Campus alive with music

By Krista McFadden

It's reminiscent of gypsy music; it's passionate; it's poetic... and it's completely in Spanish.

An Afternoon of Music by Joaquín Turina would be a rare musical treat all on its own, as it prepares to take the stage of Western's von Kuster Hall this coming Sunday, beginning at 3 p.m.

Yet this unique production is only one of as many as 300 Music Western presentations this year by the Don Wright Faculty of Music, covering interests as varied as orchestra, choral, chamber music and even jazz and new music.

Within the next week, for example, productions include Thames Scholars (music of love and life from the 16th to 18th centuries) and Music to Heare (a musical program on texts by Shakespeare).

Both productions, like many offered through Music Western, are free.

For its part, An Afternoon of Music by Joaquín Turina brings together members of Western's Don Wright Faculty of Music to perform a distinctive blend of the Spanish pianist and composer's works. Admission is $10, $5 for students and seniors.

Pianist John Paul Bracey, soprano Jennifer Moir, cellist Thomas Wiebe, violinist Annette-Barbara Vogel and violist Ralph Aldrich hope to expose the audience to a number of Turina's genres of writing, from a group of art songs to a short piano piece, a violin sonata and a violin quartet for piano and string.

"It's very rare to hear an all-Spanish program, period," said Bracey, a professor of piano at Western. "But certainly, an all-Spanish program with just Turina is very rare."

Bracey, a member of Western's music faculty since 1969, has become a champion of Turina's music since he was introduced to Turina's daughter and son-in-law in Madrid.

"I got to hear a lot of music that's out of print and a lot of performances of his music from the 1920's and 30's that were really fascinating to me."

Music Dean Robert Wood says the Prime Time series of which the concert to one of five this year, is an excellent opportunity for faculty members and students to showcase their research and work.

"The types of performances our faculty comes up with is incredibly varied," said Wood.

"John Paul (Bracey) has been intrigued with Turina for a while now. It's become a fairly important research project for him and I think it's really neat that he's able to showcase that and present it to the faculty after a couple years of study."

Western's is one of the three largest music schools in Canada and, according to James R. McKay, Chair of Music Performance Studies at Western, the large number of committed faculty members and students are what makes the impressive concert listing possible.

"It's no surprise, with a performance faculty of over 50 full-time and part-time professional musicians, that a concert series this wide and this rich in variety is possible," says McKay.

"For their research and work. It's passionate, it's poetic... and it's completely in Spanish."

T o learn about upcoming Music Western productions, visit: www.music.uwo.ca.
Most students feel safe

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The highest ranked student-supported services were Student Health Services (62%), Student Development Centre (56%), Financial Aid Office (46%), and Campus Recreation (43%).

In terms of campus student media, 67% of respondents said they read The Gazette, the student newspaper, at least once a week; only 4% never read it. But 83% said they never listen to CHRW (Radio Western) and the peak listeners are in evenings 5–11 p.m. (6%). TV Western, which is on closed circuit in the UCC, had 70% of students indicate they never watch it.

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CAMPUS DIGEST

NICE PLAYS(S): The English Department and Don Wright Faculty of Music are each in the running for a local Brickenden Award. The awards are for theatre excellence in London and English was nominated for Best Production, for Juno and the Paycock, while Music is short-listed for Best Musical Production for Cabaret. The winners, who were chosen in an online vote by the public and theatre community, will be announced at an awards ceremony, Mon., Jan. 31, at 7 p.m. at the Wolf Performance Hall.

TSUNAMI AWARENESS: A symposium has been scheduled for Fri., Jan. 28, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. in the UCC. This combined effort of numerous clubs and groups including Western Red Cross, Save the Children and ofxam features performers, guest speakers, information booths, opportunities to donate and ask questions. For more information contact rdxirt@uwo.ca

AUCTION SUPPORT: A silent auction for tsunami relief has been scheduled for Thurs., Feb. 17, 6 p.m.–10 p.m. at The ARTS Project, 203 Dundas St. To purchase tickets please call 642-2767. Artists have until February 15 – 17, 12 – 5 p.m. at The ARTS Project, Forest City Gallery and Museum London are teaming up for sale. Tickets are $20. Donated work will be on exhibit from Murano and Braywick Bistro and Lailey Vineyard in Niagara for auction. For more information contact organizers at info@artsproject.ca

MARKETING: Trent University in Peterborough is dropping its longstanding tagline “Canada’s Outstanding Small University” as part of a broad re-examination of the university’s market- ing identity, positioning and key messaging. Market research is underway, beginning with questionnaires to all faculty, staff and students. New-look materials are to be ready for the fall recruitment cycle this year.

FUTURE: SDC’s International Student Services has organized a seminar entitled Making a Career in Ontario and Canada - The Future is Right Here! Directed at international students, post doctoral fellows and visiting researchers, it will help satisfy curiosity about issues such as visas and work permits. For those interested in permanent residence, officials will be on hand from the Visa Section of the Canadian Consulate General.

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Ted Garrard, Western’s Vice President (External) and United Way of London & Middlesex Board Chair, says Davenport is a perfect fit.

“This is somebody who understands community,” said Garrard.

He understands the importance of giving back to the community and he is somebody who has been behind the trenches at our campaign at Western for the United Way each and every year.”

Helen Connell, United Way Executive Director, said Davenport will have a huge impact on the 2005 campaign.

“His leadership skills are truly important to us,” said Connell.

“He is so respected throughout London and Middlesex is so down to earth in his ability to speak to people and understand the needs in the community. As an economist, he also has a deep appreciation for how much those in need strengthens our community as a whole.”

Connell says Davenport will work closely with the United Way over the next few months to prepare for the 2005 campaign and set fundraising goals.

Davenport to lead United Way campaign

By Paul Mayne

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China trade focus of new MBA

Huron University College may provide language and cultural training to Ivey MBA students.

By Jim Anderson

Ivey MBA students will be provided with an educational “gateway” into China.

The Richard Ivey School of Business this week announced the China Business MBA stream that will allow Ivey MBA students to gain experience in Hong Kong and Mainland China with on-the-ground exposure to Chinese business, culture and language.

The stream will allow MBA students to complete a portion of their studies at Ivey’s Hong Kong campus where they can benefit from a team of faculty experienced in Asian business practices and Ivey’s Asian business cases, the world’s collection of Chinese and Asian business cases.

“Canada’s business leaders acknowledge the tremendous potential of China, yet they also recognize the need to gain greater insight and understanding of this nation to fully benefit from opportunities,” said Dean Carol Stephenson. “The China Business MBA Stream addresses the critical need for Canada to produce business leaders who have requisite knowledge, sensitivity, appreciation for rapid change and sophistication to conduct business in Asia.”

