WCU alumnus Michael Riles researched mosquito larvae collected in water samples from Jackson County while he was a student. Water and air quality were among the topics assessed by Western North Carolina residents who participated in a survey for the 2014 Regional Outlook Report.

A WCU research team has completed a comprehensive study of major demographic, economic, social and political issues and trends facing Western North Carolina, releasing their findings in a 2014 Regional Outlook Report designed to equip residents and policymakers with the information needed to make informed decisions about WNC’s future. … (CONTINUE READING)

Student developing mobile application for learning Japanese

A sophomore is incorporating pronunciation and handwriting components in a Japanese language learning mobile application in a way that takes full advantage of the capabilities available on devices such as iPhones and iPads. … (CONTINUE READING)

WCU, Isothermal officials finalize agreements in business, nursing

Representatives of Isothermal Community College and WCU met recently to sign two articulation agreements to smooth the path for ICC students transferring to WCU to earn their bachelor’s degrees in business or nursing. … (CONTINUE READING)

BRIEFS | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/briefs
WCU featured on website of best practices and ideas for promoting election engagement
Battle of the Plug contest to include campuswide events
WCU to host telescope viewing party April 4 at airport
School of Music to present April Fools’ Day concert
WCU shorelines program to screen documentary ‘Shored Up’ on April 6

ACHIEVEMENTS | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/achievements
Read about the latest achievements of faculty and staff, including Susan M. Abram, Todd Creasy, Mark Kossick, Christina L. Reitz and Jack Sholder.

HEADLINES FROM WCU NEWS SERVICES | news-prod.wcu.edu
WCU, Green Energy Park to host ‘Iron Pour’ April 5
Percussion Ensemble to present Thursday concert
EVENTS | calendar.wcu.edu
March 27 | Carolina West Clinic Open House
March 27 | Peter Szyhalski (Designer) Lecture
March 27 | Summer of Love (Film resched from Feb)
March 27 | Reception and Illustrated Lecture for Hugh Morton Photography Exhibit
March 27 | WCU Percussion Ensembles
March 28 | Forum on WCU Programs at Biltmore Park
March 28 | Baseball vs. Wofford
March 29 | Dash in Disguise 5K
March 29-30 | Baseball vs. Wofford
March 30 | Tennis vs. UNC Greensboro
March 31–April 4 | Spring Literary Festival
March 31 | Artist Talk: John Byrd
March 31 | Clarinet Ensemble Concert
April 1 | Baseball vs. UNC Asheville
April 1 | Screening of “Girl Rising”
April 1 | SOM Faculty April Fool’s Day Concert
April 2 | WCU Surplus Sale
April 2 | Tennis vs. Chattanooga
April 2 | Softball vs. USC Upstate (DH)

HIGHER EDUCATION NEWSWATCH | news-prod.wcu.edu/higher-education-newswatch
Catching up with … 1996 Cats’ NCAA tourney team | Asheville Citizen-Times (about the 1996 men’s team’s near-upset of No. 1 seed Purdue)

Jadaculla Rock Filming | WLOS News 13 (comment from Tom Belt)

Ex-political consultant wants to fill Nesbitt seat | Black Mountain News (comment from Chris Cooper)

Former Hickory golfer is among college best | Charlotte Observer (about WCU golf team member J.T. Poston)

What might have been … | Asheville Citizen-Times (about WCU men’s basketball season)

Climbing to the top: Local school a hub for outdoor training | Smoky Mountain News (about Cullowhee-based outdoor training school founded by WCU alumni and recently profiled in WCU magazine)

ATHLETICS | catamountsports.com
Catamount Diamond Notes: Weekly Wrap-Up March 26
Softball: Kara Salvo tabbed College Sports Madness SoCon Player of the Week
Women’s golf: Swindell, Mitchell lead WCU to runner-up finish at Low Country Intercollegiate
Softball: Kara Savlo named Southern Conference Player of the Week