamount soccer—vs. alumni scrimmage. 2 p.m. CAC. (227-7338)

Sunday, Aug. 19

Residence halls open to all students. 8 a.m. (227-7303)

Freshman Convocation—4–5 p.m. RRAC. (227-7495)

Valley Ballyhoo—fun, food and information. 5 p.m. Lawn, UC. (227-7206)

Exhibits

Mountain Heritage Center

Gallery A:

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

Gallery B:

“Bartram’s Journey: The 1775 Journey of William Bartram to Western North Carolina.” Celebrates the 18th-century botanist William Bartram and his exploration in the mountains of Western North Carolina. Through Aug. 20.

Gallery C:

“After the War: Conflict and Domestic Change in the North Carolina Mountains.” Portrays how wars and their aftermath have shaped the lives of people and communities in Western North Carolina. Through December.

SLIDESHOW SPOTLIGHT FOR JULY, MOUNTAIN HERITAGE CENTER: “Islands in the Clouds” tells the story of the Blue Ridge Parkway from its Depression-era origin to its current popularity as a tourist highway.

SLIDESHOW SPOTLIGHT FOR AUGUST, MOUNTAIN HERITAGE CENTER: “Bells in the Valley” presents a centennial history of Western Carolina University.

Mountain Heritage Center hours:

8 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday–Friday, 2–5 p.m. Sunday (227-7129 or www.wcu.edu/mhc)

Fine Art Museum, Fine and Performing Arts Center

“WORLDVIEWS.” Selections from Western Carolina University’s Permanent Collection and New Acquisitions. Continuing exhibit.

OPENING AUG. 24:

Norm Schulman: A Life in Clay and selections from Schulman’s personal collection of ceramics. Through Oct. 6.

Faces of Change: Migrant Workers in Western North Carolina. Through Oct. 6.

Tri-State Sculptors: MicroMonumentals. Through Oct. 6.

Fine Art Museum hours: Tuesday–Thursday, 11 a.m.–6 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.; first Saturday each month, 1–4 p.m. Donations appreciated. (227-3591 or <http://fapac.wcu.edu>)