Teaching awards

The joy of elevated thoughts

Six professors are recognized for superior teaching skills

Business, medicine, philosophy and science are diverse disciplines with at least one thing in common – teaching excellence is at the core of what they do. Faculty in these and other areas have been recognized by The University of Western Ontario with excellence in teaching awards.

Established in 1980, the awards point to outstanding contributions to classroom instruction, academic counselling and tutoring, thesis supervision, course design, curriculum development, preparation of educational materials, research on university teaching, and development of innovative teaching methods.

Now known as the Edward G. Pleva Awards for Excellence in Teaching, two additional awards include the Angela Armitt Award for Excellence in Part-Time Teaching and the Marilyn Robinson Award for Excellence in Teaching.

To date 94 Pleva, 13 Armitt and 12 Robinson Awards have been made. Here are brief bios of this year’s award winners compiled from supporting material for their nominations.

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Spring Break

Fourth-year chemistry student Christine Last spent spring break in Belize this year but it was no holiday. Last was among dozens of Western students who spent their downtime helping others, either in London or internationally, under a campus program called Alternative Spring Break. Read Last’s first-hand account on Page 12.

Climate change, over-population ‘ecomyths’

“‘I guess you could say I’m a square peg in a round hole.”

There you have a direct comment from Geography Associate Professor Graham Smith, who is more than candid when discussing his less-than-majority viewpoint that global warming is a questionable theory being pushed on a gullible public with ‘end of the world’ fear tactics.

Smith shared this opinion on climate change while speaking recently to a gathering of senior alumni, lumping climate change fears in with reported threats from lawn pesticides, over-population and general over-consumption as “ecomyths.”

“We’re told we have to make changes today. The world is far more robust than that,” he says. “It’s not as fragile as many may want you to assume. It’s as robust as all heck.”

Smith has an issue with the carefully carved out message of fear surrounding global warming being fed to the public without a chance to truly question the scientific research.

The public is being told the world is crumbling around them and humans are to blame for the mess. If scientists and others go against the grain and challenge conventional wisdom, they’re labeled a “denier,” he says.

“The vast majority of those who talk about climate change or global warming are not even climatologists – they’re economists or politicians. It’s a great way to regulate the economy,” says Smith. “Education is not the same as intelligence.”

Rather than accepting a “doom and gloom” mantra he says is present in the media, through government officials and even academics, people need to think for themselves and not be “scared into believing.”

Government intervention on environmental issues often does “more harm than good,” he says. “‘You have the capacity to chose what is of value or not. You are sensible,” says Smith, levels rose from 280 to 380 parts per million over the same time, don’t spell disaster to him.

“My little brain has a hard time seeing how this is a danger and, more so, why I should feel that I’m responsible, he says. “I’m not in favour of saying science has settled the argument. I’m in favour of more scientific research.”

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WESTERN NEWS WINS AWARD

The Canadian Community Newspaper Association has awarded Western News first place in a national competition for university and college newspapers. The award, which covers editions published during 2007, will be presented in May at the organization’s annual convention.

LIVES OF ELIZABETHAN WOMEN

Feminist, academic, critic and author Germaine Greer, author of Shakespeare’s Wife, will be at Western on April 19. Little is known about Shakespeare’s wife, Ann Hathaway, but Greer’s book — part biography, part history — reconstructs her life and the daily lives of Elizabethan women. She has taught at universities in Australia, Britain and the United States. Ann Hutchison, Western’s Director of Media Relations, will interview Greer about her life, career, and writing. The event will take place at Althouse College Auditorium at 2 p.m. General admission is $5; or $3 for admission with a signed copy of Shakespeare’s Wife. Tickets: The Book Store at Western, Books Plus, or online www.booksstore.uwo.ca.

CELEBRATING FACULTY AUTHORS

Many of Western’s faculty authors will be honoured at a Faculty Authors’ Reception on Wednesday, March 19 from 7 to 9 p.m. at The Book Store at Western, University Community Centre. For a look at some of the faculty books published in the last year or so, Western News has compiled the annual Faculty Bookshelf this week on pages 10-11.

SOGS ELECTION MARCH 18-21

Kai Pisters, a PhD student in Chemical Engineering, and Rick Telfer, a PhD student in Sociology, are contesting the presidency of Society of Graduate Students. Elections will be conducted online at www.uwo.ca/sogs from March 18 to March 21 inclusive. Full-time and part-time graduate students campus-wide are eligible to cast ballots. The society provides services including the Grad Club, a health plan, a bus pass and advocacy for more than 3,000 Western graduate students. Send questions to sogsspeaker@uwo.ca.

STRONG HIRING CLIMATE IN LONDON

London area employers expect a strong hiring pace for the second quarter of 2008, according to the latest Manpower Employment Outlook Survey. About 23 per cent of area employers plan to hire from April to June, while only three per cent expect to reduce their workforce. Strength is projected in the public administration and services sectors.

NATIVE WRITER, DIRECTOR AT KING’S

Jode Kechego, writer, producer and director, will be at King’s University College today sharing his experiences as educator, filmmaker, and manager of a Native youth hip-hop group, inspiring positive change for indigenous youth. Kechego was born in London and raised on the Chippewas of the Thames reserve and he will offer a personal account of dealing with issues common to many First Nations youth: identity, land claims, poverty, violence, addiction and suicide awareness. The event, which includes airing of a documentary, takes place 7-9 p.m. in the Dante Lenardon building – Room DL012. Donations welcomed at the door. Free parking in lot P1 beside Wemple building on Epworth Avenue.

