Construction continues on a new student recreation center scheduled to open during the fall semester 2008.

**Campus Prepares for Construction, Renovation Projects**

Helder Residence Hall will be demolished this summer, and construction of a new dining hall with an estimated price tag of $17 million will begin on the site. Barring any delays, the two-story, 53,000 square foot facility will open in fall 2008 —about the same time as completion of the new student recreation center, improvements and additions to the quad at the center of campus, and upgrades to Forsyth Building. “Fall ’08 could be an exciting time,” said Chuck Wooten, vice chancellor for administration and finance.

Upstairs at the new dining hall will be an “all-you-care-to-eat” location with salads, fruits and vegetables, pastas and pizza, home-style foods, grilled foods, sandwiches, desserts and more.

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**Western’s Julia Barnes Named One of UNC System’s Top Teachers**

Julia Ann Barnes, associate professor of mathematics and computer science, has been named one of the best teachers in the University of North Carolina system, earning praise for using creative ways to help her students understand difficult mathematical concepts.

Barnes is among 16 recipients of the UNC Board of Governors Awards for Excellence in Teaching. The award will be presented at a recognition luncheon May 11 in Chapel Hill. Winners receive a commemorative bronze medallion and $7,500 cash prize.

A faculty member at Western since 1996, Barnes has consistently demonstrated exceptional teaching skills throughout her career, Chancellor John W. Bardo said.

“A student once asked Dr. Barnes what a mixed partial derivative looked like. She responded by showing up at the next class meeting with a model made of matchsticks and clay,” Bardo said. “Her students got it, and Dr. Barnes became a regular visitor to the toy and craft sections of local stores. Creativity and a determination to discover new ways of teaching are hallmarks of a great teacher.”

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University Presents Top Awards for Teaching, Research, Service

Western presented its top faculty and staff awards for teaching, research and service for the 2006-07 academic year Friday, April 20, at its annual spring General Faculty Meeting and Awards Convocation.

Tracy Zontek, visiting assistant professor of health sciences, is recipient of the Chancellor’s Distinguished Teaching Award. The Paul A. Reid Service Award for faculty went to Don Livingston, professor of political science and public affairs, while the Paul A. Reid Service Award for administrative staff went to Patsy Miller, director of WCU Programs in Asheville.

James Thompson, professor of art, received the University Scholar Award, while the Support Program of Excellence Award went to the department of facilities, planning, design and construction. The Integration of Learning Award was given to “Understanding and Activating Student Wellness at WCU,” a project that will link anthropology student research to activities of the university’s Wellness Center.

Other major awards recognized at the convocation include the University of North Carolina Board of Governors’ Award for Excellence in Teaching, won by Julia Barnes, associate professor of mathematics and computer science; the Excellence in Teaching Liberal Studies Award; two newly established awards, the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award and the Jay M. Robinson e-Teaching Award; and the Scholarly Development Assignment Program awards.

The honors were announced by Western Chancellor John W. Bardo; Kyle Carter, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs; and Robert Caruso, vice chancellor for student affairs.

Zontek, winner of the Chancellor’s Distinguished Teaching Award, is completing her fifth year on the health sciences department faculty, where she has taught and developed environmental and occupational health courses, as well as courses for liberal studies.

“Tracy states that student engagement is the key, and believes that liberal studies is not merely a requirement to fulfill, but an experience that should enrich the lives of students long past their graduations,” Bardo said in announcing the award. “Dr. Zontek’s goals for teaching liberal studies are to help students become educated citizens, critical consumers of information, responsible for their actions; and advocates of diversity.”

Zontek also won the Excellence in Teaching Liberal Studies Award.

REID SERVICE AWARDS

Livingston, winner of the Reid faculty award and a WCU faculty member since 1984, has been praised as “an exemplary faculty member” who has made significant contributions to the university, professional organizations, and the lives of students and colleagues, Bardo said.

“New faculty are brought into the political science ‘family’ by Don’s enthusiastic welcomes, and his lunch invitations are a way to build connections, and address real issues and opportunities. At the same time, Don’s teaching remains energetic and full of a passion that is rare but highly valued,” he said. “Two years ago, students honored Don by selecting him to receive their award as ‘The Faculty Member Who Best Exemplifies What It Means To Be a Professor.’”

