Higher ed keen on Liberal return … so far

By Heather Travis

The Ontario Liberal Party narrowly missed receiving a majority government in last week’s provincial election and now Ontario universities, including the University of Western Ontario, are waiting to see how Premier Dalton McGuinty will deliver on his party’s promises.

“I do not believe that the minority government will change the commitment we have seen to universities,” says Western president Amit Chakma.

“We were pleased to see during the campaign that all parties acknowledged a high quality and accessible post-secondary education system is important to the future of Ontario’s economy.

“We look forward to continuing to work with Premier McGuinty’s government during their next mandate.”

In its party platform, the Liberals promise to create 60,000 more spaces in universities, as well as build three new, leading-edge undergraduate campuses.

To help offset costs for post-secondary education, they plan to provide middle-class families with a 30 per cent post-secondary undergraduate tuition grant. This could mean a savings of $1,600 per university student.

Further, the Ontario Student Opportunities Grant will continue to help reduce student debt as it will be capped at $7,300 for each year of undergraduate study. The party also promises to extend interest relief for graduates who work in the not-for-profit sector and reduce loan repayments for students with low incomes or who are struggling to find work after graduation, until their incomes increase.

The Liberal platform’s commitments are great for students, families, post-secondary institutions and for the province, says the Council of Ontario Universities (COU), noting the promises will dramatically enhance the affordability of higher education.

“We support all measures that can both improve access for students and ensure sufficient funding for Ontario universities so they can maintain the high quality and international competitiveness of their academic programs,” says Alastair Summerlee, COU chair and University of Guelph president.

Western students are looking forward to the commitments promised by the Liberal government and appreciate the interest shown by the political parties in post-secondary education, says Patrick Searle, vice-president university affairs for Western’s University Students’ Council.

“Students are looking forward to the January 2012 roll out of the tuition grant promised by the Liberals. This sort of investment will certainly help students pay off portions of their debt, and will relieve some of their stress when it comes time to pay for rent or daily essentials,” he says.

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Writing Support Centre Workshop
Writing Essay Exams. WSS Room 3134. Register at sdc.uwo.ca/writing 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Classes without Quizzes
Huffing and Puffing and Blowing it Down: Wind Research at the Western. The Big Bad Wolf blew down a straw house in the popular fairy tale, but brick houses can be damaged almost as easily by tornadoes or severe wind storms. Greg Kopy, Canada Research Chair in Wind Engineering, will discuss research at Western focused on extreme weather damage to homes in Canada and what we can do about it. Stevenson Hunt, Central Branch, London Public Library, 251 Dundas Street. 7 – 8:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Visit claseswithoutquizzes.uwo.ca

King’s University College – Religious Life Lecture Series
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Fred Pattison Senior Lecturer (A three-part lecture series) Guy Bertrand, University of California, Riverside. “How Can Carbenes Be Stable?” Kikellar Room 290, UCC. 3:30 p.m. Refreshments 15 minutes prior. For more info contact Paul J. Roggina at 519-661-2111 x 87048 or e-mail at proggina@uwo.ca. Visit uwo.ca/chem

Department of Physics and Pharmacology Seminar
Julie Lu, Dept. of Animal and Poultry Science, University of Guelph. “Germ line potential of skin derived stem cells: an alternative model for studying germ cell development in vivo” DSF, Room 2016. 4 p.m. Everyone welcome. Refreshments.

The Chinese Program at Huron University College
Tea and Conversation. Anyone wishing to speak Chinese and meet people who study and work at Huron’s welcome. 10:30 – 6:00 p.m. Mondays, to April 9, 2012, in the International Lounge, Huron. E-mail hwu1@huron.uwo.ca.

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Men’s Basketball
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The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures
“La Tertulia” Spanish Conversation Group. Anyone wishing to speak Spanish and meet people from different Spanish-speaking countries is welcome. Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. UCC 117. E-mail tertulia@uwo.ca

BIRC (Biomedical Imaging Research Centre) Seminar Series
Bruce Pike, Kilarn Professor of Neurology & Neurosurgery and James Mc- Gill, Professor Biomedical Engineering, Montreal Neurological Institute, McGill University. “Quantitative Functional MRI: Outstanding Issues and Future Direc- tions” UH, Auditorium A, 3rd floor, room B3.246. 5:30 – 7 p.m.

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Huron University College
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Activism

Program aims to re-engage – one voter at a time

BY PAUL MAYNE

SAMANTHA FOX CANNOT recall the last time voter turnout in a provincial election was this bad. That’s because the fourth-year nursing student wasn’t alive – none of us were.

Last week, voter turnout for the provincial election was 69.2 per cent. (Even allowing for a total of 29 days to vote at special polls, mail-in ballots, advance polls and election day itself.) The last time voter apathy hit such record lows was 1867. Yes, 144 years ago.

“It kind of re-affirms the fact we need to be around and an organization like ours can do some good,” says Fox, referring to Global Vision’s Riding Ambassador program, which hopes to boost youth interest and involvement in politics across Canada. The program looks to start up local chapters in each of the country’s 308 ridings and generate discussion among youth 15-25 about the importance of being politically active. That includes voting.