Stephenson says the new stream offers a “privileged window” into the Chinese marketplace so students can gain the tools and cultural training to succeed in the Chinese marketplace and to incorporate China into global business strategies.

Students participate in courses, projects and consulting assignments focused on business issues and practices in Asia; on-the-ground study and industry tours in key Chinese cities; internships in companies in Hong Kong and the Chinese Mainland; and programs to familiarize themselves with local culture, customs and language.

The stream is available to students entering the Ivey MBA in the fall of 2005. “It’s aimed primarily at Canada-dian and non-Chinese students to given them exposure to Chinese business, culture and language,” said Larry Wynant, Associate Dean Programs at the Ivey School.

“China is becoming very fundamental to global trade and business and it is important that students get this exposure.”

— Larry Wynant
Associate Dean Programs, Ivey

Ivey School of Business
Ivey’s Hong Kong campus is located in the huge Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre on the harbourfront.

No opt out for plagiarism checks

By Paul Mayne

Students will not be allowed to escape having essays submitted to plagiarism detection software used at Western, following a decision last week by Senate.

Some software expressed concern the decision infringes on their rights.

“It should be a student’s legal right not to want to submit their work to a business that profits from comparing your work to others,” says Becky Zener, citing intellectual property. "There are other issues to deal with as well. Turitin.com isn’t getting plagiarizers, just the lazy ones.”

The revised course outline policy compiled by the Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Awards (SCAPA) originally allowed students to opt out of Turnitin.com with the permission of the instructor. Instead, they would include a working bibliography, copy of draft work or other backing material to validate authenticity.

SCAPA chair Jeff Tennant says the issue was debated at length at their most recent meeting, with viewpoints on both sides. In the end, the group voted to remove that section before bringing it to Senate.

Sociology Professor Mike Carroll agrees with the omission, saying allowing an opt out clause would “truly be a step backwards.”

“I understand there are principles involved,” says Carroll, adding since using Turnitin.com he has seen the number of plagiarism cases decrease substantially. “We’re in an age where there is a minority who cut and paste. However, there is no effective alternative.”

Western’s Provost & Vice-President (Academic) Greg Moran agrees.

“Part of the debate is finding that relationship and level of confidence relating to equity and fairness,” says Moran, who adds professors can choose not to use the software.

“It’s a matter of respect between faculty and students,” he says. “Treat me as the honest student that I am.”

Michael Milde, Associate Dean (Academic) in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, says honest students probably would have objections that using the software is a presumption of guilt; adding that idea, along with the ‘intellectual property’ angle are overblown.

“Not every student is a plagiarist, but there are some out there,” says Milde, noting Turnitin.com has to do with word-matching, not ideas.

“The students think it’s being imposed on them but it’s actually for the benefit of the student body so that they have a level playing field.”
First-year Western student Kristi Ann Aboud has a problem. It’s the depths of a northern winter and the transition from Trinidad isn’t going well.

Sunlight streamed through the window and danced over my eyes until I opened them. As I listened to the cock crow, I hopped off my bed and dashed to the window to admire the blazing sun that lit London on fire. Listening to the sweet chatter of the birds as they sprang from tree to tree, I thought to myself; now this is a beautiful morning in London!

And then I heard the screeching alarm that transported me back to reality. I forced my eyes open as an icy gust of wind seeped beneath my blankets. Yanking myself out of my sanctuary I trudged to the window only to see a dark, misty sky. Where is the sun? How am I expected to begin my day when the sun itself hasn’t even risen? Crawling back into my cloud of comfort, I drift off for what seems like two minutes until the alarm shrieks again. It is 8:49 a.m. I’ve done it again. Now the question is, do I remain in this warm sack of bliss and skip my 9 o’clock class like every other day this year, or do I yank myself up and scramble out the door.

I close my eyes in contemplation, and accidentally fall asleep again.

Being a Lebanese-Trinidadian, I believe I am one who knows how to appreciate culture.

In Trinidad we have a wide variety of cultures jumbled into one small country, so it excites me to try different foods and one small country, so it excites me to appreciate culture. I find myself admiring the trees in winter and the winter appetite. However, I am natural for me and “Pizza Pizza” has become my new best friend. My parents have to wire extra money monthly, to fund my anti-war efforts.

In Trinidad, the first few elections in transition from an American timetaken over the whole of Iraq through tyranny. Michael Lynk, assistant professor of law, specializes in international and human rights law and the Middle East.

On April 26, accompanied by Board Chairman Lt.-Col. Gordon Ingram, Sandy Somerville turns sod for the construction of Somerville House, named in honor of his father, former board vice-chair Charles Somerville. At right, Ingram lays the cornerstone time capsule containing a treasure trove of material. The foot-long copper box holds a microfilm and photographs of the 1955 Freshman Gazette, a set of 1955 Canadian coins, a set of Canadian postage stamps, a microfilm and copy of the menu from Fingal Hall (the cafeteria Somerville replaced), a centennial copy of The London Free Press, course calendars for 1955 from each faculty, and two books, “These Sixty Years” by W.F. Tamblyn and “Western, 1878-1953” by J.J. Talman and Ruth Davis Talman.

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In Iraq, despite daily bombings and violence by insurgents opposed to the transition to democracy, the January 30 election is set to go ahead as planned. Nearly 14 million Iraqis are eligible to vote in the election of the 275-member Transitional National Assembly (TNA). More than 100 political entities will be on the ballot. A number of Western experts have offered observation on the circumstances of this election.  

Paul Rowe is a political science lecturer on Middle East politics and international conflict.

The overwhelming population of Iraq, anywhere more than 80 per cent, is determined to push forward to build a normal, democratic Iraq and defeat the terrorists. They are demonstrating every day the meaning of courage in the face of black terror which has no purpose, no objective, but to reverse the freedom of Iraq through tyranny.”

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COMMUNITY

Will universities face age discrimination claims?

By Peter Mercer

In the space of a single generation, according to Statistics Canada, the number of Canadians aged 65 and over can be expected to double, from nearly four million in 2000 to over eight million by 2028.

Whereas seniors accounted for approximately 13 per cent of the Canadian population in 2000, they will make up 22 per cent of the population in 2028. This fact alone might account for the considerable evolution in public policy in favour of abolishing mandatory retirement.

Proponents point to its abolition in the United States, Australia and New Zealand and, in this country, to Quebec. However, public policy development around mandatory retirement has seldom been straightforward and this is particularly so when it comes to universities.

