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**Western News**

Huron helps rediscover the Promised Land

**By Heather Travis**

The written words of Rev. Thomas Hughes are transporting Huron University College students back in time to the anti-slavery movement in southwestern Ontario during the 1800s.

Students in the Historian’s Craft and the African-American History courses were teamed up to host an event Nov. 26 showcasing the community-based learning initiatives undertaken this semester, supported by the Promised Land Project.

The Promised Land Project is a five-year community-university research alliance, funded by the Social Science and Humanities Research Council.

Co-investigator Nina Reid-Marony says the goal is to recover the historical importance of black history in the Promised Land communities of Chatham-Kent as an unrecognized and central story in Canada’s past.

Investigators also want to draw attention to the current relevance of black history as a model of multiculturalism in a global age.

Members of Christ Church in Dresden, Ont. visited the university to meet with students and discuss the community’s past in helping African-Americans escape slavery.

The church was founded by Hughes in 1859 as a “Mission to Fugitive Slaves in Canada,” sponsored by the Church of England’s Colonial Church and School Society. This year is the 150th anniversary of the congregation.

“It’s great our church has such a history and is still around,” says congregation member Linda DeBurger, who visited Huron for the event.

When the church became involved in the project, Pat Highgate says “we weren’t sure what to expect and how it was going to go.

“We have learned a lot that we didn’t know before. There’s probably still a lot to learn.”

Students from the Historian’s Craft course highlighted their work digitizing and transcribing the diary of Hughes. The diary is a fragile manuscript volume that dates back to 1860 and the diary project is a partnership between Huron students, the Promised Land Project and the Diocese of Huron Archives.

“Hughes worked among some of the most prominent black abolitionist families of the period, and wrote freely about racial difference, class tensions, and his belief that slavery and racial prejudice were the deepest evils of the age,” says Reid-Maroney, Assistant Professor in Huron’s Department of History, who also grew up in the Dresden area.

“The diary project has helped us see the links between Canadian and American history. There is immediacy to the material that makes those ideological and intellectual connections come to life, and helps students recognize that black communities in Canada were more than the ‘end of the underground railroad’ – they were part of a trans-Atlantic culture of opposition to slavery.

“There is much in the story of the Dresden mission that can complicate and enrich our understanding of Canada’s anti-slavery culture,” she adds.

The diary project is close to Huron’s heart. Founder Benjamin Cronyn and Isaac Hellmuth, Huron’s first principal, were directly involved in the “Mission to Fugitive Slaves” in Dresden.

**Promised Land Project**

- A five-year period (2007-2012) to study the role and evolution of the early black settlements in the Chatham-Kent area, a largely unexplored contribution to the Canadian experience.
- At Canada’s birth in 1867, the sixth largest population group was peoples of African descent.
- The Promised Land communities in the 1800s were the centre of a culture of anti-slavery activism that drew upon interracial support and forged links of freedom between Canada, the United States and Britain.
- In the 20th century, the same communities became the birthplace of Canada’s modern civil rights movement.

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Thousands receive accessibility training

**By Paul Mayne**

More than 3,000 leaders and staff have received training to ensure the campus meets expectations of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) that kicks in Jan. 1.

The new act is being rolled out in several waves, the first being dedicated to customer service.

The customer service standard stipulates all leaders and any staff who interact with students, alumni, retirees or visitors understand how to take a person’s disability into account.

Training includes a review of the act and information about interacting with people who use an assistive device, a service animal or a support person; using equipment or devices in assisting a person with a disability; and what to do if there’s difficulty accessing a Western service.

So far, training has included a two- or three-hour workshop, depending on the employee’s position as staff or leader.

Western must be in compliance by Jan. 1, while private sector organizations (including unions) have until 2012.

“Our training program is well underway,” says Gitta Kuczynski, Vice-President (Resources and Operations), speaking at the Nov. 25 Board of Governors meeting. University leaders have concluded their training, while staff training continues until Dec. 9.

“We are encouraging suggestions from all involved to help us develop guidelines and help us think about how we work when it comes to accessibility.”

Specific consideration will be given to welcoming persons with disabilities who use a service animal, assistive devices or a support person. There are some limitations, such as not allowing service animals into areas where animals are prohibited by law (e.g. health or safety reasons), but Western promises to find alternatives.

As well, the university will provide notice when there’s a planned or unexpected disruption affecting facilities or services used by people with disabilities. The notice will be placed in relevant locations and, when appropriate, on the accessibility website at accessibility.uwo.ca.

The university also says it will provide training on an ongoing basis to faculty and staff members, contractors, volunteers and others who interact with members of the public.

Feedback about the way Western provides services to persons with disabilities is encouraged by visiting accessibility.uwo.ca/feedback.htm.
After devoting the better part of forty years to his chosen profession and to The University of Western Ontario, Walter Zimmerman will retire from his career as an academic librarian later this month. The Faculty of Information and Media Studies and Western Libraries are delighted to invite members of the Western community to attend Walter Zimmerman’s Last Lecture, an event to mark the occasion of Walter’s retirement. Faculty, students, colleagues and friends are invited to listen to Walter share his most memorable moments and lessons learned, as well as parting thoughts on the ever-changing nature and role of academic libraries and librarianship.

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North Campus Building, Room 113
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School of Rock? The four members of London rock band The UnderCovers, Mark Doyle, Rob Berlingieri, Andrew Hines and Barry Minty are graduates of The University of Western Ontario.

Lecturer by day, rock star by night

By S. M. Di Lonardo

What hides under the cover of the suit-wearing lecturer standing before your morning business class? The same man you will later see performing your favourite songs down at the club, The Barking Frog.

University of Western Ontario lecturer Andrew Hines is a business teacher by day and a rock star by night.

Hines, 23, is the lead singer and guitarist for local band The UnderCovers. As a Richard Ivey School of Business graduate, Hines utilizes his degree by lecturing first-year business students. However, teaching is not in his long-term career plan.

“My contract is over at the end of this year. I love teaching, but ultimately I want to go out and do something on my own and see where it takes me. Maybe I’ll come back to teaching in the long run.”

Hoping his career journey will lead to a job that allows him to make music more than just a pass-the-time passion, Hines says, “I want to be in the music industry, or at least around it… I’m on YouTube every moment I get, looking up new bands. I just find the whole scene so interesting.”

For now, Hines combines his passion for music with his love for teaching by beginning each lecture with songs from his favourite artists, many of whom appear on the band’s set-list. The band plays mainly covers, including rock, rock alternative, and classic rock. The set list includes Green Day, Blur, Our Lady Peace, Red Hot Chili Peppers, The Foo Fighters, The Tragically Hip, Stone Temple Pilots, Franz Ferdinand, The Killers, Kings Of Leon, Lynard


When the band began playing they only played covers and that’s how they got their name – The UnderCovers.

