Arctic research launch pad for Mars

BY MARC CAPANCIONI

Devon Island, located in the Canadian Arctic, is a cold, dry region. And so is the planet Mars.

In fact, the two are so similar that researchers use the island to test and develop technologies for future missions to Mars – both manned and unmanned.

Gordon Osinski, assistant professor in the Departments of Earth Sciences and Physics and Astronomy at The University of Western Ontario, knows this all too well.

Osinski has spent the past nine summers on Devon Island as a researcher for the Haughton-Mars Project. During his 2005 visit to the island, he was interviewed by Discovery Channel Canada for an episode in their documentary series Mars Rising. The episode, Mars Rising: Search for Life, continues on Page 9.

Pachyderm pitch among Robinson’s minor league highlights

BY PAUL MAYNE

Who would have thought catching a ceremonial first pitch at a minor league baseball would get your name in Sports Illustrated and a mention on Inside Edition and Jay Leno.

But when the pitcher is an 8,500-pound pachyderm named Laura, it makes a difference.

Dorchester native and Western sports management student Chris Robinson found himself thrust into the spotlight during a 2005 game as a member of the West Michigan Whitecaps. The elephant was part of a promotional stunt by the team’s owner.

“I remember checking my cell after the game and there were already like 20 messages for me, and I was like ‘did someone die?’,” laughs Robinson, who has transferred from the University of Illinois to complete his degree at Western. “It was a fun time and something you don’t soon forget.”

While Robinson has come to expect some of the crazy goings-on as a minor league, and enjoys the selling of the game, when it comes to his career as a catcher he’s all business.

A third round pick of the Detroit Tigers in 2005, he is now part of the Chicago Cubs organization. Spending last year with Knoxville (AA), he was promoted late in the season to Iowa (AAA), a stop closer to the big leagues.

Robinson’s current path sees him at Western where his parents Don and Kathie both graduated. Attending Western is something Robinson wanted to do coming out of Lord Dorchester High School. But a baseball scholarship to Illinois took him to the U.S.

“It’s funny, because I’ve always wanted to go to Western and now I’m here, so it’s kind of cool,” says Robinson, who’s taking four classes on campus and another on-line to finish up his degree.

“Plus, living back at home, the rent’s really good.”

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THIS JUST IN

A London agency provides a free daily email service of news and opinion affecting post-secondary education in Canada. Academica Group provides “market intelligence” for higher education but its free ‘Top Ten service offers a useful digest of what reporters and writers are saying about universities and colleges. Sign up at www.academica.ca.

AUTHOR, AUTHOR

Three award-winning London authors will share insights on book publishing at a seminar sponsored by the Professional Writers Association of Canada (PWAC) on Nov. 21. Presenters include Mia Doucet, author of China In Motion; poet, mystery series author and former university professor Don Gutteridge; and Mark Kearney, adjunct faculty at Western. Subjects include self-publishing, attracting a publisher, working with a traditional publisher and self-promotion and marketing. The event takes place at Central Library (Lerners Room), 7-9 p.m. Admission: PWAC members $15; non-members $20. Contact Kevin Glew kevin.glew@sympatico.ca. Website: www.pwac london.org

BAILEY IN ARCTIC HOTSEAT

The Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies (ACUNS) (http://acuns.ca/about) has elected biology professor Robert Bailey as president for a two-year term. Bailey is a specialist in aquatic ecosystems and key promoter of a new environmental sustainability program on campus. ACUNS is a consortium of more than 40 academic and research institutions that seeks to make northern research and education happen across disciplines, and advocates for its prominence with governments, including those of indigenous peoples. With the growing issue of northern sovereignty, research, development and sensitivity of the Arctic to climate change, the presidency could be a particular active during Bailey’s tenure.

NEW DIMENSION

Education professor Rebecca Coulter has been selected by Canadian Dimension as one of this year’s professors who make a difference. Coulter was nominated by her students.

RALPH NADER VISITS KING’S

Ralph Nader, consumer advocate, lawyer and author, speaks at King’s University College (Labatt Hall Room 105) today (November 1) at 7 p.m. Tickets are $15 ($5 for students, faculty and staff of Western, King’s, Brescia and Huron). The title of Nader’s talk is “Don’t waste your twenties”. For tickets, email events@kucsc.com. For more information on the King’s University College Student Council’s Council Speakers Series, visit www.kucsc.com/speakers.html.

LEARNING NEVER QuITS

The Society for Learning in Retirement (SLR) has been offering programs to interested adults for more than 10 years. More than 3,000 people have participated. SLR will hold a preview of its 2008 Winter Program on Nov. 21, 1-3 p.m. at Westminster College, 361 Windermere Rd. Phone 850-1909; on-line, www.slr.london.ca. The society offers a wide variety of courses to seniors who wish to develop their horizons.

CELEBRATE THE DEAD

On Nov. 2, Modern Languages and Literatures will celebrate Dia de Muertos (Day of the Dead), a yearly event based on an ancient festival honouring children, the dead, and continuity of life. Graduate students in Hispanic Studies are setting up an elaborate altar in University College’s main entrance.

CLIMATE CHANGE: THE SCIENCE AND THE POLITICS

Gordon McBean of the departments of Geography and Political Science and the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction, will speak on the science and politics of climate change at a free lecture on Friday, November 2, 3 p.m. in the Social Science Centre, room 2333. Complimentary fair trade coffee, refreshments and light snacks will be provided. For more information on the Department of Geography Speaker Series, please visit http://geography.uwo.ca/speakers-series.

Piled Higher & Deeper

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A handful of peaceful protestors attending the Oct. 26 meeting of Senate received the answers they wanted to hear – the university is taking steps to address their concerns regarding military research.

Known as Counter-Stryker, a campus group focused on ethical and political issues of military and corporate research conducted at Western specifically, and Canadian universities in general, is made up of around 25 to 30 members, mostly students. Their concerns surfaced in December 2004 when Western struck a four-year agreement with General Dynamics Land Systems Canada – based in London – to conduct research involving the company’s light armoured vehicles (LAVs). One model is referred to as the Stryker by the U.S. military. The deal is worth more than $800,000.

The research, conducted by engineering professor Jeff Wood, involves testing lightweight composite materials to offer greater protection from landmines and rocket-propelled grenades, without adding significantly to the weight.

Through handing out leaflets to Senate members as they entered chambers, members of Counter-Stryker referred to promises by Ted Hewitt, Vice-President (Research and International Relations) in May about raising awareness of this issue with counterparts in Ontario and Canadian G-13 universities.

“We just wanted to let Senate know that we’re not willing to forget about their promise to raise the issue of military and military-related research,” says Graduate Studies student Trent Cruz, a member of Counter-Stryker. “We also want to discuss the ethical review process within the university.”

Hewitt has already followed through on his commitment to bring the issue to the attention of the Ontario Council on University Research (OCUR). The OCUR’s response was forwarded in letter form to Hewitt, who presented it to Western’s University Research Board (URB).

The URB suggested that Hewitt speak to the G13 Vice-President’s of Research first and then report to Senate. Coincidentally, the day of the Counter-Stryker protest, Hewitt was in Montreal meeting with the G13 group, with the military research on the agenda for that meeting.

“We do a great deal of research at Western that any one party could deem controversial,” says President Paul Davenport, adding the university will not stop research projects because one party deems it a divisive issue. “If they (researchers) are within the required Ontario guidelines, they are free to do the research they want. That is part of our academic freedom. Those who disagree are free to speak out against it, again which is a key part of our academic freedom.”

Are universities ‘a system in crisis?’

BY PAUL MAYNE

Many universities are enjoying explosive growth in numbers and size but within the walls of post-secondary institutions some observers are pointing to a crisis that affects the quality of higher education.

University of Western Ontario Sociology professors Anton Allahar and James Côté, authors of the hotly-debated and controversial book Ivory Tower Blues: A University System in Crisis, published earlier this year, say more and more universities have to deal with growing numbers of “disconnected students and disconsolate faculty.”

While problems may not be obvious from the outside where building cranes appear as a mark of success, Allahar and Côté say fewer students are prepared for university life – many lacking the personal motivation to go along with their disillusionment and growing apathy towards learning.

