Shot in the arm

University of Western Ontario President Paul Davenport rolled up his sleeve Oct. 31 to get his flu shot from registered nurse Lisa Herrick at Student Health Services. Staff and faculty immunization clinics will be held throughout the month and do not require an appointment. The clinic is open 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. today, 9 a.m. to noon on Nov. 7, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 13 and 9 a.m. to noon on Nov. 14.

Why do we choose to fight?

B Y P A U L M A Y N E

C oning up to Remembrance Day, thoughts turn to the men and women who have fought, or are fighting, for their country. But why did they choose to fight in the first place?

Movies and television often fall back on patriotism or service to country as catch-all reasons for donning a uniform. However, what little science is available suggests the answer is more complex than commonly thought.

(Campus Remembrance Day events are listed on Page 3)

Jonathan Vance, a Canada Research Chair (Conflict and Culture) and specialist in Canadian military and cultural history, says patriotism and peer pressure are among many motivators for enlisting, but the real reason eludes researchers.

“It has long been suspected that patriotism is the main reason someone chooses to go to war, but this does not normally resonate in a person, it is something created,” says Vance.

Other possibilities have included a desire for adventure, civic duty, economic reasons or even a ‘payback’ mentality. And there are less savoury reasons.

“Clearly there were some who joined because they thought it would be fun to kill,” he says. “It would be a mistake to assume that this thought pattern didn’t exist.”

With the Second World War following on a long depression, some men and women saw the war as a full-time job - “treating the war as an employer, nothing more, nothing less.”

While this may hold for some soldiers, you can’t push the argument too far. Vance says in 1939, large numbers of Canadians, Britons and Australians enlisted for reasons other than economics. Many had jobs.

“So why would they leave unemployment to be in the army?” questions Vance. “If not unemployment, then what? Perhaps it was patriotism, perhaps idealism. The pacifist of 1937 becomes the officer of 1939.”

Vance cites his latest book, Unlikely Soldiers, which tells the story of two young Canadians who unwittingly became agents of Britain’s Special Operations Executive (SOE), an undercover unit that used sabotage and subversion to tackle the Nazi regime.

“They were both academics and likely would not have been fit to be accepted,” he says. “You couldn’t find two men less suited for the war. They were of the attitude that ‘someone should do something,’ but not them.”

Both men were living in France when the Nazis seized power. Their intelligence, resourcefulness and familiarity with French customs and language caught the SOE’s attention. Trained in special operations techniques, from radio control to killing, they were paired and parachuted into France.

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Western responds to economic downturn

C AMPUS leads to a ‘pause’ on new construction

B Y P A U L M A Y N E

A severe downturn in financial markets has cut millions of dollars from university revenues, forcing campus leaders to look for trims in next year’s operating budgets and to reconsider the timing of construction projects.

“We are indeed concerned about the impacts of the current economic situation on the university, and have been working hard to prepare Western to weather these difficult circumstances in what is a rapidly changing environment,” says Fred Longstaffe, Provost and Vice-President (Academic).

While Western is adjusting to difficult economic circumstances, campus leaders remain confident about the future.

“We are a strong university. Together, we have faced and overcome these kinds of challenges in the past, and together we surmount them again,” says Longstaffe.

Overall, the decline in financial markets is being felt in several ways.

Among the revenue sources for the current 2008-09 operating budget was $18.55 million from non-endowed investments. This will no longer be available.

To cover the shortfall, the university will not make a planned $12.2 million contribution from the operating budget to capital projects, leading to potential project delays.

Western will also defer setting aside some or all of the $6 million planned for future research applications to the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI).

“The positive effect of these two moves is that - unless the situation worsens substantially - it will not be necessary to ask our various units to undertake in-year (2008-09) budget reductions,” says Longstaffe.

That said, the university wants campus units to focus on essentials.

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‘Spiteful story of greed, betrayal and murder’

Review by Jim Etherington

David Adams Richards doesn’t write books. He ignites words, explodes sentences and creates raging bush fires of tension and intrigue. He peoples pages with complex characters and clothes them in soul-wrenching inter-personal conflict, forlorn, unrealized opportunity and overwhelming rage.

The Lost Highway is set, as are previous novels, in the Miramichi region of New Brunswick. He stirs the relationship among English, French and Micmac Indian characters whose lives touch one another against the background of the sea, rivers, woods and half-tamed nature.

Richards knits what seems to be a finished tapestry and then puts it back on the literary loom to make ever more intricate patterns.

His masterpiece is a spiteful story of greed, betrayal and murder. Morality and ethics are continuing themes whose boundaries are redrawn at the whim of the lead characters anxious to justify their actions.

The author quotes Aristotle’s Ethics: “A bad moral state, once formed, is not easily amended”. It sums up the driving force of the novel.

Alex Chapman is the tragic anti-hero who seeks to discover his origins but fails to find grace. His childhood is damaging and upon his mother’s death he is taken into the home of his great uncle Jim Chapman, igniting a 20-year period of abuse and rebellion. Alex’s uncle is the centre of his hate, although we’re never sure what is true abuse versus what Alex fictionalizes. Alex enters training as a priest but leaves under a cloud of suspicion. He becomes a university teacher of ethics but resigns over what he considers a matter of principle.

