`Rae-to-Budget` campaign begins

A lobbying campaign to sway public opinion is being launched

BY PAUL MAYNE

The Council of Ontario Universities is about to unleash a major marketing initiative to rally public support around key recommendations in a pointed review of the state of postsecondary education.

Dubbed the Rae-to-Budget strategy and featuring an advertising campaign and extensive lobbying, the council hopes to push a proposed massive funding increase into operating budgets by 2007-08.

Many of the recommendations were exactly what Ontario universities have been requesting for years.

Western President Paul Davenport praised the analysis and recommendations. “This report paints an accurate picture of the state of postsecondary education in this province, and what must be done now to ensure its future.”

Still, universities have a small window of opportunity during which to sway public opinion and political minds. Finance Minister Greg Sorbara is expected to unveil the budget in early spring.

During a December town hall at Western and again this week, Rae prodded universities to action, saying budget-setters are more likely to respond favourably if public opinion builds around their needs.

“The fate of this Review is now in the hands of others,” says Rae.

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The Rae-to-Budget campaign kicks off during a six-month investigation by former Premier Bob Rae revealed gaping holes in the level of federal and provincial government support for Ontario colleges and universities.

Rae said at least $1.3 billion must be injected into operating budgets by 2007-08.

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“This effort begins at home. Our faculty and students need to get behind the recommendations they agree with and spread the word on how important investing in Ontario universities is. We need to make the best effort we can,” he said in an interview.

Davenport says he will be working with the COU in coming weeks to help sway political opinion.

“These investments would transform the university system in Ontario and we need to gather all the support among not only our own community, but also in the general public,” says Davenport.

In the end, says Rae, public opinion will play a major factor in the fate of universities.

The ThinkOntario theme adopted by the Council of Ontario Universities is expected to be central to upcoming lobbying efforts, The Web site is at www.thinkontario.com

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Campus groups across the province are being urged to help generate public support for reforms and additional funding for postsecondary education as recommended in a report this week.
Congress hiring tool for academic units

By Paul Mayne

With more than 6,000 of North American’s top academics preparing to spend over a week at Western this spring, you can be assured the word recruitment will come up in conversation at some point.

This, according to University of Manitoba sociologist Ed Boldt, is just one of the key benefits Western can expect as host of the 2005 Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, May 28-June 5. The University of Manitoba presented last year’s event.

This becomes a very important tool for Western when it comes to recruitment and professors, researchers and others,” says Boldt, who was academic convener at the Congress. “They’re tightening up with recruitment and an event such as this can make a huge difference in decision making.”

Now in its 74th year, the Congress will feature more than 80 academic disciplines presenting a wide array of research and has become the largest multi-disciplinary gathering of scholars in North America. Delegates from Europe, Africa and Asia are also expected to travel to Western.

Boldt says it had been 18 years since the University of Manitoba has held this gathering, which at that time was called the Learned Societies Conference. The opportunity to hold it again was a thrill for him and the university.

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Lawrence advisors carve out national role

BY JIM ANDERSON

The Lawrence National Centre for Policy and Management at Western’s Richard Ivey School of Business is positioning itself to help bridge the gap between business and government in public policy issues.

“The Lawrence Centre for Policy and Management can contribute to building the greater understanding of public policy in the business community and its engagement in providing policy advice,” Kevin Lynch, of the International Monetary Fund, told a dinner meeting of the Lawrence National Centre Advisory Council Monday evening.

Lynch was the guest speaker at the first meeting of the advisory council, which consists of 13 high-profile members from business, government and academia.

Lynch noted that public policy has come a long way since the mid-1990s when the Wall Street Journal dubbed Canada “an honorary member of the Third World in the unmanageability of its debt problem.”

Canada has since risen from government fiscal deficit to fiscal surplus to lead G-7 countries, as of 2004, Lynch said. Canada’s debt burden has fallen to seventh from second place among the G-7.

“In the new knowledge economy, ideas matter and winning environments, but not as very innovative or high performing. “Branding matters and impressions can be changed,” said Lynch, quoting author Thomas L. Friedman’s observation: “With globalization, the big don’t eat the small, the fast eat the slow.”

