If anyone knows the ins and outs of the commercialization of imaging technology it’s Aaron Fenster.

As director of the Biomedical Imaging Research Centre and a long-time Robart’s Research Institute scientist, Fenster has spun-off two companies, with the potential for more on the horizon. But despite this success, he understands the barriers that can arise along the way for so many researchers, keeping potentially life-changing technology in the lab instead of the marketplace.

Through the creation of the Centre for Imaging Technology Commercialization and Research (CITCR) – in partnership with Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto – Fenster and other imaging researchers look to address these barriers which prevent commercialization of imaging technology emerging from Canadian academic institutions, such as The University of Western Ontario.

"This is really very exciting," says Fenster, of the recently announced $27 million centre, which will have a main location at Western, with a similar centre located at Sunnybrook to be led by Dr. Martin Yaffe.

“It is an important component in the pipeline of taking innovations from our labs – what our researchers and students are doing – all the way into worldwide clinical use.”

Western is one of five new Centres of Excellence for Commercialization and Research sharing in more than $61.1 million in federal funding over the next five years. The CITCR will receive $13.3 million in federal money, with another $14 committed from Western, the Ontario Institute for Cancer Research, Sunnybrook, Health Technology Exchange and General Electric.

The annual global market for diagnostic medical imaging equipment and software is estimated to be $20.6 billion, and increasing at a rate of four per cent each year. However, sales of imaging equipment from Canadian companies was only $185 million in 2008, representing less than one per cent of the global market and less than two per cent of the U.S. market.

Fenster says a strong imaging research foundation is already in place across Ontario, but unfortunately for some potentially life-changing research, the lab is as far as it goes.

"The foundation is critical," he says. “If you build something on a weak foundation it’s going to crumble. We have many trainees, outstanding researchers, and outstanding facilities that are world class.”

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Decorating Challenge

Holiday cheer came to the Support Services Building (SSB) during the first-ever Holiday Decorating and Food Drive Challenge. Winners in four categories: Collaborative Effort/Engagement (The School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (SGPS)) won with a musical ensemble, hot cocoa stand and countless snowflakes. The team, pictured above, was named the Overall Winner of the challenge as well. Creativity/Parking Sat. won with a recreation of Charlie Brown's Christmas. Passion/ Spirit: ITS Department won away with their overflowing generosity for the food drive and their “PJs for Tots” initiative. Multi-faceted: The Financial Services team, lead by Western Office Supplies, won for their sensory overload display with more than 50 interactive centres. To view all of the entries, visit the Resources and Operations Web site.

SING TO CO-CHAIR AIDS VACCINE ADVISORY BOARD

A University of Western Ontario microbiology and immunology professor has been named co-chair of the advisory board overseeing the renewed Canadian HIV Vaccine Initiative (CHVI) and its Research and Development Alliance. Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry professor Bhashar Singh will co-chair the advisory board with Jose Esparza, an internationally renowned leader in HIV vaccine research with extensive experience in areas related to development and evaluation of HIV vaccines. The announcement of the appointments was made on World AIDS Day (Dec. 1).

UWOFA AWARDS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, The University of Western Ontario Faculty Association (UWOFA) awards scholarships to outstanding students from across all 11 faculties at the university. These awards are funded by UWOFA members, reflecting their commitment to students and to the university community. This year’s awards, handed out Dec. 9 at Michael’s Garden in Somerville House, were received by:

- Arts and Humanities: Alexander Carmona, Emily Kress and Kerri Taylor; Education: Kyle Mckay and David Rosen; Engineering: Rachel Brown, Matthew Dietrich and Jacob Reeves; Health Sciences: Devon Alton (shared scholarship), Jessica Bryce (shared scholarship), Laura Desgroselliers, Mark Mousseau and Venus Valbuena; Information and Media Studies: Amy Green; Law: Vitali Berdichevsky; Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry (J.A.F. Stevenson Memorial Scholarship): Christopher Passage and Crystal Riley; Music: Terri-Lynn Mitchell; Richard Ivey School of Business: Jon Jhan; Science: Michael Ghosequire (Allan Heinicke Memorial Scholarship), Matthew Holden, Daniel Kahn, Shawn McNiv (Part-Time Student Scholarship), Mikhail Roubakha, Michael Seaman and Melanie Wong; Social Science: Jesse Collins-Swan and Rebecca Dillon, Adam Edgarley, Kelly Frydrych, Bradley Hallowell (W. Balderston Memorial Scholarship for History), Anisa Moolani, Michael Murphy (G. Edward Ebanks Scholarship for Sociology), Kristen Sovereign and Cheryl Wituk (Part-Time Student Scholarship); Past President’s Award – Regna Darnell (anthropology); Coby Olthuisen; Sarah J. Shorten UWOUA Scholarship (philosophy): Bo Luan.

STUDENT PUT A CLASSICAL SPIN ON ECOMOMICS

If you’ve always felt the only thing lacking from the William Tell Overture was lyrics incorporating basic economic principles, then Jeannie Gillmore has the competition for you.

Gillmore, who shares instructions duties with professor Michael Parkin in his Principles of Microeconomics course, wanted to inject a little playfulness into the world of economics. She was inspired by the YouTube sensation “The Mom Song,” where a mom reduces a day’s advice to her children into lyrics sung over William Tell Overture.

So Gillmore challenged her students to take the overture, known by many as the theme to the Lone Ranger television series, and perform lyrics explaining economic principles over the top of it. The songs were presented as videos and entered into a contest.

“It doesn’t matter how badly you sing,” she says, “just so long as you learn something about the economy.”

In its second go-around, previously presented in April, the contest generated 209 entries from two sections of the class. TAs and fourth-year students viewed the entries and made the first cut; Gillmore then narrowed the field to six. On Dec. 1, the six remaining entries were presented to the full class and a panel of distinguished judges.

