Next provost named
Alison Morrison-Shetlar, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Elon University, has been appointed provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at WCU, effective Jan. 15. … (CONTINUE READING)

Campus prepares for Homecoming
The WCU community will celebrate Homecoming from Thursday, Oct. 24, through Sunday, Oct. 27 with events ranging from a parade in downtown Sylva to a golf tournament to a stepping competition. … (CONTINUE READING)

Tickets on sale for zombie comedy
The world premiere of “Zombies on Campus! A SlaughterPocalypse!,” a fast-paced comedy featuring audience interaction, will stage 7:30 p.m. nightly Wednesday, Nov. 13, through Tuesday, Nov. 19. “The only thing standing between college life as we know it and a bloody apocalyptic slaughter is… a handful of theatre majors and some guy named Leon!” said associate professor D.V. Caitlyn in a description of the show, which he wrote last spring. … (CONTINUE READING)

Fall break trips give students insight into homelessness, embargo against Cuba
One group of students traveled to Cincinnati to serve and learn more about homelessness while another group traveled to Cuba for an international educational experience during the recent fall break. … (CONTINUE READING)

Dean completes 106-mile pledge bicycle ride
Brian Railsback, dean of the Honors College, got back in the saddle again and completed a 106-mile bicycle ride from WCU’s Cullowhee campus to the top of the highest mountain in the eastern United States to boost a student scholarship fund. … (CONTINUE READING)

Events connecting to 1960s learning theme
Two film series, panel discussions, concerts and a smattering of class projects kicked off the “1960s: Take It All In” campuswide interdisciplinary learning theme this fall. Now, plans are being developed for spring events including an educational WCU Magical Mystery Tour in January and a performance by a Beatles tribute band in February. In addition, the steering committee is working to develop a spring “WheeStock” festival. … (CONTINUE READING)

Bookstore to host grad fair, offer eco-friendly gowns
The WCU Bookstore will host Destination Graduation Fair 2013 on Tuesday, Oct. 29, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Gowns
available this year are made of 100 percent post-consumer recycled plastic bottles and each gown keeps an average of 23 plastic bottles from a landfill. ... (CONTINUE READING)

**BRIEFS** | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/briefs
Burton Ogle presenting ‘Last Lecture’ on Oct. 24
National leader in special education to present Oct. 25
Expert in role of inflammation, diet on health to give talks
Professor emeritus to sign copies of his book on campus Oct. 24
State Employees Combined Campaign continues through Nov. 8
Visiting scholar to discuss consumption of animals, oppression of women Nov. 7
Love Your Body Week set for Oct. 26-Nov. 1
Czech allied health professionals to visit WCU Nov. 11 and 12
Resident Student Association to host children’s Hall-O-Ween event Oct. 28
Costume contest to be held at campus stores
Registration under way for second annual Amazing Catamount Challenge

**ACHIEVEMENTS** | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/achievements
Read about the latest achievements of faculty and staff, including Roger Hartley.

**HEADLINES FROM WCU NEWS SERVICES** | news-prod.wcu.edu
AutoTrader.com founder to speak on campus Nov. 7
Graphic designer to speak in Cullowhee, Asheville
‘Corn from a Jar’ author to speak at WCU on Oct. 24
WCU to screen ‘Breathless’ on Oct. 30

**EVENTS** | calendar.wcu.edu
Oct. 23 | Discussion with Paul Agnew
Oct. 23 | New Lens Film Series Presents: “The Pill”
Oct. 24 | Visiting Author at WCU Bookstore
Oct. 24 | Design Your Life: Ellen Lupton Reception
Oct. 24 | Fall Choral Concert
Oct. 25 | MBA Information Session
Oct. 25-26 | Dr. Chilton, Guest Speaker, WCU
Oct. 25 | Homecoming Parade
Oct. 26 | Football vs. Elon

**HIGHER EDUCATION NEWSWATCH** | news-prod.wcu.edu/higher-education-newswatch
First frost to hit crops, boost fall color | Hendersonville Times-News (comment from Kathy Mathews)
Fit after 50: Physical therapists can help | Asheville Citizen-Times (written by physical therapy student Karen Wik)
Let’s end our government by crisis | Asheville Citizen-Times (comments from Steve Morse)
Leaves are beginning to show their fall colors in NC’s mountains | Charlotte News & Observer (comments from Steve Morse)
Shutdown ends, but small businesses lost big | CNN Money (cites Steve Morse economic impact study)
It’s complicated: Professor to tackle love, hate, carnivore relationships with animals | Kentucky Forward (preview of presentation by Hal Herzog at Eastern Kentucky University on Oct. 24)
Bryson City businesses doing OK in shutdown | Smoky Mountain Times (cites Steve Morse economic impact study)
Dillsboro mayor compares Park closing to train leaving his town | Sylva Herald (cites Steve Morse economic impact study)
Great Smoky Mountain National Park reopens | USA Today, with Asheville Citizen-Times video (cites Steve Morse)
economic impact study)

North Carolina, Tennessee come up with money to reopen Park | Sylva Herald (cites Steve Morse economic impact study)

Fall Color Update: 'Best Show Nature Ever Devised,' Fall Colors to Peek Through This Weekend | High Country Press (Boone, N.C.) (comments from Kathy Mathews)

NC's social net fraying amid shutdown / Great Smoky Park to Reopen Temporarily | Charlotte Observer (cites Steve Morse economic impact study)

N.C. antes up to reopen Great Smokies | Hendersonville Lightning (cites Steve Morse economic impact study)

Rare hike offered to see Waynesville watershed | Smoky Mountain News (comments from Peter Bates)

ATHLETICS | catamountsports.com
Men's Basketball: Seventeen days: Catamounts King, Boggs chat about the 2013-14 Campaign
Women's golf finishes fourth in final fall event
Women's tennis: Kissell, Betiol complete USTA/ITA Carolina Regional
Women's golf fourth at fighting Camel Fall Classic
Catamount baseball enters final week of fall practice