No Canadian province requires its citizens to retire at any particular age. Rather, the ability of employers to compel “mandatory retirement” of employees is typically facilitated indirectly through human rights legislation as “less favourable treatment” when compared to retirement at any particular age. The importance of this issue is highlighted by the Manitoba experience. That province’s Human Rights Code had been amended in the manner now proposed for Ontario but the university legislation was then in turn amended to allow the entering into of collective agreements with faculty or staff that imposed a mandatory retirement age of 65 or more. Furthermore, retirement at such agreed age was legislatively deemed to be a bona fide and reasonable occupational requirement for the purposes of the Code.

Public consultations were held in Ontario in September and the substance of the submissions was predictable. Faculty and staff groups endorsed the elimination of mandatory retirement, a position also supported by the Canadian Association of University Teachers and the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations. University administrators, on the other hand, in keeping with the urging of the Council of Ontario Universities, would like universities to be exempt from any changes to the law or to be allowed to phase in changes over a period of several years. Frequent reference was made to the U.S. experience where federal law eliminated mandatory retirement in 1987 but did not become effective for tenured faculty until 1994.

Most of the concerns expressed by university administrators over the prospect of an abrupt elimination of mandatory retirement have to do with financial and faculty complement planning. Some, however, have clear countervailing legal implications as well. For example, administrators raise the prospect of slowing down the increase in the proportional representation of women and minority groups in the academy, assuming that most who would delay retirement are white males.

This is lamentable, but possibly beside the point from a human rights policy perspective once age beyond 65 becomes as prohibiting a ground of discrimination as gender or ethnic origin.

Other predictable legal issues will be like those raised whenever and wherever mandatory retirement is eliminated. Older employees may be expected to seek greater accommodation because of disability or diminished capacity (as opposed to incapacity) to do the job as they age. The importance of this issue may be heightened by the fact that innocent absenteeism and difficulties with job performance (as opposed to outright inability to perform) generally are not considered cause for dismissal.

Another concern raised explicitly was that faculty who grow ineffective as they age will be protected from removal by tenure. Without dealing with that issue per se, but assuming that a university might respond to the prospect of an older work force by reconsidering the ways in which it manages performance, several caveats are in order. Changing performance evaluation standards or methods in a way which places the emphasis on older employees, rather than on all employees of all ages, may well be found to constitute illegal discrimination. By extension, terminations of older employees may have to be particularly well-documented to show that unsatisfactory performance was the cause and not just but any claim that age must have been a factor.

It will be interesting to see the substance of the Ontario legislation when it is introduced this year. However, it is inevitable that all Canadian universities will have reason to make themselves increasingly aware of how to avoid claims that they have discriminated in employment on the basis of age.

Peter Mercer is Professor of Law at Western and former Vice-President (Administration) and General Counsel. This commentary is reprinted with permission of University Manager, published by the Canadian Association of University Business Managers.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Outraged by ‘Goodness Gene’ Article

I am, like most of my colleagues who do not suffer from smoking-related disease, outraged by an article (Humans wired to be good, Jan. 20) written about Professor Philippe Rushton’s so-called ‘goodness gene’ theory.

I assume that the discredited research from Professor Rushton is rehabilitated today because it explains and goes with the flow of emotion, sadness and humanity triggered by the tsunami tragedy.

How could you publish this article without quoting on other ground breaking research of the same faculty member that compared the intelligence of blacks, Asians and whites and documenting on simple anthropometric measurements that blacks are morons.

This poor editing on your part discredit yourself as an editor, the publication and the humanity of people reaching out to the victims do not need any support or approval from such an individual.

I hope that one of us will have the time, the talent and the knowledge to write a proper response to this outrageous article for your Viewpoint feature.

An apology to your readers will be in order.

Gerard M. Guiraudon
Professor Emeritus, Surgery

Can tax increases curb bad habits?

By Justin Chan

Economics ‘07

“A little bit of an increase – $0.15 cents here and there – is not going to stop much. It’s not the amount of money for most, it’s the need to smoke. If we were to go up a couple bucks or something then, I’m a smoker, so I’d be thinking of cutting back.”

By Ryan Dunn

History ‘05

“If the original idea behind the increase is to stop smoking, then it’s not going to work. If someone is addicted to smoking they’re not going to give up because of a 50 cent increase. Smokers will be cursing the government, but they still will be smoking. But if it will go towards helping subsidize health care then, I’m all for it.”

By Barbara Evans

Philosophy – Huron ‘07

“I think it’s a lost cause. If someone smokes or drinks, this won’t deter them at all. People want what they want regardless of the price. This increase is not going to solve anything. We aren’t about to become a smoke-free society.”

By Lakee Dill

Arts and Humanities ‘07

“People who already have the habit of smoking or drinking, it won’t have an effect whatsoever. Perhaps it can act as a deterrent for younger kids who aren’t smokers yet if it gets too expensive for them. So a few cents won’t make an immediate impact, but perhaps down the road.”

By Shari Denault

Kinesiology ’07

“For same it may and for some it might not. For those who aren’t diehard smokers, or social smokers, it could make them think twice. But those who are smokers are going to smoke, regardless of a minor increase or not. Peer pressure is usually involved with new smokers, perhaps price can play a role in that as well.”
IN PROFILE: PROFESSOR EMERITA

Living one ‘link’ at a time

By Jillian Van Acker

According to Winston Churchill, “only one link in the chain of destiny can be handled at a time.”

“I retired early so that I would have more time to write. The one thing I really wanted to be was a writer. It sort of developed on the side.”

Margaret Banks, professor emerita at the University of Western Ontario, says the quote captures her philosophy of life. “It’s a warning about looking too far ahead,” says Banks, 76. “I don’t think you can live your life that way. It only leads to disappointment if you do.”

Banks is about halfway done writing an autobiography. She plans on calling it Only One Link, an homage to the quote by Churchill that means so much to her.

Banks did her BA in history at Bishop’s University and continued her studies at the University of Toronto, with an MA in Canadian history and a PhD in British history. Her main scholarly interest is constitutional history.

After she finished her PhD, Banks went into archiving, but didn’t remain in the profession very long. “In 1960, I decided not to stay in archival because I really didn’t like it,” says Banks. Instead, she chose to become a librarian.

She contacted James Talman, chief librarian at Western, because he was the only person she knew who had switched from archival to become a librarian.

Talman told Banks not to bother getting a library degree and offered her a position. “There was an opening in the law library and I had always been interested in law. I took the position although I had no law degree and no librarian degree,” she says.

In 1967, Banks hired Marianne Welch to type catalogue cards. A close friendship developed from working together.

Welch characterizes Banks as a “considerate supervisor” who used to organize parties celebrating work anniversaries for staff members.

“Once, during a fiscal crisis in the library system, Margaret took an unpaid leave of absence, partly in order to avoid a layoff of junior staff,” says Welch.