Among that panel, which included Parkin and fellow economics colleagues, was perhaps the most popular judge, Gary Bennett, Pearson Education Canada editorial director, who provided the competition’s grand prize: iPads for each winning team member.

Judges marked each video on a scale of one-to-five in two categories, artistic merit and economic content. Their scores, along with class votes, decided the winner. In the end, Group 60, comprised of Kiera Gabriel, Tyler Beamish, Julie Flesch and Alexa Sturm, took top honours.

All finalists are currently posted to YouTube.

WESTERN TAKES 25TH CHEER TITLE IN 26 YEARS

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FAVOURITE PHOTOS OF 2010

Heather picks

By Heather Travis
Writer/Photographer
Western News

SOUND OF MUSIC

Trying to fit all of the elements of a good composition into an impromptu photo can be challenging. I selected the photo of Gary Kerhoulas and the New Horizons Adult Band as my favourite of the year because of not only composition, but also it was a fun assignment. I enjoy catching moments as they happen – the saxophone players might not have been perfectly in tune (as the adult performers are learning or relearning to play an instrument later in life), but they are perfectly in line for this photo.

Paul picks

By Paul Mayne
Writer/Photographer
Western News

BRIGHT IDEA

Ironically, my favourite photo from this past year never actually appeared in Western News, but rather the Faculty of Engineering’s website. It was January when professor Tarlochan Sidhu, Chair of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, was named Hydro One Chair in Power Systems Engineering. Playing on the hydro angle, I arranged to get a portable light bulb to be used as a prop; and to get the best shot, I needed to find a dark area – which ended up being a windowless janitor’s closet. It makes photo shoots a lot of fun when professors are eager to help out in any way.
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Members of the university family and its extended community are invited to submit guest columns on any topic. Columns should be 500 words or less and are published at the discretion of the editor. If interested, please contact Jason Winders, editor, at jwinder@uwo.ca or 519 661-2111 Ext. 85465 to arrange a column.

TAKING CARE OF EACH OTHER

Editor’s note: The following letter was sent to Western residence staff in the wake of the weather closures last week. When this letter crossed my desk, I found it summed up the spirit of those days so well. So, I pushed to run the letter here not just for us today, but for our colleagues years down the road who may look back on these last few days and wonder how we handled it. Not ones to brag on their own work, I convinced Peggy Wakabayashi, director of residences, Housing and Ancillary Services, to allow me to run it. Enjoy - JAW

Dear Rez Staff:

Trillions of snowflakes. 4,350 residence students to feed. 80 cm of snow and rising by the hour. Lots of hours of snow plowing on campus.

Renee and I were working very hard. Please remember that are all in this together and we know you’ve been working very hard. Please remember to take care of yourselves and each other over the next few days. One more day and we expect to be back to regular operations.

Peggy Wakabayashi and the Residence Life Management Team

JUST A BIT MORE NOTICE, PLEASE

This morning (Dec. 6) I found out the Thames Valley and Catholic school boards had closed schools at 7 a.m. from the radio and websites. Fanshawe College’s website had a graphic prominently displayed to notify people that Fanshawe is aware of the snow storm and to check there often to see if the college is open or closed.

Western... nothing.

When I got to work, I saw the website had updated to say the university is open. I see that was posted at 8 a.m. As many people have to be at work for 8 a.m., or in my case 8:30 a.m., this news item is totally redundant at this point. In the future it would be nice to see Western aware thousands of people are checking to see if the university is open by at very least see if the university is open by at very least posting a message, at around 7 a.m. to say, “Yes, we’re open today.”

Adam Kantor
Planning and classroom management

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I would like to send along my sincere gratitude, on behalf of the university, for your collective efforts contributions and willingness to help maintain high levels of service during this university closure.

We have heard many heart-warming stories across the residence system. Saugeen setting up a ‘Snow Bunny Service’ every half hour to clean off workers’ cars; Med-Syd and Alumni extending themselves during the fire alarm, crowd control and vent sweep; Deli organizing a building-wide snow battle; Rosewood finding Caleb’s cell phone which he dropped last night while making snow angels; Perth leading a highly successful card decorating and snowflake cutting table in the lobby. No doubt there are many more examples I haven’t included here.

For the betterment of the greater residence community, many of you continue to thoughtfully ask your RM what else you can do to pitch in and help. This is especially considerate given that you are balancing your exam preparations. We would like to assure all of you that we deeply appreciate your efforts in the extraordinary circumstances this ‘blanket’ of snow has presented.

Thank you for your understanding. We are all in this together and we know you’ve gone above and beyond to extend a hand to a fellow student, neighbour, PPD/Food Services colleague and to one another.

The Way We Were: 1948 and 2008

Contributed by Alan Noon (anoon@uwo.ca)

J.J. Talman Collection/Western Archives

The first 25 years on the present campus was relatively quiet as far as growth and student numbers were concerned. The upper 1948 view illustrates the central campus with much of the original forest surrounded by the Hunt Club golf course. Sixty years later, the only surviving open green area is University Hill offering the iconic view of the Middlesex Memorial Tower.
The month of December is often a time for reflection. We wish to acknowledge the passing over the past year of members of Western’s extended family of students, staff, faculty and retirees. Each person left a mark within our community and upon our institution – and will always be part of the Western family.

