Trustees authorize planning for building renovations, additions in upper campus

The WCU Board of Trustees has given its unanimous approval to allow university officials to proceed with planning and design for renovations and additions to Buchanan Residence Hall and Brown Building in the historic upper part of the Cullowhee campus. ... (CONTINUE READING)

New student fee to support sustainability initiatives

Full-time students will begin paying an additional $5 in fees during the fall and spring semesters to support sustainability initiatives on campus. The new fee is expected to generate more than $77,000 a year, which a student-led committee will allocate to sustainability-related projects. ... (CONTINUE READING)

Carolina West to host open house at WCU site

Carolina West Sports Medicine, which provides physician coverage and physical therapy for WCU athletics, will host an open house at its new clinic space in WCU’s Health and Human Sciences Building on Thursday, March 27. Carolina West and the nonprofit Vecinos Farmworker Health Program are the first external partners to locate in the building in alignment with Millennial Initiatives. ... (CONTINUE READING)

Shapiro Scholarship will benefit WCU students specializing in fluency disorders

A new scholarship at WCU will provide financial assistance to outstanding graduate students who want to specialize in helping children and adults overcome disorders of speech fluency such as stuttering, cluttering and acquired forms of speech disruption. ... (CONTINUE READING)

Students to demonstrate research talents during expo, symposium

The 16th annual Undergraduate Expo will take place on Monday and Tuesday, March 24-25, and the 22nd annual Graduate Research Symposium will be Thursday, March 27. ... (CONTINUE READING)

Literary Festival to be held March 31-April 4
Authors of poetry, fiction and creative nonfiction will discuss and read from their works at WCU during the 12th annual Spring Literary Festival from Monday, March 31, to Friday, April 4. New at the festival this year will be a day dedicated to WCU authors on April 4 in honor of the yearlong celebration of the university’s 125th anniversary. (CONTINUE READING)

‘Les Miserables’ to stage April 3-6
The Tony-Award-winning musical “Les Miserables” will be performed under the direction of Broadway star Terrence Mann at Western Carolina University from Thursday, April 3, through Sunday, April 6. The WCU Friends of the Arts will host a “Bidding, Broadway, Beverages and Baguettes” event with a silent auction before the performance on Friday, April 4. (CONTINUE READING)

BRIEFS | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/briefs
Fire-damaged buildings removed
Health and physical education students and faculty meet with legislators
March 24 concert fundraiser at WCU to feature A.W. Duo
Graduate-level social work program reaccredited

ACHIEVEMENTS | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/achievements
Read about the latest achievements of faculty and staff, including Shawn Collins, Todd Collins, Mark Kossick, Edward J. Lopez and Stephen Miller.

HEADLINES FROM WCU NEWS SERVICES | news-prod.wcu.edu
WCU to host telescope viewing party April 4 at airport
WCU student, grads excel at English society convention
Local students win awards at WCU’s Foreign Language Contest
WCU seeking volunteers for 30th annual river cleanup April 12
WCU Low Tech Ensemble to perform gamelan music April 10
Civic Orchestra to perform April 14 at WCU
Hunter Library to host book sale April 8
Student wins psychology association’s top graduate research award
Hugh Morton photo exhibit to open with March 27 reception, talk
Sculptor John Byrd to present artist’s talk at WCU on March 31
Top mathematics students to compete at WCU on March 25
Liar’s Bench to present show at WCU on March 20
Brass quintet recital to include musical salute to 125 years of the arts
WCU Flute Ensemble to perform April 5
Winners announced from Youth Art Month exhibit
Students to demonstrate research talents during expo, symposium
School of Music to present April Fools’ Day concert
School of Nursing hosting March 29 Education Fair in Asheville
Flute professor Eldred Spell to present March 22 recital
WCU clarinet students to present March 31 concert
Student to attend Arizona meeting
Panel discussion centered on Gloria Steinem to be March 26
WCU to screen ‘Girl Rising’ on April 1

