Police sound alert about home invasions

LONDON POLICE SERVICE is warning the University of Western Ontario community about a string of break-and-enters in student housing areas around the university and Fanshawe College.

Const. Dennis Rivest, London Police Service media relations and corporate communications officer, says about 100 break and enters have occurred since July in residences near Western. The suspects are mainly targeting electronics.

"It seems most of the victims tend to be college and university students," Rivest says, noting the majority of the incidents appear to be linked. "These appear to be crimes of opportunity. The thief or thieves see a place that is open and they take advantage of it. If the place is locked, they are less likely to break into it."

The suspect or suspects have been entering residences at night, typically while the occupants are sleeping between 3-6 a.m. However some incidents have occurred during the daytime.

The person usually enters through an open window, unlocked door or by sliding the screen door and entering through an unlocked inside door. In some cases window screens have been slit open to gain entry.

"A yell or scream would be a good thing that will perhaps startle them and make them run away. I would rather them run away than the individual confront them, just for safety reasons," he says.

The best way to prevent a break-and-enter is by locking up your residence, he says.

"We have to be vigilant and responsible and report anything that seems to be out of the ordinary," he adds. "It is important at any point in time, you should keep your residence locked up."

Police advise students to record serial numbers of electronics, such as laptops and cameras, and get property insurance. In the case of items being stolen, also ensure you are able to accurately identify your property.

When asked whether police will be increasing patrols in the area, Rivest says London police "are constantly evaluating what has taken place and how we can best deploy our resources," he says.

Western's Campus Community Police Service (CCPS) is stepping up patrols in areas targeted by London police as problem areas, says John Carson, safe campus coordinator for CCPS.

"We are supporting their efforts with additional patrols and working very closely with their supervisors and patrol staff," Carson says. "This is not a widespread problem that occurs annually. I think it is a blip on the radar, quite frankly."

"Because generally this is a very safe campus and there's been a few incidents of this type of thing happening, perhaps we all get complacent because there haven't been issues to raise our attention or awareness," he continues. "I think this is an anomaly."

No break-and-enters have occurred on campus or at university-owned property, Carson says. Nor have there been any confrontations between an intruder and a resident.

"Where there has been someone in the house and the occupant has been awakened, the intruder has fled. There hasn't been any indication of anything where there has been any assaultive behaviour in the home," he says.

Students are encouraged to be vigilant about their surroundings, use Western Foot Patrol and report any suspicious activity to police by dialing 911.

"One of the challenges is when you have multiple people in some of the homes or apartments ... it's pretty easy to have some lax approaches to the security of that home. It's important to have awareness among students and for them to be very vigilant," he adds.
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Coming Events

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Department of Anatomy & Cell Biology
18th Annual Murray Barr Lecture. Brigid Hogan, Duke University Medical Center. "Lung Stem Cells: Their Role in Tissue Repair and Fibrosis." Auditorium A, 3rd Floor LHSC, UC. Coffee and continental breakfast available 9 a.m. Lecture 9:30 a.m.

Autumn Convocation
10 a.m. Alumni Hall

Writing Support Centre Workshop
Concise Writing. WSS room 3134. Register at: sdc.uwo.ca/writing. 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

28 // FRIDAY

Autumn Convocation
10 a.m. Alumni Hall

Sociology Colloquium

Men's Basketball
Guelph Phoenix (exhibition) 5 p.m.

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

Men's Hockey
Guelph at Western. 7:35 p.m.

Women's Basketball
TWW (exhibition) at Western. 11 a.m.

30 // SUNDAY

Women's Basketball
Algoma (exhibition) at Western. 2 p.m.

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GradWrite Workshops
Putting Your Best Work Forward: Writing Effective Research Proposals. WSS Room 3134. Register at sdc.uwo.ca/writing 1 p.m.

GradWrite Workshops
Economy of Words: Writing Clearly and Concisely. WSS Room 3134. Register at sdc.uwo.ca/writing 1:30 p.m.

Department of Physiology and Pharmacology Seminar
Physics & Astronomy Colloquium
Alfred C.H. Yu, Medical Engineering Program, The University of Hong Kong. "Ultrasound: Expanding Role in Medicine and Biology." Physics & Astronomy Room 22. 1:30 p.m.

Autumn Convocation
3 p.m. Alumni Hall

Centre for Research on Migration and Ethnic Relations Colloquium
Nicola Piper, Senior Research Fellow, Arnold-Bergrasrer-Institute, University of Freiburg, Germany. "Global Governance of Migration and the Migrant Rights Movement." SSC S220. 4 – 5:30 p.m.


29 // SATURDAY

Autumn Convocation
3 p.m. Alumni Hall

2011 // TUESDAY

GradWrite Workshops
KIS: Summarizing Your Research into an Abstract. WSS Room 3134. Register at sdc.uwo.ca/writing 1:30 p.m.

GradWrite Workshops
Writing for the Outside World: Getting Published. WSS Room 3134. Register at sdc.uwo.ca/writing 1:30 p.m.

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. UC 117. Email tertulia@ uwo.ca

The Centre for Environment and Sustainability
In partnership with the McConnell Family Foundation and the Global and Ecosystem Health Interest Group at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry presents Peter F. Sale, Coral Reef Ecologist. "Our Planet Does Not Have To Die." Discusses the approaches we must take to save the coral reefs. 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. NCB, Room 117. Everyone welcome.