Fox heads the London North Centre riding. In fact, it was over coffee with former London Middlesex MP and Global Vision founder Terry Clifford that Fox decided to step up and make a difference.

Global Vision is a national nonprofit organization engaging aspiring young Canadians through education and hands-on experience to develop as leaders in their communities, across Canada and around the world.

“When I was talking with Terry we were both so passionate about this and he said, ‘Then let’s do this.’ The ambassador program came about because we realized we needed to do something. We all know that,” Fox says. “We want to start early and get into classes and speak to those who are about to vote for the first time and get them excited, engaged and interested in the political process – and not simply two days before an election.”

The goal of the program is to increase youth political activity by 2015. Fox is well aware the numbers are against her.

Just 15 years ago, voter turnout was 63 per cent. That dropped to 52 per cent in 2007, which was the worst ever until last week.

Voter fatigue could also be working against her as she gets the program off the ground. There have been three elections – federal, provincial and municipal – all within one year.

“Looking at these numbers, we know we’re needed,” Fox says. “We’re trying to offer something to the youth and not just telling them ‘go vote.’ We’re youth ourselves, so it’s different in us talking to them. I think a lot of it has to do with just too much information. They feel very overwhelmed and also disenfranchised. I think a lot of them feel they don’t have a say and their vote really doesn’t count.”

Four major conferences around the Global Vision program are being held across Canada over the next few months. Locally, Fox looks to create a mini-conference next month to introduce the program to London youth. Also, there are plans to speak to high schools, youth groups and at Western.

She hopes current and former politicians assist with the program and plans meetings with both the London Economic Development Corporation and Chamber of Commerce seeking their support.

“A lot of what we’re doing is community development and getting people engaged and active in their community,” Fox says. “We want to increase political activism and increase the youth vote. I know we can.”

Currently, 30 ambassadors representing every province/territory are on board with the program.

“Four years is enough time,” Fox continues. “We just have to keep it in our minds that that is what we’re working toward. Even if it’s hard, and it will be difficult and a lot of work, but our end goal is definitely attainable if we keep that drive going.”

Want information on the Global Vision Riding Ambassador program?

Visit globalvision.ca or e-mail sfox48@uwo.ca.

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For more than 30 years, horticulturist John K. Johannesen managed the daily operations of the university greenhouses. In 1947, top photo, he was the first Londoner to successfully coax a banana plant to bear fruit. Two years later, bottom photo, he grafted a tomato stem onto a shoot of a germinating potato and produced what he called a ‘potato’ plant. Above the ground were regular tomatoes while below small spuds were produced amongst the roots. Many of the plants originating from Johannesen’s plantings can still be seen growing in the Palm Room of the university greenhouses located behind the Biological & Geological Building.

The Way We Were: 1947

Commentary

Why Greece

A Greek default would be catastrophic

JIM MACGEE

Professor, Department of Economics

At first pass, it seems difficult to imagine how a small country like Greece – with an economy roughly two-thirds the size of Ontario – could matter so much for the world economy. How did such a small country come to be the focal point of a major European debt crisis? Is there a way to ease the pressure on Greece? To understand how Greece (and Europe) arrived at this point requires a bit of history.

The European Union (EU) project was rooted in a post-war push toward deeper economic and financial integration, with the objective of making another European war too costly to contemplate. Thus, the European Coal and Steel community of 1950 evolved into the European Union, and then into a Euro zone with a transnational central bank, the ECB.

This political push for integration is why Greece is in the Euro zone – the 17 countries that adopted the common European currency. The economic theory of a common currency area argues it works best when regions have a similar economic structure, free movement of workers across regions and a fiscal authority to make inter-regional transfers. On all of these grounds, Greece was a poor fit for the Euro zone. In addition, Greece had a long history of poor fiscal management, and with its debt-to-GDP ratio near 100 per cent, it was well above the 60 per cent level required to enter the Euro zone.

However, political push from a large euro zone meant the debt limit of 60 per cent was waived for Italy and Belgium – and then for Greece. This decision was compounded by a failure to put effective limits on annual deficits. This was due to a lack of foresight, during the debate over the creation of the Euro, the ‘moral hazard’ problem of a country borrowing while systematically underreporting its revenues and debt, they would be bailed out by other countries (or the ECB) was recognized. However, political considerations again came into play, and resulted in the Stability and Growth Pact – intended to limit this problem – being made ineffective.

While the acceptance of Greece into the Euro set the stage, the next decade witnessed the serious mismanagement by the Greek (and several other euro zone) government(s) required to lay the groundwork for the current crisis.

The immediate effect of the Euro was a large fall in interest rates on Greek bonds, as investors became willing to lend at rates barely above those paid by Germany. This was based on two (rather optimistic) beliefs. First, that relatively poor members of the Euro zone (i.e. Greece, Portugal and Spain) would undertake the reforms required for their economies to converge to the same level of income as northern Europe. The resulting economic growth, combined with responsible fiscal policy, would lower the debt-to-GDP ratio, thus making default unlikely. Second, if Greece (or another Euro country) encountered difficulties financing their debt, they would be bailed out by the Euro zone.