SOCIETY FOR LEARNING IN RETIREMENT

The Society for Learning in Retirement will hold a preview of its 2008 Fall Program on March 19, 10 a.m. – noon, at Westminster College, 361 Windermere Rd. The society offers a wide range of courses to seniors. Moderators will describe their courses. Phone 519-438-3525 or visit www.sirlondon.ca.

CORRECTION

Some incorrect information about the Department of Women’s Studies appeared in an opinion article last week in Western News. The Department of Women’s Studies and Feminist Research has four tenured members with joint appointments: Helen Fielding (Philosophy), Tracy Isaacs (Philosophy), Katherine McKenna (History) and Christine Roulston (French Studies). Margaret Derose (Film Studies) is in a tenure-track joint appointment. The department welcomes Erica Lawson and Kim Verwaayen, each of whom will begin a tenure-track appointment fully in Women’s Studies and Feminist Research on July 1, 2008.

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Davenport’s Negev honour draws criticism

By Paul Mayne

An honour about to be bestowed on President Paul Davenport for “leadership and commitment to diversity, tolerance and defending human rights” has generated criticism from some faculty on campus who believe it should be rejected.

Davenport is to be honoured in June at the annual Negev Dinner, created to highlight outstanding community leaders and significant events in Jewish life. It is an honour Davenport says he accepts with great pride.

The dinner is sponsored by the Jewish National Fund (JNF), which the faculty group says promotes “exclusion, dispossession and institutionalized discrimination.”

“The see the Negev dinner as a tribute to Western’s values and that is why I am proud to accept this honour from the Jewish National Fund,” says Davenport, adding proceeds from the event will fund environmental projects in Israel, carried out by the JNF.

“The majority of these projects focus on reforestation, rehabilitation of springs, and treatment of waste water,” says Davenport. “Josef and I have selected the En Ro’m Spring Development Project. The importance of this work is something we witnessed in our trip to Israel last year.”

With acceptance of the honour, announced in December, has come criticism from those who argue the JNF, which controls large sections of land in Israel, practices discrimination and has been a party to dispossession of Arabs from their land.

While the JNF and its practices are not generally well-known in North America, they are sufficient for the faculty group to ask Davenport to reject the recognition.

“President Davenport is being honoured for promoting tolerance and democracy in the Middle East. That is admirable,” says Law Professor Michael Lynk, one of 36 faculty members petitioning Davenport to reject the honour.

“But the organization which wants to honour him – the Jewish National Fund – is an organization that practices institutionalized discrimination and dispossession in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories. The JNF is promoting high-minded ideals for low-minded purposes,” Lynk says.

The JNF’s ownership and control of 13 per cent of Israel’s land and influence in supervising another 80 per cent. He says all of these lands are reserved for the exclusive use of Israeli Jews. Palestinian citizens of Israel (20 per cent of the population) are not allowed, by the JNF’s charter and Israeli laws, to lease, use or benefit from lands.

“The Palestinian citizens are restricted to owning and using approximately three per cent of Israel’s land,” he says. “This is legalized social exclusion, which no modern liberal democracy would think of tolerating.”

The JNF’s practices, Lynk says, include sponsorship of Canada Park, built in the occupied territories on the site of three Palestinian villages destroyed in 1967.

“The goal is to have Dr. Davenport accept the honour and then support the research committee, which is why I am concerned to have him accept an honour that will be associated with actions that I think are unethical,” Lynk says.

Davenport says much of the criticism focuses on a century-old JNF policy on land ownership. Israel is a democracy and there has been intense internal debate about this issue – the issue is before Israel’s High Court – so he hopes the matter will be resolved.

“I am not supporting one side or the other in the long-standing Middle East conflict,” says Davenport. “I am president of Western to travel to many parts of the world, many of which have policies or practices, which are controversial and challenged internationally. I do not comment on their local political issues either.”

Frank Simkvetz, Executive Director of JNF Regional Ontario, says Davenport’s elevation is up to the past to receive the honor, citing his “commitment to human rights and what he has done for the university in bringing about an attitude of inclusion.”

However, Simkvetz says he has been taken aback by the criticism at Western.

“It’s not the first time it has happened, but I’m surprised it’s happening in London,” he says, adding when McMaster University President Peter George was honoured in 2005 there was “no backlash” from the academic community.

Lynk says he believes when Davenport accepts the honour in December, he was unaware of the JNF’s record. However, since then he has received letters and packets of information.

“With the greatest of respect, I believe that the onus rests with President Davenport to square this situation,” says Lynk. “Simply repeating these high-minded reasons in the face of the damning evidence is unconvincing.”

Davenport says his decision is final.

“I hope my colleagues and the community at large, whether they are Jewish, Muslim, Christian or Hindu, will respect my decision and understand my goal is not to cause divisions at Western or in London, but rather to accept this award as recognition of the commitment by Western, as well as by me, in promoting diversity and tolerance and free speech,” he says.

Schulich to receive honorary degree

Seymour Schulich, a Canadian investor-philanthropist whose $26-million gift in 2004 named the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, will receive an honorary degree on May 16.

This represents the first honorary degree in Western’s history to be presented at a medical convocation. In the past there have been speakers at the ceremony but the faculty, like Richard Ivey School of Business, was recently granted authority to present honours degrees.

Schulich’s gift to Western was directed largely toward making it easier for students to work toward medical degrees.

“This gift established scholarships that have made the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry one of the most accessible in the country,” says Dean Carol Hermeking. “Many qualified applicants who may not have pursued medical, dental or graduate school for financial reasons are now able to attend.”

Over the years, Schulich has contributed more than $100 million to post-secondary education including major donations to York’s School of Business, Calgary’s School of Engineering, McGill’s Faculty of Music and the Israel Institute of Technology’s chemistry department.