Alex learns that his uncle possesses a winning $13-million loto ticket which he would have received if he had undertaken a job demanded by his uncle, but which he refused because of his hate. The book picks up speed at this point as Alex frantically tries to find a way to hoodwink his uncle and get possession of the winning ticket. He joins forces with Leo Bourque, a childhood nemesis. A murder occurs and a witness must be silenced, while tragedy seeps from the pages.

David Adams Richards’ novel, The Friends of Meager Fortune, won the Commonwealth Writers Prize for Best Book. His novel River of the Brokenhearted, was received with immense critical acclaim. Mercy Among the Children won the 2000 Giller Prize and was nominated for the Governor General’s Award and the Trillium Award. He is also the author of the celebrated Miramichi trilogy: Nights Below Station Street, winner of the Governor General’s Award; Evening Snow Will Bring Such Peace, winner of the Canadian Author Association Award; and For Those Who Hunt the Wounded Down. His 1998 novel, The Bay of Love and Sorrows, has been made into a feature film.

The writer is an executive member of the Alumni Association and a past panelist of London Reads.

Brescia University College invites applications for two positions in the Division of Food and Nutritional Sciences commencing July 1, 2009.

1. Tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant Professor. The preferred candidate will possess a PhD degree in Food Nutrition and/or Food Science and be eligible for appointment to Western’s School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies; be eligible for professional membership in their area of competence; demonstrate excellence in teaching at the university level and potential for a strong research record. 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.

2. Three-year limited term contract as Lecturer in Foods and Nutrition. The preferred candidate will possess at least a Master’s degree in Foods and Nutrition or related fields; professional membership as a RD with the College of Dietitians of Ontario; excellent command of English, and a successful record of teaching at the postsecondary level. The successful candidate will be expected to teach general nutrition courses at the university level and participate in academic program development.

Brescia University College is a Catholic women’s university college affiliated with The University of Western Ontario at London, Ontario, offering instruction to both women and men. Programs in Foods and Nutrition are offered conjointly with Western’s Faculty of Science. Information on Brescia University College and the Division of Food and Nutritional Sciences may be found at http://www.brescia.uwo.ca.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Candidates with foreign educational credentials must document Canadian equivalency. Rank and salary will be based on qualifications and experience. Brescia University College is committed to the principles of employment equity. These positions are subject to budgetary approval.

Applicants should submit in hard copy by mail a letter of application and a curriculum vitae (and request three letters of reference to be sent directly) to Dr. Lorna Bowman, Academic Dean, Brescia University College, 1285 Western Road, London, Ontario N6G 1H2. The deadline for receipt of applications is December 15, 2008, or until the positions are filled.

Top Canadiana books

1. Payback: Debt and the Shadow Side of Wealth by Margaret Atwood, House of Anansi

2. A Fair Country by John Ralston Saul, Penguin

3. Tar Sands: Dirty Oil and the Future of a Continent by Andrew Nikiforuk, Greystone Books

4. The Gift of Thanks by Margaret Visser, HarperCollins

5. Rick Mercer Report by Rick Mercer, Doubleday Canada

6. This is Your Brain on Music by Daniel Levitin, Plume

7. Pusschendaele by Norman Leach, Coteau Books

8. The Daily Planet Book of Cool Ideas by Jay Ingram, Penguin


10. The Golden Spruce: A True Story of Myth, Madness and Greed by John Vaillant, Knopf Canada

11. In Spite of Myself by Christopher Plummer, Knopf

12. Honoured Canadians by Andrew Podnieks, Penn Publishing

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Western climbs among research top 10

By Heather Travis

The University of Western Ontario continues to rank among the top 10 universities in Canada for sponsored research funding, according to a report by RESEARCH Infosource Inc.

The Canadian consulting firm The Impact Group, of which RESEARCH Infosource is a division, released its results last week and Western climbed to ninth place among Canada’s top 50 research universities. Last year, Western ranked 10th.

The report is based on sponsored research income for the 2007 fiscal year from all sources, including government and non-government funding taken from Statistics Canada.

For the fiscal year of 2007, Western continued its growth trend, reporting sponsored research income of about $238 million, up from $225.9 million in 2006. This represents an increase of 5.4 per cent from 2006 to 2007, putting Western above the national average of 3.5 per cent.

“It was definitely a very encouraging result,” says Ted Hewitt, Western’s Vice-President (Research & International Relations). “If you look back over the last four or five years, we are moving up.”

Although there are limits to the research funding Western is able to attract, particularly because it is competing with other large universities, Hewitt is encouraged by Western’s top 10 placing.

He says the university’s strategic plan calls for Western to remain among Canada’s leading research-intensive universities. One way this is accomplished is by helping faculty put together successful applications for funding.

“We’ve put into place some structures within our organization to help faculty develop winning proposals … and all of these efforts are starting to pay off in terms of our success rates and the ability for faculty to get the kind of resources they are looking for,” he says.

