



Adam Griffith (left), newly appointed director of the Beachcare program housed at Western Carolina University, and Santa Aguila Charitable Trust founder Olaf Guerrand-Hermes (foreground) examine sand mining photographs on the coast of Morocco with geologists Orrin Pilkey (center) and Joseph Kelly. (Photo courtesy of the Program for the Study of Developed Shorelines)

International Beach Trust Locates Office at Western

WCU is the new home to the offices of the Santa Aguila Charitable Trust, an international organization devoted to the protection and preservation of beaches around the world, and recent graduate Adam Griffith has been hired as director of the trust's Beachcare program.

Griffith, who earned his master's degree in biology from Western in May, is working out of space in WCU's Program for the Study of Developed Shorelines, known worldwide for its use of science to influence public policy affecting management of U.S. shorelines.

"Our immediate goal is to launch the official Beachcare Web site to inform, educate, protect and celebrate the world's beaches," Griffith said.

Other priorities of the trust include identifying beaches in trouble around the world, and providing the scientific basis for improving their management, he said. "I love the beach and am thrilled to work in the nonprofit and environmental fields," Griffith said.

Established by Olaf Guerrand-Hermes, a member of the family that founded the Paris-based Hermes fashion house, and wife Eva after the death of 2-year-old-daughter Aguila in a car accident in 2005, the Santa Aguila Charitable Trust strives to educate the general public regarding issues that threaten the world's beaches and coasts.

The relocation of the trust to WCU comes through the efforts of Rob Young, director of Western's Program for the Study of Developed Shorelines and a member of

the advisory board of the trust. The advisory board oversees the trust's strategy and works to ensure its mission of global mobilization to stop the decimation of beaches worldwide.

"This effort will unite PSDS and Western with a very influential group of global movers and shakers in the name of environmental education and responsible coastal management," Young said. "It is all very exciting."

— By BILL STUDENC

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Applications Due Sept. 26 for QEP Development Grants

The Office of the Provost plans to award at least 10 grants of up to \$750 each this fall for activities connected to implementation of the university's Quality Enhancement Plan.

Faculty members can submit grant applications through Friday, Sept. 26, for fall awards, and through Friday, Jan. 30, for spring awards.

Details and grant applications can be accessed from the Web site <http://www.wcu.edu/10093.asp>. For more information, contact Carol Burton, assistant vice chancellor for undergraduate studies and QEP project director, at 227-7497 or burton@wcu.edu.

INTRODUCING

Newcomers to Western

Meet the newest members of the WCU community. Here are the names, photographs and brief biographies of more than 150 faculty and staff members who recently joined the Western family or moved into a full-time position.



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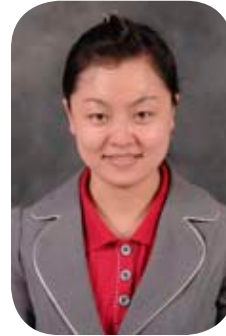
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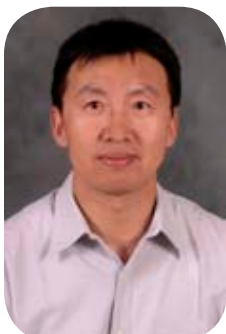
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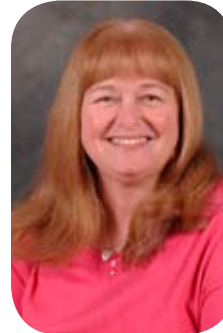
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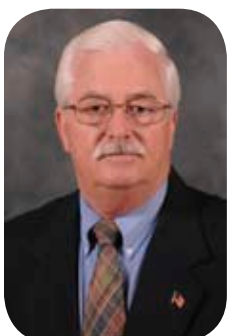
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Deepak Pant, lecturer, English.

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Newsfile

- **Andrew Adams**, assistant professor of piano, has been appointed to the six-person editorial board of the *Journal of Singing*, the official publication of the National Association of Teachers of Singing. The periodical is devoted to the study of the voice in the United States and provides scholarly information regarding vocal pedagogy, science, technique, history and lyric diction.
- Information technology client services employees **Rebecca Hauge** and **Adam Huggins**, computing support technicians, and **Andy Voelker**, support analyst, received their Apple Certified Support Professional certification for Mac OS X 10.5 Leopard, the most recent version of the operating system.
- **Jack Sholder**, director of the motion picture and television production program, will present a workshop and introduce "The Hidden," a movie he directed, at the Sitges International Film Festival held near Barcelona. The movie is being screened as part of a tribute to "Science Fiction Treasures." Sholder also was invited to teach a filmmaking workshop at a university in Malaga, Spain. He also presented a paper, "Using Fifteen Second Films to Teach Filmmaking," at the University Film & Video Association's conference held in August in Colorado Springs, Colo.
- **Anne Vail**, director of information technology client services, recently presented "Celebrating Successes: Choosing and Implementing a New Issue Tracking Software Replacement for Remedy" at the HDI Higher Education Forum at Indiana University.

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Registration Open for FEED Workshops

Registration for sessions at the second annual Faculty Enrichment and Education Day to be held Tuesday, Sept. 23, at A.K. Hinds University Center is now open at the Web site <http://www.wcu.edu/9246.asp>.

Interactive workshops and poster presentations will be held throughout the day to foster communication and collaborative discussions among academic and student service departments. The keynote address at 12:15 p.m. in the UC Theater will be delivered by 2008 Integration of Learning Award recipients, who developed the project "The Spanish House: A Living and Learning Experience."

Online Project Management Program Ranked No. 1 'Best Buy' Nationally

Western's online master's degree program in project management has been given a No. 1 national ranking in quality and affordability by the distance education information clearinghouse GetEducated.com. The program is listed first among a group of top 39 "best buys." The rankings are based on a review of 127 distance-learning graduate management and administration programs offered through accredited universities across the nation.