The Lawrence National Centre for Policy and Management at Ivey was established through a $3.7 million donation from Jack Lawrence, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Lawrence & Company, a merchant banking and investment counselling firm.

Lawrence, an Ivey grad, says he hopes the centre will “become a strong advocate for sound policy that will ensure a powerful future for Canada.” He believes business schools have a critical role to play in introducing their students to public policy and government relations and their importance in any business environment.

Business must learn to work in collaboration, rather than in confrontation, with government, Lawrence says. “If we could really achieve more cooperation between government and business, we’d see a quantum leap in economic performance and productivity.”

Dianne Cunningham, Director of the Lawrence National Centre, is working with a high-profile advisory council to build a national policy profile for the centre.

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Seize opportunity for public support

FORMER ONTARIO PREMIER BOB RAE DELIVERED TO QUEEN’S PARK MONDAY what is perhaps the most important document in a generation on the state of postsecondary education in our province. Rae’s message is one I endorse and hope will capture the attention of Ontarians as the McGuinty government contemplates its spring budget priorities.

Rae’s report calls for a total base funding increase of $2.2 billion more in revenues to public institutions in peer North American provinces within the next three years if the Ontario government is to provide up-front grants for more than 85,000 low-income students, greater access to loans that reflect the real cost of study, and more help with loan repayment. I am delighted to see the report also calls for the Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund to continue on a permanent basis, providing matching funds in the amount of $50 million a year starting in 2006-07 for gifts made in support of student assistance.

Other key recommendations include expanding graduate student enrolment to approximately 60,000 over the next 10 years, and making available $200 million per year for facility renewal, and up to $300 million per year for new facilities and equipment to meet the growing demands of increased enrolment. Not only does this acknowledge our growing deferred maintenance challenges, but it also reflects an appreciation that excellence in teaching and research requires state-of-the-art equipment and facilities.

Rae concludes the report by arguing very convincingly that quality and high standards are not incompatible with the desire to make education more accessible and affordable. “Opportunity and excellence are both diminished,” he writes, “when governments and students spend less than they should.”

What is now the level and breadth of knowledge and skill required to succeed? Our current standard of living, and our quality of life, depends on access to the best education in the world.” I am encouraged by the case the report puts forward, and I am pleased to see how it addresses key issues identified by Rae in my submission.”

I concur with Rae that Ontario’s institutions must clearly retain ultimate responsibility for tuition, but not one that achieves great things if they should, or when institutions spend less than they should. Rae recommends $300 million for new facilities and equipment to meet the growing demands of increased enrolment. Not only does this acknowledge our growing deferred maintenance challenges, but it also reflects an appreciation that excellence in teaching and research requires state-of-the-art equipment and facilities.

In 1940 Western was selected by the National Research Council as one of several universities to conduct intensive radar research in aid of the war effort. A gray-haired woman walked into the Physics Department and asked if she could help in some way. Elizabeth Laird, former head of the Physics Department at Mount Holyoke College was made an honorary professor and supervised several MSc students on the biological effects of microwave radiation. In 1953, upon her second “retirement”, Laird was photographed with a collection of toys donated by former students based on principles in physics. She remained active in the department until shortly before her death in 1969 at the age of 94.
What is your opinion on same-sex marriage?
IN PROFILE: BRUCE FYFE

Western ‘family’ helps Bruce rebuild

By Jennifer Anderson

Bruce Fyfe calls himself a chauffeur. It’s a new title, but a big part of the job requirements of being a full-time dad.

“My girls are very active in music and theatre. I do a lot of driving around, but it’s all worth it,” he says. “My two girls are now priority.”

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This past September, Fyfe lost his wife Beth to thyroid cancer. “It was so incredibly sudden,” says Fyfe, 45. “She only got sick in July.”

Now Fyfe and his daughters, Laura, 14, and Julia, 8, are trying to re-build their lives and get back into a routine without Beth. “We were married for 21 years, and I relied on her so completely,” he says. “She was always there.”

“The girls and I have had to make huge changes,” he said. “You try to keep to routines that are similar, but you just can’t do everything you did before. I can’t do things the same way Beth did, but I try to keep things as normal as possible.”