Western Italian Conversation Club
Put your Italian into action. Join our group discussions about Italian food, culture, language, travel, daily life in Italy. It’s a great way to practice your Italian with other students. All are welcome! Every Wednesday in UC 201. 5 – 7 p.m.

The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures

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Toastmaster’s Campus
Communicators
Build your confidence in public speaking. Meets every Wednesday 12:1 p.m. in the UCC – check the website for specific room: ctm.freehosting.info. Contact Donna Wood, dmoore@uwo.ca or 851-59.

Writing Support Centre Workshop
Writing a Professional Statement. WSS Room 3134. Register at: sdc.uwo.ca/writing 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

E-mail: comingevents@uwo.ca

205, 6:30 – 9 p.m.

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A CONVERSATION WITH MAYA ANGELOU

By Heather Travis

"Words are music written for the human tongue and ear."

While the poets of the past were revered by many, few poets today command the level of respect that is awarded Maya Angelou. Her smooth, lyrical way of speaking has turned the ear of millions around the world.

"I read my work aloud and I encourage students, my students, and all to read whatever you write. Go into a room, close the door and read it and hear how it sounds. Hear the rhythm of the piece because every language has rhythm," she says.

Recently awarded the Medal of Freedom by U.S. President Barack Obama, the United States' highest honour, the 83-year-old Angelou is the embodiment of a "phenomenal woman."

The celebrated poet, novelist, educator, dramatist, historian, filmmaker and civil rights activist— to name a few— will be speaking at the University of Western Ontario Nov. 3, presented by the Faculty of arts and Humanities students' Council and the University students' Council.

Raised by her paternal grandmother from the age of 3 to 13, Angelou forged the foundation of her beliefs in her grandmother's storefront in Stamps, Ark. While her brother, Bailey, was her closest confidant, she credits much of her confidence as a woman to her grandmother, whom she called 'Momma.'

"Momma told me, 'sister, when you get, give, and when you learn, teach.' She said that would take you all over the world. And I have found this to be so," Angelou says on the phone from her home in North Carolina. "I give and I get. I get and I give. I learn and I teach. I teach and I learn all over the world. It at once gives a person confidence."

She cautions against placing one's confidence in superficial things, like money or beauty, because these are fleeting. Rather, confidence should come from a good heart, agile mind and the intent to give, as well as receive, she explains.

Her grandmother's advice served her well in the racially segregated United States, as she followed her passion for music, dance, performance and poetry locally and abroad.

"It has allowed me to go into all sorts of communities where people have never seen a black person before and I feel at ease because I am a human being and no one can be any more human than I," she says. "They can be prettier and younger—almost everybody is— and even richer or finer, many things. But they cannot be any more human than I, than you.

"So when I am in the company of human beings, I am all right because I am going to do the best I can."

Angelou shared her personal struggles and triumphs in the autobiography I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, making her one of the first African-American women featured on the bestsellers list.

In spite of the struggles she has faced through her years, she refuses to be diminished by others and is encouraged to rise above them.

"I realize that people do what they know to do, not what they think they know, not even what you think they know," she says. "If they knew better, they would do better."

It is this kind of simple advice that has endeared Angelou to generations of readers and thinkers.

She has published verse, fiction and non-fiction, including more than 30 bestselling titles. Angelou has catapulted into a household name, largely thanks to a friendship with Oprah Winfrey.

But fame has not changed who she is.

"That is truly me," she says of her writing voice. "I only know one me."

"I still have to write it. I still go to a room and sit down with my feet in UGGs and try to find 'the word' that will come close to conveying what I mean," she says, laughing.

Angelou was asked to recite a poem during former U.S. President Bill Clinton's inaugural address in 1993. Her reading of On the Pulse of the Morning was broadcast live around the world, making her one of the most recognized poetic voices across the globe.

Throughout her life Angelou has fought for equality and civil rights, and she continues to share a message of hope and equality.

"You know very well, until everybody is free and valued, nobody is ever really free. You see? I stand on the shoulders of giants; I sit on the laps of great women, great men," she says.

"Some were not called that, but that's all right. I know it because we've survived."
Letters to the Editor

// Thanks for shining a light on mompreneurs

I recently read the feature article by Paul Mayne titled, Exploring the Motivations of Mompreneurs (Western News, Oct. 13). I wanted to write and commend both the topic and thoroughness with which it was written. The statistics in Canada are far outdated, and the business world doesn’t always take mompreneurs seriously, even though we contribute so much to societal and economic growth. Thank you for having the foresight and clarity to present the subject matter in such a professional manner.

As founder of Ontario Mompreneurs Group, I interact with hundreds of mompreneurs on a daily basis who struggle with many of the issues outlined in your article, including how to stay afloat and maintain their success for a reasonable amount of time.

Again, thank you for a great read. I will be sure to share with our members.

MARIA LOCKER

// Celebrating Al-Quds, Western partnership

Al-Quds University in Palestine and Western, realizing the advantages of expanded international cooperation in research and education, signed an agreement to promote a joint effort in 2009. This summer, we turned that agreement into action with my visit to Western and the Lawson Health Research Institute ("Western hosts faculty from Al-Quds University,", Aug. 8). At Al-Quds University, I am a medicinal chemist/researcher who leads the Anticancer Drugs Research Laboratory and serves as dean of scientific research. This summer, I spent 50 days in London working with Western professor Dr. James Koropatnick and the London Regional Cancer Program.

My team has designed and synthesized new platinum-containing anticancer drugs. Although platinum-based drugs have been used since the 1990s, certain chemical characteristics limit their usefulness.

