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WCU Faculty, Staff and Students Prepare for Fall Semester



Men's Basketball Coach Larry Hunter helps freshmen in 2005. (Photo by Mark Haskett).

The warm welcome Keith Corzine wants to extend to the more than 1,500 freshmen who arrive on campus this month has nothing to do with the August heat. Corzine, director of residential living, needs as many volunteers as possible – especially from the staff and faculty – to help let new students who arrive Saturday, Aug. 19, know they are joining a community that cares about them.

“You don’t have to be able to carry a refrigerator up three flights of stairs to help,” Corzine said. “We are looking for people who can organize unloading, greet people and talk to parents about what a great day it is for them and their children. Whatever you do, you will have helped make somebody’s initial interaction with Western a positive one.”

Men’s Basketball Coach Larry Hunter, who volunteered last year along with about a dozen members of the team, said the experience helped them bond, gave them a workout and was very worthwhile. Hunter particularly remembered helping one family, which arrived in a van towing a flatbed trailer with loft-building materials, stereo equipment and computers.

“When they pulled up, several of our guys thought, ‘Oh no, here we go,’” Hunter said. “But we helped them unload in a matter of minutes, and the family, which had a son and daughter attending Western, was so appreciative.”

Keshia Martin, resident director for Scott Hall, also said faculty, staff and their families are invited to participate in evening activities after the move-in, from music on the lawn to making wax hand sculptures.

“These are the students’ first experiences at Western Carolina University, and we want them to know that this is a real community that extends beyond the classroom,” Martin said.

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From Miami to Cullowhee: Michael Jorge is New Campus Health Services Director

Michael C. Jorge, former assistant medical center director for the VA Healthcare System in Miami, is the new director of health services at Western Carolina University.

A health educator, administrator and licensed psychologist, Jorge succeeds Deborah C. Beck, who left WCU earlier this year to become director of health services at the University of South Carolina. His appointment was effective Aug. 1. Jorge is no stranger to Cullowhee, as he already owned a home in Jackson County when he learned of the vacancy in the University Health Center.

“Dr. Jorge has a broad background as an assistant medical center director, health systems specialist, staff psychologist and organizational development consultant,” said Robert Caruso, WCU’s vice chancellor for student affairs. “He is ideally suited for this position. His background in both health services and counseling will be a great

asset in facilitating collaboration between the University Health Center and the Office of Counseling and Psychological Services, as well as other areas in the Division of Student Affairs.”

In his role as assistant medical center director with VA Healthcare System in Miami, Jorge held a senior leadership position with responsibility for biomedical engineering, food and nutrition, canteen and retail store, prosthetics, and voluntary service. He is the first Cuban-American to hold a senior administrative post at the Miami center since



Michael Jorge (right) inspects a shipment of vaccines with nurse Stephanie Collins. (Photo by Ashley T. Evans).

its opening in 1961.

Prior to joining the VA Healthcare System, Jorge was a staff psychologist for the National Center for Organizational Development in Cincinnati and project manager for the employee education system of the Cleveland

VA Campus in Brecksville, Ohio. He holds a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Florida International University, and a master’s degree in education and doctorate in counseling psychology, both from the University of Miami.

—By Bill Studenc

International Fluency Association Honors David Shapiro

David A. Shapiro, professor of communication sciences and disorders and one of the nation's top speech-language pathologists, is recipient of an international award in recognition of his treatment of people who stutter and their families in different cultures around the world.

Shapiro received the International Fluency Association Award of Distinction for Outstanding Clinician as part of the organization's Fifth World Congress on Fluency Disorders in Dublin, Ireland, earlier this summer. The IFA is an interdisciplinary organization devoted to the understanding and management of fluency disorders and to improvement in the quality of life for people with fluency disorders in all parts of the world.

