CBC's HOCKEY NIGHT in Canada personality Don Cherry has built a career on celebrating fighting in hockey. But in light of a public growing less and less tolerant of sports violence, even the colourful commentator has been forced to back down.

Cherry apologized last weekend on Coach's Corner for comments he made about three former 'tough guy' National Hockey League players who have become critical of fighting in hockey. He called the men "hypocrites" and "pukes" for drawing connections between drug and alcohol use with the on-ice fighting.

Cherry's comments highlight the need to make violence in sports a public discussion.

When two hockey players erupt into a brawl on the ice, the crowd cheers. But the consequences of the fight, particularly if a hit results in a concussion, are typically dismissed as 'part of the game.'

Experts on violence in sports and the media are gathering at The University of Western Ontario today and Friday to discuss what happens "When Violence Becomes Entertaining." The two-day conference, held in the Faculty of Education, is targeted at those working in elementary and secondary schools, psychologists, social workers, parents and community agencies working with children and adolescents.

Fighting in hockey has been a much-debated issue – often focused around whether it should be eliminated from the game or not. But when a concussion benched one of the NHL's most popular players, Sidney Crosby, and the news of recent deaths of some of hockey's most notorious enforcers, it has seemingly sparked a cultural shift on the issue.

"I believe the pendulum is shifting. We are seeing a cultural shift toward revulsion about violence in sports. But, there is a lot of work still to be done," says Dr. Charles Tator, neurosurgeon and founder of ThinkFirst, a national foundation dedicated to the prevention of brain and spinal cord injuries.

As professor of neurosurgery at the University of Toronto and neurosurgeon at the Toronto Western Hospital, Tator has seen the consequences of violence in sports first-hand, including major disabilities to death. He is participating in a discussion panel today to examine how young people are impacted by the increasing level of violence in sports and its promotion in the media.

"Violence sells tickets and gains attention from a specific segment of the population. It also turns off another segment, which I believe is larger," he says, noting it is possible to reduce or eliminate violence in sports altogether.

"Violence no longer 'part of the game'"

BY HEATHER TRAVIS

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Staff and Faculty immunization
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GradWrite Workshops
Making Your Own Bed: Editing and Proofreading. Register WSS Room 3134. Register at sdc.uwo.ca/writing. 12:30 p.m.

Statistics and Data Series
Data Access at Western: Use of Equinox, <code>, and Statistics Canada’s website – Vince Gray and Elizabeth Hill. Western Libraries present practical information for students, researchers and faculty. 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. SCS 5200. Lunch SCS 5230, 12 p.m.

GradWrite Workshops
So You’ve Read the Literature—Now What? Writing Your Literature Review. WSS Room 3134. Register at sdc.uwo.ca/writing. 1:30 p.m.

Faculty of Education Seminar Series
Paul Tarc, Western. “The making of cosmopolitan subjects: Canadian teachers abroad.” FEB 1010, 2 p.m.

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The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures
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GradWrite Workshops
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Western International Education
Film Screening
Faculty and Staff are invited to a screening of the documentary film Crossing Borders. A facilitated discussion will follow. Dr. David S. H. Chu International Student Centre, Bm 2103, WSS 4 – 6 p.m. Register at studentservices.uwo.ca/te-pure/Workshops/zipWorkshops.cfm.

Modern Languages & Literatures
CineClub Italiano – “Roma città aperta” Rome Open City (R. Rosellini, 1945). University College, Room 84. 7:30 p.m. All screenings will be with English subtitles. Admission is free.

Western Libraries - Digital Scholarship
David Heap and Ileana Paul, Dept. of French Studies; James Voigt, Dept. of Geography. Hear how researchers at Western use technologies to open up communication and facilitate collaboration with scholars around the world. Free and open to all. No registration is required. SCS, Room 3010. 2 – 3:30 p.m.

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Physics & Astronomy Colloquium
Join Seminar with collaboration from the Applied Mathematics and Systems and Control Laboratory, Para Mitra, Mitra Lab, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, NY. “Mouse Brain Architecture Project.” Physics & Astronomy Seminar Rm. 22. 1:30 p.m.

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Earth’s population reaching 7 billion and counting

BY HEATHER TRAVIS

The world’s population may soar to 7 billion by the end of this month. And with each new baby the global footprint expands, and so does the social, economic and environmental challenges worldwide.

The United Nations (UN) is tracking the estimated population growth on its 7 Billion People/7 Billion Actions website, 7billionactions.org, offering a real-time count of the world’s population. While the UN projects the milestone for late October, other demographic data suggests it may be early 2012.

“The seven billionth citizen will be born into a world of contradictions. We have plenty of food yet millions are still starving. We see luxurious life-styles yet millions are impoverished. We have great opportunities for progress but also great obstacles,” UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said at the launch of the 7 Billion Actions initiative in September.

On average, four births and two deaths occur every second. This represents an increase of more than double the population of a small city like Regina or Saskatoon, says Don Kerr, sociology professor and social demographer at the King’s University College.

“In a sense, this is obviously one of the greatest challenges we now face as we move further into the 21st century,” Kerr says.

In 1960, the world’s population was 3 billion and is expected to increase to 8 billion by 2025. The UN’s middle-of-the-road projections forecast 9 billion by 2050 and 10 billion sometime after 2081.

“In my own lifetime, if I make it to my 90th birthday, I will have likely witnessed more than twice the world population, from about 3 to over 9 billion,” Kerr notes.

But this growth rate has a silver lining. The population boom can be attributed to great strides made in reducing mortality rates. We’re simply sticking around longer and infant mortality rates have dropped. This is mainly through the promotion of public and population health.

While the population continues to grow, this doesn’t mean everyone is having more babies.

