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## CAS dean candidates on campus

Four candidates for the College of Arts and Sciences dean position began Monday, March 1, according to College of Fine Arts and Communication Dean **Paul Kreider**, chair of the search committee.

The candidates include **Susan Martinelli-Fernandez**, interim CAS dean, (March 1-2); **John La Duke**, associate dean of Arts and Sciences, University of North Dakota, **Monday and Tuesday, March 8-9**; **Wolfgang Natter**, director of the Alliance for Social, Political, Ethical and Cultural Thought, Virginia Tech, **Monday and Tuesday, March 22-23**; and **William Rosa**, former associate dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Montclair State University (NJ), **Monday and Tuesday, March 29-30**.

The interviews for each candidate include sessions with administrators, faculty, staff and students on the Macomb and Quad Cities campuses. Members of the Macomb and QC campuses and communities are encouraged to attend the open session for each candidate.

Interview schedules and resumes are available online at [wiu.edu/employment](http://wiu.edu/employment).

At WIU-Macomb, open meetings with faculty, administrative and civil service staff and students will be held at 3 p.m. in Morgan Hall 109: **March 8** (La Duke); **March 22** (Natter); and **March 29** (Rosa).

The dean of the College of Arts and Sciences is the chief academic officer for the college and is responsible to the provost and the president of the University. In consultation with representative faculty committees, the dean carries out the educational policies of the college and University and serves as a representative on standing and ad hoc administrative committees. The dean reviews internal policies and the mission and goals of the college to ensure that they are in accord with those of the University and the Board of Trustees. The dean coordinates the activities of assistant and associate deans, department chairs, and support staff relating to the development and growth of the college and its departments.

## WIU, UPI reach five-year tentative agreement

Western Illinois University President **Al Goldfarb** and University Professionals of Illinois (UPI) WIU Chapter President **John Miller** announced a tentative agreement on a five-year contract for faculty and academic support staff. Pending ratification by collective bargaining unit members and the WIU Board of Trustees, the agreement will set contract terms for the 2010-2011 through 2014-2015 academic years.

"We are pleased to have completed negotiations and reached a compromise in advance of the Fall 2010 semester," said Goldfarb. "Representatives of the faculty and academic support staff bargaining team have worked cooperatively with administrative representatives to address issues of shared concern. I greatly appreciate the UPI leadership's commitment to working through a new five-year contract."

Details of the agreement will not be released until the UPI leadership has the

opportunity to inform members of contract changes and the wage and benefits package. Following a ratification vote, the contract will be forwarded to the WIU Board of Trustees for consideration.

"We began working on this in July (2009) with numerous meetings and several surveys of our members," Miller said. "I am pleased that the administration was open to our ideas and worked cooperatively with us to complete this agreement. The UPI can now bring a tentative agreement to bargaining unit members that we endorse. My thanks to all members of the UPI and administrative teams for their forthright and cooperative approach to achieving this agreement. I particularly want to thank all of the UPI Department Representatives, House of Delegate members, members of our finance committee and the Quad Cities faculty council for their consultation and suggestions in this process."

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## WIU named to Presidential Honor Roll for Community Service

For the second consecutive year, Western Illinois University has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for its exemplary service efforts.

According to the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the Community Service Honor Roll, which was established in 2006, is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. Honorees for the award were chosen based on a series of selection factors, including scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

This past year, Western's Volunteer Services and many other campus-based organizations and departments sponsored



WAVE members participate in the 2009 WIU Homecoming Parade.

numerous activities, including hosting Make A Difference Day; playing Big Pink Volleyball, a breast cancer research fundraiser; hosting the annual Angel Tree program; organizing fundraising efforts for Haiti following the recent earthquake; tutoring and mentoring area elementary

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## Gem, mineral, fossil show March 13-14

The 30th annual Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show, with the theme "Geodes of the World...and T-Rex, Too!," is scheduled from **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, March 13** and from **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, March 14** in the Union Grand Ballroom. Admission and parking are free.

Earth science displays, educational programs, lapidary demonstrations and activities for kids are all part of the show, as well as a special T-Rex exhibit from Chicago's Museum of Natural Science.

