The ability to be on the cutting edge of developing lightweight vehicles that are not soft on safety, longevity or durability is at the University of Western Ontario’s doorstep.

Following a much-anticipated announcement, the ink has finally dried on the Fraunhofer Project Centre for Composites Research @ Western (FPC) – the world’s latest state-of-the-art equipped press centre in full industrial scale – to be established at the Advanced Manufacturing Park.

The Fraunhofer Institute for Chemical Technology ICT, Europe’s largest application-oriented research organization, and Western will work together on processing and developing composite materials for lightweight vehicles in the joint facility.

“I was asked many times, ‘Why Western?’ because Western doesn’t have a comprehensive expertise in composites,” says Frank Henning, director, FPC. “And I said, ‘Well, but they have a comprehensive expertise in materials and surfaces.’ We have our expertise in composites, so I don’t want to duplicate. I want to add competences. We feel Western was ideal, not only having the experts that we were looking for where we have a gap to bridge, but they have a strategy that 100 per cent fits into ours with their new Advanced Manufacturing Park.”

Germany, and particularly Fraunhofer ICT, has become a world leader in lightweight construction. Fibre composites are finding increasing application, particularly in the automotive sector. They offer not only a low density, but also the possibility of integrated functions.

The plan is to have the facility fully operational by July or August 2012, which includes completed construction and installation of equipment. The estimated cost of the facility, including the equipment, is more than $10 million.

Western, UWOFa-La ratify new agreement

The University of Western Ontario and the 51 librarians and archivists represented by The University of Western Ontario Faculty Association (UWOFa-La) ratified a new agreement on Sept. 23 ending a strike that began Sept. 8.

The librarians and archivists voted 84 per cent (36-7) in favour of a four-year agreement that will see them receive a 1.5 per cent base salary increase in each year. Western’s Board of Governors voted to approve the agreement later that same day.

“The university is pleased the parties were able to achieve a negotiated settlement,” says Helen Connell, associate vice-president, communications and public affairs. “We value the contribution the librarians and archivists make to the university’s teaching and research mission.”

“I’m pleased to see that the membership has endorsed the deal,” says Bryce Trister, UWOFa president. “I’m proud of the resilience they demonstrated during this strike.”

The ratifications mean the librarians and archivists were back to work this past Monday. They had been without a contract since June 30.
Western’s family coming home

IT’S TIME TO CATCH UP with old friends and walk the hallowed hall of yesteryear as The University of Western Ontario welcomes thousands of former students, families and friends for Homecoming weekend.

With a wide array of family-friendly events including a parade and mystery walking tour, honouring prestigious Western alumni such as Jack Cowin, Sarah Richardson and Angela Schneider and, of course, a sports-filled day with Mustangs volleyball, tennis, rugby and football throughout the day, it’s sure to be a day of rekindling old friendships and recalling those great Western memories.

To check out more events happening in and around campus, and to register for some, check out westernhomecoming.uwo.ca.

Western’s three affiliate colleges are also getting ready to welcome back former students, families and friends for Homecoming weekend.

For more information, visit brescia.uwo.ca, huronuc.on.ca and lasalle.uwo.ca.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Western Homecoming
We’re ready for Homecoming. Are you? We have a memorable weekend packed with fun and celebrations, some include: Alumni Western’s AGM, 37th Annual Alumni Awards Dinner, Six Degrees Homecoming event, Homecoming Hospitality at Alumni Hall, Marulife South End Zone Lunch and Football Game, Golden Anniversary Dinner, and Homecoming Golf at FireRock. Come home and reconnect at Canada's Best Homecoming. For more information, visit westernhomecoming.uwo.ca.

Brescia University College Homecoming
Join fellow alumnae and friends for a weekend of memories, fun, and reconnecting. Reminisce about the past and hear about all the exciting plans for Brescia’s future. Homecoming festivities include the annual 100 Mile Luncheon, the Cocktail Classic & Dinner, and a Brescia-hosted VIP tent at the Western football game. For more details, visit brescia.uwo.ca/alumnae/homecoming/index.html

Huron University College Homecoming
All alumni and members of the Huron community are welcome and will have a chance to visit with old friends, reminisce, and enjoy fun and fellowship. In addition, attendees will have an opportunity to meet Dr. Stephen McLaughlin, Huron’s new principal and participate in a special Carol Service to be held in The Chapel in honour of the late Catherine Ridley Huron’s Registrar from 1961 to 1991. For more details about the weekend’s events, visit huronuc.on.ca/homecoming.