The global rate of population growth peaked in the late 1960s and has since steadily declined, Kerr says. The most rapid rates of growth are occurring in Africa and South Asia.

While we are not multiplying as fast as we once were, there have been some recent increases. In 2000, 39 countries had 1.3 births per woman, now there are only four countries with a birth rate this low, says Rod Beaujot, sociology professor emeritus and a member of Western’s Population Studies Centre.

In addition to population health and life expectancy improvements, fertility rates for more developed countries have increased to 1.85 (Canada is 1.7), which is still below replacement level (2), but this is a move in the positive direction.

These numbers mean major social, economic and environmental challenges will need to be addressed. But Beaujot isn’t as quick to sound the alarm on reaching the 7 billion mark.

Rather, he sees it as an opportunity to examine what has been done to stabilize population and examine how growth may impact the environment, particularly in the area of climate change.

“The number is impressive, 7 billion, but we shouldn’t think it is a crisis. Things are in hand with these activities that are being done at the world level,” Beaujot says.

“We still have to worry about this as a world, that our population is sustainable within this planet,” he continues.

“When the interest in bringing up the status of women (and girls) is making a responsible decision on their own fertility, with greater equality to which women have control over their own fertility, with greater equality for partners, we can anticipate a lower birth rate.”

If the population continues to grow by roughly a third over the next century with little changes in consumption patterns and technology use, then greenhouse gases theoretically will increase at the same rate. But more people on Earth does not necessarily equal the same amount of growth in consumption, Kerr points out, and there are many variables that interact with population and economic development.

As well, it is expected the greater the population size, the greater the demand for food if consumption patterns don’t change. However, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN reports on a global level people are eating more calories daily, with an exception in Sub-Saharan Africa — highlighting access to food is improving.

One thing that threatens food accessibility is the use of agricultural land to cultivate crops for energy use. As well, the consumption of meat has increased in recent years, which will have an impact on scarcity and the cost of basic food stocks on the world market, Kerr says.

Reaching the 7 billion mark is significant, but it doesn’t represent a breaking point in the world’s population exceeding its capacity.

“What happens in terms of future fertility is very important,” Kerr says. “Obviously with further reductions in mortality desirable, fertility reduction is crucial in returning to greater population stability in the future.”

The paradox is Canada’s population growth is increasing faster than most developed countries, yet it remains lower than the world level. Canada’s population of roughly 35 million represents about one half of one percent of the global population.

Canada continues to grow through high rates of immigration.

“It’s easy to arrive at a consensus at the world level, but once you come down to a country or city or community, everybody wants to grow,” Beaujot says. “Nobody wants to decline or to be growing less slowly than their neighbours.”

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Western Quotables

“Politically it’d be suicide. A U.S. president is not going to sit in an (international) prison. It would be a military action. They’d go for a diplomatic response but only for so long — 24 hours or less.”

PETER FERGUSON, AMERICAN POLITICS PROFESSOR, ON THE POSSIBILITY OF CANADA ARRESTING GEORGE W. BUSH NATIONAL POST, OCT. 12

“We were to happen, it would have a terrible, chilling effect on U.S.-Canada cooperation.”

DAN ROUSFIELD, POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR, ON THE POSSIBILITY OF CANADA ARRESTING GEORGE W. BUSH NATIONAL POST, OCT. 12

“I miss my son. There, I’ve said it. I’ve been pretending I’m not missing him. He left almost six months ago to work and travel in Europe. He’d graduated from high school and he wasn’t sure what he wanted to do next, so he thought he would work abroad.”

PAUL BENEDETTI, JOURNALISM PROFESSOR, ON HIS SON’S ‘VICTORY LAP’ HAMILTON SPECTATOR, OCT. 14

“He demonstrated how we can use digital content effectively. He helped break from the idea that we still need a paper copy or a physical copy of something. He did one-to-one marketing before it was really popular. He understood that if users really liked the product, they would tell their friends. But I’ve always felt that if Apple was truly a ‘marketing company,’ you wouldn’t have seen people re-buy their products as often. (He wasn’t) trying to sell people something they didn’t want.”

JOE COMPEAU, RICHARD IVY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS LECTURER, ON STEVE JOBS’ ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND WHAT USERS WANTED IT WORLD CANADA, OCT. 7

“These comments show a failure to try and empathize with other people in our community who are faced with a much greater threat than whatever inconvenience our child might suffer because they can’t have peanut butter in their lunch. These comments are really motivated by a failure to put yourself in the position of that other parent. … One of the most worrying trends in our society is this focus on our own needs and a failure to remember we’re part of a community. We’re going to have to start thinking as a group again or we’re in big trouble.”

GREG MORAN, DEVELOPMENTAL AND CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY PROFESSOR, ON REACTION TO THE THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BANNING PEANUT BUTTER SUBSTITUTE TO ELIMINATE CONFUSION LONDON FREE PRESS, OCT. 17

“There’s historically been a sense of pre-tension to someone who had one of these things. They’re so important, they have to be completely connected all the time.”

TIM BLACKMORE, MEDIA STUDIES PROFESSOR, ON THE BLUETOOTH EARPIECE EDMONTON JOURNAL, OCT. 15

“To conclude Waterloo does a better job than Western is not true. They celebrate their successes, and more importantly they have RIM. Once you hit a jackpot, people know what you are doing. Imagine Western coming up with a major vaccine to help HIV/AIDS.”

