For decades, American colleges and universities have rewarded faculty members with promotion and tenure based upon their professorial performance in the areas of classroom teaching, traditional research activities and public service.

An innovative reward system adopted this fall at Western adds an additional element designed to move faculty promotion and tenure decisions from beneath the shadow of the ivory tower of academia and into the “real world.”

The new tenure, promotion and reappointment policies, approved in September by the president of the University of North Carolina system, will make it possible to reward faculty members who apply their scholarly activities to help solve problems that face the larger community beyond the boundaries of campus.

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“Western becomes one of the first mid-size or larger institutions in the nation – and the first UNC campus – that has adopted such policies in recognition that institutions of higher education have an increasing role to play in economic and social development.”

For example, psychology professors at WCU are working with local school children on a behavioral science-based program designed to help combat an epidemic of childhood obesity. Faculty from the Kimmel School of Construction Management and Technology are assisting a Jackson County orthopedic surgeon develop an in-home rehabilitation device for patients who have had total knee replacement surgery. Business professors are guiding students in projects to assist the town of Canton in recovering from two floods in 2004 and to create a model for other towns to follow in times of disaster. Biologists and geoscientists are collaborating with faculty from Cherokee studies to restore the region’s once plentiful rivercane, an important cultural resource to the Cherokee people.

The new reward structure is based upon the “Boyer Model of Scholarship,” a system named for Ernest Boyer, former president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Boyer argued that contemporary universities should broaden their idea of research to embrace multiple forms of scholarship in order to take advantage of the full range of faculty talent.

Western is most interested in promoting “the scholarship of application” because it fits with the university’s vision of becoming an engaged university, said Chancellor John W. Bardo.

“The scholarship of application is not merely service to the community,” said Bardo. “Instead, it is a rigorously designed project of scholarship or research that is intended to answer critical questions in the surrounding community. It requires faculty members to engage with the broader community, to understand the community’s needs, and to gain sufficient knowledge of the situation so that they are able to design and execute research to address those specific needs.”

The problem is that the traditional organizational structure in place at most American colleges and universities, which can be traced to the Industrial Revolution, is ill-suited for higher education in the 21st century, Bardo said. “With globalization, internationalization, regionalization and the
Western is expanding a traditional day of volunteer service as part of Homecoming events to a month of service spanning from Thursday, Sept. 20, to Saturday, Oct. 20. “We will engage in volunteer service projects designed to serve our neighbors and to make the communities surrounding our campus a better place in which to live and earn a living,” said Glenn Bowen, director of service learning. “The Homecoming committee has set a goal of 10,000 hours of service to communities in the Western North Carolina region during the four-week period.” Any volunteer service completed by current students, alumni, faculty, staff and family members can be reported through Monday, Oct. 22, to the Center for Service Learning and counted toward the 10,000-hour goal. To register or report community service, download Homecoming project forms from the “forms” link on the center’s Web site at www.wcu.edu/studentd/service_learning. Information about organizations in need of volunteers also is available on the Web site. Agencies with urgent needs include the Bartram Trail Society, Jackson County Habitat for Humanity, Pathways Thrift Store and KIDS in Action. Another opportunity to participate is through the American Red Cross Blood Drive to be held in the multipurpose room of A.K. Hinds University Center from 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 8, and Tuesday, Oct. 9, and 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 10. Each donation will be counted as one hour of volunteer service. For more information, contact Glenn Bowen at 227-7184 or gb Bowen@email.wcu.edu, or Charli Lehman at clehman@email.wcu.edu.