Helen Cerear, Department of Surgery, retired staff
Frank Dolan, Faculty of Information and Media Studies, professor emeritus
James Henry White, Faculty of Education, professor emeritus
Mary Elizabeth Henderson, Western Libraries, retired staff
Ursula Peterson, Western Libraries, retired staff
Wilma Devine, Bookstore, retired staff
Peggy Bugler, Financial Services, staff
Mary Smith, Food Services, retired staff
Dagmar Cepelova, Richard Ivey School of Business, staff
Jozef Gombo, Physical Plant, retired staff
Richard M. Kane, Department of Mathematics, faculty
Doug Hayes, School of Kinesiology, professor emeritus
James (Jim) Woycke, History, professor emeritus
Maria Gaulhofer, Microbiology and Immunology, retired staff
Gabrielle Isserow, HBA/BMOS program, student
James Teevan, Social Science, retired faculty
Robert Hohner, History, retired faculty
James Fulford, Physics, retired faculty
Lori Simmons, Science, student
Fred Pattison, Chemistry, retired faculty
Harry Cook, Physical Plant, retired staff
Donald Rosborough, Purchasing, retired staff
Eva Vanderzwan, Food Services, retired staff
Grace (Isobel) Veitch, Western Libraries, retired staff
James (Harvey) Hassard, Faculty of Education, retired faculty
Marian Pafford, Geophysics, retired staff
Stanley Cobden, Housing, retired staff
Colin Anderson, Pathology, professor emeritus
John Howard Kunkel, Sociology, professor emeritus
Josephine Amesman, Physical Plant, retired staff
Peter Dellow, Physiology, retired faculty
Poul Thomsen, Plant Sciences, retired staff
Sandra Dengler, Student Development Centre, retired staff
Edwin Nowak, Engineering, retired faculty
Ellen May Faulkner, Social Science, retired staff
Janet Colley, Dentistry, retired staff
Margaret Banks, Law, professor emerita
Ralph Evans, Physical Plant, retired staff
John Orchard, Family Medicine, retired faculty
Nohad Geadah, Western Libraries, retired staff
Deral Johnson, Music, professor emeritus
Marko Boskovic, Physical Plant, retired staff
Victor Stevens, Housing, staff
Anne Egbert Bert Peru, Physical Plant, retired staff
John Poole, Physical Plant, retired staff
Norman Donaldson, Physical Plant, retired staff
William Clark, Physical Plant, retired staff
Jean Simpson, Office of Information Analysis, retired staff
Doreen Dinsdale, Engineering, retired staff
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They will be missed

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I am certain Igor Sergeyevich Gouzenko had no idea what he started. In 1945, Gouzenko, a cipher clerk at the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa, sparked an international incident when he defected to Canada. The move would have gone unnoticed by history, or at best relegated to footnote status, had Gouzenko not brought along more than 100 documents proving the existence of a Soviet spy ring in Canada. The ensuing firestorm, and intense distrust and paranoia created by the discovery, helped fuel the Cold War which would dominate the next half century of global politics.

As you might guess, that decision would colour the rest of Gouzenko’s life, much of it spent in hiding under an assumed name until his death in 1982.

But his actions also changed something fundamental about how we cover the news. Or, at least, how we review it.

In 1946, the Canadian Press (CP) named Gouzenko its first Canadian Newsmaker of the Year. Ever since, media outlets across Canada and the world have paused each year’s end to reflect on those individuals who shaped the year that was. CP continues the tradition to this day. Prime Minister Stephen Harper has been tapped for the honour the last two years. Impressive. However, Harper remains far short of Pierre Trudeau’s eight straight honours from 1968-1975.

Makes one think CP might need to expand its nominee pool a bit. Although uniquely Canadian in 1946, the Newsmaker practices weren’t a new idea for mainstream media even then.

Time magazine had been naming a Man of the Year (changed to Person of the Year in 1999) since 1927. That year, they chose Charles Lindbergh. At 25, he remainsthe youngest selection to date.

The magazine’s move, however, was not based on celebrating an aviation pioneer, but on covering its own backside. In one of the great underplays in journalistic history, Time magazine failed to put Lindbergh on the cover of its magazine the week after he became the first person to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. Andre Tardieu, who two years later would rise to prime minister of France, took the cover that day.

Seemingly every year since, every newspaper and magazine has come up with their own version of the tradition. Part contemplative retrospective, part generating news during the calendar’s slowest period, honouring newsmakers is of those old-time traditions I cannot help but love.

So today, the Western News starts its own similar tradition.

Although light on espionage, the Western News 2010 Newsmakers celebrates the best of research, academia and volunteer spirit we have to offer. With the help of my talented team, photos by Paul Mayne and Heather Travis, design by Scott Woods, we feature over the next several pages a number of our colleagues if not larger-than-life, then nearly larger-than-page.

Some of the names you’ll know by heart. Others, you may need a little help to remember. But all were part of what makes this university community so grand during the last year.

One of the most powerful women in Canada. A student with an eye for the greater good. And a man who would do anything, including posing with a zebra, for the United Way. A football coach. A ground-breaking wind researcher. A citizen soldier. A pioneering administrator. An Olympic expert. Labour leaders. Even a man who hasn’t even started work yet.

We look to celebrate the positive with these offerings.

Understand today we honour a mere handful of the hundreds who shaped the last year at The University of Western Ontario. Lists tend to terminate, especially when measured against allotted space and time.

Over my career, there have been more than a few folks who believed I overlooked them for inclusion on lists such as this. That’s to be expected, and quite frankly, part of the fun. (There’s still a mayor in North Carolina irritated I didn’t include him on a newsmakers list in 1999.)

These Newsmakers are far from exhaustive. Part of the joy of covering such a vibrant university community is the fact every corner has an individual worthy of a moment in the spotlight.

Today, we feature some of our favourites from 2010. Enjoy.

Jason Winders, editorial services associate director, serves as editor of the Western News. Contact him at jwinder2@uwo.ca.
Celebrating our own

How will we remember 2010? Probably through these faces.