Miller, recipient of the Reid staff award, coordinates and provides instructional support and services to faculty and students involved in WCU undergraduate and graduate programs taught in Asheville. She also serves as the university’s chief liaison with the Asheville community, including the University of North Carolina–Asheville, Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College and the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, Bardo said.

“Patsy is a loyal alumnus and dedicated employee of WCU!” he said. “She was responsible for the planning and coordination of moving WCU’s nursing department from UNCA to A-B Tech’s Enka campus, and she serves the Asheville students in a timely, efficient and caring manner while avoiding the normal organizational bureaucracy. While she is seldom in the limelight, she works diligently and selflessly behind the scenes to make Western a better institution.”

SCHOLAR, SUPPORT AWARDS

Thompson, who won the University Scholar Award, has been a member of the WCU art department faculty since 1989, and is internationally regarded as the world’s leading authority on French painter Eugene Fromentin.

“His latest work on Black Mountain College artists offers evidence of the breadth of his interests and attests to a restless intellect in perpetual pursuit of knowledge for its own sake,” Bardo said. “He is regularly consulted, about French painting in particular, by auction houses, including Christie’s and Sotheby’s in New York and London.

An impeccable scholar, he focuses on the work of art rather than theory. Dr. Thompson has greatly enriched the field of art history.”
The Support Program of Excellence Award provides $10,000 to an academic unit or department to use in enhancing program services. In presenting the award to the department of facilities planning, design and construction, Bardo reminded the audience members that all faculty, staff and students are affected by the department every day.

“Just look around the campus as you leave today, and everything you see has been touched in some way by a member of this department,” he said. “In the last 10 years, this staff has been responsible for the management and coordination of 41 major projects in excess of $218.7 million, along with hundreds of smaller projects. Their goal is to ensure an environment in which students, faculty and staff can join together to learn, to exchange ideas and to experience intellectual challenges.”

PROVOST AWARDS

The Excellence in Teaching Liberal Studies Award is designed to recognize a faculty member for excellence in promoting significant student learning while teaching liberal studies courses on a regular basis, Carter said.

The winner, Zontek from the health sciences department, is regarded by faculty and students alike as an outstanding teacher, he said. “Perhaps the greatest compliment was paid to her by another faculty member who stated, ‘Tracy is a teacher to be emulated.’ That’s very high praise from a colleague,” Carter said.

Carter also announced two new awards—the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award, which is designed to encourage and recognize a faculty member engaged in scholarship that focuses on the teaching and learning process, and the Jay M. Robinson e-Teaching Award, which recognizes excellence in online delivery of education.

Recipient of the SOTL award was Kathy Starr, associate professor of physical therapy, while the e-teaching award went to Mary Anne Nixon, professor of project management.

Nixon, recipient of the e-teaching award, was at the forefront in the use of technology as an educational tool, Carter said. “Mary Anne was the first WCU faculty, and among the first in the UNC system, to design and teach a fully computer-networked course, in 1998,” he said. “It is doubly fitting that she be recognized as the winner of the first Jay M. Robinson e-Teaching Award.”

Recipients in the Scholarly Development Assignment Program, announced by Carter, are Patricia Bailey, associate professor of art; Brian Gaste, associate professor of English; Jim McLachlan, professor of philosophy and religion; and Robert Mulligan, associate professor of economics. The Scholarly Development Assignment Program provides leave from usual work commitments to full-time tenured faculty so they may pursue concentrated scholarly work. Recipients are chosen on a competitive basis by a faculty committee.

STUDENT AFFAIRS AWARDS

The Integration of Learning Award recognizes faculty members who work directly with Division of Student Affairs staff members to promote the integration of teaching with activities within the division. The winning proposal, “Understanding and Activating Student Wellness at WCU,” was submitted by Philip “Ted” Coyle, associate professor of anthropology, and Karrie Joseph, wellness coordinator.

“Wellness concerns such as alcohol misuse, second-hand tobacco smoke exposure, obesity, depression and violence all factor into the university experience, often affecting academic achievement, retention, and overall individual and community well-being,” Caruso said. “Using their ethnographic research, students will produce written and audio products of their findings, and will have the chance to turn their research into action by interacting with the Wellness Council.”