“We thought it was clever at the time, and suggested that there was something ‘under the covers’ of The UnderCovers,” says Hines. But now that the band has progressed they have begun to write their own songs. They have one original track and hope to write many more.

Hines has set high standards for himself when it comes to music and gets his motivation from legendary guitarist, Jimi Hendrix. “I’ve kind of set my own personal goal to be a better guitarist than him and be more like him. It’s my current aspiration,” Hines says.

Passion isn’t enough to be successful in the music industry; you need time, dedication, and practice. While members of The UnderCovers are dedicated to their music, time remains a challenge. “It’s very stressful at times because each band member runs on different schedules, so finding a time to practice together can be very difficult. [That being said], it is enjoyable, and we have gone through many things to get where we are,” says Hines when asked about the current challenges his band faces.

In the meantime, Hines balances the challenges in his own life, trying to balance both lecturing and music. Although lecturing may not be part of his immediate future, it’s still something he enjoys very much. He loves teaching, especially in a university setting where he basically “gets to walk into class and have a conversation” with the students. Teaching allows him to meet interesting people and also make an impact on a student’s life.

Hines isn’t the only member of The UnderCovers to grace the halls of Western. In fact, fellow band members Barry Minty, 23, bass; Mike Doyle, 25, guitar; and Rob Berlingieri, 23, guitar are all graduates. The band has been playing together for five years, with the exception of Doyle, who joined the band three years in.

They play Friday and Sunday nights at The Barking Frog on Richmond Street.

Being a professor and a musician can be a challenge but Hines has mastered the juggling act.

“It’s a daily struggle trying to balance teaching and having a personal life. I’m proud of the fact that I can now do both, whereas before I found it nearly impossible.”

The writer is an undergraduate student in psychology.
Expanded grad targets critical to funding

Faculties urged to develop new, innovative programs

By Heather Travis

If graduate enrolment targets set by the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities are not met by the 2011-12 deadline, The University of Western Ontario will miss out on millions of funding dollars.

Western is shifting its graduate recruitment strategy to make sure provincial money allocated for graduate expansion doesn’t go untapped.

“Basically it would mean we would forfeit new monies coming in to the university,” says Linda Miller, Vice-Provost, School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies at Western.

Miller says the university is on track to meet the enrolment projections set by the faculties as part of their annual planning process. These projections, however, fail to include issues related to the ministry’s funding for graduate expansion.

In the spring, Western was given a second set of enrolment expansion targets, providing a new allotment of funding from the ministry for extra spaces. However, the university based its current graduate expansion on the original funding allocation.

Based on the numbers in last year’s planning process, the faculties would likely reach targets for master’s student enrolment, but fall short for PhD students by about 75 full-time spots. The faculties are revising projections to examine opportunities for growth.

“The faculty targets that they set for the first round of expansion were pretty much consistent with what the ministry allocations were for any expansion. But the second round that the ministry has given us is a little bit more challenging,” Miller says. “To what extent our faculty targets have been tracking toward,” says Miller.

“Given that there is expansion money attached to the ministry allocations, we’d really like to hit the ministry’s targets because that’s the only new real monies coming in to universities.”

The second-round ministry allocation to Western included funding for an additional 230 PhD and 274 master’s spaces.

Each new graduate student spot allocated by the ministry is worth about $13,380 and each doctoral spot is worth $26,418. The ministry typically funds students for up to two years in a master’s program and four years in a PhD program.

“The bottom line is there really is a lot of money attached to this,” she says.

Looking at the impact on the faculty budgets for 2009-10, Miller says “in terms of what their targets are and the money they would bring in to their faculty that is attached to graduate expansion totals about $17 million across the campus. So, it is not insignificant money.”

“Money provided by the ministry for master’s and PhD students, the majority of the money goes to the faculties ($11,250 for every master’s student and $21,500 per PhD student). The funding is often used for scholarshipships and to support graduate program growth through staff and teaching assistant positions.”

As of the Nov. 1 head count, Miller says “we were actually in a really good place in terms of PhD enrolments. We were pretty much on target with what the faculties had set as their enrolment plans ... master’s numbers were a bit low.”

There are currently 2,648 master’s students (2,440 domestic) and 1,771 doctoral students (1,345 domestic) at Western.

Although these numbers are low, Miller is not concerned.

“Western has a lot of one-year master’s programs, which are easier to recruit for than four-year PhD programs which require a longer commitment, she says. As well, PhD students are funded at a higher rate, making it more critical to meet these targets.

With only two academic years remaining, it’s just chance that facul- ties have to act quickly to implement new strategies for expansion. Faculties are being encouraged to get creative and to consider the development of new, innovative graduate programs.

To meet funding targets, the university must bring in about 260 new domestic PhD students each year. Although desirable to have a balance of international students in graduate programs, the ministry does not provide funding for them.

Based on feedback from a recent survey, Western is abandoning the large showcase or open house graduate recruitment initiatives in favour of a targeted faculty and program recruit- ment.

The university is also increasing its presence at conferences where senior undergraduates will be attending.

“We do need to take it seriously because this is the only real, guaranteed money that we have coming in from the ministry for the next couple of years so we don’t want to miss this opportunity. But we can use this to our advantage and target the programs in novel areas that really do make us stand out from other universities,” says Miller.

Hands-on partnership tackles wastewater issues

By Paul Mayne

The University of Western Ontario will join with Trojan Technologies and the City of London to develop a Wastewater Treatment Technology Centre, a unique test-bed facility for researchers.

The city has donated land valued at $1 million adjacent to Greenway Pollution Control Plant, and will wave application fees and charges in the first of two phases of the construction project.

Initial design and construction of the research facility, budgeted at $7 million, will put into place the necessary pipe and structure for Western and Trojan scientists and engineers to pursue industrial scale-up testing of new wastewater treatment technologies.

Western is contributing $100,000 for a business plan and planning the $1 million cost with Trojan for special UV equipment, with completion expected by March 31, 2010.

Ted Hewitt, Vice-President (Research & International Relations), says Western has researchers across several disciplines studying water and wastewater treatment, one of the main study areas in the Faculty of Engineering’s new Claudette MacKay-Lassonde Pavilion.

“It’s a key research area for us and Trojan is an excellent partner and it gives our researchers an opportunity to get their hands dirty,” says Hewitt, adding the planned facility will be one-of-a-kind.

“What they’re talking about doing is research on new technologies for water treatment and wastewater treatment in real time at real sewage flows, which currently can’t be done anywhere,” says Hewitt. “This facility does not currently exist anywhere in the world.”

Hewitt expects the facility to act as a training site for students, and there may be classroom space available.