In partnership, Koropatnick and I are testing the capacity of these new anticancer drugs, designed to overcome those limitations. And the research has turned out to be particularly fruitful.

Bringing together our knowledge at Al-Quds with the tremendous resources at Western, including infrastructure for biological evaluation at Western and Lawson that is limited or missing at Al-Quds, is an exciting new development for me.

Between sessions at the laboratory bench, we explored enhancements to this project to take advantage of complementary resources and expertise. The small-but-generous seed funding provided by Western through the office of Ted Hewitt (vice-president, research and international relations) and Al-Quds has generated exciting new evidence of potential for therapeutic application in cancer treatment. A joint proposal between Koropatnick and I, describing that data and future research plans, has been prepared (with the valuable assistance of professor Rand-Akslan at the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children and the University of Toronto) to elicit additional support through a competitive funding application to Ontario and Palestine.

I see this project as the beginning of multiple collaborations involving many more Canadian and Palestinian researchers involving areas in the broader realm of science, medicine and issues in the broader realm of science, medicine and culture. Together, we can target other diseases and medical problems, broaden biological questions and issues in the broader realm of science, medicine and culture of mutual interest to Canada and the Middle East.

Exchanges between the two communities in Palestine and Canada, particularly for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows and junior faculty, were discussed during the busy summer and are being put into effect this fall and spring. Enhancements to the Western/Al-Quds co-operative research agreement signed in 2009, including formal designations for faculty from one university at the other, are also being explored.

Though now far from Canada and Western, I am still living with the flavour of the 50 days spent in London. It is not only the science, but also the kindness of people and the loveliness of Ontario’s natural setting that remains with me. It was great luck to come across Jim, his group and his wife, Jane. My wife, Mona, and my children (who travelled with me) had a wonderful summer in London while I was in the lab. Our stay in Elgin Hall was unforgettable. The Elgin staff and particularly Melanie Harvey, the manager of Western’s Conference Services, were extraordinarily warm and welcoming. I was thrilled to get the chance to meet such kind and supportive people.

YOUSEF NAJAIREH

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The Way We Were: 1970

Contributed by Alan Noon (anoon@uwo.ca)

Western student Dey Brownlee releases two of 20,000 balloons in Victoria Park to officially kick off the 1971 United Way Campaign. Each balloon carried a card with the name of a Western student volunteer who could be contacted to receive a donation pledge.

“Our objective is to get people to give as objectively as possible, without bias or editorial comment. We hope you will read it and contribute to it.”

– J.T. Moore, University Relations and Information director, Nov. 16, 1972

LONDON FREE PRESS COLLECTION OF NEGATIVES // WESTERN ARCHIVES
RESULTS ARE IN for the latest Survey of Graduating Students, the annual questionnaire on satisfaction with various aspects of the university. The web-based survey was made available to 5,481 undergraduate, certificate and diploma students who were, at the time of distribution, expected to graduate in Fall 2010 or Spring 2011. In previous years, the survey was distributed in a printed form; this year, it is being released online only. The full report, released earlier this month, is available at ipb.uwo.ca/survey_of_graduating_students.php. Some highlights include:

Far and away, students attended Western for one of three reasons: quality of programs (41.3%), career-relevant programs (32.8%) and good social atmosphere (27.5%). Only 7.6% arrived because of family tradition.

Nearly half of students (48.7%) used their parents, through both repayable and non-repayable loans, as their largest source of financial assistance. For 30.5% of students, that largest source was a repayable/bank loan, while only 3.1% were mainly paid for through scholarships/bursaries.

Nearly four in 10 students walked away from Western with no education-related debt (39.4%). But an equal number emerged with more than $20,000 in debt (39.7%). Almost one in five (19.4%) start off life more than $30,000 in the red.

Library access via web (40.9%), campus safety (34.3%) and student health services (31%) topped support unit satisfaction. On-campus work opportunities (14.6%), academic counseling (14.4%) and employment services (13.8%) topped the areas of least satisfaction.

Faculty most likely to recommend Western to a friend? Dentistry and MDs (100%). Least likely? Education (80.8%).

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Sure, A riff Kachra may need a little help honing his narrative, as not everyone got the point of his recent in-class social experiment. But the lessons remain.

Last month, the ivey professor collected $500 in ‘tips’ from his students. With the promise of extra access and bonus lessons, he solicited in class and through e-mails to his MBA section.

In a Sept. 12 e-mail, he promised a more convenient, online method of tipping. On Sept. 20, he expressed disappointment at tipping levels. On Sept. 23, he offered a special lecture for those who tipped more than $15.

“One important measure of engagement for me is your tips,” Kachra wrote in an Oct. 2 e-mail. “Therefore, I was hoping that those of you who have tipped me more than $30 could please send me your name, so I know who to recommend next time I am asked by a potential employer to recommend my most engaged students.”

Now, before you question the man’s sanity, know this whole process was an educational ruse. Kachra’s hard sell was part of an exercise to teach his class about value distribution.

He returned the money after his ‘big reveal’ earlier this month.

It was a bold move, and one that irritated a few students. Sure, they’re all laughing now. But read a portion of a letter I received from one student:

“I am shocked and astounded that the purveyor of private education that I am paying for is coercing his students to compensate him beyond tuition. While this smacks of a corrupted Third World education model, as a Canadian business student, I feel it is unacceptable.”