Today, the Western News starts a new, if not wholly original, tradition. Our 2010 Newsmakers section celebrates the best of research, academia and volunteer spirit that we have to offer on this campus. The following 11 pages spotlight, in brief words and striking images, the accomplishments of some of our favourites from the last year.

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Each contributed positively to important conversations on this campus. They are how we will remember 2010.

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Jason Winders
Western News editor
December 2010
ALEX KULCZYCKI

Working in the mailroom at The University of Western Ontario for more than three decades, Alex Kulczycki felt the need to give back to the community. For four months in 2009, Kulczycki left his position to take on the full-time role as a sponsored employee with United Way of London & Middlesex, helping to lead the university in raising an all-time high of $590,383. Not one to pass up a challenge – or say ‘no’ to any request – Kulczycki has once again joined the United Way in an effort to surpass last year’s fundraising total and make a difference in the lives of thousands of London and area families.
Having the 2010 Olympics on home soil kept International Centre for Olympic Studies director Janice Forsyth busy fielding questions and making media appearances only a few months into her new post. But Forsyth isn’t a stranger to The University of Western Ontario, as the former varsity athlete, three-time Western graduate and Aboriginal sport expert was a perfect choice for the position.
Dr. Vivian McAlister, a professor in the Department of Surgery at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry and a general surgeon at the London Health Sciences Centre, not only completed two tours of duty in Afghanistan as a field surgeon over the last couple of years, but earlier this year the major in the Canadian Forces Medical Service travelled to Haiti to join the emergency relief mission organized by 1 Canadian Field Hospital. Operating on a stretcher resting on concrete blocks in an open tent, McAlister provided surgery such as limb amputations in these extraordinarily primitive conditions. There were also two modern operating rooms with full support of diagnostic imaging, laboratory services and critical care.
Setting out to document the lives and stories of the clients of London’s Ark Aid Mission, Jeremy Jeresky’s plans took a unique turn. The Master of Fine Arts student began a community-based art program which now acts as a social space, where creatively facilitates dialogue and sociability in the downtown community. After winning a 2010 Pillar Community Innovation Award, which recognizes individuals who make the London community a better place through innovation, leadership, impact and collaboration, Jeresky used his $2,500 prize to expand his art program at the Ark Aid Mission, creating the New School of Colour.
The forecast might call for a little wind, but Horia Hangan doesn’t mind. As Boundary Layer Wind Tunnel associate research director and WindEEE Dome principal investigator, Hangan is looking forward to the construction of the world’s first hexagonal wind tunnel, soon to be constructed at Western’s Advanced Manufacturing Park. Construction is expected to be complete in 2011.
Committed to internationalization and encouraging all students to become global citizens, The University of Western Ontario is continually looking at ways to strengthen and grow its international student population. Having earned its reputation as one of Canada’s leading universities, Western is looking to play an even bigger role on the global stage and creating a student body that is more reflective of the world we live in is underway. A new position - Special Advisor to the Provost for its International Education Initiative - has been created to focus on international student recruitment, student exchange as well as other study-abroad opportunities.
Just five months on the job, Deakin, who serves as The University of Western Ontario’s first female in the position of Provost and Vice-President Academic, has been in the spotlight since Day One. Sitting atop her list, planning for the next four-year budget cycle and securing a new four-year deal with the faculty union.
While he doesn’t actually begin at The University of Western Ontario until the New Year, the news that Adrian Owen – one of the world’s foremost neuroscientists – would be bringing his remarkable research program from the University of Cambridge was seen across the country a huge catch for Western. Owen generated widespread international attention earlier this year for a study that demonstrated for the first time that some patients in a vegetative state may not only have cognitive thoughts, but can also communicate. As the Canada Excellence Research Chair in Neuroscience and Imaging, Owen will study the cognitive deficits in patients suffering from neurodegenerative diseases like Parkinson’s, Huntington’s, Alzheimer’s and ALS.
In his seventh season with the Western Mustangs - and fourth as head coach - Greg Marshall was honored the 2010 Ontario University Athletics Coach of Year award. His consistency as a head coach is tremendous, leading his team to four straight Yates Cup appearances, winning three - including this year’s dramatic 26-25 win over the Ottawa Gee-Gees. As a head coach, this was Marshall’s eighth consecutive Yates Cup appearance (four with McMaster from 2000-2003). He won seven of those eight games. The International Federation of American Football named Marshall head coach of the World Team for the annual ‘Team USA’ vs. ‘The World’ match-up, which will be played in Austin, Texas on Feb. 2, 2011.
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THE NEGOTIATORS

The University of Western Ontario spent a lot of time at the bargaining table in 2010 as seven employee groups had contracts expire or were negotiating their first contract. Leading the way for contract negotiations for Western’s largest employee groups, faculty association negotiator Mike Dawes and staff association negotiations committee chair and vice-president Stephanie Macleod, helped advert strikes and set the tone for negotiations with other collective bargaining units on campus. Michele Parkin, director, Office of Faculty Relations (not pictured), represented the university through UWOFAs lengthy negotiations.
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CAROL STEPHENSON

Already leading one of the country’s top business schools, Richard Ivey School of Business Dean Carol Stephenson definitely added to her plate this past year. Coming off a busy 2009 - as a member of the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, and selected by the Governments of Canada and Ontario to serve as the Canadian Board Member for General Motors Company, the recognition for Stephenson didn’t slow down. She was honoured this year with the Order of Canada and was also named one of the 2010 Canada’s Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Awards, by the Women’s Executive Network.
HONORARY DEGREE NOMINATIONS

The Honorary Degrees Committee of the Senate will meet in January 2011 to select candidates for honorary degrees to be awarded at Western’s 2011 Spring Convocation. To ensure that consideration is given to as many worthy candidates as possible, the Committee invites the submission of nominations from any member of the University Community.