A member of the Order of Canada, Schulich is Chairman of Newmont Capital Limited and Director of Newmont Mining Corporation – the world’s largest gold producer.

Prior to becoming Chairman of Newmont, Schulich was Chairmen and Co-Chief Executive Officer of Franco-Nevada Mining Corporation Limited, Chairman of Euro-Nevada Mining Corporation Limited and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Franco-Nevada Mining Corporation Limited.

Schulich was born and raised in Montreal and graduated with a Bachelor of Science (BSc ‘61) and a Master of Business Administration (MBA’65) from McGill University. He earned his Chartered Financial Analyst degree from the University of Virginia in 1969.


Robarts Close-up

Blood vessels, magnetic resonance imaging and stem cells were on the agenda at Robarts Research Institute as students from London’s Chippewa Public School paid a visit as part of the London Museum School Program, a hands-on approach to learning. Here, Grade 8 student Nathan Dawe gets a closer look at stem cells.
SOCIETY OF GRADUATE STUDENTS
NOTICE OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

The following candidates have been nominated for the position of President of The University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students (SOGS):

PISTERS, Kai
TELFER, Richard

Full- and part-time graduate students are eligible to vote in this election. Polling will take place on-line at www.uwo.ca/sogs on March 18-21 inclusive.

For more information, please visit www.uwo.ca/sogs.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

QUESTIONS ABOUT GROUP SPONSORING AWARD

Regarding the article in Western News “Tolerance, Social Justice Incompatible with award,” like professors David Heap, Randa Farah, Michael Lynk and Rebecca Coullter, the UWO Chapter of the Public Interest Research Group wonders why is the president of this university accepting an award from an organization whose discriminatory policies and practices have been criticized by a number of respected bodies, including the United Nations?

In 1998, the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights stated the practices of the Jewish National Fund "constitute an institutionalized form of discrimination" and are in breach of Israel's international legal obligations. (UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.)

UWO PI RG has tirelessly advocated for freedom of speech and for an environment of tolerance and acceptance on campus. In that regard, we believe Davenport's decision to stand as an hon- ee of the 2008 Jewish National Fund stands in contrast to the values of our organization and of the Western community.

Hence, the Public Interest Research Group would like to invite the Western community to a panel discussing Paul Dav enport's acceptance of the JNF award. Ismail Zayid and Paul Davenport have been invited to speak at the panel. Ismail Zayid has lectured and written extensively on this subject in the UK, the Middle East and North America to university groups, academic seminars and public meetings. He speaks with first hand knowledge of the struggle of the Palestinian people as he was born and brought up in the village of Beit Nuba that was system-atically dynamited and bulldozed, together with the two nearby vil-lages of Imwas [Emmaus] and Yalu, by the Israeli army, on the direct orders of Yitzhak Rabin, Chief of Staff of the Israeli army at the time.

Today at the site of these vil-lages stands the infamy that is called “Canada Park”, built by the Jewish National Fund, with Cana-dian tax-deductible dollars.

Davenport has not yet con-firmed or declined our invitation to speak at the panel.

The panel will be held on Wednesday, March 19 at 7 p.m. in UCC Council Chambers. Every-one is welcome. Admission is free. For more information contact daldabba@uwo.ca.

Dida Al-Dabbas
Community Coordinator
UWO PI RG

REFORMER MISREPRESENTED AS ART CENSOR

Regarding the Western News article “’Smasher’ Harper joins the Philistines of history,” I do not think the historical depiction of Girolamo Savonarola presented in this article is as accurate as it could be.

During his time the Medici family’s hold on power was weak-ening as a result of the Great Wars of Italy (1494-1559). Despite this reality the wealthy families of Florence continued to pour money into art even though such an investment threatened the security of their people.

It is true Savonarola disliked the nudity present in much of the art produced in the Renaissance period. However, his criticism of that art was more an echo of the discontent of the lower classes of Florence with, what seemed to be, a bad investment in a time of war.

It is clear Savonarola’s primary goal was not the destruction of “immoral” art but rather soci-etal reform. He was attempting to push reform upon the Catho-lic Church which had been corrupt ed by people like Pope Alex-ander VI and the Medici family, who themselves sent three popes to Rome (Leo X, Clement VII & Leo XI). Ultimately the repres- sion of figures like Savonarola and his contemporaries, such as Jan Hus and John Wycliffe, led to the Protestant Reformation.

Therefore I believe that Savona-rola should be remembered for his attempts at reform and not as critic of “immoral” art.

Ted Cogan
History II

JNF ERASING PALESTINIAN PAST

Regarding the Viewpoint article in Western News “Tolerance, Social Justice Incompatible with the award” we are writing to you as alumni of The University of Western Ontario Medical School and doctors in the community concerning President Paul Dav enport’s decision to attend the London Jewish National Fund’s Negev dinner in June. We believe his attendance would run contrary to many of the values a president of Western should actively sup-port.

We bring to this letter all of the easily available public information about the JNF that column writers Coullter, Farah, Heap and Lynk have highlighted. In addi-tion, we bring to it the story of our own family. Our father was one

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THE WAY WE WERE: 1973

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

Digging into London’s past took a new twist when graduate student Rauno Aaltonem began researching the geological environment of the city. He used a drilling rig to bore holes of 100 feet or more into the bedrock at various locations throughout the area. The resulting information was added to the city files for future guidance and the placing of large structures. Drill operator Reuben Sequin assists Aaltonem at the right.
of the 750,000 people forcibly expelled from his home, carried on foot by his mother across their home and into a refugee camp a hundred kilometers away. The town they were forced to leave was known then as Saa'Saa and our grandfather and grandmother carried with them its memories until they died in the 1980s. As with many other Palestinian villages, Saa'Saa was taken over by the JNF, which renamed it and worked to erase its history by planting trees over the family's and so many other Palestinian homes.