Certainly, Kachra hit a nerve. The anger in that note is real. But I loved the quote the professor gave The Globe and Mail last week:

“The world has changed. You have to educate young people today based on understanding, not information. Information is passé.”

Methods aside, and I realize that is difficult, I wonder about another issue: Why were the protests not louder?

But I don’t buy it.

A respected professor. A competitive environment. A strange request with obvious personal benefits. Of course this idea intrigued. Even students who told The Globe they thought something was fishy still tipped.

The recently released 2011 Survey of Graduating Students found four in 10 Western students thought evaluations – marks and exams – were unfair during their time at the university. Those numbers were echoed among business students. The same survey showed another four in 10 students didn’t see any personal improvement in their awareness of ethical issues.

And would there be any bolder example influencing both categories – even if it was pure fiction in this case – than this? So where was the outrage?

To be honest, I expect so much more from Western students. Especially MBAs.

Remember, you have a lot to live down by your control. It was your real-world brethren who crashed the economy because everyone was willing to go along with a preposterous concept. I am sure sub-prime mortgages were hilarious at one point.

Listen, I am not picking on MBAs here. If English majors had broken the world, then I would be on them. But they didn’t.

This next generation of MBAs not only faces a difficult job market, but must carry the sins of their predecessors. And now we’re sort of laughing off this experiment as a lesson learned.

That’s fine. But remember even in fiction, if a deal sounds too good to be true, it is. And that’s when you need to speak up.

Just wonder why more didn’t do it.
Journal scares up new take on horror

BY PAUL MAYNE

WHEN STEVEN BRIUHM discusses horror, it's more than a passing Halloween fascination.

As managing editor of Horror Studies – an international peer-reviewed academic journal devoted to the study of the artistic merits of horror – the English professor eagerly anticipates the publication’s next issue, a special edition on horror fiction titled Decomposing Fiction.

“The journal had been attracting mostly articles on film, so we wanted to do something to broaden the base because it is an interdisciplinary journal that talks about horror in all types of mediums,” Bruhm says.

Bruhm got involved in the 2-year-old journal through an acquaintance of mediums,” Bruhm says. “it is an interdisciplinary journal, Bruhm admits he’s having fun being part of the journal.

He also chose to be involved because of the journal’s interdisciplinary commitment, covering everything from film and literature to music and dance to fine art, photography and beyond. As well, he feels there’s an untapped horror presence at Western.

“Since moving to Western three years ago (from Mount St. Vincent University in Halifax), I’ve met a lot of students here who are interested in questions of gothic and horror. I know there are a lot of faculty members here, in various departments, who have published on film, in psychology, who are very interested in the phenomena of horror,” he says. “There is a huge interest among the faculty at Western, I think. But like with so many of these things, particularly at a large institution, there's nothing that kind of brings it all together, which is why I do this.”

The upcoming issue features two Western authors: recent English graduate Cristina Ionica on Ian McEwan’s early fiction and English research fellow Peter Schwenger on abstract comics.

Bruhm admits studying this sort of material in North America didn’t have much cache when he was a graduate student in the early 1990s. At the time, it was hard to be taken seriously if you were working on this sort of thing.

“Perhaps if you were going back to Mary Shelley’s Frankenstein you’d be okay,” he says. “But Stephen King?”

But times have changed.

“With shifts in the field of English, we started to talk to more people in other disciplines and the whole idea as to what became respectable or important changed; we started to think in different ways about culture,” he says. “As opposed to just literature as a piece of artwork, horror became something you could talk about theoretically and that you really could research.”

In addition to Horror Studies, Bruhm sits on the editorial board of Gothic Studies, an 11-year-old journal.

“Not everything that is gothic is horror, and not everything horror is gothic,” he says. “One of the things we wanted to do from the beginning is to say that horror and the gothic are certainly related, but they’re different and can belong to different worlds.

“Gothic belongs to the certain world of vampires and ghosts and has a certain list of conventions – the old castle, haunted houses. Often there are scenes of horror in them, but I think you can find horror in places you wouldn’t necessarily call gothic.

While definitely a lot of work on top of his already busy academic schedule, Bruhm admits he’s having fun being part of the journal.

“So much of the life of a scholar, at least in English, is you keep plugging away, keep reading, keep learning. With this, there are deadlines and you can check it off your list,” he says. “What (the journal) opens up for me intellectually is interesting. I’m learning arguments, new theories. I like the fact I am making contact with all these people internationally that otherwise I never would have talked to.”

Read the latest edition of Horror Studies

intellectbooks.co.uk/journals
Don’t try to escape Kevin O’Leary. He won’t let you.

BY JASON WINDERS

YOU ALMOST FEEL SORRY FOR KEVIN O’LEARY, ALMOST.

For weeks now, the self-branded ‘Mr. Wonderful’ has been even more ubiquitous than normal, popping up everywhere to promote his new book, Cold Hard Truth: On Business, Money & Life. It seems if you sit still long enough with him, O’Leary eventually will slide up beside you and talk about his latest venture.

And, admit it, you would listen because you cannot escape Kevin O’Leary. He simply won’t let you.

“Look, the whole way this game of life works is you want to end up free. That’s the whole game, that’s the whole deal, that’s what matters,” O’Leary says during a telephone conversation. “You want to be able to take what time you have on this Earth and enjoy it. And the only way that’s going to happen is if you become wealthy.”

“That’s the only way to be truly set free.”

Money equals happiness. Vintage O’Leary. You would expect plenty of nuggets like that from the man on his book tour. But they are few and far between.

