**Western expands, promotes Graduate programs**

**By Jim Anderson**

Western is getting out the message that the university is a great choice for graduate education through a comprehensive strategy to increase both the quality and quantity of graduate students, says Dean of Graduate Studies Martin Kreiswirth.

According to the departments’ and graduate programs’ projections, Western plans to double its PhD graduate enrolment by 2010 and significantly increase overall graduate enrolment in both masters and doctoral programs.

As part of efforts to attract and retain the highest quality graduate students, Clare Tattersall has been hired as Coordinator, Graduate Student Recruitment and Retention. Tattersall, a former communications and development employee at King’s University College, will develop and implement communications and recruitment initiatives in the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Kreiswirth says last year’s budget provided for the hiring of Tattersall, an English Literature and Women’s Studies graduate of Western, who also holds an MA in English Literature and is familiar with graduate studies.

“With her excellent communication and recruitment skills, Clare is a nice fit for the Faculty of Graduate Studies and our plans to develop a comprehensive strategy for recruitment and retention of Canada’s most outstanding graduate students,” says Kreiswirth.

Tattersall has been on the job since last November and has been busy working on the recruitment and retention plan.

“I have met with people from a wide assortment of departments on campus – communications, undergrad recruitment, the Student Development Centre, Society of Graduate Students, and many others to ensure that there is collaboration and coordination of services that are provided on campus,” says Tattersall. “This is going to help direct graduate students to existing services, and to tailor future endeavours to their specific needs.”

The Faculty of Graduate Studies has developed a plan to work with the programs and departments in focusing on both the recruitment and retention of graduate students.

“I expect to begin all and complete many of these tasks over the next year,” says Tattersall. “From there, it will be a matter of continuing this process of evaluation, collaboration and implementation.”

Some tasks already completed include:
- Creation of a welcome package for out-of-town potential graduate students visiting the university, containing maps and vital information about the university, research at Western and information on the City of London.
- Development of a graduate student handbook that assists graduate students with the transition to Western and informs them of services and facilities. It also answers some frequently asked questions. Tattersall is also working on an international student version that addresses immigration issues and highlights specific services available to international students.
- Plans for the future include:
  - Working with programs on an individual basis to provide support and assistance with initiatives.
  - Creating promotional items to be available to hand out at conferences, and graduate and professional fairs at other universities.

**In Profile**

**Province to move ‘soon’ ending retirement rule**

**By Paul Mayne**

The University of Western Ontario is awaiting provincial legislation before taking any action on mandatory retirement following a surprise announcement last week by the University of Toronto to abolish it.

“The details are still a mystery and it would seem a risky business to negotiate the issue,” says Alan Weeden, Western’s Vice-Provost (Policy, Planning and Faculty).

“We recognize that government and public policy has changed over the years and that it’s going to happen.”

Administration and Western’s faculty association have agreed that as soon as legislation is tabled preliminary discussions will begin concerning mandatory retirement. The next round of collective bargaining will also feature more formal discussion on the effects of the legislation.

The current faculty agreement expires June 30, 2006. Another Labour Minister Chris Bentley, a former adjunct law professor at Western, says legislation should be tabled shortly but he would not pinpoint a date.

“We’ve said from the beginning that we are going to end mandatory retirement, but at the same time protect the benefits of those still working,” says Bentley from his Queen’s Park office.

“As far as the University of Toronto moving forward on the issue, it demonstrates how parties on both sides can come to an agreement knowing a strong future lay ahead.”

Information received from public hearings held across the province last fall has been taken into consideration and government has been “fine tuning” the legislation.

“This issue has been around for some time now and it’s as though we’re somehow sneaking up on everyone,” says Bentley. “Some have said a transition period is needed while others have suggested it be retroactive. We are moving carefully on the issue.”

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CAMPUS DIGEST

TEACHING WITH TECHNOLOGY: Award-winning teacher Gosha Zywno returns to Western next month to present an address entitled “Using Technology to Enhance Learning in Large Classes.” The Ryerson University professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering spoke at last year’s Fall Perspectives and this discussion follows up on her keynote address. The presentation includes a look at the BlackBoard Web site supporting her Winter 2005 course, multimedia use to support class discussions, video segments of class activities and short videotaped interviews presenting students’ points of view on educational technology. The event takes place April 15, noon to 1:30 p.m., Room 3250 of the SM Centre. Confirm attendance at ext. 84622 or email tsc@uwo.ca. For more details, visit www.uwo.ca/tsc.

WESTERN CARES: A final tabulation for the Business Cares Food Drive indicates more than 92,000 pounds of food was collected, enough to feed more than 2,049 families of four for four days. The Western community contributed more than 2,500 pounds of food. The drive involved more than 300 business and individuals and the total raised represented a 41-per-cent increase over 2003 results.

RYTHEME TIME: The United Nations has declared March 21 to be World Poetry Day. It wants to promote efforts of small publishers and foster a return to poetry as a live performance. The UN sets as goals re-establishing connections between poetry and other arts such as theatre, dance and painting, and elevation of its image in the media so poetry “will no longer be considered an outdated form of art.” View the Web site at www.unesco.org/culture/creativity/literature/html_eng/poetise1.html.

MENTAL HEALTH: A colloquium on “Criminalization and Mental Illness” is set for May 9-10 at the Law School. Arranged by the Consortium for Applied Research and Evaluation in Mental Health, the objective is to explore issues and possible solutions, as well as share findings and experiences. Registration dead-line is April 29. There is no fee. Contact 661-2111 ext. 88711 or sstate@uwo.ca.

BURIAL RETURN: The University of Michigan will return burial remains to the Whitefish River band in Canada. The decision marks the first international repatriation for the university. The remains up to 18 persons and cultural artifacts were excavated in 1938 from Old Birch Island cemetery near Lake Huron by University of Michigan anthropologist Emerson Greenman. In 1983 the Whitefish River people began talks with the University for return of the remains. With passage of the Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act in 1990 in the United States, public museums are forced to return cultural items such as human remains to native peoples who wish to reclaim them but this does not extend to cultural items from territory outside of the United States. – Michigan Daily

TALENT SHOW: The Kashmir Talent Show is scheduled for March 31, 6:30 p.m. in Wolf Performance Hall to raise money to support hospitals in Kashmir. The evening features dances, songs, a fashion show, martial arts and other exhibitions. Tickets are available at UCC. Contact hasaseex@gmail.com or psa.uwo@gmail.com.

SPEECH CONTEST: The 23rd Ontario Japanese Speech Contest was held March 12 in Toronto with 49 participants from across Ontario including four students from the Japanese program at the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures. The four-day event features dances, songs, a fashion show, martial arts and other exhibitions. Tickets are available at UCC. Contact hasaseex@gmail.com or psa.uwo@gmail.com.

PROMOTIONS: The British university admissions watchdog, the Office for Fair Access, has approved so-called “access agreements” that will allow schools to offer incentive packages for students. Laptops, travel passes and vouchers for bicycles are among incentives being offered for 2006. The agreements state that universities must do to help students from poorer backgrounds in return for being allowed to raise tuition fees above the current maximum of just over 1,000 pounds. – BBC

WEB HIT

End of class is less than a month away and the assignment list is suddenly a mountain. Actually, that mountain can be climbed in a series of steps, if you have a guide. Check out Web-based Western Libraries assignment calculator, a handy little tool that will walk you through what needs to be done to reach your target. It is subject specific, just like your discipline. A big round of applause is due the folks who pulled this simple but powerful stress-buster together. http://www.lib.uwo.ca/instruct/calculator/

Western competitive in support

Clare Tattersall reviews a Welcome package developed for new graduate students.

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- Holding a university-wide Open House for graduate programs in November.
- Developing a new Western graduate program brochure. Re-designing the Graduate Studies Web site.

Since many graduate students are married and some have families, Tattersall also works with them to help them obtain information about spousal employment, schools and housing in London. The key elements in recruiting and retaining graduate students are the quality of the programs and the reputation of the faculty, notes Kreiswirth. “Those are the two things that attract graduate students to a university.”

While finances and scholarships are also important, Kreiswirth says Western is competitive in that area and the base financial package of $12,000 plus tuition for doctoral students is among the highest graduate support levels in Canada. International students are supported at the same level.