The increase in research funding also makes Western competitive amongst large universities for funding available for per faculty member. For the 2007 fiscal year, Western recorded $178,389 of research income per full-time faculty, compared to the Canadian university average of $158,000.

“That certainly suggests that in the future we’ll likely keep the momentum in terms of our overall research funding and our position nationally,” says Hewitt.

“We are known as a university that is serious about research and one that does very well in terms of our ability to secure external funds and I think that makes us more of the kind of place young researchers want to come and do their work.”

While pleased with Western’s result, Hewitt says it is only one of many. Each year he publishes an annual report comparing Western’s research funding to peer universities. Overall, RESEARCH Infosource CEO Ron Freedman saw little increase in research funding.

“We saw this year (fiscal 2007) a relatively small increase in total research income and that was one of the lower increases – 3.5 per cent – on record,” he says.

“The major reason for that is less money flowing from federal government sources and from corporate sources, but the provincial governments had a strong increase in their research funding.”

The report can be used by universities to track their research income performance over time and compare their statistics with like institutions, says Freedman. However, he expects the economic crisis, particularly for endowed funding, to have a noticeable effect on universities’ 2008 fiscal report of sponsored research funding.

The results of the RESEARCH Infosource report can be viewed at www.researchinfosource.com.

Remembrance Day services

The University of Western Ontario and its affiliate colleges will observe Remembrance Day with several events on Nov. 11.

The University Students’ Council is hosting a 45-minute ceremony in the University Community Centre atrium, beginning at 11 a.m. Student performers will re-enact vignettes from various wars, including the First World War, Second World War, Korean War, Vietnam and Afghanistan wars, from the perspective of students. Topics explored in the ceremony include: the culture of recruitment, classroom cancellations and women’s roles.

A video of images and articles dating back to the 1940s from The Gazette will also be projected during the ceremony.

Jim Etherington, a member of the Alumni Association and past president, will present a plaque to be erected in memory of the students who participated in the First World War.

KING’S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

The Office of Campus Ministry will be observing Remembrance Day through a celebration of the Eucharist at 12:30 p.m. They encourage all who are able to attend. People will gather in prayer at 11 a.m. under the flagpoles. The service will include a bagpipe performance, a moment of silence, a prayer and The Last Post.

HURON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

The Chapel will have two services for Remembrance Day open to the entire Western and London community. At 8:40 a.m. the college community will gather in the Chapel for a Communion Service using the Mass Kit of the Rev. Walter Brown, a Chaplain executed by the Nazis just after D-Day in 1944.

At 11 a.m. the college community is invited to gather in the Chapel for the Act of Remembrance and Wreath Laying ceremony which will conclude by 11:10 a.m. This will feature a reading of the names of the fallen and the moment of silence.

Brescia University College will recognize a moment of silence at 11 a.m.

Brescia University College will install its 11th principal, Colleen Hanycz, on Nov. 1, at St. Peter’s Cathedral Basilica. The ceremony was attended by a number of university presidents from across the country.

Ivey support stroke research, theatre reno

Richard M. Ivey, a name synonymous with making a difference, delivered more good news to The University of Western Ontario on Wednesday as a gift of $500,000 was announced in support of the Kathleen & Dr. Henry Barnett Chair in Stroke Research at Robarts Research Institute.

The announcement was made at the 22nd Annual Robarts Dinner as friends and family of Western’s scientific community celebrated the work of two of the world’s leading researchers and now J. Allyn Taylor International Prize in Medicine recipients, Michael E. Greenberg and Roger Nicoll.

Ivey and his late wife, Beryl Ivey, have been longtime supporters of Robarts, from its founding in 1986. Previous gifts allowed Robarts to establish the Beryl and Richard Ivey Centre for Cardiovascular Imaging in 2003.

“In addition to honouring this dynamic and generous couple, the Chair will boost Robarts’ distinctive research strengths with a view to expanding the scope of our national and international influence on the prevention and treatment of stroke,” says John MacDonald, Scientific Director, Robarts Research Institute.

In addition, the Ivey family is donating $300,000 to the Paul Davenport Theatre in Talbot College.

The $300,000 gift to the theatre includes $200,000 from Ivey and an additional $100,000 from the estate of Mrs. Beryl Ivey. The gift was made in honour of Western President Paul Davenport, to support the renovation of Talbot College Theatre within the Don Wright Faculty of Music.

“With an overall fundraising goal of $1 million for the theatre renovation, this is a tremendous start to a project that, once completed, will recognize Dr. Davenport’s incredible leadership at Western over the past 15 years,” says Ted Garrard, Western’s Vice-President (External)
Climate change, devastating drought ‘inevitable’

BY HEATHER TRAVIS

Global climate change is not a new phenomenon. In fact, University of California, Santa Barbara anthropology professor Brian Fagan says the climate hasn’t been static for centuries and, like our ancestors, humans will just have to learn to live with it.

A University of Western Ontario visiting university scholar, Fagan provided a glimpse into ancient climate change and its connection to historic events at a public lecture on Oct. 23 as part of a Canadian Climate workshop hosted by the Department of History and NICHE (Network in Canadian History & Environment).