In recent weeks, there seems to be something off. When he speaks about the book, he is still, overly rehearsed. He’s not the Gordon Gekko-styled tycoon you expect from shows like Dragons’ Den and Shark Tank. He is far more subdued, far more, well, boring.

If you read The Globe and Mail profile, watched him on the George Stroumboulopoulos Tonight and then listened in on the Western News conversation, it would all sound eerily similar. Sticking snuggly to his script, O’Leary shapes different questions from different interviewers around written answers.

Not that some of those answers aren’t interesting. When he speaks about his family, his trouble in school and struggles with dyslexia, a real, three-dimensional man takes shape, replacing the flat cartoon persona we know too well. He admits those particular chapters, which come and go early in the book, were necessary for full context.

But that didn’t make them any easier to write.

“It was sort of cathartic, sort of a journey. It sometimes was very difficult to go back and look at my past,” O’Leary says. “It was painful to go there. But I also took stock of my life.”

And what lessons he realized from that introspection, he sprinkles throughout the book, which took a year and a half to pen.

He speaks about two of the coldest, hardest truths he has faced in his life.

The first came after a young O’Leary was fired from an Ottawa ice cream shop for refusing to scrape gum off the parlor’s floor. “It taught me in one second I never wanted to be an employee. Ever,” he said. “Because you are powerless, you don’t control anything.”

The second is far simpler, and perhaps more relevant for our turbulent economic times. “Everybody is replaceable. You put yourself in a position where you think you’re not and that’s the time you get whacked. It’s very simple,” he concludes, “if you are not creating wealth for somebody or some thing you are dispensable.”

He speaks in the book, ever so briefly, about earning his MBA from The University of Western Ontario in 1980. He remains reticent about giving too much credit to the degree itself, instead saying it made him smarter without guaranteeing any success. Perhaps you would expect more of a ringing endorsement from a man who sits on the Richard Ivey School of Business Advisory Board.

“I don’t remember anything from those classes. But what I did get, which is very important, are the contacts I have today. Those I use every day,” O’Leary says. “I encourage anybody who is considering MBA to go there, but not for the technical skills you learn in the finance class or logistics or organizational behavior, because you are not going to remember them.”

“What you are going to remember, and still have, are those contacts.”

Still, for O’Leary, the timing of his book tour couldn’t be worse.

His work, as Randian an ode to individual greed as you can find on the bestsellers list currently, rings quite tone deaf as unemployment swallows millions whole and thousands have taken to the streets in protest worldwide. It’s going to be a hard sell for a man who has built his brand not only on being an unashamed capitalist, but cut from the same cloth of many of the scoundrels who crashed the global economy.

When interviews veer off the topic of the book, O’Leary finds himself awkwardly defending the likes of Bank of America, even Goldman Sachs. Not the best place to be.

Social media lit up a few weeks ago when O’Leary was taken to task on his own show, Lange & O’Leary Exchange. (Funny, for a man who says “the only job worth creating is a private-sector job,” he seems to have a lot of programs on the publicly funded CBC.)

While interviewing/lecturing Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Chris Hedges about the Occupy Wall Street movement, O’Leary came off as nothing short of a cranky, old man who couldn’t control his disdain for the likes of Rand Paul and David Cameron. He called Hedges “a left-wing nutbar,” regarding himself more to the rhetorical level of Don Cherry.

Maybe outbursts like that are why he’s sticking to the script for this book tour. You just don’t know what he’s going to say once he gets off it.

But isn’t that what makes O’Leary so irresistible?

“I think everybody knows I am sort of value-yield, honest (sometimes people think too honest), straight-shooter. That’s irresistible?”

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Cold Hard Truth: On Business, Money & Life
Kevin O’Leary, MBA ’80
Doubleday. 247 pgs. $29.95

“[If] I can do it, (maybe) you can do it, too!”
- Tommy Lasorda, Slim-Fast commercial

Leary is a familiar, if not sometimes daunting, face on the venture capitalist program Dragons’ Den and the Lang and O’Leary Exchange. O’Leary’s book is part autobiography and part manual for mercenary financial wisdom. He provides his readers with a bona fide rags-to-riches tale of how he began with a $10,000 loan and in four years was selling his company for $4 billion.

Against the platitude that “a watched pot never boils,” O’Leary tells us that we must invest ourselves to the full to derive wealth from business, and that there is gold in ‘them thar entrepreneurial hills’ on that wild frontier of venture capitalism where one can be a heroic corporate outlaw.

At times, O’Leary is simply sharing common sense about thinking positive and being goal-oriented, but one may pose the same question that applies to all of the “succeed-in-business” and “get-rich” genre of books: What motivates a wealthy person to reveal the arcana of their wealth strategy rather than keep it to him or herself?

For those with even just a blush of sympathy for labour, look elsewhere, O’Leary’s strict managerialist outlook is very short on patience and compassion for employees (whom he somewhat dehumanizes as “cost”) unless it serves his “company-first” credo.

In a telling fragment, O’Leary gives a glib appraisal of pay inequity as simply “life is unfair.” O’Leary’s book is heavily populated with memorable business maxims set in brisk chapters, aimed at the kind of audience that chooses to succeed at any and all cost.

Open Air Bindry
By David Hickey, Department of English
Biblioasis Press. 72 pgs. $18.95

From the expansive awe of the constellations down to the delicate and recursive arms of snowflakes, Hickey’s poetic insights bracket an intimate view of the macro- and microcosmic world.