This project needs to move ahead quickly to seek additional funding for the initial phase. The three partners are looking for $3.5 million in federal development funding.

The second phase, estimated at $13 million, would create a comprehensive technology development and research facility, including advanced laboratory facilities, training facilities and full-scale pilot testing facilities.

The project would then require about $9 million in government funding, the balance coming from Western and Trojan. Completion date is planned for spring 2011.

Vic Cote, General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services with the city, says the problem of wet weather overflows has being building over a number of decades and will take the same amount of time to repair.

Conventional technology gets overwhelmed in major storm events. Cote hopes new technologies created by the centre can reduce the city’s need for energy, chemicals and its carbon footprint of day-to-day operations.

“We have the private sector partner in Trojan, a growing company,” says Cote. “This is a partnership applied, on the ground, and moving. On the economic development front we have had a lot of partnerships, but this is a much more aggressive approach.”

Trojan Technologies will be the anchor tenant, but the facility will provide access to other indu- strial, governmental, and non-governmental organizations to attract experts internationally and train the next generation of wastewater treatment experts and companies.

Food Drive Goal

Mustangs women's hockey goalie Jessica Ulrich makes a great save as she helps kick off the annual Western Cares Food Drive, in conjunction with the citywide Business Cares Food Drive. Last year, Western and its affili- ated colleges helped the citywide drive collect a record 80 tons of food (161,000 pounds). Collection points for Western's food drive are located in 32 buildings across campus.

Partners & contributions - Phase 1

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Total Phase 1 cost $7 million
Huron University College is prepared to lift a 3 a.m. curfew for male visitors in women’s residences. Overnight guests of the opposite sex remain prohibited in male or female residences.

Engineering Class of ’82 dressed up the Cronyn Observatory dome as Santa Claus. Engineers said this represents a new concept of non-destructive vandalism.

President George Connell receives a letter from Dr. John S. Winder suggesting a central barricade along Western Road to prevent joggers from crossing the road rather than using purpose-built underpasses.

Second annual Folk-o-teq was hosted at the UCC. Many countries’ folk dances were represented by traditionally costumed students.

“Shampoo - Cut - Style” service cost $6 (sale ended Dec. 20)

Feature by Alan Noon (anoon@uwo.ca)                 London Free Press Collection/Western Archives

A highlight during the Brescia University College annual reunion was a tour of the Marie Bosier Wing of the College named in honor of Sister Marie, Dean of the College from 1956-63. Two residence floors accommodate 54 students while the main floor contains three home economics laboratories.

A reduced schedule is in effect for the winter months.

The Ontario government recently concluded that U.S. colleges and universities with foreign students will ensure we can compete for the world’s best and brightest students — and help Canada gain a global advantage in the search for talent as economic growth resumes.

This excerpt is from the report: Navigating through the recovery, released last week by the Task Force on Competitiveness, Productivity and Economic Progress.

Download the report from: competeprosper.ca/index.php/work/annual_reports/annual_report/8/
**PUBLIC SPACE**

**Literacy begins with a book for every child**

By Erica Olmstead

In support of the 18th annual A Book For Every Child campaign, which runs until Dec. 19, The Book Store at Western is raising money and donating books to children in need.

Last year The Book Store raised more than $5,000 for the charity, and $2,000 has been raised so far this year.

Bookseller Lotte Huxley is leading the way in fundraising and collecting donations from the campus community. Though modest about her achievements for the program at The Book Store, Huxley is passionate about promoting literacy in youth.

“A Book For Every Child puts books in the hands of children who would never receive a book,” says Huxley, emphasizing the opportunity the program provides “every child should learn to read.”

Huxley, who grew up with dyslexia, had difficulty learning to read and understands the impact a book can have in a child’s life. Throughout the year, Huxley gathers donations of money and textbooks at The Book Store; at Christmas time, the money is counted and children’s books are selected for donation.

To support the 2009 campaign, The Book Store is offering 20 per cent off children’s books, which are left at the store and delivered to several agencies who work with families who are in need in London. The Book Store is also accepting monetary donations during the Holiday Sale Dec. 9 -24.

Celebrity gift wrappers, including University President Amit Chakma; University Students’ Council President Emily Rowe; Vice-President (Resources & Operations) Gitta Kulczycki; Associate Vice-President, Housing & Ancillary Services Susan Grindrod; Director of Sports and Recreation Services Therese Quigley; and J.W., Western’s mascot, will be on hand to wrap gift purchases at noon during the Holiday Sale on Dec. 9. Campus-wide support for A Book For Every Child shows Western’s commitment to literacy and involvement in the community.

Delilah Cummings, Program Co-ordinator at the London Public Library, says The Book Store has always been a major supporter of the program. The program strives to meet demands with high quality books, while engaging the community in understanding the importance of getting great books to children.

“Access to reading materials is a major part in becoming literate. There are thousands of kids in London who don’t own any books. It should be the right of children to have access to books,” says Cummings.

A Book For Every Child was established in 1992 to promote literacy and support children in the community. The program accepts donations year-round and ensures the books always go as gifts to individual children.

**Finding connections to town’s past**

Continued from page 1

History and Jewish Studies student Jordan Korn says the African-American History course has helped bridge the gap between the university and the wider community.

“We are very happy to learn from and share our experience with the community,” he says, adding the course helped “bring to light the role Canadians had in the abolitionist movement.”

Often such community history is unknown to those living outside the area.

“A lot has been lost and it’s not just the project’s job, but the community’s job to discover it and bring it to life,” says Devan Andrews, community co-ordinator for the project.

“I’m learning a lot about the abolitionist movement,” says Christ Church congregation member Kathy Brown. “I am interested in finding out where the connections are.”

The Promised Land Project is in the third year of a five-year mandate, and will be holding its third annual public symposium and report to the community in March 2010 at the University of Windsor. The first collected volume of essays is due out next year (University of Ottawa Press).

The community partners include the Dresden Community Development Association, the Municipal Library Dresden (Grantham-Kent) and Uncle Tom’s Cabin Historic Site. Investigators also have community-based learning partners with the Diocese of Huron Archives, the Essex County Black Historical Research Society, Beth Emanuel Church, London, and the Lambton-Kent District School Board.

More information on the Promised Land Project is available at lamacs.arts.uottawa.ca/plp.htm.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

MORE COMMUTING HELP NEEDED

I don’t think Western is doing everything it can during this time of a public transit strike. Using the (Western Community Van) service as a way to get to and from school would be great if it served all areas of London. The closest stop near my house would be the Valu-Mart grocery store on Oxford Street East but I live way south of that pick-up location.