A Nov. 5 panel discussion will tackle head on many of the issues raised in the book.

Allahar says he’s not surprised a discussion about the book, which features a frank and gloomy account of the state of the contemporary university, is being held on campus.

“Actually what is surprising is the overwhelmingly positive response from colleagues and countless numbers of students who agree that students don’t study, that they are politicians, and that they learn quickly how to play the game,” he says.

“It is refreshing, however, to see the nonpartisan endorsement of the book. The most common comment goes something like ‘thanks for writing it. It needed to be said, but was not said either because others do not have the guts or the time to say it.’”

The one group Allahar says he has not heard from is the parents. While most colleagues who are parents respond like colleagues and not parents, it’s hard to gauge parental opinion and he hopes concerned parents will attend the discussion.

Côté says while he knew a lot of colleagues shared views expressed in the book, he was surprised by the extent of support from high school, and even primary school teachers who say they’ve witnessed a decline in quality, as well as grade inflation.

“At all levels, many teachers are distressed by the situation, and are hopeful that our efforts might have some effect in relieving this distress,” says Côté.

Cote says many educational administrators will denounce the content of the book, but the fact a discussion is being held is considered a plus.

“Having multiple viewpoints at the table is exactly what we want,” says Côté.

“A national debate is needed to bring the situation into the public’s awareness. We are hopeful that those on the panel will have read the book in an open fashion and have considered its implications so that we are not talking past each other.”

SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS

Senate approved several new scholarships, awards, bursaries and prizes including:■ C.B. (Bud) Johnston MBA Scholarships – The two scholarships (valued at $10,000) are for full-time students entering the MBA program at the Richard Ivey School of Business who have demonstrated academic merit and financial need. The scholarships were established by Ralph M. Barford (LLD’87).
■ UK Alumni Scholarship – The $450 scholarship will be awarded to a permanent resident or citizen of the United Kingdom entering the first year of any undergradu- ate degree programs at Western, based on academic achievement. The scholarship is made through Western’s UK alumni.
■ Judy and Murray Bryant HBA Rugby Award – The $3,500 award is for a full-time student in the HBA program who demonstrates athletic leadership as part of Western’s rugby team, with a 70 per cent minimum average. This award was established by Ivey Professor Murray Bryant.

PROFESSORSHIP APPROVED

The James G. McLeod Professorship in Family Law has been approved by Senate. The position was made possible through donations totaling $200,000 from multiple donors in honour of late professor James G. McLeod and in recognition of his commitment to the Faculty of Law and his status as a leading expert in Canadian family law.

NEW MASTER’S FILM PROGRAM

Senate has approved, pending approval from the Ontario Council for Graduate Studies, a new Masters of Arts (MA) program in Critical Studies in Global Film Cultures to be introduced in Sept. 2008.

Nationally there are only four MAs in the field (Concordia, Carleton, York and UBC), with Western’s unique MA eventually offering 16 additional graduate studies across Canada. The intake for the Master’s program will be approximately five to eight students a year.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ABUSE CENTRE DIRECTOR ‘INSULTS WOMEN’S INTELLIGENCE’

It is one thing to inform the public and student body about the sexual assault centre of London (Western News, Oct. 18 United Way supports sexual assault education).

It is another to promote vile sexist lies and dishonesty in regards to alleged sexual violence towards women.

In regards to gender politics, our community has moved far beyond feminist cliches and platitudes in reference to so-called male patriarchy.

Louise Pitre, executive director of Sexual Assault Centre London, insults women’s intelligence everywhere and inflames male hatred with her sloppy, inflated and generally dishonest statistics.

On behalf of myself and friends, both male and female, count me out financially from supporting such hatred under the guise of preventing sexual abuse of women.

Susan Longley
Huron (’93)

WILL THE GROCERY CART MAKE YOU SICK?

We are a group of fourth year nursing students and have developed an idea, which we strongly believe, to improve the health of our community.

We have chosen to focus on reducing the risk of contracting germs such as the common cold virus, influenza, and gastrointestinal illnesses from grocery store carts.

This issue has been investigated and reported by important Canadian news networks, including CBC and City TV News.

The Sobey’s chain of grocery stores has already introduced disinfecting cart wipes for customers to use to reduce the transmission of harmful bacteria, and have reported that they have been positively received by customers.

Our goal is to implement the sanitizing wipes and/or hand sanitizing rubs into grocery stores in London.

Our project involves us making contact and presenting our information with important stake holders including: grocery store managers, the health unit, and the public.

We are encouraging people to request the hand sanitizing rubs and sanitizing cart wipes to be installed at the entrance of the store where they shop.

Please visit our online petition at www.ipetitions.com/petition/permsoshoppingcarts.

Courtney Stoddart, Joanna Popet, Savanna House and Allison Mcalchan
Western-Fanshawe Nursing

THE WAY WE WERE: 1961

Journalism student Morley Chalmers has his telepathic powers tested by Dr. W. E. Mann of Western’s Department of Sociology. Extra Sensory Perception or ESP was seen as a form of quackery by most scientists but Mann, unperturbed by this attitude, compared ESP to the study of hypnosis which he said at one time was regarded as a hoax by scientists and the general public.

Could you be an ambassador for London?
Taking Women’s Studies to the community

By Jessica Balmer

With the help of a University of Western Ontario professor, another Western alumna and I are taking what we learned during our undergraduate education and sharing it with the London community.

Laura Malone (BA ’07 Spec. Women’s Studies) and I (BA ’07 Women’s Studies, MIT) have paired up with Rebecca Coulter, a professor in the Faculty of Education and the Department of Women’s Studies and Feminist Research, to facilitate a Women’s Studies mini-course at the Crouch Neighbourhood Resource Centre on Hamilton Road. The five-session course began on September 18 and runs every other Tuesday from 7:30 p.m. until November 13.

This past March, Coulter and one other Western student participated in an International Women’s Day presentation at the resource centre. Participants were invited to think about women’s often-overlooked contributions to history and learned about several important women’s initiatives, including The Miss G. Project.

On the interest and request of one of the participants, Wendy Jacques, Coulter began orchestrating the mini-course.

“Women’s Studies started in the community and grew from there so this is a return to our roots. Education is an important part of taking action,” she says. As students in Coulter’s winter ’07 seminar course, Women’s Studies 460G: Liberating Education: Feminist Pedagogy and Praxis in Universities, Laura and I were thrilled to finally have an opportunity to put our four years of feminist theory into practice.

The course focused on taking action and we were constantly encouraged to engage in social action projects to produce change, both within Western and in the community. This results-oriented approach was a welcome change.

At the senior-level, I believe it is crucial to have the opportunity for hands-on learning. Under Coulter’s mentorship, I was empowered to educate my community on many important issues I had studied and the results were far-reaching.

In particular, the International Women’s Day supplement we as a class produced for Western News last March made all of us proud and inspired us to undertake more consciousness-raising projects. As the term wrapped up, Laura and I were looking for an opportunity to use our Women’s Studies education and feminist perspectives outside of the academy. We were both already involved in volunteer projects with young girls, so when the invitation from Jacquie Carr, the community development facilitator at the Resource Centre, was extended to Coulter, we were eager to join.

“I was thrilled to be invited by the Hamilton Road community to share what I had learned. Whenever a chance arises I’m on board, especially when it is with people who are generally unfamiliar with the program and the perspectives we explore,” says Malone.

Throughout the summer, the three of us met with women from the Hamilton Road area to plan the course. “In adult education and in Women’s Studies it is important for students to participate in developing the curriculum so it reflects their learning needs,” says Coulter. After several meetings, we settled on topics ranging from representations of women in the media to raising strong daughters and responsible sons.

So far it’s been truly amazing. The material we discovered in our Women’s Studies classes changed our lives—every Women’s Studies student will tell you the same. Now we’ve been given an opportunity to bring this information beyond the academy and share that experience with other women in London.

For more information on the course, contact Jessica or Laura at jessica.balmer@gmail.com or lrmalone29@yahoo.ca

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Why stop now?

Time to bring kids to work

University of Western Ontario employees will get a chance to show their Grade 9 teens what they do all day—and where they do it.