Apart from his work as a devoted dad, Fyfe has been manager of the popular Grad Club in Middlesex College for more than 10 years. Fyfe said he used to work “huge hours”, but that all had to change when his wife got sick.

At the end of August, he took some time off to be with his family. “I was at the hospital day and night for a month,” he says. “Beth was amazing. She was so peaceful. She dealt with it a lot better than I did.”

Fyfe’s been back at work since the beginning of November, and although he puts on a strong front, it’s clear that he’s working through a mix of emotions.

“It’s not easy. I guess it just takes time,” he says, bowing his head to take a deep breath. “But I’ve had to take a deep breath. ‘But people have been amazingly generous and supportive.’

The extent to which Fyfe has connected with patrons of the Grad Club became apparent one day shortly after his wife died. University staff, faculty, students and friends gathered to celebrate Fyfe’s spirit and determination. The event was called Bruce-a-palooza and it attracted an overflow crowd of hundreds of people.

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Under Fyfe’s management, the Grad Club - in association with the Society of Graduate Students - has contributed more than $180,000 in bursary support for graduate students.

“Grad Club assistant manager Eileen Quigg. “He has a good heart and we wanted to return the kindness.”

Quigg organized the event and was not surprised by the turnout of mass support. “Bruce-a-palooza raised over $7,000 for an education fund for his daughters,” she said.

Fyfe has been working at Western for more than 15 years. “He’s developed a lot of friendships along the way,” said Quigg.

“My girls always tease me,” says Fyfe. “I’ve been here for so long they say I know everybody.”

After completing his master’s degree in political science at Western, Fyfe recognized the opportunity to take his career further.

“When I took over, the Grad Club was in serious financial straits,” he said. “People weren’t using the service, and it was losing money.”

Quigg said a sense for good business and Bruce’s personal commitment to customer service turned the club around and made it into a profitable business.

“Now, we’re on very solid ground,” said Fyfe. “It’s the atmosphere, not the booze, that brings in the business. “Bruce is obviously very dedicated. He listens to his customers and he’s aware of student concerns.”

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Teaching tolerance to fight hate

BY PAUL MAYNE

Western earns high grades for the way it responds to hate activity or intolerance on campus but there’s room for improvement, says an expert on tolerance education.

Brandon Wilson, Outreach Associate with the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, Alabama, spent two days at Western last week to promote the 10 Ways to Fight Hate on Campus project aimed at teaching tolerance at college and university campuses.

It was Wilson’s first trip to Canada with this project and initial impressions of Western were favourable.

“Western is an incredibly diverse campus community, one that affords its students a number of resources to ensure they achieve academic success here,” says Wilson.

“Some of the resources are rather decentralized, which may make it difficult for students to find resources that meet their needs and work for them.”

The project seeks to instill teaching such as speaking out, pulling together, supporting victims and knowing your campus. Wilson plans to follow-up his visit to Western by offering observations and recommendations on how the university can best present and market such resources “to further improve on the strengths that already exist here.”

Wilson spoke to staff, faculty, administration, students and others while at Western with the hope of equipping them with the tools needed to readily address hateful activity when it strikes the campus, as well as leaving students with the understanding of how to take a stand against what they know is an injustice.

“You want to plant a seed that will grow throughout the entire Western community and encourage students to choose the side of social justice.”

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Registration for this year’s Staff and Leaders conference has been extremely strong, with more than 650 staff having signed up for the Feb. 21-24 sessions and some timeslots are already full.

“The registration rate has exceeded that of last year at this time,” says Andrew Fuller, Facilitator, Learning and Development Services in Western Human Resources. About 680 staff signed up in total last year.

While most staff signed up for one or two sessions last year, Fuller said many are taking on three or more this year.

Site tours of campus facilities have been so popular most are filled up already, but there is still room at keynote speaker sessions and many of the concurrent workshop sessions, which also are attracting larger numbers, adds Fuller.

“What really surprised us was the interest in the session on getting technology to work for you and we’ve had to move it to a larger room,” says Fuller.

The annual conference provides opportunities for personal, professional and team development at Western. People can still register for the conference by going online at www.uwo.ca/humanresources/conference.