By exploring the history of global climate change, researchers gain insight into future changes and the impact it will have on civilization. Much of Fagan’s research has concentrated on mapping connections between climate changes and anthropological events.

“We will never master the world’s climate,” says Fagan. “We will have to live with it – for better or worse.”

Drawing on examples of epochal droughts, volcanic eruptions, the Medieval Warm Period of 800-1250 AD and the Little Ice Age of the 1600-1700s, Fagan demonstrated the influence climate change on the social, economic and political history of the world.

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— Visiting scholar Brian Fagan

Fagan says the global climate has “gone from cold to warm and back again.” These drastic changes in the environment have significantly impacted history, particularly how people farmed the land and fished oceans, as well as sparked famine and hunger in different parts of the world.

Through it all, humans have adapted to their changing world by innovating, including diversifying field crops and inventing vegetables resistant to cold temperatures, such as parsnips, he says.

Yet, human resilience will be tested yet again by what Fagan refers to as the “silent elephant in the room” – drought.

Since 1990, he says there has been a 25-per-cent increase in global drought and within a century, he expects extreme droughts to affect about 30 per cent of the world.

Limited access to water will fuel global conflicts, he says.

“The future conflicts won’t be about petty nationalism … or religious fascism, they will be about one word – water,” he says. “The cost is going to be very high and a lot of people are going to die.”

Fagan believes Western North America is in the early stages of a prolonged drought.

“In Canada, the most fatal thing this country can do is think it is safe and rich,” he says. “If you live in a place that has a lot of water, you are going to worry about people coming there.

“There is plenty of water in the world, but the problem is how it is distributed,” he adds.

With a heavy reliance on canals and pipelines for access to water sources and the highly concentrated urban populations, Fagan says North Americans must find a more economic way of irrigating crops and conserve water.

Even if the world is thrust into another ice age, Fagan believes drought will still be a problem. Although there is not an easy solution, he says people must become educated about water consumption.

“In the end we will prevail, not because of technology, but because we are clever people,” he says.

Western History professor and workshop organizer Alan MacEachern says Fagan has always been “ahead of the curve” in writing about historic climate change.

“Like Al Gore, he has helped immensely in broadening the public knowledge about climate change,” he says.

The Western News archives from November 1977

During Western’s 224th Convocation, Frederick W.P. Jones, Western’s former dean of business, stressed the importance of new ideas in overcoming a world dominated by a bleak economy. He held that “innovation comes to those who dare to be illogical, at a logical time”, and that, being too cautious is often one’s worst enemy.

Western announced potential plans to establish a Centre for Ethics for July of 1978. The centre was to study ethics in all academic realms including law, medicine, science and business. However, focus was to be directed towards biomedical ethics, a field which emerged in light of advancing technology.

Residents of Delaware Hall and Peache House raked leaves throughout the London community to raise funds for their adopted foster children in India. The students planned to rake until they met their $300 objective which was to be sent to support the basic needs of these children.

In an effort to prevent schistosomiasis, a serious parasitic disease in humans, Zoology professor T.K.R. Bourns injected ducks with blood flukes containing tiny worms. He concluded that after initial infestation, ducks were immune to further infestation. He hoped to apply these findings to achieve similar results with human samples.

Western’s first alumni-varsity game was to be held on Friday November 4, 1977. Talented players from earlier Western teams were invited to challenge current varsity players at a competitive basketball match. Although current players were deemed to be more than capable, the grads’ wealth of experience was to be a significant advantage.

— compiled by Caterina White
Addressing reality of musical injuries

By Paul Mayne

You wouldn't think a violinist or pianist would have reason to visit an occupational therapist. Think again.

While it is still hard to pinpoint whether the playing of music alone can be the cause of an injury or disability, graduate student Christine Guptill (Bmus'95, HSc'96) is hoping more people begin to recognize the legitimacy of musical injuries and the role of occupational therapy as a potential solution.

As a music student in the early 90s, Guptill, an obo player, was suffering from what was determined to be carpal tunnel syndrome, which can cause pain in the forearm.

Always interested in science, she pursued her Master's degree in occupational therapy at Western Michigan University.

Following a few years in Sarnia and London as an occupational therapist, Guptill decided to pursue her PhD at Western, focusing on playing-related injuries among musicians.

With past studies showing a high response rate from musicians in regards to injuries, Guptill says it's hard to get people to talk about it.

"Even talking about it is still new," she says. "A lot of it is a cultural thing as well – the old adage of suffering for my art..."

A number of factors, such as type of instrument, age of musician, how they play and how often they play, influence the injury. There is even a psychological component at work, adds Guptill, because some musicians identify so strongly with their music that the injury is ignored.

The solution is often a multi-pronged approach, involving everyone from health-care practitioners and post-secondary institutions to conductors, orchestra managers and even the musicians themselves.

For her part, Guptill begins teaching a new course at Western in January, possibly a first in Canada, titled Health in Music Performance.

"I am totally thrilled to be doing this," she says. "To open the students' eyes and minds, along with other teachers, at this level is important."

A whole other side of the discussion is the fact occupational therapy is not covered under OHIP.

