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Kiplinger's ranks WWU among '100 Best Values' for public colleges

Western ranks among the top 100 public colleges and universities in the nation that "combine outstanding value with a first-class education," according to *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine.

In its February issue, *Kiplinger's* magazine ranks Western 48th on its list of the 100 Best Values in Public Colleges in the U.S.

"Western offers a high-quality academic experience to our students at an affordable cost, and we are committed to an environment for teaching and learning that has repeatedly earned West-

ern this kind of recognition," said Western President Karen W. Morse.

The rankings are based on data that more than 500 public four-year colleges and universities provided to determine the top 100. The magazine, which has a circulation of about 1 million, ranked each school after an analysis of academic quality, including Scholastic Assessment Test scores, admission rates, freshmen retention rates, student-faculty ratios and four- and six-year graduation rates.

Then each school was ranked

based on cost and financial aid, including factors such as tuition, mandatory fees, room and board, estimated expenses for books, financial aid available and the average debt a student accumulates before graduation.

Schools each receive two rankings — based on best values for in-state and out-of-state students. Western ranks 48th for in-state and 62nd for out of state.

The University of Washington ranks ninth and Washington State University 73rd. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill tops

the list, which can be found at www.kiplinger.com/tools/colleges/.

Western has consistently received strong rankings in *U.S. News & World Report* surveys of the nation's colleges and universities.

For the 10th consecutive year, Western ranked first among top public master's-granting universities in the Pacific Northwest and second in the West, according to the 2007 *U.S. News & World Report* college rankings. Western was ranked among the nation's top 50 best values for public colleges and universities by *Consumers Digest* magazine in 2004.

Events

Thurs., Feb. 1

- Western faculty, staff and students are invited to stand in Red Square to honor Iraqi civilians and U.S. soldiers killed in Iraq by reading their names, 11:40 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.
- RSP Faculty Research presents Kim Ilhyung (decision sciences), "Organizational Learning with Continuous Depreciation of Knowledge," noon, CF 110. Free.
- The Sexual Awareness Center and the Social Issues Resource Center present certified sex educator Jay Friedman, 7 p.m., PAC Concert Hall. Free.

Through Fri., Feb. 2

- The Viking Union Gallery showcases the works of Western students who seek to visually represent gender identity through the fine arts, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., VU 507.

Fri., Feb. 2

- Information session about earning teacher certification through WWU in Oak Harbor, 6 p.m., Room 306, Whidbey Island campus of Skagit Valley College, 1900 S.E. Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor. Information: 360-679-5275.

Sat., Feb. 3

- Western's Students in Action Club hosts a community service project with the Northwest Wildlife Rehabilitation Center to restore an owl and hawk flight facility that was blown down in a wind-storm, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the rehabilitation center. If planning to attend, RSVP to KellyLHansen@gmail.com. Free. For directions, call 206-949-9228.

Mon., Feb. 5

- Information session about completing an elementary education degree in Seattle, 5:30 p.m., Room 1555, Technology Building, North Seattle Community College, 9600 College Way N. Seattle. Free.

Tues., Feb. 6

- Mark Bussell (chemistry) will discuss "Oil? Get Over It — One Chemist's Road Map to Our Post Petroleum Energy Future," 7 p.m., Bellingham City Council Chambers, second floor, Bellingham City Hall, 210 Lottie St.

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WWU alumni fourth among Peace Corps volunteers for medium-sized universities

Western ranks fourth among the top medium-sized colleges and universities with alumni serving as Peace Corps volunteers in 2006.

This is the second year in a row that Western has been ranked fourth among medium-sized schools. In 2004, WWU was ranked seventh.

Forty-nine Western alumni are currently serving as volunteers. Since the Peace Corps' inception, 702 alumni of WWU have served, making the university the number 49 producer of volunteers all time.

Western Peace Corps recruiter Nicole Meinzer said a large number of Peace Corps volunteers from Western are graduates of Woodring College of Education and Huxley College of the Environment, as well as students studying English as a second language and foreign languages. "Western should be very proud of this ranking, which demonstrates the University's strong tradition of service," Meinzer said.

Colleges and universities are ranked according to size of the student body. Medium-sized schools have enrollments between 5,001 and 15,000 students. Information about the Peace Corps will be available at Western's Winter Career Fair, to be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, in the Viking Union Multipurpose Room.