Sure I may be able to find a way there once in a while during the week but what am I supposed to do for the other days - walk a half hour with a 10-15 pound backpack on my shoulders at 7 a.m.?

And what if I have to stay at school late? Do I risk getting jumped or assaulted on my walk home from Valu-Mart? I wonder who would be responsible if anything were to happen to students? With the Flag A Ride program basically students can get rides from strangers while walking to the university? I wouldn’t even think about that option for my own safety.

It was nice of Brescia to not enforce parking for the first three days but, of course, after the three days parking costs went back up to $5 a day. It is ridiculous that Brescia students pay $5 a day compared to those at King’s or the main campus who pay $4 a day. Either way the university should be helping students out. Why did we pay over $5,800?

Maybe some of the money from the new Ivey building could have been shared with those who cannot take a van or want to risk getting in a car with a complete stranger. The very least the university could be doing is allowing students to mark for free or give out parking passes for a lower cost than $5 a day.

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**The writer is a third-year student in MIT doing a communications internship with Western Retail Services.**

Members of Christ Church congregation in Dresden, Ont., Tom DeBurger, Linda DeBurger, Pat Highgate and Kathy Brown, visited Huron University College to learn how church founder Rev. Thomas Hughes was involved in the abolitionist movement of the 1800s. Details showcased at the event are part of the Promised Land Project.
IN PROFILE: NEW FACULTY

On taking the road less travelled

By Jess Brady

David Sparling has worn a lot of hats in his life and often more than one at a time.

He’s currently wearing two at The University of Western Ontario as he becomes one of the newest faculty members at the Richard Ivey School of Business. Not only is he a professor, but he’s also the chair of Agri-Food Innovation and Regulation.

Doing double duty is nothing new to Sparling. For most of his professional life he’s kept himself busy with development projects for business, the farming industry as well as his teaching. At one point during his career he juggled academics and being the chairman of the board for an agri-business insurance company. Later while working at the University of Guelph he ran a bio-tech company.

“That was the busiest I’ve ever been in my life,” says the 57-year-old Sparling with a laugh. Sparling is still busy, as on top of handling his chair duties he’s teaching two classes this year, one in operations management and the other in developing and managing technology. “I love teaching,” he says, adding he is happy with the opportunity to get into the classroom.

Teaching wasn’t always part of his plan, though. Throughout his undergraduate years studying biology at Queen’s University in his hometown of Kingston, Ont., Sparling never contemplated being a professor. “That (teaching) was cool and people did it, but I didn’t see myself doing it.” It was while Sparling was earning an MBA from Wilfrid Laurier University that he realized teaching was something he wanted to do. He says he loved learning and the combination with business was the right fit.

So, inspired by his own educational experience, Sparling added another hat to his collection. He started working towards a PhD from McMaster University in operations management, all the while running his family’s poultry farm just south of Cambridge, Ont. with his wife Jane and their four children.

From then on there was no turning back. Sparling went on to teach at the University of Guelph in the department of business and became an associate dean of research and graduate studies until this year.

He also worked for a time in Australia as a professor at the University of Melbourne and taught in Sydney at the Australian Graduate School of Management.

Sparling says he’s taken a less traditional route than most academics by involving himself with running different companies and groups while continuing to teach. “All of that actually gave me all the background to be prepared for this position (at Western),” he says.

Sparling has a reputation for taking less traditional routes. Pamela Laughland, a research assistant who has worked with Sparling for the past six years, says he is known for questioning the status quo and pushing to find new ways of doing things and solving problems. “Dave’s very much a ‘why not?’ person,” she says.

Laughland, describing Sparling as candid and genuine, says when he is working on projects, he will ask, “What can we do to make this work?” Sparling encourages people to get involved with projects that interest them and he told her to go after opportunities that came her way, she says.

Sparling seems to follow his own advice about not passing up opportunities. His recent move to Ivey is one example.

“This position was everything that is ‘me,’” he says, citing the balance his role at Western strikes between teaching and doing the research and policy development he loves. “I always tell people to look for opportunities and, if they look interesting, then chase them. You never know where you’ll end up.”

The writer is a master’s student studying journalism.
Western rewards its super-achievers

By Heather Travis

S aumya Saxena feels like a giant weight has been lifted off her shoulders. A bright and outgoing student, she spent much of her time volunteering in the community during high school. But as someone who gave so much of herself, Saxena wasn’t sure how she would pay for post-secondary education, having been left to finance her own academic future.

Saxena’s hard work and community commitments paid off in the form of the Richard and Jean Ivey Family Entrance Scholarship. She was one of 10 University of Western Ontario National Scholarship recipients honoured at a reception at Gibbons Lodge on Nov. 25.

Having immigrated to Canada from India when she was three years old, Saxena was instilled with a passion for multiculturalism. The first-year Health Science student ran a cultures club in high school and was involved in fundraising for Child Haven International, a charity assisting children and women in developing countries in need of food, education, health care, shelter, clothing, emotional and moral support.

“I want to stay involved in the community and promote multiculturalism,” she says, noting the scholarship “has been a massive support.”

Tristan Neill, a first-year Arts and Humanities student, is able to focus on his studies, rather than worry about getting a part-time job thanks to the D.C. Williams President’s Entrance Scholarship.

“It’s definitely a benefit,” he says. “It will give me more freedom to pursue other things. I can do more volunteering and be more involved.”

Like many of the scholarship recipients, first-year Media, Information and Technoculture student Shelby Gobbo would be considered by many to be an over-achiever.

“I was involved in everything, whether it was student council president, arts and sports,” she says, adding she also volunteered in the community and started a 4-H club in the city of Sudbury. Gobbo received the Faculty Entrance Scholarship.

The mounting list of accolades for each of the recipients highlights why they are deserving of the scholarships, says Western President Amit Chakma.

“We are very proud of you because you make us look good,” he joked. “Over the last decade we have turned ourselves into the place all bright students come to. “We know you will succeed at Western because you have already demonstrated you can succeed.”

The National Scholarship program began at Western in 1988. The recipients were given a plaque and were joined at the event by their upper year peers. Scholarship supporters Richard ‘Dick’ Ivey and family and William (Bill) Fyfe were in attendance.

Other scholarship recipients are:

- Nicole Askin – F.K. Ashbaugh Entrance Scholarship
- Serina Zheng – Clifford von Ruster Entrance Scholarship
- Randa Stringer – W.S. Fyfe Faculty of Science Entrance Scholarship
- Jasmine Irwin – Faculty Entrance Scholarship
- Claire Flatman – Faculty Entrance Scholarship
- Deborah Boswell – Faculty Entrance Scholarship
- Xiaoye (Simon) Yin – Beryl Ivey Continuing Entrance Scholarship

Former Faculty of Science dean and scholarship supporter William (Bill) Fyfe, left, trades stories with Western President Amit Chakma and first-year Science student and scholarship recipient Randa Stringer during a reception held at Gibbons Lodge for National Scholarship recipients.