King’s University College Homecoming
Please join us as we reflect on fond memories of the past and create new ones for the future. Key events for the weekend include the Friday Night Bash featuring Rick McGhee, the Alumni Award of Distinction Brunch celebrating Roger Yachetti ’61 and John Howard ’71, and the Western Mustangs Football Game viewed from our very own Endzone Tent! More information can be found at: kings.uwo.ca/alumni/college/homecoming! or by contacting kcolleague@uwo.ca.

Biochemistry Visiting Speaker Seminar Series
George Mackie, University of British Columbia. “The S3-dependent pathway of mRNAs” 7 p.m. MB 311

Faculty Mentor Program “Preparing Research Grant Proposals” CHER, NSERC, SSHRC, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Teaching Support Centre, Weldon Library, Room 122. Program details and registration available at www.uwo.ca/tesc

The Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology
Connie Eaves, Distinguished Scientist, Terry Fox Laboratory, BC Cancer Agency, and Professor, Department of Medical Genetics, the University of British Columbia. “Hematopoietic stem cells become exciting but complicated.” MSB 282.12:30 p.m.

Women’s Hockey
Durham at Western. 7:30 p.m.

Men’s Hockey
McGill at Western. 2 p.m.

Women’s Soccer
Brock at Western (Greek Hellenic Centre) 1 p.m.

Women’s Rugby
Laurier at Western. 2 p.m.

Men’s Soccer
Brock at Western (Greek Hellenic Centre) 3:15 p.m.

Men’s Rugby
Queens at Western. 4 p.m.

02 // SUNDAY

Women’s Soccer
McMaster at Western. 1 p.m.

Men’s Soccer
McMaster at Western. 3:15 p.m.

03 // MONDAY

GradWrite Workshops Beyond Nouns and Verbs Refining Your Grammar Skills WSS Room 3134. Register at sdc.uwo.ca/writing. 1 p.m.

GradWrite Workshops – Acclimate Making the Most of the Writing Process WSS Room 3134. Register at sdc.uwo.ca/writing. 2:30 p.m.

Department of Psychology Colloquium
Daniel Ansari, Department of Psychology and Graduate Program in Neuroscience, Western. “The Numerate Brain: Development, Enculturation and Individual Differences.” 1-3 p.m.

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

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01 // SATURDAY

Women’s Basketball
Windsor at Western. 12 p.m.

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Department of Psychology and Pharmacology Seminar
Fuli Kang, Physiology PhD student. “Regulation of cardiac function by stem cell factor (SCF) post myocardial infarction.” DSB, Room 6. 4 p.m. Everyone welcome. Refreshments.

The Chinese Program at Huron University College
Tea and Conversation. Anyone wishing to speak Chinese and meet people who study Chinese at Huron is welcome. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Mondays through April 9, 2012, in the International Lounge, Huron. E-mail hwu@huron.uwo.ca.

04 // TUESDAY

Senior Alumni Program
John Dentstedt, Chief, City-Wide Surgery Services, St. Joseph’s Health Care Chair, Dept of Surgery, Western. “Robodocx” The new era of surgical innovation and training. McKellar Room, UCC. 9:30 a.m.

Writing Support Centre Workshop – Mending the Social Sciences WSS Room 3134. Register at sdc.uwo.ca/writing. 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

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05 // WEDNESDAY

Toastmaster’s Campus Communications Club Build your confidence in public speaking. Meets every Wednesday 12:1 p.m. in the library. Check the website for specific room: cmct.freestorefronthost.info/ Contact Donna Moore, dmooore@uwo.ca or 851-195

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

John T. Hamilton Distinguished Lecture Series
Schulich Dentistry Research Day – David H. Paschley, Georgia Health Sciences University, Augusta, Georgia. “State-of-the-Art Enamel and Resin Adhesives.” 2 – 3:30 p.m.
LHSC – UC, Auditorium A. Also Student Research presentations and refreshments. Dental Research Laboratories, lower ground floor. 12:30 p.m.

Writing Support Centre Workshop Punctuation Primer WSS Room 3134. Register at sdc.uwo.ca/writing. 2:30 p.m.

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

The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures presents “La Tertulia” Spanish Conversation Group.

Anyone wishing to speak Spanish and meet people from different Spanish-speaking countries is welcome. Wednesdays at 5 p.m. UC 117. E-mail tertulia@uwo.ca.

Have an event? Let us know.

E-mail: comingevents@uwo.ca
Chakma puts positive spin on criticism

BY HEATHER TRAVIS

The fact that people in London are talking about The University of Western Ontario, even if it is criticism, is good news to president Amit Chakma.