Explore summer studies in Costa Rica

Huxley College of the Environment will hold a six-week study abroad program, "Rainforest Immersion and Conservation Action," in Costa Rica from June 26-Aug. 3. Participants may earn 10 credits while completing the three-course program.

The program, limited to 25 participants, is open to students, faculty, alumni and other interested community members and professionals. Cost is \$4,000 plus airfare of approximately \$650 to \$850, with a \$100 nonrefundable deposit, and a \$100 additional fee for nonresident students. Deposit deadline is April 1, and registration deadline is May 15 (first-come, first-served basis).

Questions about financial aid options and eligibility maybe directed to the financial aid office at X/3470. For program details, visit www.wvu.edu/~summer.

Meetings

Board of trustees

The board of trustees will hold a study session at 8 a.m. Friday, Feb. 9, in the Mt. Baker Room of the Port of Bellingham offices, followed by a regular meeting at 1 p.m. in Old Main 340.

ACC

The Academic Coordinating Commission will meet at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, in Old Main 340. Curriculum minutes must be received in the Faculty Senate office by noon Tuesday, Feb. 6.

All curriculum changes for the 2007-08 *General Catalog* must be approved by the ACC by March 1.

Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate will meet at 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, in Old Main 340. Agenda items include review of the Senate committee structure. Due to the winter quarter holiday schedule, the Senate also will meet at 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12 in OM 340.

UPC

The University Planning Council will meet at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, in Old Main 435 and will continue discussion of its charge.

Faculty vacancies

University Planning Council. One faculty from areas D, E, F, G, H or I.

Assessment Committee. One faculty member is needed for a one-year term.

Seminars

Chemistry. Henry White (University of Utah), "Single Ion Channel Sensors Using Glass Nanopore Membranes." 2 p.m. Feb. 2, CF 105.

Geology. Eric DeChaine (biology), "Refuge Amongst Glaciers: The Impact of the Ice Ages on Divergence of Tundra Flora." 4 p.m. Feb. 6, ES 100.

Call issued for faculty participation in commencement

Winter commencement will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 24. Departments are asked to submit names of participating faculty no later than Feb. 16 by e-mail to Dolora.Ferguson@wwu.edu or by calling Ferguson at X/3701.

Faculty who do not have regalia should contact Jeniene Bengtson at the Alumni Office, X/3353, no later than Feb. 16 so a hood appropriate to the faculty member's home university can be ordered.

Complete instructions will be sent to those attending.

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Next 'Some Fridays' session to be at new Writing Center location

Low stakes writing topic for Feb. 9

Want to use writing to help students learn course concepts but don't have enough time or curricular space to assign high stakes, formal writing? Or want to integrate formal writing assignments with informal writing opportunities?

Then join colleagues at the Writing Center in College Hall 9 from noon to 1 p.m. Feb. 9 for a conversation on "Low Stakes Writing with High Pay-Offs." This session is part of "Some Fridays," an

informal opportunity sponsored by Writing Instruction Support for faculty and students to discuss specific topics about writing instruction and gain new ideas, resources, and materials.

Guest conversationalists will share some strategies they are using for low stakes writing, and those attending are welcome to bring strategies, too.

For more details, send e-mail to Carmen.Werder@wwu.edu.

Review of EESP director under way

Provost Andrew Bodman will be conducting the periodic review of Barbara Audley, director of Extended Education and Summer Programs, during the next few weeks. This is part of the regular ongoing program of assessment of the performance of senior administrators.

Invitations to participate in this review have been sent to approxi-

mately 80 faculty, staff and administrators. Anyone who has not received a letter and a review form and wishes to participate in the review process should contact Lin Stefan at X/3547 in the provost's office. Forms should be returned to the Provost's Office, Old Main 460, MS-9033, by Feb. 19. Bodman will provide a summary of the results to the campus community.

Honors Program positions available

The Honors Program has as many as eight and not less than six positions, subject to availability of funds. Positions are .083 FTE each for the 2007-08 academic year. Each position is for a one-quarter Honors seminar. Deadline for receipt of proposals is Feb. 9.

Interested faculty should submit descriptions of proposed seminars to George Mariz, Director, Honors Program, MS-9112, no later than 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9. Address e-mail submissions to Honors@cc.wwu.edu.

