Fine Arts Calendar Features Work Of Award-Winning Photographers

Photographers Will and Deni McIntyre experiment with a twilight exterior shot of the new Fine and Performing Arts Center using models who didn’t make it into the final shot.

The McIntyres, who are members of the university’s Council for the Fine and Performing Arts, volunteered their photographic talents for the calendar project, working literally from dawn until after dark for three days to produce the photographs that are in the calendar.

Vartabedian describes the images selected for the calendar as “breathtaking” and “works of art.” They include photographs representing the wide variety of artistic activity that will take place in the building, including theater, music, dance, painting, drawing, sculpture and more.

“Western is indeed indebted to Will and Deni, and grateful to all the members of the Council for the Fine and Performing Arts who are sharing their time and talents to benefit the arts in this region,” Vartabedian said. “This calendar is a

Season’s Greetings!

The fall semester is drawing to a close, providing an opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year and to look toward the challenges and opportunities that await us in 2005.

Our campus continues to grow by leaps and bounds. We welcomed the largest number of students in university history to the Western family in August, as enrollment hit an all-time high of nearly 8,400. Enrollment growth means a larger number of students, faculty and staff soon will be enjoying their first holiday season in Cullowhee.

We are expanding our facilities to meet the growing needs of our growing campus, opening The Village and Central Drive Residence Hall in time to house hundreds of students this fall. With projections indicating continued growth next year, another new residence hall is on the drawing board. The art wing of our new Fine and Performing Arts Center is alive with activity, and the performance wing will be ready to host music, dance and theater in the coming year.

In spite of the occasional aggravations and growing pains that can come with progress, together we have met the challenges, working together for the good of the university. I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of the Western family for your hard work and cooperative spirit, and I look forward to working with you as we move the university forward into 2005 and beyond.

Deborah joins me in wishing you and yours a safe and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

John W. Bardo
Chancellor
Additional Call Boxes Enhance Campus Safety

When you’re in the driver’s seat of your car, you may not want to see a blue light moving up behind you on the highway. But, if you’re walking in a lonely section of Western’s campus, a nearby blue light should give you a great feeling of security. Those blue lights mark call boxes that reach campus police with the push of a button.

Just in time for fall semester, the university added five new call boxes to the 21 previously installed across campus. One of the new call boxes was purchased with a gift from the Student Government Association. “Campus safety was going to be one of the things we decided to work on,” SGA President Heather List told Sarah Reade, a reporter for the Western Carolinian. “We spent the last semester fund-raising with different events.”

SGA raised $1,000 and donated the rest from its own funds to pay for a new call box in the lower parking lot of Helder Residence Hall.

Campus Police Director Gene McAbee says there have been call boxes on campus for more than 10 years, and he is glad to have the five new ones. From the boxes, people report crimes and suspected crimes; motorists call in for help with traffic accidents, dead batteries and lost keys; and a few people make prank calls, which obviously waste officers’ time and energy and can draw disciplinary action for the pranksters. McAbee said the boxes should not be used to summon the new campus transit buses.

The shine of more blue lights across campus does help students feel safer, said Jennifer Neider, a senior who talked with Reade for her article. “As a student, I definitely feel more secure,” Neider said. “I’ve talked with a lot of the residents in my residence hall who agree that there were concerns before the call boxes were installed, and now they feel more at ease knowing they could be a few steps away from getting emergency services, if necessary.”

McAbee said he welcomes donations to expand the call-box system on campus. Call boxes cost $4,800 apiece.

Campus call boxes are currently located at the front door of each residence hall (except the newly opened Central Drive Hall), jogging trail, print shop, bookstore, library, Baptists Church parking lot, Joyner Plaza, Killian Plaza, and parking lots for the Field House and lower Helder. There are three at The Village, and two at Walker A lot and the baseball field lot. There are plans to install one or two boxes in the new south baseball field lot soon, McAbee said.

Western Seeks Volunteers To Assist With AIDS Quilt Display

The international monument to those of have died of AIDS will be on display Feb. 11-14 in the Grandroom of the A.K. Hinds University Center at Western. The Quilt has been hailed as “one of the great memorials of our time – and one of history’s most powerful works of political art.” The display will feature 128 individual panels, each commemorating the life of someone who has died of AIDS. “The nation’s largest increase in HIV/AIDS cases among traditional college-age students is within the state of North Carolina,” said Julie Walters-Steele, director of the University Center and part of the campus committee bringing the display to Western. “The Quilt sends a powerful message that AIDS is not a disease prevalent only in third-world countries – it is a preventable disease affecting college students in North Carolina in increasing numbers.”

For more information about the Quilt or volunteer opportunities associated with the February display at Western, call Julie Walters-Steele at (828) 227-3618 or Sara Stoltenburg at (828) 227-3982.

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celebration of that spirit of creativity and generosity that so characterizes the alumni and friends of this university.”

Will McIntyre is a 1976 graduate of Western with degrees in English and Spanish. Deni McIntyre attended Western and finished her degree in English at Wake Forest University upon moving with Will to Winston-Salem to launch McIntyre Photography. Working as a freelance photography team for magazines, corporations and picture agencies, the McIntyres have traveled to more than 60 countries on five continents. Their contribution to the calendar is the latest example of their continuing involvement with Western, and the calendar design is an outgrowth of their award-winning book, “All Over the Map: Travel Photographs & the Stories Behind Them.”