Many of the awards presented at the convocation are made possible in part by gifts to the university, including those made through The Campaign for Western, the fundraising effort now under way.

—By BILL STUDENC
Marty Ramsey, alumni affairs director and 1985 WCU graduate, wanted his participation in The Campaign for Western to help academics and athletics, so he is directing his gifts to the Alumni Association Scholarship, the Loyalty Fund and summer school scholarships for student-athletes.

“It is important to me as both an alumnus and an employee to support the university in as many areas as I can,” said Ramsey, who has personally served and been served by the university in many different ways, too.

Ramsey not only lived in Cullowhee as a child, he lived right on campus in a residence hall for eight years. In 1964, his family became one of Western’s “dorm families” that resided in the first floor apartment of the dormitory. His mother, Sue, managed Roberson Dorm, and his father, Harry, was a faculty member and later retired from Western as a university administrator.

Memories of WCU and family ties to the university led Ramsey to enroll at Western as a student in 1981. He graduated cum laude with a degree in business administration and went on to work in corporate sales in the transportation industry.

“The opportunity to come back home to Cullowhee and work for my alma mater in 1994 was a lifelong dream come true,” said Ramsey, who returned as director of the Catamount Club.

His 10 years of service as director of the club inspired members and supporters to create an endowed fund to help student-athletes afford to attend school in the summer and continue their athletic conditioning. The fully endowed fund was started in 2004, and the club named the fund in honor of Ramsey.

“Athletics is a very important part of the university—a rallying point,” said Ramsey, who is directing part of his campaign gift to that fund. “To remain competitive within the Southern Conference, athletes need to be able to continue their athletic conditioning and academic studies during the summer.”

Ramsey moved from working with the Catamount Club into a job as alumni affairs director, through which he helps promote and engage alumni with programs across the university.

His involvement inspired Ramsey to make the second fund he is supporting through the campaign the Alumni Association Scholarship, which the Alumni Board initiated about five years ago.

The scholarship benefits Western students who have financial need and who have close family ties to Catamount alumni. The first scholarship from that fund was awarded this past academic year to Amanda Roach, a senior majoring in athletic training whose parents both graduated from Western.

The third area Ramsey is directing his campaign gift to is the Loyalty Fund, which supports merit-based scholarships for more than 100 students every year, in addition to the Honors College, recruitment, student achievement awards banquet, the University Scholar Award, the Outstanding Support Staff Award and the Chancellor’s Distinguished Teaching Award.

“I hope other staff and faculty will join me in supporting through the campaign the many programs and funds that make a difference here at Western,” he said.

For more information about how you can support The Campaign for Western, check out campaign.wcu.edu or contact Brett Woods, campus campaign director, at (828) 227-7124 or bwoods@wcu.edu.

—By TERESA KILLIAN
Faith in Western’s future coupled with a commitment to creating opportunities for recreational therapy students led Peg Connolly, director of the recreational therapy degree program, to make a campaign gift to the on-campus Recreational Therapy Association.

“I am excited about the future of Western and felt it important to jump into the campaign with a modest monthly payroll deduction,” said Connolly, who joined the Western faculty as associate professor in August 2005. “I hope to increase that over time. I am committed to the growth of the profession of recreational therapy at WCU.”

Recreational therapists develop activities that help clients improve their physical, cognitive, emotional and social skills. “Recreational therapy treats the total person, and we deal with the psychological and lifestyle management issues of chronic disease and disabilities,” said Connolly, who initially cross-trained in recreational therapy in Texas before the American Red Cross sent her to Guam in 1975 to provide recreation and education services to Vietnamese refugees preparing to come to the United States. “Through the years, I have witnessed the growth of this profession and have been fortunate to play a leadership role in national credentialing,” Connolly said. “Some of our current work with people with Alzheimer’s disease has shown tremendous potential in reducing the disturbing behaviors associated with this significant threat to aging in America today.”

Western was the first university in the country to offer a bachelor of science specifically in the field, and Connolly said she has watched the number of students majoring in recreational therapy grow from about 40 to 70 in the last year and a half.

The campus Recreational Therapy Association helps students through hosting workshops on topics such as aquatic and adventure-based therapy.