Unfortunately, successive Greek governments responded to lower borrowing rates not by reducing debt, but instead ramped up government spending and borrowing while systematically underreporting their deficits. Moreover, much-needed economic reforms did not take place. While recent media coverage has focused on things such as the right of hairdressers to retire at age 52 due to the ‘hazardous’ nature of their work, other policies are arguably more damaging.

First, the taxation system remains unreformed, with some workers facing high official tax rates while in other industries avoid taxes by underreporting their income. Second, large sectors of the economy – ranging from pharmacists to lawyers – benefit from legislated barriers to competition, which help protect current workers at the cost of lower productivity. Finally, the public service remains too large and poorly administered.

By the time the world economy entered a recession in 2008, Greece was a fiscal powder keg waiting for a spark to light the fuse. What lit the fuse was the aftermath of the election in October 2009. The new (and still current) government came to office and announced the deficit was much larger than previously thought. Despite ongoing protestation by the government that a resolution was near, events continued to snowball for nearly two years. With large deficits combined and a shrinking economy pushing the debt-to-GDP ratio towards 160 percent, the window for Greece to avoid default is rapidly narrowing. The only hope is a combination of fiscal austerity and the drastic domestic economic reform required to set the stage for rapid long-run growth, while borrowing at artificially low interest rates from the Euro zone and the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Unfortunately, there is little sign the Greek government possesses the required political will or needed popular support. The policy of the past 18 months has been to tinker with the major, theSTATUSquo, but with little real progress. The IMF has been reluctant to approve new loans, as the eurozone’s next bailout fund (the EFSF) is full, and the deal on opening up protected occupations and to limit government hiring have either not been implemented or ignored. This has led to doubts about whether the Euro zone and the IMF will approve the payout of the next installment of loans.

Regardless of whether or not the next tranche of Greek aid is approved, a consensus seems to be emerging that Greece will default. This explains why markets are waiting intently to hear the details of the EU and the IMF plan on how to deal with the inevitable fallout of a Greek default. It is essential to recognize that the direct effects of a Greek default are not the main problem facing Europe. Yes, a Greek default will force European...
Commentary

Why Greece matters?

If there is to be any hope for a soft-landing of the Greek financial system will be crippled by a Greek default. Therefore, Greek banks will need to be recapitalized by further loans from the EU if there is to be any hope for a soft-landing of the Greek economy.

Unfortunately, a Greek default will (and already has) put this belief to rest. Once Greece defaults, investors will ask which European country with high debt, a rapidly aging population and slow economic growth is next. The problem here is not Ireland and Portugal (which like Greece are small), but that a country that is too large for the rest of Euro zone to bail out (i.e. Italy or Spain or France) will find itself cut-off from borrowing in world markets and default.

This highlights the second danger – that a default by a large country like Italy would trigger a rash of bank failures due to the resulting losses on bonds held by banks. Here the interrelated nature of sovereign debt and banks comes into play. As sovereign debt problems mount, banks need to be recapitalized – which, in turn, puts further pressure on government borrowing and leaves governments less able to bail out insolvent banks. Indeed, this dilemma is already at work, as the recent ‘rescue’ of Dexia (a large European bank) by Belgium and France has already raised concerns about possible downgrades to their credit ratings.

Finally, a key question is whether Greece (or any country) will try to exit the Euro after a default. On the one hand, exiting will seem to offer countries an opportunity to lower the price of their exports while raising the cost of imports, thus making exporting firms more competitive. While this may seem attractive to a country facing a steep recession, it also raises a host of practical issues about how to unravel a wide range of contracts. Currently, contracts within the Euro zone – loans, wage contracts with employers, rental agreements – are denominated in Euros. If a country exits the Euro, at what exchange rate will these contracts be converted into new domestic currency?

This highlights that Greece is important mainly because of the questions it raises about default risks in other countries, the solvency of the European banking system and the future of the Euro zone. These concerns are already playing out in the marketplace. The jump in interest rates on Italian and Spanish bonds relative to Germany and the recent difficulties faced by some European banks in obtaining market funding reflect real doubts about future default risks of both sovereign nations and banks. While the ECB (working with other central banks) has responded to these market symptoms by providing additional funding to European banks and buying Italian government bonds, these actions can – at best – provide government leaders with a few months to put together a compelling and credible plan.

The lack of a credible plan from European leaders (two years into the crisis) is a key factor in the recent volatility facing financial markets. To be fair, any credible plan to manage events after a Greek default requires leaders to come clean about a number of unpleasant facts:

First, some countries will need to make difficult changes to the path of fiscal policy, and domestic reforms to encourage economic growth, in order to convince the world they are not, in fact, about to default. Second, a credible plan to recapitalize European banks should defaults occur need to be drawn up. This will require countries with relatively strong fiscal positions (such as Germany) take on a large share of the risk. Finally, an ordered and credible plan on how countries can exit the Euro needs to be agreed upon.

There are clear reasons to doubt that European leaders will be willing to take these tough decisions before it is too late – especially given that the crisis is the result of an unwillingness of leaders to make tough choices. This raises a real danger Europe will try to muddle through postponing both a Greek default and economic reforms as long as possible. Unfortunately, a fiscal problem postponed is also a fiscal problem worsened.
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Exploring the motivations of ‘Mompreneurs’

BY PAUL MAYNE

AS ONE OF THE fastest growing segments of the Canadian small-business landscape, you need only look within the household to find ‘mompreneurs’ taking charge of their newest careers.