While the JNF presents a friendly face to the public, the reality is far different. The JNF is, in reality, a tool of discrimination and dispossession used by the government against the Palestinian inhabitants of Israel and against the millions of Palestinian refugees driven from their land in 1948 and 1967. This process of dispossession continues, unfortunately, to this day. As a pseudo-state organization, the JNF owns or indirectly owns over the years by those who did not return to these lands. As part of its program to make Israel “green”, the JNF has also been responsible for the erasure of past and present Palestinian habitation. Canada, like the US and Australia, is part of the Canadian JNF, covers the ruins of three Palestinian villages (Inwas, Tala and Beit Nuba) destroyed by the Israeli army in 1967. This process has been repeated throughout the state of Israel, in an attempt to eliminate the ability of Palestinian refugees (the largest refugee population in the world) to connect with or return to the land.

We ask Davenport not to support the discriminatory policies of the Jewish National Fund. Declining to support such a politicized, prejudiced organization would go well with Western’s policy of supporting equality within the university as well as without. His refusal to attend the Negev dinner would send a strong message that Western is opposed to bigotry, land theft, and the twisting of history. We remain hopeful Davenport declines the invitation.

Eeman Loubani, MD
(Class of 2004)

Mohammed Loubani, MD
(Class of 2006)

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(Class of 2007)

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The teacher, at all times, has to want to do what is right, and say what is right, and hope that, with his training and experience, it actually is right.”

On working outside of academia: “Life is very complicated, and you live on many different levels, and you just can’t be completely directed to one drive in itself.”

On early days in Geography: “We had a real budget. I thought the geography library was basically my own library. There were always small beginnings.”

On the impact of technology: “In the old days, you went from point A to point B by walking, or by team, or something like that. Today you go from point A to point B by railroad or an automobile. But you’re still going from point A to point B. You’ve just changed the trapping.”

The writer is a Western History MA candidate.

But computers can’t do it all, and this, Pleva believes, is why the university experience will always be essentially the same. At its core is the interaction between students and teacher, which to this seasoned professor is “always a delight.”

It’s clear that Pleva sees the interview itself as a forum for teaching; for sharing what he’s learned with one’s peers within the university’s future faculty and students.

He understands the interviews in the collection have will be valuable, rather than historical value. They’re dynamic and relevant resources to take Western into the future.

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Travelling biochemist putting down roots

BY KATHERINA DEHAAS

Waterloo, Ottawa, Montreal, London and North Carolina: Bonnie Deroo’s career path has been less than linear. On the move for the last 10 years, her recently found herself back in London at The University of Western Ontario.

Deroo is a new professor in the department of biochemistry at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry. Within the year she’ll be mentoring graduate students and teaching in the department.

Deroo, with a doctorate in biochemistry, has worked in her fair share of laboratories already.

As an undergrad in biochemistry at the University of Waterloo, she was part of a co-op program that accounted for a lot of her travelling.

“You get a lot of lab experience that way and you kind of get to find out what you like and what you don’t like, so for me it was good,” she said.

And what she liked was research: so much that she pursued it at a graduate level.

A master’s degree brought her to London, not far from where she grew up in Chatham, Ont. And though she also received her PhD from The University of Western Ontario, she went all the way to North Carolina to finish it.

She completed her lab work at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) in Triangle Park, N.C., after her supervisor moved his lab there.

But after 10 years of travel, Deroo is back in London — and she’s happy to be here. “And now to be a professor at The University of Western Ontario — it’s very exciting,” she said.

But she didn’t come alone. Deroo’s career brought her more than an excuse to travel the country. She met her husband, also a scientist, as an undergraduate student in biochemistry. Since then the couple has been together through a lot of moves, including the move to Western.

Throughout her career, two things have motivated Deroo: her ambition to conduct research and work closely with students. Throughout her career, two things have motivated Deroo: her ambition to conduct research and work closely with students.
EDWARD G. PLEVA AWARD

DONALD BARCLAY
Richard Ivey School of Business
Thorough, passionate and patient are among the words used to describe Donald Barclay, who has a unique idea regarding his teaching philosophy - with an apparent paradox.

“I don’t believe in teaching; I believe in learning,” he says.

Over his 23 years at Western, Barclay has fostered learning at all levels of education within the Richard Ivey School of Business - from Honors Undergraduate to Master’s to Doctoral levels. He has enriched the learning of business professionals through his teaching of and leadership in Executive MBA and Executive Development courses.

Evidence of Barclay’s classroom expertise rings not merely from his consistently exceptional teaching evaluation scores, but even more from the words and phrases used to capture his impact. For example, “sustained excellence” and “sterling classroom education” are echoed alike by students and faculty. Barclay’s prowess extends far beyond the highly interactive case-study-method-classroom into exceptional work in academic counseling; graduate student supervision; innovative course design; leadership development; and publishing and presenting on university teaching methods.

ROBERT LIPSON
Faculty of Science (Chemistry)
Over the past 20 years, Robert Lipson has played a pivotal role in improving the study of Chemistry at Western and other Canadian institutions. He began his career at Western in 1986 as an Assistant Professor and since then his commitment to the academic pursuits of students and colleagues has supported the Department of Chemistry and the university as a whole.

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RICHARD VERNON
Faculty of Social Science (Politics Science)

Richard Vernon sees teaching as a way to build bridges - between a student’s own experience and subject matter they are not familiar with; between his own discipline of political theory and other disciplines; and between teaching and research.

In almost 38 years at Western, Vernon has become the consummate bridge builder for students.