“I tend to look at these things as a glass half-full manner,” Chakma told Senate members during a Sept. 23 meeting.

This was in response to a question posed by senator Jim Etherington, a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, about recent local media coverage regarding Western’s town-and-gown relations.

“From time-to-time there are questions raised about the relationship between Western and the City of London,” Etherington says. “There are media reports questioning whether Western is doing enough to help stimulate the economy; to make investments in the downtown; to expand programs to persuade more students to stay in London after graduation. In the view of many there continues to be the two solitudes between town and gown.

“It’s important to continue to communicate that the presence of Western contributes significantly to the London economy,” he continues. “Why do we still have periodic and critical comments directed at the university?”

Chakma took an optimistic position in his response, stating the fact community members, including the media, are talking about the university means they attach value to the institution and its presence in the city.

“I tend to find more positive in those sorts of things than negative,” Chakma says. “Certainly the London Free Press newspaper and the journalist writing that article clearly attach value to Western … I am pleased people think Western is important and can play an important role.”

The comment was shared in light of the recent flurry of articles on Western’s role in the rejuvenation of the city centre and retaining of graduates. The discussion was particularly timely in light of the news Western submitted a letter of interest to city council to expand downtown. The letter was discussed at Wednesday’s meeting of the city council’s finance and administration committee.

“A large segment of our community would not be quite familiar with what we do. That’s the ongoing saga of telling our story,” Chakma says. “At the end of the day I may claim we do as good of a job as we can. But I’m not going to, because at the end of the day what matters is how people perceive us.

“If the perception is that we are not telling our story, then we are not telling our story”

Chakma listed examples of how the university’s faculties, research centres and students impact local and international communities. Western has done a good job in communicating its contributions to city leaders, Chakma says, but the general public needs to be brought into the conversation.

Rather than set up a new committee to focus on community relations, Chakma prefers to look at the issue within the established organization.

“Our record is good; I have no hesitation in defending our record. But at the same time I say we can do more,” he says. “We have the capabilities that we can bring to bear in charting a future course for London.”

Other items discussed at the meeting included:

• Senate approved revisions to the appointment procedures for senior academic and administrative officers of the university for the position of associate vice-president (research). The policy now allows for the appointment of either a faculty member or staff person to fill this role. If the appointee is faculty, the term would be five years, renewable. If the staff, the term would be agreed upon between the vice-president (research and international relations) and the appointee and include provision for review and renewal.

• Andy Hrymak, engineering dean; David Jeffrey, applied mathematics professor; Julie McMullin, special advisor to the provost (internationalization); and Erin Uberg, student, were approved to join the committee to select a vice-provost (internationalization).

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Letters to the Editor

// Thou doth protest too much

Protest. It’s a word that makes people cringe, and tends to force them to one side of the fence or the other. The year 2011, to date, has seen its fair share of protests, many of which have been large enough to make international headlines. From Tunisia to Lebanon and other Arab nations seeking fair democracy and freedom, from Greece to Spain and other EU Nations in serious financial crises; and now, it is London, England that is under the spotlight.

Radio, television, newspapers and even people stopping to chat on the street have used the word ‘protest’ to describe the events. But the sparks that have inspired, and in some cases ignited, the determination and passion fueling these various ‘protests’ have been dramatically different.

The protests in Tunisia, Egypt, Bahrain, Syria, Yemen or Jordan saw people come together courageously to have their voices heard. In some cases, their government’s response was one of violence which in turn triggered a war, quite literally, for peace and true democracy. With their words, the protesters demanded human rights, government reform/accountability and freedom. In the face of soldiers, guns and tanks, they held their ground in peace. People who had been treated with violence, who had been judged, robbed and executed by their own government, did not demonstrate violence back; instead they demanded justice with peace.

Greece, Spain, Portugal and several other EU countries have also experienced some large-scale protests. But what fueled their drive to demonstrate? Economy.

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Celebration

Celebrating its 130th anniversary, the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry boasts a storied history. Above, the school’s graduating class from 1888, the same year The London Medical College was established on Water and Waterloo streets at a cost of $9,500. In 1893, Dr. William J. Roche became the school’s first graduate; in 1924, Dr. Kathleen Braithwaite Sanborn became its first female graduate.

Reflecting on medical school’s history

BY CRYSTAL MACKAY

On May 26, 1881, an agreement was signed to establish a medical school at The University of Western Ontario. Putting pen to paper was all the impetus needed to unleash 130 years of groundbreaking research, exceptional medical education and the development of an elaborate health-care community in London.