AMIT CHAKMA, WESTERN PRESIDENT, ON THE BLACKBERRY-MAKER’S HISTORY OF SUCCESS LONDON FREE PRESS, OCT. 14

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– L.T. Moore, University Relations and Information director

Oct. 16, 1972

The Way We Were: 1970

Contributed by Alan Noon (anoon@uwo.ca)

Several temporary buildings were installed around the campus in the early 1970s in response to an acute shortage of lecture rooms and office space. While many of them were placed behind existing buildings and remained unobtrusive, some prompted numerous complaints to the administration and the Board of Governors. Located directly in front of the iconic Middlexs Memorial Tower of University College, the building was soon vandalized by persons unknown who scrawled the word ‘EYESORE’ along its front panels. It would take several years before the offending structure was removed.

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Commentary

The ‘99 per cent’ don’t really want to fix inequality

THE OCCUPY CANADA protests which began Saturday took place in over a dozen cities with mostly modest turnouts. They also lacked a cohesive goal or message, as their critics in the media are fond of pointing out. The protests did, however, address a number of important societal issues, such as the growing gap between the rich and the poor. As has been acknowledged by both Bank of Canada Governor Mark Carney and Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, rising income inequality in Canada is a real and legitimate concern.

Over the last 30 years, the income gap between the top one per cent (or more accurately, the top 0.1 per cent) and the rest of us has increased substantially. Furthermore, this inequality is growing faster in Canada than most other countries, including the United States. The Conference Board of Canada has reported that Canada has fallen to 12th out of 17 countries in its peer group when it comes to income inequality. Between 1980 and 2005, before tax earnings increased by 16 per cent for the top 20 per cent, but fell by over 20 per cent for the bottom 20 per cent. The Occupy Canada protests respond to the product of a rising tide only lifting a few boats.

The protests, however, are short on solutions. While the signs and pamphlets offered by protesters are entertaining (I attended the small London, Ont. protest), they are short on actionable solutions. “End Corporate Greed,” “Hold Bay Street Accountable” and “We Are the 99 Per Cent” make for good slogans, but they are hardly implementable as policy.

A few other protesters, however, did offer “taxing the rich” as an inequality remedy. Should Canada jack up taxes on the rich and redistribute to the working poor? Economist Stephen Gordon of Universite Laval has estimated significantly increasing the statutory tax rates of the wealthiest Canadians (say by 10 percentage points on those making more than $300,000) will, at the absolute most, raise an additional $4 billion of revenue a year, with more realistic estimates being half or even a quarter of this amount. If Canada redistributed this to the other 99 per cent of the population, this would only provide an extra $29 to $116 in income per person per year. There may be very good reasons to increase taxes on high-income earners, however, it will do little to increase the stagnant after-tax incomes of the middle class and working poor.

So how do we reduce inequality? The obvious place to start would be to borrow solutions from countries where after-tax income inequality is relatively low. Three countries that consistently score well on income inequality measures are Denmark, Finland and Sweden. These three Nordic countries share very similar tax structures, featuring moderate-to-low marginal corporate tax rates, moderate-to-high income tax rates and very high value added sales tax rates (VATs, similar to Ontario’s HST). The average VAT in these three countries is 25 per cent, a rate nearly twice that of the average Canadian federal GST plus provincial sales tax or HST. A one percentage point increase in the HST alone would raise $5 billion to $6 billion per year for the federal government, so increases by a few percentage points could adequately fund programs designed to reduce inequality. No country on Earth has been able to find a way to fund the kind of social programs and redistribution needed for “reasonable” levels of inequality without VAT rates significantly higher than Ontario’s HST.

Why are high sales taxes needed to fund social programs rather than higher corporate taxes or higher income taxes? Put simply, VATs are the hardest taxes to avoid paying. Higher income taxes reduce labour effort by the taxed. Higher corporate tax rates reduce investment. Canada’s corporate income tax rate was, not so long ago, twice what it is today. Adjusted for inflation and the size of the economy, however, the higher corporate tax rates brought in similar levels of revenue than they do now. There are some ways to avoid the HST, of course, but these are for far more limited than they are for other taxes. The HST, as with all VATs, is a cash cow that provides governments with the necessary resources to tackle important societal issues.

Increasing the HST would appear to be a political non-starter, however. Parties from across the country and across the political spectrum have been advocating reducing the HST. This includes the British Columbia NDP, which successfully fought against implementation of the tax, and the Ontario Progressive Conservative party, which sought to eliminate the HST from hydro bills. An Ipsos/Ottawa Citizen poll which sought to eliminate the HST from Ontario Progressive Conservative party, which sought to eliminate the HST from hydro bills. An Ipsos/Ottawa Citizen poll which sought to eliminate the HST from hydro bills. An Ipsos/Ottawa Citizen poll which sought to eliminate the HST from hydro bills.

More than banks occupy the minds of protesters

YOU REALIZE WE’RE NEXT, RIGHT?

While the financial sector’s robber barons have taken the brunt of the Occupy Wall Street movement’s wrath, many of these protesters would be just as comfortable outside the gates of universities across the globe. To their eyes, we’re part of the problem as well.

So I hope we have better answers for them than the banks are offering.

If you pay attention, you notice these protests are not about a lone grievance. That’s what makes them so frustrating to the mainstream media, who desperately need a single, usually simplistic, narrative. No, these protests are a result of an accumulation of burdens passed down from one irresponsible generation to the next until it hit critical mass on the backs of these folks.


All with no end — or, at least, positive end — in sight.

The music has finally stopped, and there are too few chairs to go around. And across most of this are already taken by Baby Boomers, who are never, ever giving up their seat.

What makes the Banker take his place as Public Enemy No. 1, this is not about one profession or even one industry. (Although The Banker makes an excellent start.) No, this is a growing anger towards the institutions that brought these folks to this point.

And I am afraid universities have some explaining to do.