Celebrate WCU at Homecoming

Western’s 2007 Homecoming theme is “Heritage: A Catamount Never Forgets,” and the planning committee has lined up new and traditional events to create a celebration worth remembering. The festivities kicked off Thursday, Sept. 20, with the announcement of a community service goal – for students, staff, faculty, their families and alumni to complete 10,000 hours of community service before Saturday, Oct. 20. “Service is one thing that ties us all together at Western,” said Rebecca Saunders, co-chair of the Homecoming planning committee and associate director for programs at A.K. Hinds University Center. “Not everybody is about football or is an alumnus coming home to see old friends, but everybody that is a Catamount is about service.” Continuing traditions include the annual Alumni Scholarship Golf Tournament on Friday, Oct. 19. All golfers are welcome to take part and tee off at Laurel Ridge Country Club in Waynesville at noon. To participate, register by Friday, Oct. 12, with the Office of Alumni Affairs at 227-7335. That evening, the Homecoming parade will begin at 6:15 p.m. in downtown Sylva. Featured entrants include community and student floats, cheerleaders, the Homecoming Court, the Pride of the Mountains Marching Band and visiting performers from Bread and Puppet Theater. Spirit Night follows at 8 p.m. at the Catamount Athletic Complex and features a pep rally introducing athletes from all fall sports, along with music, food and – as a grand finale – a fireworks show that will start at 10 p.m., lasting approximately 30 minutes. Preceding the Homecoming football game against The Citadel at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20, will be alumni events and tailgating. Right after the game, a free, family-friendly performance by the Bread and Puppet Theater will start outside the Cordelia Camp Building. The troupe’s performance of “The Divine Reality Comedy Circus” is part of the Lectures, Concerts and Exhibitions Series. Guests will be treated to laughs and fresh-baked bread. The Saturday festivities continue with Stompfest 2007, a step-show competition featuring African-American fraternities and sororities, at Ramsey Regional Activity Center at 8 p.m. The master of ceremonies will be comedian Cocoa Brown and the featured comic is Rip Michaels. For tickets, call the Office of Multicultural Affairs at 227-2276. Then, on Sunday, Oct. 21, the inaugural “Grill and Chill” will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Catamount Athletic Complex in advance of the Lady Catamounts soccer game against Davidson. “We wanted to continue the success we had last year with supporting and celebrating the soccer team as part of Homecoming through hosting Spirit Night right after a soccer game,” said Saunders. “This year, we don’t have a home soccer game until Sunday, but we want to continue that tradition through the ‘grill and chill.’” Homecoming festivities conclude with the annual concert by the Inspirational Choir in the A.K. Hinds University Center Grandroom at 3:30 p.m.
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shift to a knowledge-based economy, today we face a revolution every bit as far ranging as the Industrial Revolution. As a result, universities are being asked more and more to respond directly to the needs of the people they serve,” he said. “Unfortunately, the old reward systems of universities do not tend to support university faculty who do so. The system adopted at Western will reward faculty members for their work with the surrounding region.”

Prior to approval by the UNC system, the new tenure, promotion and reappointment policy was endorsed by the Faculty Senate and by the university board of trustees.

“The new reward system reflects a lot of hard work on the part of our faculty and the Faculty Senate,” Provost Kyle Carter said. “I am proud of our faculty for their willingness to take this critical step to ensure that the university reaches out to the people of the region and for their enthusiasm in creating a truly engaged university.”

—By BILL STUDENC

Highlands Biological Station Celebrates 80 Years

Highlands Biological Station and WCU will present a daylong scientific symposium from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center in Highlands to mark the 80th anniversary of the biological station.

The symposium will host 12 speakers and celebrate the station’s legacy in ecological research and education, and explore challenges that face biodiversity conservation in Southern Appalachia and beyond, said Jim Costa, professor of biology at Western and the executive director at Highlands Biological Station. The facility is an inter-institutional year-round biological field station administered by WCU that hosts research and teaching venues as well as an extensive native-plant botanical garden, museum and nature center.

For more information, check out www.wcu.edu/hbs or e-mail Jim Costa at costa@wcu.edu.

—By TERESA KILLIAN

Staff Members Graduate From Leadership Institute

Western’s Leadership Institute celebrated the achievements of 25 people who completed nine of 12 intensive in-class and online training workshops designed to enhance leadership and management skills. The graduation ceremony, held Friday, Sept. 28, marked the second for the institute in the past six years.