Western’s Take Our Kids To Work Day takes place Nov. 7 but parents are encouraged to register their children by Nov. 2.

Students will be able to choose from a variety of activities and presentations by a number of faculties. Some selections have limited registrations.

For details or to register, go to http://communications.uwo.ca/facultyandstaff/takekidstowork.htm

London Central Lioness is holding a Christmas Silent Auction on Saturday, November 3, from 1 pm - 3 pm at St. Luke’s (Broughdale) Anglican Church 1204 Richmond Street at Bernard (just north of the University gates) Rebellions (All hands raised are used for the benefit of the community)

Care to comment?

Send letters to the editor and opinion articles to newseditor@uwo.ca
Sunflowers, zithers and corporate disclosure

By Kenzie Love

Yaqi Shi keeps a tidy office. There's no clutter to be found in it, but it's not drab. Indeed, the new professor in the Richard Ivey School of Business has filled it with memorabilia.

The first thing that catches the eye is a bright red wall hanging, which represents the Chinese character for luck. Red is a lucky colour in China, she explains, and she keeps it in her office as a talisman.

Shi, 32, feels she's already experienced good fortune in terms of her family. Born and raised in China's Shandong province, she grew up in a home full of care and love. She's a long way from home now, but remains close to her parents and siblings. She also remains connected to her homeland, emotionally if not physically, and the talisman reflects that.

“I like to show people that I'm a Chinese,” she says. “I'm proud.”

Shi came to Canada to complete her PhD in accounting at Montreal’s Concordia University. There were some difficulties at first, but she was able to survive and ultimately thrive in her new country.

“There were language barriers, cultural barriers. The study systems are different. But I think I'm a person who can adapt to a new environment very fast. Later on, actually, I won the best student award in the school.”

Shi sometimes misses Montreal, but she's happy at Ivey, which she chose in part because of its friendly environment. Her colleagues are glad she made that choice.

“I think she’s a very enthusiastic person,” says David Sharp, one of the professors who interviewed her for the position. “Very dynamic, committed to teaching. A very curious person, interested in research. And a very capable one, too.”

Shi strives to excel in both research and teaching, and has been nominated for a distinguished teaching award at Concordia and received multiple research fellowships. Balancing the two disciplines can be a struggle, but she still enjoys both.

“I like my students so much. Ivey’s HBA program is the best in the country. They’re very smart and friendly students. I also learn a lot from them.” She keeps a vase filled with sunflowers on her desk, which she likens to a smiling face that greets students or anyone else who comes by her office.

Visitors might find the professor of managerial accounting and control reading up on issues including corporate governance and emerging markets. Shi devotes a lot of spare time to her research, for which she has high hopes.

“I hope to publish in top-tier journals, establish my own reputation and also contribute to the school. I want to be an excellent scholar.”

When she’s not cracking the books neatly arranged on her shelves, Shi has plenty of other interests. Although she was drawn here by the university rather than London itself, she’s come to appreciate its natural beauty.

“It’s a very peaceful and lovely city, so close to nature. The place where I'm living is very close to Gibbons Park, so every day after dinner I take a walk and watch the wild geese, the ducks and squirrels and the kids playing in the playground.”

That said, there’s a lot more of the world she wants to see. A copy of the first map of North America is tacked to one of her walls, a symbol of a continent she wants to explore thoroughly.

Shi also wants to return to China in the future, perhaps for the 2008 Olympics. Shandong will play host to all the water sports for the games, for which she would like to volunteer. In the meantime, a souvenir placard on her desk signals their approach. Finally, Shi hopes to start a family. A drawing from her niece sits beside her computer, but she hasn’t had any children of her own. She hasn’t yet married, but says, laughingly, “I have a very good candidate now.”

The writer is a graduate student in journalism.

Background

Age: 32
Birthplace: Shandong, China.
Faculty: Richard Ivey School of Business
Research interests: International accounting, corporate disclosure and transparency, emerging markets.
Pastimes: Reading, dancing, playing the zither (an ancient Chinese instrument).

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Larsen launched the kit last week, the culmination of a year-and-a-half project, at a professional development workshop for more than 200 elementary teachers at Althouse College.

The project was funded through a Canadian International Development Agency Global Classroom Initiative grant and the support of all three partner organizations.

“We need our schools to be part of the global society,” says Larsen.

“Our schools are the microcosms of the wider world and each student brings their unique experience into the classroom, which affects how they learn.”

Larsen adds the teaching kit is based on research showing that the optimum time to introduce global issues to students is in the middle school years.

Teachers play a significant role in informing students how to understand their actions, as well as their rights and responsibilities within a global world.

“In this day and age of globalization with deepening concern for issues that cross the local-global divide, this curriculum resource is both timely and relevant to the needs and concerns of today’s youth,” she says.

“This will help the students on their journey to discover the outside world and also about themselves and their roles as global citizens.”

Education faculty unveils ‘global citizen’ kit

By Paul Mayne

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Paul Mayne, Western News

The writer is a graduate student in journalism.
Western alumni take provincial roles

The cabinet of Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty will continue to have a University of Western Ontario flare despite minor shuffle following Tuesday’s recent re-election.

Chris Bentley (London West), former Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities and a former adjunct Law professor, has been promoted to Attorney General, replacing Michael Bryant. The Attorney General is the main legal advisor to the government and is responsible for the oversight of the justice system within Ontario. Bentley, who taught in the Faculty of Law, is expected to tackle the challenge of pushing the federal government on gun control in his new role.

Social Science PhD graduate Deb Matthews (London North Centre) takes her first cabinet posting, serving as Minister of Children and Youth Services as well as Ontario Women’s Directorate (OWD). In 2003, the Ministry of Children and Youth Services was created to make it easier for families to find services for children and make it easier for families to access the services they need at all stages of a child’s development.

With OWD, Matthews, who also taught at Western, will provide focus for government action on issues of concern to women - in particular, social, economic and justice-related issues.

A division of the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, the OWD has two key areas of activity including preventing violence against women and promoting women’s economic independence.

Western alumni remaining in their current roles as ministers include Richard Ivey School of Business graduate Gerry Phillips (Energy) and Don Wright Faculty of Music graduate John Wilkinson (Research and Innovation).

Several graduates are also taking roles as parliamentary assistants including Business graduate Charles Sousa (Government and Consumer Services). Also taking on this role are History graduate and former Minister of Labour Steve Peters (Transportation) and Law graduate and former Minister of Environment Laurel Broten (Health and Long Term Care).

Climate Change

London North Centre Liberal MP Glen Pearson and University of Western Ontario President Paul Davenport share a laugh with federal Liberal leader Stephane Dion during an October 29 tour of Western’s Biontron Institute for Experimental Climate Change Research Facility. The $28.5-million facility is a multi-staged, interdisciplinary research facility dedicated to research of the impact of climate change and extreme environments on plants and micro-organisms.

Brescia University College is seeking a dynamic Communications and Alumnae Relations Officer to assist in the development, planning and co-ordination of activities related to alumnae and communications. Reporting to the Director, main duties will include: implementation of alumnae activities; coordination of outreach initiatives for young alumnae; organizing Homecoming and other events. Assisting in the development of internal and external written communications will be a key component of the role. Experience working with volunteer committees is important; some administrative support for the Director will also be required.

The ideal candidate will be a university graduate with excellent communication skills and experience working in an educational environment. A post-graduate diploma in communications/public relations is advantageous. A team player who can work independently and possess a flexible attitude, strong planning skills and ability to interact with people in a pleasant and efficient manner are key factors to success. Related work experience in a university environment is also advantageous. Excellent computer and organizational skills and the ability to manage multiple tasks effectively are essential. Knowledge and experience in public relations, working with volunteers, and planning special events is important as the ability to write effectively. A valid driver’s license is required.

Please submit a letter of application and resume by November 9, 2007 to:

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Brescia University College is affiliated with the University of Western Ontario
Melaney Mathews, Department Secretary, Department of Music Performance Studies, Don Wright Faculty of Music

Melaney Mathews takes her sheltie therapy dogs, Summer and Sandy, to visit children and adults who may be experiencing stress.