Banks was given the position of assistant professor with the faculty of law in 1967, although she never taught a law class. She worked regularly with students by giving tours and realizing there was very little available to help them use a library.

Banks wrote How To Use A Law Library, which was first published in 1971, in order to assist law students. Since then, six editions have been published.

She was promoted to a full professor for her work in graduate history, where she supervised graduate theses.

Banks took her retirement five years early in 1989 and was awarded emerita status.

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President backs General Dynamics research

BY PAUL MAYNE

Western President Paul Dav- enport says the University will stand behind a $1-million partnership to assess ballistic materials for the manufacture of military vehicles despite concerns raised by a Western faculty and Senate member.

At the January 21 Senate meet- ing, Sociology Professor Mike Carroll questioned whether West- ern should become a partner with General Dynamics Land Systems – Canada, a company he says sup- ples goods to governments with known human rights violations. “Given the history of the com- pany, I see this as problematic,” says Carroll.

Davenport said he was not concerned with the nature of the research being undertaken. “I am ashamed of my support for Professor Wood’s research,” he says. “But what is also fair game is the person you can stand up and say you disagree with the presi- dent; you are free to criticize. We do not do secret research at the university; everyone knows what is going on.”

Faculty of Engineering Profes- sor Jeff Wood will direct the proj- ect over the next four years with GDLS-Canada, which designs and manufactures Light Armoured Vehicles (LAV) at its London, Ontario facility.

Wood will lead a team of gradu- ate students in testing and analyz- ing advanced composite materi- als to determine if they possess the ballistic and weight charac- teristics required of an armoured vehicle.

Davenport said Western has a strong, long-term relationship with General Dynamics including a summer internship program, a four year student engineering design course, a student bursary program and employee tuition refund study programs. GDLS- Canada also employs 126 Western alumni – representing 20 per cent of their workforce.

“If you start sorting companies between those that are good and bad, universities won’t be work- ing with many major companies,” adds Davenport.

Ted Hewitt, Acting Vice-Presi- dent (Research) says the partner- ship with General Dynamics is one he supports completely.

“It is our role to ensure it (research) is done within the boundaries of the law and the boundaries of ethical conduct of research,” says Hewitt.

“When you begin to alter or make value assessments over various kinds of research, I feel that works against the principles of academic freedom.”

Eight new inductees for Wall of Champions

BY JIM ANDERSON

Eight Mustang greats will be inducted into the Mustang Foot- ball Wall of Champions for 2005.

Western’s Champions Club, which originated the Wall of Champions in 2004, announced the new inductees Tuesday – including four Mustangs from the pre-1970s, four from 1970-2000, and two builders/coaches.

“Few football teams at any level can claim a more distin- guished tradition of high achieve- ment and glory than Mustang football,” says Jeff Fischer, Chair of the Champions Club. “That proud tradition is the result of the players, coaches and support people who have graced this uni- versity since football was estab- lished. These eight individuals made outstanding contributions to Mustang football.”

A 23-member committee selected the eight new inductees.

Pre-1970s Inductees:
- Al Hurley, Quarterback with the Mustangs from 1937-39. Known as “Ironman,” Hur- ley played a full 60 minutes in every game in 1939. He went on to become QB of the 1944 Grey Cup champion Royal Canadian Navy St. Hyacinthe Donocona.
- Bill Mitchell, two-way Line- man with the 1957-59 Mustangs who went on to play with the Toronto Argonauts.
- Jack Parry, Halfback with the 1947-49 Mustangs and member of 1947 and 49 Yates Cup champion- ship teams. He earned a Disting-uished Flying Cross as a World War II bomber pilot before com- ing to Western. Parry also played with the 1947 Grey Cup Cham- pion Toronto CAP Hurricanes (Posthumous).
- Whit Tucker, Wide Receiver with the 1960-61 Mustangs who went on to play for the CFL Ottawa Roughriders (1962-70), winning three Grey Cups. Inducted into the Canadian Football Hall of Fame in 1993.

1970-2000 Inductees:
- Don MacKinnay, Lin- backer with the 1974-77 Mus- tangs and member of the 1976 and 1977 Canadian championship teams. Third draft choice with the Toronto Argonauts.
- Dave Sapijins, Slotback with the 1986-89 Mustangs and played for the Calgary Stampeders 1990-96. He is the new owner of the Calgary Stampeders.
- Tyrone Williams, Wide Receiver with the 1988-91 Mus- tangs. Played for the Toronto Argonauts and the Dallas Cow- boys. One of only two Canadians to have Vanier Cup, Grey Cup and Super Bowl rings.

Builders/Coaches:
- Dr. Jack Kennedy, Halfback with the Mustangs 1936-41. Founder of the Fowler Kennedy Sport Medicine Clinic in 1974, one of the finest sport medicine clinics in the country that has treated about 25,000 patients a year.”

Parking fees could rise

Parking Services has proposed an increase this year in parking fees.

A budget proposal to be reviewed by Senate and Board of Governors includes a recom- mendation that rates go up two to three per cent, according to Chris Stewart, Manager of Parking Services.

Western’s budget process is underway and will be presented to the Board of Governors for final approval in April.

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Discovering your ‘light-bulb moment’

From helping the homeless in Canada to building roads in Honduras, students are finding real-life benefits in service learning.

By Monica Fleck

A different kind of learning experience is spreading across Western’s campus.

Often referred to as service learning, experiential learning or ‘real life learning’, this educational experience seeks to provide students with not only a way to give back to the community, but to better understand their own strengths and abilities.

Service learning takes students beyond the volunteer experience by providing a self-reflective component, in the form of journal writing, group discussions or presentations, and is quickly catching on as a preferred teaching method for its holistic approach.

A number of Western’s facilities and services are beginning to offer more formalized service learning opportunities to students.

“At Western, students are engaged in many types of active learning – they vary in duration, degree of involvement and reflective learning,” says Kathleen Kevany, director at the Centre for New Students.

Some faculty examples of experiential learning include the Representing Homelessness course offered through the Faculty of Information and Media Studies. In addition to the academic study of the issue of homelessness, the course includes participating at local shelters for two hours a week over the semester.

The Faculty of Law has been offering the Pro Bono Students Canada program since 1999, where law student volunteers provide legal services to community agencies in need. In addition, the Richard Ivey School of Business provides consulting assistance to businesses in the London community that could otherwise not afford such services.

Thelma Sumison, a professor at the School of Occupational Therapy, says that while they do not use the term “service learning” to describe the faculty’s outreach efforts, their clinical education component requires that students complete 1,000 hours of field work on an occupational therapy program.