Presented by Geodeland Earth Science Clubs, Inc. (GESCI) of west-central Illinois, the weekend show will include gems, fossils, minerals and artifacts. Dealers in minerals, fossils, jewelry and equipment will be exhibiting items found in backyards from western Illinois and worldwide. Demonstrators will be presenting skills, including shell engraving, fossil preparation, egg and rock painting, scrimshaw, geode cracking, glass bead making, lampworking and faceting gemstones.

The featured speaker will be **David Hess**, a WIU professor emeritus of geology (1966-2000). He is a member of the Geological Society of America, Friends of Mineralogy and The Fluorescent Society and a charter member of the West Central Illinois Rock and Mineral Club-Midwest Federation. His interest in geodes dates back to his graduate studies at Indiana University (1962) when he learned about the southern Indiana geode field. He then learned about the tri-state Keokuk (IA)-Warsaw (IL)-Missouri geode fields when he came to Western.

The following programs will be presented:

1:30 p.m. Saturday and 12:30 p.m. Sunday – Hess' presentation on geodes.

11:15 a.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday – "T-Rex. The Real World," video produced by the Black Hills Institute of Geologic Research, which shows an actual site where five T-Rex skeletons were excavated since 1990.

3 p.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday – "Coconut Geodes" (Mexican) by Brad Cross, from the DVD set "The Wonderful World of Agates" symposium, and one of the foremost experts on agates.

For more information about the show, contact show chair Dennis Bomke at (217) 546-4096 or [dbomke@comcast.net](mailto:dbomke@comcast.net). The dealer chair is Jim Travis, (309) 645-3609 or [boatnick@aol.com](mailto:boatnick@aol.com).

## Financial aid director candidates on campus

Two candidates for the director of financial aid position will be on campus for interviews beginning **Friday, March 5**, according to **Karolynn Heuer**, Student Assistance and Parent Service Center director and chair of the search committee. The candidates are **Robert Andersen**, senior associate director of the Office of Student Financial Aid at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, **Friday, March 5**, and **Kenneth McGhee**, executive director of Student Financial Assistance at Cuyahoga Community College District (Cleveland, OH), **Thursday, March 11**. Interview schedules and resumes will be available online at [wiu.edu/employment](http://wiu.edu/employment).

An open meeting with faculty, administrative and civil service staff and students will be held at **1 p.m.** in Horrabin Hall 60 **March 5** (Anderson) and in the president's conference room **March 11** (Sherman Hall 205) (McGhee).

Andersen has served as the senior associate director of the Office of Student Financial Aid at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign since 1998. He also served as the team lead for financial aid, UI-Integrate (2001-2003). Andersen was the assistant director of financial aid at Western (1985-1998); the director of financial aid at Monmouth College (1980-1985); the assistant director of financial aid at the University of Wisconsin-Stout (1978-1980); the director of financial aid at Viterbo College in LaCrosse, WI (1976-1978); and director of the Law Enforcement Education Program at Pepperdine University (Los Angeles, CA) (1975-76).

He received his master's degree from Pepperdine and his bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota.

McGhee has served as the executive director of Student Financial Assistance at Cuyahoga Community College District since 2006. Previously he was the director of financial aid at Portland (OR) State University (2005-06); senior assistant director of financial aid at Northern Illinois University (2000-05); coordinator of financial aid at the College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn (IL) (1999-2000); and assistant director of financial aid at Rock Valley College, Rockford (IL) (1995-99). McGhee earned his master's degree from NIU and his bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He also holds a post-master's enrollment management certificate from Noel Levitz and Capella University, Minneapolis, MN.

The director of financial aid is responsible for supervising all operations of the Financial Aid Office and student employment areas; responsible for developing and implementing the overall philosophy, goals, operating procedures and principles for the University's comprehensive student financial aid program; ensures compliance with institutional, accrediting, state and federal guidelines; collaborates on the development, prioritization and implementation of technology initiatives relevant to financial aid systems; administers the student employee budget; and ensures that the office provides the highest level of customer service to its constituencies.

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school children; participating in Western's annual We Care campus clean-up; and more.

"Volunteer activities and service learning are vital components of the higher education experience. These activities enhance our students' experiences and provide much needed assistance within our communities," said WIU President **Al Goldfarb**. "The core value of social responsibility should stay with our students long after they graduate. It's an honor that Western was recognized for the second consecutive year for our community service efforts."