“It is particularly attractive when you bear in mind that living costs in London are significantly lower than in Toronto, Montreal or Vancouver,” says Kreiswirth. The Dean says the university budget will provide Graduate Studies and the Faculties with the financial resources for expansion and the task now is to implement the strategy for recruitment and retention.

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Western currently has about 3,800 graduate students in master’s and doctoral programs on a full-time or part-time basis. International students comprise 14 per cent of Western’s current graduate student population.

Over the past five years, 50 per cent of the growth of graduate students has come from new programs and 74 per cent from new doctoral programs. Most future growth is expected to continue from new graduate programs planned at Western, says Kreiswirth.

Political conditions and the consequence of 9/11 are currently making it very difficult for international students from all countries to obtain visas to study at U.S. universities, so Canadian universities and Western, in particular, have a good opportunity to be able to get more international students to consider studying in Canada, says Kreiswirth.

About 55 per cent of international graduate students on visas end up staying in Canada as landed immigrants or Canadian citizens, many becoming faculty at Canadian universities. The others return to their countries, benefiting the higher education system there.

Faculty recruitment is already a big issue with universities and the situation is going to be more critical as many of today’s senior faculty retire in the coming decade. A recent Council of Universities report says doubling doctoral enrolment is critical for Ontario and the country because it is the pipeline for new faculty.

“Western already has a strong reputation by word of mouth for graduate education, but we now will be aggressively pursuing a plan to recruit and retain the finest graduate students in the country,” says Kreiswirth.

CORRECTION

Ray Canon was incorrectly identified in a Hot Topic article on the Opinion page last week. Canon is a former Western faculty member.

In an article about Education Professor Immaculate Namukasa, a portion of her academic profile was inadvertently left out. Namukasa obtained a PhD from the University of Alberta in Sec- ondary Education. Western News regrets the errors.

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Morgentaler decision sparks controversy

BY JIM ANDERSON

Western’s decision to confer an honorary degree upon Dr. Henry Morgentaler has brought praise and condemnation in public reaction.

Western announced last week that Morgentaler, a pro-choice advocate who has championed the rights of women to have an abortion, is among 10 distinguished individuals who will be honoured at Spring Convocation this June.

The selection of Morgentaler by Senate’s Honorary Degrees Committee has sparked public controversy with responses both for and against being sent to the university. This will be the first honorary degree conferred on Morgentaler by any university.

“We have had some responses opposing this decision, but we have also had many, many responses in support,” says Western Vice-President (External) Ted Garrard.

The University of Western Ontario Act mandates responsibility for awarding honorary degrees to the Senate. Senate’s Honorary Degrees Committee, comprised of faculty, students, staff and alumni representatives, considers many nominations made each year and its decision is final, says Garrard.

“We do appreciate and welcome the opinions of everyone on this,” he says. “People have a right to express their views. That’s what a university is all about. The decision was based on the merit of the nomination.”

Garrard says Western will take whatever security steps are necessary as a precaution for the safety of Morgentaler and to preserve the peaceful conduct of the convocation ceremony.

The primary focus at Convocation in June should be on the students who are receiving their degrees and the occasion of celebration for their parents and families.

We would hope people keep this in mind.”

But London-Fanshawe MP Pat O’Brien is urging the university to reconsider its decision to confer an honorary degree on Morgentaler.

“He is someone who is highly controversial and who many Canadians hold in utter contempt,” says O’Brien.

Pro-life and abortion rights groups have both jumped into the fray.

A London pro-life group calls Western’s decision “unbelievable” and says conferring an honorary degree on Morgentaler is highly inappropriate.

But a London pro-choice group hails Western’s decision and praises the university for recognizing a doctor “who has long been overlooked in public recognition.”

The controversy even spilled over into Senate last Friday when the honorary degree recipients were announced.

Brescia University College Academic Dean Lorna Bowman expressed her school’s disappointment at the decision to honor our Morgentaler.

Sharon Sabourin, a student supporter of Morgentaler, expressed her concern saying “it is a great degree to be awarded.”

Faculty senator Jeff Tennant commended the “courageous decision of the university” to honour a person he deemed “a defender of women’s rights in Canada.”

Poor results blamed on too-few ‘resources’

BY PAUL MAYNE

Lack of resources is behind the flat performance of Western and other Canadian universities in the recent National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE).

With poor showings in all categories compared to U.S. schools, and behind in three of five categories compared to other Canadian universities, Western officials say funding is the root of the problem.

“We’ve been making an argument for years that universities in Ontario are deeply underfunded,” said Greg Moran, Vice-President (Academic), in presenting the results to Senate.

“I don’t think it’s because our faculty aren’t doing a good job and aren’t using resources effectively - I’ll argue that to my death. We are doing an outstanding job, but we’ll do a hell of a lot better with more resources.”

The NSSE assesses the extent to which undergraduate students are involved in their schooling in areas such as level of academic challenge, student-faculty interactions and supportive campus environment. Since its inception six years ago in the U.S., it has become highly regarded for measuring student engagement.

About 162,000 students at 472 universities took part in the most recent survey, which is intended to help stimulate conversation on campus to determine whether student behaviour and institutional practices are headed in the right direction.

The survey was administered by e-mail to 3,000 Western first- and fourth-year students. Western took part along with seven other members of the so-called G10 research universities -- McGill, McMaster, Queen’s, Toronto, Waterloo, Alberta and UBC.

The survey created five clusters, or benchmarks, to determine effective educational practices. Western fared better than its Canadian counterparts in student-faculty interaction and supportive campus environment, but performed worse in active and collaborative learning, enriching educational experience and level of academic challenge.

Western’s poor showing in the ‘level of academic challenge’ category caught the eye of Sociology Professor Mike Carroll, who was concerned with Western’s performance.

“In the context of this research,” he says. “Western’s institutional practices are headed in the wrong direction. The huge difference in resources makes a difference in what happens in the classroom, says Davenport, noting almost a 40-per-cent difference in per-student funding, when compared to the U.S.

Martin England, Director, Government Affairs and Institutional Research at Western, says the results are distressing not only for Western but for other Canadian universities.

“The results, while not welcome, are to be expected in light of the significant gap in per-student resources between Canadian universities and comparable universities in the United States,” says England, adding the Rae Review views the result as evidence of a need to invest in Ontario’s universities.

Rae has suggested all Ontario’s universities participate in the NSSE.

For more information on the survey, visit www.indiana.edu/nsse/.

Poetry Reading

Pier Giorgio di Cicco, Poet Laureate of the City of Toronto, and guest poet Donna Spector, from New York, will be the final readers of the Poetry London series on Wednesday, March 30.

A free poetry workshop will be held at 6:30 p.m. followed by a poetry reading at 7:30 p.m. in St. James Westminster Anglican Church.

Di Cicco was born in Italy and lived in Montreal before settling in Toronto. An orthodox Roman Catholic priest, he has written 17 books of poetry.

Spector is a playwright and poet whose work has appeared Off Broadway and on radio and in many literary magazines and anthologies. Her play, Golden Ladder, was published in Women anthologies. Her play, Golden

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Do research, ask questions

Students pay almost $850 in fees. USC Vice President Finance Bryan Szemenyi says it is time to apply the same scrutiny as with tuition.

It’s true, university isn’t cheap. Not only is there tuition, but a flurry of other costs such as lodging, food, books and, of course, entertainment.

In all of these discussions about the cost of post-secondary education, however, there is a breed of costs seldom discussed – fees, both fixed fees that are paid when students pay their tuition, and variable fees that students pay when they annually use university resources.

Students pay a variety of fees for the services they receive, from processing fees to ancillary fees for services such as Student Health Services. This past year, fixed fees alone cost students nearly $850, which does not include “faculty donations” which vary across constituencies and the processing fees.

These fees are not typically considered by students when they decide what university to attend and are rarely factored into budgeting. Students need not only be aware of these fees, but they should be evaluating them to make sure their money is spent the way they want.

Many students don’t realize this money belongs to them.

When they pay these fees, they finance organizations that are student-funded and student-supported. As such, they must ask whether fees support services we value.

In the recent plebiscite conducted by USC, students were asked to evaluate one fee in particular – Thompson Recreation and Athletic Centre (TRAC).