“The benefits to both our students and to Western are that they are good ambassadors for the University. They learn about their chosen profession, ensuring that clients will receive quality service, and continue to take new developments into the field,” she says.

According to Amanda Michetti, a student in Brescia University College’s Community Development program, “students often bring their own strengths and abilities, but to better understand their own knowledge that is useful in understanding the world.”

The program is a degree-mod course for sociology students that involves a placement in partnering community agencies, for which students receive a half credit.

“In addition, students have a service learning contract in which they document their learning objectives, the tasks and practices that will help them meet these objectives, and effective evaluation criteria to ensure they are meeting them,” says Michetti.

She adds that the reflective piece gives students better self-understanding, positions their actions within a greater community context, and encourages them to look at the underlying issues that necessitate many of the community’s outreach services.

Huron University College has been offering the Huron in Honduras program for the last five years. This experiential learning project involves preparatory readings, seminars and language study before a three-week stay in Honduras, where students take part in community development projects and structured group discussions.

Wendy Russell, program organizer and a professor of International and Comparative Studies at Huron, is also involved in the Intercordia Canada program in partnership with King’s University College.

“Intercordia gives students an opportunity to do a three-month placement and to academic preparation and reflection work to get a full credit,” says Russell.

Past placements include outreach projects in Belize, the Ukraine and Ecuador.

“Both of these projects engage students in settings where they encounter, directly, the economic hardship that characterizes life for the majority world. They see the power of working together to identify the need for change and trying to make that change,” Russell says.

Service learning activities have been offered more frequently to students in residence as well. Stephanie Hayne, residence academic and service learning coordinator at the Division of Housing and Ancillary Services, has been bringing more opportunities to residents, including outreach activities at organizations such as the Memorial Boys and Girls Club, the McCormick Home for seniors and the Merrymount Children’s Centre.

Often, students will come back from a day of organized volunteering, and gather together to discuss what they learned about the experience and themselves.

“Service learning explores the ideas and feelings you have. You think about what you did and what you got out of it. But you often go even deeper than that – if you have a bad experience, what did you learn? Where do you see your talents best used? What is your passion? Do you enjoy working with seniors in a nursing home or with children?” says Hayne.

The Alternative Spring Break program, a program that began at Housing two years ago, offers residents the opportunity to experience service learning in a different locale. Students have helped build affordable housing with Habitat for Humanity in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Jacksonville, Florida.

This year, students have the choice of a Habitat for Humanity project in Florida or helping out at an orphanage in the Dominican Republic. Response to the projects has been overwhelming.

“It’s exciting to see that ‘light bulb’ moment, when participants actually get why they’re there and what they’re getting out of it,” says Hayne. “The experience is very personal and is different for everybody.”

For the last three years, Housing has been offering the Volunteer and Service Learning floor in Perth and Saugeen-Maitland halls. On these floors, residents live with others who have a particular interest in volunteer work and participate in organized outreach activities.

“These opportunities have added so much growth and challenged the way I live my life,” says Paek.

According to Monique Aucoin, a resident at Perth Hall, one of the benefits of living on a floor where service learning in promoted is “getting a greater knowledge of the opportunities that exist for students to get involved in a meaningful way.”

Aucoin has participated in campus clean-up programs, street connection and food drive programs for London youth, and has helped out at a local soup kitchen.

“Unlike most activities, service learning provides a phenomenal sense of accomplishment and fulfillment that only comes from knowing that you have made a difference in the life of someone else,” says Aucoin.

Nashifa Dharshi, also a resident at Perth’s volunteer and service learning floor, values the reflective opportunity of the service learning experience.

“It allows you to think about the things that matter to you and how lucky we are,” she says. One event she highlights in particular is the Random Acts of Kindness Week in February, which includes holding a recital and dance for the elderly as well as a multicultural arts and crafts program for a local children’s organization.

“The experience makes people more well-rounded, instead of just going to class and experiencing the social aspect of university,” says Dharshi.

By offering service learning opportunities, Western has the potential to produce well-rounded students with valuable experiences from inside and outside the classroom,” says Julia Paek, Human Issues council representative at Medway Hall.

This council promotes service learning opportunities involving human rights and diversity issues, as well as activities offered by the University Students’ Council.

“These opportunities have added to my growth as a person and challenged the way I live my life,” says Paek.

While there are many experiential learning opportunities that have taken place over the years, Western is now organizing a campus-wide service learning committee that brings together all of these areas in a more formal capacity.

“It’s great to have people coming together. It gives us a better understanding of what’s going on, how we can all benefit, and where we’re headed from here,” says Hayne.
Can science and religion get along?

BY SEAN PITMAN

Having studied both science and religion for much of my life, I agree that it is possible for science and religion to agree since they both are based on the same thing. Yes, one’s religion can be scientific and one’s science can be one’s religion. Certainly there are those whose religion is not at all scientific, but the reverse is not true.

Science, or more specifically, the scientific method, is a rather simple and straightforward way of separating truth from error in one’s thinking. It is a way of testing and refining one’s beliefs. However, contrary to what many might think, science never reveals absolute truth about anything. Science only increases the predictive value of a hypothesis, but no hypothesis is ever fully proven by the scientific method. Therefore, whenever one holds a particular hypothesis to be true, there remains a degree of faith to that belief. In this sense then, science is a type of religion.

This statement is itself scientifically supported when one looks back through history and notes that some of the most cherished scientific ideas of the age have been completely disproved with subsequent discoveries. Even professionally trained scientists are human and are subject to error in understanding and interpretation.

The same can be true of religion. Those who claim that religion is separate from science basically remove their notions of certain types of truth from the realm of general usefulness. Certainly there are types of truth that exist beyond the realm of scientific investigation that can still be known to be “true” in a very objective way. For example, one’s internal thoughts and feelings can be known absolutely without any need for testing or scientific method. If someone likes vanilla ice cream, this is an absolute objective fact that need not be tested. But, how is this internal objective truth helpful to anyone else?

For one’s internal notions of the truth of anything to be helpful to someone else, those notions must exist outside of one’s own mind and be testable in a falsifiable manner. In those areas where religion makes statements about the external world that exists in common around each one of us, religion steps into the realm of science and must therefore become scientific if it is to be helpful.

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The Christian religion, for example, does just this very thing. Based on various biblical interpretations, Christians believe in a picture of God found in the Bible. The Bible presents God as very much in tune and deeply interested in the welfare of his creatures. At the end of creation week God is quoted as declaring it all “very good.” Oh no, the Bible does not describe the processes required by Darwinian evolution as “very good”, but rather as, “very bad.”