Leadership Institute graduate Jenny Owen, executive assistant to the university’s chief information officer, said the experience has helped her communicate better and become a better listener.

Another Leadership Institute graduate, Keith Stiles, senior research analyst and scheduling data administrator in the Office of Institutional Research and Planning, said he learned a lot about delegating and leading successful meetings.

“A lot of meetings do not necessarily get as much accomplished as intended, and in the training we heard some great ideas for how to plan a meeting and stick to the plan,” said Stiles. “That has been invaluable. The Leadership Institute was worth every bit of training time.”

Chris Dahlquist, training and development coordinator, said leadership and management workshops will continue to be offered on campus, although not as the comprehensive Leadership Institute workshop series.

“We host regular training programs on a range of topics,” said Dahlquist. “Some this fall include management courses such as grievance and discipline workshops, effective coaching and equal employment issues.”

For more information, contact Chris Dahlquist at dahlquist@email.wcu.edu or 227-2388.

Leadership Institute participants who were honored at the graduation ceremony Fri., Sept. 28 were Jacquie Arrington, Print Shop; Bryant Barnett, Residential Living; Billie Bell, formerly with Children’s Developmental Services Agency; Phyllis Bolek, Educational Outreach; Tiffany Bowers, Facilities Management; Mary B. Brown, Residential Living; Dawn Brown, Information Technology; Wendy Cagle, Small Business Technology and Development Center; Tatum Conley, CatCard Office; Kenny Cook, retired from Facilities Management; Joyce Farmer, Admissions; Linda Fiskeaux, Facilities Management; Lisa Frady, Advising Center; Ernie Jamison, Information Technology; Mark Murphy, Information Technology; Jenny Owen, Office of the Chief Information Officer; Sharon Painter, Registrar’s Office; Carolyn Parris, Residential Living; Linda Price, Catamount Clothing; Ginger Seay, Controller’s Office; Keith Stiles, Institutional Research and Planning; Lisa Surber, Residential Living; Jed Tate, Web Services; Irene Welch, Provost’s Office; and Cindy Williams, Human Resources.

—By TERESA KILLIAN

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A former WCU administrator who served as chairman of Mountain Heritage Day for 18 years and his wife are establishing a $10,000 endowed fund that will help the event continue to thrive as one of the premier folk festivals in the Southeast.

Investment earnings from the fund being created by W. Douglas and Angela Davis of Cullowhee will be used to support a wide range of festival activities. 

“Doug” Davis was a member of WCU’s professional development staff from 1966 until his retirement in 1992 as assistant vice chancellor for student development. Angela Davis taught at WCU for eight years before entering a career in real estate.

In 1974, Doug Davis served on the committee that planned the inauguration of H.F. Robinson as chancellor at WCU. The committee planned the inauguration as, in part, a “Founder’s Day” celebration. That event evolved into Mountain Heritage Day, and in 1976 Davis was chosen to lead the new Mountain Heritage Day committee.

Davis affixed Mountain Heritage Day to the last Saturday in September and led the festival to its position as a major folk festival that now draws 25,000 to 30,000 visitors to WCU’s campus each year.

After his 1992 retirement from the university staff, Davis continued to head Mountain Heritage Day for two more years. At the 1994 festival, Davis’ contributions to Mountain Heritage Day were recognized as he received WCU’s Mountain Heritage Award, an honor given annually to individuals or organizations in recognition of outstanding contributions to the preservation or interpretation of the history and culture of Southern Appalachia.

Now in its 33rd year, Mountain Heritage Day is supported by the state of North Carolina through the work of WCU’s faculty and staff, but the only regular funding received by the festival comes through vendor booth rental fees and from receiving a percentage of receipts from vendors’ sales at the festival’s arts, crafts and food midway. There are no parking fees at Mountain Heritage Day, and admission to the festival is free.

Vendor sales at Mountain Heritage Day are heavily dependent upon festival attendance, and attendance is dependent on the weather, so it follows that festival revenues can fluctuate each year according to the weather in Cullowhee on the last Saturday in September.