Proposals should not exceed 500 words but may, in addition,

include syllabi, bibliographies or other attachments.

Faculty should also attach the numerical summary sheets from teaching evaluations for Honors courses previously taught or for classes with similar formats, i.e., small, discussion-based classes.

Those planning to submit a proposal are asked to inform their chair or dean, as appropriate, to allow their department or college to make plans in the event the seminar is accepted.

Applicants should indicate any scheduling preferences, including quarter, days and hour.

Papers

A research paper by **Craig K. Tyran, J. Christopher Sandvig, and Steven Ross** (all decision sciences) entitled "Assessing MIS Program Admission Criteria" has been published in the *Journal of Informatics Education and Research*, Vol. 8, No. 2, 2006, p. 21-51.

Gene Myers (Huxley) and Carol Saunders (Chicago Zoological Society). "Attunement, Empathy and Caring with Wild Animals: A Theoretical Overview" at the 13th international conference of the Society for Human Ecology, Bar Harbor, Maine, Oct. 18-21. Myers organized four paper sessions (15 papers) on the topic of conservation psychology at the meeting, and was elected president-elect of the Society for Human Ecology.

Don J. Easterbrook (geology) presented two papers at the annual Geological Society of America meeting in Philadelphia: "Global Warming and CO₂ — Are We Headed for Global Catastrophe in the Coming Century?" and "The Cause of Global Warming and Predictions for the Coming Century."

Mart Stewart (history), "American Studies in Vietnam," at the American Studies Association annual meeting, held in Oakland, Calif., on Oct. 13.

Craig K. Tyran (decision sciences), "Reconnecting with MIS Alumni: The Development of a MIS Alumni Outreach Project," at the International Conference on Informatics Education Research in Milwaukee, Wis., on Dec. 9. The paper also appears in the conference proceedings.

Larry J. Estrada (American Cultural Studies/Fairhaven College), "Teaching Methodology and University Curricular Reform Reflective of Diversity in the Post-1989 and Post 9/11 Eras," at the Alliance of Universities for Democracy 17th annual conference held in Katowice, Poland, Nov. 5-8.

Publications

Irwin Slesnick (emeritus, biology), a book, *Adventures in Paleontology*, NSTA Press, 129 p.

Sal Russo (emeritus, chemistry) and **Lisa Gentile** (formerly WWU, currently University of Richmond), "Preparation, Purification, and Secondary Structure Determination of *Bacillus circulans* Xylanase," in the *Journal of Chemical Education*, Vol. 83, No. 12, 2006, p. 1850-1852.

Brenda Miller (English), "Balsa," a personal essay, in *Waterstone Review*, Fall 2006.

Edward J. Vajda (modern and classical languages), a review of *The reindeer people: living with animals and spirits in Siberia*, Piers Vitebsky, *Choice Magazine*, November 2006.

Julia L. Hansen (economics), **Earl E. Benson** (finance and marketing) and **Daniel A. Hagen** (economics), "Environmental Hazards and Residential Property Values: Evidence from a Major Pipeline Event," in *Land Economics*, Vol. 82, No. 4, 2006, p. 529-541.

Knute Skinner (emeritus, English), "A Dumb Accident" and "The Hangover," poems, *Heartlands*, Vol. 4, 2006, p. 12.

Nicholas C. Zaferatos (Huxley College), "Environmental Justice in Indian Country: Dumpsite Remediation on the Swinomish Indian Reservation" in *Environmental Management*, Vol. 38, No. 6, December 2006, p. 896-909.

Fallou Ngom (modern and classical languages), a book, *Lexical Borrowings as Sociolinguistic Variables in Saint-Louis, Senegal*, Lincom Europa Academic Publications: Studies in Sociolinguistics 05, Munich, Germany, 2006, 188 p.

Paul Piper (libraries) recently co-edited with Charles W. Luckmann a book, *X Stories: The Personal Side of Fragile X Syndrome*, Flying Trout Press, 2006.

Todd Donovan (political science) and Shaun Bowler (University of California-Riverside), "Direct Democracy and Political Parties in America," in *Party Politics*, Vol. 12, No. 5, 2006, p. 649-669; and Donovan with Jeffrey Karp (University of Exeter), "Popular Support for Direct Democracy," in *Party Politics*, Vol. 12, No. 5, 2006, p. 671-688.