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‘Teaching’ universities proposed for Ontario

By Anthea Rowe

The current model of post-secondary education is unsustainable, according to a new book proposing a greater focus on teaching, three-year undergraduate degrees and creation of an ‘open university.’

Academic Transformation: The Forces Reshaping Higher Education in Ontario was written by four Ontario experts on the post-secondary system, including Greg Moran, a professor of developmental and clinical psychology at the University of Western Ontario.

Co-authored by Jan D. Clark (University of Toronto), Michael Skolnik (University of Toronto) and David Trick (consultant and former CEO and Vice Provost, University of Guelph-Humber), the book identifies key problems facing Ontario’s post-secondary institutions and proposes reforms that would dramatically alter the post-secondary landscape over the next 10 to 20 years.

“The government needs to take a step back and examine what its goals are with respect to university education,” says Moran, who served as Western’s Provost and Vice-President (Academic) from 1995 to 2005.

“In the absence of action, I fear we’re going to experience a decline of what I consider one of the best education systems in the world.”

University enrollment has grown from approximately seven per cent of the population in 1965 to nearly 35 per cent today. However, Ontario currently relies on research-focused universities – the most expensive type of post-secondary institution – to provide undergraduate education to this growing, increasingly diverse, student body.

“Although the per-unit cost of baccalaureate subjects would increase, the net cost to individuals and institutions would decrease,” says Moran.

“And the pay-off would be immeasurably more valuable.”

The authors also suggest Ontario establish an ‘open university.’ In an open university, admission to programs and courses is based on students’ needs and aspirations rather than previous academic achievements.

“In addition to providing flexible online and distance learning opportunities, open universities could enable more college graduates to complete university degrees.”

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The book evolved out of work proposed separately to the authors by the Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario to identify and examine the challenges facing the province’s academic sector over the next 10 years.

They quickly discovered their research findings were interrelated, so they compiled their work into a single comprehensive report for the council. The report then led to the book.

The Higher Education Quality Council represents a positive outcome of the Rae Report. It is an independent body operated at arm’s length from the ministry responsible for developing and overseeing post-secondary policy.

UWOFA awards scholarships to undergrads

By Heather Travis

Thirty-seven undergraduate students were awarded scholarships from the University of Western Ontario Faculty Association Scholarship Fund in November. The Faculty Association Scholarship Fund was developed in recognition of the association’s long-time commitment to the quality of undergraduate education. Each recipient demonstrated outstanding academic performance in the previous year.

The scholarships are distributed among the various faculties of the university in proportion to their enrolments. The scholarships are funded by UWOFA members through membership dues.

UWOFA is the only faculty association in Canada with a scholarship program of this kind and scope. Scholarships were first granted in 1971.

A reception honouring the 2008-09 recipients was held at Michael’s Garden. This year’s scholarship recipients are:

**ARTS AND HUMANITIES**
- Jordan Lavi
- Matthew Leisinger
- Jade Sharp

**EDUCATION**
- Rachel Quinton
- Melissa Symons

**ENGINEERING**
- Ryan Fox
- Derek Gateman
- Amar Zebian

**HEALTH SCIENCES**
- Marcin Badowski
- Ethan Cassidy
- Natalie Roach
- Amanda Rosenblum

**INFORMATION AND MEDIA STUDIES**
- Katherine Hoad-Reddick

**LAW**
- Philippe Cowle

**SCHULICH SCHOOL OF MEDICINE & DENTISTRY**
- Rebecca Rappaport (Medicine - J.A.P. Stevenson Memorial Scholarship)
- Stephanie Dobney (Dentistry)

**SOCIAL SCIENCE**
- Kevin Akoaka
- Laura Booth
- Peige Deslauriers
- Chung Lao
- Lisa Mark
- Victoria Rodrigues (The G. Edward Ebanks Scholarship for Sociology)
- David To
- Catherine Villar (Part-time Student Scholarship)
- Graeme Young (The W. Balderton Memorial Scholarship of History)

**PAST PRESIDENT’S AWARD**
- Mike Carroll (Sociology)
- Amanda Vandenbogaard

**MUSIC**
- Lucy Yu Yin Ling

**SCIENCE**
- Mathew Abado
- Rooci Arora
- Rajesh Bhayana
- Gloria Jacobson (Part-time Student Scholarship)
- Jonathan Parf
- Rafael Schullin
- Joseph Sadek (The Allan Heinicke Memorial Scholarship)

Faculty Association Scholarship recipients Ryan Fox, second-year Electrical Engineering student, and Amar Zebian, third-year Computer Engineering student, speak with UWOFA president Darnell, centre, at the scholarship reception at Michael’s Garden Monday.

**HEATHER TRAVIS, WESTERN NEWS**

Board sets out investment strategies

By Paul Mayne

The University of Western Ontario will take a “best-in-class” approach to socially responsibly investment (SRI) portfolios, and will not use negative screening or exclusion of specific companies.

Taking all competing firms in an industry and ranking them in terms of their environmental, social, governance, and ethical performance (ESG), the university will choose its portfolio to be tilted towards strong ‘social’ performers, with gains from this active strategy offset by the cost of reduced diversification.

In 2008, the Board of Governors Investment Committee was asked to investigate opportunities with respect to social responsibility investment funds.

Socially responsible investing has been addressed by the Investment Committee on a number of occasions. In these most recent discussions, the committee has reviewed what is happening in the industry and within other institutions.

Investing

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Huron University College has again surpassed expectations with this year’s United Way campaign efforts, raising the largest total in the school’s 146-year history.

Following-up on last year’s record total of $6,600, the 2009 campaign exceeded its goal of $7,000, with $7,883, much to the excitement of campaign co-ordinator Reverend Canon William Clift.

“It’s the staff and faculty that have done this,” says Clift, noting with approximately 100 employees, one capita result of $78 is tremendous.

“There they have an understanding of the need that’s out there and are truly interested in helping others.”

Western’s United Way campaign is now entering its ‘quiet phase’, with no more reporting on the campaign total until the overall announcement in late January.

As of Dec. 3, the campaign sits at 76 per cent, or $419,000 of the $550,000 goal.

**HURON TOPS UW TARGET**

**ERIC WRIGHT, WESTERN NEWS**

By Heather Travis

Herbert lauded as exceptional role model

By Heather Travis

Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry Dean Carol Herbert has received an international award for excellence for her support of women in medicine, dentistry and the health profession.

Herbert has been named the 2009 recipient of the Society for Executive Leadership in Acaademic Medicine (SELAM) International Award for Excellence.