The project management program at WCU was reviewed and "judged to offer a high quality distance degree to a national audience at tuition rates well below the national average," said GetEducation.com spokeswoman Kathy Morrison. North Carolina residents who enroll in WCU's program pay about \$4,709 to complete it, while the GetEducated.com review indicated that the average cost for obtaining the degree across the nation is \$20,181.

Accredited by the Project Management Institute in 1983, WCU's program transitioned into a Web-based format in 1998, and the first group of students who earned their degrees fully online graduated in August 2000.

—By RANDALL HOLCOMBE

Reporter Calendar

Sept. 8 – 21

Tuesday, Sept. 9

Weight Loss Tuesdays — Diet, exercise and stress management. 12:30 or 5 p.m. Bird 224. \$. (227-2088)

Movie — “Nueba Yol,” a comedy/drama about a Dominican man’s quest to get to New York City. Subtitled. 7:30 p.m. UC theater. (227-3872)

Catamount Concert Series — Kristine Hurst-Wajszczuk, soprano, accompanied by Andrew Adams on piano. 8 p.m. RH. (227-7242)

Wednesday, Sept. 10

Mountain Heritage Center open house — A welcome to students, faculty and staff. Noon-2 p.m. MHC. (227-7129)

Open Mic Night — Sponsored by Last Minute Productions. 9 p.m. Club Illusions, UC. (227-7479)

Thursday, Sept. 11

Movie — “The Seven Samurai” (1954). Residents of a 16th-century Japanese farming community hire a band of samurai to protect them against bandits. Subtitled. 7 p.m. UC theater. \$. (227-7206)

Friday, Sept. 12

University Club — TGIF gathering for members and guests. 5 p.m. with chili cook-off to follow. UClubhouse, Central Drive. \$. (227-3933)

Movie — “Sex and the City.” 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. UC theater. \$. (227-7479)

One Night Stand comedy — Featuring Adam Ace. 8 p.m. Club Illusions, UC. (227-7479)

Saturday, Sept. 13

Movie — “Sex and the City.” 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. University Center theater. \$. (227-7479)

Catamount football — vs. Liberty. Kids Weekend. 6 p.m. WS/BW. \$. (227-7338)

Monday, Sept. 15

Barry Drake — Rock ‘n’ roll historian. 7:30 p.m. UC theater. (227-7479)

Tuesday, Sept. 16

Weight Loss Tuesdays — Diet, exercise and stress management. 12:30 or 5 p.m. Bird 224. \$. (227-2088)

Visiting designer — Amy Laughead-Riese, lighting designer for Federated Department Stores (including Macy’s and Bloomingdale’s). 4-6 p.m. Room 130, FAPAC. (227-2151)



Movie — “Hombre Mirando al Sudeste,” a drama about a patient in a mental hospital who claims to be an extraterrestrial. Subtitled. 7:30 p.m. UC theater. (227-3872)

Catamount volleyball — vs. UNC Asheville. 7 p.m. RRAC. \$. (227-7338)

Wednesday, Sept. 17

Faculty Conversations — Propose and hear ideas. Sponsored by the Office of the Provost. 8:30-10 a.m. Multipurpose Room, UC. (227-3012)

Evening of Spoken Word — Featuring Gabriela Garcia Medina. 9 p.m. Club Illusions, UC. (227-7479)

Wednesday, Sept. 17-Sunday, Sept. 21

Theater — “Plaza Suite,” by the University Players. A comedic portrait following three couples successively occupying Suite 719 of New York City’s Plaza hotel. 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday. HA. \$. (227-2479)

Thursday, Sept. 18

Reception — Cherokee pottery exhibit. 5:30-7 p.m. MHC. (227-7129)

Lectures, Concerts and Exhibitions Series — Fushu Daiko, Japanese drumming. 7:30 p.m. FAPAC. \$. (227-2479)

Friday, Sept. 19

Movie — “Get Smart.” 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. UC theater. \$. (227-7479)

University Club — TGIF gathering for members and guests. 5 p.m. UClubhouse, Central Drive. \$. (227-3933)

Friday, Sept. 19-Saturday, Sept. 20

Catamount Clash volleyball tournament — Friday: vs. Norfolk State, 2:30 p.m.; vs. Arkansas State, 7:30 p.m. Saturday: vs. Presbyterian, 2 p.m. RRAC. \$. (227-7338)

Saturday, Sept. 20

Movie — “Get Smart.” 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. UC theater. \$. (227-7479)

Catamount cross country — Catamount Classic. 9 a.m. CAC. (227-7338)

Sunday, Sept. 21

Catamount women’s soccer — vs. South Carolina. 2 p.m. CAC. \$. (227-7338)

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—Hoe Auditorium; HFR—H.F. Robinson Administration Building; HL—Hunter Library; 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:

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Exhibits

Fine Art Museum

“Lewis Buck: Beyond the Surface — Life Works in Painting and Assemblage” — A career survey spanning 50 years of the Black Mountain artist’s life. Through Monday, Dec. 15.

“Worldviews” — Selections from Western Carolina University’s permanent collection. Ongoing.

Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tues., Wed. and Fri., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Thurs. and 1-4 p.m. Sat. (227-3591 or <http://fapac.wcu.edu>)

Mountain Heritage Center

“Bells in the Valley” — Slideshow spotlight, September.

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

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

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

Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. (227-7129 or <http://www.wcu.edu/mhc>)

Hunter Library

“Bartram’s Journey: The 1775 Journey of William Bartram to Western North Carolina” — Exhibit on the life and observations of botanist William Bartram, on display through December on the ground floor. (227-3398)

