Western names outstanding athletes

BY JEFF RENAUD

Add the names of Kryszak, Nigro and Westman to the list of all-time Mustang greats.

Women's rugby and wrestling standout Jennifer Kryszak won the F.W.P Jones Trophy as Western's top female athlete last night at the Annual Awards Banquet while squash's Rob Nigro and track star Bob Westman shared the Dr. Claude Brown Memorial Trophy as the top male picks.

Kryszak was a key cog in Western's run to a Canadian Inter-university Sport (CIS) women's rugby championship in 2004. In each of the past two seasons, she has been named an All-Canadian and a first-team Ontario University Athletics (OUA) all-star. This season, she was recognized as the OUA most valuable player.

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CAMPUS DIGEST

BOOK SALE: Western Foot Patrol will hold its annual book sale today (Thursday) from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the UCC Atrium and 5 – 11 p.m. in Weldon Library and on April 1, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. in the UCC Atrium. A wide variety of books will be available for under $5 and money raised goes to purchase new jackets for volunteers. An appreciation banquet was held March 30 for the more than 300 volunteers on the Western Foot Patrol.

SCIENCE FAIR: More than 150 students from London area high schools will compete in the fair from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Centennial Centre for the Arts, 121 College Street, London, Ontario in the Educational Computing Organization of Ontario. The fair will be hosted by high school students from across Western Canada. Parents are welcome to attend. More information can be found at www.eco.ca

NEW NAME: From now on it’s just good old CBU. The University College of Cape Breton has streamlined its name to Cape Breton University. Actually, the new name is really Plan B. Last fall the board chose Breton University, a name so unpopular in the community the school decided to switch. – University Affairs

U.S. DREAM SCHOOLS: Among U.S. students, a new survey to identify “dream schools” places the top five as: New York University, Harvard, Stanford, Yale and Princeton. NYU’s popularity is part of an overall shift to more urban schools, as well as schools with highly developed internship programs that can lead to jobs on graduation, says Princeton Review, a test-preparation and admissions service. The top-5 schools parents would select for their children are: Stanford, Harvard, Duke, Princeton and Yale.

LITIGATING CONSPIRACY: The number of class actions in Canada is expected to rise. Claims for conspiracy such as price-fixing, bid-rigging and market share manipulation will be the focus of a two-day symposium held by Western Law today and Friday at Spencer Conference Centre. Litigating Conspiracy: A Symposium on Competition Class Actions, brings together leading academics and practitioners from Canada and the United States to discuss the role of class actions in the overall regulatory control of market conspiracy. For more information, you can visit www.law.uwo.ca/classaction.

MONOLOGUES DU VAGIN: That’s the Vagina Monologues in French. A French-language production of the renowned show had its opening last Friday. The exhibit at the National Gallery of Canada will be at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are $20 and available by calling 675-3815 or 675-3816. Proceeds go to Women’s Community House and others.

COMPUTER CHALLENGE: Western’s Computer Science department will host high school students from across Western Ontario in the Educational Computing Organization of Ontario (ECOCO- CS) Programming Contest at Thompson Recreation and Athletic Centre on Saturday, April 9. About 20 teams from various high schools will compete in the challenge from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. More information can be found at http://www.eco.org/sicocs/RegionalContests.php

APRIL FOOL’S DAY: The regular Fridays at noon series features an April Fool’s Day wrinkle with staff from the University Secretariat performing “on original instruments.” The light-hearted musical program includes Mozart’s A Minor and Anderson’s The Typewriter. Check out von Kuster Hall at noon, attendance is free.

IT HAPPENED 25 YEARS AGO

Highlights from Western News, March 27, 1980

• Eight men will receive honorary degrees at Convocation June 9-14 including Supreme Court Justice Willard Estey, Western Renaissance scholar Arthur Barker, senior Ottawa bureaucrat Gerald Stoner, philosopher August Li. Col. Thomas Lawson, first King’s College Principal Monsignor Lester Wemple, former Dean of Men Gerald Stoner, philanthropist Lt. Col. Thomas Lawson, first King’s College Principal Monsignor Lester Wemple, former Dean of Men

• In a letter to the editor, Dr. R. S. M. Eberhard assails students complaining about a planned tuition increase. He notes most prices tripled in the past 15-20 years, while medical tuition had gone up only 44%… to $1,040 a year.

• A survey reveals little difference in academic performance of first-year students in residence versus off-campus.

• Western unveils its top athletes: track star Sharen Lane, swimmer Joanne Kennedy and squash player Phil Mohrati.

• Classfields includes a house to rent in Whitehills for $100 a month. No lease.

Grad students out in force

By Jim Anderson

Western’s graduate students will be out in full force during the 2005 Congress of the Canadian Historical Association from May 28-June 5. More than 160 of Western’s graduate students will be participants in the Congress on campus as presenters, co-presenters, discussants and the number keeps growing, says Dean of Graduate Studies Martin Kreiswirth. It is believed to be a record number for Western graduate students at the Congress.

Seventy-three learning societies will participate in the 2005 Social Science and Humanities Congress, to be held at Western for the first time since 1978.

“The Learned Society meetings represent a superb opportunity for Western graduate students to present papers, participate in round table discussions, and sample cutting-edge research,” explains Kreiswirth.

In an effort to support and showcase the outstanding research of Western graduate students, the Faculty of Graduate Studies will cover the cost of the April discount Congress registration fee for participating Western graduate students. In addition, the Faculties of Social Science, Arts and Humanities, Science, Education, and Information and Media Studies will pay the students’ Learned-Society Registration. In essence, there will be no cost in registration fees for Western graduate students to participate in this major academic gathering.

“The high level of participation in such an esteemed event attests to the quality of our graduate students and the research that they are producing. We wish them all the very best for a successful and rewarding Congress 2005,” states Kreiswirth.

Let Western News know what your area is doing for the Congress. Contact Paul Mayne at pmayne@uwo.ca. For information about the upcoming Congress, visit www.fedcan.ca/congress2005index.htm

Sketches of New England

BY PAUL MAYNE

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Jamming bug radar pesticide alternative

By Paul Mayne

Western Biology Professor Jeremy McNeil is fascinated with bugs, in particular with the way they respond to chemical cues, or infochemicals.

This evening, McNeil is the featured speaker for the Battle Lecture Series, sponsored by the Biology Undergraduate Society. His lecture, Chemical Ecology: A Source of Alternatives to Synthetic Pesticides for Pest Control, begins at 7 p.m. in Room 7 of the Natural Sciences Centre.