See the complete honor roll listing at [learnandserve.gov/about/programs/higher\\_ed\\_honorroll.asp](http://learnandserve.gov/about/programs/higher_ed_honorroll.asp).

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Miller said the distribution of contract information will begin with contract announcement meetings Monday, March 8 on the Macomb campus and Tuesday, March 9 on the Quad Cities campus (times and locations TBA). A ratification vote will occur in April. The contract is expected to go before Western's Board of Trustees at its June meeting.

"WIU finds itself, like all other state colleges and universities, in a difficult economic reality," said Miller. "This agreement recognizes these difficulties while protecting the institution and our members' employment and working conditions over the next five years."

## Professional activities

**Kathy Barclay**, Curriculum and Instruction, (C&I) authored "Using Song Picture Books to Support Early Literacy Development," published in *Childhood Education, The Journal of the Association for Childhood Education International*, vol. 86, (3) pages 138-145 (Winter 2010 edition).

**Rori Carson**, College of Education and Human Services, (COEHS); **Reinhard Lindner**, Educational and Interdisciplinary Studies (EIS); **Cindy Dooley**, C&I; **Darlos Mummert**, Special Education; **Miriam Satern**, Kinesiology; and **Bonnie Sonnek**, English, presented "Using the Teacher Work Sample to Rethink Teacher Preparation and Vice Versa," at the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) annual meeting, "Preparing Educators for the New World," in Atlanta, (GA). Lindner and Greg Montalvo, EIS, presented "Teacher Preparation, Educational Psychology, and Teacher Work Samples: Making Psychological Theory Relevant for Teacher Preparation."

**Lisa Barr**, English and Journalism, authored "Contradicting an Internet Rumor via Traditional and Social Media: Campaign Obama's pro-Christian/Anti-Muslim Rhetoric," published in *The International Journal of Technology, Knowledge, and Society* and "Missing Stories from the Streets: Why Weren't the Pittsburgh G-20 Protests Better Covered?" in the Media Watch section of *The Humanist*, January-February 2010 edition.

**Clyde Cronkhite**, LEJA, authored a chapter on fostering community partnerships that prevent crime and promote quality of life in the book "Policy in Criminal Justice."

**John Closen**, Educational Leadership (EDL), co-presented with Michael Risen (Bradley University) "How can Administrative Internship Programs in Illinois Impact Administrative Tenure?" at the American Association of School Administrators' National Conference on Education in Phoenix, (AZ). Closen and **Carol Webb**, EDL, hosted Job Central at the American Association of School Administrators National Conference on Education in Phoenix, (AZ). **Webb** also presented "Building Leadership One Meeting at a Time." **Sandra Watkins**, EDL, (with Larry Weber, Germantown [IL] Elementary Superintendent), presented "RtI - The New Buzzword: Hints for Answers to Implementation Questions." Watkins and **Vicki VanTuyle**,

EDL, presented "Superintendents: Resources and Research at Your Fingertips for Getting and Keeping Your Job" and "Breaking Through the Glass Ceiling in 2010: Women - Be Smart - Don't End Up Like Miss Muffet!"

**Ken Durkin**, LEJA, provided physical agility and reading/writing testing for the Missouri State Police at WIU (2-28): 45 LJE students tested.

**Dean Halverson**, EDL, completed the second session on managing transitions training with the Section 1 special education personnel at the Area Education Agency in Iowa.

LEJA faculty members presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual conference Feb. 25-27 in San Diego, (CA): **Mike Hazlett** and **Bonny Mhlanga**: "Significance of Stop Seriousness and Outcomes in an Illinois City"; **Mhlanga** and **Todd Lough**, "That Cop Mentality: Factors Affecting Police Officer Job Attitudes in IL"; **Darrell Ross** and **Hazlett**, "Analyzing Misperceptions of Police Officers in Lethal Force Simulator"; **Kim Dodson**, "Helping Criminal Justice Students experience learning through the use of active and collaborative classroom exercises"; Dean Alexander and Terry Mors, "Domestic Extremist/Terrorist attacks against law enforcement and lessons learned; and "Terrorism-related police training: paths to success and overcoming obstacles"; and **Zack Lee**, "Workplace Mass Murders by Disgruntled Employees." LEJA faculty members also authored articles published in the *Journal of Law Enforcement Executive Forum*: **Hazlett** and **Mhlanga**, "Literature Review: a Quantitative Analysis of Whether Education Affects Police Officer Perception"; **Vladimir Sergevnin**, the article "Critical Issues of Crime in Rural Russia"; and **Ross**, the article "The Use of Force, Science, Liability, and Restraint Asphyxia."