If Darwin and the popular notions of most modern scientists are correct, then the religions based on the Bible are truly out to lunch. However, if the very clear and falsifiable statements of the Bible are correct, then it is the mainstream scientists who are out to lunch. And, it would not be the first time.

The writer is Chief Resident in the Department of Pathology at Loma Linda University Medical Center (Loma Linda, California)
Top Canadian artists being featured for Congress

BY KRISTA MCFADDEN

The McIntosh Gallery is poised to capture the spirit of this May’s Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences with their exhibition “Paradigms of Citizenship.”

The Gallery’s exhibition, which runs May 19 to July 3, incorporates art work that illustrate the themes of individual and social responsibility, inclusion and equity, activism and the global contexts in which they operate.

“The conference itself focuses on individuality and responsibility and our show will reflect some of those themes,” says Gallery Curator Catherine Elliot-Shaw.

The McIntosh will highlight the best pieces from the Gallery’s collection of significant Canadian art for this exhibition. The artists include Ron Benner, Jamelie Hassan and Michael Durham.

More than 6,000 delegates are expected to descend on Western during the Congress and the Gallery hopes its appropriately themed exhibition will attract a large audience.

With established researchers, scholars and academics from more than 70 associations, the Congress is the largest multi-disciplinary gathering in North America.

Arlene Kennedy, director of McIntosh Gallery, is delighted to show off the Gallery’s Collection. “This is an exciting opportunity for us because the gallery transcends all of the areas of study that the conference deals with,” she said.

Kennedy said that while Congress is an opportunity to showcase the McIntosh Gallery, it is also a chance for the Gallery’s staff to see a cross-section of important, current research in Canada. “Congress is a way to spark ideas and see the bigger picture – to take a look at the issues that inform the work being done at the gallery,” she said.

Art enthusiasts will be able to view the exhibition Tuesday from 12 – 7 p.m. and Friday from 12 – 4 p.m. from May 19 – July 3.

Information about McIntosh exhibits and projects can be seen at www.mcintoshgallery.ca.

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**WESTERN NEWS**

Western sets special convocations

Several additional convocations are in the works to mark special occasions.

A special convocation at Western has been set for May 29 to celebrate the convening of the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, which runs May 28–June 5.

Western will confer an honorary degree to a distinguished candidate to be selected by the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee (SHDC).

As well, convocation will be held in the summer of 2007 at Trois-Pistoles French Immersion School in Quebec to mark the school’s 75th anniversary. Two new degrees at Autumn Convocation are expected to descend all of the areas of study that the conference deals with,” she said.

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Print wireless from anywhere to Libraries

By Jim Anderson

Faculty, staff and students at Western can now print from anywhere to printers in all university libraries using wired and wireless networks.

Using their own mobile computing device or even a desktop workstation in residence, home or from a conference anywhere in the world, campus users can print documents in any of the library locations.

It’s all part of a new wireless service launched last fall in the library system involving a collaborative effort by Western Libraries, Western Information Technology Services and two vendors of pay-for-print services, ITCS Systems and PrinterOn.

“Western Libraries identified ‘wireless’ as a major direction in its technology plan and we knew that a key component of this new direction would be stable and reliable print services,” says Penny Westmacott, Director, Library Information Technology Services.

Bob Caron, Library System Administrator – Network Services for Western Libraries, identified the possibility of linking Western Libraries’ existing print services with one developed by PrinterOn for the hotel market in 2002.

Western Libraries worked with ITS and the two vendors of pay-for-print services to develop the new system over the past three years.

“The new service was introduced last fall and so far things have gone very smoothly – we’ve had no complaints,” says Westmacott.

Total printing during November (the latest available data) involved 160,000 pages, of which 6,900 were through wireless printing. The cost is eight cents a page.

Caron says users can either install a print driver, using instructions found on the ITS Web site, or use a Web interface to print documents to one of six printers located in Western Libraries.

“The Web interface works well for documents stored on the local hard drive and the installed print driver is the better choice at this point for the full range of e-resources our users want to print,” says Caron.

Once the print driver is installed, users can print from any location where they have access to the Internet.

There are other pockets of wireless service on campus and ITS is looking to extend that service throughout campus.

Joyce Garnett, University Librarian, says: “It is gratifying to see that leadership for this project has come from staff in Western’s ITS and the two vendors in identifying a new need for mobile printing services, in seeking out collaborative partnerships to develop the new service, and in continuously looking to exceed user expectations through the testing and implementation phase.”

John McFadden, Strategic Applications Team Leader, of Western’s ITS, says although there were technical issues and concerns to overcome, it was easy to commit to the vision.

Patrick Pidduck, Director of Product Management at PrinterOn, says the company was excited about its role to help Western enable printing in a wireless environment.

“Western has deployed our Campus Printing System to reduce their support costs and meet the printing needs of students with notebook computers on campus,” says Pidduck.

Because of his involvement in the project, Caron was invited to speak at The ResNet 2004 Symposium at Princeton University last summer. Several North American universities have contacted Western Libraries for advice in developing their own wireless systems.

By Jim Etherington

London, Western and – indeed – Canada lost an outstanding business and community leader when Earl Orser died December 26, 2004. He was 76.

At Western Earl is fondly remembered as an outstanding member of the Board of Governors (1982 to 1989), where he was Chair for the final two years of his term. He subsequently was Chair of the Richard Ivey School of Business Advisory Committee and in 1991, he had conferred an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree by Western.

Earl was an unusual businessman both because his career took him across several distinct sectors at a time when business leaders tended to build their reputation with a single company, and also because with great deliberation he shared his time and energy with a very wide range of community, national and international organizations.

Born in Toronto, he attended Danforth Technical School and was proud of his modest roots. A small scholarship allowed him to take a degree in Commerce from the University of Toronto and he then completed his Chartered Accountant designation from Huron University College. He delighted in telling stories about the purchase of the huge 747 Boeings and the upper deck party on the inaugural trans Atlantic flight.

In 1973 Earl joined the T. Eaton Company first as vice president administration and in 1975 as the first non-Eaton president and CEO for two years. He was rapidly gaining a reputation as a change manager for companies not fulfilling their potential and he was the executive who decreed the closing of the historic but money-losing Eaton’s catalogue, to the great shock of many Canadians. The Eaton family moved back in charge and Earl left Eaton in 1977 to open a consulting business. One of his first clients was Brascan Limited who assigned him to review the potential of London Life Insurance Company in which it had acquired a substantial holding. London Life had been owned and operated since its founding in London by the Jef- fery family and was the largest life insurer in Canada. His report called for a number of changes, and if the company was to continue to grow and after its presentation to Brascan in 1978 he was asked to become executive vice president & chief operating officer for the insurer and implement his own plan.