Nomination forms may be downloaded from the following website: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/senate/hondeg.pdf.

Nominations should be submitted to the Secretary of the Senate prior to December 20, 2010, for consideration by the Honorary Degrees Committee.

Moments captured in time

The University of Western Ontario got a glimpse into its past recently when a time capsule buried in the former Support Services Building May 7, 1963 was opened. Western’s Physical Plant department was taken by surprise when Tonda Construction Limited, which is demolishing the building, handed them a sealed copper box suspected to be a time capsule. On Dec. 3, the contents of the time capsule were revealed to several Physical Plant staff members and Don Smith, co-founder of EllisDon, whose company built the Support Services Building.

“This is a big piece of history for Western,” says Roy Langille, associate vice-president, Physical Plant & Capital Planning Services. “We have a lot of older buildings with time capsules. It may be the only one we open. We don’t tear down buildings very often.”

Donning white gloves, university archivist Robin Keirstead removed the contents of the time capsule one-by-one. Inside was a London Evening Free Press newspaper from May 7, 1963; a 1952 penny; an old-style light bulb; a schematic drawing of the organization of the Physical Plant and Grounds department; a photograph of the building under construction; and a sealed envelope containing a list of all the EllisDon employees by trade involved in the construction.

“For most major buildings, it is not uncommon to have a time capsule put in,” says Keirstead. “What’s interesting in this case is from what we can determine, this was done by the Physical Plant department staff and the construction company. It was not done as an official university event. We have no record of a cornerstone laying and a time capsule being included.”

McIntosh Gallery. 1941. Glass bottle sealed with hydrogen in a copper case. Inside the bottle are 14 parchment sheets concerning the war, Canada’s participation and the contribution of The University of Western Ontario to the effort. There are biographies of both Gordon and Wilhelmina McIntosh, a history of the university by W. Tamblyn as well as lists courses, administrators and staff.

Middlesex College. 1960. Steel canister containing copies of The Gazette, London Free Press and Alumni Gazette, a complete set of Western calendars, a football program from Oct. 10, 1959 and a list of the workmen who built the structure.

Somerville House. 1955. Copper box containing a microfilm and photographs of the student newspaper, The Gazette, a complete set of 1953 Canadian coins, postage stamps, menu from Fingal Hall cafeteria, centennial copy of the London Free Press, course calendars from each faculty and two books, These Sixty Years by W. Tamblyn and Western 1878-1953 by Ruth and J.J. Talman.

Stevenson Hall. 1954. Copper box containing stamps, a copy of the London Free Press, coins and several university publications.

Thames Hall. 1949. Copper box containing lists of Western Board of Governors and Senate, publications, coins, stamps, copies of the London Free Press and The Globe and Mail and photographs of the present Western buildings.

University College and Physics Astronomy Buildings. 1923. Glass bottle with coins, stamps and a history of the university.

—Alan Noon
Journal brings research experience to undergrads

By Paul Mayne

The last thing you’d expect a first- or second-year biology, chemistry, health sciences or medical sciences student to be doing is publishing research papers. But perhaps that is exactly what they should be doing.

Now in its second year of publication, the student-led Western Undergraduate Research Journal: Health and Natural Sciences (WURJHNS), an open-access, peer-reviewed and faculty-reviewed online journal, is giving students the opportunity to publish original research, review articles and research progress reports.

As Associate Dean (Basic Medical Sciences Academic Affairs) at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Dr. Doug Jones sits on the WURJHNS editorial board. He sees this journal as providing an opportunity for undergraduate students to get exposure for their research, whether it is of shorter or longer duration.

“It provides highly valuable information for upcoming students regarding the types of research opportunities which are possible at Western and hopefully will lead to a greater interest in becoming involved with research early in their undergraduate careers,” Jones says.

Like most research journals, getting published is a rigorous process. Each manuscript submitted to the WURJHNS is subject to a two-tier, double-blinded review process. The first tier involves reviews by three undergraduate students, 11 faculty reviewers and 13 faculty correspondents.

The current team consists of 19 undergraduate students, 23 graduate students, 11 faculty reviewers and 13 faculty correspondents. Soniya Sharma, co-editor of this year’s journal, says it’s great to be a part of this student-led initiative. Last year, she was part of the editorial review board.

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From its inception, the journal’s aim has been to give students an opportunity to understand the submission and editorial processing, the submission and editorial processes,” says the third-year Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry (Physiology) student. “Being published at the undergraduate level is a great accomplishment and every graduate and professional school is looking for the most talented student. Having the chance to be a part of scientific writing and publishing skills, with feedback from three different levels (undergraduate, graduate and faculty) is a great asset for any student.”

Although it is important to stress the review process remains rigorous with a heavy reliance on faculty, Jones sees it as a peer-to-peer opportunity for undergraduate students.

“This is unique as there are several avenues for graduate student interactions and publications, but there are very few options for undergraduate students who also must focus on their academics to complete their programs,” he says. “Being student-led also provides role models for other students to recognize their potential and to become the leaders we all encourage them to become.”

Particularly when looking at a potential graduate student, Jones adds it is a real bonus if they have undergraduate research experience and even more if they have a publication from some of this work.

“It provides an indication of their initiative and work ethic - something that is not evident on a transcript,” he says. “If their research supervisor can describe their contributions to a research project, this provides insight that is useful for evaluation of their potential for graduate work.”

Articles are accepted on a rolling submission basis and WURJHNS is always eager to speak to those interested in the review process.

WWW: For more information about the Western Undergraduate Research Journal: Health and Natural Sciences, log onto http://uw.uer.ca/wurjhs/
Western shows its spirit through the storm

By Heather Travis

A blanket of about 100 cm of snow dropped onto the city last week, forcing the closure of The University of Western Ontario for two and a half days (and the postponement of this newspaper). As the city digs out of its first major snowfall of the year, Western students, staff and faculty proved that helping others in times of need is not just an attitude reserved for the holidays.