With bug season about to burst forth, Western News sat down with McNeil to learn about ways to make pests a little less pesky.

Q: How does his work alter the pest control world?

McNeil: For farmers, if it’s economically viable, there is a larger movement to boost it politically, and people are interested in having food that has less insecticides. This is not something that’s new. It’s been around a while, but in new guises, so to speak. They are possible alternatives. Some are commercialized, some are not – yet. And others may never be.

Q: What do you mean by “chemical ecology”?

McNeil: Chemical ecology is naturally occurring chemicals that animals and plants use; sources of information. In humans, it’s like when you bite into a hot pepper, you go “hot”. It’s a chemical that gives you that information. A skunk’s smell is a defensive chemical that is used and you learn to recognize with black and white and go “I’m not going to touch that, it smells.”

Q: How can this information benefit us?

McNeil: In nature, for example, we look at how females find their eggs in your apples and there’s no negative effect. The beetle then goes ‘wow, lilies’ and gets flying into it and we get rid of them without spraying. There is a major pest called the apple maggot that attacks apples and they lay their eggs in your apples and there’s no negative effect. We can modify the chemical profile, or what have been referred to as infochemicals.

Q: How does his work alter the pest control world?

McNeil: I’m interested in studying communication systems. There’s a lily beetle that attacks lilies and a lot of people use insecticides because the thing beats up on their lilies. Well we’ve found that they (beetles) are able to detect a lily from about 30 paces blindfolded, so to speak, and they come out before the lilies do. So if we can find out what the odour is that attracts them, then we can make an artificial trap and put it out. The beetle then goes ‘wow, lilies’ and goes flying into it and we get rid of them without spraying. It’s a chemical that gives you that information.

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By Jim Anderson

The student summer and full-time job situation looks to be a little better than last year for all categories, including full-time for the graduating class, internships, summer and part-time,” says Sharon Lee, Recruitment Coordinator for Career Services in the SDC.

“We have many employers who recruit across disciplines or do not specify a discipline at all,” says Lee. “This is a great opportunity for students to ‘think outside the box’ when it comes to their degree.”

Post-secondary knowledge equips students with skills that can be useful in many areas, not necessarily directly relating to their degree. Students needing help to tailor their applications to positions can drop by the SDC Job Search Clinic in the University Community Centre for assistance.

Lee says that most employers continue to recruit for new graduates (those graduating this spring) start interviewing in September of the previous year, so it’s important for students to begin their job hunt early. Summer postings continue through the summer for those students still looking.

London area employers expect a solid hiring pace for 2005, according to a recent survey by Manpower Inc., a private job placement firm.

The survey shows that 27 per cent of employers plan to hire for the upcoming quarter (April to June), while three per cent plan to reduce their workforce, says Deborah Bakti, of Manpower Inc.

Another 67 per cent of the city’s employers expect to maintain their current staffing levels and three per cent are unsure of their staffing intentions.

Nationally, employers in the construction and finance, insurance & real estate sectors expect the healthiest results for the April to June 2005 period, says Bakti.

Western’s SDC Career Services offers a number of services to assist students in their search, including an on-line job posting service, career counselling, drop-in job search clinic, and the recent All-Campus Job Fair.

“Generally, if students are applying for jobs and they are not getting interviews after months of trying, chances are their resume and cover letter needs some work. If they are getting the interviews, but not getting the job offer – chances are their interview skills might need some work,” says Lee.

SDC Career Services offers help to students in sharpening these skills.

All graduating students are also offered a “six-month grace period” to access Career Services after graduation.

Students also can take advantage of the Backpack to Briefcase (B2B) program through Alumni Western, to assist them with their transition to work. For more information about SDC Career Services, go to www.sdc.uwo.ca/career.
Morgentaler worthy of honorary doctorate

Western would be wrong to cave in to the inflammatory language and sensationalist accusations of a minority point of view in Canada, says Chair of French Jeff Tennant

I was delighted to learn of Western's decision to bestow an honorary doctorate at Spring Convocation on a courageous champion of women's rights in Canada, Dr. Henry Morgentaler.

The members of the Honourary Degrees Committee are to be commended for judging this nomination on its merits, and for not being intimidated by the controversy that I’m sure they knew their decision would spark. They have chosen a most worthy recipient of this distinction while at the same time affirming the importance the university attaches to the status of women.

The decision to honour Morgentaler may be a controversial one, but controversy is part of what makes a university a vibrant place where we exercise academic freedom to pursue knowledge “without deference to prescribed doctrine.”

Morgentaler decided early in his medical career to dedicate himself to providing access to safe abortion services for women. He did this at a time when abortion was a criminal offence in Canada and the lack of access to a safe procedure to terminate an unwanted pregnancy condemned so many women to death or serious injury through desperate and dangerous measures such as self-induced abortions or operations performed by unqualified “backstreet butcher” practitioners.

Morgentaler put his freedom and his life on the line to challenge Canada’s unjust abortion law, enduring imprisonment and numerous court cases that culminated in victory in 1986 when the Supreme Court struck down the abortion section of the Criminal Code. He has had to contend along the way with constant harassment, threats of sniper attacks, and the firebombing of his Toronto clinic, but through it all, he has not backed down. It is thanks to his untiring efforts, along with the mobilizing and lobbying work of the feminist movement, that women have had the right to choose in Canada for the past 17 years.

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We might, however, ask ourselves why the university’s decision to grant this degree is attracting more attention than other cases where we have honoured people who were well known for their bold stances on political issues.

Perhaps it is because of the particular rhetorical tactics of Morgentaler’s opponents, who use inflammatory language and make sensationalist accusations based on philosophical premises that are not won easily. Western brings honour upon itself in recognizing the courage of its champions.

Whatever the cause for this outcry, Western would be wrong to consider reversing its decision.

It is interesting that the recent anti-choice letter-writing campaign in the local press has focused exclusively on Morgentaler ignoring the fact that Western is also honoring at Convocation another influential advocate of women’s rights, Doris Anderson.

Anderson has, like Morgentaler, made important contributions to lifetime achievements and is still going strong in her early eighties. She, like Morgentaler, has been for decades an outspoken advocate of abortion rights, an issue she considers to be fundamentally one of women’s right to exercise “control over their own bodies.”

Such rights for women were not won easily. Western brings honour upon itself in recognizing the contributions of Canadians like Doris Anderson and Henry Morgentaler who have done so much to win them.

