Film version of Ron Rash novel ‘The World Made Straight’ to have WNC big-screen premiere at WCU on March 23

A film adaptation of the Ron Rash novel "The World Made Straight" will make its Western North Carolina big-screen premiere later this month as it is shown twice as a fundraising event sponsored by Western Carolina University’s Department of English. … (CONTINUE READING)

Students prepare to serve in spring break programs

About three dozen Western Carolina University students, faculty and staff members have been looking forward to spring break as an opportunity to learn and serve again this year. … (CONTINUE READING)

‘Cotton Club’ radio drama wins BEA Best of Festival Award

Western Carolina University’s original production of “Echoes of the Cotton Club” has received a Best of Festival Award in the Broadcast Education Association Festival of Media Arts. … (CONTINUE READING)

Annual Gender Conference scheduled for March 18 at WCU

“North Carolina Women and Their Contributions” is the theme of Western Carolina University’s annual Gender Conference scheduled for Wednesday, March 18. … (CONTINUE READING)

WCU faculty and staff, community partners attend engaged scholarship retreat

Western Carolina University hosted 45 faculty and staff members and community partners in its first Community Scholarship Incubator, a Feb. 27-28 retreat designed to enhance and expand engaged scholarship. … (CONTINUE READING)
BRIEFS | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/briefs
WCU educators collaborate on California Reader article
Collins to present research, serve on round table panel
WCU staff member wins CASE award for web writing
Snow brings winter fun to campus
Pi celebrated by pose and slice

ACHIEVEMENTS | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/achievements
Read about the latest achievements of faculty and staff; this week: Greg McPherson, Jon Jicha, Todd Collins, Nancy Luke, Kelly Tracy and Patricia Bricker.

HEADLINES FROM WCU NEWS SERVICES | news-prod.wcu.edu
Panel of WCU alumni/doctoral candidates to meet with current students
Teams win SoCon championships again
Asheville arts group hosting collection of WCU student works March 5-14
Organizations sponsoring Ban the ‘R-Word’ Rally
Women’s History Month events set through March
WCU to host inaugural small business, innovation summit in April
WCU emergency service, police departments sponsor public safety, preparedness sessions
WCU’s Hilton receives national award
Pi Month events planned on campus through March 30
New WCU speaker series to focus on outdoor adventure

CALENDAR | events.wcu.edu
March 4 | Mountain Winds Concert CANCELED
March 4 | BBC@WCU
March 5 | Reception: Vadim Bora
March 5 | First Thursday Concert – Josh Goforth
March 6-14 | Whee Fresh MFA Art Exhibition
March 7-15 | Spring Break
March 16 | Symphony Band Concert
March 17 | Talk by Photographer Dawn Roe
March 17 | LMP Karaoke Night
March 17 | This Ain’t No Mouse Music
March 17 | Faculty Recital: P. Wlosok & Friends
March 17 | Phi Mu Mr. GQ Pageant
March 18 | Gender Conference

HIGHER EDUCATION NEWSWATCH | news-prod.wcu.edu/higher-education-newswatch
Gallery: Terrence Mann and Charlotte d’Amboise in Monroe | Charlotte Observer – photo collection about workshop led by WCU’s Terrence Mann
The Architect Who Wants to Redesign Being Dead | The Stranger – about the Urban Death Project, with a connection to WCU’s forensic anthropology program
The Joy of Self-Destruction: WNC writer releases debut novel | Smoky Mountain News – story about WCU alumnus and Ron Rash protégé
WCU hosts campus discussions on public safety | Asheville Citizen-Times – about campus safety discussions
WCU grad stars in Taco Bell commercial | The Sylva Herald – about recent art education graduate featured in Taco Bell commercial
How Asheville businesses take on risk and rise above it | Asheville Citizen-Times – about small businesses and risk; includes comment from WCU’s Ken Flynt
Asheville genealogy: Newspapers are a valuable resource | Asheville Citizen-Times – about role of newspapers in genealogy research; includes reference to WCU library
Opinion: Public higher education drives the economy | Asheville Citizen-Times – guest op-ed on
impact of higher education in WNC coauthored by Chancellors Belcher and Grant and President King

**Let the madness begin: UNCA, WCU teams chase NCAA dream** | Asheville Citizen-Times – preview of upcoming Southern Conference basketball tournament

**Wild South to host Green Gala, conservation awards** | Asheville Citizen-Times – about conservation organization awards; includes WCU's Jim Costa as a nominee

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**ATHLETICS | catamountsports.com**

W. Golf. Landino Records Top 20 Finish, WCU Tied for Ninth at Kiawah
Baseball. Tuesday's WCU Baseball Game Halted; Will Resume Wednesday
Softball. Courtney Price Hits Grand-Slam in 12-1 Win over Ohio
W. Basketball. Taylor Earns All-Conference from SoCon Coaches and Media
M. Basketball. Sinclair Earns All-Conference from SoCon Coaches and Media