Where do you volunteer?

St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog Program. I make monthly visits to the children at Merrymount Children’s Centre with my therapy dogs and occasional visits with other children’s groups such as Sparks, children’s camps, etc. I teach the children the importance of being kind to animals and to respect them, how to be safe around dogs and how to be responsible pet owners. We also visited McCormick Nursing Home for three and a half years before changing over to Merrymount.

Once or twice a year, I help organize therapy dog visits with Western students in residences for stress relief at exam time.

The therapy dogs and their owners have also participated in the London Jaycees Santa Claus Parade for the past three years, and my dogs and I joined them for the past two years.

What or who inspires you to volunteer?

The connection with people, the opportunity to provide a valuable service to others, to spread joy, to ease pain or stress, and to make a difference in the community.

Why is giving back to the community important to you?

I feel involved, connected. It is a joyful experience to extend yourself for the good of others and see the beneficial effect it can have on people. I feel that I am contributing something meaningful and worthwhile.

It is great fun to see my beloved shelties, Summer and Sandy, interacting with people in a way that is gentle, educational, entertaining and therapeutic. I love sharing my dogs in that way, especially with children.

Memorable volunteer moments...

I have watched some children gradually overcome their fear of dogs. Children who would not participate in the group or come near the dog would eventually move closer and closer, over a period of months, and finally reach out a tentative hand and touch the dog.

The final triumph was seeing these children choose to participate in the game we play with the dog after months of not taking part, due to their fear.

People in the nursing homes who would not relate much to other people would reach out to the dog, and I was eventually able to establish a connection with the person. The presence of the dog assisted in building that bridge.

One of the most memorable experiences has to be with the students at Saugeen-Maitland student residence. It is such a pleasure to see their happy and excited faces when the dogs enter the room. We sit on the floor with the students with all the dogs between us and they interact with the dogs, or tell us stories about their own pets at home and how much they miss them, or even talk about their ambitions and career goals. As someone who works with students in my job, I enjoy the opportunity to spend time with them in a fun way that is not related to work.
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looks at the possibility of life on the red planet and what this could mean for future missions there.

Airing this Sunday at 7 p.m., it is the last episode in the six-part series.

The Mars Rising series was filmed in more than 90 locations around the world. The documentary “explores how the challenges being grappled with today will lead to a manned mission to Mars in the next 20 years.”

Mars Rising features interviews with leading experts, former and current astronauts, and even director James Cameron, who is a member of NASA’s special advisory committee.

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Canadian-born actor William Shatner narrates the documentary.

Part of Sunday’s episode will look at the Haughton impact crater on Devon Island.

The crater was formed millions of years ago when a comet or asteroid, more than a kilometre wide, struck the region.

“When an asteroid hits the Earth, it’s a catastrophic event, but it can also be beneficial,” says Osinski, who specializes in planetary geology. “The impact can create warm, wet habitats where life can thrive.”

There is a chance this type of situation can occur on Mars, a planet with thousands of impact craters. This is what Osinski’s research focuses on.

Osinski says he is happy to be a part of the Haughton-Mars Project. “I wouldn’t be where I am today without it. It’s been a fantastic experience.”

The international project is planning for the future exploration of Mars and other planets. Osinski started going to Devon Island as part of the Haughton-Mars Project in 1999 while a PhD student at the University of New Brunswick (UNB).

He says Canada is a perfect place for Mars research. “It has the right climate and geography.”

After graduating from the UNB in 2004, Osinski worked at the Canadian Space Agency, where he continued his yearly research trips to Devon Island.

In September 2007, Osinski came to Western. “I’ve seen every university in Canada involved in planetary sciences, but The University of Western Ontario tops the bill,” he says.

Osinski plans on returning to Devon Island with two graduate students next July. The trio will conduct further research for the Haughton-Mars Project.

Osinski, 31, says a manned mission to Mars will likely happen in his lifetime.

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The writer is a graduate student in the journalism program.
By Bob Klanac

A casual conversation between a former Western administrator, an investment banker, a transportation maven and the mayor of London led to the development of London’s first full-scale civic fan-club.

“We were just talking about how to take a role in trying to make a difference in London,” says Ambassador London chair Perry Ferguson. “I figured it would take a lot more than that.”

Ferguson, president of Voyaguer Transportation Services, recalls that then-Western associate vice-president communications David Estok, investment banker Michael Crowley and London mayor Anne Marie DeCicco-Best came up with the seed of the idea a few years ago but the idea lay dormant until recently.

Ambassador London is a program designed to equip Londoners with the tools to spread the word about London wherever and whenever they go in their personal or professional travels.

Ferguson says the program isn’t merely about the event.

“The ending date is not November 6 but rather it is the beginning,” he says. “We’re preparing right now to sit with the city and talk about sustainability for the program.

“It’s really all about putting together a set of tools that people can use to tell people about London.”

The idea, Ferguson says, is initiatives such as the Ambassador London website and a new film about London can be used to show people what the city is about.

They, in turn, would be equipped to pass on the information when speaking of the city. The benefits, he says, assist business and the community.

“If someone from Western is going to Hong Kong, they could take the film along and talk up London while they’re there.”

The last film produced about London was made in 2000 but Ferguson notes it is quite out of date.

“A lot has changed since then,” he says. “The new film will have the John Labatt Centre in it as well as some new Western locations such as the Biontech.”

What’s also changed, Ferguson says, are Londoners themselves.

“The 2001 Canada Summer Games was the turning point,” he says. “We had 2,000 volunteers who signed up. They even had to turn some away. They all wanted to help.”

Ferguson thinks Ambassador London can take advantage of that city spirit to get the message out about London.

“It’s important to me that we take baby steps in a sense,” he says. “It takes time to get everybody on board and educate them as to what they can do.

“It’s all about starting a conversation with people.”

The conversation starts November 6 at the London Convention Centre at the one-hour launch which Ferguson says will be fun but also a chance for Londoners to learn about the program.

“It will also give people a chance to shake hands with hundreds of their neighbors which maybe we don’t do enough.”
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Mixing his education with a career as a ballplayer takes work. He's climbed up the minor league ranks to the point he realizes this is now his full-time job. “Everyone playing ball in the minor leagues wants to be in the majors,” says Robinson, tossing a baseball while sitting in his Thames Hall classroom. “I'll head to spring training next year to try and win a job, whether it's Double-A or Triple-A. Obviously the goal is to move up every year.”

As a member of Team Canada at the 2007 International Baseball Federation World Cup, he is currently in Australia playing exhibition games before heading to Taiwan where Team Canada opens up against Korea this coming Wednesday. “I'm really looking forward to this because the World Cup is on a big stage with some top competition,” says Robinson, adding his professors have been supportive. He won't be back on campus for over three weeks. “They have been so great with me and helping me work things out with my classes,” he says. “They see this as an opportunity for me and it makes it so much easier for me when I know I have their support.”

This latest tournament will be a great preparation with next year being an Olympic year. Being part of Team Canada at the 2008 Beijing Olympics would be another coup for the 23-year-old catcher, something he is seriously considering. “That would be unbelievable, playing for your country, but at the same time you have to weigh the options between that and pro ball,” he says. “It's my job and sometimes you forget that because you're playing a game.”

To watch Robinson and Team Canada while in Taiwan, view games live on the Internet. For information, go to www.stadeo.tv or www.baseball.ch.
USC begins search for new general manager

By Bob Klanac

The University Students’ Council at The University of Western Ontario is looking for a new head for its business operations.

Karen Jackson, general manager since 2005, left the position October 17 to pursue other opportunities, says USC President Tom Stevenson.

“We’re going to be bringing in external consultants to do a needs assessment,” says Stevenson. “That’s going to roll into a search process for a new general manager.”

The USC is one of the largest student business operations in the country. At the time Jackson took over, the annual budget was about $18 million, and is now about $22 million.

In the interim, Stevenson says the USC board of directors will assign some of the general manager’s responsibilities to other internal managers.

“There are no real specifics to it as of yet,” says Stevenson.

“But there will be some elevated responsibilities for our senior management just to ensure that the corporate stability of the USC is maintained moving forward.”