Regardless of the outcome, I am pleased at the level of debate and interest this question raised on campus. For the first time in decades students are looking at the fee and assessing whether they continue to pay them.

We do have control over these fees, and we need to realize they are not simply a hindrance on the bottom line of our annual payments. Ancillary fees, for example, must be approved annually by the Student Services Committee, an organization chaired by students, representing students from the three student unions on campus – the University Students Council, the Society of Graduate Students, and the MBA Association.

For this system to work, every student needs to voice their opinion. This prevents rigid discussions around contract agreements, intertemporal fee payment plans, and acceptable increase envelopes.

Instead, it helps centre discussion around the real core of the issue - value to students.

I want to hear how much a variety athlete values the fee all students pay to them, and how valuable a student finds Student Health Services right on campus. I want to hear from First Nations students who are able to learn in an environment that preserves their heritage because of First Nations Services. I want to hear from students who get health coverage for the first time because they are not covered by a parent’s plan.

I also want to hear from students who don’t use the Financial Aid Office, Bus Pass, or SDC. It is important that students oppose fees they don’t want to pay.

Students are a responsible bunch – the leaders of tomorrow both politically and economically. We have the ability to study, educate ourselves and grow as individuals.

But in all of this, we also need to consider the here and now. We need to look at the lives we are living, and make sure that we are being treated fairly, and are getting value from all of the fees we are paying. To do this, we need to educate ourselves.

Learning about fees isn’t a class. There are no professors and no assignments, yet the costs are higher for your fees than a single class at this university. It is our job to be independent, and when it comes to fees, do our own homework.

MORGENTALE UNDESERVING

In my estimation, Dr. Henry Morgentaler has done nothing more than force the state to sanction murder. Instead of promoting individual responsibility, he has made abortion nothing more odious than clipping one’s fingernails.

As with the Charter, we have rights without responsibilities. How does that contribute one iota to a stronger country? In this day and age it is so easy to prevent pregnancy. Why does he not focus on that instead of killing unborn children?

The bestowal of an honorary degree on this man is nothing more than your Universitycondoning women acting irresponsibly. For an institution of higher learning to capitulate so easily is frightening. Is this what our young women are now learning – rights without responsibility?

Rebecca Gingrich
Princeton, Ont.

MORGENTALE DECISION WRONG

I think that any university that would award his highest honour to someone who devotes his life to destroying life is deplorable. It speaks volumes of the purpose and intent of your educational system to promote contempt for your Creator.

Dawn Ber
Indiana

HONOUR WELL-DESERVED

I am delighted to hear about Dr. McWhinney’s induction into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame. It was Dr. McWhinney who lent me a small book entitled “A Most Fortunate Man” - the biography of a rural family physician - when I was a medical student. It was this small glimpse into the life of a country doctor, along with Dr. McWhinney’s positive message that family medicine is a discrete discipline, that inspired me to become a community family physician. I will always be grateful to him for that.

I was also fortunate to have as a mentor Dr. John Sangster of the Byron Family Medical Centre, who to my mind will always represent the ‘gold standard’ of a great family physician.

Dr. Sue MacLean
Markham
VICE-PROVOST ‘FEAR-MONGERING’

We are disappointed by comments University of Western Ontario Vice- Provost Alan Weedon has been making which call into question the university’s ability to hire new academics, especially women, if the province eliminates mandatory retirement. Such claims reflect fear-mongering at worst, outdated thinking at best.

Ontario universities are facing a faculty shortage crisis in the face. Former Premier Bob Rae, in his review of universities, says they need to hire 11,000 new faculty by 2010. The future looks bright for new academics hoping to become faculty.

Moreover, Weedon misrepresents facts by basingOntario faculty retirement predictions on American statistics. When the U.S. eliminated mandatory retirement, the retirement age was 65. But those who want to stay on aren’t forced to leave. It’s 65 in Canada, so comparing the two is like comparing apples and oranges.

Even so, only 1.6 percent of faculty in the U.S. stay on after retirement (age 70). What happens in Canadian universities that eliminated mandatory retirement? Professors tend to retire around age 62 or 63 – only 1.4 percent at L’Université du Quebec à Montréal stay past the age of 65. But those who want to stay on aren’t forced to leave.

Instead of fear-mongering on mandatory retirement why don’t we focus on the biggest obstacle to hiring new faculty: lack of provincial government funding. As highlighted in former Premier Bob Rae’s report to the Ontario government, the province needs to increase per student funding by $1.3 billion and double graduate student enrolment. That is where attention should be focused.

Michael Doucet, President, Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations

MARCH BREAK TOURS PROMOTE PROGRESSIVE WESTERN

I would like to comment on the article “Check out Western campus” in the March edition of Western News.

As a recent Western graduate, this article brought back the days when I was deciding on which university to attend. It is definitely a confusing time, as there are so many options to consider. I, like one of the students in the article, had put Western on the back burner as far as a possible contender. I was hesitant in selecting Western because of its well-known reputation of being a ‘party school’.

My opinion quickly changed once I stepped on campus. Western was presented primarily as a progressive learning institution, focusing on advancements in numerous fields of research. The sprawling green campus, state-of-the-art classrooms, and dignified limestone structures were also a definite selling point for the school.

I would like to applaud Western’s continual efforts in promoting our fine school during its March Break Tours. High school students are becoming increasingly skeptical about the merits of post-secondary education, therefore Western must continue to sell itself as one of the leading educational institutions of Ontario.

Betsy Wilson
Brescia University College

NOT INTERESTED? STAY AWAY, PLEASE.

I commend any creative, legal mechanism that entices students who possess no real curiosity or thirst for knowledge to stay clear from those who do have a vested interest.

With regard to the article in Western News on blackboards versus whiteboards, concerns have been raised about the progressive use of computer-enhanced teaching aids such as PowerPoint and course web notes that may invite students to skip class and stay at home.

For those instructors who consistently bear the burden of the hum of mindless drabble on unrelated course topics and the disturbing hit of steel on steel from entering ignorant latecomers, I applaud any tactic that may encourage disinterested students to stay away.

Is it truly one’s heart’s desire to teach those who can’t and won’t find a classroom stimulating?

Quoting from David Bellhouse (Statistical and Actuarial Sciences), “...it feels good to be a teacher when the students show up and are interested...” I’ll bet it does. It feels just as good to be a student who shows up and is able to concentrate.

Leslie Farrant (Staff) Economics

HIGH COST OF CONVENIENCE

Why does convenience cost more? We pay extra for convenience because it saves us time, and it’s just plain handy. Many stores get away with this; they overprice everything, and remain busy with a steady clientele.

I don’t mind paying more at corner stores for a few things, rather than going to a big grocery store. It’s easier and saves time. However, I don’t, as a student, appreciate being taken advantage of by our on-campus Book Store. We are practically forced into buying our books at the Book Store, and pay high prices.

We could take our business elsewhere – buy books over the Internet or elsewhere in London. But for students, many without personal transportation, this isn’t so easily accomplished. Books are heavier. We would have to go to several stores and it takes time.

Time to a student is priceless. The Book Store knows this. As if it’s not enough that tuition and living costs increase every year, our own store has the nerve to charge the highest prices around for books we require to further our education.

Andrea Carpenter
Brescia

POLICY ON LETTERS

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Frank Karantonis
Philosophy ‘06

“The excitement isn’t there. I’m a big college basketball fan and not much attention is put towards varsity sports here as in the States. The university needs to reach out to us and make more contact with the students. Sports should be bigger than it is. it would be great for school spirit.”

Jess Pirbauer
Social Science ‘06

“It’s good but it’s just that a lot of people don’t know about it. There’s not enough promotion around campus. There’s a great women’s rugby team and women’s basketball team, but no one is at the games and no one knows how good they are. The word needs to get out more.”

Kareem Morant
Medical Science ‘06

“It could be better. I’m a basketball fan and I know the men’s team has been struggling for a while, so perhaps the product on the floor has something to do with it. I don’t think the word is around campus as to when there’s a game. Unless you know someone on the team, there really seems to be no reason to go out to the games.”

Nicky Intalan
MIT ‘07

“There’s not enough advertising for it. Unless you or someone you know is involved with a particular team, you’re not going to know. I’d love to go to more games. Varsity sports are part of what university life should be about. It brings a lot of energy to the campus.”