Kathryn Van Alstyne (Shannon Point Marine Center), **Amorah Nelson** (biology graduate student), **James Vyvyan** (chemistry), and **Devon Cancilla** (Scientific Technical Services), "Dopamine Functions as an Antitherbivore Defense in a "Green Tide" Alga" in *Oecologia*, Vol. 148, 2006, p. 304-311.

Kathryn Van Alstyne (Shannon Point Marine Center), Peter Schupp (University of Guam), and Marc Slattery (University of Mississippi), "DMSP Production by Coral Reef Invertebrates from Guam" in *Coral Reefs*, Vol. 25, 2006, p. 321-327.

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Professional positions

Center for Service Learning

Service-Learning Campus Director — Annual salary is in the range of \$31,200, and is negotiable depending upon qualifications and experience. This position is open to current WWU employees only. The position is open until filled.

Classified staff openings

Scientific Instructional Technician I

\$2,490 to \$3,157 per mo. (9 mo. position)

This position is with the engineering technology department. Application review begins Feb. 7. The position is open until filled.

Project Manager Washington State

\$3,128 to \$4,003 per mo.

This position is at the Disability Business Technical Assistance Center/Americans with Disabilities Act Center in Mountlake Terrace. New hires typically begin at the first step. Closing date has been extended to Feb. 2.

Western Washington University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer committed to building a diverse, broadly trained faculty and staff. Women, minorities, persons with disabilities, Vietnam-era veterans and disabled veterans are encouraged to apply. To request a disability accommodation, call 360-650-3774, TTY 360-650-7696. All new employees must provide proof of measles immunization before beginning work at Western and show employment eligibility verification.

Student art on display in Old Main may be previewed on the Web

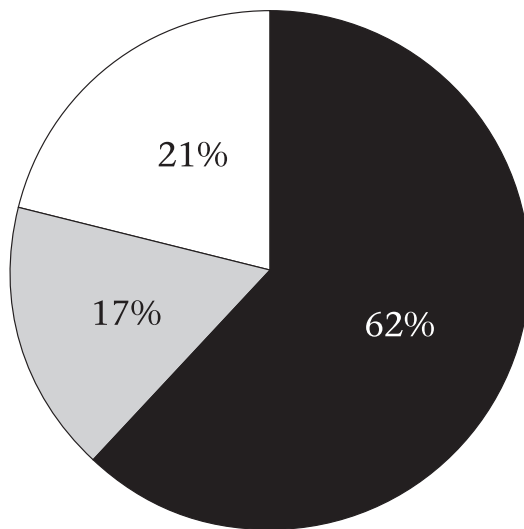
Photographs of student art on display in Old Main 450 can be previewed at www.wvu.edu/president by following the link to student art. The postage stamp designs and acrylic diversity compositions are the work of Rosalie King's students.

Students, faculty and staff are welcome to see the show in OM 450. For more information, contact Harriet Wender at Harriet.Wender@wwu.edu or X/7766.

Farewell for Maria Simon to be held Feb. 5

After nine years of service to the Western community, Maria Simon is setting off for new adventures in Thailand. The University community is invited to join the Office of Admissions in Viking Union 565 from 3 to 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, to bid Simon farewell.

Question 14: Should Western increase its service to the local community?



■ Yes □ No □ No Opinion

Sixty-two percent of survey respondents thought Western should increase services to the community; 21 percent had no opinion; and 17 percent thought "no." The question produced a variety of suggestions from the 26 percent of (276) respondents who provided written responses. Thirty-eight percent (87) suggested more service learning; student community service programs or other volunteer service opportunities, including sharing research or expertise; and more internships and community partnerships. Eleven percent (31) recommended more on- and off-campus arts, concerts and sports programs, with better on-campus access. Another 11 percent (30) focused on improving campus access through better parking and better information.

FAST is running results of a question each week from a recent Campus Attitudes and Perceptions Survey, which includes questions sent to faculty and staff about the University's strengths, challenges, communication patterns and preferences as well as community relations and image. The full survey is available on the President's Office Web page at www.wvu.edu/president/.

Berry available to discuss transportation

WWU employee transportation coordinator Carol Berry recently addressed a Facilities Management quarterly "Town Meeting" about employee transportation options and concerns.