“It will be a real team effort. We’re all coming together and we’ll be sharing the responsibilities as we look for a new GM.”

Campus police a Phones-for-Food depot

Western’s campus police have joined the fight against hunger, as well as the push to recycle, by joining the Phone-For-Food recycling program to aid The London Food Bank.

Phones-For-Food is a Rogers Wireless initiative and campus police have offered to act as a depot to collect the used cell phones.

When a collection box is full, it will be sent to a central location where the phones will be sold to the remanufacturing industry. This industry turns them into refurbished products for consumers and funds are raised for the local food banks.

Phones can be dropped off anytime at the campus police office in the Stevenson-Lawson Building.

Law promotes consumer awareness

Consumer Law Day is a new initiative of the clinic’s public legal education program. Law students will provide information on issues ranging from telemarketing scams to motor vehicle repairs.

Laura Jane Patricia Macfarlane is one of five Western law students participating in the information session. She says consumer fraud is one of the biggest issues they hear about at the clinic.

“There’s a lot of confusion out there. Many people don’t understand their rights,” she says. “Seniors are particularly vulnerable to these types of crimes and we want to help by providing education and resources.”

Consumer Law Day will be held on Thursday, Nov. 8, 3-5 p.m. at the Kiwanis Seniors Community Centre, 78 Riverside Dr. in London.

A wide range of events are scheduled during November to support reaching the campus fundraising goal of $500,000.

This past week was especially active with USC’s third annual Haunted House in the UCC atrium, a rummage sale by Library Technical Services at Ellborn College and a Halloween Bake Sale and Raffle by the Faculty of Education.

About $100,000 has been raised, 20 per cent of the total.

More events are being scheduled. For an up-to-date listing, visit or register your campus event at http://unitedway.uwo.ca.

■ The Great StairClimb Expedition – Nov. 1
Walk to the top of London’s tallest building, One London Place. Western climbers (faculty, staff and students) meet at the StairClimb tent at 5:15 p.m. so they can be assembled before going next door to One London Place to climb.

Those interested in climbing can register or make a pledge online. There is a group already created on the StairClimb page called “The University of Western Ontario”. Join this team or create a new team under that group and register. Online registration is at http://www.uwo.london.on.ca.

■ The Bookstore at Western has t-shirts for a discounted price ($8). Identify yourself as a StairClimb participant to the cashier.
■ Silent Auction – Research Services
Tuesday, Nov. 20, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. in SLB 330.

■ Silent Auction - External
Friday, Nov. 30, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Westminster College.

■ Desjardins Credit Union
Open a new account or be approved for a VISA with Desjardins Credit Union and $5 will be donated to the United Way. Located in the lower level of the UCC.

■ External Toonie Tuesdays
Every Tuesday during the campaign, departments in the External Portfolio are distributing red buckets throughout their offices to collect loose change. As an added bonus, for the donation of a toonie, staff members are permitted a dress-down day of their choosing.

Many United Way events on tap
Adjusting to business of ‘life and death’

An HBA student brings back business lessons from Africa

BY ASHLEIGH MURPHY

I very HBA student Neil Peet recently returned from the tiny community of Dingaan-stat, Kwa-Zulu Natal, in South Africa.

After a year of business school and a summer working in the Ontario provincial cabinet office at Queen’s Park, he travelled to meet his mother to continue working on an ongoing AIDS project they started a few years ago.

The AIDS project focuses on supplying volunteers with training in order to give people hope and to become agents of social change in less fortunate communities in South Africa.

South Africa is still a land of disparities; parts are highly modern, while parts remain the quintessential Africa that’s seen on TV.

Peet and his mother experienced the inequality of the nation first hand by living with people at the bottom of the socio-economic ladder.

“The three communities that we worked with have 50 local volunteers … many of the same women, and two men, that have been involved with the project since the beginning and they’re very passionate and dedicated,” said Peet.

The AIDS project began in 2000 in Kwa-Zulu Natal and quickly became a project of organizing and supplying local volunteers who could provide palliative care for those who were sick or dying of HIV/AIDS.

The volunteers were given training from St. John Ambulance on grief counselling and basic washing and caring information for people who are sick.

In most villages, community members can take care of themselves; but, because of the high number of people who were sick and dying and the incredible economic strain, the community needed help.

Today, the AIDS project has evolved and the volunteers in the communities involved with the AIDS project are now looking for social change rather than just care and preventative measures.

“There are larger social problems now that will lead to a continuance of AIDS, are involved with AIDS, and are products of it,” said Peet. For example, a lot of young people have been left without parents. They have no way of earning an income leading causing some to turn to crime or having children of their own in order to get baby benefits.

In their quest to become agents of social change, volunteers have asked the Peets to help them contact local leaders in order to secure official support for the project. The volunteers also asked for uniforms to make themselves easily recognizable in the community and they requested funding to get more training.

The community is hoping to start youth drop-in centres and income generation projects that will provide alternatives for women who need money. Instead of having children to gain benefits, community members will have the opportunity to start gardening and farming.

“We’re hoping to bring the volunteers in for a training course for two weeks,” said Peet. “The plan is to issue certificates upon completion of the training to give the volunteers some recognition for what they’re doing.”

Peet is also working on funding proposals and gaining support from different organizations.

“We think within the next couple of months we’ll see some big changes,” said Peet.

Peet has seen a lot of change in the community as a direct result of his work. He’s been teaching the use of computers at the school and in the community. “Originally I only taught at the school, and then we realized … we’re only training one year of learners,” said Peet. The project has been broadened to include teachers and community members.

This summer Peet brought donated laptops to give out. One man in the community has now started his own business providing computer services. Another community member has also started his own business thanks to the general training and English skills that he learned through Peet’s teaching. Another man he taught is now at university and they’re helping him with tuition.

For Peet, time spent in Africa working on their AIDS project dramatically changed the way he approaches business back in North America.

“Living in South Africa is a sharp contrast to arriving back in London, Ontario,” said Peet.

“There is a whole different view. Here it is, I need to get this job, I have to start to my career, these are the things I need to focus on … whereas in Africa it’s more a matter of life and death. They wake up every morning and it’s wonderful just to be alive. Shaking hands has a very different meaning there than it does here … Work has a much more immediate effect and relationships have a much larger priority.”

Whereas here we work in order to retire to spend time with our relationships, Peet says in Kwa-Zulu Natal you live to develop relationships, and working is an added benefit.

It comes as no surprise that Peet would like to bring some of those ideas and corporate responsibility to the way of doing business in North America.

“I do Corporate Responsibility Consulting to see how companies can actually make more money and be more profitable by being more involved in their community.”

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Add/Drop Deadlines
Nov. 2: Last date to drop a first-term second quarter (‘r’) course (Kin) without penalty.
Nov. 30: Last day to drop a full course and full-year half course (on campus day and evening and Distance Studies) without academic penalty. Deadlines that fall on a holiday or weekend will be extended to the next business day.

Credit Balances
Credit balances resulting from scholarships, bursaries, and donation opt-outs were processed at the end of October. Students receiving refunds were sent an e-mail by Oct. 29 with instructions on how to pick up their refund cheque. Information Services (Room 190) Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesdays – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Telephone Helpline: 519-660-2200.

Faculty & Staff
Anita Kothari, Bachelor of Health Sciences Program, presented two papers at the Canadian Public Health Association 2007 annual conference in September. (Mapping as a Knowledge Translation Strategy: Ontario Early Years Centre) and (Needs and The Role of Tacit Knowledge in Public Health Association 2007 annual conference). Julia Bickford, a doctoral student in the Health and Rehabilitation Sciences Graduate Program, contributed to both the preliminary mid-year examination schedule and the final mid-year examination schedule. Information Services (Room 190) Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesdays – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Telephone Helpline: 519-660-2200.

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All positions are subject to budgetary approval. Applicants should have fluent written and oral communication skills in English. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority. The University of Western Ontario is committed to employment equity and welcomes applications from all qualified women and men, including visible minorities, Aboriginal people and persons with disabilities.
Education unveils ‘global citizen’ kit

BY PAUL MAYNE

With the initiative of creating global citizens, the Faculty of Education has created a kit to provide Grade 6 teachers with a cutting-edge curriculum resource to empower educators and students to make a difference in the world.