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Ontario's postsecondary education system is “in serious jeopardy” and only a major overhaul of the system will reverse the slide, says former Premier Bob Rae.

“Postsecondary education is a vital part of the province’s economic growth and health of the economy,” Rae said during a press conference in Toronto. “This report will not sit on a shelf, it will be acted upon.”

Rae claims the report contains 28 recommendations that can improve the student experience and will dramatically increase the province’s competitiveness in the global market. Rae’s recommendations will be distributed over a five-year transition period.

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Can you picture peace on a quilt?

Middle East peace will be expressed through quilts at King's University College.

An exhibition at King's with this theme will have its official opening ceremony Saturday, February 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Elizabeth A. “Bessie” Labatt Hall.

Hosted by the King’s Centre for Creativity, the exhibition is an international community art project made by more than 300 people asked to create a quilt square answering the question, “What is your vision of peace in the Middle East?”

“The intent of the exhibition and the program is to promote connections between Jewish and Arab communities, and to offer information about the Middle East peace movement,” says curator Gloria Alveraz Mulcahy.

King’s University College is the 24th venue in just over five years for the colorful project. Sima Elizabeth Shefrin, an artist and curator, from Vancouver, B.C. will give the keynote address, and Eileen Ain from New York City will give a premiere performance of her original composition for flute.

Prayers for peace will be offered from the four directions and an aboriginal ceremony will begin the gathering.

Free admission; reception to follow; students and public welcome (wheelchair accessible). The exhibition continues in the Cardinal Carter Library until February 26.

For details, visit www.uwo.ca/kings/library/currentevent.html

Full slate as six candidates pursue USC presidency

Campaigns are in full swing on campus as University Students’ Council presidential candidates vie for votes leading up to the Feb. 15-16 elections.

Winner of the one-year term will fill the seat currently held by Nick Staubitz, who remains in office until the end of the school year. Running for the top spot this year are:

■ Mat Abramsky – “I want to put students front and centre by listening and working to better the Western experience. I feel my ideas, experience and passion stand out and that I am the best person for the job.”

■ Nick Badeen - “This campus should be about students. That’s why I want bigger student activities and a revival of Western’s Purple Pride. I will fight for student rights at Western. I will hold both council and administration accountable, and give students a better chance to express their concerns.”

■ Ryan Dunn - “I have become aware of the potential of the USC, however, this potential can only be achieved through change. The change that I speak of is returning the USC to a student focused group as opposed to the corporate focused organization it has become.”

■ Khahy Ho - “The USC needs to be more accessible to the general population, so that Western students can understand exactly where their money is going, and what the USC is doing for them.”

■ Guy Holdway – “I want to reassess our costs and budget, creating a fair price to charge students within their tuition. Assist clubs and teams as much as possible, making it easier for them to recruit new members and throw events.”

■ Brian Whitmore – “USC electoral reform, greater volunteer opportunities and holding events that encourage interaction between myself, the Board of Directors and you are some of the things I want to do to bring the USC closer to you.”

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Private sector support essential

BY ERIKA BARRETT GREENHAM

Wildeboer Dellelce LLP has made a gift of $30,000 to Western Law’s building expansion and renovation project. The firm’s first donation to the Faculty will be used to enhance the Student Career Centre in the newly expanded portion of the Law Building. The Centre will be the focal point for student services and academic guidance.

“In today’s competitive legal world, students need as many advantages as possible,” says Perry Dellelce (BA’85), a founder and managing partner of the firm, a director of the Western Alumni Association and a member of the University’s President’s Council. “By creating a presence for the Student Career Centre within the School, our firm is hoping to help provide these opportunities.”

“In this era of declining government funding, support from law firms and alumni is crucial. We are grateful for this generous gift from Wildeboer Dellelce LLP,” says Dean of Law Ian Holloway. “Governments in Canada no longer seem to be committed to supporting excellence in legal education, and external funding is now essential to the lifeblood of the school. Gifts like these help us recruit the nation’s brightest students and to enhance our programs. The gift from Wildeboer Dellelce will make a difference in the lives of our students. Tomorrow, they will make a difference to our country.”