Vernon has an extraordinary track record. For the past 10 years, he has never received a teaching evaluation score of less than six on a seven-point scale, and it is easy to see why.

Of the many letters written by students, several themes shine through. His generosity with his time: “From the day I became Dr. Vernon’s student, I was made to feel his door was always open.” His concern with mentoring: “He encourages (students) to write and will re-read as many drafts as are required to bring out the most persuasive articulation of a position.”

But Vernon’s approach may have had its greatest impact on the Scholars’ Electives program. Taking an interest in the program at a time when it was attracting only a few students each year, he fashioned one of the most sought-after options for students and it is now a flagship program for those wishing to broaden their intellectual perspective.

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Angela Armitt Award (Part-time Faculty)

Fabian Gorodzinsky
Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry (Pediatrics)
Born in Mexico, where he received an MD in 1974, Fabian Gorodzinsky began training in Israel, and travelled to Toronto before making London home. He has a practice in community pediatrics in London while acting as consultant to the Clinton Public Hospital and the Alexandra and Marine General Hospital in Goderich.

For over 20 years, Gorodzinsky has provided excellent clinical teaching for undergraduate and postgraduate medical trainees. His philosophy is simple – use your natural abilities.

“I utilize William Osler’s principles of ‘observe, record, tabulate, communicate. Use your five senses learn to hear, learn to feel, learn to smell and know by your practice alone you can become expert’.”

Consistently rated highly by students, Gorodzinsky continues to receive high praise as a clinical teacher, role model and mentor. Comments include:

“In my time with him, he definitely focused a lot more on the importance of communicating skills, the emotional aspects of medicine, and the patient perspective than any other supervisor I have worked with.”

“He seamlessly transitions from being direct with a teenager, to gently but firmly asking a toddler to colour, to cooing at a newborn.”

“Even in a field such as pediatrics, in which I have met many outstanding clinical educators, no one has taught me a humane approach to patients as thoroughly as Dr. Gorodzinsky.”

Gorodzinsky has also contributed beyond London. After Hurricane Mitch caused severe damage to Honduras in 1998, he began annual visits to the country to help children and families affected by the disaster and has encouraged medical trainees to accompany him.

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Nicole Haggerty
Richard Ivey School of Business

Recognized as a teacher “who is able to get her students’ attention and keep their attention, when they originally had almost no interest in the topic at hand,” Nicole Haggerty has developed a reputation as a professor with a “rare and extraordinary skill”.

One student lauded her ability “to communicate difficult and complicated course material in an interesting and relevant manner” and observed she offers “an interactive and relevant learning environment, one where in-depth discussion is facilitated and moved forward by the expertise of the professor.”

Haggerty’s classroom teaching and commitment to student success have resulted in consistently high teaching ratings, a fact more remarkable because she teaches a course on Information Systems that all business students must take - and many face with trepidation.

At the end of the course, students acknowledge Haggerty was “awesome,” made the course “a lot of fun,” and had become one of their favourite Ivey professors.

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Neil Vigers
Faculty of Arts and Humanities (Philosophy)

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Mutual benefits in City-Western exchange

BY BOB KLANAC

A long-running ideas exchange between the City of London and University of Western Ontario engineering students has resulted in major contributions to several London projects.

The 12th annual Design Competition saw engineering students put their skill into several projects including the design of a London recreation centre and library with possible Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification of gold or higher, bridge design for extension of Wonderland Road South over Highway 401, and a Greenway Pollution Control Plant upgrade.

Two teams were awarded first-prize winners by the judges. Mark Carney, Chris Ledsham, Sandor Nagy and Scott Young worked on the Wonderland bridge project. Robyn Gaebel, Travis Goodhand, Tyler Ing, Ashley McManus, Mike Napper and Jon Schlemmer designed a new green community centre and library. “These are very real projects,” says Mike Bartlett of Western’s Civil & Environmental Engineering Department noting that the Wonderland Road bridge project is slated to be done within 10 years and the Greenway upgrade and recreation centre/library project much sooner.

“Think about the recreation centre and library project is that it will be a ‘green’ LEED building,” he says. Bartlett says the project is “very hot right now” with a design architect in place who requested the students’ project work on the centre for consideration.

“The city has also asked for the student PowerPoint presentations,” he says. “One group’s presentation took you on a tour, walking through the building in real time.”

The yearly design competition is an important part of the fourth year academic program, helping students to develop design talents, design alternatives, site and structure aesthetics, cost estimates, construction strategies and explore durability and maintenance issues. Bartlett says that while much attention is paid to the winning team’s spectacular work, the presentations by all students were “of a very high quality.” “Due to the presentations and materials submitted, the bar keeps getting raised higher year after year,” he says.

There were third-year students in the audience at the presentations so hopefully the bar will be raised even higher next year.”

Bartlett says Dave Leckie, Director of Roads and Transportation for the City of London told the students “the presentations were great and that the groups could sell anything to anybody.”

“There is a strong technical component to the awards but the other part of it is the effectiveness of the students’ communication of their technical innovations to a non-technical audience,” he says. “Our students are getting very good at that.”

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

AN AWARD WORTHY OF SUPPORT

President Paul Davenport has many times displayed his commitments to the ideals and the practices of tolerance and diversity. He is to be much congratulated for his fine leadership and his clear understanding of what the Enlightenment has bequeathed to the freedom of our society and the role of our university.

Since its inception in 1901 the Jewish National Fund (JNF) has played a crucial role in the development of the land of Israel, specially in the reclamation of deserts and in the field of water conservation. The JNF has been very important in converting the desert and malarial swamps into “a land flowing with milk and honey”.