Kyla MacLeod
Social Science ‘07

“I don’t think the student athlete gets enough recognition. I was on the junior varsity rowing team last year and it takes up a tremendous amount of your time. I’m not surprised varsity sports aren’t growing. Students like myself have a lot of responsibility with school and don’t have much spare time. I’ve been here two years and haven’t been to a game.”
IN PROFILE: Professor Emeritus

Western’s Lord of the Rings

By Jim Anderson

If there’s anything that rivals Bob Barney’s passion for Western, it’s his beloved Boston Red Sox. Barney, a lifelong Red Sox fan, reached baseball nirvana last October when the Red Sox won the World Series, ending the so-called curse of the Bambino (Babe Ruth).

“That was the sweetest moment—one I’ve waited all my life to see,” says Barney.

A native New Englander, Barney has made Western and Canada his home for the past 33 years wherever he has taught and done research in the School of Kinesiology and its predecessor, the Faculty of Physical Education. He came to Western from teaching as an associate professor at Boston State College in 1972.

His accomplishments at Western are myriad—former Intercollegiate Athletics Director, Director of Convocation, author, teacher and researcher. But probably his most important contribution to Western is as the Lord of the Rings.

Barney is one of the world’s leading authorities on the most valuable rings in the world. They’re not gold, or silver and they hold no diamonds. They are the five interlocking rings of the modern Olympic Games.

“They are far and away the most valuable trademarks in the world of sport and one of the most recognized symbols in the world,” says Barney. “Those rings represent the ability to generate literally billions of dollars.”

Although he officially “retired” in 1997, Barney still comes in almost every day to work in his office in the International Centre for Olympic Studies in Somerville House. A Professor Emeritus of Kinesiology, Barney is also Director Emeritus of the Olympic Studies Centre he founded in 1989 at Western. The centre’s current director is Kevin Wamsley, one of Barney’s former students, to whom the Olympic Studies torch was passed.

The centre’s primary mission is to generate and disseminate academic scholarship focused specifically on the socio-cultural study of the Modern Olympic Games and the Olympic Movement.

Western regularly receives calls and emails from all over the world from people wanting to know about the centre and to talk to its experts. ICOS experts are highly sought after by the media, including the major American television networks.

In addition to literally hundreds of published articles and papers on the Olympics, Barney is also the author of the highly acclaimed 2002 “behind the scenes” book, Selling the Five Rings. The book looks at the rise of the Olympics and the role of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) from a commercial perspective since the start of the modern games in 1896. It examines the early sponsorship efforts of founder Baron Pierre de Coubertin over a hundred years ago, to the rise of Games in the early 1900s, the 1960s and 1970s when huge television contracts were obtained under the direction of Avery Brundage and Lord Killanin, and the reign of Juan Antonio Samaranch in the 1980s and 1990s. The Brundage collection of papers is housed at Western’s ICOS, where scholars from around the world can come to view them.

Barney has been privy to the inner sanctum of the Olympics where he and co-authors Stephen Wenn and Scott Martyn, both Western graduates, spent seven years researching the book. They were granted unprecedented access to confidential records and information in the IOC archives in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Barney has also attended the last seven summer Olympic Games, including last summer’s Games in Athens.

Despite the poor attendance at the Athens games, because of several world factors and the absence of many Americans who stayed home, Barney said the Greeks did “a marvelous job” in staging the games and most of the predicted problems didn’t arise.

“The Greeks did the job in every way except putting people in the seats,” says Barney. “They’ll be paying for these games for decades like Montreal did in 1976.”

Barney views Western as “a second home” and thrives on the regular contact he has with many people on campus—colleagues in Kinesiology, people in other faculties, and the students.

“I really look forward to coming here every morning,” he says, noting he is usually on campus working out in the UCC before 7:30 a.m.

“I’m lucky to be associating with the people in the School of Kinesiology and around the campus. Western is a wonderful place to be. The only way I’ll stop coming here is when I’m in a box.”
African nutrition project suffers setback

By Monica Fleck

Even as the Western Heads East project reached an important milestone in Africa this month, organizers were dealt a body blow with news the federal government would not underwrite the enterprise.

The Canadian International Development Agency has rejected support for the program to build immune system resistance to HIV/AIDS and other diseases, marking the second failure to secure the agency’s funding.

“We were sure that this time the application would be successful,” says Bob Gough, chair of the Western Heads East steering committee and Western’s assistant director of residence education and programs.

“This project fits all the priorities of CIDA’s Youth Internship Program -- we are on the ground in Africa, and you cannot ask for a better international employment experience for graduates,” says Gough.

Meanwhile, in Tanzania, Western interns Cynthia Medeiros and Brian Healy had their first taste of the probiotic yogurt Western researchers and many observers hope will help build disease resistance in the local population.

The city of Mwanza was chosen as the site for the two interns to launch the nutrition project geared to improving the health of the area’s population.

The project involves incorporating a research study of probiotic yogurt into the local diet. The yogurt, which is rich in healthy bacteria, and has been shown to stave off HIV/AIDS infections in women and children, is based on research by Dr. Gregor Reid of the Lawson Research Institute, and Dr. Sharareh Hekmat of Brescia University College.

“The challenge of developing a special diet is ensuring access to normal, everyday supplies,” says Reid.

Gough says the funding difficulty appears to lie with the number of projects competing for CIDA’s attention.

“In speaking to the proposal reviewer at CIDA, the proposal was rated quite highly. It was just the volume, with 340 proposals received and only 120 approved.” However, the costs of supplies for the project is adding up.

A number of fundraising initiatives have been undertaken in the past year, including a barbecue and furniture sale, and sales of Western Heads East winter fleecewear.

“Now more than ever we need the Western community to help support this important cause,” says Gough, who visited Tanzania in December to lay groundwork for the interns’ arrival in January.

Gough says he is buoyed by the ongoing determination of the students and project leaders who are organizing fundraisers, such as the upcoming “POSIT HIV” bracelets that have been created to support the project.

“The African people are so excited about our help and about making the yogurt,” he says. “We’re well underway and we need to continue our commitment to following through on this important and sustainable project.”

To help support the project, a fundraising gala will be held on Friday, May 6 in the Great Hall.

It promises to be an exceptionally wonderful event, with an elegant dinner prepared by Michael Coleby, African music, a silent auction and special guest speakers,” says Gough. “Our fundraising committee is working hard to ensure that a wonderful experience will be had by all.”

Ivey hosting Nader, Lewis

Consumer advocate and U.S. presidential candidate Ralph Nader will be among the keynote guest speakers at the Ivey national conference on corporate social responsibility April 22.

The annual conference, organized by Ivey MBA students, will also feature Stephen Lewis, veteran diplomat and UN Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa and Avi Friedman, influential architect and director of the Affordable Homes program.

The conference will be held from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Richard Ivey School of Business.

Proceeds from the conference will help build a wheel-chair accessible house in London, an Ivey MBA Association student initiative in partnership with Habitat for Humanity Inc.

Those who register before March 29, will pay a fee of $250 for alumni and guests. After March 29, registration fees will be $325 for alumni and guests. Registration fee is $25 for Ivey students.

For more information on the conference and to register, visit www.iveybuilds.com.

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Western Heads East interns Cynthia Medeiros and Brian Healy update their online journal weekly. For Web entries, visit http://western.typepad.com/westernheads/ and their online journal. The RSS service (Newsreader) can be accessed at http://western.typepad.com/westernheads/index.rdf

FACULTY POSITION (sabbatical leave replacement)

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King’s University College at The University of Western Ontario, a Catholic Liberal Arts College, follows the broad intellectual Catholic tradition of social justice and the free and open pursuit of truth. The College invites applications for a sabbatical leave replacement position in the Department of Psychology for twelve months to begin on July 1, 2005 subject to budgetary approval. Candidates should have a Ph.D. in Psychology or A.B.D. with teaching experience in one or more of the following areas: cognition, perception, personality, social psychology, methods, addictive behaviour, sexuality, humanistic, developmental and/or industrial/organizational psychology. Excellent teaching skills and willingness to supervise undergraduate theses are required. Applications, including a curriculum vitae, teaching dossier, and three letters of recommendation, should be sent to Dr. Diane Hamphrey, Chair, Department of Psychology, King’s University College at The University of Western Ontario, 266 Ewart Ave., London, Ontario, Canada N6A 2M3, by March 28, 2005. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Sponsored by the Roman Catholic Diocese of London, King’s College is an equal opportunity employer. The College is committed to advancing the Catholic intellectual tradition and welcomes faculty and students from all faiths and backgrounds.