The deteriorating weather conditions on Dec. 6 forced university officials to cancel afternoon classes and exams, as well as close the libraries. The Western Student Recreation Centre. The university remained closed for Dec. 7 and Dec. 8 due to the snowstorm.

The last time Western closed due to inclement weather was Dec. 24, 2008. In fact, every two years this decade (2004 and 2006), Western has been forced to close in December due to bad weather conditions.

“This week has been challenging for all members of our campus community, and I am very impressed by how understanding, patient and helpful people have been under the circumstances,” says Western president Amit Chakma. “I’ve heard all kinds of stories about students, staff and faculty who went above and beyond to help ensure that residence life continued on as normally as possible, despite the horrible weather and the fact that the rest of campus was shut down. These kinds of experiences, as frustrating as they can be, to bring out the best in people.”

“It’s another example of the great spirit that exists on our campus, and I want to thank everyone who pitched in to help our community get through it together,” adds vice-president and provost Alison Kikkert. “Add to challenges created by the snowstorm, Elgin Hall residence had to be evacuated Tuesday because a carbon monoxide detector was activated. Students and staff from the building were relocated to Medway-Sydenham Hall and Alumni Hall while the situation was investigated by emergency personnel. No one was injured.

An enormous build-up of snow around a furnace vent caused the alarm. The snow was cleared from the vent (as well as proactively cleared from all other such vents in other buildings across campus) and after a few hours Elgin Hall residents were able to return to the building.

While the official exam schedule didn’t begin until Dec. 10, some faculty-based exams scheduled during the snowstorm were cancelled. The students affected by these cancellations have been contacted about rescheduling the exams.

“It’s a big decision to close the university, and one that is not taken lightly,” Gitta Kulczycki, vice-president (Resources & Operations), says university officials, in consultation with Western’s Campus Police Service and the grounds staff, assess the conditions on campus, including evaluating the capacity of staff to keep up with Mother Nature. The status of the operations of London Transit Commission is taken into consideration, particularly because many students and employees rely on the buses for transportation. The time of year within the academic calendar is also a factor to be considered.

“If we definitely safety trumps all else, we are cognizant that any unplanned disruption to our students’ academic activities is stressful in and of itself at what is already a stressful time of year,” says Kulczycki.

If the university decides to close, certain essential services must continue. The needs of students living on campus are a priority, and they must continue to be provided with food, shelter and safety. Campus roadways must be cleared for emergency access, and campus police continue to operate its dispatch centre 24/7. The grounds crew is critical during a snowstorm, and communications staff is key during a closure to keep the community of about 40,000 people up-to-date on what is happening on campus.

“Pretty remarkable people work at Western. They have a strong commitment to our students and go to incredible lengths to come to campus because they know our students need them,” Kulczycki says. “Residence staff, caretaking staff, food services staff, grounds staff—if they could come in, they did, and some went to extraordinary lengths to do so. We have approximately 125 student staff members in residences and they too pitched in, in more ways than I even know.”

“Snowmageddon didn’t dampen students’ spirits. The spirit of a youthful ‘snow day’ was rekindled at Western as students coped with school closures and cancelled classes.

As soon as it was announced the university was closing, Peggy Wakabayashi, director of residences, thought about the 4,350 students living in residence. She met with the Housing and Residences senior leadership team to put the “Emergency Winter Storm Procedures” into effect.

Aside from putting the official procedures in place, residence staff members and residents’ councils brainstormed ideas to help keep students busy. For example, Perth Hall held a holiday card decorating session, a snow fort competition, football game, Christmas caroling, and watched the Glee holiday special. Other residences held snowball fights, went tobogganing, and students pitched in to help cover shortages at residences front desks, cleared snow off staff vehicles, and some even washed dishes.

“What was fascinating was the large number of students who participated in these various activities. Certainly, residents used the time to study and prepare for exams, though they also made time to play in the snow,” says Wakabayashi.

“The Hospitality Services Unit Manager, the Physical Plant Supervisors and the live-in Residence Managers all worked together as a solid team within each residence to best look after the needs of the students and the staff in each building,” she adds. “We, in Housing, couldn’t do it without the strong support we receive from our campus partners.”

PART-TIME ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

ANTICIPATED LIMITED-DUTIES (PART-TIME) APPOINTMENTS

Intersession/Summer 2011

The University has a central Website displaying complete advertisements for all vacant academic positions. The following academic units have anticipated Limited-Duties vacancies and these anticipated appointments are among those being advertised currently on the Website at http://www.uwo.ca/pvp/facultyrelations or from Faculty, Department, School or Program directly.

General Notes

Summer 2011
Course Dates (unless otherwise stated in posted notices)
Summer Evening: May 9 - July 29
Intersession: May 16 - June 24
Distance Studies: May 9 - July 29
Summer Day: July 4 - August 12

Above dates include examination periods.
See http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/ for complete details, including application requirements and forms, or contact the Faculty, Department, School or Program directly.

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Classical Studies, English, Film Studies, French Studies, Modern Languages and Literatures, Philosophy, Visual Arts, Women's Studies and Feminist Research, and Writing, Rhetoric, and Professional Communication

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING
Chemical & Biochemical Engineering, Civil & Environmental Engineering, Electrical & Computer Engineering, Mechanical & Materials Engineering

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES
Arthur Labatt Family School of Nursing, School of Health Studies, School of Kinesiology, School of Communication Sciences and Disorders School of Occupational Therapy School of Physical Therapy

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Music Performance Studies Music Research & Composition

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Biology, Computer Science, Mathematics, Statistical and Actuarial Sciences

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Anthropology, Aubrey Dan Program in Management and Organizational Studies, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Women’s Studies and Feminist Research, Local Government Program

While every attempt has been made to ensure the listing of academic units with Limited-Duties vacancies is accurate, it is advisable for candidates to also check the notice boards in each academic unit for complete details.