In the United Kingdom, student protests over drastic tuition increases have turned violent. In the United States, where only seismic events like Starbucks’ price hikes spark young people into action, a grassy downslope is building around the Occupy Colleges movement, which held protests on 140 U.S. campuses in 25 states. In Canada, as it has been throughout the global financial collapse, we’re better off than most. But we’re not perfect.

According to Statistics Canada, Canadian undergraduates paid $10,000 per cent more in tuition for the 2011/2012 academic year. This follows a 4 per cent increase in 2010/2011. For reference, inflation grew at 2.7 per cent during that period.

And those added costs come at an added price. The Canadian Federation of Students puts the average debt for university graduates at $27,000. Give or take a fraction of an interest point, that figure represents a $327 student loan payment every month for a decade after graduation. That’s quite a yoke to strap on new grads.

Unlike so many debates recently, these protests are not about the value of a university degree. In fact, they bolster our argument of its importance. These people have and/or want a university education, so much so that they are taking to the streets.

When the conversation turns to money, universities get defensive. That’s understandable when you have been a target for so long. But this is not about what we spent the money on.

Accounting for every dime, even if we can show them it is applied in the most responsible manner possible, it simply does not matter. This isn’t about how we educate or research, it is about how governments and universities have decided to go about paying for higher education and how our grads can apply it when they leave.

These are real concerns which don’t get seriously discussed enough by those decades removed from their last tuition payment or job interview. Sure, we’ll play politics with tuition, but when was the last real change for the better? You can answer for Canada, but I haven’t seen it in 20-plus years in the States.

I don’t have the answers for these protestors, not sure any of us do right now. But we had best prepare some. Because this thing is going to stop on Wall Street; it’ll be on our street soon.
Research

Revolutionary toilet could change the world

BY PAUL MAYNE

IT HASN’T BEEN reinvented in ages – until now. While available to many, the flush toilet remains non-existent to a vast majority of the developing world. Jason Gerhard, associate professor in civil and environmental engineering, hopes to play a key role in bringing safe, reliable and sanitary toilets to billions around the world.

Through a $2 million project funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, eight universities across Africa, Asia, Europe and North America are participating in the challenge to reinvent the toilet as a stand-alone unit without piped-in water, sewer connection or outside electricity – all for less than 5 cents a day.

A team at the University of Toronto, one of the selected universities, approached Gerhard thanks to his soil remediation research at Western.

“They had a lot of good ideas, but did not know how they were going to deal with the solid waste after separation of the liquids,” says Gerhard, Canada Research Chair in Geoenvironmental Restoration Engineering. “The reinvented toilet requires total disinfection within 24 hours, so biological methods would not work.”

A member of Toronto’s team saw one of Gerhard’s STAR (Self-sustaining Treatment for Active Remediation) presentations and asked if it could apply to human waste.

STAR is an innovative technology for remediation of contaminated soils. Gerhard co-founded with Jose Torero from the University of Edinburgh.

The working principle involves the smoldering combustion of contaminants in soil. Smouldering is the process by which combustion takes place in the absence of flame (for example, a glowing red charcoal briquette in a traditional barbecue). It converts organic material, plus oxygen, into water, carbon dioxide and heat.

“It is self-sustaining, which means once you get it going then it generates enough energy to keep itself going until all the fuel (organic matter) is gone,” Gerhard says.

There are many organic liquids that pollute our environment, such as coal tar and oil, for which no acceptable cleanup options are available. “By smouldering the oil, we can clean up contaminated soil and polluted sites using very little energy,” he continues.

 Routinely, greater than 99 per cent of contaminant mass is destroyed in the process.

But can STARs technology be transferable to this latest project?

“Theoretically, it should be possible. But it has never been proven,” Gerhard says.

The team will try to adapt the process for destroying the organic waste in the toilet, allowing the waste to be disinfected without using much energy or water.

Jason Gerhard hopes to play a key role in bringing safe, reliable and sanitary toilets to billions around the world.

Gerhard and Torero, also invited to join the Toronto team, will conduct the initial work at the University of Edinburgh combustion laboratory.

“It is a new application of combustion science to environmental engineering problems, and crosses this unusual boundary between fire and water,” Gerhard says.

While excited to push STAR’s capabilities, Gerhard recognizes the bigger picture.

“One of the reasons we got involved in this project is the potential impact for billions of people,” he says. “The majority of my career has been spent on cleaning up industrial pollution, which is a serious problem, but one that primarily affects first world countries.”

“We are working on many different ‘fun’ challenges. But for this work, I am particularly excited to be part of a project which such important positive implications for the developing world.”

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BY PAUL MAYNE

WITH TROUBLE ONLY one click away, it's nice to know people like Jeff Gardiner are on the case. Gardiner, central information security officer, is part of a working group in information security – a Senate sub-committee. He stays busy formulating security policies, identifying risks and recommending best practices and network policies. Safe to say, he is kept busy.

His latest venture is to create a greater awareness across campus of the proliferation of cybercrimes.

In a recent study by the Internet security firm Norton, the Norton Cybercrime Report 2011, the cost of global cybercrime was calculated at $114 billion annually. Based on the value victims surveyed placed on time lost due to their cybercrime experiences, an additional $274 billion was lost. With 431 million adult victims globally in the past year – and at an annual price of $388 billion globally based on financial losses and time lost – cybercrime costs the world significantly more than the global black market in marijuana, cocaine and heroin combined ($288 billion).

The idea behind ‘spear phishing’ is your computer gets infected with a virus which then harvests the computer for addresses you know, sites you visit, etc. That information is then used to gear a phishing e-mail on a more personal level.

“They are selectively starting to get more intelligence on the victims and that makes the likelihood of these people being victimized greater,” Gardiner says.