She discussed the Washington state and Whatcom County trip reduction programs, Western's Commute Trip Reduction transportation survey results from 1997-2005 and state-mandated goals for 2007. Berry also provided information on transportation-related energy use, climate change and local efforts to reduce those impacts, including transportation options available to WWU employees.

Departments and employee groups are invited to contact Berry to schedule a 15-minute presentation and question-and-answer session at on-campus locations. Dates are currently available through Feb. 12 and March 13-July 30. For more information, send e-mail to Carol.Berry@wwu.edu or call X/7960.

Weight Watchers series offered on campus

A 17-week Weight Watchers series will be offered on campus provided that 20 people register. Early registration is encouraged, as maximum enrollment is 25.

Meetings will be at noon Fridays beginning Feb. 23 in Environmental Studies 530. Cost is \$176, payable in advance with either one check or with three checks, each for \$58.67. Make all checks payable to Weight Watchers and dated February 23, 2007.

Registration cards are available from Esther Harris, X/3763. Both the registration card and checks must be received by Friday, Feb. 16.

Mail Services needs intracampus envelopes returned

Members of the campus community are asked to return all extra intracampus envelopes to Mail Services at MS-5996.

Free counseling appointments still available on campus

Graduate students in Western's psychology department provide counseling, under faculty supervision, for families and individuals. Both of these services are free.

Western's Counseling Training Clinic has openings for families seeking counseling for a wide variety of family concerns. Appointments for families and couples are available Tuesday evenings from 4 to 6 p.m.

The clinic also has openings for individual counseling of adults, adolescents, and children. Appointments for individual counseling are available Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The counseling would be especially beneficial to people who have stress in their lives, are concerned about personal relationships, have trouble managing emotions, or are faced with a major life decision, said Deborah Forgays, director of the Graduate Training Clinic.

"It's not just counseling for stress," said Forgays. "It is counseling to help prevent later problems. Whole families can receive counseling together in a session. It may be the only place in town without a waiting list."

Counselors are trained to deal with a wide range of issues such as depression, anxiety, family concerns, relationship difficulties, vocational choices, grieving, communication problems, parent-child conflicts and childhood issues.

Anyone interested in these services can call Lynn Graham in the psychology department, X/3184, at any time and leave a confidential message with a contact phone number.

Writing Center closes for move; to reopen in CH 9

The Writing Center will be closed through Feb. 5 and reopen on Feb. 6 in a new location, College Hall 9.

While the center is closed, students can submit papers for feedback through www.acadweb.wvu.edu/writingcenter/Send_Paper.htm.

For more information, send e-mail to writing.center@wwu.edu or call X/3219.

Communication Facility elevator operating again

Thyssen-Krup has found a work around to keep the elevator in the Communication Facility running until the new motor arrives.

There is still the possibility of the work around failing, but in the meantime the elevator is running and safe to use.

Facilities Management extends its appreciation for the level of service from Thyssen-Krup to keep the elevator running as much as possible.

Sanford Piano Series presents Ardakov in concert on Feb. 9

Western's Sanford Piano Series will present pianist Alexander Ardakov at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, in the Performing Arts Center Concert Hall.

The Russian-born Ardakov began his musical career at his hometown's Special Music School, where he quickly acquired a love for the piano. While still a college student, he began to perform recitals, played with the Kuibyshev Symphony Orchestra and won the National Kabaevsky Young Pianist Competition.

Ardakov's career has included international performances as a soloist and as a chamber musician with the Moscow State Philharmonica. Since 1991, Ardakov has been living in England, where in addition to performing as a recitalist throughout the world he is professor of piano at Trinity College of Music in London.

In conjunction with his Sanford Piano Series recital, Ardakov will conduct a master class for young musicians from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10, in the PAC Concert Hall. The class is free and open to the public. For more details on this educational opportunity, contact the music department at X/3130.

Tickets for the concert are available through the WWU box office and range in price from \$9 to \$16. A limited selection of tickets is also available at Village Books and the Community Food Co-op.

Box office hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, and one hour prior to the performance. For individual tickets or to arrange disability accommodations, call X/6146, or visit www.tickets.wvu.edu.



Alexander Ardakov will conduct a master class for young musicians from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10, in addition to playing in the Performing Arts Center Concert Hall at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9. Photo by Oxana Allen.