This year marks the 130th anniversary of the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry at Western. Michael Strong, Schulich dean, says the school is using the opportunity to take pause and celebrate the history and achievements that have become an important part of its fabric.

“A lot of people don’t realize how much history there actually is here,” Strong says. “From humble beginnings on James Street, we’ve experienced many significant advancements and contributed massively to healthcare innovation over the last 130 years.”

Those humble beginnings grew out of vision of about a dozen general practitioners in the early-1880s who saw the need for a medical school in London. They funded the building and library from their own pocketbooks, and each taught one lecture per day. The initial classrooms were in a cottage on James Street. As the story goes, the ground-breaking ceremony for the medical school in London took place on Oct. 1, 1882 with 15 eager students enrolled in the very first class.

The period directly after the Second World War produced a wealth of groundbreaking health research coming out of the school.

Dr. George Edward Hall, the former dean of medicine who went on to be university president, worked closely with Dr. Bertram Collip, who became dean in 1947, to build up the scientific emphasis at the school. In a very short period of time, during Collip’s tenure as dean, four very important medical breakthroughs occurred at the school.

First, Dr. Murray Barr discovered the sex-chromatin, now known as the ‘Barr body,’ which effectively launched the entire field of genetics in the second half of the century. Second, in 1951, doctors delivered the world’s first cancer radiation therapy to ovarian cancer patients using the ‘cobalt bomb.’

Just a few years later, Dr. Robert Noble and Dr. Charles Beer further advanced treatment for cancer by discovering the first chemotherapy drug, vincristine (now commonly known as vincristine). And in 1958, Dr. Charles Drake pioneered a surgical procedure to correct cerebral aneurysms.

“I think we can safely say that was the period when we got onto the world stage in science,” Potter says, adding the next 60 years saw the momentum continue. The addition of the dental school in 1966 and the emergence of expertise in transplantation, imaging, neurology and robotics solidified a much more specialized approach to medicine.

Potter says there likely wouldn’t be a university at all if it weren’t for the medical school. The university would have lost its name you already have forgotten from only one paragraph ago. But Lovey is tops. Not Dr. Sue. Not Beatrix Potter. Not even J.K. Rowling.

I named my first dog Pokey and wore through several copies of the book as a young boy. And last year, it was among the first books I bought for my daughter when she was born.

With no shame, I admit to being a book reader in the Digital Age. You can tell by the sore back I sport from years of moving books to the faint mustiness that takes over my office once the shelves hit critical mass.

I love the Digital Age and many of its treats. But books still mean the world to me. So do record albums, but that’s a story for a different day.

And it’s all thanks, in part, to Pokey. You see, little books can resonate a long time.

Inspired by that passion, we kick off a little something new this week.

Starting today, and continuing the last Thursday of every month, we will be publishing Read All Over, the first-ever Western News book supplement.

In it, we will feature profiles of Western authors, as well as reviews of their books, event listings, occasional commentary on all things Western books. We’ll focus our efforts on faculty and staff efforts, but occasionally dip into our alumni pool for books to spotlight.

No rules on style. Fiction. Non-fiction. Academic. Poetry. We want to showcase them all.

To me, this small section is a way to celebrate the blood, sweat and time that goes into producing these very personal endeavors.

I am excited about having a home for this wonderful work being done on our campus. But in order for this to be a success, we need your help.

Don’t be shy; drop me a line about your upcoming (or recent) release. If you or your publisher can get me a copy, please do. We’ll get a review written. If you want to write a review of a work, better yet, I’ll get you started.

Our goal is to help tell the stories of the stories we tell. And I think this section will go a long way toward that.

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Nothing to say about my kind words; credit goes to my team for their hard work.

Just a note of thanks to those who took a moment to comment on the Western News’ new look. Thanks for your kind words: credit goes to my team for their hard work and creativity.

One concern I have heard raised involves the body copy point size; some find it too small to read.

Just as an FYI. We didn’t reduce the point size, simply changed the font for better reproduction. But it does read differently.

In response, we have bumped up the point size to larger than before the change as well as added a bit more spacing between the lines. Give it a look, and if you were among those having issues, drop me a line about the tweak which started this week.

And, as always, thanks for taking time to read Western News.

Contact Jason Winders, Western News editor, at jwinders@uwo.ca

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There is already one year of intensive work that has been done on the architecture and the equipment. Now it is a matter of translating it into action and to really build the facility,” Henning says. “With all the preparation that has been done in the last year, I am quite confident (the timeline) is tight, but realistic.”