"Then comes the idea of where to go and who can pay for this," she says, noting Hamilton and Toronto are the only locations where musicians can go. "Musicians don't make a lot of money and benefit plans, if they have any, don't cover this form of treatment."

While there are plenty of potential hurdles, Guptill wants eventually to see a multi-disciplinary clinic on campus. For now, however, just the fact a discussion is underway is considered a plus.

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OT students pen manual for MS

By Heather Travis

Debbie Davtrey was never given a manual on managing multiple sclerosis (MS) when she was diagnosed with the autoimmune condition 14 years ago. But now, thanks to graduate students in the occupational therapy program at the University of Western Ontario, she has one.

Davtrey is the client services director at the Multiple Sclerosis Society London/Middlesex chapter. Earlier this year she worked with a group of occupational therapy students on a project to create a 'how-to' manual for therapy students on a project to create a 'how-to' manual for people living with MS.

The manual, titled manage your role as an occupational therapist is to increase productivity for clients.

"It needs to get into the hands of everyone who needs it," she says. "To open the occupational therapy services, it's a useful reference tool for clients. She is currently working with the students to make the manual more widely available, including a link on the local MS Society's website. She also plans to share the resources with other chapters of the MS Society.

"It needs to get into the hands of the people who need it," she says. "It's not just ways that are easier (to complete tasks); it's ways to be safe."

On the heels of Occupational Therapy month in October, the Faculty of Health Sciences and the School of Occupational Therapy invites is hosting an open house today.

From 4-30-6:30 p.m. students can tour Elborn College, meet faculty members and current occupational therapy students and learn more about the graduate program.

For more information about occupational therapy services, visit www.uwo.ca/ot.

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"It seems that our students have the ability to really key in to the needs community groups identify ... our philosophy as occupational therapists is to be client-centered," she says.

"I'm very excited to hear it is having a positive impact and they (the MS Society) are working to really use it," she adds. "It's great to have something everyone is gaining from. To know that it is going to help people with MS, at the end of the day, is the best thing of all."

Trenc says the team of students, which included Simone Dعا, Micaela Gualtieri, Sweta Purohit, Patty Shih, Reza Toghrol and Jackie Toman, wanted to see the project all the way through to completion, even though the students have graduated from the program.

"It was very fulfilling and meaningful for us," she says, adding her role as an occupational therapist is to increase productivity for clients.

From getting ready in the morning to working in the office, "just about anything we do is an occupation," she explains.

As someone who provides information to people living with MS, Davtrey feels the manual can be a useful reference tool for clients. She is currently working with the students to make the manual more widely available, including a link on the local MS Society's website.

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By Heather Travis

Robert Murray was an eager, young microbiologist when G. Edward Hall recruited him to the University of Western Ontario in 1945. Now, Murray is paying tribute to his mentor and friend by installing a bronze bas-relief in the entrance to the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry.

The bas-relief, a profile of the former university president, will rest on the wall opposite to the one former university president, will rest on the wall opposite to the one former university president, will rest on the wall opposite to the one former university president, will rest on the wall opposite to the one former university president, will rest on the wall opposite to the one former university president, will rest on the wall opposite to the one former university president, will rest on the wall opposite to the one

Hall made a name for Western artists and clinicians recruited by many influential medical scientists. He was an accomplished scientist and was among the youngest to be appointed a full professorship in the University of Toronto's Banting Institute of Medical Research.

With the onset of the Second World War, Hall engaged in several early defence research programs, including aviation medical research, and became a leading member of the Royal Canadian Air Force's medical services, which developed necessary equipment. He was a distinguished scientist, receiving many awards including the Canadian Air Force Cross, the United States Legion of Honor and the Canadian Air Force Cross, the United States Legion of Honor and the United States Legion of Honor and made the Companion of the order of the British Empire, prior to taking his appointment at Western.

In 1947, Hall became president of the university and held the position for 20 years. During his tenure, Western grew from 1,000 students to more than 10,000 when he resigned in 1967.

On February 11, 1972 Hall died at London's Westminster Hospital. Murray campaigned for several years to bring the Hall memorial to fruition. Although Hall's influence is still felt at Schulich and across the university, Murray wanted him to have a physical presence at the medical school where he began his legacy.

“His vision was to create a world-class institution,” he says. “He did a great many things that were important to the future of the university.”

Hall held a bachelor's degree in Agriculture, a Master's degree in Biochemistry and a Doctorate in Physiology, along with a medical degree. He was an accomplished scientist and was among the youngest to be appointed a full professorship in the University of Toronto's Banting Institute of Medical Research.

“Tremendous growth for the university, with tenures, Western grew from 1,000 students to more than 10,000 when he resigned in 1967,” he adds. “I'd like to think Ed Hall would be proud of what has happened.”

Dean Carol Herbert says Hall built a strong foundation for the exceptional training and research that has become a benchmark at Schulich.

“I believe it's important to remember, and pay tribute to, those who've helped shape our medical school, and in Dr. Hall's case, the entire university,” she says. “As president and vice-chancellor, he guided Western through a period of unprecedented growth, while never losing his passion for medicine.”

