Coming Events

08 // THURSDAY

Study Days
Western Gears Campus Food Drive
Drop off your non-perishable food items, baby formula or diapers at conveniently located collection points throughout buildings across campus. Nov. 28 – Dec. 12.

Faculty Mentor Program

Physics & Astronomy Colloquium
Naiz P. Kherani, Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Toronto. “Photosensitizing: - Photosensitive Crystal Interplay.” Physics & Astronomy, Room 22. 1:30 p.m.

Mid-year examination period
Dec. 10 – 21.

United Way Event
Hospitality Services Beach Volleyball in December. $120/team (6 players) or $20/individual player. Minimum 3 female players per team. Guaranteed 4 matches of 2 games. Limited number of teams. Registration closes Nov. 30. Games 10 a.m. Playoffs approx. 2:30 p.m. Register at habitshall.uwo.ca or call Anne 519-661-3855 or Janet 519-661-2111 ext. 8573 or Jessica ext. 85626. Spikes, 120 Westminster St.

Exploring the Stars Open House
The evening begins with a short show presentation with the rest of the evening dedicated to looking through the telescopes. Cronyn Observatory. Free. Open to the public. No registration required. 7–9 p.m. Visit: astro.uwo.ca/exploringthestars.

10 // SATURDAY

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16 // FRIDAY

Department of Biochemistry
Voula Kanelis, Department of Chemical & Physical Sciences, University of Toronto. “Biophysical studies of the first nucleotide binding domain from SUR2A.” MSB 384, 10:30 a.m.

Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology
Clayton Dickson, Professor and AHFMR Senior Scholar, Departments of Psychology, Physiology & Centre for Neuroscience, University of Alberta. “Hippocampal Activity, Protein Synthesis, and Memory Consolidation: Mnemonics via Molecular Machinery or Neural Rehearsal?” MSB 282, 12:30 p.m.

19 // MONDAY

Department of Physiology and Pharmacology Seminar
Christine Beamish, Physiology PhD student. “Mouse beta cell differentiation in vitro.” DBS, Room 2016. 4 p.m. Everyone welcome. Refreshments.

22 // THURSDAY

First term ends for all programs except Dentistry, Education, Law and Medicine.

25 // SUNDAY

Happy Holidays
(Offices closed for the holidays until Tuesday, Jan. 3)

04 // WEDNESDAY

Clases without Quizzes
Jennifer Irwin, Health Studies professor, Western. “Chewing the Fast on Obesity.” Exercise and healthy eating are critical in achieving optimal bodyweight. However, new research shows that for those choosing whether or not to adopt these habits depends less on willpower and more on our relationships with ourselves. Stevenson Hunt, Central Branch, London Public Library, 251 Dundas St. 7 – 8:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Visit: classeswithoutquizzes.uwo.ca.

University Students’ Council

Important Holiday Closure Information

The University Students’ Council and all its operations and services will be closing for the holiday period on Friday December 16th, 2011.

INPRINT will be closing at 1:00pm that same afternoon and will not reopen until Monday, January 09, 2012 at 8:30am. As first term ends on December 22nd, students must purchase course packs before the 18th as they will not be available during the holiday closure. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Have a great holiday!
REMEMBERING ION

My favourite photo from this past year was that of former Faculty of Engineering professor Ion Inculet. Over the course of his 47 years at Western, Inculet amassed 27 patents to his name, was a NASA consultant on lunar and Martian explorations and kept a presence at the university despite his retirement 25 years earlier. While it may seem odd that a modest portrait would be my favourite, I think it’s the look of quiet happiness in his eyes as he relaxes in his favourite living room chair that did it for me. Sadly, this past November, Ion died at the age of 90.