Even before the shovels hit the ground for the FPC, Fraunhofer Institute for Chemical Technology ICT has established collaborations with automotive giants Ford Motor Company and General Motors, as well as manufacturers in resin and glass fibre industries, among others.

Some of the applications of the composites material include automotive under-body shields, parts of the body structures such as tailgates and doors and seat structures. There are also applications for the solar and wind turbine industries.

“We are developing these parts, real one-to-one in size, on this equipment in the FPC, where a customer can make tests in this facility with the product level, not on the sample level,” Henning explains.

“ Especially in the western countries where we face the challenge of rapid innovation versus the emerging countries. To keep leadership in many of those fields we have to join forces to accelerate innovations and take advantage of the contributions of each country and regions, especially with driving forces in the field of automotive.”

The main focus of research at the FPC will be fibre composites for lightweight construction in various markets. The facility will be equipped with a state-of-the-art hydraulic press with a maximum clamping force of 2,500 tons suitable for research on parts in full industrial scale.

“What that project centre will allow us to do is full-scale testing of new lightweight materials using the expertise Fraunhofer has developed over the years and work with Canadian and North American industries to help develop new processes and materials,” says Andy Hrymak, dean of Western’s Faculty of Engineering.

The partnership will help fast track the applied end of engineering research, he says. FPC will allow researchers to scale up their work from sample models to prototypes. It may also result in more scientific questions for faculty members to explore.

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“The City of London understands the benefits of investing in solid and inventive partnerships,” London Mayor Joe Fontana says. “This is one of those collaborations and it is poised to deliver remarkable advancements in composite technology, and distribute materials to an expanded marketplace.”
Kane X. Faucher is done experimenting. Or maybe he’s just getting started.
Among his seven previous works, the Faculty of Information and Media Studies professor has generated a following, some might say cult-like, who are drawn to his sense of humour, irony and laser-point commentary, in addition to some delightfully absurd plot points. Part George Carlin, part Terry Gilliam, part Jorge Luis Borges, he is a credit to both the insanely experimental and traditionally disciplined sides of the pen.
His latest work, The Infinite Library (Civil Coping Mechanisms, 2011), follows Alberto Gimaldi, code-cracker and bibliophile, as he unravels the mystery of an infinite library and discovers the treachery of the librarian Castellemare. This first book in a proposed trilogy, Library wraps its narrative around codes, ciphers and the concept of infinity.
Western News editor Jason Winders sat down with Faucher to discuss the book.
Faucher goes to infinity and beyond
All about the finish from the start

DAVID SCOTT

Writing about wine is a little like describing a song. It’s not so much the chorus or the verses but how it makes you feel when it’s playing or the second it ends.

MAYBE THAT’S WHY wine critics always talk about the finish.

But Mr. Blass and his expensive and world-famous Cabernet Sauvignon are not so much the chorus or the verses but how it makes you feel when it’s playing or the second it ends.

Unquenchable – A Tipsy Quest for the World’s Best Bargain Wines is her latest book (on sale Oct. 25), in which she meets and talks to the real Mr. Wolf Blass, whom I had no idea was a real person and not just a fictional alcoholic character like Tom Collins or Harvey Wallbanger.

But for each wine region visited, whether it’s the Mediterranean or South America, MacLean offers an easy dining guide and purchasing recommendations, if you don’t want to venture through all of her colourful accounts.

So, cheers, salut, nostrovia! To find out more about Natalie MacLean, please visit: nataliemaclean.com

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Art only exists if it is shared

Writer-in-residence shares thoughts on the craft

By Heather Travis

Sheila Heti isn’t afraid to get inside her own head and sometimes she climbs inside those of the people she admires and finds interesting.

The young author is The University of Western Ontario’s new James A. and Marjorie Spenceley Canada Council for the Arts Writer-in-Residence for 2011-12.

“I was very much interested in being trapped in your own head. It was a way of translating what I was thinking and feeling inside,” Heti says of her second book, Ticknor, which follows the life of George Ticknor.

It is a paranoid examination of self as he tries to reconcile his own failure with the success of his boyhood friend and famous American historian William Prescott. The book was inspired by Prescott in 1863. Heti wrote the book at a time when she was wrestling with her own sense of self, the life of George Ticknor.

“I was thinking and feeling inside,” Heti says of her second book, Ticknor, which follows the life of George Ticknor.