A boutique business law firm whose practice is restricted to corporate, securities, secured lending and tax matters, Wildeboer Dellelce LLP has a solid relationship with Western Law. In each of the last three years, a Western Law student has articled at the firm. Moreover, close to 50 per cent of the lawyers working at the firm are Western alumni.

“We hire the best people available. It feeds on itself. Friends introduce friends and other colleagues to the firm,” says Rob Wortzman, managing partner. “It made the decision to make a gift to Western straightforward. Just about everyone around our firm is carrying the University’s flag.”

Fundraising Focus is a regular feature of Western News and offers a snapshot of development activities on campus

UWOSA elections

The University of Western Ontario Staff Association has elected a new slate of officers for 2005-2006 featuring many returning executive members. Elected by acclamation are: President, David Empey; First Vice-President, David Shepherd; Second Vice-President, Val Van Domelen; Treasurer, Patrick Kissoon; Secretary, Melissa Broadfoot; and representatives in Area A, Sharon Ramsey; Area D, Phin Huxley; Area N, Mike Parker; and Area K, Traci van der Laan.

Attention Faculty & Staff

2004 Labour Fund Tax Credits are gone forever March 2nd. Tax refunds to $3,820 may be available. Please consult the prospectus.

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High-profile guidance for Lawrence Centre

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The Lawrence National Centre for Policy and Management takes its guidance from a unique Advisory Council featuring 13 high-profile Canadians.

Chair Thomas d’Aquino is President and Chief Executive of the Canadian Council of Chief Executives, a not-for-profit organization composed of the chief executives of Canada’s 150 leading enterprises. He has served as Special Assistant to the Prime Minister, Special Counsel to a national law firm and as Adjunct Professor on the law of international business transactions.

Jalyn H. Bennett is President of Jalian H. Bennett and Associates Ltd., a consulting firm in strategic planning and organizational development. Bennett is a Director of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Sears Canada, and Cadillac Fairview Corporation.

Donald W. Campbell is Group President, Military Simulation and Training, CAE Inc. Campbell served as Deputy Foreign Minister and was the Prime Minister’s Personal Representative for G-8 Summits (1997-2000). He served as Canada’s Ambassador to Japan, Deputy Minister for International Trade and Ambassador to Korea.

Kevin Chan is an Analyst in the Domestic Affairs Secretariat of the Privy Council Office. He is founder of Borgeau, a not-for-profit organization bringing students and young professionals together in mentorship relationships. Chan worked as Advisor to the Government of Nunavut and Chairman of the Canada Industrial Relations Board.

W. Edmund Clark is President and Chief Executive Officer, TD Bank Financial Group. Clark has held senior posts in TD Bank Financial Group and TD Canada Trust and is Co-Chair of the Heart and Circulation Campaign for the University Health Network.

Dianne Cunningham is Director of the Lawrence National Centre for Policy and Management. The London native has more than 30 years of experience in education and government affairs, most recently as Ontario Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities. She was MPP for London North Centre (1998-2003).

Jim Dinning serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Western Financial Group, a Western Canadian financial services company. He is former executive vice-president of TransAlta Corporation and serves on public, private and not-for-profit Boards. Dinning was Chair of the Calgary Health Region (1999-2001).

Blake Goldring is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of AGF Trust with expertise in Japanese and Asian markets. He helped establish AGF International Advisors Company in Dublin, Ireland. He is a member of the Toronto Society of Financial Analysts and a Director of the Canadian Film Centre and World Wildlife Fund of Canada.

Thomas Edward Kierans is Chairman, Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, Canada’s “research university with walls” that conducts basic research programs in social sciences and natural sciences. He serves as Chairman of the Canadian Journalism Foundation and is former President and CEO of the C.D. Howe Institute.

Jack Lawrence, is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Lawrence & Company, a capital, merchant banking and investment counselling firm. He is involved in Canadian policy issues through membership in the Canadian Council of Chief Executives and is a member of the World Presidents’ Organization and Chief Executives’ Organization.