“Throughout its history, Mountain Heritage Day has been blessed with great weather in most years, but being at the mercy of Mother Nature puts the festival in a tenuous position,” said Scott Philyaw, current festival chairman and director of WCU’s Mountain Heritage Center.

“That’s why this gift from Doug and Angela Davis is one of the most pivotal developments in the festival’s history,” he said. “This fund will provide a more reliable source of revenue that we can depend on from now on. Through this donation, the Davises are helping to ensure that Mountain Heritage Day will continue to thrive for many years to come as a tribute to and celebration of the traditional culture of the Southern Appalachians.

“Doug Davis was an excellent steward throughout the early years of MHD,” Philyaw said. “This gift continues that stewardship.”

Brett Woods, campus director of The Campaign for Western, the university’s comprehensive fund-raising campaign that seeks to raise $40 million in private support to enhance institutional quality, said the Davises’ gift for Mountain Heritage Day is exactly what campaign officials have in mind when they suggest that potential donors support the causes that mean the most to them.

Campaign donors may choose to support any academic program, department, sport or scholarship, or even create their own endowed fund – like the Davises did, Woods said.

—By RANDALL HOLCOMBE
New Scholarship Helps Football Student-Athletes

What brought Bobby N. Setzer to Western in 1951 was the chance to play football. What kick-started his career was the degree he earned along the way. What inspired him year after year as a tenured faculty member and coach at WCU were alumni. Many, like him, had come to Cullowhee for the love of a game, but returned to visit for the love of a university – the place where they earned degrees that made so many successes possible in their lives.

In honor of the more than 30 years Setzer dedicated to WCU as a faculty member in the industrial distribution program and as a student-athlete, assistant football coach and athletics director, he and wife Anne have started the Bobby N. Setzer Football Scholarship Fund. The $10,000 endowed scholarship fund will generate an annual $500 scholarship to help a student-athlete in the football program, with preference given to students majoring in engineering technology.

“Creating this scholarship is very important to us because we want to help students in our football program be successful not only on the field, but also in the classroom,” said Setzer, who also earned a master’s degree in education at WCU.

As an undergraduate student at WCU, Setzer was a two-time All North State Conference lineman and captain of the football team in 1957. Setzer served as assistant football coach for 28 years while teaching a full schedule of classes between 1957 and 1988, except for three seasons. He also coached the WCU wrestling team for six seasons and served as athletics director from 1989 to 1992. He married Anne Setzer, who also earned a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree from Western.

Don Powers, assistant head coach and a long-time coworker and friend of the Setzers, said this scholarship is the kind of gift that truly helps Western develop quality academic and athletic programs. Football student-athletes Justin Johnson, a junior from Tennessee majoring in engineering technology, and Josh Deaver, a junior from Canton majoring in electrical engineering, are among the student-athletes who could benefit from the scholarship. Both say they appreciate the creation of a scholarship that could help them pursue their dreams and leave college with a little less debt to repay.

“I didn’t know what I wanted to major in when I came to Western, and a professor directed me to the engineering technology program,” said Johnson. “It’s challenging, but I love it.”

Robert Anderson, director of the engineering technology program, said he has had many athletes in his classes, and he is impressed with the rigorous schedules they keep. “Almost without exception, the athletes in our classes are very hard workers and good scholars,” he said. “State and federal funding cannot keep pace with the cost of a college education. Thank you to Bobby and Anne Setzer for this contribution. Thank you for making a difference.”

–By TERESA KILLIAN

For more information about how to support the Bobby N. Setzer Football Scholarship Fund, the Davises’ fund for Mountain Heritage Day or another cause through The Campaign for Western, check out campaign.wcu.edu or call Brett Woods, campus campaign director, at 227-7124 or bwoods@email.wcu.edu.