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It started with the measles

By Alan Johnston

Thirty years of research to help hearing-impaired infants began with an idea born during a rubella epidemic.

Audiologist Richard Seewald's search for answers has yielded trademarked technology, international recognition and been a major factor in Western landing the National Centre for Audiology and Canada Research Chair in Childhood Hearing.

But the seeds of that advance were sewn when Seewald and another audiologist were working at the children's hospital in Halifax. A 1973-74 rubella outbreak left more than 30 infants in need of hearing aid fitting. When contracted during pregnancy, rubella or German measles can lead to multiple problems in babies, including hearing impairment.

"A two- or three-month-old is not going to raise their hand with the hearing of sound."

- Richard Seewald, Canada Research Chair in Childhood Hearing

"We didn't have the kinds of instrumentation systems and measurement procedures available now, so we had to do all the hearing aid evaluation and fitting with very crude tools," says Seewald. "We had all these babies with hearing loss. The challenge in Halifax was to figure out how to match the amplification characteristics of babies' ears.

Seewald's research continued at Dalhousie University where he was a faculty member until 1986 when he came to Western at the urging of Dean of Applied Health Sciences Dan Ling, who wanted to develop research programs in audiology and speech-language pathology.

Seewald's research at Western "exploded" in the mid-1990s with the introduction of the Desired Sensation Level (DSL) Method for pediatric hearing aid fitting. Used by hearing aid manufacturers and clinicians throughout the world, DSL matches hearing instruments to the specific needs of children with hearing loss.

Research at Western's Childhood Hearing in 2002, it meant $170,000 a year for his research programs for seven years and $30,000 annually for the University. The federal funding also ensures that where previous research concentrated on fitting amplification devices to children older than six months, Seewald now can give greater research attention to younger infants.

"Infant hearing impairment has huge long-term implications for communication development, educational achievement and quality of life," he says, expressing the same thought that inspired him three decades ago.

Richard Seewald, Western's Canada Research Chair in Childhood Learning, has spent decades working to help children with hearing loss.
Intercordia bridges cross-cultural divide

By Paul Mayne

Although she doesn’t speak the language, doesn’t quite know what to expect and could face 36 degree temperatures, Jessica Vorstermans is looking forward to her trip this summer to Ecuador through Intercordia Canada.

A university-accredited educational experience promoting cross-cultural understanding and moral responsiveness in students, Intercordia established its first pilot program in Canada at King’s and Huron university colleges last year.

Established in France in 2001, Intercordia International seeks to develop partnerships with universities around the globe.

Nine students took advantage of the program in its initial year and 14 students from the two colleges will travel to locations such as Ecuador, Honduras and Belize this year. Each student must raise $500, and the group needs to raise $14,000.

Placing students in situations where they are challenged to build relationships with other cultures fosters better understanding of self, says Vorstermans, of the non-denominational Social Justice and Peace Studies program at King’s.

“It’s not about me going down there and telling them the right way to do things,” says Vorstermans, of the non-denominational program. “Clearly we don’t have all the answers; look at all the problems we have.”

She says her three-month trip, which begins in May, will not only be a learning experience for her host family, but for herself as well. She’ll be volunteering, likely at a local school.

“It’s about making relationships and having the chance to understand another culture and how they do things,” says Vorstermans.

Students receive a college credit through the program, which has them take a university course, pre-placement interactive seminars and write a research report prior to leaving.

Each student will complete daily journals, and take part in a three-day re-integration seminar upon return.

“I think what makes Intercordia different from other exchange programs is it’s not a passive experience,” adds Vorstermans.

For more information, visit www.intercordiaca.org.

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Appraising family heirlooms

By Jim Anderson

If you’ve ever wondered if that antique clock left to you by Aunt Mary is worth something, now’s your chance to find out.

McIntosh Gallery will be holding its sixth annual Antique Appraisal Day fundraiser at the Cherryhill Mall, 301 Oxford Street West on April 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

“More than 20 appraisers and experts will share their knowledge and expertise on your family heirlooms,” says Catherine Elliot Shaw, Curator of the McIntosh Gallery.

Experts will be available in the history and value of art, silver, china, glass, small furniture, Oriental rugs, jewellery and pocket watches, clocks, coins, stamps, antique and modern dolls, books, documents and paper materials, toys, Ontario pottery and folk art, cameras and optical equipment, vintage recordings, ivory, bone, semi-precious stones, vintage textiles and clothing, military collectables, arms and armor (no firearms), and more.

Consultations will be available on a “first come, first served” basis, with verbal appraisals only.

Cost will be $10 for the first item and $5 for each additional item, with proceeds benefiting the McIntosh Gallery Ontario Arts Endowment Fund.

There will also be a free demonstration and advice on preserving family papers, albums & scrapbooks by Mary Gladwin, paper conservator.

Advance tickets are available at Cherryhill Village Mall (Shopper Drug Mart Postal Outlet), McKittrick’s Cameras – both locations, McIntosh Gallery, Cosens Auctions and Appraisals Antique (St. Thomas), Poag Jewellers (Strathtroy), and at a table display at the Cherryhill Village Mall from March 30 – April 1.

Individuals with pre-paid tickets receive priority at the central check-in beginning at 8:30 a.m.

For more information, please visit www.mcintoshgallery.ca.

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Meeting Announcement

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Thursday May 5, 2005, Conron Hall, University College, University of Western Ontario

8:15-8:30 Welcome and Opening Comments
8:30-9:00 Dr J Malcolm O Arnold (University of Western Ontario): Current Challenges in Treating Heart Failure
9:00-9:30 Dr Ron-Ke Li (University of Toronto): Cell Transplantation to Restore Cardiac Function: Cells or Matrix?
9:30-10:00 Dr Robert M Mentzer Jr (University of Kentucky): Emerging Technologies
10:00-10:30 Dr Qingping Feng (University of Western Ontario): Repair of Infarcted Myocardium:
Role of Tumor Necrosis Factor Alpha
10:30-10:45 Refreshment Break
10:45-11:00 Dr Peter H Backx (University of Toronto): Cardiac-Specific Elevations in Thyroid Hormone can Prevent Cardiac Dysfunction in Mice following Aortic Banding
11:00-11:15 Dr Walter J Koch (Thomas Jefferson University): Novel Molecular Targets for Heart Failure Therapy
11:15-11:30 Dr John-Solaro (University of Illinois at Chicago): Heart Failure and Molecular Signaling in Cardiac Sarcomeres
11:30-12:15 Dr R John-Solaro (University of Illinois at Chicago): Heart Failure and Molecular Signaling in Cardiac Sarcomeres
12:15-1:15 Lunch
1:15-1:45 Dr Morris Karmazyn (University of Western Ontario): Na-H exchange: A Key Regulator of Myocardial Remodelling, Therapeutic Potential
1:45-2:15 Dr Burkert Peske (Universitats Göttingen): Load-Dependent Activation of the NHEI in Human Normal and Failing Myocardium - Subcellular and Functional Consequences
2:15-2:45 Dr Choong-Chin Liew (Harvard University): Molecular Signatures of Cardiovascular Diseases
2:45-3:15 Dr Jennifer Van Eyk (Johns Hopkins University): Mechanisms and Diagnosis of Heart Failure: Practical use of Proteomics
3:15-3:45 Round table discussion
3:45-4:00 Refreshment Break
4:00-5:00 Keynote lecture:
Dr Eric N Olson (University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center): Transcriptional Control of Heart Development and Disease
This lecture also represents the 108 Annual Charles W Cowdry Distinguished lecture sponsored by the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology
5:00-6:30 Posters and reception
6:30-7:00 Pre-banquet mixer
7:00 Banquet (Great Hall, University of Western Ontario)

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Graduate growth, Women’s Studies priorities

By Jim Anderson

Expansion of graduate enrolment and stable funding for Women’s Studies will be priorities for the university for 2005-06.