The bas-relief is expected to be mounted at a later date.

A bronze bas-relief of former Western president G. Edward Hall will be mounted in the entrance of the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry.

Professor emeritus Robert Murray commissioned a memorial to former Western president G. Edward Hall, which will be mounted in the entrance of the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry.

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Seven professors vie for ‘best lecturer’ award

By Paul Mayne

While there’s no dancing or singing in this competition, seven Western professors are now in the hunt to be named Ontario’s best lecturer.

The annual TVO search for the top provincial professor has a field of 125 faculty members who have been nominated for their ability to engage students as inspiring and memorable lecturers.

A panel of judges will work its way through the list of nominees and will eventually reach a Top 10. These professors will have one of their lectures filmed to air on TVO’s show Big Ideas, beginning Feb. 28, 2009. The public will then get to vote on Ontario’s Best Lecturer.

Western professors nominated include:

ANTON ALLAHAR (SOCILOGY)

What the students say: “Professor Anton Lawrence Allahar has to be the most inspiring person I’ve ever met. The way he challenged my thoughts and helped me open my eyes to the real world is incredibly gratifying. Professor Allahar’s lectures are what higher education is all about.”

JERRY BATTISTA (MEDICAL BIOPHYSICS)

What the students say: “I have actually chosen my career as a medical physicist after attending a lecture by Jerry Battista. He is such a charming person with a wonderful sense of humour. Dr. Battista is an outstanding teacher, able to present even the most difficult and ‘boring’ topics in a way which is pleasant and easy to comprehend.”

DAVID BENTLEY (ENGLISH)

What the students say: “Professor David Bentley is an absolutely amazing professor with a true passion and love for his job and his students. He is a gifted orator, he has a great sense of humour that he incorporates into every lecture, he is immensely captivating, and he makes coming to class exciting.”

TOM HAFFIE (BİOLOGY)

What the students say: “Prof. Tom Haffie is a truly talented individual. Although the material is difficult, he uses many different teaching styles and learning tools to help students understand the material. He’s simply a terrific lecturer.”

ABDELKADER OUDA (ENGINEERING)

What the students say: “Dr. Abdelkader Ouda is one of those lecturers who thoroughly enjoy teaching their students... he makes the hardest of concepts seem so simple and straightforward. Most of all, he is enthusiastic during every single lecture that he conducts.”

ADAM PARACHIN (LAW)

What the students say: “Professor Parachin consistently focuses on engaging the class and ensures that no student is left behind. Professor Parachin has a unique lecture style that should be explored and promoted amongst his colleagues and all those seeking to enter the teaching profession.”

ROBERT SOLOMON (LAW)

What the students say: “Robert Solomon is truly one of the most dedicated educators I have ever met. His teaching style was unique, in that he was extremely theatrical and was able to have the entire class in tears laughing multiple times throughout his lectures.”

Seven professors vie for ‘best lecturer’ award
Changing lives -- one yogurt at a time

By Sabrina Mullan and Melissa Raffoul

Mwanza, Tanzania – The Western Heads East (WHE) program was started nearly five years ago by Western Housing. It is based on a pro-biotic yogurt created by University of Western Ontario researchers and it has been shown to bring health benefits to people living with HIV/AIDS.

The program found a home in Mwanza, Tanzania in East Africa and works with the Kivulini Women’s Rights Organization and the National Institute of Medical Research (NIMR).

Interns live in Mwanza year round, and have helped set up the yogurt kitchen, and make connections in the community to distribute the yogurt. The yogurt is made daily by 10 strong women (the yogurt mamas) who form the Tukwamuane Women’s Group, and have a kitchen in an area of Mwanza called Matabini.

About 125 people with HIV/AIDS get yogurt for free daily. Much more information about the project can be found at www.westernheadseast.ca.

Most recently, two summer interns, Jessica Kelly and Osama Siddiqui, who are students at the Richard Ivey School of Business, implemented a new output-based financial system, which puts the yogurt mamas in control of the kitchen’s finances.

This has made the project much more self-sustainable for the people of Mwanza, and now allows incoming interns to pursue other needs of the project and personal interests.

As the current Western Heads East interns, we have been given the opportunity to share our experiences with the whole Western community through these short pieces in Western News. We wanted to start by telling you all about ourselves and what we are doing here in Mwanza.

1 (Melissa) am currently in my fourth year of an Honors Bachelor of Science degree. I heard about WHE at random times throughout my years at Western, but it wasn’t until last year that I decided to get more involved with the program.

I love that the project incorporates some science, but also the social aspects of life in East Africa; it was a perfect fit for my interests and I was so happy to get the opportunity to come to Mwanza and make it my home for four months.

I’m in Tanzania from September to December, continuing to support the yogurt project in any way that I can. I am also conducting my fourth-year honors research project while I am here, thanks to some fantastic people back at Western and here in Mwanza who have helped make that possible.

It will focus on water sources and water quality in a local village, but I’ll give more details on that in the future. I am enjoying every minute of my time here in Mwanza, and hope these articles can help raise awareness about what WHE does, and enlighten you all about life here in East Africa.