A reception to honour Herbert was held at Michael’s Garden on Nov. 25. The award was presented in November at the Association of American Medical Colleges annual meeting in Boston.

“It is a given that we should support and nurture all faculty members to reach their potential. However, I believe we must actively encourage women faculty to see themselves as leaders and to take opportunities to develop their leadership skills.”

In her letter of support, Judith Belle Brown, Chair, Master of Clinical Science and PhD Programs in Family Medicine, says: “Dr. Herbert is a patient-centred, empathetic and extremely competent clinician. She has been a champion of marginalized populations such as our Aboriginal peoples and abused women from both a clinical and research perspective.

“Dr. Herbert transmits her passion for medicine and excellent clinical skills to her students in a manner that is always learner-centred.”

Similarly, Dr. Michael N. Lehman, Professor and Chair, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, says Herbert has been a role model for other administrators at Western.

Affiliated with the Association of American Medical Colleges, SELAM is committed to the advancement and promotion of women to executive positions in academic health professions.

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**ERIC WRIGHT, WESTERN NEWS**
FOUNDER’S DAY
Huron University College will celebrate Founder’s Day on Dec. 4, marking its founding 146 years ago. Activities include a meeting of the college corporation, followed by the annual celebratory dinner in the Kingsmill Room. Invited guests include all Huron faculty and staff, members of the corporation, executive board and friends of the Huron community. Two long-time supporters will be made HonoraryLifetime Members: Chris Jones Harris, Vice-President of Jones Packaging and former Chair of Huron’s Executive Board; and Keith Summer, former President of Huron’s Foundation.

MCMULLIN
ACTING DEAN
Julie McMullin will serve as Acting Dean of the Faculty of Social Science while Brian Timney takes a six-month study leave beginning Jan. 1. McMullin, currently Associate Dean (Research and Operations) and an associate professor in the Department of Sociology, previously served as Acting Dean in 2007. She is Director of the Workforce Aging in the New Economy Centre.

GOT SPIRIT
The School of Occupational Therapy has won the 2009 “gOT SPIRIT?” Challenge, organized to create awareness during OT month in October 2009. Western’s group generated radio interviews, held community mall-walking events, had a Twitter feed and other events.

LIBRARIAN ANTICS
The Librarians Without Borders student committee is selling a “Librarians Letting Loose” 2010 calendar to raise funds for a school library in El Humo, Costa Rica. In April students from the Library and Information Science program will travel to El Humo to set up the village’s first library. The calendar features photos of library school students breaking traditional library rules at local libraries. Pre-order at $20 by e-mail at lwbatuwo@gmail.com. Preview at org.fims.uwo.ca/lwb/fund/calendars.html.

POLITICAL SCIENTIST
ATTENDS CLIMATE CONFERENCE
Radoslav Dimitrov, an associate professor in the Department of Political Science who holds Canadian and Bulgarian citizenship will be among climate change negotiators next week in Copenhagen. Representatives of 192 nations are attending the United Nations Climate Change Conference Dec. 7-18. Dimitrov is an expert in international environmental policy and global climate change politics and will participate as a member of the Bulgarian delegation. Dimitrov has attended all previous climate change talks this year.

Research Western is pleased to announce the following competition:

International Curriculum Fund

Funded by the Office of the Vice-President (Research and International Relations), three components have been created to promote initiatives that support the internationalization of academic programs and/or course curricula at Western. Specifically, the ICF is designed to support efforts that incorporate comparative perspectives and emphasize the development of new courses or programs with significant international content. Funds are also available in support of undergraduate or graduate student travel for courses that include an existing or newly developed study abroad component for Western students.

Grant Amounts:
- Up to $5,000 to support course development or redevelopment
- Up to $10,000 to support program development or redevelopment
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From teaching to ‘dive-bombing’

**BY BECKY BLUE**

Many people try to achieve a healthy work-life balance by taking time to slow things down and relax, away from the hectic pace of the workplace. Others, like Philosophy professor Lorne Falkenstein, would rather take things up a notch. When he’s not busy with teaching and research, he’s moving into the fast lane as a cycling competitor at the Forest City Velodrome.

Falkenstein is as comfortable with high-speed turns and sprays as he is with teaching courses on logic, and the history of philosophy. He currently competes in the men’s 50-59 category at the national level, and has collected an impressive array of awards. “I only started racing four years ago. And I got into that quite deeply right off the start,” he says.

His interest quickly led him to provincial and national competitions which have since netted him gold, silver and bronze medals in a variety of categories that include short sprints and longer endurance events. In 2009, Falkenstein captured gold, silver and bronze medals at provincial and national competitions. He is looking forward to the Forest City Velodrome Winter Nationals in London on Feb. 6.

Though Falkenstein says he has been interested in riding most of his life and has dabbled in outdoor rides of four-six hours for endurance, it’s just riding around in circles and an eagerness to push himself to the limit.

“‘When I went there the first time and got up on the track and did the first lap, I was hooked. You get this weird sensation when you do your first lap. It’s like dive-bombing in an airplane. You feel these G-Forces pulling on you, and I thought ‘hey, this is really neat.’”

Falkenstein soon discovered that, far from simply riding in circles, racing on an indoor track requires not only power and endurance, but strategy, aggression and a willingness to push oneself to the limit. “There are all these tricks to riding track. It takes skill. And as you keep going and you do more and more laps you learn more and more things about how you can use the track to speed up and slow down,” he says.

It’s the kind of sport that requires complete concentration for success. “When you’re racing you don’t think about anything else other than racing. I find that when I get to the track everything else goes out of my head.”

Training includes core strength exercises, daily stretching, outdoor rides of four-six hours for endurance, and interval training – intense bursts of speed for only seconds at a time. Also critical is participating in races to develop tactics and instincts. But his regiment takes a back seat to responsibilities as a professor. “The work has to come first. And you just do as much training as you can around that. Always the teaching comes first, research comes second, and then when you can you work the training,” he says.

Falkenstein plans to race for as long as he is able. “I do it because I’m suited for it. We all enjoy competition as long as there is a challenge that can be met. If you are always winning it is boring and if you are always losing it is discouraging. When you find something where you are just good enough that you win some of the time and can see yourself improving, you will want to do that thing,” he says.

For information on the Forest City Velodrome, visit forestcityvelodrome.ca.

The writer is a graduate of the master’s program in journalism.
Band marks decade of music learning

The Don Wright Faculty of Music New Horizons Band (NHB) is celebrating its 10th anniversary with a concert on Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. The concert, at the Paul Deneenport Theatre, will feature the different levels of bands within the NHB program (beginner to advanced) playing a range of tunes from classical to jazz. The two advanced bands will also join forces to perform With Gimming Hearts, a piece by London composer Jeff Christmas, who was commissioned by the band to commemorate the 10th anniversary.