“Women’s Studies has earned a place on this campus.”

Greg Moran Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

While outlining preliminary recommendations for faculties, Provost and Vice-President (Academic) Greg Moran told Western’s Senate on Friday that these would be among major new initiatives supported for the coming year.

The budget also will ensure a stable future for Women’s Studies, Moran noted.

“When Women’s Studies has earned a place on this campus,” he said, indicating a separate proposal will come to Senate at a later date to create a new academic department out of the existing Centre for Women’s Studies and Feminist Research.

“This will expand and stabilize women’s studies at Western,” said the Provost, noting that it will be an inter-disciplinary, cross-faculty initiative.

Details of the new program and its faculty home will be unveiled when the Senate Committee on University Planning submits the program for approval to Senate. Cross-campus consultations have been taking place and discussions are being held with Western’s Faculty Association.

A third major budget initiative is incorporation of the Increased Cohort Fund (ICF) into faculty base budgets now that “overall undergraduate enrolments have reached steady-state.”

Moran said the budget proposal calls for faculty base budgets in 2005-06 to be increased by $3.8 million.

“There really is good news here and this represents a real enhancement.”

Non-academic support units will receive an additional $1.4 million in UPIF (University Priorities Investment Fund) money to support priority needs such as additional staffing to support research activities, student services, campus security, the Libraries, staff training/development and information technology initiatives.

Tuition fees will remain frozen for 2005-06, with the government promising compensatory grants.

Moran says while the budget is being prepared in an atmosphere of “uncertainty concerning government funding”, there is an air of optimism given the recent Rae Review recommendations that the government invest more heavily in post-secondary education.

“If the anticipated revenues do not materialize, we will have to make the necessary adjustment to expenditures in subsequent years, including budget allocations to our Faculties and support units.”

A proposed budget will be presented to Senate in April. The Board of Governors has final authority to set the budget.

RBC offers med, dents scholarships

RBC Financial Group is expanding its medical and dental scholarship program to include first-year and graduating students.

“We know that students in medical and dental programs are faced with costly tuition fees and as they graduate into either a residency or intern program they bear a significant financial burden,” said Kathryn Whalley, national manager, Consumer Markets, RBC Royal Bank.

The new RBC Scholarship for Graduating Medical and Dental Students, valued at $3,000 each, will be awarded to five students completing their final year of study in a recognized medical or dental program in Canada in 2005.

The selection criteria encompass quality of care, community involvement and financial need. To be eligible, students who are completing studies to become a medical doctor or dentist at a recognized Canadian university must apply by June 1, 2005.

Five RBC Scholarships valued at $3,000 are also awarded to students accepted into their first year of study at recognized Canadian medical or dental programs for the 2005-2006 academic year. The deadline for applicants is August 26, 2005 and the applicants are judged on community involvement, academic standing and financial need.

Applicants to RBC’s scholarship program must be Canadian citizens or reside permanently in Canada, and be enrolled into their first or final year of a recognized Canadian medical or dental school program in order to qualify.

For more information, interested applicants can call 1-877-363-4457 or visit www.rbcroyalbank.com/mdscholarship.

Recognizing ‘complete scholars’

By Jim Anderson

Western is establishing a new premier faculty recognition award.

Known as the University Distinguished Professorships, these awards will honour and celebrate outstanding scholarly careers at Western by conferring the special title on a select group of the university’s best scholars.

“This award will recognize sustained excellence in scholarship over a substantial career at Western,” says Vice-Principal (Policy, Planning & Faculty) Alan Weedon.

Senate and the Board of Governors created the new award earlier this year to join the Pleva and Hellmuth Awards as the university’s premier prizes in recognition of faculty excellence.

While the Pleva recognizes teaching excellence and the Hellmuth research excellence, the Distinguished University Professorships will recognize sustained excellence as a complete scholar, notes Weedon.

The first titles will be conferred later this year and up to six will be awarded in the first year. The award includes a citation, the title and a $10,000 prize to be used for scholarly activity. Only a limited number of Distinguished University Professors will be created.

It is part of Western’s commitment to recognition of faculty as outlined in the Making Choices document, says Weedon.

A selection committee, chaired by Provost and Vice-President (Academic) Greg Moran, will adjudicate the nominations, which are now open (see advertisement on Page 14).

Deadline for receipt of nominations is May 23, 2005. They should be sent to the Office of the Vice-Principal (Policy, Planning & Faculty), Room 138, Stevenson-Lawson Building.

More information on the Distinguished University Professorships can be found at: www.uwpeinnacle/professional/du-p.pdf.
Change too late for Borwein, many others

Western has argued eliminating mandatory retirement raises issues relating to the design of pension plans, relationship between tenure and performance review, and may lead to fewer new faculty being hired, in particular women. Western is hiring a higher proportion of women than exists in the overall faculty complement.

Jane Towsell, Acting President of Western's faculty association, says the argument that keeping mandatory retirement will allow the university to increase the proportion of women faculty is not the case.

"Since the elimination of mandatory retirement does not cause a significant change in the age of retirement, slots for juniors hires will, or at least should, continue to open up," says Towsell.

"Furthermore, mandatory retirement at age 65 is particularly detrimental to women faculty, who on average have shorter careers, lower pension accumulations and longer lives in which they are more dependent on their lower pensions."

Michael Doucet, President of the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA), says ending mandatory retirement will not block opportunities for young academics.

"This is fear-mongering at worst and outdated thinking at best," says Doucet. "No single jurisdiction in Canada that ended mandatory retirement has experienced a bottleneck in hiring new young academics. In fact, the age of retirement tends to stay at 62-63."

Doucet says there aren't enough young people in graduate school to fill the jobs.

By Paul Mayne

The Western Mustangs men's hockey team has notched some well-deserved accolades this season -- the OUA West title and OUA championship -- but their work isn't over yet.

The Mustangs shoot for the ultimate title this weekend as Canada's top university teams vie for the 2005 Telus University Cup tournament in Alberta. Western earned a bid for the national title with a 4-0 Queen's Cup victory over the Université de Québec à Trois Rivières Patriotes (UQTR) at Thompson Arena March 19.

It was only the second time for the Mustangs to host the Queen's Cup -- the first being 1994-95.

Fourth-year netminder Mike D'Alessandro stopped 38 shots to earn the shutout win, with goals from the Mustang's Mike Rice, Ryan Held, Chris Eade and Craig Kennedy.

"This was a great win resulting from a great team effort. Our
guys really wanted this one," said Mustangs head coach Clarke Singer. "Trois Rivières has had our number the last few years so it was nice to get this one here in front of our fans."

The Mustangs head into the nationals ranked third out of six teams and return to the tournament for the first time since capturing its lone CIS banner in 2001-02. Also taking part in the nationals are Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Moncton and UQTR.

Western faces off Friday and Sunday afternoon in the two-game round-robin tournament. Sunday's game, against either Saskatchewan or Moncton, will be televised live on TSN beginning at 3 p.m. The games will also be broadcast on Western's CHRW 94.9.

Should Western advance to the final, the game will be broadcast on CHRW beginning at 7 p.m. TSN will tape delay the game and show it Tuesday night.

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What: Dr. Jeff Turner: “Spider Silk & Dairy Goats: Navigating Biotech Commercialization”

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Dr. Turner researched the molecular genetics of dairy cattle prior to founding Nexia Biotechnology, which completed the largest life science Initial Public Offering (IPO) in Canadian history -- $43M -- and had applications in various fields, including health and engineering.
Western claims $11.6M CIHR funding

Low-level exposure to toxic chemicals, a phenomenon known as hormesis, may actually be beneficial to the aging process, according to Western Assistant Biology Professor Kathleen Hill. Her work is one of 33 projects Western scientists will be conducting with the announcement this week of more than $11.6 million in funding from the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR).

Areas such as cancer, diabetes, heart surgery and vision enhancement will also be studied along with Western’s research partners at the Lawson Health Research Institute and Robarts Research Institute.

Hill, who studies DNA damage and how it accumulates with aging, cancer and other diseases, will explore the phenomenon of hormesis and its potential benefits with a $259,599 grant.

Low doses of phenobarbital, for example, in mice reduced certain types of DNA damage and altered the rates at which cells divided and underwent programmed cell death.