Rebecca MacDonald is a founder and current Chair and CEO of Energy Savings Income Fund, a Toronto-based marketer of deregulated gas and electricity. She is a past Director of the Canadian Arthritis Foundation and was named Canadian Woman Entrepreneur of the Year for 2002 by the Rotman School of Business.

Jeffrey Simpson is the Globe and Mail’s national columnist and has won all three of Canada’s leading literary prizes and was named an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2004. He has published five books and written numerous magazine articles in addition to his newspaper work.

Carol Stephenson is Dean of the Ivey School of Business. She has more than 30 years of experience in marketing, operations, strategic planning, technology development and financial management. Stephenson is a director of Sears Canada, ING Canada, Ontario Teacher’s Pension Fund and the Ottawa Airport Authority.

He’s not ‘Acting’ anymore!

Friends, colleagues and acquaintances of Ted Hewitt are invited to a reception welcoming Ted as Western’s new Vice-President (Research), a role he has held in an acting capacity since November.

Ted previously served as Associate Vice-President (Research and International Relations).

When: Friday, February 18, 2005
Time: 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Location: Somerville House, Room 3320
The University of Western Ontario
RSVP: (519) 661-3747 or rsvp@uwo.ca

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February 10
Reclamations • McIntosh Gallery • Continuing until February 20

Third Annual Juried Exhibition • runs until February 11 John Labatt Visual Art Centre

Microbiology & Immunology Seminar • J. Madrenas, Western. “Plasticity of signal transduction through CTLA-4”, Medical Sciences Bldg, Rm W270, 11 am

All Campus Job Fair • 92 organizations offering employment. UCC Main Level. 11 am – 4 pm

History Dept. Seminar Series • Aldona Sen- dzikas, Western. “Survivors of the River Kwai: Tracing the Fates of the men who built the Burma-Thailand Railroad while prisoners of the Japanese during WWII”, SSC, Rm. 4317. 11:30 am

Dept. of Microbiology & Immunology • John McCormick, Lawson Health Research Institute. “Toxins and pathogenicity islands in Gram-positive cocci: Genome plasticity and the evolution of virulence”, M SB, Rm W270, 11 am

Lunch-Hour Pension Education Session • Maximize Your Pension. Somerville House, – 12 noon

Art & Suffering • A Medicine & Art Series • Jack Chambers. Drawing conclusions. Prof. Madeline Lennan, Dept. of Visual Arts & Dr. Ian Chin-Yee, Dept. of Medicine. Lecture Theatre, Museum London, 7 – 8:30 pm

Visitors in the Arts Speaker’s Series • Judy Radul, Performance/Video Artist, Vancouver, Museum London, 8 pm

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February 11

Anatomy and Cell Biology Seminar • Donglin Ba, Western. “D-amino Acids and their Actions on Glutamate Receptors” DSB, Rm. 1002, 12 noon

Fridays at Noon • Kevin McMillan sings tenor favourites, accompanied by Mariana Chibotar, von Kuster Hall at 12 noon.

Astronomy Seminar • Dr. Takahiro Kudoh, Western. Physics & Astronomy 123, 2 pm

Brescia University College • Retreat for Women Students “Discovering Your Journey” – All guests welcome. No fee (dinner inc.) limit of 20. 4:30 – 9:30 pm. Pre-register with Sr. Theresa, 432-8153 ext. 2858

Men’s Volleyball vs Ryerson @ Western, 7 pm

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Middle East Peace Quilt Exhibition • International community art project made by more than 300 people from all over the world, who were asked to create a quilt square answering the question, “What is your vision of peace in the Middle East?” King’s University College – 7:30 pm

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Women’s Hockey vs Waterloo @ Western, 4 pm

Men’s Hockey vs Guelph & Western, 7:35 pm

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To the Distinct Beloved: an Hour of Music Commentary • Beethoven’s song cycle “An die Ferne Geliebte” performed by American tenor Martin Duke Wilson and pianist Gwen Beasham. von Kuster Hall – 3 pm

February 14
Rehabilitation Sciences Seminar • Professionalism within health care reform: how occupational therapists experience accountability obligations. Andy Freeman, Western’s Elborn College, Rm. 5202C, 12 noon.

