Advisory Council To Tackle State’s Teacher Shortage

Western Carolina University Chancellor John Bardo has formed the Chancellor’s Advisory Council for Teacher Supply and Demand, a new initiative designed to assist Western North Carolina educational institutions in their efforts to address a statewide teacher shortage.

The advisory council is charged with providing recommendations to Bardo about issues related to the supply and demand of teachers and other professional educators in the state of North Carolina.

The committee will meet regularly to develop ideas and strategies to help ensure that N.C. children have competent, qualified and caring teachers.

The committee will include representatives from Western, the public schools and WNC community colleges. It will be chaired by Michael Dougherty, dean of Western’s College of Education and Allied Professions.

“Members of the advisory council are Donna Peters, superintendent of Rutherford County Schools; Jeanette Hedrick, superintendent of Cherokee County Schools; Rodney Shotwell, superintendent of Macon County Schools; Roger Metcalf, director of the Western Regional Educational Support Alliance; Sue Nations, superintendent of Jackson County Schools, and Sharon Morrissey, vice president for instruction at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College.

Western representatives on the council include College of Education faculty members Carol Burton, Dale Carpenter, Ben Coulter, Janice Holt, Ruth McCready, Dave Strahan, Beth Tyson and David Westling; Dianne Lynch, assistant to the chancellor; Harold Williford of the mathematics faculty; and Phil Cauley and Lynn Milner of the Office of Admissions.

For more information on the advisory council, contact Michael Dougherty at (828) 227-7311.

Campus Shuttles:
From Zero to a Thousand in No Time

When the offices of University Police and Auxiliary Services began working on schedules and routes for Western’s new CAT-TRAN campus shuttle service prior to the opening of fall semester, they had no idea how popular the shuttles would be.

“It didn’t take long to find out.

“During the first week with the new service, we probably carried 1,000 riders more than the number that used the old shuttle all of last year,” says Gene McAbee, director of University Police.

And that trend has continued.

Daily ridership on CAT-TRAN during the first six weeks of operation ranged between a low of 70 on the very first day to 471 at its peak. Ridership has been as high as 414 for night time service on the CAT-MOBILE.

Students board one of Western’s new CAT-TRAN campus shuttles providing transportation across the campus.
Staff Forum Solicits Input, Funds

The Staff Forum will hold its next regular monthly meeting at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, in the Cardinal Room of A.K. Hinds University Center. The forum, part of Western’s system of shared governance, represents the interests and concerns of all SPA and EPA non-faculty staff members seeking to improve the quality of life at Western.

Providing a regular, open forum to facilitate communication among all employees and university administration, Staff Forum serves in an advisory capacity to the chancellor and other decision-making bodies on general employment interests and concerns, and encourages the development of constructive suggestions for more effective university planning.

“We encourage any and all members of the staff to attend our meetings,” said Keith Ashe, Staff Forum chairman. “You don’t have to be a member to come to our meetings and participate in the process of identifying, discussing and resolving issues of importance to staff.”

Staff Forum meets on the second Thursday of each month at 8:30 a.m. in the Cardinal Room of the University Center. Meeting dates for the remainder of this academic year are Oct. 14, Nov. 11, Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, and June 9.

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The demand for seats on the first two vehicles was so great that McAbee and Rick Nicholson, director of auxiliary services, added a third vehicle to circle the campus during the day, and they’re considering adding a third at night, too.

Not only are riders climbing aboard the shuttles in record numbers, they’re also leaving some very nice compliments behind. Here’s a sample from students: “It beats the heck out of walking up to Reynolds.” “Thank you so much for taking me up the hill every day!” “Glad the vans are running on time and are consistently running every day.” “CAT-TRAN rocks!”

McAbee cautions that the CAT-MOBILE shuttles at night are primarily designed for security and safety. For that reason, he says, drivers responding to calls at night will first serve people who are moving around campus alone or to the outlying areas. Others may have to wait a bit for their rides to arrive.

CAT-TRAN runs during the busiest traffic hours of 7:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and during major campus events. The CAT-MOBILE is available with a phone call to 227-3200 between 7 p.m. and 2 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, and from 7 p.m. until 3 a.m. Friday through Saturday. (For routes and schedules, go to http://www.wcu.edu/cattran/)

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The cost of $108 per person includes all tickets, one night of accommodations, a breakfast buffet and a $25 tax-deductible contribution to the Friends of Hunter Library. The trip is open to everyone, with a special rate of $80 per person offered to full-time students. Participants will provide their own transportation to and from Atlanta.