Here, the reader is presented with a variation of episodic fragments that are bound luxuriously within well-inscribed themes. Hickey’s poetry is not only light on its feet, but rich in substance. Objects like shirts, shingles and porcelain are animated by a wash or just a dappling of light that lends them the appearance of a quiet dance.

Powered by a stargazer’s earnest curiosity, there is nothing magniloquent about these poems: they are a pithy reading of signs of that which exists as though they have been imbued with organic life. Hickey eschews the romanticist embellishment of the miraculous by presenting the miracle in its raw, ragged form that may put one in mind of Christpher Dewdney’s The Natural History of southwestern Ontario (but without the eroticization of the fossilized dead).

Hickey appears to be courting a phenomenology of space in the way he treats the objects in his poems, perhaps an application of Gaston Bachelard’s recommendation in The Poetics of Space that architecture would be better served by appealing to the imaginative experience of buildings. As light imbues its objects, it is also fleeting, just as the snowflakes’ beautiful construction is captured only by the aperture of eye and camera. But the phantom presence of these linger: what you lose in the dark / what follows you back to the sheets. (“The Astronomer’s Apology”)
Adams’ short story tops CBC contest

Meghan Adams, a 2009 Western graduate who has returned to Western for her PhD this fall, was named the winner in the short story category of the CBC Literary Awards for 2010 for her piece, Snapshots from my Father’s Euthanasia Road Trip, or Esau.

The story chronicles an unlikely father-daughter car ride from the Bay of Fundy to a suicide date with the Don Valley Bridge in Toronto. The story manages to strike a perfect note between humour and tragedy, between reverence and a deadly-serious tenderness. The CBC called it “a completely compelling, perfectly entertaining, work of fiction.”

The story, appearing in full in the August 2011 issue of Air Canada’s enRoute Magazine, can be read at enroute.aircanada.com/en/articles/snapshots-from-my-fathers-euthanasia-road-trip-or-esau.

Adams, born in Salliq, Nunavut, is currently working on a collection of short stories. Her work has appeared in Literary Mary, but this is her first real break into Canadian publishing.
Western continues decade-long run

BY PAUL MAYNE

It’s déjà vu all over again for The University of Western Ontario, where for the 10th straight year they are tops in Canada when it comes to the most satisfied students, according to The Globe and Mail’s 2012 Canadian University Report released Tuesday.

In a survey of more than 33,000 undergraduate students across the country, Western topped 14 of 19 categories – eight led and six tied. These categories included such areas as quality of teaching, course registration and campus atmosphere. The next closest university in the large category was McGill, which led in three categories and tied in two.

Western was given one of three A+ ratings handed out in the entire report, in the recreation and athletics category. The lowest marks given to Western were Bs, in the areas of research opportunities, information technology and environmental commitment.

“It’s very gratifying to know our students continue to express their strongly held view that Western provides the best student experience among Canada’s big research schools,” says Western president Amit Chakma. He adds while the university maintains the commitment to continually improving teaching, research and service, the results bode well for the future as it aspires to increase the impact and profile of its teaching and research on the global stage.

“That our university has earned these high marks for a decade now is a tribute to the commitment and good work of our faculty, staff and community members who together create such an exceptional learning environment for our students.”

One of Western’s top marks was in student residences, where they received an A+. Susan Grindrod, associate vice-president, housing & ancillary services, says it’s gratifying to see the students have once again ranked the university so high.

“Western is fortunate to have a great residence leadership team who are committed to the residence life program and strive to make it better every year,” she says. “Our strength in residences is our people. Our residence staff, hospitality services staff and caretakers all help to create a residence environment where students grow, learn and become engaged in the Western community.”

It’s the same feeling for Roy Langille and his team, who scored an A for buildings and facilities. The Facilities Management associate vice-president, while ecstatic, is not surprised with the results. A lot of pride goes into keeping up the look and feel of Western, he says, whether through renovations or new buildings.

“It really is a team effort,” Langille says. “We work with students, staff and faculty on a regular basis – depending on the project at hand – when planning and executing our projects. We are also very fortunate to get the support we do from our senior administration and board of directors. Without that support we would be all ideas and no action.

“And of course I would be remiss not to mention the great work of all the facilities management team. The pride they take in their work does not go unnoticed, and now we have an A rating to prove it.”

In the very small universities category (under 4,000), Western’s university colleges fared well. Huron University College was tied for first in seven categories, King’s University College tied for first in three, and Brescia University College tied for first in two. In the libraries category, the trio of affiliates tied for first with an A rating.

Survey Says...

Of the 19 categories presented in The Globe and Mail’s Canadian University Report, The University of Western Ontario finished first in the following categories:

- Most satisfied student (A+)
- Quality of Teaching and Learning (A+)
- Course registration (A+)
- Buildings and facilities (A+)
- Student residences (A+)
- Recreation and athletics (A+)
- Campus atmosphere (A+)
- Work-play balance (A+)

Campus Digest

// Hewitt steps down from research post

Ted Hewitt, vice-president (research and international relations), stepped down from his position Tuesday.

Hewitt will transition from this role on Nov. 1, and begin academic leave effective Nov. 1, and begin academic leave effective Jan. 1, 2012. this change on Nov. 1, and begin academic leave effective Nov. 1, and begin academic leave effective Jan. 1, 2012. this change

// Forum puts India in spotlight

Last week, India took centre stage at Driving Opportunities in Canada-India Education and Research Partnerships, a public forum focused on engaging with India at a time when it is undergoing an unprecedented expansion of its economy.