Physiology & Pharmacology Seminar • Joseph R. Casey, Un. of Alberta. “The bicarbonated transport metabolism: implications for cardiac hypertrophy” – 018, Rm. 1002 – 4 pm

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February 15
London Senior Alumni Program • The University of Western Ontario. 178 Western Ave. 12 noon – 2 pm

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Tax receipt information

T2202A’s (tuition tax receipts) for the 2004 tax year will be available online at the end of February. Watch this column and the registrar’s Web site (www.registrar.uwo.ca) for updates. T4A’s (income tax slips for scholarships, bursaries and monetary awards) for the 2004 tax year will be mailed at the end of February to eligible students.

Intent to Register

Undergraduate students (excluding the Richard Ivey School of Business) wishing to enroll in courses for the Fall/Winter 2005 term must submit an Intent to Register no later than February 18.

Undergraduate students requesting to remain in a program which they are currently in, may complete an online Intent to Register beginning February 7 by visiting www.registrar.uwo.ca/ITR

For more detailed or faculty-specific Intent to Register information, please visit www.registrar.uwo.ca/ITR

The 2005 Academic Calendar will be available free of charge at Counselling Offices February 7 to the 18. After February 18, Academic Calendars will be available online at www.registrar.uwo.ca/calendar or at the Book Store.

OSAP - Summer 2005

Summer OSAP applications will be available in late March. They will be available in hard copy or can be downloaded from the Registrar’s Web site.

The Honorable G. Howard Ferguson Award

Nominations are being accepted for The Honorable G. Howard Ferguson Award. The deadline for receipt of nominations is February 28.

2005 Spring Graduation

The deadline to apply to graduate for the Spring 2005 convocation is March 15. Go to the Web site at www.registrar.uwo.ca for more details.

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“Who doesn’t need a school for lovers two days before Valentine’s Day?” The Theodore Baerg, director of UWOpera’s upcoming performance of Mozart’s Cosi fan Tutte (subtitled, The School for Lovers), is justifiably excited at the prospect of spreading the gospel of romance on campus.

The Associate Professor of Voice and Opera at the Don Wright Faculty of Music is a leading figure nationally as well as internationally in the opera industry. Yet his most recent and exciting creation not only brings opera to Western, it brings an opera about Western to Western.

Cosi fan Tutte has been rewritten with a decidedly close-to-home feel. After all, what could be more Western than friends gathering at the Grad Club. Then a bet is made over drinks as three friends wager their girlfriends will be faithful while they are away. A cynical mate thinks otherwise. And so it all begins.

The production of this 1790 comic opera takes place in Talbot Theatre February 10 to 13 featuring the voices and talents of Faculty of Music students under the musical direction of James McKay.

Since the opera is set at Western, costume designer Julie McGill opts for the latest Western fashion trends. Costume pieces include everything from off-the-rack Western apparel to a $1,400 Alfred Sung wedding dress. The story is about the entanglement of two pairs of lovers. Key characters include Ferrando and Guglielmo, a pair of pompous Western men, who bet old and wise Don Alfonso their girlfriends will never cheat. Unaware of the bet, Dorabella and Fiordiligi are put to the test. What results is absolute mayhem.

The libretto of this opera is set by Lorenzo de Ponte in Italian. Still, Western was one of the first universities to use a surtitle screen for performances, so the story is easy to follow for first-timers and the English-speaking audience.

Fiordiligi’s well-known and pleasing aria, Come Scoglio (Like a Rock, in English), has received universal recognition for its extreme musical demands on the singer. Double-cast as this character, Olga Tylman and Rachel Malton of the music faculty deliver a flawless performance, embracing the extensive vocal range in this portion of the opera.

UWOpera has enjoyed 25 years of successful annual opera performances; and many of its members pursue careers in professional opera singing. The number of UWOpera’s public performances has doubled over the past five years, offering a wide variety of performances from Barab’s Little Red Riding Hood, to Bernstein’s Candide. For more information about UWOpera, please visit www.uwopera.com.

The performances are held at 8 pm Thursday to Saturday, and at 1pm on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are $20 for students, $25 for adults, and can be purchased through the Orchestra London Box Office at (519) 679-8778.

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