Brescia University College professor Melissa Jean says her recent study on mompreneurs was a way to open eyes to the possibilities of entrepreneurship for women.

“An understanding of the differences between entrepreneurial expectations and realities is critical to evolving our knowledge of the entrepreneurial experience,” says Jean, whose study of 20 mompreneurs examined the motivations and expectation gaps of such women. “Mompreneurs are an important, distinct group of entrepreneurs who have yet to be examined thoroughly in the academic entrepreneurial literature.”

Women’s entrepreneurship in Canada has experienced considerable growth over the past two decades, increasing at an impressive rate of more than 200 per cent, according to an article co-authored by Jean, and presented at the Administrative Sciences Association of Canada annual conference in Montreal in July.

The most recent data available reports the majority of women-owned small and medium enterprises (SMEs) brought in combined annual revenues of $32 billion, representing approximately 8 per cent of all revenues from Canada’s SMEs. Women have also been venturing into self-employment at twice the rate of men with the most recent statistics indicates approximately 999,000 women are self-employed in Canada.

Locally, the mompreneurs involved in the study represented product design and sales (clothing, bath and beauty products, children’s toys, etc.), children’s activity facilities and services (consulting, business/life coach practices, piano lessons, daycare, etc.) and online publishing and advertising communities.

Jean found a number of reasons for such a recent boom in mompreneurship: desire to balance family and work; increase in technological innovations; educational levels; even the federal government extending parental leave to a full year.

“There’s the desire of many women to have the opportunity to take a full year of parental leave, and then realize they don’t want to go back to the job they held prior to having a child,” Jean says. “Overall, these women are highly educated, have corporate experience and feel they can do this, control their schedule and see the family more than before.

Jean wanted to discover the expectation gaps in these women. She found financing as the largest gap, followed closely by growth expectations, hours of work required, networking demands and compensation expectations.

“There is some consistency among the group of women I talked to when looking at financing gaps. What did they expect to put into the business and did the reality match up to that,” she says.

The majority of the women in her study started their businesses when their children were of pre-school age. The results may be different for moms with older children, Jean admits.

She looked at four categories of motivations for the women in the study:

• ‘Classical motivator’ in the desire for control, independence and personal challenge;
• Work/family factor in the desire for personal flexibility;
• Forced factor of no job or current working conditions are bad; and
• Intrinsically motivated of wanting personal goals and/or wanting to help people with their project.

Jean found the classic motivator to be the largest factor in the women’s desire to start their own business, with the work/family factor actually lower than expected. The majority of people she talked to didn’t do it for financial need, as most were in comfortable – not forced – situations.

The work/family factor being as low as it was did surprise Jean.

“This finding was surprising to me and I think would be to others because there is a perception out there that women start businesses in order to have more flexibility and time to be with their children,” Jean says.

“I think this perception was formed and continues to be fuelled by the popular media.”

While this factor was still present for her mompreneur sample, the explanation as to why it was not the top category is that the motivations for women to start their own businesses are multi-faceted.

“All the women mentioned at least two motivating factors and some mentioned as many as five. I didn’t ask the women to rank the motivators in order of importance. That data could have provided further insight into this question.”

Jean brought her students together with the mompreneurs as part of the Management and Organizational Studies course. Students develop a consulting relationship with the women as part of their coursework, which could prove beneficial since only 30 per cent of the women in the study had a business plan prepared.

“The idea is to address where these gaps are and what we can do to help them address them,” Jean says. “All the women I spoke to were successful in their business. What might be interesting for me to explore would be to talk to women who decided to shut down. What expectation weren’t met? What were the reasons?”

Mompreneurs are an important, distinct group of entrepreneurs who have yet to be examined thoroughly in the academic entrepreneurial literature.

Melissa Jean
Brescia University College professor

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Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2011.
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Location: Shuttleworth Auditorium, St. Joseph’s Hospital, 260 Grosvenor Street, London ON

Keynote Speaker: Maria Grant, MD, Director of Translational Research, Dept. of Ophthalmology, University of Florida, Jacksonville. “Novel Progenitor Cell Strategies for Vascular Repair in the Diabetic Retina”.

Registration is FREE. Abstracts deadline: October 21, 2011.
Athletics

[Image of two rugby players, one holding a rugby ball]
CONOR TRAINOR is used to being the underdog; in fact, he uses this as motivation to get what he wants. The fourth-year civil and environment engineering student has barely settled back into his seat at The University of Western Ontario following a whirlwind tour as part of Rugby Canada’s team competing at the Rugby World Cup in New Zealand.

Trainor, a member of Western’s varsity rugby team, says his experience on the field as an Ontario University Athletics (OUA) player didn’t measure up to the competitive level of Rugby Canada. Those team members are among the best in the country. And he surprised everyone, including himself, by making the team.

“When the time I was actually there, I knew I deserved to be there. I knew as a team we deserved to be there,” he says.

“I realized I had to work really hard at it,” he adds. “Being able to make the team from the OUA league is a pretty big accomplishment.”

