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George Rector and Joan Byrd share their collection in an upcoming exhibit.

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## Exhibit features private collection of Joan Byrd and George Rector

George Rector, who has taught ceramics at WCU for more than two decades, and Joan Byrd, who will retire in May after teaching for 46 years at WCU, will share artwork from their personal collection in an exhibit opening Monday, Feb. 17.

"In a way, this exhibit tells the story of our lives," said Byrd. "The works were made by our teachers, our students, and our friends and acquaintances. They are pieces we have lived with and cherished for many years." ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

## Another record is broken as spring enrollment is at an all-time high

Spring enrollment at WCU is at an all-time high as the number of students at WCU this semester has topped 9,600 for the first time in university history. The spring enrollment record comes after WCU shattered its fall enrollment record in September, with 10,107 students for the first semester of the 2013-14 academic year. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

## Branding, advertising executive to lead marketing unit

Robin C. Oliver, a marketing and branding executive with extensive advertising agency experience, has been appointed to lead Western Carolina University's newly created marketing unit. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

## Changes coming to Early Alert process

The Early Alert process that enables WCU faculty and staff to make online referrals for students who are experiencing academic or social difficulties has been enhanced and renamed Issue Alert. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

**BRIEFS** | [thereporter.wcu.edu/category/briefs](http://thereporter.wcu.edu/category/briefs)

SLIDESHOW: Students enjoy Magical Mystery Tour  
N.C. Supreme Court justice to speak Feb. 11

Moshier named director of sponsored research  
Satterwhite hired as director of disability services  
Discounted faculty, staff tickets available for App State game on Saturday  
New Lens Film Series resumes Feb. 12  
WCU receives cost, tax documents on campus fire  
Registration open for April 4 health and education conference  
Visiting artist Mark Hewitt to give ceramics demonstrations  
Beatles tribute band to perform on Feb. 9

### **ACHIEVEMENTS** | [thereporter.wcu.edu/category/achievements](http://thereporter.wcu.edu/category/achievements)

Read about the latest achievements of faculty and staff, including Robert J. Conley and Mark Kossick.

### **HEADLINES FROM WCU NEWS SERVICES** | [news-prod.wcu.edu](http://news-prod.wcu.edu)

Prospective students, families invited to WCU's Open House on Feb. 15  
WCU hosting All-District Band for rehearsals, performances  
WCU announces fall graduation and dean's lists  
Balaton Chamber Brass to perform Feb. 18

### **EVENTS** | [calendar.wcu.edu](http://calendar.wcu.edu)

Feb. 5 | WCU Surplus Sale  
Feb. 5 | "Top Tips for a Dream Career" address by professional kayaker  
Feb. 8 | Men's Basketball vs. App State  
Feb. 9 | "1964"...The Tribute to the Beatles performance  
Feb. 10-12 | Black Heritage Expo  
Feb. 10 | Men's Basketball vs. Furman  
Feb. 11 | N.C. Supreme Court justice address for Black Heritage Expo  
Feb. 11 | Frogz Theatre  
Feb. 12-16 | "A Doll's House"  
Feb. 13 | HIV/AIDS testing and awareness speaker  
Feb. 13 | Artist Mark Hewitt lecture  
Feb. 13 | "Girl Rising" screening and discussion

### **HIGHER EDUCATION NEWSWATCH** | [news-prod.wcu.edu/higher-education-newswatch](http://news-prod.wcu.edu/higher-education-newswatch)

Author to speak at college | Hickory Daily Record (about Ron Rash)

Deployed parents return to children's surprise | Jacksonville Daily News (about military family reunions, including WCU Jan. 23 halftime surprise)

Special Report: Sugar Babies | WLOS News 13 (about a dating website that connects local college students with "sugar daddies;" source says WCU co-eds are among customers)

Deployed parents return to children's surprise | New Bern Sun Journal (about military family reunions, including WCU Jan. 23 halftime surprise)

Rescuing and Digitally Preserving the Cultural Heritage of the Great Smoky Mountains | Library of Congress Newsletter (about Anna Fariello and WCU digital preservation of cultural heritage efforts)

Community Briefs: Jan. 31 | Hendersonville Times (notes Darrell Parker economic forecast presentation)

More than love | Inside Higher Ed (regular column by Nate Kreuter)

McMahan releases solo CD; will be part of benefit concert | Sylva Herald news blog (about student Summer McMahan achievement)

### **ATHLETICS** | [catamountsports.com](http://catamountsports.com)

Football: Western Carolina 2014 National Signing Day coverage  
Women's basketball fends-off Wofford 66-47  
WCU, Mark Speir announce 2014 Catamount football schedule

Women's tennis drops season opener at ETSU  
Track: WCU completes Bob Pollock Classic



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