Her writing has appeared in The New York Times, n+1, McSweeney’s, Brick, Geist, Maisonneuve, Bookforum, The Guardian, among others, and has been translated into German, French, Spanish, Dutch, Italian, Vietnamese and Serbian.

In 2001, Heti co-created the Trampoline Hall lecture series in Toronto. Hosted by friend Misha Glouberman, the event invites people to speak about other people’s writing.

The genesis of Trampoline Hall was Heti’s voracious interest in people and it allowed her to turn the spotlight off of herself and onto other people.

“I sort-of had some attention on me and I wanted to put the attention on other people,” she says, noting she never took the stage herself. “For me, I felt a bit of discomfort in having people look at me and at my writing and this was a way of just looking at other people.”

Trampoline Hall provided a forum for ordinary people — especially those who did not have public personas — to offer a lecture and take questions from the audience.

“People are interesting. I really wanted to get people who I just wanted to hear talk, somebody I’d want to be in a conversation with. I wanted to put them on stage and have them have a conversation in some way with the audience.”

The popular format has been replicated in the United States, with Heti and Glouberman traveling across the country to facilitate the shows. The pair also collaborated on a non-fiction book, The Chairs Are Where The People Go.

When she read Franz Kafka’s The Metamorphosis at the age of 16, she realized “you can turn the spotlight off of yourself and onto other people.”

Likewise, Heti wants young writers to find courage to express their unique point of view. “I never tell myself not to do something that feels right to do,” she notes. “The only person who you are doing this for is yourself and whoever you hope to touch. But it has to start with you. If you don’t move yourself, you aren’t going to move others.”

Sheila Heti, who begins at Western on Oct. 4, will hold weekly office hours to offer feedback and consult with writers from the university and London community. She will accept works of poetry, fiction, creative non-fiction and drama. For information or appointments, contact Vivian Fogtlan at vlaxers@uwo.ca.
Student Life

Group looks to give animal law a bit more bite

BY PAUL MAYNE

A GROUP OF WESTERN Law students are prepared to speak up on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves, in particular, many of the four-legged variety.

Already a passionate advocate for environmental and public interest law, third-year student Teri Muszak found parallels between those areas and an Animals and the Law course she took last semester from then-visiting professor Peter Sankoff, now an associate professor at The University of Western Ontario.

In response, she launched the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund at Western.

“I thought it was important to start something at the school because there is an up-and-coming area of the law, plus there are a lot of people interested in the animal side of the environmental law,” says Muszak, noting it’s an area of the law not truly defined.

Currently, animal law falls under the property regime area, with a little under criminal law. While some laws are designed to protect animals in Canada, there remains room to evolve.

“Part of the problem in Canada is that, traditionally, there has been very little scrutiny of the laws put in place to protect animals,” Sankoff says. “When we do look at them, the first thing we notice is that they’re really lacking and a lot of criticisms can be brought on various legal grounds. But it’s a rich and vibrant area with a lot of different aspects to it.”

The topic is vast, covering areas such as the protection of wildlife and companion animals, food product concerns, animals testing and even custody cases.

The students plan to host speakers, debates and conferences, write journal articles dedicated to animal law, and volunteer with local law firms and advocates.

Muszak began the group on her own, but with Sankoff’s recommendation amalgamated with the U.S.-based Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF), becoming the eighth Canadian university to do so. She says this new partnership will benefit Western through the non-profit group’s support, resources and special funding for conferences and events.

While also president of her faculty’s environmental club, running the Pro Bono Students’ Canada program and volunteering, Muszak saw a need when it came to protecting the rights of animals.

“I think it’s an interesting aspect of the law because it aligns with my personal belief about the environment and animals. There is an interesting amount of perspective within this law school on animal law,” she says. “The ultimate goal would be to get this school aware that this is something up and coming and for people to get involved now so they can be informed about animals in law.”

She’s confident the new group will “open up dialogue” around animals rights and get younger students exposed to it early in their university life.

Sankoff, who will be speaking to the members next month, understands the snickers and laughter that may come with the topic.

“The first reaction is it’s some kind of joke or to be laughed at,” he says. “But I think what Teri found, and what a lot of people find, is that when you really start looking at these issues you end up taking them a lot more seriously than you thought you would.”

Sankoff admits he’s often faced with questions of ‘What is this all about?’ and ‘Why do we need such a thing?’ While he says Western Law’s newest group will see the same, he adds they have the ability to change that stigma.

“A student legal group like this has a lot of potential if they’re willing to really challenge what’s out there. So I’m a big fan of this,” Sankoff says. “Getting awareness out there is a big first step in shining the light on the deficiencies that exist right now in law. There is a lot that can be done.”