“It’s been found that small doses appear to enhance cells,” says Hill. “In essence, putting them on alert to battle potential DNA damage.”

She notes the results of her study will be important in understanding neuron survival and designing interventions for common diseases of aging, such as Parkinson’s Disease or Alzheimer’s Disease.

“An ultimate goal of the research is to develop novel strategies for combating the accumulation of DNA damage and aging-associated loss of cells of the nervous system, and even aging itself,” says Hill.

Western’s CIHR success also includes a significant award to the Faculty of Education where Professor Christine Wekerle will use almost $900,000 in a groundbreaking look at child welfare-involved youth.

According to Wekerle, child maltreatment has been identified as one of the most preventable and modifiable contributors to mental illness. Evidence suggests a gendered-differential in terms of types of abuse and vulnerabilities.

The Planetary Science Research Group at the University of Western Ontario presents its second Annual Public Lecture, “How Lonely is our Planet?: New Results in the Quest for Alien Life,” by Dr. David Grinspoon, from the Department of Space Studies, Southwest Research Institute, on Thursday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. in Natural Sciences Rm. 145.

In a talk illustrated with provocative and striking space imagery, astrobiologist David Grinspoon will discuss the intriguing new results from NASA’s planetary exploration missions. In particular, he will describe the latest findings from Titan, the mysterious, organic-rich moon of Saturn, the ongoing adventures of our robotic explorers on Mars, and how these discoveries inform our changing views about life elsewhere in the universe.

Award-winning writer David Grinspoon is an internationally known Planetary Scientist funded by NASA to study the evolution of Earthlike planets elsewhere in the universe. He is currently Principal Scientist in the Department of Space Studies at the Southwest Research Institute in Boulder, Colorado, and Adjunct Professor of Astrophysical and Planetary Science at the University of Colorado. Dr. Grinspoon serves as an advisor to NASA on space exploration strategy, and has lectured and published widely.

His first book, Venus Revealed, was a Los Angeles Times Book Prize finalist. His latest book, Lonely Planets: The Natural Philosophy of Alien Life won the 2004 PEN literary award for nonfiction. His popular writing has appeared in Slate, Scientific American, Natural History, The Sciences, Astronomy, the Boston Globe and the New York Times. His technical papers have been published in Nature, Science, and numerous other journals. Dr. Grinspoon has been featured on numerous television and radio shows, including PBS’s “Life Beyond Earth,” BBC’s “The Planets,” NPR’s Science Fridays and Weekend Edition, and ABC World Service. He is also an award-winning musician who has played guitar and sung in several great bands destined for obscurity. Grinspoon lives in Denver.
The Maltreatment and Adolescent Pathways Longitudinal study seeks to address developmental trajectories of youth aged 14 to 17 at intake) over two years on four key outcomes including substance abuse, mental health, risky sexual practices and dating violence.

The primary research question to be addressed is whether different trajectories on these outcomes exist for females who are child-welfare involved.

orthopedic surgeon Peter Fowler, Medical Director of the Fowler-Kennedy Sport Medicine Clinic, has received $52,495 to study arthroscopic surgery versus non-surgical treatment of osteoarthritis of the knee.

A clinical trial will be set up so 186 patients with osteoarthritis of the knee will receive either arthroscopic surgery or non-surgical treatment. The surgical group will also participate in the non-surgical treatment, which will include health education, physical therapy, and medication for pain.

Fowler says the trial will be able to determine whether surgery provides any additional benefit above and beyond the best and most feasible non-surgical treatment. Patients will be followed for two years. As well, the economic implications of the diagnosis and treatment of knee osteoarthritis will be addressed by performing a cost effectiveness analysis.

Carol Herbert, Dean of Western’s Schulich School of Medicine, says continued investment in CIHR projects is critical to advancing knowledge in the causes and treatments of diseases.

“London’s success is a result of the unique partnership among investigators in different disciplines and institutions across the city and is a testament to the strength and collaboration of its research community,” says Herbert.

The following is a list of additional researchers who have received one- to five-year grants from CIHR:

- Helene Berman (School of Nursing, Faculty of Health Sciences) receives $48,475 for a critical exploratory study in uroprotection, displacement and health in the lives of girls.

- Nathalie Berube (Lawson scientist; Department of Biochemistry, Schulich School of Medicine) receives $294,681 to study the role of the ATRX, mental retardation gene in hippocampal development.

- Peter Canham (Department of Medical Biophysics, Schulich School of Medicine) receives $284,273 to study brain arteries and aneurysms.

- Bosco Chan (Robarts Scientist; Department of Microbiology & Immunology, Schulich School of Medicine) receives $396,960 to research in vivo assessment of the regulation of chemokine and chemokine receptor response to local growth factor production.

- Peter Chidiac (Department of Physiology & Pharmacology, Schulich School of Medicine) receives $301,792 to study BGS proteins in the heart.

- James Choy (Department of Biochemistry, Schulich School of Medicine) receives $300,612 to study central cholinergic regulation and dynanamical studies of naturally disordered proteins using NMR spectrometry.

- Gabriel Dimattia (London Regional Cancer Program scientist; Departments of Oncology and Biochemistry, Schulich School of Medicine) receives $319,200 to study the role of stanniocalcin hormones in bone growth and development.

- Thomas Drysdale, (Lawson scientist; Departments of Paediatrics and Physiology & Pharmacology, Schulich School of Medicine) receives $497,635 to research the role of renin in cardiac development and physiology.

- Christopher Ellis (Department of Medical Biophysics, Schulich School of Medicine (Lawson scientist) receives $187,002 to study optical imaging of microvascular oxygen transport in skeletal muscle.

- Stefan Everling (Department of Physiology & Pharmacology, Schulich School of Medicine and Department of Psychology, Faculty of Social Science) receives $276,732 to study the functional organization of the prefrontal cortex investigated with functional resonance imaging.

- Wayne Flintoff (Department of Microbiology & Immunology, Schulich School of Medicine) receives $292,371 to research the structure and function of the reduced folate carrier.

- Bing Siang Gan, (Lawson scientist; Departments of Physiology & Pharmacology and Surgery, Schulich School of Medicine) receives $25,000 for the development of a mass spectrometry-based assay for GSK3beta activity in small biological samples.

- Neil Gelman (Lawson scientist; Departments of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine and Medical Biophysics, Schulich School of Medicine) and David Lee (Department of Paediatrics, Schulich School of Medicine) receive $205,931 to study the value of quantitative MRI measures of white matter injury for predicting neurodevelopmental outcomes of preterm infants.

- Paul Gribble (Department of Psychology, Faculty of Social Science; Department of Physiology & Pharmacology, Schulich School of Medicine) receives $345,510 to study computational mechanisms of motor learning.

- Femida Gwadry-Sridhar (Lawson scientist; Schulich Department of Medicine, Schulich School of Medicine, Schulich School of Medicine, Schulich School of Medicine) receives $276,561 to study knowledge innovation and diffusion in myocardial infarction.

- Stewart Harris receives (Department of Family Medicine, Schulich School of Medicine; Lawson scientist) receives $225,000 from the Aboriginal community to research competition to study the Sandy Lake school-based primary prevention program.

- David Haniford (Department of Biochemistry, Schulich School of Medicine) receives $742,265 to research molecular mechanisms of m10 and m15 transposition.

- Robert Hegele (Robarts scientist; Departments of Medicine and Biochemistry, Schulich School of Medicine) receives $728,260 to study the role of retinoic acid and proliferation of osteoblasts.

- Anthony Jevnikar (Robarts and Lawson scientist; Departments of Medicine and Microbiology & Immunology, Schulich School of Medicine) receives $614,935 to study the regulation of renal tubular epithelial cell injury to promote kidney allograft survival.

- Jeffery Jutai (Lawson scientist; Departments of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Schulich School of Medicine and Department of Psychology, Faculty of Social Science) receives $145,140 to study the dynamic program approach to modeling assistive technology device outcomes in low vision rehabilitation.

- John Koropatnick (London Regional Cancer Program scientist; Department of Oncology, Schulich School of Medicine) receives $301,728 to study pancreatic beta-cell development.

- Joseph Mymryk (London Regional Cancer Program scientist; Departments of Oncology and Microbiology & Immunology, Schulich School of Medicine) receives $450,430 to study a molecular genetic analysis of adenovirus E1A function.