JNF was one of the founding members of the International Arid Lands Consortium, an independent non-profit organization committed to scientific investigation of the unique problems in arid and semi-arid regions. JNF works closely with researchers from major arid land universities, including researchers in Egypt and Jordan. An Israeli Arab has been appointed to JNF as a director.

The project supported by the Davenport Dinner is the Ein Ro’im Spring Redevelopment Project in Northern Israel, three kilometres from the Lebanese border. The spring was originally used only for watering sheep. It fell into disrepair and was avoided by shepherds. The project aims for restoration and improvement of the spring and surrounding area to allow all visitors to enjoy the beautiful natural site and the developing surrounding park-land, and to benefit all the local farmers by providing fresh water for livestock. About 20 per cent of Israeli citizens are not Jewish, mainly Arab.

Incidentally, for context, there are no Jewish citizens in neighbouring Arab countries from which about 800,000 Jews have fled, and Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East, and has both Jewish and Arab citizens.

By accepting to be the honoree for the Jewish National Fund Negev Dinner Davenport continues to demonstrate his steadfast commitment to principles that are important to all who value the freedom democracy brings.

All the proceeds from the Davenport Dinner will go to funding the Spring Redevelopment, which is apolitical and worthy of support by all who do not espouse a very partisan, very specific anti-Israel agenda.

Editor’s note: For other letters to the editor, please see pages 4 and 5.

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Lawson Research Day 20

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12:45 a.m. Keynote Speaker

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Nelly Auersperg, PhD MD
Professor Emerita
Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology
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2:00 p.m. Trainee Presentations

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By Bob Klana c

Last year's disastrous Gazette spoof issue and the resultant campus uproar is unlikely to be remembered positively. Still, it was instrumental in creating a groundbreaking women's conference that took place recently at Brescia University College.

Women Making Change, a March 7 gathering associated with International Women's Day, featured papers by students covering issues from international development to aboriginal issues, as well as panels on campus and community activist projects.

"Some of that came out of that town hall meeting," says Rebecca Coulter, of the Faculty of Education and a conference organizer. "With what happened with the Gazette last year it became apparent that there was so much going on with the Western women's issues community. "I think it had been hibernating for awhile and it just kind of exploded."

Coulter says there was a feeling they should celebrate their renewed purpose, when student Katherine Mitrow proposed the idea. Mitrow had been mocked in the Gazette parody.

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Sarah Hyland of London's Sir Frederick Banting Secondary School talks about international study with Valerie Foulkes (middle), a political studies student who spent a year at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland and Allison Fleming, International Exchange Advisor for the Student Development Centre during the March Break Open House last weekend. Blizzard conditions halved projected attendance for the day.

"The conference was sponsored by Brescia's Circle Women's Centre and Institute for Women in Leadership, Western's Office of the President and Vice-Presidents, Western's Caucus on Women's Issues, the Department of Women's Studies and Feminist Research and the Faculty of Education."

If the list of sponsors seems expansive, it wasn't necessarily by design.

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An annual survey of new books by Western faculty

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Bringing more hope to More Tomorrow

BY CHRISTINE LAST

Last year I left my comfort zone and travelled with Western’s Alternative Spring Break program to the Dominican Republic where we lived in an orphanage for a week and taught English in the local schools.

After leaving, I saw the desire in other Western students who wanted to do something similar and didn’t know how to get involved. I decided to plan a service trip for this past reading week with another Western student, Stacey Yue, to Belize with the Rotaract Club and International Service Learning.

A group of 14 of us of all different ages, programs, and ethnicities embarked on this journey together. Each student paid their personal travel expenses, and we raised money as a group through fundraisers in order to buy clothing, medical supplies, school supplies, and toys.

I was moved by the generosity of the members of our team, the Rotaract Club, the Rotary Club, fellow Western students, local businesses, and friends and family who provided donations for us to bring to Belize. Once again I realized people are charitable when given the opportunity.

In Belize we were integrated into the impoverished areas, and were able to fully experience the culture. We traveled each morning to the village of More Tomorrow, an isolated village cut off from hydro, running water, and any kind of healthcare.

The village was bordered by a river, which the community depended on for washing their clothes, bathing, fishing, and drinking.

We spent the first few days getting to know the people in the village by visiting their homes and teaching in the school. We handed out small gifts to the children each day, and to see the smile on the face of Beljica, when she was given her own bubbles to play with, was priceless. Each child was so grateful with the donations they received, and they took nothing for granted. While in the school we focused on educating the children about personal hygiene, and helping them avoid the illnesses that plagued their village. We taught them everything from how to brush their teeth to how to deal with a machete wound.

Next we set up a clinic in the village, and with the support of a Belizean doctor provided the community with healthcare. The closest hospital was a full day’s journey from the village, and so the lineup for our clinic was out the door even when it began to storm outside.

In the village illnesses were widespread including parasites, dengue fever, and rashes.

Despite their sicknesses the children had a glimmer of happiness and hope which was inspirational for us all. They were so happy with so little, and never let on in school to the pain they were facing each day due to their sicknesses. The satisfaction of handing out the donated medication to the community is indescribable, and we truly saw the impact our service was having on the village.

Each day we travelled from the village to an orphanage in Belmopan, the capital of Belize. The orphanage housed roughly 40 children, whose ages ranged from newborns to 20 years old. The living condition at the orphanage was upsetting, and it truly was a wake-up call for us to see how they lived.

At the orphanage we played...
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No European ice age

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who presented information contradicting assertions in the award-winning movie An Inconvenient Truth. Polar bears are not drowning, Lake Chad is not drying up and Europe will not be thrown into an ice age, says Smith.

A great deal of research is being used to prove or refute global warming and the public needs to have lots of information in order to correctly understand the issue.

“The less you know the more fearful you are,” says Smith. “The government is in the business of control and you can’t control people unless they’re fearful.”