Events

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Wed., Feb. 7

- Distinguished Lecture Series presents Anna Deavere Smith, 6:30 p.m., PAC Mainstage. Free but tickets required. Tickets: X/6146.
- Playwright and performance artist Anna Deavere Smith explores issues of race, community and character in America.

Thurs., Feb. 8

- RSP Faculty Research presents Merrill Peterson (biology) speaking on "evolutionary lessons from the perverse lives of insects," noon, CF 110. Free.
- Learn how to approach employers with confidence and get great ideas on how to prepare, what to bring, questions to ask, dressing for success and more at this Career Fair workshop, 4 to 5 p.m., VU 567. Free. Information: X/3240.
- The Center for Instructional Innovation presents Gerald Amada, "Maintaining Civility in the College Classroom," 4 to 5:30 p.m., VU 464.
- Dean's Lecture Series presents Don Alper. "Border Control at the 49th Parallel: At What Cost to Border Regions and Communities?" 7 to 8:30 p.m., Squalicum Boathouse. Free.
- Women's basketball, Western vs. University of Alaska-Anchorage, 7 p.m., Haggen Court at Carver Gym.

Through Sat., March 10

- "Coffin Makers of Ghana" exhibition, Western Gallery. Free. Information: X/3963.

For more events see <http://www.wvu.edu/ucomm/calendar.asp>.

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Holocaust survivor Noémi Ban to speak of her ordeal

Holocaust survivor Noémi Ban will tell students and other members of the audience during a talk at Western how she lost most of her family, and how she shares her story in hopes that current and future generations will prevent holocausts. Ban, a survivor of the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp, will speak at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, in Fraser Hall 2.

"Your generation may be the last one able to listen to a survi-

vor," Ban, who is in her early 80s, has told Western students.

In this special Valentine's Day presentation, "Sharing is Healing: a Gift of Love, Memory and Hope," Ban will also include the story of her discovery, in 1995, of a heart-shaped stone on the grounds of Auschwitz-Birkenau, and its meaning to her on this day.

The 175 reservations for her hour-long talk are free to the public. It is strongly recommended to

reserve seating as soon as possible by sending e-mail to the Northwest Center for Holocaust, Genocide, and Ethnocide Education at nwche@wvu.edu.

Ban will follow her talk with a 30-minute question-and-answer period and then a 30-minute book signing. Ban's speech is sponsored by the Northwest Center for Holocaust, Genocide, and Ethnocide Education and the Center for Educational Pluralism.



Don Alper

Alper to address how border security affects border regions

Don Alper, director of the Center for Canadian-American Studies and the Border Policy Research Institute, will speak about "Border Control on the 49th Parallel: At What Cost to Border Regions and Communities?" at 7 p.m. Feb. 8.

The free lecture, the second in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences Dean's Community Lecture Series, will be at the Squalicum Boathouse at Zuanich Point Park, 2600 Harbor Loop. It is open to the public.

Alper will address effects of tightened border controls since Sept. 11, 2001, and their impacts on border regions and the interdependent Canadian-American relationship. □

WWU to host winter Career Fair on Feb. 15

Job seekers looking for ways to connect directly with employers are invited to attend Western's Winter Career Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, in the Viking Union Multipurpose Room.

The event, sponsored by the Career Services Center, is a major recruiting event where students and the general public can meet hiring managers from a broad range of private-sector companies, nonprofit organizations and government agencies. Admission is free.

Participating employers include Microsoft, Boeing, the Peace Corps, the National Park Service, Weyerhaeuser, the City of Bellingham, Cargill, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Northwest Fisheries Science Center, and many more.

Lamp 'close calls' reported

A New York campus recently had two "close calls" involving a floor lamp. In both cases, heat from light bulbs caused the shades to melt.

Gayle Shipley, director of Environmental Health and Safety at Western, said several other universities have reported finding similar lamps with visible evidence of burning. For more information or to report problems, contact Shipley at X/6512 or send e-mail to ehs@wvu.edu.

The Winter Career Fair offers job seekers an invaluable opportunity to network with employers. Students and alumni of all majors can discuss job openings and internships.

To make the best impression, job seekers should bring résumés, research the companies in advance and dress in business attire. A free workshop, "How to Prepare for the Winter Career Fair" will be held in Viking Union 567 at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 8, and at noon on Monday, Feb. 12.

For more information, visit www.careers.wvu.edu, visit the Career Services Center in Old Main 280, or call X/3240.

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