All positions are subject to budget approval. Applicants should have fluent written and oral communication skills in English. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. The University of Western Ontario is committed to employment equity and welcomes applications from all qualified women and men, including visible minorities, aboriginal people, and persons with disabilities.

Note: Recent Western graduates who are foreign nationals may be eligible to work on campus. Please refer to the Citizenship and Immigration Canada website under Post-Graduation Employment at http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/index.asp.
Social networking site brings global culture to your computer

By Leila Almawy

A new social network has come to the surface called cvltvre.com, introducing a new way for people to interact on a cultural level. Like Facebook and Twitter, the site brings people together in an interconnected manner. “You can create personal blogs, profiles and group blogs and group activities,” says Miriam Peña Pimentel, the supervisor of the website and a University of Western Ontario PhD student in Hispanic studies.

Cvltvre.com was launched less than two years ago, and is open to the public. It is one of the projects of The Cultreplex research lab in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities under the guidance of Juan Luis Suarez. Anyone interested in the site can register for a free account, like most social networks.

The website is a cultural directory for museums, events and personal profiles from all around the world. People will come across postings for prospective festivals and theatre productions when they click on the events icon, for example. To help visualize the experience for the culturati – people intensely interested in cultural affairs – cvltvre.com has photo galleries illustrating the countries, places, museums, etc. are available on the website. The personal blogs provide opinions, commentaries, and reviews of the different sites to be visited.

“We have all these networks, special networks with useful information, and people are really a fan of these things,” Pimentel says. “In Cvltvre, the idea is to have everything in just one place.”

Seven undergraduate and graduate students from Western work on the website daily, keeping it up to date with valid and reliable information, making sure users get the maximum experience. Some of the users associated with cvltvre.com are from Uruguay, Colombia, Mexico and the United States, to name a few.

On the website, people will find different icons that direct them to certain places. For example, some icons include events, sites and sights (a collection of points of interest). This is intended to help people browse and choose the events that interest them. The events are organized in different categories, such as music, theatre, art, food and sports.

Social networking site brings global culture to your computer
Jenkyn helps amateur curlers sweep like pros

By Heather Travis

Tom Jenkyn held his breath as he watched the Canadian Olympic women’s curling team sweep across the ice in their first round robin match-up. He had more to stake on their success than a few dollars on a win – his research was being put on the line.

The kinesiology and mechanical and materials engineering professor sent about 60 samples of his latest invention – the EQualizer Brush-Heads – to the country’s elite curling athletes at the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics. The Canadian women’s team led by Cheryl Bernard and the men’s team led by Kevin Martin used the brush heads during the Games.

“They tell us they can drag rocks further – five to six feet further than they could with regular brooms,” says Jenkyn of the experts lauding the new broom head. “That’s the kind of thing that wins games.

“These are things as sports scientists we can’t predict, but it’s truly gratifying when the pros come back and tell us these things – that they really like the product.”

The newly designed broom heads were jumpstarted by Jenkyn’s research for Own The Podium. With the assistance of Olympic-level curling coach Scott Arnold, Jenkyn began research in 2007 to find out what happens when curlers sweep a stone across the ice.

“I usually deal with people with bad knees and hips, but we could apply the same methods and same knowledge of how people with bad joints move their bodies to how people with a curling broom move their bodies,” he says.

After conducting about three years of research using infrared cameras to examine the effects of sweeping on a curling rink, Jenkyn discovered heat was not being generated and the ice was not melting, unlike what was previously thought.

Jenkyn has a few other designs up his sleeve to put his bank of research data to work. Jenkyn and his colleagues Scott Arnold and University of Western Ontario engineering researcher Jeff Wood decided to design a curling broom head that would achieve the desired friction and heat transfer to move the rocks farther.

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Jenkyn and his colleagues are able to get their patented EQualizer Brush-Heads into the hands of average curlers to help improve their game.

“You can spend a lot of time in sport science doing this kind of research and rarely does a product like this pop up,” he notes.

Jenkyn doesn’t take credit for the silver captured by Bernard’s Olympic women’s curling team in Vancouver, nor the gold medals hanging around the necks of Martin’s men’s team because good brooms still require good curlers, he says. However, he is happy to revolutionize the tools of game and give Canadians curlers an advantage at the rink.

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COMING EVENTS

December 16
Toastmaster’s Campus Communicators - Build your confidence in public speaking. Meets every Wednesday 12-1, UC1 1478 unless noted otherwise on website: cctm.freehostia. info/. Contact Donna Moore, dmoore@uwo.ca or 8509.

The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures presents “La Terfúla” Spanish Conversation Group. Anyone wishing to speak Spanish and meet people from different Spanish-speaking countries is welcome. Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. UC 117. Email terfula@uwo.ca.

Arts and Humanities Faculty Lecture Series - Anthony Purdy, Department of French Studies. “Speak White” or “Speak What”: The Changing Politics of Language in Quebec. Landon Branch Library, 407 Wortley Rd. Free to the Public. 7 p.m.

December 19
King’s University College – Eucharist, Windermere on the Mount. 10:30 a.m.

December 20
King’s University College – Pray with the Songs of Taizé, Christ the King Chapel. 7 p.m.

December 24
The University will be closed from December 24th until January 2nd. It will reopen on January 3, 2011.

King’s University College – Christmas Eve Mass. The Chapel at Windermere on the Mount, 1486 Richmond Street. 8 p.m.

December 26
Boxing Day
King’s University College – Eucharist, The Fest of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Windermere on the Mount. 10:30 a.m.