Western should rescind offer to Morgentaler

Sociology Professor Paul Whitehead believes graduating students will be overshadowed by Dr. Henry Morgentaler’s presence at Convocation

We are privileged to work and study at Western, a very good university that our President would like to transform into a great one.

Among our privileges is the right to criticize the university. I have done so infrequently since I joined in 1970. My letter to the London Free Press on March 22 questioning the advisability of granting an honorary degree to Dr. Henry Morgentaler, the person most identified with the practice of abortion in Canada, was an exception.

Universities, at their best, are crucibles of thought and discovery where ideas are presented, discussed and reflected upon. On the same morning that my letter appeared, I was invited by Western News to prepare this opinion piece. Others may also have been invited; I do not know. The point is that the forum offered by this paper is available to all, critics and supporters alike. Such practices are fundamental elements of a university at its best.

So, what does all this have to do with Western’s decision to grant Morgentaler an honorary degree?

Might the university’s choice not be reasonable and compassionate?

Universities should not avoid controversy; indeed, they should welcome it. Controversy only exercises the mind, stimulates the spirit, and pushes the ceremonies. Rather, it is a public relations exercise another influential advocate of abortion rights, the late separatist Premier of Quebec, Rene Levesque, and the champion of assisted suicide, Dr. Jack Kevorkian.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WE WILL MISS KEITH

Ceeps Oldtimers Captain Mike Frauts makes a presentation to Keith Orchard at centre ice just before his retirement.

In a few short weeks, Keith Orchard will be retiring from his long term of service at Thompson Arena and Recreational Centre.

Keith has been a superb ice maker and perhaps the best skate sharpener in London.

On Sun., March 19, the Ceeps Oldtimers Hockey Club (a 25-year patron of TRAC) presented Keith with some tokens of our appreciation for his dedicated service and, most importantly, his camaraderie and friendship.

Keith wasn’t too busy doing laps of the rink on the Zamboni, he would have fit right in on our team with his attitude and humour.

We’ll all miss you Keith.

D. Trent Easter and the Ceeps Oldtimers Hockey Club

London

DISSERVICE TO WESTERN

Presumably the Senate, Board of Governors, Chancellor, President, Faculty Deans and other senior personnel conjointly agreed to confer an honorary degree on Dr. Henry Morgentaler.

I believe that Western is doing itself a disservice. Hopefully the university will survive to regret the decision.

I do not suggest that controversy should be avoided but an institute of higher learning should consider whether a controversial matter would add stature to its standing in academia and society in general.

What Morgentaler represents is distasteful to the general public and Western will be viewed as distasteful for its support. I wonder how the graduating students will feel about applauding him at their convocation. Perhaps they won’t applaud.

Michael Cornell
London

PROUD OF WESTERN

In the March 24 issue, Western News published two letters critical of the university’s decision to confer an honorary degree to Dr. Henry Morgentaler. Neither correspondent is a member of the University and, as a member of the University Community, I want to commend the University on its decision to confer an honorary doctorate on Morgentaler.

I have always admired Morgentaler not only for his impassioned fight for reproductive freedom but also for his defence of individual liberty and secularism in the face of those who would impose their morality on others. Students graduating this year should be proud to share a stage with Morgentaler. I am certainly proud to attend a university that has the courage to honour a man so committed to Canadian values.

Forrest Pass
PhD Candidate, Department of History

WHAT ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES?

I wish to voice my disagreement and concern regarding the honorary degree that the University of Western Ontario has decided to bestow on Dr. Henry Morgentaler. As a Western gradua

I think they should go along the lines of what they’ve contributed academically, as opposed to any moral stance or points of view they may have. We are an academic institution so that’s what we should be focusing on when determining who receives such a degree.

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Social Science ’07

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I don’t think we should avoid it in the future. It (Morgentaler) came to me as a surprise and I probably wouldn’t have chosen him. But I say choice and let the chips fall where they may. You’re always going to find people to agree or disagree on particular individuals.

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Should Western avoid controversial honorary degrees?

Anthony Kim
Social Science ’05

“They should be based on an individual’s contribution. He (Morgentaler) is definitely one with controversial issues and some like him and some don’t. On a moral stance perhaps I don’t agree, but on a scientific level, like it or not, he has made significant contributions. We are in an academic realm and that’s what should be addressed.”

Dawn Humphrey
Campus for Christ, USC Club, student mentor

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“I think it really depends on the person. If they deserve the recognition, they should get it. Abortion is a huge issue, but his contributions should be the final deciding factor and not what public opinion may or may not be.”

Justin Jagdeo
Biology ’05

“I don’t think you can really ignore someone because of who they are or what they’ve done. You then run into the problem then of who decides what’s controversial or not. The good thing is, as a university, we are open to honour someone who can be considered controversial. It opens it up to discussion.”

Dave Murphy
MIT ‘05

“I don’t think anyone else who has received this honorary degree?”

Shirley Hachey
London

DECISION ‘SUPPORT OF ABORTION BUSINESS’

Among those to receive honorary degrees at Convocation in June are Doris Anderson and Henry Morgentaler. The first is a journalist who has strongly supported the “rights” of women to be aborted, without recognizing the rights of children not to be aborted. The second is an industrial-scale practitioner who now operates six abortion clinics. In awarding honorary degrees to these people, Western’s administration has taken a public stance in support of the abortion business and the complete lack of human rights for all unborn children in Canada.

As if to add insult to injury, an honorary degree has been offered also to Father Edward Malloy, president of the 161-year-old Catholic university in Notre Dame, Indiana. Although that university is home to some unorthodox theologians, Father Malloy is on record as commending Notre Dame students who campaigned against abortionists in nearby South Bend, in 1993.

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WE WILL MISS KEITH

Ceeps Oldtimers Captain Mike Frauts makes a presentation to Keith Orchard at centre ice just before his retirement.

In a few short weeks, Keith Orchard will be retiring from his long term of service at Thompson Arena and Recreational Centre.

Keith has been a superb ice maker and perhaps the best skate sharpener in London.

On Sun., March 19, the Ceeps Oldtimers Hockey Club (a 25-year patron of TRAC) presented Keith with some tokens of our appreciation for his dedicated service and, most importantly, his camaraderie and friendship.

Keith wasn’t too busy doing laps of the rink on the Zamboni, he would have fit right in on our team with his attitude and humour.

We’ll all miss you Keith.

D. Trent Easter and the Ceeps Oldtimers Hockey Club

London

DISSERVICE TO WESTERN

Presumably the Senate, Board of Governors, Chancellor, President, Faculty Deans and other senior personnel conjointly agreed to confer an honorary degree on Dr. Henry Morgentaler.

