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Western Carolina University Faculty & Staff News



The Cat 7 research balloon takes off from the Jackson County Airport.

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Parts of lost WCU physics research balloon recovered in Outer Banks

The seventh WCU physics research balloon to be launched to the edge of the Earth's atmosphere – Cat 7 – left Cullowhee on Saturday, Feb. 1, and traveled unexpectedly to Tennessee, across Virginia and on to the Atlantic Ocean, where it appeared to be lost at sea. ... **(CONTINUE READING | SEE RECOVERED FLIGHT PHOTOS)**

University mourns death of Conley

Noted Native American scholar and author Robert J. Conley, the Sequoyah Distinguished Professor of Cherokee Studies at WCU, died Sunday, Feb. 16, 2014, at Harris Regional Hospital after a period of declining health. ... **(CONTINUE READING)**

Withdrawal, grade replacement and academic standing policies to change

The changes are intended to help students continue progressing towards graduation in alignment with the University of North Carolina system's Fostering Undergraduate Student Success charge and WCU's related Finish in Four initiative. ... **(CONTINUE READING)**

Accelerated BSN program transitioning to four-semester curriculum

WCU's accelerated bachelor of science in nursing degree program is transitioning from a 12-month to a four-semester program, and faculty members in WCU's School of Nursing said they are excited to offer the revised schedule that will be more student-friendly for individuals who want earn their nursing degrees while working part time. ... **(CONTINUE READING)**

BRIEFS | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/briefs

WCU advances in NCAA 6th Fan Contest

Service Learning Fair rescheduled to Feb. 20
Panelists to discuss voting rights on Feb. 24
Athletic training students dominate presentations at Atlanta conference
WCU to host 22nd annual communicative disorders conference March 27-28
'The Vagina Monologues' to stage Feb. 28 and March 1
WCU to present April 11 conference on impact of tourism on WNC economy

ACHIEVEMENTS | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/achievements

Read about the latest achievements of faculty and staff, including Shawn Collins and Ian Hewer.

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

WCU offering Certified Financial Planner certificate program
Reed Trio to present concert on campus Feb. 25
Photography workshops offered at Biltmore Park
WCU to present Winter Choral Concert on Feb. 27
Feb. 19 round table meeting to focus on Africa in World War II
Carolina Chocolate Drops to perform March 3

EVENTS | calendar.wcu.edu

Feb. 20 | Reception: Holly Hanessian
Feb. 20 | Martin vs. Malcolm Debate
Feb. 20 | Symphony Band – POSTPONED
Feb. 22 | Men's Basketball vs. The Citadel
Feb. 25 | Faculty Woodwind Trio Concert
Feb. 26 | WCU Symphony Band Concert
Feb. 27 | Tom Ashcraft Lecture
Feb. 27 | 1960s Film - Billie Jean King
Feb. 27 | Men's Basketball vs. Chattanooga
Feb. 27 | WCU Choral Ensembles Concert

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

Residents Concerned About Safety of Road | WLOS News 13 (comments from WCU students)

Wood questions Apodaca's campaign contributions from Duke | Hendersonville Times-News (comment from Chris Cooper)

McMahon to speak on balancing economic growth with protecting natural resources | Mountain Xpress (mentions Steve Morse)

FHSU ranked as best affordable in various Virtual College programs | Hayes (KS) Post (mentions WCU)

Clean air and water first, McCrory says | Charlotte Observer (comment from Rob Young)

WCU ceramicist Joan Byrd retires after 46 years | Asheville Citizen-Times / Black Mountain News (about Joan Byrd)

Book Notes, February 16 | Knoxville News-Sentinel (item about Ron Rash talk)

Four from Western Carolina help us watch Olympics | Former Catamounts work for NBC to provide daily telecasts | Asheville Citizen-Times (about WCU communications alumni working at the Olympics)

Tickets available for event featuring author | Hickory Daily Record (about Ron Rash)

Exhibit of rare pottery at WCU | Smoky Mountain News

'Girl power' thrives at Cartoogechaye | Franklin Press (about disc golf clinic led by Justin Menickelli)

ATHLETICS | catamountsports.com

Catamount Club, WCU Athletics announce 2014 Catamount Golf Tour

Tayla Carter named SoCon Track Athlete of the Week

Men's basketball: WCU, App State to meet one last time as SoCon Opponents

Baseball rides fifth inning rally to blank Winthrop, 8-0

Baseball: Weekly honors continue to roll in for WCU's Jeremy Null



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