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Many campus programs are growing with student enrollment at an all-time high, and the Office of International Services and Programs is no exception. In fact, international student enrollment increased more than 50 percent for the 2007-08 academic year. Nearly 90 international students representing 21 countries are now studying in Cullowhee. Elizabeth Walden, international student adviser, attributes that growth to the office’s doubling of staff and its continued efforts to promote the program worldwide. “We travel a lot to national meetings and to our exchange partners to meet with students who may have an interest in coming to Western,” said Walden. For example, Walden will venture to South Korea, Japan and Taiwan this month to spread the word about Western’s international programs, and co-worker John Schweikart, study abroad adviser, is currently meeting with exchange partners throughout Europe.

Lois Petrovich-Mwaniki, director of international programs and services, also commented that the program is growing through word of mouth. “Several years ago, we had a student come in from Kenya, and then two years later, his sister came to Western. He said to me, ‘This was a great place, so I told my sister about it.’”

International students at Western come from all over the world, including Ghana, France, Chile, China, Japan, South Korea, Kenya and the Philippines. Many are attracted to Western’s top-ranked business programs. In a 2006 Princeton review, WCU’s College of Business was named a “282 Best” business school, and earlier this year Fortune Small Business magazine recognized Western’s master’s degree program in entrepreneurship as one of the five best online entrepreneurship programs in the nation.

Eric Palpacuer, a graduate student in the master’s degree program in entrepreneurship, came from Nice, France, to Western as an undergraduate student to study business. When it came time to graduate and make the decision about furthering his education, Palpacuer wanted to return to WCU. “I talked to some people who were in graduate programs, and I got interested in it,” said Palpacuer. “Plus, I really liked the campus life and the atmosphere at Western.” But returning to the states wasn’t an easy road for Palpacuer. There were challenges, such as his school’s exchange program limit of one year, even after Palpacuer was accepted into WCU’s Graduate School.

That’s just one of the many obstacles international students have to overcome when in the United States. Others relate to getting a driver’s license, living off campus without a means of transportation, and struggling every day with communicating in a second language. “Despite all these regulations and all of this messiness, I just love that our students have a fabulous time and still make the best of it,” said Walden. “I think that says a lot about this generation.” Members of the Office of International Services and Programs say they welcome the growth and are looking to grow even more in the near future. “We’re wondering how we can expand our programs and yet keep a lid on them at the same time so we know what’s going on,” said Schweikart. “There’s still so much growth and potential.”

–By JESSICA CREGGER
organization that provides mobile health care and business assistance to farm workers and their families in Jackson, Macon, Swain and Transylvania counties.

A panel discussion will be held in Room 130 of the Fine and Performing Arts Center Thursday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. on the topic “Who are Migrant Farm Workers?” Panelists will include Mark Heffington of Mountain Area Family Medicine and Mark Couture, associate professor of modern foreign languages at Western and board member of Vecinos. A reception will follow in the museum lobby.

“The museum serves as a forum for dialogue and exchange of ideas for greater understanding of our complex contemporary culture, especially as it impacts our own local and regional communities,” said Martin DeWitt, director of the museum. “I am personally quite taken by these images. From a photojournalism perspective, they are what they are – direct and intimate – and offer a powerful visual statement.”

The museum also will feature the School of Art and Design’s student portfolio exhibition, with artwork from students in the bachelor’s degree program in fine art. Media represented will include ceramics, mixed media, sculpture, painting and drawing.

For more information, contact DeWitt at 227-2553.

—By JESSICA CREGGER

All photos are from “Faces of Change: Migrant Workers of WNC,” a photo journal courtesy of Vecinos, Inc. Farmworker Health Program.

WCU Wins State Award for 2006 Combined Campaign, Raises Goal

With 295 contributors, Western gave $48,995 to the annual State Employees Combined Campaign last year, a whopping 23.24 percent increase over the previous year and well ahead of the official goal of $38,000. That was enough to win the Governor’s Award for the highest percentage increase among all universities in the University of North Carolina system.

This year, Western’s target is $39,000, and organizers are hoping the campus will respond with the same generosity as before.

The goal is not to break records or win awards, but to continue the university’s long record of support for charities qualified to receive funds from the SECC, the only officially sanctioned fund drive permitted in the state employee workplace.