"Dr. Shapiro has had a positive impact on the profession of speech-language pathology," said Amy Weiss of the University of Rhode Island communicative disorders faculty and chair of the IFA awards committee. "But in my opinion, the biggest impact David Shapiro has made is on the lives of people who stutter and their families around the world – through his international presentations, through his research and writing, through his mentorship of clinicians, through his delivery of clinical services, and through his unique accessibility, patience and genuine caring."

A member of the WCU faculty since 1984, Shapiro has traveled across the globe, visiting the nations of Australia, Cameroon, Canada, the Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Jamaica and Japan to conduct cross-cultural comparisons of stuttering intervention techniques in different countries in an effort to determine best treatment practices. His efforts have resulted in the formation of a coordinated international research team involving 17 clinicians and researchers from 14 nations across six continents.

A prolific researcher with more than 50 published works and 100 professional presentations to his credit, Shapiro is author of the 1999 text "Stuttering Intervention: A Collaborative Journey to

Fluency Freedom." Adopted by numerous communication science and disorders programs at colleges and universities worldwide, the book dispels common myths about stuttering and presents Shapiro's unique assessment and

treatment methods. After overcoming his own stuttering disorder, he developed strategies that actively involve family and friends of those being treated.

Shapiro is a Fellow of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, a professional organization of more than 110,000 audiologists, speech-language pathologists and hearing scientists. The University of North Carolina system recognized him in 1999 with the Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Billy T. Ogletree, director of WCU's program in communication sciences and disorders, called Shapiro "a scholar in every sense of the word" and "a unique individual with a truly caring spirit," and said his colleague possesses personal values that are rare today. For information on the Speech and Hearing Center, call (828) 227-7251.

– by Bill Studenc



David Shapiro (standing) works with Japanese speech therapist and doctoral student Shoko Miyamoto, who visited WCU in 2002. (WCU file photo).

Dan Southern Wins State, National Clinical Laboratory Sciences Awards

Just three months after Dan Southern received a North Carolina professional association's highest honor, the clinical laboratory sciences professor is recipient of a similar award bestowed upon him by the national professional organization.

The American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science presented Southern with its "Member of the Year" award as part of national meetings held July 25-29 in Chicago. The annual award is presented to a member who has contributed significantly to the ASCLS and who, by outstanding example, has inspired others, said Mary Beth Meile, chair of the society's national awards committee.

Southern was selected for the award from among 20 nominees in recognition of a life-time of achievement in the clinical laboratory sciences profession and service to the national organization, Meile said.

"Dan Southern is an incredibly devoted professor who shows an active interest in students and spends countless hours organizing symposia and activities that benefit clinical laboratory sciences students," she said.

"He has been described as a flag-bearer for our profession, an effective communicator and a good leader with a tremendous amount of energy for the field of clinical laboratory medicine."

Southern joined the WCU faculty in 1976. He received the North Carolina Society for Clinical Laboratory Science "Member of the Year" award in late April – the third time he has won the title. He also has received two other national awards from the ASCLS, for professional achievement in education (in 1985) and for professional achievement in hematology (1997). He received the regional "Rebel Yell" award for meritorious service in 2004.

Although he said he values all of the awards that have come his way during his more than 35 years in the profession, Southern said receiving the national "Member of the Year" honor is a career highlight. "I am very honored by this one-of-a-kind award from our national professional association and by the attention it brings to WCU, my program and most of all, my students and graduates," he said.

– by Bill Studenc



Dan Southern (standing) takes a peek at the work of student Elton Clawson, who now works as a physician's assistant. (WCU file photo).