The association also completes service-learning projects, such as organizing a “senior prom” this semester at Mountain Trace Nursing Center. About 50 residents participated in the event.

Connolly said she thought about helping the association through the campaign after hearing the chancellor’s State of the University address and a presentation at a faculty meeting by David Claxton, head of the health and human performance department. “I have a lot of faith in the future plans for the growth of the university,” Connolly said. “I believe we are growing into a significant educational institution for the state and this region.” For more information about how you can support The Campaign for Western, check out campaign.wcu.edu or contact Brett Woods, campus campaign director, at (828) 227-7124 or bwoods@wcu.edu.

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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.
New Trees Brighten Campus Landscape

Grounds crews are now installing new plants and about 150 trees as part of a landscaping plan developed with the road relocation project of 2003. Many are flowering trees that will give color to campus from spring through fall including crabapple, redbud, golden rain tree, crepe myrtle, dogwood, serviceberry, sugar maple and hagge maple.

“The trees and future shrubs that are being installed will enhance the new focal points the road design created and will enhance the campus appearance in a way that supports recruitment and retention,” said Roger Turk, grounds superintendent.

Happy Valley Grounds Supervisor John Wooten said university leaders are hoping to win funding for the Millennial Initiative property, the health and gerontology school. Wooten said university leaders are hoping to win funding for the building in the current legislative session.

In addition, the university is requesting proposals from developers for ideas that mix commercial use and possibly apartments for faculty, staff or graduate students in the business strip area of the Cullowhee business district.

By TERESA KILLIAN
Office of the Chancellor
Chancellor’s Meritorious Service to Students Award
— This new merit award is for faculty, program directors and department chairs who have shown excellence in advising, recruitment or retention of undergraduate and graduate students — on campus and through distance education. Recipients have received a $1,000 base salary adjustment.

Bob Buckner, marching band director, music
Catherine Carter, assistant professor, English
Don Connelly, associate professor, communication, theatre and dance
Laura Cruz, assistant professor, history
Sharon Dole, associate professor, human services
Bruce Frazier, Belk Distinguished Professor in Commercial and Electronic Music
Windy Gordon, visiting assistant professor, psychology
Glenda Hensley, visiting assistant professor, communication, theatre and dance
Terry Kinnear, associate professor, management and international business
Dixie McGinty, associate professor, educational leadership and foundations
Elizabeth McRae, assistant professor, history
Tom Oren, associate professor, human services
Will Poynter, assistant professor, psychology
Lorene Putnam, assistant professor, nursing
Marissa Ray, grant project coordinator and instructor, human services
John Sherlock, assistant professor, human services
Sue Swanger, associate professor, accountancy, finance and entrepreneurship
John West, director of bands, music
Lorrie Willey, assistant professor, marketing and business law

Mesfin Woldeyohannes, visiting assistant professor, chemistry and physics
Tracy Zontek, visiting assistant professor, health sciences

Office of the Provost
Provost’s Instructional Improvement Awards
Cheryl Johnston, assistant professor, anthropology and sociology
Harold Littleton, instructor, philosophy and religion
Gayle Wells, assistant professor, health and human performance

Microgrants
Debasish Banerjee, associate professor, business
Cynthia Deale, associate professor, management and international business
Alexandra DeSaito, visiting lecturer, English
Mimi Fenton, associate professor, English
Cathryn Griffin, professor, art
Michael Hubble, associate professor, health sciences
Cheryl Johnston, assistant professor, anthropology and sociology
Judy LeFloy, director of field education, social work
Jill Manners, associate professor, health sciences
Elizabeth McRae, assistant professor, history
Sean O’Connell, assistant professor, biology
William Papin, visiting instructor, health and human performance
Candace Roberts, assistant professor, interior design
Phyllis Robertson, assistant professor, counselor education
James Scifers, associate professor, health sciences
Erin Tapley, associate professor, art
Sandra Tonnessen, associate professor, educational leadership and foundations
James Ullmer, assistant professor, business computer information systems and economics

Dan Wahl, visiting instructor, English
Keith Wells, visiting assistant professor, emergency medical care
Barbara Jo White, assistant professor, business computer information systems and economics