Called ACT! Active Citizens Today: Global Citizen for Local Schools Teaching Kit, the package provides teachers with more than 40 lessons and assessment strategies on the theme of global citizenship.

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BAILEY IN ARCTIC HOTSEAT

The Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies (ACUNS, http://acuns.ca/about.html) has elected biology professor Robert Bailey as president for a two-year term. Bailey is a specialist in aquatic ecosystems and key promoter of a new environmental sustainability program on campus. ACUNS is a consortium of more than 40 academic and research institutions that seeks to make northern research and education a key priority in Canada, and advocates for its prominence with governments, including those of indigenous peoples. With the growing importance of northern sovereignty, research, development and sensitivity of the Arctic to climate change, the presidency could be particular active during Bailey’s tenure.

NEW DIMENSION

Education professor Rebecca Coulter has been selected by Canadian Dimension as one of this year’s professors who make a difference. Coulter was nominated by her students.

AUTHOR, AUTHOR

Three award-winning London authors will share insights on book publishing at a seminar sponsored by the Professional Writers Association of Canada (PWAC) on Nov. 21. Presenters include Mia Doucet, author of China In Motion; poet, mystery series author and former university professor Don Gutteridge; and Mark Kearney, adjunct faculty at Western. Subjects include self-publishing, attracting a publisher, working with a traditional publisher and self-promotion and marketing. The event takes place at Central Library (Lerner’s Room), 7-9 p.m. Admission: PWAC members $15; non-members $20. Contact Kevin Glew kevin.glew@sympatico.ca

Ralph Nader visits King’s

Ralph Nader, consumer advocate, lawyer and author, speaks at King’s University College (Labatt Hall Room 105) on today (Novem-ber 1) at 7 p.m. Tickets are $15 ($8 for students, faculty and staff of Western, King’s, Brescia and Huron). The title of Nader’s talk is “Don’t waste your twenties”. For tickets, email events@kucsc.com. For more information on the King’s University College Students’ Council Speakers Series, visit www.kucsc.com/speakers.html.

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The Society for Learning in Retirement has been offering programs to interested adults for more than 10 years. More than 3,000 people have participated. SLR will hold a preview of its 2008 Winter Program on Nov. 21, 1-3 p.m. at Westminster College, 361 Windermere Rd. Phone 880-2009; on-line, www.slrlondon.ca. The society offers a wide variety of courses to seniors who wish to expand their horizons.

CELEBRATE THE DEAD

On Nov. 2, Modern Languages and Literatures will celebrate Dia de Muertos (Day of the Dead), a yearly event based on an ancient festivity honouring children, the dead, and continuity of life. Graduate students in Hispanic Studies are setting up an elaborate altar in University College’s main entrance.

CLIMATE CHANGE: THE SCIENCE AND THE POLITICS

Gordon McBean of the departments of Geography and Political Science and the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction, will speak on the science and politics of climate change at a lecture on Friday, November 2, 3 p.m. in the Social Science Centre, room 2333. Complimentary fair trade coffee, refreshments and light snacks will be provided. For more information on the Department of Geogra-phy Speaker Series, please visit http://geography.uwo.ca/speaker-series/

LEARN YOUR RIGHTS

A consumer law information session will be held on Thursday, Nov. 8 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Kiwanis Seniors Community Centre, 78 Riverside Drive. This free session is being presented by the Ontario Ministry of Government Services and students from the Community Legal Services Clinic at Western. Call S19-661-5740.

VIRAL VIDEO, OR ...

The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada wants to boost awareness of human papillomavirus (HPV) by offering $1,000 for the most creative proposal for spreading the word about the disease. Whether creating a viral video or developing an ad campaign, the society is seeking ideas that are informed and novel. The deadline is Nov. 21. Send questions or contest submissions to HPVcontest@compoun-dcorp.com or to HPV General Student Contest c/o COMPOUND, 7 Admiral Road, Toronto, ON, M5R 2L4.

25 YEARS AGO IN WESTERN NEWS

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Piled Higher & Deeper

A grad student comic strip

An Introduction to QUANTUM Gradunatics

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http://www.philcomics.com/comics.php/231

LET'S GET CLINICAL

Lawson Health Research Institute and London Clinical Research Association are presenting a Workshop Day, “Let’s Talk … Clinical Research in Canada”, on Friday, Nov. 30. The workshop will be held at South Street Hospital, Education Building, “Holdsworth Auditorium”, 373 Hill Street, London. Speakers include Sherry Warren-Nagy, Health Canada, “Health Canada Audits” and Wendy Komar, Health Information and Privacy, London Health Science Centre, “Privacy and Information Security in Research”. Workshop topics include workplace communication and ethics. Registration form is at www.lcrca.ca. Space limited. Contact Darlyne Morlog by at darlyne.morlog@syh.london.on.ca.

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All quiet on the protest front

By Paul Mayne

A handful of peaceful protestors attending the Oct. 26 meeting of Senate received the answers they wanted to hear – the university is taking steps to address their concerns regarding military research.

Known as Counter-Stryker, a campus group focused on ethical and political issues of military and corporate research conducted at Western specifically, and Canadian universities in general, is made up of around 25 to 30 members, mostly students.

Their concerns surfaced in December 2004 when Western struck a four-year agreement with General Dynamics Land Systems Canada – based in London – to conduct research involving the company’s light armoured vehicles (LAV’s). One model is referred to as the Stryker by the U.S. military. The deal is worth more than $800,000.

The research, conducted by engineering professor Jeff Wood, involves testing lightweight composite materials to offer greater protection from landmines and rocket-propelled grenades, without adding significantly to the weight.

Through handing out leaflets to Senate members as they entered chamber, members of Counter-Stryker referred to promises by Ted Hewitt, Vice-President (Research and International Relations) in May about raising awareness of this issue with counterparts in Ontario and Canadian G-13 universities.

“We just wanted to let Senate know that we’re not willing to forget about their promise to raise the issue of military and army-related research,” says Graduate Studies student Trent Cruz, a member of Counter-Stryker. “We also want to discuss the ethical review process within the university.”

Hewitt has already followed through on his commitment to bring the issue to the attention of the Ontario Council on University Research (OCUR). The OCUR’s response was forwarded in letter form to Hewitt, who presented it to Western’s University Research Board (URB).

The URB suggested that Hewitt speak to the G13 Vice-President’s of Research first and then report to Senate.

Coincidentally, the day of the Counter-Stryker protest, Hewitt was in Montreal meeting with the G13 group, with the military research on the agenda for that meeting.

“We do a great deal of research at Western that any one party could deem controversial,” says President Paul Davenport, adding the university will not stop research projects because one party deems it a divisive issue.

“If they (researchers) are within the required Ontario guidelines, they are free to do the research they want. That is part of our academic freedom. Those who disagree are free to speak out against it, again which is a key part of our academic freedom.”

New master’s film program

Senate has approved, pending approval from the Ontario Council for Graduate Studies, a new Masters of Arts (MA) program in Critical Studies in Global Film Cultures to be introduced in Sept. 2008.

Nationally there are only four MA’s in the field (Concordia, Carleton, York and UBC), with Western’s unique MA eventually offering 16 additional graduate spaces across Canada. The intake for the Master’s program will be approximately five to eight students.

Scholarships, awards

Senate approved several new scholarships, awards, bursaries and prizes including:

C.B. (Bud) Johnston MBA Scholarships – The two scholarships (valued at $10,000) for full-time students entering the MBA program at the Richard Ivy School of Business who have demonstrated academic merit and financial need. The scholarships were established by Ralph M. and Wendy (LLD ’97) Johnston.

UK Alumni Scholarship – The $450 scholarship will be awarded to a permanent resident or citizen of the United Kingdom entering the first year of any undergraduate degree programs at Western, based on academic achievement. The scholarship is made through Western’s UK Alumni.

Judy Agnew Murray Bryant HBA Rugby Award – The $3,500 award is for a full-time student in the HBA program who demonstrates athletic leadership as part of Western’s rugby team, with a 70 per cent minimum average. This award was established by Ivey Professor Murray Bryant.