More often than not, even these ‘spear phishing’ attempts have hallmark traits, such as requesting money through some method, money exchanges and/or the promise of greater wealth for a small investment.

“If you really know the person in the e-mail, you’re going to phone them up and see if it’s really them,” Gardiner adds.

In addition to scams, he hopes to educate students, staff and faculty about giving out personal credentials.

“in our environment, we have great financial value in some of the online resources that our library system has,” Gardiner says. “When we have students giving out their credentials to unauthorized folks, they come in and just harvest these online resources and that just gets us shut down legitimately from accessing our stuff.

“We’re trying to get people to think about their online behaviors, such as the sharing of credentials, the consequences of identity threat, and the value of their Western identity. The magnitude of the problem is large enough that people have to take it seriously.”

The two most heavily attacked services on campus are SSH (Secure Shell), used by lot of researchers, and RDP (remote desktop), which receive in excess of one to one-and-a-half million attacks per day.

“That is a behavioural thing. At the end of the day, all the technical constraints in place to protect our infrastructure won’t have any value if people are willing giving out information,” he says. “Denying the threat is as much a problem as not dealing with it.”

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Western students Frederick Armah, Sarbani Banerjee, Gleb Meirson, Mark-Shane Scale, Ahmed El Ansary and Yann Benetreau-Dupin have been named recipients of the Ontario Trillium Scholarships. Introduced in November 2010, the Ontario Trillium Scholarship (OTS) program was launched to raise the profile and prestige of Ontario universities internationally, and increase economic performance by bringing highly educated individuals to the province. Trillium scholars are nominated by their graduate program due to their scholarly achievements and strong research potential, and receive $40,000 annually for up to four years of study. Western awards seven Ontario Trillium Scholarships annually. The final recipient will be named in winter 2012.

**Sarbani Banerjee**

Banerjee, pursuing a PhD in comparative literature, completed both her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in comparative literature at Jadavpur University in India.

Banerjee’s proposed thesis, *Stories of Her Shifting Orbits – Indian Woman Refurbishing her Face through the Fluid Edges of Post-Independence History*, examines the metamorphosis of ‘family’ as a concept and locating the changing position of women within and without the domesticity, against the larger backdrop of post-independence India. The goal of this research is to identify the different strategies of patriarchy in terms of the sexual violence they inflict.

“It goes without saying that the faculty members here are superb – their disposal to an uninitiated student could not have been any better,” she says. “Any word to describe the immense momentum of love, co-operation and support that I have been receiving from these people would be too limited and dilute.”

**Yann Benetreau-Dupin**

Benetreau-Dupin, pursuing a PhD in philosophy, hails from Bourges, a small city in the centre of France. He completed his bachelor’s degree in logic, history and philosophy of science at the Université Paris-1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (which included one year of study at the University of Bologna in Italy), then completed his master’s degree in philosophy at Boston University.

His proposed research centres on philosophical issues in contemporary cosmology. In particular, Benetreau-Dupin examines to what extent the uniqueness of the universe challenges the project of cosmology as a science, and how this issue affects the validity of particular experimental-related studies.

“Western is an important research university in many fields, which makes it the ideal setting for interdisciplinary collaborations,” Benetreau-Dupin says. “The presence of the Rotman Institute is also one of the reasons I chose Western, as it provides a promising place to pursue my research in collaboration with scientists and to develop more interdisciplinary projects in science education.”

**Frederick Armah**

Armah, pursuing a PhD in geography, hails from Winneba in the Central region of Ghana, and received his undergraduate training in chemistry at the University of Cape Coast in Ghana and a master’s degree in environmental studies and sustainability science from Lund University in Sweden.

Armah’s proposed thesis, *Small-Scale Goldmining in Ghana: Adaptive Co-management and Human Health Risk Assessment*, contributes to the understanding of the evolution of adaptive management systems in gold mining communities in Ghana. He hopes to bring a broader reflection on forms of local resource management institutions and the means to help improve these local institutions toward more efficiency, equity and co-operation with higher levels of resource governance. These issues, Armah contends, are ultimately central to human health and wellbeing.

“Western is a world leader in graduate research and the academic environment is international. It is a place where cross-cutting cultures meet to synthesize solutions to complex environmental health problems confronting us,” he says. “I have carefully and thoughtfully chosen to work within the geography group at Western because of the high level of scientific research being undertaken by the various teams.”
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**Mark-Shane Scale**

Scale, pursuing a PhD in library and information science, hails from Kingston, Jamaica, and completed his bachelor’s (political science and statistics) and master’s (library and information studies) at the University of the West Indies in Mona.

His proposed thesis, *Exploring the Provision of Online Library Services for Small Businesses using Jamaican Folklore*, contributes to the understanding of the evolution of adaptive management systems in gold mining communities in Ghana. He hopes to bring a broader reflection on forms of local resource management institutions and the means to help improve these institutions toward more efficiency, equity and cooperation with higher levels of resource governance. These issues, Armah contends, are ultimately central to human health and wellbeing.

**Ahmed El Ansary**

El Ansary, pursuing a PhD in civil and environmental engineering, completed his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in civil engineering at Cairo University in Egypt.

His proposed thesis, *Seismic Performance of a Novel Reinforced Concrete Precast Wall System with Tuned Liquid Dampers*, addresses the need for development of a structure system for buildings that is economical, easy and quick to construct, while being able to absorb the energy released during an earthquake without suffering from collapse.

"As a researcher in structural engineering, I would like to contribute to making the world a safer place during natural disasters," El Ansary says. "I have chosen Western because of the international reputation of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering in the area of natural disaster mitigations, and am most excited about the atmosphere of cooperation between research groups in the civil engineering department.