WCU 2006 August 14–27 Calendar

August

Monday, August 14–Friday, August 18

Camp—“Community Murals.” \$ 9. a.m.–12:30 p.m. Room 104, FAPAC. (227-3688)

Tiny Tot Swim Program—for ages 6 months through 5 years. Registration: \$. 5:15–6:05 p.m., and 6:10–7 p.m. Breese Gymnasium. (227-7397)

Wednesday, August 16

Meeting—Faculty Senate Planning Team. Noon–2 p.m. Mary Will Mitchell Room, Brown Cafeteria. (227-7495)

Thursday, August 17

Informational workshop—“Student Employment Essentials.” 9–10 a.m. Room 136, Killian Annex. (<http://www.wcu.edu/hr/training/personal.asp>)

Chancellor’s Opening Address—for faculty and staff. Reception 8:30 a.m.; meeting 9 a.m. FAPAC. (227-7495)

Meeting—general faculty. 10:45 a.m.–noon. Performance Hall, FAPAC. (227-7495)

Meetings—college faculty 1 p.m. Various locations on campus. (227-7495)

Web and audio conference—“The 90-Minute Supervision Clinic: Starting the Year Off Right!” 2–3:30 p.m. Hospitality Room, RRAC. (227-7234)

Staff Forum—2:30 p.m. Cardinal Room, UC. (227-2412)

Registration—for programs in Asheville. 4:30–6:30 p.m. Karpen Hall, UNC–Asheville. (227-7423 or 251-6642)

Friday, August 18

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

Luncheon—Coulter Faculty Center luncheon for all faculty. 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Arena, RRAC. (227-7196 or 227-7495)

Open Faculty Caucus meeting—1–2:30 p.m. Hospitality Room, RRAC. (227-7495)

Faculty Senate Meeting—3–5 p.m. Hospitality Room, RRAC. (227-7495)

Saturday, August 19

Residence halls open—for freshmen only. 9 a.m. (227-7303 or 227-7495)



Lady Catamount soccer—alumni scrimmage. 1 p.m. CAC. (227-7338)

Sunday, August 20

Orientation—for new students. 8:15 a.m.–5:15 p.m. RRAC. (227-7495)

Residence halls open—for all students. 9 a.m. (227-7303 or 227-7495)

Monday, August 21

Orientation—for transfer students. 8:15 a.m. UC. (227-7087)

Tuesday, August 22–Tuesday, August 29

Registration and drop/add—all students. (227-7216)

Tuesday, August 22

Department open houses—for freshmen. 10 a.m.–noon. Department offices. (227-7495)

Freshman convocation—Mimi Fenton, WCU associate professor of English, speaker. 3:30–5 p.m. RRAC. (227-7495)



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



Wednesday, August 23

All classes begin.

Web and audio conference—“Level Red: A Community Approach to Mitigating Campus Terrorism.” 1–2:30 p.m. Multipurpose Room, UC. (227-7234)

Sunday, August 27

Crafts at the Center—sewing and making sock monkeys demonstration, Patricia Purdy. 2:30–4 p.m. MHC. (227-7129)

Exhibits

Mountain Heritage Center

Gallery A:

“Migration of the Scotch-Irish People.” Includes text panels, illustrations, artifacts and vibrant murals that trace the Scotch-Irish Appalachian settlers from Ulster to Pennsylvania, through the Shenandoah Valley, and into Western North Carolina. Permanent exhibit.

Gallery B:

“Transformations: Cherokee Baskets in the Twentieth Century.” How the processes, materials and styles have evolved during this time period. Through Oct. 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 May 2007.

Lobby:

“People of the Land.” Continuing exhibit.

Slideshow Spotlight

FOR AUGUST: “Stream of Life” traces the natural and cultural history of Hazel Creek, an Appalachian watershed, from prehistory to the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Mountain Heritage Center hours:

8 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday–Friday; and 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.

“**Lasting Impressions.**” Print portfolio of nine lithographs and one wood cut, featuring 10 distinguished Native American artists. Through Sept. 2.

“**New Perspectives: FOUR of SEVEN.**” Represents a renewed bond between four of the seven alumni now known as the Appalachian Seven. Closing reception August 31, 6–8 p.m. Through Sept. 2.

“**Hazel Larsen Archer: Black Mountain College Photographer.**” In-depth look at Archer’s photographs from her nine years at the college as both a student and a teacher. Aug. 22–Sept. 23.