EVENTS | calendar.wcu.edu
March 19 | Baseball vs. ETSU
March 20 | Reception: Joan Byrd & George Rector
March 20 | WCU’s Got Talent Feat. Porch 40
March 20 | Film Screening - 1966 “Blow-Up” Antonioni
March 21 | Tennis vs. NC Central
March 22 | Eldred Spell, flute 7:30pm
March 24 | Guest Recital: Waldo Duo (piano/cello)
March 25 | Tennis vs. Furman
March 25 | Faculty Recital: Steve Wohlrab Trio

HIGHER EDUCATION NEWSWATCH | news-prod.wcu.edu/higher-education-newswatch
NCAA Tournament: What Will It Take for a No. 16 Seed to Finally Beat a No. 1? | The Wall Street Journal (references 1996 game in which 16-seeded WCU nearly defeated No. 1 seed Purdue)

No repercussions for officers involved in dismissed drug case | Smoky Mountain News (comments from Al Kopak)

Asheboro to host Central band festival | Asheboro Courier-Tribune (festival judges include David Starnes)

Good news for local students | Forest City Daily Courier (coverage of recent articulation agreements signed by WCU and Isothermal Community College)

The Report Card | Black Mountain News and Asheville Citizen-Times (grade of ‘A’ to the life of longtime WCU supporter Jimmy Childress)

Planning board to developers: sidewalks at apartment complexes needed | The Sylva Herald (about county planning board asking developers of off-campus housing to include sidewalks)

Campaign to save dog in Arizona mauling | The Washington Post (comment from Hal Herzog)

Growing old with your pet | Anderson (S.C.) Independent Mail (references WCU study on ‘the pet effect’)

Costa to speak at Tryon Garden Club | Tryon Daily Bulletin (about upcoming talk by James Costa)

UNCA head may get $241,000 retirement perk | Asheville Citizen-Times (mentions former WCU Chancellor John Bardo)

Louis C.K. or Tina Fey? Gender, science and the age-old question: Are men or women funnier? | Salon Magazine (includes study by Tom Ford)

Poet Stockdale to speak at Lanier Library in Tryon | Asheville Citizen-Times (literary round-up includes item about Ron Rash)

Economist: Sevier County should spend more on advertising | Sevierville (Tenn.) Mountain Press (comment from Steve Morse)

Economist suggests more ad money for Smokies tourism | WVLT-TV Knoxville (about Steve Morse)

Causes of the Furred and Feathered Rule the Internet | National Geographic Magazine (comment from Hal Herzog)

Victoria’s Secret beach bash is in the pink | NorthWest Florida Daily News (comment from WCU student)

Collegiate bouldering showdown coming to WCU | Smoky Mountain News

WCU professor honored for role in conservation | Smoky Mountain News (features Jim Costa)

WCU’s Poston Named Golfer of the Week | SoConSports.com

WCU’s Swindell Named Golfer of the Week | SoConSports.com

UA talk focuses on Darwin contemporary Alfred Russel Wallace | Alabama Public Radio (previewing lecture by James Costa)

WCU hikes citation fees | Smoky Mountain News

Devils, Saints and Denmark Vesey | Huffington Post (column by Honor Sachs)

Rob Neufeld looks at Cherokee history | Black Mountain News (mentions the late Robert Conley)
Western Carolina shocks Davidson in semis | Asheville Citizen-Times

Nesbitt’s contributions will live on | Asheville Citizen-Times (comment from Chris Cooper)

Chief Hicks wants mound returned to EBCI | Macon County News (comment from Tom Belt)

ATHLETICS | catamountsports.com
Football opens 2014 spring drills Tuesday
WCU athletics unveils 3rd annual Catamounts Unite tour schedule
Softball travels to ETSU Wednesday
Baseball: Catamount Diamond Notes: Weekly Wrap-Up March 17
Adam Martin named SoCon Baseball Player of the Week

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