1 (Sabrina) have just graduated from Western with an Honors degree in Kinesiology. I became involved with WHE about a year ago when I joined the awareness and fundraising committee on campus.

After working with the project so closely I knew that I wanted to become more involved and travel to Mwanza to be an intern. In total I will be in Mwanza for 23 weeks (June-November) and will be helping the Yogurt Mamas with food safety practices used in the kitchen to ensure that they are producing the best product.

I am also spending a large portion of my time working with Catholic Relief Services and a local HIV clinic to implement a nutrition program for patients living with HIV/AIDS (more on this project in the future). I am extremely excited and grateful for this wonderful opportunity and am having the time of my life working with the amazing people involved with WHE.

Until next time, Kwa Heri!

Sabrina and Melissa’s ‘unforgettable experience’

By Sabrina Mullan and Melissa Raffoul

Hamjambo! (“Hello” in Swahili) My first week in Mwanza was such a whirlwind of new faces, new places, and new words that, thinking back, it all seems like a blur. However there was one day that I particularly remember, and that was my visit to the Mahina community.

About a year ago the Mwanza Charity Ball was held, and Western Heads East (WHE) was awarded some of the money from it. The money was used to supply yogurt to people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHAs) in the Mahina community.

Osama Siddiqui (another WHE intern), Robert (a Kivulini translator) and I went to Mahina to do some interviews with the people receiving yogurt to put into a report about the impact of the Charity Ball donation.

We got to Mahina early in the morning and everyone congregated into a little hut. The interviews went really well. We were able to talk to about 12 of the people who had been receiving yogurt and heard only good things.

Most of the people explained how they have felt better since starting to get the yogurt, with some even specifically saying that their stomach problems have gone away and their CD4 (a glycoprotein expressed on cells and an important marker for a healthy immune system) counts had increased!

Tests and lab results are one thing to show that this yogurt helps PLWHAs, but to actually hear it first hand from these people meant so much to me, and helped put the whole WHE project into perspective.

I was very honoured and appreciative to be sitting with these members of the Mahina community. There is such a strong stigma surrounding HIV/AIDS that, for these people to all come together and sit in one room, let alone share their experiences and have their pictures taken, is such a powerful thing.

Afterwards Robert mentioned something that really stuck with me. He talked about how we wouldn’t have known that these people had HIV/AIDS if we would have just passed them in the street; and he is completely right.

Looking back at the pictures we took from that visit, I cannot see anything in them that would have indicated to me that these people had a life-threatening illness with no cure.

For my first week in Mwanza, it was definitely an eye-opening experience that I will not forget. Kwa Heri!
Budget faces squeeze

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success of their units.”

The 2009-10 planning and bud-
getting process is well underway,
and the university had already
planned for a “steady state”
approach in the third year of
its four-year cycle. The current
economic environment is spending control
even more important.

“It is quite clear the increased
economic difficulties now upon
us will place additional con-
straints on provincial revenues
and through that, our operating
budgets,” says Longstaffe.

A decentralized approach to
budgeting involves the use of the
‘Initial Budgetary Reduction’ –
which means each unit’s budget
gets reduced as a starting point.

For the first two years of the
current four-year plan, that
reduction was set at three per
cent. It now appears that in years
three and four (2009-10, 2010-11),
this reduction will grow by a few
more percentage points.

“We will also examine the pos-
sibility of reductions in various
one-time/recurring expenditures
and university-wide (corporate)
base expenditures,” says Longstaffe.

The university will monitor the
operating budget carefully with
the intention of producing recom-
 mendations beginning in early
January.

For planned capital projects,
Longstaffe says the university
needs to remain within the Board
of Governors’ capital debt limits.

“There will be a need to put some
capital projects not yet
underway on pause,” says Long-
staffe.

The economic turmoil has
caused concern about the state
of endowments. The planned endow-
ment payout for the current year
(2008-09) have already been made
and are not affected.

However, Longstaffe says
Western needs to look carefully
at next year’s situation.

As a demonstration of financial
market volatility, the combined
endowments of Western and
Foundation Western on Dec. 31,
2008 were $314 million. By April
30, 2008 the value had increased
to $325 million. On Sept. 30, the
value had fallen to $276 million.

“We will use the time between
now and at least January 2009 to
evaluate carefully the economic
situation and the range of actions
the university might need to take
to protect the long-term health of
the programs, scholarships and
student aid that our endowments
help to support,” he says.

On the plus side there should
be little impact on Western from
tighter debt markets. Western
locked in at a favourable rate
through a debenture that runs for
40 years. Longstaffe anticipates
only short-term and nominal bor-
rowing requirements.

Western’s major fundraising
campaign ($500 million, 2007-
2014) is currently in its ‘quiet
phase’ and remains on track.

“Our plans for the campaign
have not changed at this stage,”
says Ted Garrard, Vice-President
(External). “We are continuing
to recruit our volunteer cabinet,
meet with prospective support-
ers, and complete our campaign
communications strategy.”

Garrard says the university
has the ability to “fine tune our
activities as market conditions
improve”.

The provincial government
will place its spending under the
microscope in the coming year.
Longstaffe says it will be a game
of wait and see to learn the impact
on Western.