Mike Stewart, assistant to the vice chancellor for administration and finance, and WCU’s 2007-08 SECC chair, encourages all employees to participate at whatever level is comfortable for them.

“I know there is a sincere desire within our employees to make a difference in the lives of others, both locally and statewide,” Stewart said. “Such great people are what make WCU such a great community to be part of. The State Employees Combined Campaign is just another opportunity for us to be a positive force in someone else’s life.”

SECC coordinators say that, for the price of a cup of coffee and a bagel, faculty and staff can contribute enough to buy a box of nails for use in building a family’s new, affordable home or provide two weeks’ worth of meals for a homebound person. Gifts in any amount are welcome with a $10 minimum for those who select a specific recipient, or at least $5 a month for giving through payroll deductions.

Most state employees use payroll deductions to make their gifts. The SECC also accepts cash, checks or credit card payments. Western’s campaign began Sept. 24 and ends Oct. 31. Division solicitors have delivered donor forms and resource guides to everyone with an urgent request for response as soon as possible. Those materials also are available at www.ncsecc.org.

“We all have different ideas about charity, and we all donate our time and money in many different ways to many different causes,” Stewart said. “As long as I have participated in the State Employee’s Combined Campaign at WCU, I continue to be amazed by the outpouring of charitable generosity and compassion from our employees.”

Of course, it feels great when that powerful, positive force also puts Western ahead of every other campus in the UNC system.

—By LEILA TVEDT
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American Red Cross Blood Drive — 12:30–6 p.m., Oct. 8–9; 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m., Oct. 10. Multipurpose Room, UC. To schedule appointments, visit www.membersforlife.org/cbsr/schedule, click on Jackson County and enter sponsor code 7836. (227-7206)

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Friday, Oct. 19
Open House — for prospective students and their families. (227-7317)

Sunday, Oct. 21
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Lady Catamount soccer — vs. Davidson. Southern Conference game. Senior Day. 4 p.m.CAC. (227-7338)
Inspirational Choir Homecoming Concert — 3:30 p.m. Grandroom, UC. (227-7206)

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Mountain Heritage Center
SLIDESHOW SPOTLIGHT FOR OCTOBER:
“Com: Milling, Tilling and Stillling.”

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:
“Southwestern Stews: Traditions of One-Pot Cooking,” a national, traveling exhibition organized by the McKissick Museum at the University of South Carolina. Through March.

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.

Online Exhibits (http://www.wcu.edu/2397.asp):
“Afro Caribean Culture”
“Southwestern Appalachian Quilts”
“Watts in the Mountains: Rural Electrification in Western North Carolina”
“Craft Revival: Shaping Western North Carolina Past and Present”

Mountain Heritage Center hours:
8 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday–Friday, and 2–5 p.m. Sunday. (227-7129 or http://www.wcu.edu/2389.asp)

Fine Art Museum, Fine and Performing Arts Center
ONGOING EXHIBITS: “Worldviews.” Selections from Western Carolina University’s Permanent Collection in all media by local, regional, national and international artists.

Fine Art Museum hours: Tuesday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; Wednesday–Friday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.; Saturday, 1–4 p.m. Donations appreciated. (227-3591 or fapac.wcu.edu)

KEY: $—Admission fee; BB–Belk Building; CAC—Catamount Athletic Center; CAT–Center for Applied Technology; CCB–Cordelia Camp Building; CSC–Catamount Softball Complex; HAC–Fine and Performing Arts Center; HA–Hoey Auditorium; HER–H.E. Robinson Administration Building; HL–Hunter Library; HS/C–Hennon Stadium/Childress Field; MHC–Mountain Heritage Center; NSA–Natural Sciences Auditorium; RH–Reins Hall, Coulter Building; RRAC–Ramsey Regional Activity Center; UC–A.K. Hinds University Center; WS/BB–Whitmer Stadium/Boo Waters Field.

Submissions: Send news items and calendar notices to WCU Calendar, 420 H.E. 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.