This isn’t the first time Trainor has had to prove his skills.

He was one of the smallest players on the ‘B’ rugby team at St. George’s School in Vancouver, but that didn’t stop him from tackling the physical sport for the first time in Grade 9. “I was always one of the smallest in my grade. In Grade 11, I grew to be one of the biggest, so that really helped me in my Grade 12 year. That’s when I had my first really good year of rugby,” Trainor says.

After high school, he took a year off to work, travel and play rugby in New Zealand. He returned to Canada to try out for the Canada Under-20 team and, to his surprise, earned a spot on the team.

“We went to Wales that year (2008) to compete in the Junior World Championship. We ended up beating Fiji, which was a huge accomplishment, and took Scotland to double-overtime. We ended up coming 12th in the tournament,” he says.

He stepped up the following year to become one of the team leaders as they headed to Japan. Trainor thought this might have been the last time he would represent his country at the international competition level – but he was wrong.

In January 2010, he was asked by Rugby Canada’s 7s coach – only seven players on the team – to play on the men’s team.

“It started off pretty poorly,” he says. “The whole time I was thinking, I wanted to get in the 15s version of the team,” he says.

Finally, he got a break this spring and joined the 15s team in the Churchill Cup in England. “I started the first two games of that tournament,” he says, noting the team won both games, but lost in the final against the England A team.

Proving himself as a team player on and off the field allowed the outside centre to take his place on Rugby Canada’s World Cup team.

It was during his five months of training with the team in Victoria when Trainor began to see significant improvement in his skills. But the transition was not without its growing pains.

“I went from being one of the top players at Western to kind of having the worst skills and not great conditioning. Immediately, my level had to rise up, and it did. It was either sink or swim,” he says.

“When I made the team, I was ecstatic for days,” he continues. “It was something I definitely didn’t think would happen – possibly ever – but definitely not this World Cup.”

Even though he made the team – a significant personal accomplishment – Trainor still had to prove he deserved to suit up for the games. He started at the bottom of the pack and had to earn his stripes – in this case red, white and black – to become one of the top players on the field representing Canada.

“There are 30 players on the team and I was one of the eight who didn’t dress at the start. The first game of the World Cup, I moved into the bench. By the last game I was starting,” he says. “Just that was a pretty amazing experience to work my way up.

“When I got in the games as a reserve, I just tried to go in there and make the biggest impact I could.”

This included scoring two tries against the All Blacks New Zealand, the No. 1 team in the world famous for its intimidating Haka war dance.

In the end, the Canadian team placed fourth in Group A, three points away from automatically qualifying for the 2015 World Cup.

“I was sure to keep the balance of doing what was best for the team. But I made it my goal to be out there and do whatever I needed to do to be out there,” he says.

Trainor says he couldn’t have chased his rugby dreams if it wasn’t for the support offered by his professors and fellow Mustang teammates. “Whenever I come back I really have to buckle down, do the work and try not to get distracted, and remember what my main goals are,” he says.

With one goal under his belt, Trainor hopes he hasn’t peaked just yet. After playing in the Rugby World Cup, he now sees playing professionally as a viable option.

“I’m hoping I’m still at the start,” he says. “It’s such a huge game; it could take me anywhere.”

Barely settling back in London, Trainor leaves next week to participate in the Pan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico, as a member of the Canadian men’s 7s team.
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IBM Canada president brings century celebration to campus

Heather Travis // Western News

IBM has come a long way in the past 100 years and University of Western Ontario alumnus Bruce Ross is leading IBM Canada into the next millennium. Ross presented the IBM Centennial Lecture Wednesday in the Faculty of Engineering. IBM has not always been about computers or e-business solutions, but throughout the years of change IBM has remained true to its three core principles: avoid commoditization; have the fortitude to make big bets; and think about culture as a competitive tactic.
Nothing moot about this victory

Guardian

King's gets into the ‘business’ of global recruitment

BY HEATHER TRAVIS

KING'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE is pitting high school students and their virtual companies against each other in an attempt to recruit international students.

The Online Business Simulation Competition is designed as an introduction to business for high school students in India and China. Currently, about a dozen schools in India and 20 schools in China are participating in the program, now in its third year.

“We thought this was a great opportunity for students to experience what it is like to work with a business situation, work in a team/group circumstance and make decisions about business,” says Marilyn Mason, King’s registrar. The added bonus is the program serves as a recruitment tool.

“It’s a way of identifying really able students and having good relationships with high schools,” she says. King’s business professor Ken Bowlby, who designed the program, initiated it as part of his role as director and marketing director. He says the program is “students interested in studying abroad and doing something different.”

Earlier this year, King’s University College registrar Marilyn Mason, right, visited Fuzhou No. 1 High School in Fuzhou, China. The school was the Gold Medal winner in the 2011 online business simulation competition in China.

The program uses CAPSIM Foundation online simulation software, allowing students to compete against five companies ‘managed’ by the computer. This means each decision they make will be weighted based on its plausible outcomes and is compared to the other competitors’ results.

During the eight-week program, students determine the company’s business strategy for the equivalent of eight years in the industry. They are asked to make decisions about their products, marketing, production and finances. These decisions are entered into the software, which processes the information and provides the teams with standard reports on how the business is performing.