A limited number of calendars are available for friends and supporters of the arts at Western. For information, contact Terri McDermot, director of major gifts, at (828) 227-3052.
Monday, December 6
Lady Catamount basketball—vs. Appalachian State. Southern Conference game. 7 p.m. Ramsey Regional Activity Center. (227-7338)

Tuesday, December 7
Speaker—Gary Bertoline, renowned computer graphics expert and director of the Envision Center at Purdue University will present Information Visualization: Bridging Disciplines in an Academic Environment. Co-sponsored by the Center for Regional Development and the Department of Engineering and Technology. 10:30 a.m. Theater, A.K. Hinds University Center. (828) 227-2435

Catamount basketball—vs. East Carolina. 7 p.m. Ramsey Regional Activity Center. (227-7338)

Concert—Western Carolina University Technology Ensemble. 8 p.m. Recital Hall, Coulter Building. Catamount Concert Series event. (227-7242)

Thursday, December 9
Catamount basketball—vs. Atlanta Christian. 7 p.m. Ramsey Regional Activity Center. (227-7338)

Friday, December 10
Last day of regular class meetings.

Saturday, December 11–Friday, December 17
Final examinations for all classes.

Saturday, December 11
Lady Catamount basketball—vs. Furman. Southern Conference game. 5 p.m. Ramsey Regional Activity Center. (227-7338)

Monday, December 13 and Tuesday, December 14
Consultations—individual counseling sessions available for interested employees or for employees who currently subscribe to a retirement plan through TIAA-CREF. Appointment required. Room 404, Belk Building. (http://www.tiaa-cref.org/moc or 877-267-5802 ex 5202)

Friday, December 17
Residence halls close for winter break.

Saturday, December 18
Fall commencement. 2 p.m. Ramsey Regional Activity Center.

Monday, December 20
Lady Catamount basketball—vs. Davidson. Southern Conference game. 7 p.m. Ramsey Regional Activity Center.

January

Monday, January 3
Catamount basketball—vs. Georgia Southern. Southern Conference game. 7 p.m. Ramsey Regional Activity Center. (227-7338)

Wednesday, January 5
Lady Catamount basketball—vs. College of Charleston. Southern Conference game. 7 p.m. Ramsey Regional Activity Center. (227-7338)

Thursday, January 6–Friday, January 7
Orientation for new students.

Thursday, January 6
Residence halls open for all students.

Registration—for spring semester in Asheville. 4:30–6:30 p.m. Karpen Hall, UNC–Asheville campus. (227-7423 or 828-251-6642)

Friday, January 7
Registration and drop/add—for freshmen and transfer students. 9 a.m.–noon.

Saturday, January 8
Lady Catamount basketball—vs. Chattanooga. Southern Conference game. 5 p.m. Ramsey Regional Activity Center. (227-7338)

Monday, January 10–Friday, January 14
Late registration and schedule changes.

Monday, January 10
All classes begin.

Catamount basketball—vs. East Tennessee State. Southern Conference game. 7 p.m. Ramsey Regional Activity Center. (227-7338)

Tuesday, January 11
Catamount Concert Series—Wendy Garrity, flutist/guest artist. 8 p.m. Recital Hall, Coulter Building. (227-7242)

Friday, January 14–Sunday, January 16
Concerts—Western Carolina University Trumpet Festival. Recital Hall, Coulter Building. (227-7242)

Saturday, January 15
Lady Catamount basketball—vs. UNC Greensboro. Southern Conference game. 5 p.m. Ramsey Regional Activity Center. (227-7338)

Monday, January 17
Martin Luther King Jr. holiday—no classes; offices closed. (227-7206)

Submissions:
Send news items and calendar notices to WCU Calendar, 1601 Ramsey Center, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina 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.
Try On Your Angel Wings To Help Others In Need

The Angel Trees that sprout around campus after Thanksgiving invite everyone to try on their wings a little early. You just chose a paper ornament from the tree and follow the gift-giving instructions on the back. “Take new, unwrapped gift item(s) to Residential Living by Friday, December 17...”

Behind those simple instructions is a county-wide effort that involves churches and civic organizations, businesses, teachers, the credit union, county offices, the community college, Angel Wings at Western, and an army of volunteers directed by the main Angels, uh, co-chairs of the Jackson County Christmas Store – the Rev. Wanda Kidd and Elaine White.

Kidd, Baptist campus minister, began the gift collection project more than 10 years ago with a church youth group. Now, she says, “People have no idea how broad, how big, and how wide this is.”

It is easy to see, however, how effective it is. Last year, 2,000 volunteers worked with the Christmas Store to provide toys, books, clothing and other items worth an estimated $35,000 to 735 children and their families. Of the total, Western’s faculty, staff and students contributed about $5,000 in gifts and cash.

This year, Western staff and student workers in Residential Living began to organize their work on the Angel Trees as far back as May. With just a few days left before the December 17 deadline, things are getting a little bit crazy, according to freshman Jennie V. Dowdle. But it is worth all the time and effort, she says. “It’s been a great experience for us. You feel like you’re giving to children who need your help.”

BSU students assist in setting up the Jackson County Christmas Store in the basement of the Baptist Student Center Building. Students also assist in purchasing items for the store with monetary donations, as well as assisting with the operation of the store.