**Gleb Meirson**

Meirson, pursuing a PhD in chemical engineering, completed both his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in chemical engineering at Technion – Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa.

Meirson’s proposed thesis, *Advanced Polymer Composite Materials and Technologies*, examines the flow of fiber reinforcement in compression moulding flows. The procedure will involve building an experimental database, and then developing a mathematical model to be confirmed by the resulting data.

"I wanted to join a vibrant and progressive research atmosphere outside of my native environment," says Meirson, who will arrive on campus next term.

"Western, with its high academic and social standards and great support system, presents an excellent opportunity to fulfill my dream. I am very excited about my new project, and looking forward to meeting new people at the university."
Diabetes Update 2011

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Giving

United Way effort kicks off

BY PAUL MAYNE

ANDREW LOCKIE knows what London is facing.
As executive director of United Way London & Middlesex, he has seen demand for United Way funded services skyrocket as the city faces one of the highest unemployment rates in the country.

“Coming into this year’s campaign it was hard not to say ‘How can we raise more money with the economy and unemployment making it much more difficult?’” says Lockie, who began his third campaign as director. “What we chose to do was say ‘They need us more now than they’ve needed us before.’

“We’re not going step back; we’re going to step up.”

As part of the effort, The University of Western Ontario unveiled its goal of $650,000 at an Oct. 14 event. “For the 10th straight year, Western looks to increase its donation. Last year’s $631,487 was the largest single donation ever to United Way London & Middlesex.

This year’s campus campaign is off to a quick start with more than $110,000 already raised, thus bringing Western’s United Way fundraising totals since 1994 to more than $7 million.

“We have a long history of supporting the United Way and helping our community. We say it’s Western’s contribution, but Western is all about people and these contributions make a difference,” Chakama says.

This year’s citywide campaign has set a target of $8.5 million, which Lockie feels is attainable, in part, because of the partnership United Way has built with Western over all these years.

BY SIDRA IQBAL

WESTERN COMMUNITY members with an environmental sustainability wish list can help translate imagination into reality at the World Café being held Oct. 25.

The World Cafe concept is used by organizations to facilitate small- and large-group conversations about topics. It is based on the principles of making a world which everyone can benefit, and creating positive, large-scale social change. Discussions at this event will centre on what aspect of university sustainability is most important to the community, and what needs to be done to achieve that vision.

The opinions shared will help inform a 10-year sustainability plan, as well as a five-year action plan for the university.

“We have a very active community when it comes to environmental responsibility, and at Western, sustainability is everyone’s responsibility – that includes faculty, staff and students,” says Roy Langille, associate vice-president of Facilities Management. “Community participation is absolutely necessary, and events like the World Café provide a way for everyone to contribute substantially to Western’s sustainability future.”

The café will give community members a chance to be heard by peers, as well as listen to the priorities of others concerning Western’s environmental sustainability efforts. The event is organized so that each participant will get a chance to exchange opinions with a significant number of other contributors.

Dialogue will take place in small groups. Questions regarding visions of Western’s ideal sustainability future will be posed to the attendees, who will deliberate amongst themselves. There will be a larger discussion at the end of the group conversations to focus on recurrent themes and the tasks that need to be undertaken in the present to make the collective future a possibility.

The President’s Advisory Committee on Environment and Sustainability (PACES) organized the event. The committee, consisting of key faculty, staff and students.

“We’re working toward a holistic approach in pursuing environmental change,” says Beverley Ayeni, Facilities Management manager of energy and environment and PACES member. “The World Café is one of the many opportunities that encourage necessary dialogue among different groups within Western’s community. It’s a great chance to cultivate ideas, and to decide how they can be put into action.

“We want people to voice their sustainability wishes, to discuss what they want Western to look like in the future. We need to spread awareness of the initiatives already being taken, and of the ways more people can get involved.”

The World Café will assemble a second time in February 2012.
Defining ‘beautiful’ in the passions of an oboe professor

BY JANIS WALLACE

IAN FRANKLIN THINKS the modern oboe isn’t supposed to be heard up close. A bit like the baragaph, the instrument was developed to have a hard, penetrating sound. Large groups tune to the oboe because it can be heard above all else. Difficult to adjust and tune, when dealing with an oboe, it’s better to make everyone else conform to it.

But for many, the oboe is an exotic instrument they cannot identify by sound or appearance.

Franklin is trying to change that situation. Yesterday, he was the soloist in Orchestra London’s Cathedral Series at St. Paul’s Cathedral, and this winter he will hold an Oboe Day with workshops, masterclasses and activities aimed at developing players.

Seeing and hearing the oboe up close and personal may create more people who disagree with Franklin’s criticism about hearing his instrument in tight quarters.

It really can be lovely to listen to, especially in the hands of such a pro.

Franklin played C.P.E. Bach’s Oboe Concert in B flat.

“The halls were small in Bach’s era, so instruments didn’t need to project so much,” Franklin says. “Like Schubert’s musical evenings, people could sit next to the piano. St. Paul’s is nice for players. It’s a lovely setting and lovely music. What could be better?”

It was a rare opportunity to hear this seldom-performed work.

“I had never heard this concerto until Alain (Maestro Alain Trudel) mentioned it to me,” he says. “He had heard it online and liked it and asked me to play it. First, I had to find it. But when I did, I discovered it is a masterpiece.”

Bach wrote it for oboe and strings in 1760. It’s in his middle period, not as classical as earlier works and not as personified as later ones.

“There are wonderful embellishments and thematic development,” Franklin says. “The ornamentation is a study in itself.”