Professorship approved

The James G. McLeod Professorship in Family Law has been approved by Senate. The position was made possible through donations totaling $200,000 from multiple donors in honour of late professor James G. McLeod and in recognition of his commitment to the Faculty of Law and his status as a leading expert in Canadian family law.

Are universities ‘a system in crisis?’

By Paul Mayne

Many universities are enjoying explosive growth in numbers and size but within the walls of post-secondary institutions some observers are pointing to a crisis that affects the quality of higher education.

University of Western Ontario Sociology professors Anton Allahar and James Côté, authors of the hotly-debated and controversial book Ivory Tower Blues: A University System in Crisis, published earlier this year, say more and more universities have to deal with growing numbers of “disconnected students and disconsolate faculty.”

While problems may not be obvious from the outside where building cranes appear as a mark of success, Allahar and Côté say is fewer students are prepared for university life – many lacking the personal motivation to go along with their disillusionment and growing apathy towards learning.

A Nov. 5 panel discussion will tackle head on many of the issues raised in the book.

Allahar says he’s not surprised a discussion about the book, which features a frank and gloomy account of the state of the contemporary university, is being held on campus.

“Actually what is surprising is the overwhelmingly positive response from colleagues and countless numbers of students who agree that students don’t study, that they are politicians, and that they learn quickly how to play the game,” he says.

“It is refreshing, however, to see the nonpartisan endorsement of the book. The most common comment goes something like “thanks for writing it. It needed to be said, but was not said either because others do not have the guts or the time to say it.””

The one group Allahar says he has not heard from is the parents. While most colleagues who are parents respond like colleagues and not parents, it’s hard to gauge parental opinion and he hopes concerned parents will attend the discussion.

Côté says while he knew a lot of colleagues shared views expressed in the book, he was surprised by the extent of support from high school, and even primary school teachers who say they’ve witnessed a decline in quality, as well as grade inflation.

At all levels, many teachers are distressed by the situation, and are hopeful that our efforts might have some effect in relieving this distress,” says Côté.

Cote says many educational administrators will denounce the content of the book, but the fact a discussion is being held is considered a plus.

“A national debate is needed to bring the situation into the public’s awareness. We are hopeful that those on the panel will have read the book in an open fashion and have considered its implications so that we are not talking past each other.”

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Journalism student Morley Chalmers has his telepathic powers tested by Dr. W. E. Mann of Western's Department of Sociology. Extra Sensory Perception or ESP was seen as a form of quackery by most scientists but Mann, unperturbed by this attitude, compared ESP to the study of hypnosis which he said at one time was regarded as a hoax by scientists and the general public.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**WILL THE GROCERY CART MAKE YOU SICK?**

We are a group of fourth year nursing students and have developed an idea, which we strongly believe, to improve the health of our community.

We have chosen to focus on reducing the risk of contracting germs such as the common cold virus, influenza, and gastrointestinal illnesses from grocery store carts.

This issue has been investigated and reported by important Canadian news networks, including CBC and City TV News.

The Sobeys chain of grocery stores has already introduced disinfecting cart wipes for customers to use to reduce the transmission of harmful bacteria, and have reported that they have been positively received by customers.

Our goal is to implement the sanitizing wipes and/or hand sanitizing rubs into grocery stores in London.

Our project involves us making contact and presenting our information with important stakeholders including: grocery store managers, the health unit, and the public.

We are encouraging people to request the hand sanitizing rubs and sanitizing cart wipes to be installed at the entrance of the store where they shop.

Please visit our online petition at www.ipetitions.com/petition/germsongrocerycarts.

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In Profile: New Faculty

Sunflowers, zithers and corporate disclosure

Fact box

Background
Age: 32
Birthplace: Shandong, China.
Faculty: Richard Ivey School of Business
Research interests: International accounting, corporate disclosure and transparency, emerging markets
Pastimes: Reading, dancing, playing the zither (an ancient Chinese instrument)

By Kenzie Love

Yaqi Shi keeps a tidy office. There's no clutter to be found in it, but it's not drab. Indeed, the new professor in the Richard Ivey School of Business has filled it with mementoes.

The first thing that catches the eye is a bright red wall hanging, which represents the Chinese character for luck. Red is a lucky colour in China, she explains, and she keeps it in her office as a talisman.

Shi, 32, feels she's already experienced good fortune in terms of her family. Born and raised in China's Shandong province, she grew up in a home full of care and love. She's a long way from home now, but remains close to her parents and siblings. She also remains connected to her homeland, emotionally if not physically, and the talisman reflects that.

"I like to show people that I'm a Chinese," she says. "I'm proud." Shi came to Canada to complete her PhD in accounting at Montreal's Concordia University. There were some difficulties at first, but she was able to survive and ultimately thrive in her new country.

"There were language barriers, cultural barriers. The study systems are different. But I think I'm a person who can adapt to a new environment very fast. Later on, actually, I won the best student award in the school." Shi sometimes misses Montreal, but she's happy at Ivey, which she chose in part because of its friendly environment. Her colleagues are glad she made that choice.

"I think she's a very enthusiastic person," says David Sharp, one of the professors who interviewed her for the position. "Very dynamic, committed to teaching. A very curious person, interested in research. And a very capable one, too.

Shi strives to excel in both research and teaching, and has been nominated for a distinguished teaching award at Concordia and received multiple research fellowships. Balancing the two disciplines can be a struggle, but she still enjoys both.

"I like my students so much. Ivey's HBA program is the best in the country. They're very smart and friendly students. I also learn a lot from them." She keeps a vase filled with sunflowers on her desk, which she likens to a smiling face that greets students or anyone else who comes by her office.

Visitors might find the professor of managerial accounting and control reading up on issues including corporate governance and emerging markets. Shi devotes a lot of spare time to her research, for which she has high hopes.

"I hope to publish in top-tier journals, establish my own reputation and also contribute to the school's. I want to be an excellent scholar." When she's not cracking the books neatly arranged on her shelves, Shi has plenty of other interests. Although she was drawn here by the university rather than London itself, she's come to appreciate its natural beauty.

"It's a very peaceful and lovely city, so close to nature. The place where I'm living is very close to Gibbons Park, so every day after dinner I take a walk and watch the wild geese, the ducks and squirrels and the kids playing in the playground."

That said, there's a lot more of the world she wants to see. A copy of the first map of North America is tacked to one of her walls, a symbol of a continent she wants to explore thoroughly.

Shi also wants to return to China in the future, perhaps for the 2008 Olympics. Shandong will play host to all the water sports for the games, for which she would like to volunteer. In the meantime, a souvenir placard on her desk signals their approach. Finally, Shi hopes to start a family. A drawing from her niece sits beside her computer, but she hasn't had any children of her own. She hasn't yet married, but says, laughingly, "I have a very good candidate now."

The writer is a graduate student in journalism.
Brescia University College invites applications for a tenure-stream position in Family Studies at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor commencing July 1, 2008. The successful candidate will hold a PhD in Family Studies or related discipline, have demonstrated strength in teaching at the university level, and have a solid research and publication record. The preferred candidate will have demonstrated ability to contribute to program planning and course development in field of Family Studies.

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Brescia University College invites applications for a tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant Professor in Psychology. The preferred candidate will have a Ph.D. in Psychology, proven ability and commitment to excellence in teaching at the university, and potential for a strong research program that can involve undergraduate students. Particular areas of specialty within Psychology is open, background in clinical or abnormal Psychology and/or the ability to offer undergraduate courses in statistics or methodology is an asset.

**SOCIOLOGY**

The Department of Sociology at Brescia University College invites applications for a tenure-track appointment at the assistant professor level commencing July 1, 2008. The successful candidate will hold a PhD in Sociology or be near completion of that degree, demonstrate a strong commitment to teaching at the undergraduate level and have a solid research and publication record. Applicants should have expertise in at least 2 (two) of the following areas: Sociology of Law, Criminology, and Deviance.