I believe that Western is doing itself a disservice. Hopefully the university will survive to regret the decision.

I do not suggest that controversy should be avoided but an institute of higher learning should consider whether a controversial matter would add stature to its standing in academia and society in general.

What Morgentaler represents is distasteful to the general public and Western will be viewed as distasteful for its support. I wonder how the graduating students will feel about applauding him at their convocation. Perhaps they won’t applaud.

Michael Cornell
London

PROUD OF WESTERN

In the March 24 issue, Western News published two letters critical of the university’s decision to honour Dr. Henry Morgentaler with an honorary degree. Neither correspondent is a member of the University and, as a member of the University Community, I want to commend the University on its decision to confer an honorary doctorate on Morgentaler.

I have always admired Morgentaler not only for his impassioned fight for reproductive freedom but also for his defence of individual liberty and secularism in the face of those who would impose their morality on others. Students graduating this year should be proud to share a stage with Morgentaler. I am certainly proud to attend a university that has the courage to honour a man so committed to Canadian values.

Forrest Pass
PhD Candidate, Department of History

WHAT ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES?

I wish to voice my disagreement and concern regarding the honorary degree that the University of Western Ontario has decided to bestow on Dr. Henry Morgentaler. As a Western graduate, I am shocked to hear that this degree will be given a person who has murdered thousands of babies in Canada. Has the committee that made this ridiculous decision really understood the consequences? How many students that have attended and now attend Western would be dead if Morgentaler had performed abortions on their mothers because of unwanted pregnancies?

The university will never receive another cent from me in the future. I am thoroughly disgusted and disappointed with their choice. Do you mean to say that anyone else who has received this honorary degree?

Shirley Hachey
London

DECISION ‘SUPPORT OF ABORTION BUSINESS’

Among those to receive honorary degrees at Convocation in June are Doris Anderson and Henry Morgentaler. The first is a journalist who has strongly supported the “rights” of women to be aborted, without recognizing the rights of children not to be aborted. The second is an industrial-scale practitioner who now operates six abortion clinics. In awarding honorary degrees to these people, Western’s administration has taken a public stance in support of the abortion business and the complete lack of human rights for all unborn children in Canada.

As if to add insult to injury, an honorary degree has been offered also to Father Edward Malloy, president of the 161-year-old Catholic university in Notre Dame, Indiana. Although that university is home to some unorthodox theologians, Father Malloy is on record as commending Notre Dame students who campaigned against abortionists in nearby South Bend, in 1993.

John A. Krieman
Professor, Anatomy & Cell Biology

Should Western avoid controversial honorary degrees?

Anthony Kim
Social Science ’05

“They should be based on an individual’s contribution. He (Morgentaler) is definitely one with controversial issues and some like him and some don’t. On a moral stance perhaps I don’t agree, but on a scientific level, like it or not, he has made significant contributions. We are in an academic realm and that’s what should be addressed.”

Dawn Humphrey
Campus for Christ, USC Club, student mentor

“I don’t think we should avoid it in the future. It (Morgentaler) came to me as a surprise and I probably wouldn’t have chosen him. But I say choice and let the chips fall where they may. You’re always going to find people to agree or disagree on particular individuals.”

Mark Rumas
Social Science ’07

“I think they should go along the lines of what they’ve contributed academically, as opposed to any moral stance or points of view they may have. We are an academic institution so that’s what we should be focusing on when determining who receives such a degree.”

Justin Jagdeo
Biology ’05

“I think it really depends on the person. If they deserve the recognition, they should get it. Abortion is a huge issue, but his contributions should be the final deciding factor and not what public opinion may or may not be.”

Dave Murphy
MIT ’05

“I don’t think you can really ignore someone because of who they are or what they’ve done. You then run into the problem then of who decides what’s controversial or not. The good thing is, as a university, we are open to honour someone who can be considered controversial. It opens it up to discussion.”
CONVOCATION
WRONG OCCASION
FOR MORGENTALER

My heart sank when I learned of the University’s decision to award an honorary degree to Henry Morgentaler. For a respectable minority of our population, what he has done, what he represents, is, to say the least, morally dubious.

Yet by this action the University will be expressing its commitment. One need not agree with the minority view, however, to see why the decision to award him a degree is inappropriate.

Some might argue the legitimacy of the decision on the ground that the university should be a marketplace that is tolerant of ideas of every sort, even putatively abhorrent ones. And indeed it should be. I would resign from a university that denied Morgentaler the right to speak here.

But this nature of the university is precisely why his honorary degree is inappropriate. He will speak here without being open to rebuttal, without criticism, without discussion — all of which are a condition for entering our marketplace of ideas.

By contrast, Convocation is when the university is called together (that’s what the word means) in order to celebrate, without disagreement or discussion, the achievements of its graduates. This year, instead, many of them, their parents, and others, will be subjected, without recourse, to something they abhor.

There has been another decision, announced over Christmas. It seems that the University has decided to do big-money research for the local plant of General Dynamics, the third largest U.S. defense contractor.

Here is another instance of something that is, as Ploughshares and others might argue, morally dubious. But, again, one need not agree with this view to see the inappropriateness of the decision.

The University mission statement explicitly places an obligation on all faculty members to do research and to publish the results of their research. The publication requirement ensures that research gets evaluated in the intellectual marketplace. But weapon research, by its very nature cannot be published.

It cannot be made available to all scholars and researchers as part of the commonwealth of learning that is normally supported by our publicly-funded institution. In this case, instead, it is the private property of a foreign weapons-maker.

The two decisions are not unconnected. In both cases the University has placed itself in a morally ambiguous position, in both cases failing as the intellectual marketplace it proclaims itself to be.

THOMAS M. LEXON
Department of Philosophy

NO MORE SUPPORT FROM ALUMNI

I think it is shameful to honour a man with questionable character. I don’t believe I am in the minority of people who believe that Henry Morgentaler’s actions as an abortionist amount to mass murder. I wish the city of London would stop worrying about what is politically correct and start to realize that it is okay to stand up for what we believe. As a Western alumnus, I will in no way offer financial support in the future if this is the kind of behaviour that is honoured.

NICOLE FOSTER
London

FILL IN THE BLANKS

All the discussion in Western News about blackboards and whiteboards is pretty important considering we are here for an education.