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PHD Lectures
Emily Catherine Webb, Anthropology, Residential Mobility, Palaeoedel and Stress in Nasca, Peru: Biogeochemical and Biomolecular Analyses of Archaeological Tissues, Dec. 9, SSC 2257, 3 p.m.

Kevin Kirouac, Biochemistry, Structural insights into DNA replication and lesion bypass by Y family DNA polymerases, Dec. 9, MSB 384, 1:30 p.m.

Enrique Salacas, Chemical and Biochemical Engineering, Catalytic Steam Gasification of Biomass: A Thermodynamic and Kinetic Approach, Dec. 10, TEB 434, 9:30 a.m.

Muhammad Badril Islam Chowdhury, Chemical and Biochemical Engineering, Catalytic Steam Gasification of Biomass: A Thermodynamic and Kinetic Approach, Dec. 10, SEB 3102, 10 a.m.

Tom J. Hazell, Kinesiology, Dec. 10, The Effects of Acute Synchronous Whole-body Vibration Exercise, TBA, 10 a.m.

Kenneth F. Varley, Neuroscience, Perception-Meets Action: fMRI and Behavioral Investigations of Familiar Tool Use in Humans, Dec. 10, R81 5260, 1:30 p.m.

Liliana Santamaría-Kisiel, Biochemistry, Identification of Regions Responsible for the Open Conformation of S100A10 Using Chimeric S100A10/S100A1 Proteins, Dec. 10, ISBE 2016, 1:30 p.m.

Young-Chun, Mechanical and Materials Engineering, Platinum Electrocatalysts and Their Supports with High Activity and Durability for Low Temperature Fuel Cells, Dec. 13, SEB 20098, 1 p.m.

Michele Bleuez, Anthropology, Cross-sectional Morphology and Mechanical Loading in Fila-Pieno Dao Natives: Implications for Locomotion and Taxonomy, Dec. 13, SSC 2257, 10 a.m.

ACADEME
Brent Stead, Biochemistry, The Role of the Mcm2-7 Subunit in Regulating the Activities of the Mcm2-7 Helicase, Dec. 14, MSB 384, 1:30 p.m.

Dong Fu, Chemistry, Electrochemical Studies of Oxidation and Reduction of H2O2 on Single-Phase Iron Oxides, Dec. 14, MSB 384, 1:30 p.m.

Seyed Sameen Ali Zaidi, Chemical and Biochemical Engineering, The A Step towards Continuous Production of Naf’ Zeolite in Amorphous Silica Particles using a Dry Process, Dec. 14, TEB 434, 11 a.m.

Monali Malvankar, Business Administration, Interventions for Optimal Allocation of HIV Prevention Resources, Dec. 14, Ivey 1005, 9 a.m.

J. Aimee Coulombe, Psychology, Parenting at Midnight: Exploring Parents’ Thoughts and Strategies to Help Young Children Sleep Through the Night, Dec. 14, SSC 9402, 10 a.m.

Ryan Ernest O’Connor, History, Toronto the Green: Pollution Probe and the Rise of the Canadian Environmental Movement, Dec. 15, N/A

German Combariza Gonzales, Mathematics, Descending Central Series of Free Pro-p-Groups, Dec. 15, MC 107, 2 p.m.

Amanda Porter, Philosophy, The Ethics of Humanitarian Intervention, Dec. 15, N/A

Trevor Wade, Biomedical Engineering, Mapping the Flip Angle in Magnetic Resonance Imaging Using the Accelerated 3D Look-Locker Sequence, Dec. 15, R81 Fisher, 9 a.m.

Saad Aldin, Chemical and Biochemical Engineering, The Effect of Particle Size on Hydrolysis and the Modeling of Anoxygen Digestion, Dec. 16, TEB 434, 10 a.m.

Eric Sabondjian, Medical Biophysics, Improvements in Cardiac Spect/ct for the Purpose of Tracking Transplanted Cells, Dec. 16, MSB 384, 9 a.m.

Yuan Gao, Computer Science, Advanced Topics on State Complexity of Combinations Operations, Dec. 16, MC 320, 1:30 p.m.

Ashar Hariri, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Arithmetic Units for the Elliptic Curve Cryptography with Concurrent Error Detection Capability, Dec. 16, SEB 3002, 2:30 p.m.


Faculty & Staff
From November 19 to 23, 2010, Dr. Aleksandra Zecevic, Assistant Professor, School of Health Studies, Faculty of Health Sciences, attended the celebratory 65th annual scientific meeting of The Gerontological Society of America in New Orleans. There, she presented results of her latest study on identification of Systemic Causes of Falling Across the Aging Continuum.

Ingrid Arnet Connidis, Professor, Department of Sociology presented papers at two conferences in November. On November 2, she gave a talk to the Theory Construction and Research Methods Workshop, National Council on Family Relations Annual Scientific Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Her paper was entitled “Research Narratives and Memoirs: Complementary Insights to Family Ties and Aging” and focused on two case studies of gay men’s relationships with their siblings and parents. On November 5, at the same conference, she was an invited panel discussant on “Donor Siblings” and addressed the situation of adults trying to locate genetically related (usually through sperm donors) siblings and other family members. On November 22, she presented a paper entitled “Theoretical Directions for Exploring Family Ties and Aging: Moving Forward” at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Meetings, New Orleans, LA.

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Miscellaneous
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Online application is now open for the February 2011 in-absentia convocation. The deadline to apply is Jan. 22, 2011. Online application opens for the June 2011 Convocation on Feb. 2 and closes on March 15. There is no ceremony for February and all graduate names will appear in the June Convocation programs. Tickets for the June convocation will be released starting the end of May.

University Closed
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University of Western Ontario Library
February 5, 2011
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