This was the niche that Earl had been seeking for 20 years and it launched the apex of his business career. For the next 19 years he wielded enormous influence for change at London Life, earning him the media title of having “awakened the sleeping giant”. He served nine years as president and CEO and during his tenure assets of London Life increased from $2.9 billion to $10.4 billion and total life insurance in force from $24.5 billion to $91.4 billion. During the same period he was instrumental in nurturing the establishment of two public financial services companies – Trilon Corporation and London Insurance Group – built on the assets of London Life.

But while he was building and expanding London Life, running offices in both London and Toronto, he continued his lifelong dedication to business and community service. He served as a director with a number of large Canadian companies including SPAR Aerospace, the developer of the Canada Arm space device, where he was a director for 20 years and chairman 1993-1998. He chaired the life insurance industry association of companies, and was a member of a number of business organizations including the C.D. Howe Institute, the Corporate Higher Education Forum, the British-North American Committee, The International Trade Advisory Committee and the Geneva Association.

In London Earl was prominent in his volunteerism with London United Way, the YMCA, Roberto’s Research Institute, Orchestra London and the Fanshawe College fundraising campaign. He was strict in his volunteerism, never just lending his name but also his energy and business skills.

One of his lasting legacies was with the London Economic Development Corporation, a private sector partnership with the city of London to energize our city’s industry attraction potential. He served as its first chair and assembled its board of directors from among city council and London business leaders.

In 1997 his life-long efforts were recognized with membership in the Order of Canada and he was inducted into the London Business Hall of Fame the same year.

With such a prestigious business and community service career one might wonder how Earl, the man, viewed his life. He many times made it clear that each of us has to set and adhere to personal priorities. “Understand what needs to be done and find ways of doing it, always remembering that people are your key resource” was an oft repeated comment.

For him his family came first. His wife of 43 years, Marion, and their four daughters Darlene, Barbara, Beverley, and Nancy and their families were the centre of his attention. He took special pride that Marion, a registered nurse, returned to studies earning an undergraduate degree in theology and a masters in divinity from Huron University College.

On January 8 more than 500 attended a memorial service in London for Earl where his life was celebrated and his illustrious contributions recognized.

The writer is a member of Western Senate. Recollections is a Western News feature that celebrates the life of a member of the Western community.
COMING EVENTS

January 27
Reclamations – exhibit, McIntosh Gallery
- Continuing until February 20
Microbiology & Immunology Seminar – Dr. Patrick Sullivan, University of Kentucky, Chandler Medical Center. “Mitochondrial Permeability as a Therapeutic Target, following Traumatic CNS Injury”, Medical Sciences Bldg., Rm. 1002, 11 am.


Do You Agree With Them? Four Western students discuss their relationship with Jesus Christ. www.daysoyouagreewiththem.com Natural Science, Rm. 145, 2 pm.

Visitors in the Arts Speaker’s Series – Monika K. Gagnon, Writer, Montreal, UAC, Rm. 100, 8 pm. Screening of Dana Claxton’s video work, 7 pm.


Brescia University College – Lost & Found: Herstory, Women’s Stories in the Dead Sea Scrolls with Eileen Schuller, McMaster University. Mother St. James Auditorium, Brescia University College, 7 pm.

Dept. of English presents Marcel Pursued by the Hounds – by Michel Tremblay, translated by John Van Burak and Bill Giassco, directed by Claire McCaque. Tickets available at the door. Cerron Hall, UC, 8 pm.

Men’s Hockey vs Waterloo @ Western, 4 pm.

Men’s Hockey vs Lakehead @ Western, 7:35 pm.

January 29
Music: Vibrations on Mood, Patricia Green, mezzo-soprano, with Robert ROeling, clarinet, and John Hess, piano, 8 pm, von Kuster Hall, free.

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Men & Women’s Wrestling – Western Open
- 12 noon.

Men’s Hockey vs Lakehead @ Western, 7:35 pm.

January 30
Prime Time: An Afternoon of Music by Joanqui Turina, with Alvin Reimer, baritone, Jennifer Moir, soprano, John Paul Bracey, piano, Annette- Barbarosa Vogel, violin, Ralph Alidrich, viola, and Thomas Weibe, cello, 3 pm, von Kuster Hall, SU05.


January 31
Neuroscience Seminar – Kathy Wynne-Edwards, Queen’s University. “Hormone dynamic indices as plausible links between behaviour, disease and the neuroendocrine system”, Dental Sciences Bldg., Rm. 1002, 4 pm.

Rehabilitation Sciences Seminar Series – Comparative Validity of the Upper Extremity Functional Index (UEFI) and Disability of the Arm, Shoulder, and Hand (DASH). Gloria Golshan-Bianci, PT, School of Physical Therapy, Western. Elborn College, Rm. 520C, 12 noon.

Fac. of Theology, Huron, & St. Peter’s Seminary joint lecture – Ronnie MacLachlan, Dept. of Classics, Western. “Emergin Grace: history of a religious concept”, 7 pm. Solemn Evensong, College Chapel (Huron); 8 pm, Lecture, Great Hall (Huron). All welcome.

February 1


Reclamations – The Holocaust and its Aftermath with Dr. Alain Goldflachter. McIntosh Gallery, 1215 pm.

Reclamations – Discussion Circle with Shelley Niro, McIntosh Gallery, 7:30 pm.

Dept. of Modern Languages and Literatures – Maria Moe, Graduate Program in Comparative Literature. “Gendered Embodied Tropes: An Eco-feminist Reading of Two Contemporary Novels”. UC 144, 4 pm.

February 2
Campus Communicator/Toa/ampackers - Speaking skills practiced weekly. Wednesdays, 12 noon, room, 330, S.B. Visitors welcome. Contact. Andre Baryabarat at cabrarap@uwo.ca or 661-2111, ext 8596A


Thames Scholars – Gerald Neufeld, director, music of love and life from the 16th to 18th centuries, 12 noon, von Kuster Hall, free.

February 3
The Bachelor of Medical Science Program
- presents a seminar on “Human Stem Cells for Regenerative Medicine”. Dr. Melissa Carpenter, Robarts Scientist, Associate Professor in the Department of Microbiology & Immunology, Thursday, February 3, 2005 Medical Sciences Building Room 146 5-6 pm

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During the upgrade period, users will continue to have access to the current system for reporting and inquiry purposes only. All other production systems (Human Resources, Student Administration and Advancement Services) will remain available during the Financials upgrade.

Deadlines and Guidelines
In order to complete the January month-end processing and begin the upgrade, it will be necessary to adhere to the following deadlines and guidelines:

Journal Entries: The last day for entering a January journal entry is Wednesday, January 26, 2005.