Firstly, if a lecture is any longer than an hour, it is too strenuous and frustrating to write notes out by hand. It starts out at a pretty good pace, but it hastens significantly when the professor realizes they’re running out of time. Students begin huffing about how the prof is going too fast, then start looking around and rolling their eyes at classmates while massaging their hands.

Do you really think that these students are able to absorb what is being discussed? Of course not. In fact, a student who photocopies the notes from someone who attended would probably be better off.

An more effective means of promoting attendance would be to tailor Powerpoint lectures so students must attend class to get the full benefits from the notes, for example filling in the blanks or providing helpful examples. Then, students who decide to sleep in rather than attend class won’t have extra information to help them with their upcoming exam, and the students who do make the effort to come to class are able to pay full attention to their lecturer, jot down any additional information, and take part in the learning atmosphere that every dedicated university student deserves.

CRISTINA BAIROS
Brescia University College

DECISION COURAGEOUS

Simply, I would like to congratulate the committee on its decision to honour Dr. Henry Morgentaler. That man has been a champion of women’s rights for years - creating havoc and danger in his own life to stay true to his (our) cause.

I was very impressed that this committee had the courage to give Morgentaler the recognition he very much deserves, knowing, I am sure, of the controversy it would create.

Thanks for not being put off by those voices.

DEB KINDER
Kingston

STUDENTS, PLEASE KEEP LONDON CLEAN

I am a permanent resident of London. Every spring, as the school year comes to an end, I notice there is a sudden increase in garbage along Richmond Street and other student-occupied neighbourhoods.

At the beginning of year when leaves are budding and flowers are blooming, it is difficult to notice spring’s beauty amongst the old cornices, garbage bags, and in some cases, garbage, not even in bags, spread along the sidewalk curbs.

Moving isn’t fun, however, paying taxes is less fun and knowing my tax dollars go towards an April clean up is least fun.

I am a part-time student at Western and I find this embarrassing.

Most of you are adults, intelligent ones at that, and I feel we should all increase our expectations on our students when it comes to this topic. Please plan ahead this year.

You can take your couches to a Salvation Army, Goodwill or move it home with you and use it next year. Pick up some extra garbage bags the next time you go shopping. Perhaps you could take the larger items to one of London’s recycling depots. I understand that not all students leave their garbage behind, and this obviously does not apply to them.

Please keep our beautiful city clean, as some of us still live here, even when you’ve gone.

ANITA BAILEY
Brescia University College

CHILDREN WON’T PICK WESTERN

I am disappointed that you plan to honour Dr. Henry Morgentaler. I have three children who plan soon to attend university. They are all bright, honour students. They will not be attending Western. The companies I work with will not support Western. I work in the R & D field with other universities and will not work with Western. Please change your policies.

ROB FABER
Woodstock

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Davenport built career blowing in the wind

By Jim Anderson

Alan Davenport’s love of flying and his fascination with the wind ever since he was a little boy led to the breakthrough science of wind engineering.

“I had a curiosity as a boy with things that flew and I loved working on model airplanes,” recalls Davenport, professor emeritus in civil engineering and founding director of Western’s boundary layer wind tunnel.

As a student at Cambridge University, he joined the air squadron and fondly remembers flying between lectures. After completing his studies at Cambridge and the University of Toronto, he flew with the Canadian Navy. He later joined the National Research Council, working on building design codes and that was where he first developed an interest in wind loads.

He completed his PhD at the University of Bristol, England in 1961, studying the effects of turbulent wind on long bridges and tall buildings. Davenport was recruited to join Western’s Faculty of Engineering, then in its infancy, because they saw the potential for “building something new in engineering.”

Since its establishment in 1965, the Boundary Layer Wind Tunnel Laboratory received early recognition and prominence for its research in wind engineering. As well as contributing to the scientific understanding, it has carried out innovative design studies for major structures, including the world’s tallest and longest; the World Trade Center in New York City, the Sears Tower in Chicago, the CN Tower in Toronto, the proposed new 3,300-metre span Messina Straits Crossing in Italy, Normandy bridge in France, the Storebaelt bridge in Denmark and the Tsing Ma bridge in Hong Kong. His consulting activities have extended to major buildings, towers, offshore structures and pipelines throughout the world.

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“Alan began the modern approach to wind engineering,” says long-time colleague and wind tunnel researcher Dave Surry. “Wind engineering is now a mature discipline ensuring safety and comfort of structures in strong winds, but most of the basic ideas started in Alan’s head.”

Three landmark projects in the 1960s and 1970s - the World Trade Center towers in New York City, the Sears Tower in Chicago and the CN Tower in Toronto – catapulted Western’s wind tunnel into international fame and built a lasting reputation for wind design and structural testing of some of the world’s most famous bridges and buildings.

“It was a remarkable time,” says Davenport. “The paint was literally blown off the buildings.”

The saddest point of his career was the destruction of the World Trade Center and the horrific loss of life by terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

“It was a terrible catastrophe,” says Davenport, who notes the towers had been tested for the possibility of an accidental crash by a light plane, but no one could consider the horror of deliberately crashing airliners into the towers.

“It was so sad because of the huge loss of life. It was the most innovative building of its time.”

Davenport has been the recipient of numerous awards throughout his career for his pioneering work in wind engineering. The latest will come when he is honoured with the Special Achievement Award of the American Institute of Steel Construction at its upcoming conference in Montreal April 6-8.

At age 72, Davenport is still active with the Alan G. Davenport Wind Engineering Group named in his honour at Western’s Boundary Layer Wind Tunnel Laboratory. He is also a founding member of the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction - a centre aimed at reducing loss caused by severe weather and earthquakes.

When not working, he spends time with his devoted wife Sheila and their seven grandchildren. He also enjoys time up at his cottage in the Bruce peninsula.

Davenport says the wind tunnel at Western wouldn’t have been possible without a dedicated team effort by researchers such as Nick Isyumov, Dave Surry, Barry Vickery and many others.

“My own achievements have come only with the tremendous teamwork provided by others,” he says modestly. “The wind tunnel at Western has become a Mecca for wind engineering education and research.”

IN PROFILE: Professor Emeritus

Alan G. Davenport

Age: 72

Born: India and early schooling in South Africa.

Education: PhD, University of Bristol; Master of Applied Sciences, University of Toronto; Master and Bachelor of Mechanical Sciences, Cambridge University.

Career: Professor Emeritus of Civil Engineering and founding director at Western’s Boundary Layer Wind Tunnel; The University of Western Ontario: Numerous honours including the Order of Canada, Royal Society of Canada Fellow, the Sir John Kennedy Medal, the highest honour of the Engineer- ing Institute of Canada; France’s Capiot Medal, one of the most prestigious civil engineering awards in the world; more than a dozen honorary degrees and numerous other national and international awards.