- Christopher Pin (Lawson scientist; Department of Paediatrics, Schulich School of Medicine) receives $300,000 to research the role of miR15 in regulating exocrine pancreatic function and susceptibility to pancreatitis.

- Rennian Wang (Lawson scientist; Departments of Physiology & Pharmacology and Medicine, Schulich School of Medicine) receives $300,000 to study pancreatic beta-cell development.
Society of Graduate Students executive members impressed Western’s administration with more than their scholarly and negotiating skills – they are also top-notch bowlers.

A SOGS team came away with top prizes at the annual SOGS-Administration bowling tournament last week at the Palasad, Adelaide and Oxford Streets.

SOGS President Kamran Khan, a first-time bowler, took the top individual bowler prize with a score of 170 and the top team prize at the event.

The annual bowling event provides an opportunity for the university administration and the SOGS executive to let their hair down.

“We speak with each other a lot of time throughout the year on academic and other issues. It’s fun just to be able to get way from that once a year and meet in a casual, social environment,” says Davenport.

Khan says the event was a chance to meet with the senior administration in a casual, friendly atmosphere. “It was a great opportunity to meet with them one-on-one to discuss graduate issues.”

BY JIM ANDERSON

Canadian professors have launched a freedom to publish campaign to protect open scholarly communication.

The Canadian Association of University Teachers has assembled a campaign kit to assist local faculty organizations in seeking new collective agreement language on the freedom to disseminate research results.

“The freedom to publish is an integral part of academic life,” says CAUT President Loretta Czernis. “But with growing pressure to veil areas of university work in secrecy, this freedom is now threatened.”

The move was prompted by the widely-publicized Olivieri case at the University of Toronto where a pharmaceutical company objected to the release of research it funded that questioned the safety of a new drug therapy. Their other concern was with the growing number of university industrial liaison work and technology transfer that can exert pressure on researchers to delay or forego publishing for purposes of patent priority or commercialization, according to CAUT officials.

“The ability of scholars to engage in the rapid and unfiltered dissemination of their research is vital to the advancement of knowledge,” says James Turk, CAUT’s executive director.

“While most universities ostensibly support that freedom in policy statements, the majority allows funders to restrict publication for extended periods of time.”

Western professors have “protection to some degree” in current contract language, but there is a need for continuing review and monitoring of the situation, says Western Faculty Association President Allan Gedalof.

“Sometimes there is a need to protect the rights of intellectual property by delaying publication until a patent is filed, but what CAUT is saying is that there should be a limited time to the delay, such as 60 days.”

The growing amount of industrial liaison research puts added pressures on university researchers and universities need to ensure that publication freedom is enshrined in their policies, says Gedalof.

Western’s current collective agreement continues until 2006, but a review of the language is likely in the next round of negotiations, says Gedalof whose term as president ends April 30.

Distinguished University Professorships
Call for Nominations

Senate has established a Distinguished University Professorship program to recognize those who have sustained excellence in teaching, research and service over a substantial career at Western.

Recipients of the Professorships will receive the honorary title of Distinguished University Professor, an award of $10,000 to support scholarly activities and a citation to be presented at an appropriate occasion.

Recipients will also be expected to deliver a public lecture. The number of Professorships will be limited; depending on the quality of the nominations, up to six awards will be made in the first year of the program.

Full details can be found at:

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/senate/dist_univ_prof.pdf

Selection from among nominees will be made by a Senate elected committee that will complete its work by July 1, 2005. Nominations should include a letter describing the nominee’s qualifications for the award, the nominee’s curriculum vitae, and at least three letters of reference. The letters of reference should be from arm’s length individuals who are recognized authorities in the nominee’s fields of scholarship, and who can speak to the nominee’s achievements in teaching, research and service. Nominations should be sent to:

The Office of the Vice-Provost (Policy, Planning & Faculty)
Room 138, Stevenson-Lawson Building
The University of Western Ontario

The deadline for receipt of nominations is May 23, 2005.
**FMS US doctoral candidate Karl Fast presented a paper at the American Society for Information Science & Technology Information Architecture Summit this month in Montreal. The talk was called “New perspectives on interaction: What information architecture can learn from research on visual mathematical cognitive tools.”**

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**ACADEME**

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Anabel Quann-Haase, Faculty of Information and Media Studies and Department of Sociology, presented a paper last month with Barry Weilman (University of Toronto) at the International Sunbelt XXV Social Network Conference, the official conference of the International Network for Social Network Analysis. The title of the paper was “Hyperconnected Net in a Local Virtually.”

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**We thank all applicants. Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.**
March 24

Social Fictions - Lise Melhorn-Bae: Fairy Tales and Family Fabrics, Kim Moadie: Driftwood, McNicholl Gallery, running until April 10

Microbiology & Immunology - Philip King, University of Michigan Medical School. “Regulation of T Cell Signal Transduction and Set/Non-Set Discrimination by the T Cell-Specific Adapter (TSAd) Protein”, MSB, Rm. M270, 11 am

History Dept. Seminar Series - John Sands, Western. “Guardians of Nature, Enemies of the State: Contradictory Images of the Native Hunter in Early Twentieth Century Canada” - SSC, Rm. 4317, 12 noon

March 28

Rehabilitation Sciences Seminar - Kristy Robinson, Ravi Rastogi, School of Physical Therapy, “Total Knee Arthroplasty for Osteoarthritis: An Introduction to Current Concepts and Techniques”, Elbow College Rm. 1520C, 12 pm

Physics Colloquium - David Grisoni, South-west Research Institute “New Frontiers in Astrobiology: The Search for Life Beyond Mars” - Physics and Astronomy 123C, 1 pm

Bruce McCarthy Memorial Graduate Seminar - Andrew Ross - “Playing Soldiers: The National Hockey League and the Second World War” - SSC, Rm. 4317 - 4 pm

Visitors in the Arts Speaker’s Series - Istvan Kantor, Sculptor / Performance Artist, Toronto, Museum London, 8 pm

Department of Modern Languages and Literatures & The Centre for the Study of Theory and Criticism Colloquium - “Varieties of Textual Experience” - Laurence de Loze - Western, Stephen Pender - U of Windsor, Juan Luis Suarez - Western, Antonio Ricci - York U. UC 224A, 1 - 4 pm

March 29

London Senior Alumni Program - “Drive Wise - Improve your safety on the road and preserve your right to drive” - Ontario Provincial Police in association with CARP (Canada’s Association for Retired Persons), UC 224a, 10:00 am - 5:30 pm

March 30

Early Music Studio, Richard Semmens, Sandra Marpigny, Joseph Lanza, Directors - von Kuster Hall, 12 pm

Business 257 feasibility competition Finals - Richard Ivey School of Business, Room 1R40. 7 pm. Everyone welcome.

CARCEN - hosting videoconference by Alice Chen, Dept of Health & Epidemiology, UBC “Immigrant Mental Health”, Elborn College Rm. 2534, 1 - 2:30 pm

Jazz Ensemble - Andrew Scott, Director, free, Talbot Theatre, 8 pm

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Summer Activation Undergraduate students interested in taking a course during the 2005 Spring/Summer term must complete the online term activation at least 72 hours prior to registering for their desired course. Summer term activation is available by logging into the Registrar’s Web site at www.registrar.uwo.ca

Tax receipt information T2202As (tuition tax receipts) for the 2004 tax year are available online. Watch this column and the registrar’s Web site (www.registrar.uwo.ca) for more details.

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.

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Department of Modern Languages and Literatures (with the support of Research Western, the faculty of Arts and Humanities and its departments, the Spanish Consulate to Toronto) presents the conference, “Baroque/LEs esto (el) Barroco”! Speakers: Edward Friedman (Vanderbilt), Juan Luis Suarez (Western), Beatriz de Albor Roch (U of Victoria), Domingo Ledezma (Lethbridge College), Mikaela Vergara (Banco de Extranjeros), Jesús Pérez Magallón (McGill), Francisca López (UdeM), Monserrat Bores Martínez (Western), Walter Moser (U of Ottawa). Contact Juan Luis Suarez for information (jsuarez@uwo.ca). UC 224a, 9:30 am - 1 pm

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