Fine Art Museum hours:

Tuesday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. (227-3591 or <http://fapac.wcu.edu>)

Key: \$—Admission fee; BB—Belk Building; CAC—Catamount Athletic Center; CAT—Center for Applied Technology; CSC—Catamount Softball Complex; FAPAC—Fine and Performing Arts Center; HA—Hoeys 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; UOC—University Outreach Center; WS/BW—Whitmore Stadium/Bob Waters Field.

Submissions: Send news items and calendar notices to WCU Calendar, 1601 Ramsey Center, 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.

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► A paper written by **Anna McFadden**, interim director of the Coulter Faculty Center and associate professor in the Department of Educational Leadership and Foundations, and **John LeBaron**, Jay M. Robinson Distinguished Professor in Educational Technologies, was named “Best Paper” at the International Association for the Development of the Information Society Conference in Ireland. McFadden presented the paper, titled “Leadership for a Forced March to E-Learning: Lurching to the Other Side of the Valley,” at the July conference.

► **Tracy Zontek**, visiting professor of health sciences, co-authored a research paper, “Influence of Bulk Graphite Thickness on the Accuracy of X-Ray Diffraction Measurement,” after a summer fellowship at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee. Zontek also assisted the Materials Science and Technology Division in workplace safety compliance. **Burton Ogle**, director of the environmental health program, also completed a fellowship working with researchers at Oak Ridge’s Center for Nanophase Material Sciences.

► **Bill Studenc**, senior director of news services, picked up a 2006 “Best of the Mountains Award” from the Public Relations Association of Western North Carolina in the best press kit category. The award was for the Office of Public Relations’ comprehensive package of information presented to news media representatives who covered last December’s announcement of nearly \$7 million in contributions pledged to WCU by Asheville businessman Joe W. Kimmel.

WCU Prepares for Fall

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Behind the scenes, Western has been preparing for weeks for the return of students this fall. Resident assistants are training this week and taking inventory of the condition of rooms in residence halls. Facilities Management staff members have been replacing roofs at Breese Gymnasium, Hunter Library and McKee Building, said Joe Walker, associate vice chancellor for facilities management. They are removing a green water tank from a hill on the older part of campus and preparing to add sod to the new grassy area near Dodson Cafeteria. Soon, lights will be installed along the footpath at Norton Road Residence Hall to increase safety.

Meanwhile, workers are scrambling to finish the renovation and complete final inspections at Stillwell Building.

Other changes on campus include new dining options in the A.K. Hinds University Center, featuring an Einstein Bros. Bagels, an express “grab and go” area with sandwiches and salads and a smoothies station. Rick Nicholson, director of auxiliary services, also says there will be an expanded pizza and Italian menu in Dodson.

– by **Teresa Killian**



Ashley Tate, a student working in the residential living office, holds up one of the free purple T-shirts for volunteers on move-in day Saturday, Aug. 19. The shirts bear the new athletics tagline, “Get in the ‘Whee.” (Photo by Ashley T. Evans).

New to Western’s Campus?

The size of the faculty and staff has grown to about 545 employees, according to the Office of Human Resources.

An upcoming issue of the Reporter will be dedicated to introducing newcomers to the community, and the Office of Public Relations requests all full-time employees who joined the staff and faculty since Sept. 1, 2005, drop in at the photography studio in 420 H.F.R. Administration Building during times listed below:

New faculty members in orientation this week are scheduled to have their photographs made between 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 14, and Tuesday, Aug. 15.

Other new faculty and staff are asked to stop by to have pictures made anytime between 3-5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16; 10 a.m.-noon Thursday, Aug. 17; and 1-3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18.

“Please dress appropriately,” said Mark Haskett, university photographer. “These photos will be kept on file and could be used for promotional or news purposes.”

If you cannot make it during these times, contact photographers Haskett or Ashley Evans at 227-3081 to schedule a time.

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