Alan Davenport is a pioneer of wind engineering and has catapulted Western into the international limelight with research on many of the world’s major structures.
Investigating frozen banana hammer, shark teeth and animal droppings

The Faculty of Science is investing a growing amount of time and resources in fostering strong public connections with the community and the world.

The direction of this effort goes beyond the outreach activities increasingly essential to the recruitment of excellent students to Western. There is a growing acceptance of the role of public engagement in the university’s mission of teaching, research and community service. Following the discovery of ancient plants, molluscs and small bones from an Angolosaurus, the Faculty of Science received a matchbox filled with small rocks from a missionary who had just returned from Africa. An Angolan fossil whelk, Anaspidea angolensis, discovered by the Faculty’s Geology and Palaeontology Department, brought the unique global record of the late Miocene to the University of Western Ontario (UWO). The faculty has been doing this to a degree for years. Check out the Web site at www.uwo.ca/earth/questions.htm where members of the public can ask questions about the event itself, as well as Western’s role in charting earthquakes.

The public also visits Biology’s Greenhouse which contains an enormous collection of plants. The staff of the herbarium often provide instruction on experience or demonstration. Students learn the plants, weeds, ornamentals, species at risk, information about poisonous plants, medicinal plant use and a natural history of animal droppings, and the collection of Canadian flora and fauna. The student groups at the University of Guelph, Ontario, and the Lambethsbach Lectures focus on key plant science topics.

The Department of Chemistry, the Physics & Astronomy and the 3M Lectures feature high profile and sometimes controversial speakers in all fields of biological research. This year the department has invited the world’s leading experts from all over the world. The department plans to rotate among the fields of Organic, Inorganic and Physical/ Theoretical Chemistry. The departments of Earth Sciences and Chemistry sponsor the SCUOGG Lectures, featuring a world-renowned scientist on an Earth Sciences topic. An anonymous benefactor funded the SCUOGG Lectures with the goal of providing a public opportunity to learn from eminent earth scientists.

The Department of Physics & Astronomy’s most notable speaker’s event is the Elizabeth Laird Lecture. Distinguished researchers in the physical sciences come to discuss topics that, in the past, have been the subject of popular science. Their lectures are open to all students and teachers, and are always outstanding. This year’s speakers have gone on to win the Nobel Prize, the Templeton Prize, the Royal Medal and the Planetary Science Annual Public Lecture. The series has featured prominent scientists from the UK, Canada, the USA and Japan.

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES

Many departments within the Faculty of Science offer tours or activities to provide a hands-on experience or demonstration. Earth Sciences Department Tours are given free-of-charge to school groups ranging from Kindergarteners to Grade 12, and various community organizations. These tours include the St. Marys Cement Rock Garden, the hallway displays and provide an overview of the geological processes, history and materials. To arrange a tour, call the Earth Sciences Department at 661-3187 for details.

We applaud the efforts of the Computer Science Department in helping to promote the value of the department to all. It is exclusive to girls in grades 7 and 8. Female students enrolled in the program will be exposed to computer science principles through the use of visual tools, hands-on experience or demonstration. All participants have the opportunity to look at possible careers in information technology.

The motto of the Science Olympics is “To do good science. To have fun doing it. To involve as many people as possible.” The Science Olympics, created by Computer Science and IBM, is an annual event designed for high school students. The Science Olympics provide the opportunity for student teams to experience the challenge and excitement of competing against the clock in a number of hands-on, fun and educational science competitions. Each year, the Science Olympics attract participants from across the province, and from as far away as the United States. This year’s Science@Western Newsletter feature the Science Olympics.

Other notable efforts include the Genetics Database, Computer Science Alumni to help identify areas which need attention and the formation of the Science External Advisory Council (SEAC). This group brings an external perspective to the design of faculty programs and directions. Other notable efforts include the Genetics Database, Computer Science Alumni to help identify areas which need attention and the formation of the Science External Advisory Council (SEAC). This group brings an external perspective to the design of faculty programs and directions.


Dozen purple blankets celebrate student-athletes.

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Kryszak and Nigro were also honoured as Purple Blanket winners. A Purple Blanket is presented to students each year who “achieved superior distinction at the provincial and national levels of competition as representatives at Western.”

Westman received his Purple Blanket at the conclusion of the 2003-04 season. The 10 other student-athletes to receive a Purple Blanket Wednesday night were:

Cristina Bonasia – Women’s Soccer

Recognized as an OUA all-star and a first- or second-team All-Canadian in each of her four seasons at Western, the Londoner was named the OUA most valuable player in 2004. Over the past three seasons, she has led her team to success as the Mustangs

captured a silver medal in 2002, a bronze medal in 2003 and an OUA championship in 2004.

Mike D’Alessandro – Men’s Hockey

A four-year netminder won a national championship in 2002 and an OUA championship in 2003. In his second season, the Peterborough native was named an OUA all-star and All-Canadian. In 2001-02, he led the Mustangs to a CIS championship berth in 2003 after finishing the season as the third highest goal scorer in the country.

Jennifer Kryszak

Robert Nigro

Lindsay Dold – Women’s Field Hockey

A two-time All-Canadian and three-time OUA all-star, the South African led her squad to a CIS championship berth in 2003 after finishing the season as the third highest goal scorer in the country.

You’re not the only one concerned about your retirement plans.

“I work with many of your colleagues from The University of Western Ontario, specializing in Life Income Funds (LIFs). Upon retirement, financial planning decisions can be overwhelming, but, together we have worked on practical retirement investment strategies. My focus is on risk management. The result is your peace of mind.”

Brian R. McGorman

investment advisor

You may call me to discuss your needs.

Jameela Lencucha – Women’s Volleyball

In 2004-05, the Edmonton, Alberta native was the top vote getter to the OUA all-star team and a second-team All-Canadian after leading the country in blocks. Her total of 80 is a new Western
Hessel tries arena football

Former Western Mustangs quarterback Chris Hessel has a new uniform. The 29-year-old Londoner will get a shot at the pros after signing with the Albany (New York) Conquest of the Arena Football League II.

Hessel, who holds the Mustangs’ career passing record, hopes to make the squad for the season opener April 15.

“Chris Hessel amassed impressive numbers at the University of Western Ontario and he is a tough QB,” says Albany Head Coach Richard Davis.