While the focus of the program is on business, it attracts more than that. “We attract students who are just interested in working in teams, and often in China and India that is not as much of the curriculum as it is in Canada,” Mason explains. “We meet students who are interested in all kinds of disciplines. … We are also finding students who are interested in coming to Canada for degree programs beyond management and organizational studies.”

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King’s contracts local coordinators in India and China to assist the teams and school leaders, including offering personal visits, online chat sessions, e-mail support and conference calls.

Nothing moot about this victory

PAUL MAYNE // WESTERN NEWS

Ninety-five competitors, one of the largest entry pools ever, took part last week in the 2011 Lerners LLP Cup, Western Law's internal upper-year appellate advocacy competition. Regional Senior Justice Edward Ducharme was one of three panel members the students were required to address in discussing the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal's 2010 judgment in R. v. Hutchinson, a case involving a man who punched holes in a condom to try to get his girlfriend pregnant. Sarah Martens was named Best Oralist and, along with her partner Matt Hickey, winner of this year's cup.

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"Those students, we find, are engaged in the program are really interesting and highly motivated students," she says.

The program has helped raise awareness about King's in China and India. There have been students from Chinese schools participating in the program who have enrolled at King's.

So far, only a handful of students have taken advantage of the scholarship. But this doesn't have Mason worried.

"It has been positive. But it hasn't meant a huge increase in our numbers in China. It has just meant we have developed really good, close relationships with a number of high schools, their principals and teachers who are recommending students," she says. "We are expecting it to continue to strengthen, but I think it's already shown enormous benefit in being able to work with some very fine schools in China and India.

"We expect the number of students who will come to King's as a result of this will slowly, but surely, increase."
Flaherty defends public service

BY JASON WINDERS

LIKE SO MANY of his generation, Jim Flaherty answered the call of public service after hearing the words of Robert Kennedy. Now, the Canadian finance minister hopes to inspire a new generation to work toward “the public good.”

“Today, about 40 years after I heard Kennedy speak, my message is the same. Canada needs you—your skills, talents, idealism, energy and enthusiasm,” he said. “Now, more than ever.”

Flaherty, who addressed an audience at the Richard Ivey School of Business Tuesday afternoon, delivered the personal, impassioned appeal for work in the public sector. While his lecture centred on political contributions, he acknowledged public service takes many forms. NGOs, community service groups, even school boards and church organizations, Flaherty said all require—and deserve—the best and brightest minds.

“I know that it is right to want to serve your country. That it is right to want to help your fellow citizen. That it is right to want to work for a better, stronger and more robust country. That it is right to say ‘we can do better.’ And that it is right to stand up and be there for Canada,” he said. “It is good for me. And it will be good for you. You will be challenged in many dimensions. Your heart and mind will be engaged on public issues for the public good.”

The lecture—a defense of, not a demand for, public service—always came back to government work, something the longtime politician knows quite a bit about.

He nodded to a rather jaded public, fueled somewhat to his mind by the media, when it comes to the perception of politicians. “Some of this pessimism is earned: the world of politics, like other occupations, does not exclude the self-absorbed or the narrow minded,” he said.

But Flaherty demanded perspective from all as some decisions made for the public good will be unpopular in the short run. “The paramount question for all of us, including the media, remains: What is the public good for the country?”

In the end, Flaherty said the good far outweighs the bad. “You will get opportunities and to use your talents to implement your thoughts and beliefs,” he said. “In concert with others, accomplishments will follow. Great adventure this, for disappointments and failure will follow also.”

Boredom, however, is not on the agenda.

Flaherty offered an anecdote from the 2008 economic collapse. At that pivotal moment, Canada was in the middle of an election, something he admitted might have been a mistake. “Had we been aware of the crisis on the horizon,” Flaherty said, “the Prime Minister would have unlikely to call the election.”

Flaherty was campaigning for re-election in Whitby-Oshawa while juggling an increasing number of phone calls with the G7 finance ministers as the world became more aware of the breadth of the worldwide economic crisis. The calls continued through election day, when Flaherty found himself standing along a roadside in his riding, waving at passing cars.

“At one point that morning I had to stop walking down from the side of the road into the Whitby Brick parking lot and get on my cell phone to discuss the latest twist in the crisis,” he laughed. “When I was your age, had anyone ever told me I’d one day be speaking to an American cabinet minister and Britain’s Chancellor of the Exchequer while in a department store parking lot, I would have questioned their sanity.”

Somewhat strangely, that would be the only mention of the ravaged economy, the mainly student-filled room heard during the lecture. In fact, the speech seemed to be from another time, perhaps pre-2008 economic collapse, and oftentimes didn’t connect with the actions of Flaherty outside this particular room.

Across the globe, public sector jobs are on the chopping block. Last week, unemployment in the U.K. rose to its highest level in 17 years as private sector job growth couldn’t keep up with sweeping cuts in the public sector. That comes after nearly two years of job losses in the United States, and a year-plus of public sector cuts.

In Canada, the Conservatives are eyeing federal jobs as part of a belt-tightening exercise meant to reduce Ottawa’s budget by $4 billion annually. So far, 2,000 federal jobs are targeted for elimination.