Hearing it live is completely different than a recording maintains Franklin. “They can make a whole range of dynamics in a recording. There is a bit of dishonesty in recording. I love to see how excited people get when they go to a live performance. It is different from anything you’ve experienced.”

Franklin learned the oboe after starting on piano. He also sang in a choir and had tried violin and trumpet. With that experience, his Grade 7 teacher thought he was a good candidate for oboe.

“I started in my first band practice after two or three lessons. I didn’t know a lot about the oboe.”

But he knew he didn’t like the beginning sound he made on violin and trumpet. “It was a disaster. I liked that the oboe was made of wood and warm to touch.”

Part of the type of sound an oboist creates depends on the reed, two pieces of shaped cane, that fits into the top. Franklin started making his own within three weeks of starting on the instrument.

“You can tailor your sound – good or bad,” he says. “I began monkeying around with the reeds and now make what I think is a beautiful sound. You have to project your ears out into the hall to think about what it sounds like out there. The natural resonance of the instrument guides me in the right direction.”

While he may call making a beautiful sound on the oboe “a smoke and mirrors” effort, Franklin also believes there is a “smoke and mirrors” effect.
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Staff Profile

BY LESLIE KOSTAL

JAN SHEPHERD MCKEE loves
drawing the most. Of course, there is
also printmaking and papermaking,
sculpture, quilting, jewelry designing
and even a little stained glass.

And if that doesn’t exhaust you,
she’s also an avid gardener, special-
izing in heritage tomatoes.

“The key is to have the flexibility
to be able to do a lot of different
things,” says the associate director
undergraduate services for the Faculty
of Engineering.

Her aphorism on life is to bring
everything one has back into the
community, to enrich and positively
change the environment. You could
take that literally, it’s from the ground up.

“My husband jokes with people
that it takes me an hour to get from
the car to the house because I have to
go through the garden,” she admits.

She plants various varieties of heri-
tage tomato seeds indoors during
winter. They come from all over the
world. “I have some this year from
Peru,” she says, “and they have sort of
a fuzz on them like a peach.”

As soon as the frost is gone in
spring, she’s keen to get the plants
outdoors to join the rest of her herbs,
vegetables and flowers.

Take Iris’s, for example. They can
create good fibre for papermaking.

“Papermaking is very interesting
because you can do it anywhere in the
world,” she explains.

Having studied both Western and
Eastern papermaking, Shepherd
McKee knows what kind of fibre she
needs depending on the project. It’s
the content of the cellulose she’s after.

“Now you would think something
like a corn crop would give you lots of
cellulose, but in fact I’ve tried it, and
you’re boiling it forever. You get very
little out of an acre of corn. I’ve also
tried banana skins,” she says.

Although you may get beautiful
pieces of paper, she claims you need
a lot of banana skins to do it.

For an exhibit at the McIntosh Gal-
Iery in 2004, Shepherd McKee created
pieces of handmade paper that lay
under a nickel titanium based wire
(shape-memory wire), which, when
programmed with a computer, moved
by an electronic current. Different
coloured pieces of paper flowed in
randomized waves. Visitors noted its
calming effect.

To enhance the exhibit, lights were
lowered and music added. “It had a
strong force that I really didn’t plan
and was surprised at,” Shepherd
McKee says. “It was a piece that I
made to be installed and taken apart
again. It was a moment in time.”

More lasting is Shepherd McKee’s
printmaking, made with the help of a
five- ton press in her studio. She does
cutting, engraving and linocuts.

As a visual artist, her work is realis-
tic, influenced by things she does.

“I don’t tend to do a lot of abstract
work,” she says. “I think probably the
most conceptual work I do is in sculp-
ture, but my prints are usually very
clearly realistic subjects.”

In addition to praising her mother
for instilling in her a love for the
arts, Shepherd McKee acknowledges
the support of colleagues at Western
who have endorsed bringing art into
her everyday life, in fact, using “art
to bring people together, to really
solidify a team.”

“If I’m not allowed to do my art-
work,” she says, “I’ll be over in the
corner screaming ‘mommy.’”

Leslie Kostal, web administrative
assistant, Department of Economics,
writes periodic pieces profiling West-
ern staff members. If you know some-
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// STUDENT BULLETIN

Photo Contest: distinctivelyWESTERN 2011

The distinctivelyWESTERN Oct. 2011 Photo Contest is now open. We are looking for creative and dynamic photos that capture the beauty of campus places and spaces. All entries must be submitted no later than Oct. 31. Studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/photos/contest

Autumn Graduation

Autumn Convocation information has been sent out to all students who applied to graduate for the Autumn. Convocation tickets and information can be found online: convocation.uwo.ca

Alternative Spring Break

Student applications for the Alternative Spring Break program are due October 27. Information and applications can be found at: alt.break.uwo.ca

Workshops

Sotheby’s Institute of Art, Oct. 20, 5:30 – 7 p.m. Learn about the wide range of career options a graduate degree at Sotheby’s Institute of Art.

Graduate and Professional School Fair, Oct. 27, Western Student Recreation Centre (WSRC) 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. If you are considering graduate school or a post degree program or certificate, find out about admission requirements, types of programs, application deadlines and more!

Society for Mature Students Social (SAGE), Oct. 27, Grad Club, 4 – 6 p.m. Join us for snacks, laughs, and a check in with other members of the SAGE society.

To attend workshops, please register on careercentral.uwo.ca

Undergraduate Course Registration Dates

Oct. 24: First day of first-term second-quarter (‘R’) course (Kinesiology).

Oct. 27 and 28: Autumn Convocation.

Oct. 28: Last day to add a first-term second-quarter (‘R’) course (Kinesiology).