**Leanda Hemphill**, IDT (with Lisa D'Antonio, IDT student) presented the CITR workshop "Creating Rubrics to Improve Grading Feedback and Student Work."

**Janice King**, Dietetics, Fashion Merchandising and Hospitality (DFMH), and **Dale Adkins**, Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration (RPTA), facilitated an etiquette dinner for RPTA students who are preparing for internships.

**Roberto Mazza**, History, authored the article "Antonio de la Cierva y Lewita: the Spanish Consul in Jerusalem, 1914-1920,"

published in *Jerusalem Quarterly*, vol. 40, pages 34-42.

**Linda Meloy**, Special Education, provided seven central-Illinois school district/special education cooperative in-services in the past seven months, and collaborated with EDL faculty on three lectures for future school administrators, on topics pertaining to Response to Intervention (RtI), an Illinois school improvement mandate.

**Deb Miretzky** and **Sharon Stevens**, EIS, presented "How Does Location Impact Meaning? Rural Schools and the NCATE Diversity Standard" at the annual meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators in Chicago.

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## Biernbaum named to ACUHO-I cabinet

**John Biernbaum**, assistant vice president of student services-student life, has been named to the Association of College & University Housing Officers-International (ACUHO-I) 2010 Foundation Board Regional Cabinet.



According to ACUHO-I, the purpose of the foundation is to operate exclusively for charitable and educational purposes in support of the activities of the ACUHO-I which includes the fund development for projects, publications, programs, and workshops that will support the philosophies, purposes and goals of ACUHO-I. ACUHO-I is comprised of thousands of housing professionals from more than 900 colleges and universities in 22 countries.

Biernbaum has been the assistant vice president of student services-student life at Western since July 2006. He has also served as the director of residential facilities at WIU, associate director of residential facilities and assistant director of residential facilities for six years. He started his career at Western as a complex director and residence hall director. In addition, Biernbaum was the St. Louis Rams Training Camp liaison at Western for nine years.

Biernbaum received his master's and bachelor's degrees from Eastern Illinois University.

## Civil Service News

### New Employees

**Brown, Amy**, office support associate, Biological Sciences, 3/1/10, 372 Waggoner Hall, 298-1546.

**Graves, Jennifer**, clerk, Kinesiology, 2/8/10, 221A Brophy Hall, 298-1981.

**Huston, Stephanie**, clerical assistant, Foundation and Development, 3/1/10, 309 Sherman Hall, 298-1874.

### Retirements

**Sundberg, Carolyn P.**, library clerk, Library, 2/28/10.

## Grants & Contracts

**Robin Hanna**, IIRA—\$550 in supplemental funding from various sources for “RETAC Services.”

**Cindy Piletic**, Kinesiology—\$10,000 from the University of Illinois at Chicago for “College and Community Fitness Facility Accessibility Research Proposal - Pilot Data Collection of Midwest United States.”

**Kim Wisslead and Richard Chamberlain**, CAIT—\$415,736 from the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services for “DCFS WebBased Training System - 10.”

## Spring 2010 internal grant competition

Each fall and spring semester, the Office of Sponsored Projects (OSP) sponsors the University Research Council grant competition. Seed grants of up to \$5,000 are awarded to tenure-track faculty on a competitive basis.

Application materials may be found at [wiu.edu/SponsoredProjects/council/council\\_guidelines.html](http://wiu.edu/SponsoredProjects/council/council_guidelines.html).

Technical Assistance Workshops for the grant applications will be held:

**noon-1 p.m. Monday, March 8** in the University Union Capitol Rooms, and  
**3-4 p.m. Thursday, March 11** in the University Union Capitol Rooms.

## International Bazaar March 5-6

The 37th annual WIU International Bazaar will take place **Friday-Saturday March 5-6** in the University Union Grand Ballroom.

For more information, contact the Casa Latina Cultural Center at (309) 298-3379.

## Carter receives William E. Kennedy Award

**Richard Carter**, director of nontraditional programs, has been awarded the Council of College and Military Educators (CCME) 2010 William E. Kennedy Award. The award is presented annually to an employee of an institution offering education programs at military installations.