College of Applied Sciences
Board of Governors Innovation in Teaching Award
Jill Manners, associate professor, health sciences
Donald C. Morgan Faculty Scholar Award
Michael Hubble, associate professor, health sciences

College of Arts and Sciences
Board of Governors College of Arts and Sciences Teaching Award
Kathleen Brennan, assistant professor, anthropology and sociology

College of Business
College of Business Professor of Excellence
Terry Kinnear, associate professor, management and international business
Board of Governors Creative and Innovative Teaching Award
Jayne Zanglein, visiting instructor, marketing and business law
Debasish Banerjee, associate professor, business
William Richmond, associate professor, business computer information systems and economics
Barbara Jo White, assistant professor, business computer information systems and economics

College of Education and Allied Professions
Boettner Superior Teaching Award
Candace H. Boan-Lenzo, associate professor, psychology
Board of Governors Awards for Superior Teaching
Peg Connolly, associate professor, health and human performance
Vicki Faircloth, associate professor, birth through kindergarten, elementary and middle grades education
Tom Oren, associate professor, human services
Mitch Williams, assistant professor, educational leadership and foundations
CEAP Dean’s Research Award
Bruce Henderson, professor, psychology
Exemplary Service Award
Jacque Jacobs, professor, educational leadership and foundations

Graduate School
Faculty Research Grants
Alexander Macaulay, assistant professor, history
Sue O’Connell, assistant professor, biology
Lori Seitchik, assistant professor, business law
Jonathan Snover, assistant professor, chemistry and physics
Cheryl Waters-Tormey, assistant professor, geosciences and natural resource-management
Hunter Scholar Award
Harald Herzog, professor, psychology

Joe Walker (left), associate vice chancellor for facilities management, and Wiley Harris, director of facilities planning, design and construction, display the Support Program of Excellence Award. Other members of the winning department are Bill Masurow, director of operations and maintenance; Gailen May, university architect; Andy DeGroove, project manager; Alan Sellars, project manager; John Austin, project manager; Russ Tomlinson, drafting technician; and Joan Andrei, administrative assistant.

BoG Award continued from cover
presenting complex materials to students are the hallmarks of Professor Barnes’ teaching.”

That creativity also can sometimes take unexpected turns, Bardo said. “Most students do not expect a lot of reading and writing in their math classes, until they take a class from Dr. Barnes,” he said. “Not only has she authored a fair tale—‘King Epsilon’—to illustrate the principles of mathematical analysis, she also expects her students to write. In ‘Simon and the Snoring Pigs,’ students are required to model data with a cosine curve to explain their findings in a formal paper. Students report that the assignment helped them become more adept at solving word problems.”

That’s not to imply that it’s all fun and games in Barnes’ classes, Bardo said. “These out-of-the-ordinary activities do not take the place of rigorous mathematics; they simply serve as a starting point for students so they may better comprehend mathematics,” he said.

Barnes earned her bachelor’s degree from the University of Central Florida in 1990 and her doctorate from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1996.

Barnes and the 15 other award recipients, representing an array of academic disciplines, were nominated by special committees on their home campuses and selected by the Board of Governors Committee on Personnel and Tenure. The awards will be presented by UNC President Erskine Bowles and Board of Governors Chairman Jim W. Phillips of Greensboro. Established by the Board of Governors in April 1994 to underscore the importance of teaching and to reward good teaching across the university, the awards are given annually to a tenured faculty member from each UNC campus. Winners must have taught at their present institutions at least seven years. No one may receive the award more than once.

—By BILL STUDENC
THE Reporter

April 30–June 2

Wednesday, May 2  
Late-night exam breakfast—served by volunteer WCU faculty and staff and free to students with valid ID. 8–10 p.m. Dodson Cafeteria. (227-7396)

Friday, May 4  
Open forum—“Student Affairs as a Partner in Creating the Engaged Campus,” Sarah Shumate, candidate, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, followed by question and answer session. 9:15–10:15 a.m. Reception 10:15–11 a.m. Multipurpose Room A, UC. (227-7495)

Saturday, May 5  
Spring commencement—2 p.m. RRAC. (227-7495)

Tuesday, May 8  
Catamount baseball—vs. Appalachian State. Southern Conference game. $ 7 p.m. HS/CF. (227-7338)

Thursday, May 10  
Catamount baseball—vs. Coastal Carolina. $ 7 p.m. HS/CF. (227-7338)

Thursday, May 17  
Catamount baseball—vs. Georgia Southern Southern Conference game. $ 7 p.m. HS/CF. (227-7338)

Thursday, May 24  
Catamount baseball—vs. Georgia Southern. Southern Conference game. $ 7 p.m. HS/CF. (227-7338)

Saturday, May 26  
Cinco de mayo event—University Club members celebrate Mexican holiday. :0–8:00 p.m. University Club. (-8)

Monday, May 7–Tuesday, May 22  
may minimester classes.