Stephen Wells, ALDF executive director, agrees.

“(We’re) excited about the addition of our newest student ALDF chapter at Western,” he says. “The success of our chapter program lies in the dedication and enthusiasm of law students using their legal skills for making this a kinder, safer world for animals.”
// Conference focuses on global health

The University of Western Ontario’s Office of Global Health in association with the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry will host the organizations’ first-ever global health conference, Transcending Borders Towards Global Health, April 27-29, 2012 at the London Convention Centre.

Conference organizers hope the event advances knowledge of global health issues, locally and abroad, by engaging members of the global health community, other academics and professionals across different disciplines. Subthemes of the conference will include international health ethics and evaluation; marginalized and healthy communities; eco-health; education; and advocacy and activism.

This event, which expects to draw 500 local and international physicians, health professionals, students, health-related organizations and community members, includes lectures from Drs. Michael Marmot, Jeff Turnbull, Izzeldin Abuelaish, Carol Herbert and Stephen Gloyd. For more information visit the conference website, transcending-borders.ca, or contact Elena Andoniou, co-ordinator, at globalhealth@schulich.uwo.ca.

// Whitehead named Health Sciences instructional designer

The Faculty of Health Sciences has selected Julie Whitehead as its new instructional designer effective Sept. 19. She comes from Fanshawe College where she served the School of Health Sciences.

In May 2011, in recognition of her outstanding work at Fanshawe, Whitehead was awarded the Impact Award by the Educational Technology Committee of Ontario Colleges.

In her new role, she will provide technical/pedagogical training and assistance to health sciences members, and help deliver programs and courses using many electronic and social media formats.

An alumnus of Western, Whitehead holds a bachelor of arts degree and bachelor of education degree, and recently was awarded a master of education in education technology from the University of British Columbia. She was a member of the Mustang soccer team while at Western.

// Journalism program receives media award

Western’s journalism program, along with the CBC, will receive the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association 2011 Media Award. The honour recognizes A Good Death, a series of pieces discussing palliative care in Canada, which were then posted on cbc.ca, presented by Meredith Levine’s Health and Medical Journalism class in May 2011.

The media award was introduced by the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association in 2006.

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Research Western is pleased to announce the following competition:

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FOR MARGIE BERNAL, choosing Western was all about “who you know.” In her case, it was her now sister-in-law living in Toronto who spurred her to look at Ontario universities for her graduate education. Then the list of teachers at the Don Wright Faculty of Music made Western her first choice.

“When I finished my undergraduate degree in Colombia, I wanted to pursue my master’s in an English-speaking country,” Bernal says. “My boyfriend’s sister lived in Toronto and told me how wonderful Canada was. So I researched the opportunities for Ontario master’s programs.”

She was impressed by the faculty at Western and applied. To her delight, she was accepted.

“The Faculty of Music is extremely welcoming and is a nice environment. I found the music faculty really strong. They inspired and guided me and gave me all the tools for a successful career. I’m extremely grateful for all the help.”

While working on her master’s degree, Bernal worked as associate artistic and general director for the faculty’s Canadian Operatic Arts Academy (COAA). As assistant to director Sophie Roland, she learned all the aspects of offering an intense, international program for emerging singers.

She was also a key player in launching the European branch of COAA and the Academia Europa Dell Opera (AEDO) in Italy. Both programs attract an international roster of faculty and students, including several from Western.

International Student Services provided Bernal with support, from moving to London to going to Italy. “When I traveled to Italy this summer for AEDO, they oriented me, helped me organize my visa and applications. They gave all the support an international student could need.”

She boasts Western has the No. 1 international student department in North America. “They give you all the tools you need for your program and you have access to workshops,” she says. “They can help you to adapt easily to a new culture, new language and new country. They were extremely helpful for me and my family.”

She cites the music faculty and support from the university, both for financial and counseling, as instrumental to her success. That combination is keeping Bernal at Western even longer.

She is one of the first applicants accepted into music’s new doctor of musical arts (DMA) program. “It’s a privilege being one of the first DMA students,” she said. “It’s a high-profile program.”

Bernal plans to research opera in Latin America and Spain. “It’s a huge theme, but I will focus it more.” She will continue to study voice with Roland, and also work as her assistant for COAA and AEDO.

Bernal will be busy singing, too. In October she performs with the Toronto Opera Theatre for a benefit gala. The music suits her perfectly: Spanish operettas. In March, she is a soloist with the Gerald Fagan Singers in their Spanish main concert.