Ann Showalter of the Rock Island Arsenal nominated Carter for the award, which was presented to Carter in February at the council’s annual symposium in Nashville, (TN).

“In reviewing your nomination the board has decided to acknowledge your dedication, leadership and numerous accomplishments in providing quality voluntary off-duty education programs by honoring you as this year’s Kennedy Award recipient,” the council wrote. In August 2009, Western was designated as a “Military Friendly School” by G.I. Jobs Magazine and is featured in the “Guide to Military Friendly Schools.” According to G.I. Jobs, this honor ranks Western in the top 15 percent of all colleges, universities and trade schools nationwide that are doing the most to assist America’s veterans as students.

A few of the many reasons behind Western’s selection as a military friendly

school include the unique Board of Trustees/Bachelor of Arts (BOT/BA) degree program, which Carter oversees. While the BOT/BA degree is designed as a distance learning/online program, students majoring in the program also have the option of attending classes on Western’s Macomb and Quad Cities campuses. For a student veteran, the program provides a great deal of individualization and flexibility, Carter added.

“Dr. Carter has been instrumental in providing quality, accessible academic programs to individuals serving in the armed forces,” said WIU Provost and Academic Vice President Jack Thomas. “The Kennedy Award is a testament to his dedication and commitment to Western Illinois University and the students we serve.”

CCME, a not-for-profit organization, was founded 36 years ago to promote, encourage and deliver quality education to service members and their families in all branches of the armed services. CCME membership is comprised of military educators, civilian educators, post secondary educational institutions and suppliers of education products and services. CCME’s mission is to promote and provide educational programs and services and to facilitate communication between the membership and the Department of Defense educational support network.

## Wheelchair basketball tournament March 27

The Donald S. Spencer Student Recreation Center will be hosting its sixth annual Wheelchair Basketball Tournament this spring.

The tournament starts at **10 a.m. Saturday, March 27** in the Spencer Recreation Center.

Registration goes until Wednesday, March 24. Cost is \$20 per team and registration can be paid in the Campus Recreation Office, which is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The tournament will be double elimination with an open division. The event is co-sponsored by the Student Therapeutic Recreation Society.

For more information, contact the Campus Recreation Office at (309) 298-1228.

## Author reception April 14

University Libraries will host its Annual Author Recognition Reception at **3 p.m. Wednesday, April 14** in the Leslie F. Malpass Library Garden Lounge. Authors affiliated with Western who published during the 2009 calendar year—including those who wrote or contributed to books or articles, published musical scores or produced films, authored software or video compositions, as well as other materials—will be celebrated at the event.

More information about submissions is available at [wiu.edu/library/wiuauthors](http://wiu.edu/library/wiuauthors); submissions are due by **Friday, March 12**. For more information, contact **Jeanne Stierman** at [JD-Stierman@wiu.edu](mailto:JD-Stierman@wiu.edu) or (309) 298-2785, ext. 4.

## Knoblauch Café open for business

Knoblauch Café is now open for business and ready to serve the WIU community with nutritional lunch fare in Knoblauch Hall 239 (corporate dining room). Organized and run by students in WIU's dietetics, fashion merchandising and hospitality (DFMH) department, Knoblauch Café (formerly known as Western Lites Café) provides DFMH students hands-on experience with running a foodservice facility.

Knoblauch Café is open **11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday through Tuesday, March 30** (with the exception of Tuesday, March 16 and Thursday, March 18, during Spring Break). Cost for a meal is \$6 (includes beverage and dessert). Carry-outs are available, and delivery is available in Knoblauch Hall. The menu follows:

### **Tuesday, March 9**

herbed-pork tenderloin; vegetable-stuffed portabella mushroom; twice-baked potato; mixed vegetables; dinner roll; and chocolate or caramel sundae

### **Thursday, March 11**

chicken noodle soup/broccoli cheese soup; BLT spinach wrap; veggie wrap with red pepper hummus; chocolate pot de crème

### **Tuesday, March 23**

roasted chicken breast/teriyaki salmon; red potatoes; green beans with almonds; chocolate-covered strawberries

### **Thursday, March 25**

beef vegetable soup/vegetable soup; cheese biscuit; deep dark chocolate cake with butter-cream frosting

### **Tuesday, March 30**

chicken quesadilla/vegetable quesadilla; tortilla chips/salsa; peach cobbler

For more information, contact **Jill Cassady** in the DFMH department at (309) 298-3154 or [JL-Cassady@wiu.edu](mailto:JL-Cassady@wiu.edu).