Paul Mayne’s photo favourites of 2011

SCOTT WOODS ILLUSTRATION
Letters to the Editor

// A tribute to a wonderful colleague

Pete was all Western.
Upon beginning his studies as an undergraduate student in the Faculty of Arts and Science in 1946, Walter Colston (Pete) Howell began an association with The University of Western Ontario that would last more than six decades.
After completion of his M.Sc in 1951, Pete went to the University of Saskatchewan for pre-doctoral studies before returning to Western to complete his Ph.D in 1953 under the supervision of the late professor Fred Pattison. After post-doctoral studies at the University of Nottingham, he returned to take up a position of lecturer.
For many years, Pete taught ‘orgo,’ introductory organic chemistry, to countless students. He was well known for ‘Howell's towels,’ the use of towels to absorb and recover spilled reaction mixtures on a lab bench.
Pete's greatest contributions were made as an administrator, first in the Department of Chemistry assisting the then-president head Andy Scott. Clearly, Pete impressed, because when Scott moved to the faculty office as dean, he enticed Pete to be assistant dean.
Pete was heavily involved in Senate during its formative years. He was one of a small group of faculty who made possible the implementation of the UWo Acts of 1967 and 1974. He was a key player during the integration of the (then) London Teacher's College into the framework of the academy, and was a long-term Chair of the Senate Committee on Admissions and Academic Program Policy, one of the senior standing committees of Senate. There, he was well-known for his imaginative leadership and for keeping the members focused and on task.
Letters in his file spoke to "his energy, drive and enthusiasm; his thorough and logical approach to problems; his clean and skilful technique; "his commonsense, dedication and integrity" – qualities I knew and respected in Pete when I worked with him almost 20 years later.
After retirement in 1994, Pete continued to enjoy life, traveling the world with his wife, Dr. Helene Polatiko. Cutting, hockey and golf were lifelong activities for Pete, which continued in retirement.
Up to three days before his death, he was active as a member of the Huff and Puff Hockey league. He was a welcomed member at departmental functions where we enjoyed many laughs.
Pete will be remembered for his dedication to the university, his love of life and his respect for his colleagues. He is survived by his wife, four children and many grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He will be sadly missed by all and forever fondly remembered.
To commemorate Pete's convivial spirit, the Department of Chemistry would like to install a picnic bench, in the shape of a periodic table, on campus. If you would like to make a donation (for the bench in Pete's memory please contact Donna Swanson at Foundation Western at 519-661-3140).
Abstract:

Recent work on corona crosslinking of PFS containing micelles will be highlighted, including its use in controlling micelle growth for the creation of asymmetric cylindrical micelles and the formation of hierarchical superstructures.

THE PAUL de MAYO AWARD LECTURE

Dr. Paul Anthony Rupar
School of Chemistry, University of Bristol, UK

Living, Crystallization-Driven Self-Assembly of Polyferrocenylsilane Block Copolymers: A Route to Well-Defined Nanomaterials

Monday, December 19, 2011
2:30 p.m. – BGS 0153

Contact: Viktor N. Staroverov, Ext. 86317, E-mail: vstarove@uwo.ca
www.uwo.ca/chem/aboutus/distlectureship/html#Paul

SCOTT WOODS ILLUSTRATION

MUSTANG MOMENTS

It is always difficult to name your favourite photo of the year. Often it is a memory you have attached to the photo that makes it stand out in your mind. For me, the photo shoot with Western Mustang athletes Hailey Nell and Bryn Jones was exciting because rarely do we have the opportunity to photograph athletes in this style, typically relying on a captured moment in a game or competition. The two swimmers were extremely accommodating and didn’t mind posing at length for photos, even though they were unaware of being selected as award recipients. It was also a surprise to have the photo of Jones featured on the back of the new Mustangs team bus. The photo shoot required a lot of planning and thought, but in the end, the photos turned out beautifully.

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// Western News deadlines for 2012

Today’s Western News edition represents the semester’s final. We’ll return on Thursday, Jan. 5. Coming events and advertising deadline for that edition, the first of 2012, is noon Thursday, Dec. 15.

// UWOFAs announces scholarship winners

The University of Western Ontario Faculty Association (UWOFAs) will award 36 scholarships to students from 11 Western faculties. The awards, funded by the UWOFAs membership, are handed out at event set for 4:30 p.m. today, Dec. 8 in the Great Hall, Somerville House. The winners include:

- Faculty of Arts and Humanities: Tristan Neill, James Porteous and Talor Sills;
- Faculty of Education: Jodi Graig and Jennifer MacMillan;
- Faculty of Engineering: Anish Naidu, Michael O’Brien and Kevin Romano;
- Faculty of Health Sciences: Danielle Eastman, Jamie Harris, Emma Schoo and Brooke Wilson;
- Faculty of Information and Media Studies: Cindy Ma;
- Faculty of Law: Aaron Baer;
- Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry: Kathleen Nichols and Philip Anderson;
- Faculty of Music: Emily Shaw;
- Richard Ivey School of Business: Peter Kettel;
- Faculty of Science: Kevin Biskaborn (Part-Time Student Scholarship), Samik Doshi, Jason Goldbert, Elizabeth Irish, John Malik (Allan Heinricke Memorial Scholarship), Margaret Sawatzky and Bob Wang;
- Faculty of Social Science: Vybhavi Balasundaram, Sarita Harvey (Waldron Memorial Scholarship for History), Constantine Lai, Lorne McDougall, Rebecca Parry, Aaron Shantz (G. Edward Ebanks Scholarship for Sociology), Gillian Tahver (Part-Time Student Scholarship), Kristy Warren and Andre Wilkie;
- Past President’s Award – James Compton (IFMS): Jonathan Silver;
- Sarah J. Shorten UWOFAs Scholarship (Philosophy): Graig Crandon.

// ‘Belonging’ contest winner announced

One of the oft-reported concerns of new students at university is the initial sense of feeling out of place, or not ‘belonging.’ To begin a conversation about the nature of this concern, the Student Success Centre sponsored their first ‘Envisioning Belonging’ contest. Students were invited to envision ‘belonging’ and represent it through the use of any media. Anthony Chen received first prize and $200 for his photograph, above, ‘Three Coloured Leaves.’

“Three leaves with different colours mean different people from all over the world,” Chen says. “We gather in this place to study and although we fell from the branch, we feel warm in this new place.”

Jean Yang and Michael Chang tied for second, Gianna Bahadoor Singh won third.

// Award of Excellence nominations sought

Nominations for this year’s Western Award of Excellence remain open until tomorrow. The award is the highest level of campuswide recognition for the exceptional performance of Western staff. Visit uwo.ca/auo/awards for more information on the award and to download a nomination form.

// Stephenson named to power list

Carol Stephenson, Richard Ivey School of Business dean, has been named a recipient of the 2011 Canada’s Most Powerful Women: Top 100 award in the Corporate Directors category.

Stephenson, named to this list for the third time, joins a community of 584 women who have received the award, recognizing the highest achieving female leaders in the private, public and not-for-profit sectors in Canada.
Man of Science

Talk about ascending to the top of your profession. This fall, Western professor Gordon McBean was named president-elect of the International Council for Science (ICSU) at the organization's 30th General Assembly in Rome, Italy. He will lead the international body starting in 2014.
Registration for Winter 2012 ADV courses has begun.

Eligible employees at Western are provided with an educational assistance plan to pursue professional development. Selected Continuing Studies courses qualify for advanced funding.

Advanced Funded (ADV) means you will not have to personally provide payment and seek reimbursement.

The Negotiators

It was a sight rarely seen in the history of The University of Western Ontario as 51 unionized librarians and archivists took to the picket lines this past September in search of a new collective agreement. Thanks to efforts led by Alan Weedon, vice-provost (academic planning, policy and faculty), and Bryce Traister, University of Western Ontario Faculty Association president, a new four-year contract was reached following a 13-day strike.
New Leadership

Western welcomed four new deans to campus this summer and fall (pictured from left): Iain Scott (Faculty of Law), Charmaine Dean (Faculty of Science), Vicki Schwean (Faculty of Education) and Betty Anne Younker (Faculty of Music). The changeover in such high-profile areas created quite the buzz not only across their individual faculties, but campus as well.
On a Mission

With Western home to nearly 150 faculty, graduate and post-doctoral researchers whose primary focus is Africa, The Africa Institute hopes to strengthen sustainable relationships between Western, Africans and African institutions. As director of the institute, political science professor Joanna Quinn works hand-in-hand piecing together a shared vision to foster strong relationships, advance important research and improve lives across the continent.
A Woman of Influence

Sandra Smeltzer possesses a sense of purpose and direction many others would probably envy. The Faculty of Information & Media Studies professor was recognized this past year with a Western Humanitarian Award for her research on communication in developing nations and how IT and communications technology is used for social justice objectives. She has been awarded the University Students’ Council Teaching Honour Roll Award of Excellence for every year she has taught at Western, received her faculty’s Undergraduate Teaching Award and was named among Canada’s Top 25 Women of Influence by the Women of Influence Magazine.
The Athlete

Conor Trainor has been traveling the globe, delivering a little pain to opponents of the red and white. Trainor, a fourth-year civil and environment engineering student, started the year as a member of Western’s varsity rugby team, and finished as a member of both Rugby Canada’s teams competing at the Rugby World Cup in New Zealand and Pan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico.
Life and Death

While most readily shy away from talking about death, Meredith Levine and 16 journalism students at Western tackled the subject head on last spring. Developed out of a groundbreaking course on dying in the graduate journalism program — and led by Levine, who teaches radio journalism and health and medical reporting in the Faculty of Information & Media Studies — A Good Death gave students an opportunity to explore end-of-life journeys and what changes need to be made to put palliative care onto the public agenda. A Good Death was published on CBC.ca and won the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Media Award.