“This special concert caps off our 10th anniversary in a special way,” says band spokesperson Mark Kearney. “We performed in Europe this past summer, we’ve produced a special anniversary booklet about the history of our band program, and now we’re premiering a piece by one of London’s best composers.”

In addition to the current members performing at the concert, the NHB is contacting anyone who has played in the program over the past decade to come to the concert and to bring their instruments if they wish to play a tune from the past repertoire. Past conductors and instructors with the program have also been invited, Kearney says.

The New Horizons Band is open to adult musicians of any skill level, including absolute beginners. The London band was formed in 1999, was the first of its kind in Canada, and is one of the largest in North America. The NHB concept was the result of a groundbreaking course by professor Roy Ernst at the University of Rochester, N.Y. Eastman School of Music in the early 1990s. Ernst was awarded an honorary degree from Western at last spring’s convocation.

Librarian, archivist contract ratified

The University of Western Ontario’s Board of Governors has ratified a two-year collective agreement with librarians and archivists (UWOFA-LA) providing a 1.5 per cent annual increase.

The contract with 55 members represented by the University of Western Ontario Faculty Association (UWOFA) is for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011. The UWOFA-LA members voted 90 per cent in favour of ratifying the agreement.

The university has collective agreements with all of its union and employee groups.

Earlier this year, the board ratified agreements with the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE Local 2692), representing 275 hospitality services staff, and with the Professional-Managerial Association (PMA), representing more than 1,000 members. Both agreements included a base salary adjustment of 1.5 per cent.

Continuing Studies calendar

The winter and spring course calendar for Continuing Studies at Western is out – in print and online. New courses include: asserting yourself under pressure; writing for the digital age – online; oil painting; and decorative sculpting.

Download the calendar from uwo.ca/studies/. Print versions can be picked up at the Continuing Studies office in Citi Plaza (formerly Galleria London).
Deck the halls with sanitizer

When it comes to the flu this holiday season – do your best to neither give nor receive. The Middlesex-London Health Unit (MLHU) is reporting declining numbers of H1N1 influenza in London and Middlesex communities but with the holidays come celebratory gatherings and more opportunities to spread viruses. MLHU Associate Medical Officer of Health Bryna Warshawsky encourages members of the community to remain diligent in protecting against contracting or spreading the virus.

Forgo the holiday cheer and stay home if you feel ill. Practice frequent hand washing, clean surfaces and use hand sanitizer with a minimum 70 per cent alcohol base. Also, cover the mouth and nose area when sneezing or coughing.

Although H1N1 influenza is still circulating – there were nine laboratory-confirmed cases reported between Nov. 23 and 27 – the rate of spread is falling to low levels. The peak activity occurred in mid-to-late-October and has since significantly decreased. Warshawsky says it is difficult to predict whether another wave of H1N1 influenza will hit the area.

“We do think there have been fair amounts of activity already, plus with the vaccinations people have been getting, between the two of that we hope there is enough protection in the community that the virus won’t continue to circulate, but we don’t know that for sure,” she says.

More than 90,000 doses of H1N1 vaccine and about 8,000 seasonal flu vaccines have been administered currently, there is no evidence of seasonal influenza circulating.

Contact Western’s Health Services for more information on seasonal vaccines.

Clinics will continue to Dec. 17 for H1N1 and seasonal influenza vaccines. An updated list of clinics is available at healthunit.com.

Montreal remembrance ceremony

It has been 20 years since École Polytechnique de Montréal experienced the tragedy of 14 young women losing their lives and 13 others being injured by a lone gunman in an event that shook the country.

Western’s Women In Engineering student group has planned a ceremony Friday, Dec. 4 at 11 a.m. in the Spencer Engineering Building (Room 1200) to honour the lives lost in the Montreal Massacre with three speakers discussing the success of women in engineering over the past two decades.

Speaking will be Tracy Baker (BEng ’80) of General Dynamic Land Systems, Anna Cleaver (BEng ’05) of Stantec Consulting, and Sarah Patterson, a fourth-year Mechanical Engineering & Women Studies student.

“The theme this year is progressing together,” says Women In Engineering co-president, Nisha Sharma. “We want to celebrate the success of women in engineering over the past 20 years and encourage more women to enter this great profession.”

Brescia University College will hold its annual Ritual of Re-Membering ceremony on Sunday, Dec. 6 at noon in the auditorium. The Ritual of Re-Membering seeks the creation of sacred time and sacred space to honour the loss of their young lives and the lives of all women that have been lost to gender-based violence.

Western makes ‘green’ promise

The University of Western Ontario unveiled a sustainability website last week as Ontario universities were gathering at Queen’s Park in Toronto to pledge their commitment to the environment and greener practices.

Among highlights of the new sustainability website is a Green Report outlining Western’s initiatives and a new pledge that: “The University of Western Ontario is committed to embedding sustainability into every facet of daily life.”

The pledge also promises: “As a member of the London community, we will incorporate responsible practices into all aspects of operations in order to minimize our impact on the environment.

“As a leader of the next generation of global leaders, we will equip students with the knowledge and the tools essential to living a sustainable future.

“And as a research facility with strong intellectual capacity, we will investigate pressing issues and propose effective solutions to environmental problems.

“Through active citizenship, teaching and research, we will ensure the health of our planet and its people for the long term.”

Members of the Council of Ontario Universities (COU) used University Day to make a sector-wide pledge to the provincial government on matters of sustainability and to unveil a report: Ontario Universities: Going Greener, sum- marizing green initiatives across the province.

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Hewitt reappointed to guide research

Ted Hewitt has been reappointed Vice-President (Research & International Relations) for the term July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2015.

Hewitt, a leading Canadian authority on Brazil, has served as Vice-President (Research & International Relations) since 2005, and was Associate Vice-President (Research) from 2001-2005. Prior to this, he was Associate Dean (Student Affairs) in the Faculty of Social Science.

Hewitt is responsible for all aspects of research support and promotion, including the university’s Strategic Research Plan and Strategic Plan for Internationalization.

Units within his portfolio include Research Development & Services, World Discovery, Research Ethics and Animal Care and Veterinary Services.

Hewitt earned his PhD from McMaster University and also studied at the University of São Paulo in Brazil. He has been a member of the Department of Sociology since 1989. Before Western, he was at the University of Lethbridge and McMaster University.

Hewitt has published extensively on issues related to social movements, local government, and international cooperation for urban development in Latin America. His work has appeared in journals including Cities, Journal of Latin American Studies, Journal of Developing Areas, Third World Quarterly, and Habitat International.

