Student helps craft town’s park rejuvenation plan

Getting to work with a park rejuvenation project for the town of Maiden appealed to WCU alumnus and current graduate student Andrew Bowen – not only for the professional experience he would gain but also for the chance to be part of a project that was personally meaningful. ... (CONTINUE READING)

Restructuring of Chief of Staff unit now complete

The reorganization of several units previously based in WCU’s Division of Advancement and External Affairs is now complete with the recent hiring of directors for marketing and external relations. ... (CONTINUE READING)

Students to present music and video created from more than 50 submitted melodies on April 25

“We wanted to come up with a way for musicians from all different backgrounds and different styles of music on our campus to give a little piece of themselves to create a product that is truly collaborative and bigger than any one of us could be on our own,” said Justin Beebe, a junior from Boone majoring in music education and director of The Harmony Initiative. ... (CONTINUE READING)

Student Employee of the Year named

Merab Mushfiq, a sophomore from Pakistan majoring in biology and winner of the third annual Student Employee of the Year competition, wears many hats in the Writing and Learning Commons. Mushfiq first became an academic skills consultant in spring 2013 before becoming the first-ever international student consultant in the commons and then later a chemistry tutor. ... (CONTINUE READING)

BRIEFS | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/briefs
Open air Jazz Festival to be held April 26
Library to stay open 24/7 for last two weeks of semester
Controlled Chaos Film Festival to be held May 2
WCU co-sponsors regional history of mathematics conference
SLIDESHOW: Relay for Life of WCU held April 11
‘Echoes of the Cotton Club’ to stage April 24
Hunter Library names new librarians
EYE on FYE celebration awards honor faculty, staff and students

ACHIEVEMENTS | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/achievements
Read about the latest achievements of faculty and staff, including Roger Hartley, Anne T. Lane, Edward J. Lopez, Mark Kossick and James Scifers.

**HEADLINES FROM WCU NEWS SERVICES | news-prod.wcu.edu**

Poston wins SoCon golf championship  
Chancellor to meet with Macon County residents April 30  
WCU featured in Princeton Review green college guide  
World wars round table to meet April 23  
‘An Evening with Shane Bitney Crone’ scheduled for April 24  
Explore WCU history through a digital archive of yearbooks  
125th anniversary game to kick off at Sylva festival  
Leaders get ‘sneak peek’ at expanded engineering program at Biltmore Park  
UPDATE: Work goes on to mitigate ‘Heartbleed’ risk  
Guitar Ensemble to perform April 28  
WCU students, Asheville Symphony musicians to perform together May 1  
WCU, community partners to sponsor bicycle rodeo April 27  
Students garner awards at regional Model United Nations conference  
Benefit concert raises $3,000 for landslide victims  
Students provide data on economic impact of tourism in WNC counties  
WCU professor Scifers wins athletic training honor  
WCU Wind Ensemble, Symphony Band to perform April 29

**EVENTS | calendar.wcu.edu**

April 24 | “Echoes of the Cotton Club” Radio Re-creation Show  
April 25 | Master & Bachelors of Fine Arts Show  
April 25 | Harmony Initiative Premiere  
April 26 | Greening Up the Mountains  
April 26 | Village Palooza  
April 26 | Softball vs. Furman (DH)  
April 26 | WCU Jazz Festival 2014  
April 27 | Softball vs. Furman  
April 27 | Inspirational Choir Spring Concert  
April 27 | The Fantasticks  
April 28 | Alpha Lambda Delta Induction  
April 28 | Guitar Ensemble Concert  
April 29 | Wind Ensemble/Symphony Band Concert  
April 30 | Softball vs. NC A&T

**HIGHER EDUCATION NEWSWATCH | news-prod.wcu.edu/higher-education-newswatch**

BWW Interview: Terrence Mann on Directing LES MISERABLES | Broadway World  
The Difficulty of Delegating | Inside Higher Ed (column by Nate Kreuter)  
2014 ELECTION GUIDE: Buncombe County primary races | Asheville Citizen-Times (comment from Chris Cooper)  
Work underway on expanded WCU engineering program | Asheville Citizen-Times  
WCU takes on tourism with inaugural conference | Smoky Mountain News  
Park Hosts Cherokee Exhibit at Oconaluftee Visitor Center | Knoxville Daily Sun (about exhibit organized with assistance of Cherokee language program)  
It’s important to remember upside of tourism industry | Asheville Citizen-Times (editorial based on coverage of WCU tourism conference)  
Opinion: Pondering the interconnectedness of kinds of oppression | Asheville Citizen-Times (by Laura Wright)  
Van Duyn heads to Senate, with ideology set aside | Asheville Citizen-Times (comment from Chris Cooper)
Tourism lowers tax burden for residents | Asheville Citizen-Times (about WCU tourism conference)

Opinion: Asheville workers need living minimum wage | Asheville Citizen-Times (comment Bob Mulligan)

Higher Gas Prices and Tourism | WLOS News 13 (comment from Steve Morse)

Association of student governments holds last meeting of 2013-14 | Daily Tar Heel (coverage of meeting held at WCU)

The Invasion of the Underclad Undergrads | Our State (story about the streaking fad from the 1970s; inspired by WCU story in the fall 2013 edition of Western Carolina magazine)

Fire on the Mountain: Penland School of Crafts | Our State (comment from Joan Byrd)

ATHLETICS | catamountsports.com
Softball swept by Winthrop 5-4, 3-1
Women's basketball: Karen Middleton inks KG Gibbs for 2014-15 season
J.T. Poston claims 2014 Southern Conference Men's Golf Championship
Men's basketball inks Thompson during spring signing period
Catamount Diamond Notes: Weekly Wrap-Up April 22