## International Film Series March 10-11

The Spring 2010 International Film Series (IFS) will Rialto Cinemas, 1405 E. Jackson Street.

For show times and costs, visit [earlann.net](http://earlann.net) or call (309) 833-2626.

**March 10 & 11**—"Me and Orson Welles." A drama directed by a young Orson Welles in 1937 about a teenager being cast in the Mercury Theatre production of "Julius Caesar." Directed by Richard Linklater. (PG-13, 114 min.)

## Campus Recreation announces Facebook page, upcoming programs

Campus Recreation now has its own Facebook page, where you can find hours, photos, videos and more. Spring Break and Easter holiday hours are posted on the new page, and can also be found at [student.services.wiu.edu/crec](http://student.services.wiu.edu/crec). Follow Campus Recreation on Facebook at [facebook.com/wiucampusrec](http://facebook.com/wiucampusrec).

### Upcoming health screenings

#### Total Cholesterol Screening

**-7:30-8:15 a.m. Wednesday, March 24,** University Union Fox Room

-Provided by the Department of Kinesiology

-Finger-stick blood work measures cholesterol, HDL, LDL, triglycerides and glucose levels.

-A 12-hour fast is required (No food or beverage; water is okay).

-Employee cost is \$25; make checks payable to Kinesiology Public Services

-Free blood pressure screenings also available.

### Health and Fitness Fair

**-11 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday, March 24,** Spencer Student Recreation Center

-Provided by Campus Recreation

-Possible screenings offered will include blood glucose, blood pressure, body fat and bone density.

### Oral Cancer Screening

**-Tuesday, March 30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

-Physical Plant Large Training Room

-Provided by Mercer County Health Department.

-Free of charge

### Plasma Glucose Screening

**-9 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday, March 31,**

University Union Concourse

-Provided by Bella Hearst Diabetes Institute

-Free of charge

## American Cancer Society fundraiser

Get the tux out of the back of the closet and pick up that black (or white or combination of both) dress from the dry cleaners and prepare for the Western Illinois University Student Government Association's (SGA) Black and White Tie Affair **Thursday, March 25** to benefit the American Cancer Society.

According to Tony Thomas, chair of SGA's ad hoc committee that is planning the event, the Black and White Tie Affair is open to the entire campus community and to the public. Tickets, on sale at the Hainline Theatre Box Office, are \$8 per person or \$14 per couple. Tables of eight can be reserved for \$80 until **4 p.m. Monday, March 15**. All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society. The event is co-sponsored by the Vice President for Student Services.

The event will feature an Italian buffet, a brief program and a dance following dinner, with music provided by a local deejay.

"It's our hope to raise at least \$2,000 for the American Cancer Society," Thomas said. "This is a great way to dress up, enjoy dinner and a dance and raise money for a worthy cause."

For more information, contact the SGA office at (309) 298-3243 or e-mail Thomas at [AM-Thomas@wiu.edu](mailto:AM-Thomas@wiu.edu).

## Sign up for March 10 ROTC blood drive

The Western Illinois University military science department's ROTC Bulldog Battalion will sponsor a blood drive from **9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, March 10** in the Horrabin Hall gymnasium. Beginning **Friday, March 5** the sign-up sheet will be in the military science office, located in Horrabin Hall 103. March is Red Cross month, and McDonough County Red Cross workers will coordinate the collection.

For more information about the drive or for signing up, contact the military science department at (309) 298-1161. For more information about the McDonough County Red Cross, visit [mcdonough-redcross.org](http://mcdonough-redcross.org).

## Environmental Summit April 7

What exactly will a green economy look like?

That question and many others will be examined at Western's Seventh Annual Environmental Summit **Wednesday, April 7**. The summit, which is open free to the public, will be held from **10 a.m.-3 p.m.** in the University Union.

For more information, contact Mindy Pheiffer at (309) 833-5798 or [MJ-Pheiffer@wiu.edu](mailto:MJ-Pheiffer@wiu.edu).