All that would take a backseat Tuesday, as Flaherty kept a positive mindset toward public service.

“Your country is a land of opportunity for public service in these challenging times. Canada is looked to as an example of a country that worked during the recent global economic crisis and that has a plan to ensure the country continues to work into the future,” he said. “Being part of shaping that future will be an amazing, enriching experience for any of you who choose it.”

“Your country needs you. But it also has much to offer you.”

Western to kick off United Way drive

THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY is invited to join the launch of Western’s United Way campaign 11:30 a.m. Friday at The Spoke.

For the ninth straight year, Western increased its United Way donation by bringing in a record-breaking $631,487 last year, surpassing its goal of $600,000 and making it the largest single donation ever to United Way London & Middlesex.

Since 1994, Western’s campus community has raised more than $6.9 million for United Way.

“Each year through the generous support of faculty, staff, retirees and students, Western is one of the largest organizational supporters of United Way London & Middlesex, and I want to thank you for your continued support of this important community resource,” says Amit Chakma, Western president.

Last month, United Way London & Middlesex announced an overall fundraising goal of $8.5 million.

Canadian mineralist, professor and freelance journalist, Flaherty addressed an audience of students and alumni at Western University on Tuesday, speaking about the future of the Canadian economy.

Dr. Maliq Kamal, Dean at Western’s Richard Ivey School of Business, introduced Flaherty, who spoke about the challenges he’s faced in his career as federal finance minister of Canada.

Flaherty discussed the impact of the current economic crisis on Canada and the world, highlighting that the country is well prepared to face the challenges. He also spoke about the importance of education and the role of public service in shaping the future of the country.

The lecture was part of the University of Western Ontario’s 2011 SCUGOG Public Lecture series, which aims to bring leading experts to the campus to share their knowledge and insights on a variety of topics.

Flaherty is a well-known figure in Canadian politics, having served as federal finance minister from 2006 to 2011. He has also been involved in the launch of a new economic development strategy for the city of London, Ontario, which includes initiatives to promote innovation and entrepreneurship.

Trudeau takes message on the road

Justin Trudeau, MP and federal Liberal critic for youth, post-secondary education and amateur sports, made his first stop on a tour of Ontario university campuses Wednesday at The University of Western Ontario.

Speaking to a crowd of students at The Spoke, the son of the late Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau took questions on government, issues affecting students and the future of Canada. He encouraged youth to realize their power and influence in government and society.

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Autumn Convocation Information has been sent out to all students who applied to graduate for the Autumn. As well, online autumn convocation tickets will be available at convocation.uwo.ca starting Oct. 13. Please visit convocation.uwo.ca for more information.

Alternative Spring Break
Are you interested in engaging in community service work - locally, or across the globe? The Student Success Centre and Western Residence Life are pleased to offer students at Western the opportunity to be involved in Alternative Spring Break 2012. Information about the program and applications can be found at abs.uwo.ca.

Workshops
Group Counselling Sessions for International Students
Every Wednesday, through Nov. 9, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Small group counselling sessions for help and guidance in finding and keeping employment in Canada. Six sessions, each session is 2 hours, maximum of 15 participants. Registration required, contact careercentral.uwo.ca

Resumes and Cover Letters for International Students
Thursday, Oct. 13, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Get ready to enter the Canadian workforce! Good resumes and cover letters provide the opportunity to obtain job interviews. This session will teach you what you need to know to write a good Canadian resume and cover letter. It will also outline the differences between a Canadian resume and those used in other countries. It is recommended that you bring a copy of your resume and cover letter with you, which will allow you to make important changes and revisions during the workshop. Please register using careercentral.uwo.ca.

Canadian Supply Chain
Wednesday, Oct. 19, 9 a.m. Fanshawe College, Student Centre Building, Alumni Lounge - 2nd Floor. The Canadian Supply Chain Sector Council and Fanshawe College are hosting a supply chain event that will allow you to interact with employers in the sector through a series of roundtable discussions as well as meet representatives of the many professional associations in the sector. Please register using careercentral.uwo.ca.

Sotheby’s Institute of Art
Thursday, Oct. 20, 5:30 - 7 p.m. Learn about the wide range of career options a graduate degree at Sotheby’s Institute of Art will enable you to pursue and how to apply. Graduate level programs include Art Business, Contemporary Art, Photography, Fine & Decorative Art, East Asian Art and Contemporary Design. RSVP required, please see instructions on careercentral.uwo.ca.

Graduate and Professional School Fair
Thursday, Oct. 27. Western Student Recreation Centre (WSRC), 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Student Central
Regular office hours are Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wed., Thurs. - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Undergraduate Course Registration Dates
Oct. 13: Deadline to apply for relief against a final grade in a Spring/Summer Distance Studies course. Last day to drop a first-term half course or a first-term full course (2011-12 Fall/Winter Term) without academic penalty. Last day to receive admission applications: Medicine for Oct. 24

Faculty of Law - invites applications for appointments, tenure-track and limited term, to commence on July 1, 2012. The Faculty will consider applications from top-quality candidates with interests in all areas of the law. The Faculty is looking in particular to fill positions in the areas of Criminal Law and Tax Law. Applicants will be appointed for the rank of assistant Professor in span-
// Law professor at centre of Olympic ruling

A recent ruling involving Western Law professor Richard McLaren opens the door to dozens of previously banned athletes to be eligible for the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London, England.