While Smith’s strong viewpoints may be looked on with trepidation, he says he’s not one to push them onto others - particularly his students.

“If you are convinced on the issue, no matter what data I present it won’t change your mind,” he says, adding he’s upfront with his class from the get-go.

“They're not job to change my mind and I’m not trying to change their opinion. I simply want them to take ownership of their opinion and think for themselves.”

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with the children, helped them with their homework, gave out donations, and most importantly showed them much-needed love. Each day they waited at the gate for our arrival, and I could see they were becoming as attached to us as we were to them. We were overwhelmed by the amount of love these children had to give, and we each made immediate connections with different children. On the last day when we left the orphanage I choked back tears when saying goodbye to the children. It was sad because we felt as though we were abandoning them, but we knew that we were providing them with love and companionship that would hopefully inspire them to keep fighting.

As I reflect on my education I realize the impact that these experiences have had on me as a Western student. I hope to inspire other students to volunteer both in the community and abroad, and to take a chance which may involve leaving your comfort zone as we have done.

There are so many different international opportunities at Western through programs such as Alternative Spring Break and volunteer groups such as the Rotaract Club.

Another group of Rotaract students provided relief to New Orleans this reading week, and a group is travelling to Tanzania this summer. We can't change the world in a week, but all the little things we can do add up to a large global impact. We went there with the intention of teaching, loving, and giving aid to the children, and only afterwards realized how much we were able to gain in return.

This experience will shape my future, and the impact of our trip will forever be embedded in the hearts of the children and each member of our team.

The writer is a fourth-year Chemistry student at Western.
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Learning to market the arts and humanities

By Bob Klanae

The absence of Arts and Humanities research in the university’s recent national advertising campaign initially upset some faculty then sparked an effort to pursue a higher profile for the discipline.

One of the responses came recently with a forum on the "Dos, Don’ts and Why’s" of promoting arts and humanities research in the media.

The panel was moderated by Ted Hewitt, Western’s Vice-President (Research and International Relations) and included Rob Stainton, Acting Associate Dean (Research) for the Faculty of Arts and Humanities; English Professor David Bentley; Helen Connell, Associate Vice-President (Communications & Public Affairs); and Gisele Yasmeen, Vice-President, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).

Contrasting the work done by Arts and Humanities faculty to that of their scientific colleagues, Bentley noted that Arts and Humanities does not invent vaccines, develop communications devices or bring vast research grants into the university.

“That said, we do marvellous things with language and in a global economy this is a plus,” he said.

The recent national advertising campaign focused primarily on science-based research, drawing concerns from within Arts and Humanities that their work was not being profiled. The depth of feeling was such that one researcher, upset with the campaign, asked that a story about his work be pulled from a forthcoming issue of Western News. His request was honored.

“We are not as key to Western’s branding,” said Stainton. “When high school students think about Western they tend to think about professional programs.”

“One possible way to promote the faculty is to highlight how arts and humanities connects in practical ways including teaching and as preparation for future study in professional programs.”

Still, Stainton said that if university branding is to succeed it must be targeted, adding “We can’t say that Western has excellent research and training in the following 1,008 areas. That’s doomed to fail.”

Hewitt noted that while talk about funding driving research is an unpleasant issue, “we do need money to do some of the things we want to do.”

“We all have a vested interest in it,” he said. “If we want to attract faculty and students then we have to get the word out, if not through advertising, then more general promotional work.”

Educating the public about the work done by arts and humanities faculty is an important role, Hewitt said, conceding that it’s an easier task in the hard sciences.

“But that makes it all the more imperative that we get the message out,” he added.

Connell pointed out that advertising is expensive so it’s essential to determine the best way of reaching various audiences.

“There is an issue in working through how to do it,” she said. “You have to help the public connect the dots as to why it’s important.”

Developing working connections with media is crucial, according to Connell, as is being able to communicate information about the research or project.

Concerns about how material gets reported should not lead faculty to avoid talking to the media, says Connell.

“Ask yourself if it’s more important for the general public to have an understanding of the story or is it more crucial for your peers’ understanding.”

Yasmeen says she sees the SSHRC’s role as a funding body to support all levels of the university, students, faculty and administrators, “to get people excited about what it is we are offering and what the humanities are doing.”

“There is no shortage of people wanting to study the humanities.”
**Hurun appoints new Dean of Theology**

Reverend Dr. William Danaher, Jr. has been appointed Dean of the Faculty of Theology at Huron University College effective July 1.

Danaher is Associate Professor of Christian Ethics and Moral Theology in the John Henry Hobart Chair at The General Theological Seminary in New York. He has held the positions of Assistant Professor and Associate Professor in the School of Theology, University of the South, Tennessee.

Danaher was awarded the A.B. degree in history from Brown University, the M.Div. from the Protestant Episcopal Seminary in Virginia, and the M.A., M.Phil., and PhD (Religious Ethics) from Yale. Ordained an Episcopal priest in 1996, he served as curate in Grace Church, New York City, assisted at Christ Church, New Haven, and was assistant chaplain at the Episcopal Church at Yale from 1994-1997.

In 2004, Danaher became a member in residence at the Center of Theological Inquiry (CTI) located in Princeton, New Jersey, which is affiliated with Princeton Theological Seminary. CTI provides a collaborative, interdisciplinary environment for religion scholars. Also in 2004, he received the John Hines Preaching Award, a national award given by Virginia Theological Seminary that recognizes sermons grounded in Scripture and focused on issues of social justice. From 2005-2006, Danaher worked as a victim-offender reconciliation facilitator for first-time, non-violent juvenile offenders in two counties in Tennessee.