In 2002, he was named Commander of the Order of Rio Branco by Brazil’s Ministry of Foreign Relations. That same year, he completed negotiations with the University of Calgary, York University, and l’Université du Québec à Montréal to establish the Canada-Visiting Research Chair in Brazilian Studies, the first of its kind in the country.

Angeletti to head board

London lawyer Frank A. Angeletti is the new chair of the Board of Governors at The University of Western Ontario. He takes over from Michelle Noblet, who chaired her final board meet- ing Nov. 26.

Angeletti, a partner with the management labour law firm of Filion Wakely Thorup Angeletti, practices exclusively in the area of labour and employment law. He will chair his first board meet- ing Jan 28.

A Western graduate (BA ’73), Angeletti received his law degree from the University of Ottawa in 1976. He handles a full range of legal services in employment and labour relations matters including collective bargaining, employment litigation and arbitrations.

Angeletti’s community involve- ment is considerable, including St. Joseph’s Health Care, Law- son Research Foundation, and Thames Valley Hospitals Planning Partnership.

Stephen Cofox, president of investment company Gresham & St. Andrew Inc., will take over as vice-chair of the board.
**PROGRAM ADDITIONS, CHANGES**

New programs and changes effective Sept. 1, 2010:
- Establishment of a minor in Greek and Latin literature in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities;
- A new minor in Finance at King’s University College;
- Introduction of a minor in Islamic Studies at King’s;
- Withdrawal of the Politics, Philosophy and Economics program at King’s due to lack of interest. No students are registered in the program;
- Suspension of admission to the Preparatory Year in Audiology, in the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Faculty of Health Sciences.

**NEW SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**

Recommended to the Board of Governors:
- CMA Career Passport Awards (Faculty of Social Science, Management and Organizational Studies) – Awarded annually to students graduating in the Aubrey Dan Program in MOS who demonstrate excellence in career preparation and management. Valued at $1,500, students must submit a student-authored case study not exceeding 1,000 words describing their career challenges and achievements. Established by CMA Canada.
- Labatt’s Player of the Game Bursary – Awarded to an undergraduate student in any program who has demonstrated financial need. The Registrar’s Office will select the recipient of the award, valued at $500.

**NEW CHAIR, FELLOWSHIP POSITIONS**

- Senate approved the Kathleen & Dr. Henry Barnett Chair in Stroke Research, with academic appointment in the Department of Clinical Neurological Sciences of the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry and research appointments at Robarts Research Institute. The position recognizes the achievements of Kathleen and Dr. Henry Barnett. Funding will be provided by various donors, including a $500,000 donation from Richard M. Ivey. The position will be effective July 1, 2010.
- Senate approved creation of the Goodmans LLP Faculty Fellowships in Legal Ethics in the Faculty of Law, effective July 1, 2010. The fellowships, made possible through a $100,000 donation from Goodmans LLP, will support the position for four academic years (to 2013-14). There may be one or two fellows selected per year.

**NEW SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**

- CMA Career Passport Awards (Faculty of Social Science, Management and Organizational Studies) – Awarded annually to students graduating in the Aubrey Dan Program in MOS who demonstrate excellence in career preparation and management. Valued at $1,500, students must submit a student-authored case study not exceeding 1,000 words describing their career challenges and achievements. Established by CMA Canada.
- Labatt’s Player of the Game Bursary – Awarded to an undergraduate student in any program who has demonstrated financial need. The Registrar’s Office will select the recipient of the award, valued at $500.

**NEW CHAIR, FELLOWSHIP POSITIONS**

- Senate approved the Kathleen & Dr. Henry Barnett Chair in Stroke Research, with academic appointment in the Department of Clinical Neurological Sciences of the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry and research appointments at Robarts Research Institute. The position recognizes the achievements of Kathleen and Dr. Henry Barnett. Funding will be provided by various donors, including a $500,000 donation from Richard M. Ivey. The position will be effective July 1, 2010.
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**IN MEMORIAM**

MARGARET MCBAIN

Margaret Mc Bain, a retired staff member from Physical Plant, died Oct. 18 at the age of 99. Mc Bain had nine years of service when she retired in July 1974. A service was held Oct. 26 at Westview Funeral Chapel.
COMING EVENTS

December 3
Western Cares Campus Food Drive - Drop off your non-perishable food items, baby formula or diapers at conveniently located collection points throughout buildings across campus. Runs until Dec. 11.

Don Wright Faculty of Music - Patronage - Politics - Passaports: The Wind Ensemble presents works by Bach, Honegger, Noble and Wilson. Paul Davenport Theatre, 12:30 p.m.


Men's Hockey - Windsor at Western. 7:30 p.m.

December 4
Department of French Studies - Le quai des brumes de Marcel Carné (1938). Movies are in French with English subtitles. Free screenings. SEB, Room 2002, 7 p.m. Visit: uwo.ca/french/films/english.htm

Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology - Frederick Schoen, Harvard Medical School. “Cardiac valve dynamics across size and time - Frederick Schoen, Harvard Medical School. 123, Dec. 9, 9 a.m.

Department of Physiology and Pharmacology - Terry Robert, McGill University. “A broader role for G6D subunits in cellular signaling” - Terry Robert, McGill University. 12, 12 p.m.

Don Wright Faculty of Music - Percussion Ensemble, Paul Davenport Theatre, 8 p.m.

STUDENT SERVICES BULLETIN

Last day to add a second term half course
January 12 is the last day to add a second-term half course, or a second-term full course.

Mid-Year Examinations
The mid-year examination period is Dec. 11-22. The end of term is Dec. 23 and students are advised not to book a flight until after this date. Students were expected to have made arrangements for any conflicting exams by November 25. The examination schedule is available at student services.uwo.ca/secure/kam/

Writing Support Centre
The Writing Support Centre delivers one-on-one appointments and group workshops. Workshops are tailored for both undergraduate and graduate students. We also offer separate workshops for English Language Learners. Sign-up for a workshop at edc.uwo.ca/c-writing/

Learning Skills Services
The counsellors in the Learning Help Centre can help you achieve your academic goals. The Help Centre provides students with learning skills assistance on a drop-in basis. Check us out during our newly extended hours in room 4109, WSB.

Indigenous Services
Please come by our new location in room 200, WSB to find out about our events and services. We’re online at indig.uwo.ca/

Student Central
Student Central (formerly room 190) is now located in room 1120 of the new Western Student Services building attached to the UC. December hours are as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday between 8am-4pm and Wednesday 10am-4pm. We are closed Dec. 23, 2009 to January 3, 2010. Visit us at studentservices.uwo.ca

Happy Holidays!
May this holiday season bring you peace and happiness. On behalf of the McGorman Investment Team, we extend our very best wishes for a festive and enjoyable season.

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