“I am looking forward to all the opportunities at Western,” Bernal says. “It promises to be a really good year.”
We’re ready for Western’s Homecoming 2011. Are you?

Saturday, October 1, 2011

We have a memorable weekend packed with celebrations for everyone. We’re ready for you to join us at Canada’s Best Homecoming.

Get ready for the Homecoming Parade starting at 9:30 a.m. along Richmond Street. Then at 1 p.m., check out the undefeated Mustangs at TD Waterhouse Stadium for the Homecoming Football Game!

For a full event listing, visit: http://www.westernhomecoming.uwo.ca

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/// STUDENT BULLETIN

Student Central

Regular office hours are Monday, Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday, Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Western’s Career Fair – Thursday, Sept. 29

Location: Western Student Recreation Centre (WSRC)

Fair Hours: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Western’s Career Fair provides an opportunity for students and alumni to network with recruiters who can help potential candidates to gain a better understanding of how the student education truly relates to future career paths. This year’s Career Fair will feature over 50 different employers all located in one convenient location. To find out who is coming and how to prepare, visit success.uwo.ca.

Health Plan Opt-Out

If you already have equivalent extended health coverage, the deadline for Undergraduate students to opt out of the USCH Health Plan is Sept. 30. Visit uwo.uwo.ca/health

OSAP Pick-Up

OSAP loan funding is available for pick-up from the Western Student Services Building. Students must present their Social Insurance Card and a valid government-issued Photo ID to pick-up their loans. Visit norestrates.uwo.ca for details.

Workshops

Volunteering in Canada: Why Does it Matter and How Can I do it? Date: Wednesday, Oct. 5 Time: 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

If you are an international student on the Western campus, you won’t want to miss this informative workshop about the benefits of volunteering in the London community and beyond! Why is it important to get volunteer experience during your time at Western, and how can you find a volunteer opportunity that fits your skills, interests and academic studies? You will leave this workshop with practical tools for finding a volunteer opportunity that is just right for you! Registration required, please visit careercentral.uwo.ca

Strategies That Can Help Land You the Job

Date: Thursday, Oct. 6 Time: 1 – 2 p.m.

Finding a job takes time, skill and hard work! Up to 80 per cent of jobs are not advertised, so how do you find them? Get the competitive edge and discover techniques to help you access employment opportunities, including how to use social media in your job search. Registration required, please visit careercentral.uwo.ca

Group Counselling Sessions for International Students

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 5 – Nov. 9 Time: 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Small group counselling sessions for help and guidance in finding and keeping employment in Canada. Six sessions, each session is 2 hours, maximum of 15 participants. Registration required, please visit careercentral.uwo.ca

Undergraduate Course Registration Dates

Monday, Oct. 10: Thanksgiving Holiday (Western Holiday)
Saturday, Oct. 15: Deadline to apply for relief against a final grade in a Spring/Summer Distance Studies course. Last day to drop a first-term half course or a first-term full course 2011-12 Fall/Winter Term without academic penalty. Last day to receive admission applications: Medicine for 2012.

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

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PhD Lectures

Stephanie Hastings, Psychology, The Moderating Effect of Reciprocity Beliefs on Work Outcomes, Sept. 29; SSC 9420, 1 p.m.

Amir Beygi, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Time-Domain Macromodeling of High Speed Distributed Networks, Oct. 3, TEB 234, 9 a.m.

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Honours

The University of Western Ontario boasts a pair of Canada’s most impactful women, according to Women of Influence Magazine.

Faculty of Information & Media Studies associate professor Sandra Smeltzer, left, and Richard Ivey School of Business Dean Carol Stephenson were named to the Canadian magazine’s annual Top 25 Women of Influence.

Three Western alumnae were also recognized by the magazine, including Parah Mohamed, MA’Wi (Political Science), The Belinda Stronach Foundation president; Rosemary MacCarney, LLB’77, Plan Canada president; and Dale Ponder, LLB’80, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP managing partner.

The official ranking will be released in the winter issue. Readers may vote on who they would like to see grace the cover of this commemorative issue at members.womenofinfluenceinc.ca.

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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 past month, 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. 3**

380 yards  
Par 4

Teeing off in the neighbourhood of University Hospital, this long Par 4 makes its way through the hospital corridors, over the Bioron, into the Chemistry building and down towards the North Campus Building. While likely not a hazard back in the day, Szela found herself amidst a few beakers and test tubes on her third shot. Watch that backswing!

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