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Monday, Oct. 11
Lady Catamount soccer—vs. Furman. Southern Conference match. 4 p.m. Schrader Field. (227-7335)

Tuesday, Oct. 12
Presentation—Amelia Bedelia for Mayor and other Storybook Stories, by Living Arts for Students. Admission: $6. 10 a.m. Ramsey Regional Activity Center. (227-7667)

Climbing spire—no experience necessary; beginners encouraged to attend. Sign up on site. 7–9 p.m. Reid Gymnasium. (227-3466) or (www.wcu.edu/univcenter/outdoors)

Lady Catamount volleyball—vs. Wofford. Southern Conference match. 7 p.m. Ramsey Regional Activity Center. (227-7335)

Recital—Western’s music faculty, students, and guests present music from the time of Queen Elizabeth I. 8 p.m. Recital Hall, Coulter Building. Catamount Concert Series event. (227-7242)

Wednesday–Thursday, Oct. 13–14
Consultation—individual appointments available for Western Carolina employees with TIAA-CREF investment professionals. Pre-registration required. Room 404, Belk Building. (www.tiaa-cref.org/moc)

Thursday, Oct. 14
Circus—Royal Hannaford Circus. Performing for nearly three centuries, this show includes horses, elephants, trapeze artists, and clowns. 7 p.m. Ramsey Regional Activity Center. (227-7667)

Thursday–Friday, Oct. 14–15
Fall Break

Friday, October 15
Lady Catamount volleyball—vs. Furman. Southern Conference match. 7 p.m. Ramsey Regional Activity Center. (227-7335)

Saturday, October 16

Sunday, October 17
Lady Catamount volleyball—vs. Coastal Carolina. 7 p.m. Ramsey Regional Activity Center. (227-7335)

Monday–Tuesday, Oct. 18–19
Musical theatre review—The World Goes Round, a presentation of the songs of Kander and Ebb, creators of Cabaret, Chicago, and New York, New York, by the departments of music, and communication, theatre, and dance. 8 p.m. Recital Hall, Coulter Building. Catamount Concert Series event. (227-7242)

Tuesday, Oct. 19
Climbing spire—no experience necessary; beginners encouraged to attend. Sign up on site. 7–9 p.m. Reid Gymnasium. (227-3466) or (www.wcu.edu/univcenter/outdoors)

Wednesday, Oct. 20
Appalachian Folklife series—Mountain People, Mountain Land: Ravensford Community. 7 p.m. Auditorium, Mountain Heritage Center, H.F. Robinson Building. (227-7129)

Kayak roll clinic—no experience necessary; beginners encouraged to attend. Sign up on site. 7–9 p.m. Breese Gymnasium. (227-3466) or (www.wcu.edu/univcenter/outdoors)

Friday, Oct. 22
Parade—ninth annual Homecoming parade featuring floats, the Homecoming court, athletes, cheerleaders and the Pride of the Mountains Marching Band. 6 p.m. downtown Sylva. (227-7335)

Saturday, Oct. 23
Catamount football—vs. Chattanooga. Southern Conference game. Homecoming. 2 p.m. Whitmire Stadium/Waters Field. (227-7338)

Step Show—teams from across the Carolinas will compete in StompFest 2004. Admission: $10, or $8 in advance. 7:30 p.m. Ramsey Regional Activity Center. (227-2276)

Sunday, Oct. 24
Concert—Inspirational Choir homecoming concert. 3:30 p.m. Grandroom, University Center. (227-2276)

EXHIBITS
Mountain Heritage Center

October SLIDESHOW
SPOTLIGHT: Going Places: Travel and Tourism in Western North Carolina portrays the history of the tourism industry that developed in the early 19th century.

Gallery A
Migration of the Scotch-Irish People—Permanent

Gallery B

Gallery C
“All Things Iron: Practical and Decorative Ironware,” through December 17. More than 200 iron items dating from the 1600s to the 1900s including implements, blacksmith and farrier tools, and lighting devices.

“People of the Land: Cherokee Heritage Sites in the Cullowhee Valley.” The latest reports on the finding of summer archaeological digs in the Cullowhee Valley.

“The Dulcimer: An Appalachian Folk Tradition,” through June 2005. traces the development of the dulcimer from its origins to today’s traditional folk instrument.

Submit items for the university’s online calendar at least one week prior to the event.
John W. Bardo, chancellor of the university, was reappointed to the North Carolina Board of Science and Technology by Gov. Mike Easley. The board is charged with identifying, supporting and fostering the identification of important research needs of public and private agencies, institutions and organizations across the state.

The board has 19 members, including 15 appointed by the governor. Members serve four-year terms.

Daniel K. Southern, professor of clinical laboratory sciences, received the Rebel Yell Award, the highest award given in the region, from the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science, Region III, on Sept. 24. The award is given once every three years and nominations are made from each of the seven Southern States and Puerto Rico. The recipient of this award is expected to be one who has demonstrated their enthusiasm for the profession of clinical laboratory sciences, and as a person, their concern for their fellow man.

Vincent Hall, head of the department of nursing at Western, is the recipient of a national award from the Journal of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care for a research article he authored.

Hall’s article, “Bearing Witness to Suffering in AIDS: The Testing of a Substantive Story,” was selected as 2004 Outstanding Research Article of the Year in JANAC. The article, which appeared in the July/August 2003 edition of the journal, deals with the topic of how individuals affected by loss from HIV/AIDS cope through AIDS volunteerism.

Hall will receive his award as part of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care annual conference, set for Nov. 15-18 in New Orleans.

John Newman, a former resident of the Cullowhee-Sylva area who now resides in the Macon County community of Cartoogechaye, was honored with the Eva Adcock Award at Western’s 30th annual Mountain Heritage Day on Saturday, Sept. 25. The award was established in 1992 to recognize longtime and significant service to Mountain Heritage Day by a member of the festival organizing committee. Newman worked at Western 31 years before retiring in May 2002 as systems, networking and operations manager for the university’s Division of Information Technology. He has volunteered his services to Mountain Heritage Day for 13 years.