Monday, May 7–Friday, May 11  
Tiny Tot Swim Program—for children ages 6 months to 3 years. 6:15–6:30 a.m. ages 6 to 11; 7–7:30 a.m., ages 3 to 5. Reid Gymnasium. (227-7397)

Monday, May 7–May 22  
Mini minimester classes. (227-7397)

Wednesday, May 9  
Catamount baseball—vs. Coastal Carolina. $ 7 p.m. HS/CF. (227-7338)

Thursday, May 10–Sunday, May 13  
Softball—Southern Conference Championship. Greensboro. (227-7338)

Monday, May 14–Thursday, May 17  
Institute—annual Summer Institute for Teaching and Learning. Guest facilitator, Alison Morrison-Shetlar, University of Central Florida. Monday, 1 p.m.; wine-and-cheese reception 4:30–6 p.m. Tuesday–Thursday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. UC. (227-7196)

Tuesday, May 15  
Catamount baseball—vs. High Point. $ 7 p.m. HS/CF. (227-7338)

Thursday, May 17  
Catamount baseball—vs. Georgia Southern Southern Conference game. $ 7 p.m. HS/CF. (227-7338)

Friday, May 18  
Catamount baseball—vs. Georgia Southern. Southern Conference game. $ 7 p.m. HS/CF. (227-7338)

Saturday, May 19  
Catamount baseball—vs. Georgia Southern. Southern Conference game. $ 2 p.m. HS/CF. (227-7338)

Sunday, May 20  
Nature’s Tracks—“Salamanders.” 2:30–3:30 p.m. MHC. (227-7129)

Tuesday, May 22–Saturday, May 26  

Wednesday, May 23  
Sizzlin’ Summer Shorts Series—N.C. Symphony “Blue Skies and Red Earth Tour” celebration showcasing the richness of the state’s traditional music. $ 7:30 p.m. FAPAC. (227-2479)

Friday, June 1–Tuesday, July 3  
Summer school—first five-week session. (227-7397)

Friday, June 1–Friday, August 3  
Summer school—10-week session. (227-7397)

Saturday, June 2  
Auction—19th annual Catamount Club Scholarship Auction. Metro Convention Center, Hickory. (828-421-4786; jonathan.jorstad@wahovia.com)

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:  
“Arriving the Coverlets.” Display of coverlets from the 18th and 19th centuries woven by rural mountain families on two- or four-harness looms to supply bedding needs. Through April 30.

“Cherokee Baskets and Their Makers.” Through April 30.

OPENING MAY 14:  

Gallery C:  
“Making the way: 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 (www.wcu.edu/mhc):  
“Aft the war”  
“Horace Kephart,” “Southern 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. (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.
Annual Art Student Competition. Through May 4.
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)

SLIDESHOW SPOTLIGHT FOR MAY, MOUNTAIN HERITAGE CENTER: “Corn: Milling, Tilling and Stilling” relates the story of corn as used by Native Americans and frontier settlers in the Southern Appalachians.

SLIDESHOW SPOTLIGHT FOR JUNE, MOUNTAIN HERITAGE CENTER: “Iron in the Fire” portrays the role of blacksmithing in pioneer and Cherokee culture in the southern Appalachians.

KEY:  $—Admission fee;  BW–Belk Building;  CAC–Catamount Athletic Center;  CAT–Catamount Softball Complex;  CCB–Cordelia KeY;  CSC–Catamount Softball Complex;  CCB–Cordelia KeY;  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 Administration Building;  RRAC–Ramsey Regional Activity Center;  UC–U.R. Arts University Center, WCSU–Wichmann 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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