Several notable visitors were in attendance, including Sheela Embleton, Canada-India Education Council president, Rana Sarker, Canada-India Business Council president, Lali Singh, Banaras Hindu University, India, vice-chancellor; Sudha Deshmukh, Jain University (India) dean of sciences; Pranava Deshmukh, Indian Institute of Technology (Madras, India) professor; Michele Davies, Globalink Program of MITACS director; and Lalu Mansinha, Ontario-Maharashtra-Goa student exchange program director.

Discussions led to the conclusion Canada needs a national strategy for educational engagement with India, but also Western should settle on its own strategy and be willing to make bold moves to highlight its presence in India.

The event was organized by West- ern professors Shantanu Basu (physi cs/astronomy), Shiva Singh (biology), Lalu Mansinha (Earth sciences) and Kanthi Kaluaraschi (physics/astronomy), as well as Deepthi Murthy (Ivey).

// Student paper on national security law wins award

Calie Adamson won the Geoff Weller Memorial Prize from the Cana- dian Association of Security Intelligence Studies (CASIS). This national award is given to a student for the best undergraduate and graduate paper on a subject dealing with intel- ligence, security or law enforcement. Adamson’s paper, The Government that Cried Wolf: The Need for Special Advocates to Challenge Secrecy and Nondisclosure, was originally submit- ted for a Western Law January term course in national security law taught by Ron Aksey.

Adamson, who is currently articling at McMillan LLP, receives a $400 prize.

// Loebach, McCans up to the ‘Challenge’

The team of Janet Loebach and Sarah McCans, PhD students working with geography professor Jason Gilliland, successfully competed in the London Community Foundation’s Clean Air Challenge. The pair were awarded $25,000 to further their work on improving children’s environments.

Together, with the support of numerous local organizations and other members of Western’s Human Environments Analysis Laboratory, they are creating a project to ‘green’ the spaces of local elementary schools. They believe this will help reduce children’s exposure to airborne pollutants. The process of greening these spaces will be embedded into the curriculum and students will be active participants in the projects.
Environment, just one beneficiary of nanotechnology revolution

DENIS O’CARROLL
Civil and environmental engineering professor

NANOTECHNOLOGY HAS GENERATED significant public and scientific excitement due to our abilities to design and synthesize nanoparticles at the nano scale.

A nanoparticle is considered a particle with one of its three dimensions less than 100 nanometres.

There are a wide variety of engineered nanoparticles on the market or currently in development. They are designed to have a wide range of very unique properties that are much more significant than larger particles of the same composition.

For example carbon nanotubes, which are sheets of rolled carbon, are light weight with significant strength. This makes them very useful in composite materials such as tennis rackets and bicycles.

Given their unique properties they have also been used for drug delivery.

Quantum dots, made of binary alloys such as cadmium and selenium, are biomedical sensors. Silver and gold nanoparticles have a wide range of commercial applications, including use of silver nanoparticles for antimicrobial applications (e.g., in socks) and nanogold for electronics.

From this, it is readily apparent that nanotechnology is significantly impacting our day-to-day lives. In the environmental community there is considerable interest in harnessing the tremendous potential of nanotechnology for environmental restoration and water purification.

Environment Canada estimates 29 per cent of the population consumes groundwater as their domestic water, so protection of this resource is essential to the health and well-being of Canadians.

Historically, the subsurface was thought to act as a natural filter of wastes injected into the ground. The potential for these wastes to persist in the subsurface for decades, potentially contaminating drinking water sources was ignored.

To transform Koblih into a larval crustacean, chemists must fracture the shell and inject it with a nanoscale enzyme.

The second field trial monitoring has found considerable decreases in toxic materials. They are particularly useful because of their size — a single human hair is 500 to 5,000 times as wide. At that scale, they can move through microscopic flow channels in soil and rock, reaching and destroying groundwater pollutants that larger particles cannot.

We have had tremendous success in laboratory experiments using nanorain to rapidly degrade a wide range of environmental pollutants.

However one problem has hampered the widespread implementation of nanorain is poor subsurface mobility. That is when nanorain is injected into the subsurface it did not originally flow through microscopic flow channels in soil and rock, as anticipated.

To overcome this problem we have developed formulations and processes that make nanorain mobile in the subsurface.

One part of this recipe has been the use of starches or flour in our nanorain in our formulation. We are currently working with researchers at the University of Toronto to take the nanorain that we have developed in our laboratories to the field scale.

In November 2010 and February 2011, we took our technology to the field to clean up two contaminated sites.

At the first field experiment, we injected 1,000 litres of a nanorain solution into a very contaminated region in the subsurface. Continued site monitoring has found considerable decreases in subsurface contaminants. The second field trial was equally successful.

This work has generated significant public and media attention.

We are very excited with these success stories and anticipate moving forward with commercial applications of nanorain.

Nanotechnology holds unbelievable potential that will revolutionize the products we use on a daily basis. With these advances comes significant potential for nanotechnology-based technologies to improve the environment.

* Not actual size. It’s much, much, much smaller.
As a current PhD student in the Department of History and the collaborative graduate program in migration and ethnic relations, Christopher Stuart Taylor sees topics related to immigration and multiculturalism as more than political issues.

**Immigration defines Canada, not just its politics**

**By Wesley Moir**

**At the height** of the recent provincial election, the nation’s economic struggles were at the forefront of debate. When an ‘Us vs. Them’ mentality began to rear its head, one student couldn’t help but notice its impact on Canada’s longstanding multicultural identity.