Hessel holds the single-season passing mark in CIS history with 3,001 yards (in 2002) and the OUA single-season record of 24 touchdown passes.

Peter Sidler – Men’s Volleyball

Sidler was named an All-Canadian in 2004-05 after leading his team to an OUA silver and finishing seventh in the county in kills. The Peterborough native is also a three-time OUA all-star, a three-time team MVP and a three-time team captain. Sidler captured an OUA silver in 2001-02 and a bronze in 2002-03.

Jeff Russell – Men’s Soccer and Track and Field

At the 53 kg weight class, Kingston’s McNutt is undefeated against all her OUA opponents over the past three seasons – winning three straight individual championships. Her accomplishments and guidance as captain has led the Mustangs to back-to-back OUA silvers. At the national level, she has an individual silver and an individual bronze.

Rob Schmidt – Men’s Tennis

Running on the 4x400 relay team.

Jeff Russell – Men’s Soccer and Track and Field

This two-sport standout captained Western’s soccer team to back-to-back OUA gold medals and appearances at the nationals. At the CIS championship, the Nepean native dominated, being named twice to the all-tournament team. In 2004, his play led to his team capturing CIS bronze in Montreal. In track, he collected back-to-back OUA gold medals running on the $4x400 relay team.

Rob Schmidt – Men’s Tennis

As a four-term captain, this homegrown talent led the Mustangs to their third straight OUA team championship in 2004. In his rookie campaign, Schmidt was OUA most valuable player in 2004.

A Spin-off, Spinning Fibres: Western Innovation Lecture Series 2005

Western is pleased to welcome Dr. Jeff Turner, founder of Nexia Biotechnology, to deliver the second bi-annual Western Innovation Lecture. Please join us to see how research translates into successful commercial enterprise.

When: April 7, 2005, 3:00pm
Where: Room 1840, Richard Ivey School of Business

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

Sponsored by MDS Inc.

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 has applications in various fields, including health and engineering.
Western ‘seeds’ new research initiatives

BY JIM ANDERSON

Western’s Academic Development Fund is providing nearly $1 million in seed money for new research and scholarly initiatives in 2005-06.

The Senate Committee on University Planning has approved $920,242 for 14 major grants in the ADF competition. Four biosciences projects receive a total of $260,138; six projects in the physical and mathematical sciences will get $408,129 and four projects in the social sciences, arts and humanities will receive $251,975. The funding was announced at Senate.

SCUP Chair John Doerksen reported that 57 applications were received for funding this year; up from 41 last year. Senate annually sets aside $1 million to fund ADF initiatives. Of this, $80,000 will support the small grants competition in 2005-06.

Funded projects this year include:

- **Biosciences**
  - $95,226 to J. L. Carlson, Medical Biophysics, for a photoacoustic tomography scanner for quantitative small animal imaging;
  - $69,710 to H. Henry, Biology, for seasonal nitrogen dynamics in northern temperature ecosystems;
  - $77,190 to C. Creuzenet and M. Valvano, Microbiology & Immunology, for HPLC system for the discovery of novel virulence factors in human pathogens;
  - $18,012 to D. E. Heinrichs, Microbiology & Immunology, for French Pressure Cell Lysis System.

- **Physical and Mathematical Sciences & Engineering**
  - $69,893 to X. Sun, Mechanical and Materials Engineering, for an Advanced Nanostructure Fabrication Device;
  - $84,407 to L. Kogut, Mechanical and Materials Engineering, for basic research on contact electromechanics for microelectromechanical systems;
  - $72,979 to G. Southam, Biology, for analysis of nanophase materials in natural systems;
  - $62,500 to N. D. Jones, Chemistry, for an inert atmosphere glovebox for chiral carbine, phosphine and phosphinanium ligands and complexes, and quantum dots for bioimaging;

- **Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities**
  - $59,784 to Angela Esterhammer, Faculty of Arts, for a project entitled “Discursive Constructions of Identity in European Romanticism”; $52,278 to B. Gawronsky, Psychology, for a study on Attitude Formation and Change;
  - $60,099 to L. Hodgetts, Anthropology, for Archaeology of the Churchill West Peninsula: Reading the Hunter-Gatherer Landscape;
  - $79,814 to Samantha Brennan, Philosophy, for a Research Ethics and Philosophy of Science (REPS) Lab.

IN MEMORIAM

MARIO SARTORETTO

A private family service was held for Mario Sartoretto, a retired Physical Plant staff member, who died March 23 at age 79. He had 21 years of service with the university.

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The provincial goal is to have at least 80 trained Instructor Therapists by April 2006 and at least 180 by 2009. Opportunities for graduates include:

- Instructor Therapists for regional providers of the preschool program
- Private providers of Intensive Behaviour Intervention (IBI) therapy to families under the supervision of regional providers of the preschool program
- Autism specialists in service agencies
- Employment with school boards for delivery of programs for children with autism

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IN MEMORIAM

MARIO SARTORETTO

A private family service was held for Mario Sartoretto, a retired Physical Plant staff member, who died March 23 at age 79. He had 21 years of service with the university.
American scholar gives Crocker Lecture

Noted American cultural historian Mark Dyreson, of the Department of History and Kinesiology at Pennsylvania State University, will deliver this year’s International Centre for Olympic Studies J. Howard Crocker Memorial Address.

Dyreson’s lecture, held at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow (Friday) in Room 3345, Somerville House, is entitled: “This Flag Dips for No Earthly King: The Mysterious History of an American Olympic Ritual.”

Dyreson, a 1989 PhD graduate in history from the University of Arizona, is currently President-elect of the North American Society for Sport History. His publications in American cultural history are many and varied in the major sport history journals of the world. His best-known recent work is his Making the American Team: Sport, Culture and the Olympic Experience (University of Illinois Press, 1998). Following Dyreson’s address, a reception will be held in the International Centre for Olympic Studies, Room 2331, Somerville House. All lecture attendees are welcome.

The John Howard Crocker Lecture was established in 1989 as a memorial to a leading figure in the early years of the Canadian Olympic Movement. Manager of Canada’s first Olympic team (1908 in London, England), Crocker, after a distinguished career as a YMCA sport missionary in China from 1914 to 1919, eventually came to “another London” (Ontario), where in the 1930s and 1940s, he was instrumental in the establishment of the department that eventually became what is known today as Western’s School of Kinesiology. In grateful recognition of his lengthy service to Canadian sport and to Western, the university awarded him an honorary doctorate in 1950.