The Decision Maker

Known as a prolific arbitrator at both the Winter and Summer Olympics, Western Law professor Richard McLaren can add international basketball to his lengthy list of sports-related accomplishments. McLaren was appointed president of the Basketball Arbitral Tribunal this past summer, which provides services for the resolution of disputes between players, agents and clubs through arbitration. More than 100 cases were heard in 2011.
The Final Frontier

Made up of professors from the faculties of Science, Engineering, Social Science, Arts & Humanities and Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, the Centre for Planetary Science and Exploration (CPSX) had quite the busy year. Be it the continued work on Mars with Gordon Osinski (pictured), tracking meteors with Peter Brown, discovering new asteroids with Paul Wiegert or the work of more than 50 faculty members from 10 departments, CPSX continues to strengthen and grow the Canadian space community through inspiring and training the next generation of scientists and engineers.

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Wishing you a safe and happy holiday. See you in January!
Hallelujah

Recognized around the world as ‘that girl singing on the cell phone in the food court’, Stephanie Tritchew, a master’s student in voice performance and literature at Western, joined her musical friends to make a huge splash this past year on YouTube. Launching into the chorus of ‘Hallelujah’ to an unsuspecting mall crowd, the flash mob musical has been viewed more than 35.5 million times. It was featured on several media outlets, including CNN, Good Morning America, The View, eTalk and ABC World News. You can check it out by searching ‘Christmas Food Court Flash Mob’ on YouTube.
Operation Green

In any surgical procedure, many of the utensils prepared for the surgeon remain unused at procedure's end. Enter Operation Green. Collecting these items, which would otherwise be wasted, members of the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry group package and ship them to developing countries in desperate need of such items. The group's latest shipment, sent this past month, weighed 661 pounds with a value of more than $15,000. Operation Green is the first such project in Canada.
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The deadline to apply is Jan. 22, 2012.
Online application opens for the June
2012 Convocation on Feb. 2 and closes
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Ticket sales for June convocation will
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Mid-Year Examinations
The mid-year examination period is Dec.
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Ann Marie Carmela Gagne, English, Touching Bodies/Bodies Touching: The Ethics of Touch in Victorian Literature (1860-1900), Dec. 15, N/A.

Colin Dombroski, Health and Rehabilitation Science, The effects of leg length discrepancy on gait and balance, Dec. 15, EC 2130, 10 a.m.

Elin Fraser, Biology, Stable isotope analyses of bat fur: Applications for investigating North American bat migration, Dec. 15, B&GS 0153, 9 a.m.

Siew Kian Tai, Neuroscience, Septal Modulation of the Hippocampus, Dec. 15, RRI, 2nd floor, 9 a.m.

Amir Mohsen Poumousa Abkenar, Applied Mathematics, Molecular Dynamics Studies of Interactions of Phospholipid Membranes with Dehydrosphingosine and Penetrating Peptides, Dec. 15, MC 204, 1:30 p.m.

Hao Jiang, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Nanoplasmonic Sensors: Application to the Detection of Cancer Biomarkers, Dec. 15, TEB 234, 2 p.m.

Alister Gould, Biochemistry, ATPase Regulation in the Maltose Transporter, Dec. 16, MSB 384, 1:30 p.m.

Fatmeh Alzoubi, Nursing, Motherhood and Childbirth Experiences among Newcomer Women in Canada: A Critical Ethnographic Study, Dec. 16, H4, 9 a.m.

Students from the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) robotics team at Laurier Secondary School in London show their robot to Wayne Dunn, County Heritage Forest Products Ltd., and Jane Roy, London Food Bank assistant director, at the Business Cares Food Drive, which launched Thursday, Dec. 1. Visit businesscares.ca for details on the program.

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