“I firmly believe that immigration and multiculturalism are not simply political policies and ideologies, but a way of life,” says Christopher Stuart Taylor, a third-year PhD student at Western. “They are as Canadian as hockey and maple syrup, but continue to be hotly contested issues throughout Canadian society.”

During the election campaign, the term “foreign worker” became a hot-button issue. The Liberals promised a variety of vantage points: social, political and economic,” says Stephanie Bangarth, history professor and Taylor’s supervisor. “He aims to analyze how state and non-state actors were involved in the immigration movement and, in the process, will uncover an oft-neglected player in the Barbadian immigration scheme – the role of the Barbadian government itself.”

Having recently returned from a research trip to Barbados and the Barbadian National Archives at The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, Taylor focused on the individual voices of the many Barbadian immigrants that came during this period. In doing so, he hopes to go beyond the examination of social, political and economic factors to add to the foundation of multiculturalism and immigration scholarship in Canada.

“As a feature of Canadian Black history, Christopher’s project will add to an alarmingly underdeveloped but important field of Canadian history,” Bangarth adds. “Up until 1966, Barbadians was a British colony. Along with their common British heritage, Barbadian-Canadian relations date back to trade during the Empire’s period of slavery.”

“Barbadians have, and will continue to be, affected by Ontario and Canadian immigration policies,” Taylor says. “The previous provincial election was merely a footnote to the historical immigration debate in Canada.”

Prior to the end of ‘official’ racism in Canadian immigration in 1962, and the implementation of the Points System in 1967, most black Barbadians were excluded from entering Canada. “Historically, Canada’s immigration policy discriminated against all non-white immigrants,” he says. “But the times have changed, and through more open Canadian immigration and the benevolence of multiculturalism, the face of Canada has changed.”

But Taylor feels for Canadians to truly understand why the “foreign worker” issue was such a highly debated topic during the election, they must recognize the historical roots of immigration in this province and country. “We must understand that while the political rhetoric has changed, there are still historical elements of discrimination and racism embedded in how our politicians, and we, see immigrants.”

As a researcher, issues such as these help drive Taylor to advancing our understanding of Canadian immigration and multiculturalism, not to mention the personal connection to his work.

“I am a second-generation Canadian, but growing up in a Barbadian-Canadian household, I understand the individual hardships immigrants face,” he says. “I am privileged to say that my research lets me learn and share my parents’ story. Not many people have this opportunity and I am extremely grateful for it.”

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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. 7
130 yards
Par 3

Following two bogies and a double bogie, Szela looked to shake things up a bit by grabbing her 5-wood for the shortest hole on the course. Don’t laugh, it worked as she laid it up within a foot of the hole for an easy birdie. Things are back on track.

Score: 2
Thru 7 holes: +3
Sharing her passion for the game with others

BY JENNIFER JAMES

AT 18, LINDSAY Doxtator discovered her love for lacrosse at a later age than most. But just because she has graduated university and landed a full-time job, it doesn’t mean Doxtator, now 28, has hung up her lacrosse stick – or ever will.

Instead, after a long day at work, Doxtator heads back to her second home, the lacrosse fields at The University of Western Ontario. Her goal is to be a role model for the women who play the sport.

Once a player on the team, she now watches on the sidelines as the assistant coach for the varsity women’s lacrosse team. “I can’t leave the field,” she says. “I’m always told I’m the last one to leave and I like to live up to that.” Last weekend, Doxtator was part of the team who won the 2011 OUA Women’s Lacrosse title in Guelph after defeating the Guelph Gryphons 12-6. The Mustangs finished their season undefeated. “Winning the OUA title was the result of a tremendous amount of hard work and effort by all,” she says. “It’s a part of my community and part of our culture. I grew up playing hockey, but for some reason I was just drawn to this game. I played for the varsity hockey team in first year, but by second year I was playing both, and then later just lacrosse,” she says.

Since, Doxtator, or ‘Dox’ as her teammates call her, has been involved with many other lacrosse teams, including the Six Nations Senior Girls Field Lacrosse team and the Haudenosaunee Nation Women’s Lacrosse team. Now working for Oneida Employment and Training as the employment support worker, Doxtator is sharing her passion for the sport throughout the Western team and her own community in her spare time. “I’m done playing on the summer team in late August and there’s nothing else, so this is part of staying with the game and keeping with it, teaching these girls what I’ve learned,” she says.

So she comes back to the lacrosse field for the Western women’s dinnertime practice, where there is nothing but the sound of laughter and cheering roaring from the players as Doxtator joins in with their training. “You can tell that she knows what she is talking about,” says Jesse Porter, a rookie midfielder and first-year kinesiology student. “She always offers advice for the girls and she’s never critical. She will always help you.”

And head coach David Hastings, who has seen Doxtator both as a player and now as a colleague, appreciates her experience, consistency and the inspiration she brings to the team. “Dox understands what it takes to compete at an extremely high level and it translates into our program,” he says. “She also brings excellent technical knowledge, which has contributed to our success.”

Doxtator tries to guide the women to find their own love of the game. “I push creativity,” she says with a chuckle. “A lot of these girls grew up playing just the fundamentals. But I push their boundaries. I want to see what they can do. I know they’re talented and I want to see it.”

She hopes she can motivate young players to see the world of sports as she sees it – a gateway to opportunities. Essentially, her lacrosse stick is her compass. “Whatever stick you’ve got in your hand, that’s your tool to get you places,” she says.

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