In 2006 Danaher led an international group of seminarians from Sewanee on a trip to South Africa to expand their understanding of reconciliation and restorative justice through the work of the church in that country.

In 2007, Danaher became the first priest selected as a young leader by the French-American Foundation, which is dedicated to fostering relationships between French and American leaders in areas of business, politics, and academics.

**Football Wall of Champions**

Five players, one builder and the 1939 Western Mustangs football team will be inducted into the Football Wall of Champions on April 24.

Past inductees include current head coach Greg Marshall, who guided the Mustangs to the Yates Cup in his first season as benchboss, former Buffalo Bills special teams star Tim Cindale, and the 1957 championship team.

The current inductees include:

**TEAM**

1939 – Western’s first undefeated team and Yates Cup champions.

**PRE 70s**


**Bill Britton 1954-57** – halfback; team MVP and league’s leading rusher in 1956; undefeated 1957 Yates Cup championship team; league all-star in 1956 and 1957; first-round draft choice of B.C. Lions; seven-year CFL career.

**Rob Campbell 1960-66** – team captain in 1965, 1966; League all-star in 1964 and 1965; team MVP in 1964; Dr. Claude Brown Trophy in 1965; three-year CFL career; three colours earned with Mustangs and Field team.

**POST 70s**

**Rick Scarborough 1974-76** – running back; all-Canadian in 1976; member of the 1976 Canadian championship team.


**COACH/DECIDER**

**Jack Fair*** – halfback with the Mustangs football team a player from 1942-1945; inducted into the W” Club in 1991; inducted into the London Sports Hall of Fame in 2002; at Western for more than 60 years as student, player, coach, assistant coach; current coach of Western’s men’s squash team with 35 OUA titles, including 25 consecutive; played and coached five sports during his career – football, basketball, baseball, tennis and squash.

The Wall of Champions awards dinner was founded in 2004 to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to Mustang Football. This year’s dinner will be held on April 24 at The Great Hall at The University of Western Ontario. Tickets are $150 per person. For tickets: 519-850-2548; events@uwo.ca.

**New awards for top economic students**

The Department of Economics has established a new annual event to recognize top students. The department held an inaugural reception March 5 to recognize academic achievement by students enrolled in economics programs. Students were chosen based on performance in core economics courses at several levels.

The event was hosted by Chair Nathan Sussman and Undergraduate Program Director Terry Sicilair.

Among those honoured were:

First Year Economics: Jason Levy, Yue Yu, Memin Lai, Daniel Goetz, and Joshua Harvetz

100-Level Economics: Edodie Wright; Jonathan Wan and Shenzie Tang

200-Level Economics: Hang Fan; Timote Djenifa; Ying Zhou; Lucas Terry; and Malcolm Burton

300-Level Economics: Amy Stieck and Chidozie Okoye
COMING EVENTS

**March 13**
McIntosh Gallery - A sense of space. The Blind Culture. The exhibit brings together interactive, tactile works selected to reveal new ways of seeing to sighted viewers and are equally accessible to visually impaired visitors. Runs to April 6. www.mcintoshgallery.ca

Visual Arts Department: ArtLab Exhibition - Gallery Practices Class Exhibition. Runs to March 18. 12 - 6 p.m. www.uwo.ca/arts

Don Wright Faculty of Music - UWO Singers, von Kuster Hall, 12:30 p.m.

Physics and Astronomy Colloquium - Maria Kilboli, McGill University. A tail of intermittent behaviour, novel insights into cell function through tracking of cytoskeletal elements, and other stories" Physics and Astronomy U23, 1:30 p.m.

University Students’ Council - Bursting the Western Bubble Student Speaker Series - Jennifer Francis speaks about mental health. McKellar Room, UCC 3:30 p.m.

Women’s Studies and Feminist Research - Tina Bates, Curator for Ontario history at the Canadian Museum of Civilization. The Curating Profession: Bringing the History of Canadian Nursing to the Public. Health Science Building, Room 4, 4:30 p.m.

Visual Arts Speaker Series - Tim Lee, Photographer. Vancouver. UCC 100, 8 p.m.

**March 14**

Don Wright Faculty of Music - British-born, internationally renowned violinist Roger Chase. von Kuster Hall, 12:30 p.m.

Dr. Maud L. Menten Memorial Lecture - Robert Waterfield, Baylor College of Medicine. “Early nutrition and your epigenome” London Regional Cancer Program, Room A3-904A and B, 10 a.m.

Epidemiology & Biostatistics - Greta Bauer, Epidemiology & Biostatistics, Western. “Respons- ent-Driven Sampling: A New Method for Sampling Hidden Populations” MSB room 148, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Earth Sciences Colloquium - Ross McKitrick, University of Guelph. “Quantifying the influence of anthropogenic surface processes and inhomogeneities on gridded global climate data” B & G Bldg. Room 52. 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Philosophy Colloquium - Marguerite DesLauriers, McGill University. “Plato and Aristotle on language: misconceptions and perceptions” Faraahnsa Faz, Faculty of Education and Heena Paul, Canada Research Chair, Linguistics. Faculty of Education, Room 2054, 2:30 p.m.

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**March 16**

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University Students’ Council - CUSA Fashion Show 2008. Tenth anniversary celebration, Centennial Hall. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show at 7 p.m. Advance tickets $20 at Infosource.

Huron University College - Jane Lecture. “Ori- entalists, Missionaries and Jews” Leslie Orr, Religion, Concordia University. History of religions developed by the South Indian missionaries and the Madras Orientalists Contact Laurent Koldobskiy, 519-438-7224 ext. 277, koldobsk@ huron.uwo.ca Huron Room (Food Court) 7:30 p.m.

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FULL-TIME ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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