**FOODS AND NUTRITION**

Brescia University College invites applications for a tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor in the area of Foods and Nutrition in the Department of Food and Nutritional Sciences commencing July 1, 2008. The preferred candidate will possess a PhD degree in Foods and Nutrition or related fields and be eligible for appointment to Western’s Faculty of Graduate Studies; be eligible for professional membership with the College of Dietitians of Ontario as a Registered Dietitian; demonstrated excellence in teaching at the post-secondary level and potential for a strong research record. Candidates with foreign educational credentials must document Canadian equivalency. The successful candidate will be expected to supervise graduate students, teach at the graduate and undergraduate level in Foods and Nutrition, participate in academic program development, and the academic life of the College. Information on Brescia University College and the Department of Food and Nutritional Sciences may be found on the university website www.brescia.uwo.ca.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Brescia University College is a Catholic university college for women affiliated with The University of Western Ontario at London, Ontario, offering instruction to both women and men. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Rank and salary will be based on qualifications and experience. Brescia University College is committed to the principles of employment equity. This position is subject to budgetary approval.

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Adjusting to business of ‘life and death’

An HBA student brings back business lessons from Africa

By Ashleigh Murphy

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very HBA student Neil Peet recently returned from the tiny community of Dingaan-stat, Kwa-Zulu Natal, in South Africa.

After a year of business school and a summer working in the Ontario provincial cabinet office at Queen’s Park, he travelled to meet his mother to continue working on an ongoing AIDS project they started a few years ago.

The AIDS project focuses on supplying volunteers with training in order to give people hope and to become agents of social change in less fortunate communities in South Africa.

Peet and his mother experienced the inequality of the nation first hand by living with people at the bottom of the socio-economic ladder.

“The three communities that we worked with have 50 local volunteers ... many of the same women, and two men, that have been involved with the project since the beginning and they’re very passionate and dedicated,” said Peet.

The AIDS project began in 2000 in Kwa-Zulu Natal and quickly became a project of organizing and supplying local volunteers who could provide palliative care for those who were sick or dying of HIV/AIDS.

The volunteers were given training from St. John Ambulance on grief counselling and basic washing and caring information for people who are sick.

In most villages, community members can take care of themselves; but, because of the high number of people who were sick and dying and the incredible economic strain, the community needed help.

Today, the AIDS project has evolved and the volunteers in the communities involved with the AIDS project are now looking for social change rather than just care and preventative measures.

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In their quest to become agents of social change, volunteers have asked the Peets to help them contact local leaders in order to secure official support for the project. The volunteers also asked for uniforms to make themselves easily recognizable in the community.

“Everyone is working for one training course for two weeks,” said Peet. “The plan is to issue certificates upon completion of the training to give the volunteers some recognition for what they’re doing.”

Peet has seen a lot of change in the community as a direct result of his work. He’s been teaching computer skills that he learned through Peet’s teaching. Another man in the community has now started his own business thanks to the general training and English skills that he learned through Peet’s teaching.

“Living in South Africa is a sharp contrast to arriving back in London, Ontario,” Neil said.

“Work has a much more immediate effect and relationships have a much larger priority.”

Whereas here we work in order to retire and spend time with our relationships, Peet says in Kwa-Zulu Natal you live to develop relationships, and working is an added benefit.

It comes as no surprise that Peet would like to bring some of those ideas and corporate responsibility to the way of doing business in North America.

“I do Corporate Responsibility Consulting to see how companies can actually make more money and be more profitable by being more involved in their community.”
Mid-Year Examination Timetable, December 2007

The preliminary mid-year examination schedule is now posted on the Registrar’s website. The Final Schedule will be posted Nov. 12. Students booking flights for the holidays are advised to book a flight date of Dec. 20 or later.

A student who, for religious reasons, is unable to write exams on a Sabbath or Holy Day must give notice of this fact in writing to his/her Dean as early as possible, but not later than November 15. In anticipation of the release of the final mid-year examination schedule, please visit http://student.uwo.ca to check your current course enrollment. Please report any difficulties to the Office of the Registrar Helpline at 519-661-2100.

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Nov. 30: Last day to drop a full course and full-year half course (on campus day and evening and Distance Studies) without penalty.

Credit Balances

Credit balances resulting from scholarships, bursaries, and donation opt-outs were processed at the end of October. Students receiving refunds were sent an e-mail by Oct. 29 with instructions on how to pick up their refund cheque.

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Western News welcomes Viewpoint articles of about 600 words. Offer a perspective on campus and post-secondary education issues. Send submissions or find out more at newseditor@uwo.ca.

Faculty & Staff

Anita Kothari, Bachelor of Health Sciences Program, presented two papers at the Canadian Public Health Association 2007 annual conference in September (Mapping as a Knowledge Translation Strategy: Ontario Early Years Centre and The KT Triangle). The site was launched in September www.textilemuseum.ca

Anna Metenick (Visual Arts) took part in Nuit Blanche 07 in Toronto. Thousands of colourful balloons were used by the public to construct a soft, psychedelic structure of domes, tunnels and extensions – which together form a maze-like fort – a place to hide, build or watch. nuit blanche was an all night art event in venues all over the city. It started at 7:00 pm on Sept 29/07 and ended at 7 am on Oct 1/07.

Sky Glabush (Visual Arts) travelled to Fort McMurray to Keyano College last month to give an artist talk and visit their department.

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COMING EVENTS

Senior Alumni Program – Timothy Doberly, Clinical Neurological Sciences and Rehabilitation Medicine, Western. “Neuromuscular health in aging” McKellar Room, UCC - 9:30 - 11 a.m.

Oncology Grand Rounds – Department of Oncology and London Regional Cancer Program. Norman Laperriere, “Pseudoprogression in High Grade Glioma After Radiotherapy and Temozolomide” Room A3-924a/b 12 – 1 p.m.

Modern Languages and Literatures: Comparative Literature Research Forum Corina Tinor, “Benjaminian Connotative:  Guilt as an Index to Subjectivity from The Origin to The Arcades.” UHS, Aud 0, 12 p.m.

Clinical Pharmacology Grand Rounds – Jacques Turgeon, “Intersubject Variability in Drug Actions” LHSC, Aud 0, 12 p.m.


Department of Philosophy – Carolyn McLeod, Western. “Access Denied: Concealment and Exclusion in Reproductive Health Care” TC 341, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

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Men’s Basketball – Guelph at Western, 2 p.m.

Women’s Hockey – Brock at Western, 4 p.m.

Women’s Volleyball – Ottawa at Western, 6 p.m.

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Western Alumni Program – Timothy Doherty, “Pseudoprogression in High Grade Glioma After Radiotherapy and Temozolomide” Room A3-924a/b 12 – 1 p.m.

Men’s/Women’s Swimming – Western Invitational at Western, 9:30 a.m.

Don Wright Faculty of Music – Dr. Max L. Menden Memorial Lecture Series – Pamela Silver, Harvard Medical School. “Designing Biomedical Systems” MSB 384, 10:30 a.m.

Faculty and Alumni Program – Ruochu Gao, “Statistical Analysis of Correlated Ordinal Data: Application to Clustered Randomization Trials” 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Medical Sciences Building, Rm 148. www.uwo.ca/epidem/Seminars.html

Biotechnology Center Laboratory Seminar Series – Yoichi Saito, University of Tokyo, Japan. “Transition Metal Catalyzed Cross-Coupling Reactions: Recent Developments” 3M Building - Room 3520. 4 p.m. Contact: Kim Baines Ext. 63022 - kbaines@uwo.ca

Bruce McCaffrey Memorial Graduate Seminar Series – Nichol Virtue “The Crusade against Bolshevism - Italian Propaganda on the Eastern Front, 1941 – 47” SSC 4317, 1:30 p.m. Contact: Larry Green, Physics & Astronomy 123, 1:30 p.m.

3M University Lecturer in Chemistry – Kohei Tamas, Kyotol University, Japan. “Transition Metal Catalyzed Cross-Coupling Reactions: Discovery of the Nickel-Phosphine-Catalyzed Cross-Coupling Reactions and Some Recent Advancements” 3M Building - Room 3520. 4 p.m. Contact: Kim Baines Ext. 63022 - kbaines@uwo.ca

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