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Mark Dyreson
Harvard model UN draws Ivey ‘diplomats’

By Anton Vidgen

Students from around the world descended upon Boston for the venerable Harvard National Model United Nations and one of the largest and most visible delegations was from the Richard Ivey School of Business.

Organized by Harvard students and faculty, the HNMUN is the oldest and largest simulation of its kind, and attempts to recreate the tense and complex environment of the actual UN, complete with backroom negotiations, shouting matches and impassioned (though sometimes endless) speeches. Delegates packed the ritzy Boston Park Plaza hotel for several days of politicking and punditry, and emerged with a more nuanced and informed world view.

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Being immersed in the decision-making process was particularly noteworthy, especially in light of criticism of the UN as inefficient and overly bureaucratic. Accurately incorrigible and annoying, debates usually took over two hours just to decide on a discussion topic. At the same time, many comprehensive resolutions were passed that received broad support from the delegations.

Ivey students ably debated other Canadian universities such as Queen’s, Toronto and York, while also engaging other delegations that flew in from countries such as Switzerland, China and Spain to participate in the talks. This year’s conference was especially notable as a delegation from Iraq was in attendance for the first time in over a decade.

“I think the most interesting thing was being able to talk to someone who was in charge of what kind of compromise to which we could come,” said Andrzej Kardys, an HBA1 student representing Thailand at the World Trade Organization. “I’ve always been fascinated with how the UN actually works so this was an excellent opportunity to see it in action.”

Elana Chan, an HBA1 who argued Bolivia’s views at the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural committee, said she enjoyed the diversity of people that were all interested in current political issues. “They brought up really strong points in the committees,” Chan said. “It was a very interesting dynamic.”

In addition to conference proceedings, students had an opportunity to experience Boston’s cultural and intellectual wealth, with visits to the Boston Symphony Hall, Beacon Hill and the hallowed halls of Cambridge’s famous universities. Ivey students were even treated to an exclusive tour of the Harvard Business School by MBA students who were also Western alumni.

Peak leads women’s soccer

By Paul Mayne

Admittedly more comfortable on the field than speaking to the media, David Peak has high hopes for the upcoming fall season as he takes over the reins of the Western Mustangs women’s soccer team which was 2004 OUA champions.

The former Fanshawe Falcons coach was named to the post last week, replacing Michael Van Busel, who stepped down to complete his doctoral studies at Western.

Coming into what he refers to as a “quality program”, Peak is excited about the opportunities that lie ahead.

“It’s an honour to be appointed as coach of such a prestigious institution,” says Peak, a certified National ‘B’ license coach. “The women had a phenomenal season last year and I’d like to continue that at Western. I am looking forward to all of the challenges that lie ahead.”

Peak, who serves as the Ontario Soccer Association (OSA) regional development coach for Southwestern Ontario and is the Under-16 Provincial Coach of the Year, is a great find, says Western’s Director of Sports and Recreation Services Michael Lysko.

“David’s extensive coaching background and his focus on teaching were significant factors in our decision and we look forward to his building on the solid foundation that has been established,” says Lysko, noting there were more than two dozen applicants for the position.

Peak, a native of Manchester, England, holds his Level 3 in the National Coaching Certification Program and is an OSA national coaching certification instructor. With more than 20 years coaching experience, Peak has also served as the OSA provincial girls head coach, a club head coach with the North London Soccer Club and a district player development coach for the Elgin Middlesex Soccer Association.

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New women’s soccer coach David Peak has more than 20 years coaching experience.

Varsity men’s hockey on ice

The run for a national title came to an end for the Western Mustangs men’s hockey team after dropping a 3-0 decision to the Saskatchewan Huskies Sunday at the University Cup in Edmonton. Western also dropped its opening game 9-3 to No. 1-ranked St. Cloud State.

The OUA champions simply couldn’t get it going during the round-robin action and Sunday afternoon’s game could have escalated well out of respectability had it not been for the goaltending performance of Mike D’Alessandro, who faced 42 shots in the Western net. After the game the former Barrie Colts netminder thanked head coach Clarke Singer.

“I want to thank Clarke for giving me the opportunity four years ago to come to Western and be a part of a great program,” says D’Alessandro. “We had a lot of success together and it’s too bad it had to end this way.”

Saskatchewan head coach Dave Adolph was complimentary to the Mustangs.

“I want to acknowledge the Western Ontario Mustangs. They came out and played a solid game,” says Adolph. “They maybe had some say as to who would go to the final and they played like Ontario champions and I give full credit to them.”
Distinguished University Professorships
Call for Nominations

Senate has established a Distinguished University Professorship program to recognize those who have sustained excellence in teaching, research, service and responsibility 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 annual event the following year. 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)
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The deadline for receipt of nominations is May 23, 2005.
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Ian McQuillan: A Computer Science PhD Public Lecture will be held April 1 at 2 p.m. in Room 320, Middlesex College. Title of Thesis: “Com- putational Modeling of Genetic Processes”. A Thesis Examination will follow at 3 p.m. in Room 142, Stevenson-Lawson Building. Supervisor: Dr. Helmut Jungersen.

Mahmoud Mirmehrabi: A Chemical and Bio- chemical Engineering PhD Public Lecture will be held April 1 at 1 p.m. in Room 434, Thompson Engineering Bldg. Title of Thesis: “Character- ization and Control of Polymorphism in Phar- maceutical Solids”. A Thesis Examination will follow at 2 p.m. in Room 125A, Stevenson-Lawson Building. Supervisor: Dr. Sohrab Rohani.

Grzegorz Krolaczek: A Neuroscience PhD Public Lecture will be held April 5 at 2 p.m. in Room 307, Siebens Drake Research Institute. Title of Thesis: “Top-down Perceptual and Semantic Cues and the Visual Control of Reaching and Grasping”. A Thesis Examination will follow at 3 p.m. in Room 125A, Stevenson-Lawson Building. Supervisor: Dr. Neil Goodale.

Mary Francis: A Political Science PhD Thesis Examination will be held April 1 at 1 p.m. in Room 142, Stevenson-Lawson Building. Title of Thesis: “Towards a Digital Canada? An Examination of the Impact of ICTS on Democracy in Canada”. Supervisor: Dr. Allan McQuaig.

Faculty & Staff

Dr. Glenn Bauman has been appointed Chair, Department of Oncology, Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry, for the period Jan. 1, 2005 to Dec. 31, 2010.

Dr. Bryan Richardson has been appointed Chair, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry, for the period Oct. 10, 2005 to June 30, 2009.