Accounts Receivable Invoices: The last day for finalizing and printing January Accounts Receivable Invoices is Wednesday, January 26, 2005.

Travel Expenses: In order to receive a reimbursement cheque prior to the upgrade, Travel Expense Reports must be received in General Accounting on or before Monday, January 24, 2005. Travel Expense Reports received after this date will not be processed or reimbursed until February 8, 2005 or later.

Travel Advances: The last day to submit a Travel Advance request prior to the upgrade is Monday, January 24, 2005. Travel Advances will not be available during the upgrade period.

Cheque Requisitions: The last day to submit a Cheque Requisition prior to the upgrade is Monday, January 24, 2005. Cheque Requisitions will not be available during the upgrade period.

Supplier Invoices: Supplier Invoices, with payment due before February 14, 2005, received in General Accounting on or before Tuesday, January 25, 2005 will be processed and paid before the upgrade.

Purchasing Instructions: The last day for entering an On-Line Requisition is Thursday, January 27, 2005. During the upgrade period, properly authorized hard copy purchase requisitions can be used to initiate the issuance of a Purchase Order. Please remember that Visa Purchasing Cards and Low Value Purchase Orders can be used for most purchases under $1,000. In addition, all System Contracts will continue to operate normally during the upgrade period.

Central Cashier: Deposits made by the Central Cashier by Wednesday, January 26, 2005 will be posted as January transactions. The cashier will be open regular hours and will be accepting deposits during the upgrade period. All deposits made during the upgrade period will be posted as February transactions.

Petty Cash: The Central Cashier will maintain regular hours during the upgrade period. Although every effort will be made to provide uninterrupted service, reimbursement of large claims cannot be guaranteed. Reimbursements made on or before Monday, January 24, 2005 will be processed as January transactions. All reimbursements made after that date will be processed as February transactions.

Emergency Cheque Requests: During the upgrade period, only true emergency requests will be processed. Requests for emergency payment will be reviewed by the Supervisor of Accounts Payable and Travel (Randy Delanghe ext. 85497).

For additional upgrade updates and training information, please refer to our website: http://www.uwo.ca/finance/people/
Pleasant Exchange

Officials and students from St. Andrews University and Western gathered for an annual lunchcheon to celebrate the ongoing student exchange. The Robert T. Jones, Jr. Scholarship Foundation allows five third-year students and a graduate student from Western to undertake an exchange. Among those at the gathering were Western graduates Bryan Watson and Nora Lindstrom from St. Andrews, Brian Timney, Western Dean of Social Sciences, Roger Thompson, founder and chair of the scholarship foundation, and Western President Paul Davenport.

Tax receipt information
T2020As (federal 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. T4As (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 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 submit their Intent to Register no later than February 18. Undergraduate students enrolled 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 Feb. 7 to Feb. 18. After Feb. 18, Academic Calendars will be available online at www.registrar.uwo.ca/calendars or at the Western 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 now being accepted for The Honorable G. Howard Ferguson Award. The deadline for receipt of nominations is Feb. 28.

2005 Spring Graduation
The deadline to apply for the Spring Convocation is March 15. Go to the registrar’s Web site at www.registrar.uwo.ca for more details.

Information Services Hours
Room 190
Mon, Tues, Thurs., Fri. - 9 am to 4 pm
Wed. - 10 am to 6 pm
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FULL-TIME ACADEMIC VACANCIES

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, School of Kinesiology - applications are invited for a probationary (tenure-track) position at the Assistant Professor or Associate Professor level in Exercise Psychology, effective July 1, 2005. Outstanding candidates will be considered for a tenured position at the level of Associate Professor. Closing date: February 25, 2005. Please quote number HS 035 on all correspondence.
Best-book showdown tackles ‘must’ reads

By Paul Mayne

For Western English professor Allan Gedalof, the stimulation and thrill received from an engaging novel is comparable to a young child set free in a candy store with a credit card.

“There are a lot of people who think the book is dead,” he says. “I’m not one of them.”

With a giddy enthusiasm, Gedalof moderated the January 19 Western Reads debate which pitted the savvy minds of 10 celebrity readers from the Western and London communities, each looking to trumpet their novel as a book enthusiast’s must read.

Modeled after CBC Radio’s Canada Reads program, Western Reads invited alumni, staff, students, faculty and the community at large to debate and discuss the merits of five works of Canadian fiction.

For Gedalof, the idea behind the program is more than just an entertaining contest, it is also a way to encourage the reading of good Canadian books.

“In a university atmosphere, anything we can do that is going to encourage the life of culture and the life of the mind is obviously a good thing to do,” he says.

“Part of the stimulation of reading books comes out of the debate and arguing the relative merits of the variety of books, while part of it just comes from the joy of talking about books and testing your own ideas.”

From this breeds community, he says, and a chance to brings folks together.

“Reading is a really solitary activity and there’s really no chance to feel you’re part of a community,” says Gedalof. “But it’s human nature to want to teach, to pass things on you’ve understood or thought. That’s the way you build community.”

Carolyn Young, Marketing Director for The Book Store, agrees that we are over-stimulated by countless forms of mass media these days, but they don’t involve you the way a book does.

“Books are far from dead,” she says. “When you start talking about books, ideas are generated. That kind of conversation is like no other you hear anywhere else.”

The conversation generated at the 2nd annual Western Reads Debate answered a number of questions, as well as posing some interesting new questions, about what determines the ‘best book’.

Book enthusiasts heard the cases from the celebrity readers and voting us now ongoing through February 18, with the winner to be announced in March. Similar to last year’s program, it is hoped the winning author will be able to attend a special evening to read from and discuss their work.

The following books are vying for votes:

- The Sojourn by Alan Cumyn - defended by Jim Etherington, Past President, Alumni Association and current Senate Member
- Hey Nostradamus! by Douglas Coupland - lauded by Mike Atkinson, Faculty Representative and Teaching Award Winner and Janice Zolf, New PL Entertainment Reporter.
- The Way the Crow Flies by Ann-Marie MacDonald - heralded by David Estok, Associate Vice-President, Communications & Public Affairs and Emma Donoghue, Local Author.
- The Romantic by Barbara Gowdy - fostered by Claire Calaghan, Western Libraries and Brian Meehan, Curator, Museum London.
- The Island Walkers by John Bemrose - advocated by Megan Findlay, Western student and James Keay, London Free Press columnist.
- Local author Emma Donoghue seeks to convince an audience attending the Western Reads debate about the merits of The Way The Crow Flies. Alumnus Jim Etherington resorted to hat props in championing The Sojourn.

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Western Reads
For information about Western Reads, and to vote for your favourite book, please visit www.westernreads.ca.

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