McLaren is president of the Court of Arbitration (CAS), an international arbitration body set up to settle disputes related to sport. The three-member CAS panel overturned an International Olympic Committee (IOC) rule banning athletes suspended for six or more months for an anti-doping rule violation from participating at the Olympics.

The decision, released last week, made international media headlines.

The panel ruled against the IOC’s ‘Osaka Rule’ and concluded the IOC rule was more of a disciplinary sanction than condition of eligibility to compete in the Olympic Games.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport is based in Lausanne, Switzerland, and temporary courts are built in current Olympic host cities.

// Legendary Ivey professor’s legacy honoured

Ralph Barford and David Leighton have been friends for almost six decades. They met at Harvard while earning their MBA degrees and, a few years after graduation, Barford asked Leighton to join the board of directors for his own company, General Steel Wares.

That led to many more board invitations for Leighton, and developed his career as a corporate director.

Last week, The Ralph M. Barford Foundation, led by Barford, LLD ’97, Richard Ivey School of Business Advisory Board emeritus member, established an endowment to support annually a full MBA scholarship honouring Leighton, the professor emeritus.

The David Leighton MBA Leadership Award, valued at $70,000, will be part of the Ivey Leaders scholarship program which recognizes excellence in academic achievement and community leadership.

Leighton was the former chairman of Nabisco and served on the boards of more than 18 national and international companies. He was also president of the American Marketing Association – the very first Canadian to attain this position.

Leighton joined Ivey’s faculty 55 years ago bringing a wealth of experience and knowledge to the classroom. He was also the founding director of the National Centre for Management Research and Development. Along with fellow professor emeritus Don Thain, he co-authored many seminal works on business management and corporate governance, including the book, Making Boards Work. It is considered the definitive book on good governance, a topic that is ever more important today in the aftermath of the global economic crisis.

// Centre wins genomics competition

The International Centre for Health Innovation at the Richard Ivey School of Business was named one of three winners of Genome Canada’s Entrepreneurship Education in Genomics Program Competition. The centre’s successful proposal – Accelerating Genomic Innovation in Life Science Enterprises (AGILE) – will receive a total of $243,000 in funding over three years from the Government of Canada through Genome Canada and the Lead Genome Centre.

The proposal leverages Ivey’s Leaders in Innovation program which aligns with the aim of this competition to support initiatives to educate the genomics research community on translating their innovations into marketable technologies, systems and processes that can be adopted by the health system.

// Western fails to make Times Magazine list

The Times Higher Education (THE) magazine released its World University Rankings 2011-12 last week with some surprising results.

In the eight years the magazine has ranked global universities, Harvard University has been No. 1. But no more. The 375-year-old institution was knocked from the top spot by the California Institute of Technology, otherwise known as Caltech.

In Canada, the University of Toronto once again topped the nation at No. 19. The University of British Columbia (No. 22), McGill University (No. 28), McMaster University (No. 65) and University of Alberta (No. 100) followed in the Top 100. Canada’s representatives in the Top 400 were rounded out by the University of Montreal (No. 104), Queen’s University (No. 173), University of Victoria (No. 177) and University of Ottawa (No. 185).

The University of Western Ontario failed to make the list. For full results, visit the magazine’s website, timeshighereducation.co.uk.

Provided by the Harvey Club of London

Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry professor Vivian McAlister was honoured last week at the first meeting of Harvey Club of London at the London Hunt Club.

Capt. Ray Kao, an intensive care specialist at Victoria Hospital, left, awarded McAlister, right, the South West Asia Service Medal, recognizing his work in the International Security Assistance Force, Afghanistan Campaign Star, recognizing service in a war zone; Haiti Humanitarian Medal, recognizing work as a military surgeon in an earthquake zone; and Surgeon General’s Commendation, recognizing the establishment of surgical training courses for the Canadian Forces Surgeons.

Also present were Maj. Andrew Beckett from Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto and Maj. Brian Church from London Health Sciences Centre.

The 18th Annual Murray Barr Lecture

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A round at Western

FEW TODAY REMEMBER that between 1924 and 1960 The University of Western Ontario shared its property with The London Hunt and Country Club, an 18-hole golf course that wended its way between the buildings and along both sides of the Thames River.

While it has been more than 50 years since Western heard a 7-iron whip up a mound of freshly cut grass, Western News wondered what it would like if you were to golf the course today. Thanks to the help of Western Mustangs women’s golf team member Danielle Szela, you can wonder no more.

This summer, Western News reporter Paul Mayne joined the second-year Health Sciences student as she ‘played’ the 18 holes of the former London Hunt and Country Club.

Hole No. 5
200 yards
Par 3

Making its way back to the centre of campus, this par 3 has Szela hoping not to shank one into the greenhouses. Thanks to a soft touch, there was no need to call the window repairman. While she hit the green in two, a two-putt cost her par on this hole. Ouch.

Score: 4
Thru 5 holes: +2

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