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// ACADEMIC

PHD Lectures

Stephen Gray, Theory and Criticism, Austenism in America, Oct. 20, N/A

Michael Choi, English, Social Money: Literary Engagements with Economics in Early Modern English Drama, Oct. 21, N/A

Yu Liu, Computer Science, A Problem in Graphics and Vision via Graph Cut based Energy Optimization, Oct. 21, MC 320, 2 p.m.

Tawhidur Rahman, Biology, Brassinosteroid-Mediated Stress Tolerance in Arabidopsis Thalina, Oct. 21, UCC 41, 12:30 p.m.

A. Morgan Jones, Music, The Other Side of Billy Joel: Six Case Studies Revealing the Sociologist, the Balladist, and the Historian, Oct. 25, N/A

Yan (Lucy) Pan, Chemistry, Structure and Dynamics of the Membrane Protein Bacteriorhodopsin Studied by Mass Spectrometry, Oct. 26, CHB 115, 12:30 p.m.

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To help students who may be struggling with symptoms of ADHD, the Center for ADHD Awareness Canada (CADDAC) has developed the first Canadian tool for university and college students and contains a self-evaluation checklist, tips on how to achieve success with ADHD and a list of useful resources to help students navigate their condition.

To access the complete tool kit or to get more information about ADHD, its diagnosis and treatment options for students, visit www.caddac.ca

Focusing Attention and Staying Organized

Surviving midterms with ADHD

Midterms, time to get serious and get to work. A 2011 survey of Ontario university and college students revealed that 88% believe that intelligence and effort are the most important things to being successful in school. Unfortunately, this isn’t always the case.

What may seem like a simple lack of organization and bad time management, could in fact be much more than that… it might be ADHD or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

“A lot of students are disorganized and they procrastinate,” explains Dr. Velohorschi, psychiatrist at the University of Windsor. “ADHD is much more than that and can greatly affect a student’s ability to study and regulate their attention for their priorities.”

ADHD, a real and often misunderstood medical condition, can affect people at any age, including university and college students. “A proper ADHD diagnosis allows an appropriate treatment plan can help students manage their symptoms and achieve success,” states Dr Velohorschi. “Behavioural strategies and medications can help increase focus leading to greater organization and planning.”

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Taken from the self-evaluation checklist

If you recognize yourself in most or many of the situations listed below, you may want to speak with a healthcare professional about ADHD in adults.

• When I study I am easily distracted: my mind wanders and I miss big chunks of conversations
• While reading I can’t keep on track; I skip around or go right to the end
• I am forgetful: appointments, assignments, bills – I am always late
• I am impulsive; I say whatever comes to mind, without weighing the consequences

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University of Western Ontario president Amit Chakma has been tapped to head an expert panel tasked with guiding Canada’s international education strategy as part of the next phase of Canada’s Economic Action Plan.

“I am honoured to have been asked to serve as chair of the advisory panel,” Chakma says. “I look forward to working with fellow panel members as we begin this important work, and we commend the Government of Canada for recognizing the need for a comprehensive international education plan.”

Ed Fast, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway, along with Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance, and Ted Menzies, Minister of State (Finance), made the announcement last week.

The panel will advise the government on attracting the best and brightest international students to Canada; strengthening Canada’s engagement with emerging priority markets; expanding the delivery of Canadian expertise, knowledge and education services abroad; and promoting partnerships between Canadian and international education institutions.

Other members of the panel include:
• André Bisson, Chair of the Board, Centre for Interuniversity Research and Analysis of Organizations, lead director, Transat A.T. and Chancellor Emeritus, Université de Montréal;
• Jacynthe Côté, president and CEO, Rio Tinto Alcan;
• Colin Dodds, president, Saint Mary’s University;
• Lorna Smith, director, Office of International Education, Mount Royal University; and
• Don Wright, president, British Columbia Institute of Technology.

The advisory panel is expected to report to the ministers of International Trade and Finance in early 2012, and the strategy is expected to be released shortly afterwards.

// Western joins Schulich Leaders program

The University of Western Ontario finds itself among 25 Canadian and Israeli universities poised to benefit from Canadian philanthropist Seymour Schulich’s latest venture.

Last week, Schulich announced the creation of the Schulich Leaders Program, a $100 million scholarship initiative to secure the future economic competitiveness of Canada and Israel. Graduating high school students planning to study science, technology, engineering and/or mathematics at designated universities are eligible to become a Schulich Leader. The four-year scholarship is valued at $60,000.

All high schools, secondary schools or CEGEPs in Canada and Israel are able to submit one Schulich Leader nominee each. On Jan. 16, those nominees can apply their nomination to participating universities in Canada and Israel.

All universities are responsible for making the final selection of the 2012 Schulich Leaders for their respective institution. In 2012, a maximum of 25 Schulich Leaders will be selected, in 2013 there will be 50 Schulich Leaders, with 75 Schulich Leaders being awarded in 2014 and thereafter.

For information, visit schulichleaders.com.

One of Canada’s leading minds on government responsibility and transparency, Ontario Ombudsman Andre Morin spoke on “Opening Doors, Minds and Government” as part of Western Law’s Distinguished Speaker Series on Wednesday, Oct. 12.

University;
• Loma Smith, director, Office of International Education, Mount Royal University; and
• Don Wright, president, British Columbia Institute of Technology.
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. 6
520 yards
Par 5

With all the self-help books on golf checked out, Szela is hoping this Astrophysics book will help launch this tee shot in orbit as she plays the 520-yard sixth hole, one of two 500+ yard holes on the course. This hole will take her over the Natural Sciences Building, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry and behind the Seibens-Drake Centre. A lot of students and traffic to play around cost her as she double-bogeyed this hole.

Score: 4
Thru 7 holes: +4