“The government continues to
indicate that higher education
remains amongst its highest
priorities,” he says. “We believe,
for example, that their commit-
ment to completing the planned
graduate expansion remains firm,
because this is the kind of highly
educated workforce that Ontario
and Canada needs if we are to
come effectively.

IN MEMORIAM

SARAH KOCH

Former Physical Plant
employee Sarah (Sadie) Koch
died Oct. 31 at the age of 87.
Koch retired from the university
in 1985 with 26 years of service.
A funeral service took place
Tuesday at Forest Lawn Memo-
rial Chapel. Born in Belfast,
Northern Ireland, Koch came
to Canada as a young war bride.
She is survived by sister Nan,
children Pat & Jeff Gallagher;
Michelle & Jim Martin; Ann &
Ralph Wardop; Barbara Windsor;
Adriene Bate; and Ted Koch.

DAVID INGHAM

Retired Physical Plant
employee David Ingham died
Oct. 31 at the age of 78. Ingham
had 30 years of service when he
retired in 1995. A funeral ser-
tice takes place today at 1 p.m.
from Nairn Memorial Church.
Ingham was born in England and
as a teen worked as a farm hand
in the coal mines. As a young
adult, he worked for the mer-
chant navy and on cruise ships.
He moved to Canada in 1961 to
marry, eventually settling in
Ailsa Craig, Ont. in 1971. Ingham
apprenticed as an electrician and
worked at Western. He is
survived by children Elizabeth,
Bill and Susan as well as eight
grandchildren.

BEVERLY CAREY

Former Student Health Ser-
vice staff member Dr. Bev-
erly Carey died Nov. 2 at the
The funeral service took place
was held Nov. 5 at Birr United
Church. Carey graduated from
Queen’s University in 1951 and
accompanied her husband, Dr.
Lewis Carey, to the Mayo Clinic
and worked at Minnesota State
Hospitals. They returned to
Canada in 1971 and she worked
at Western until retirement. She
is survived by her brother Grant,
husband Lewis and children
Richard, Mark, John, Susan and
David, as well as by six grand-
children.

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Avid coffee and tea drinkers were helping the campus United Way campaign on Monday at the annual Drink Coffee TODAY for United Way program. Guest pourers, including Western campaign co-chair Julie McMullin, helped to raise close to $1,500 was raised.

United Way
COMING EVENTS

November 6
Faculty and Staff Influenza Clinic  – Western employees (adults only) UCC Health Services Resource Centre. No appointment required. Bring your health card. 9 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. Students can arrange an appointment through Student Health Services at 519-661-3030.

Graduate and Professional School Fair - opportunities are very diverse in today’s world. If you have an interest in a specific field of study or career field, exploring the options of attending graduate or professional school will be valuable to you. UCC. Atium Centre & Special Longe. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.


Occupational Therapy Open House - For more information regarding occupational therapy as a career, the School of Occupational Therapy invites all students to attend the Occupational Therapy open house. 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Elborn College. Learn about graduate studies in occupational therapy, tours of the building, meet faculty and current occupational therapy students.

McIntosh Gallery Exhibition – Fractured Reflections – Dagmar Kovar, Silence, Don Maynard, Falling to Pieces. Opening at 7:30 p.m. Visit mcintoshgallery.ca.

Department of English presents OI Hamlet - 8 p.m. Runs Nov. 6 - 8. Tickets $5 in advance/$10 at door. Contact Jo Devereux devereux@uwo.ca or Richa Sharma rsharm45@uwo.ca.

Visual Arts Speaker Series – Susy Lake, Photographer, Guelph. 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

November 7
Faculty and Staff Influenza Clinic  – Western employees (adults only) UCC Health Services Resource Centre. No appointment required. Bring your health card. 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Students can arrange an appointment through Student Health Services at 519-661-3030.

Dr. Maud L. Menton Lecture Series in Biochemistry/Brenda Schulman, Howard Hughes Medical Institute. “Dynamic Mechanisms of Ubiquitin Biology.” Brenda Warshansky, Associate Medical Officer of Health and Ms. Allison Locker, Epidemiologist Communicable Disease and Sexual Health Service, Middlesex/London Health Unit. “Salmonella Outbreak at Western.” Medical Sciences Building Rm.148. 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Geography Speaker Series – Julie Cruikshank, Professor Emerita Anthropology, University of British Columbia. “Are glaciers ‘good to Think with’?” science 2323, 3 p.m. All welcome. Fair trade coffee, refreshments served.

Philosophy Colloquium – Rolf George, University of Waterloo. “Neo Kantianism and Anti Semitism: Reflections on the German Philosophical Scene in the Early 20th Century” TC 341. 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Women’s Basketball – OIowa at Western. 6 p.m.

Visual Arts Department Exhibition – “On Loss,” video/film screenings. Artist talks to follow. Recent work by Christine Negus, Jean Paul Kelly and Charlie Eplerson. Free admission. All welcome. 7 - 8 p.m.

Men’s Basketball – OIowa at Western. 8 p.m.

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November 8
Women’s Volleyball – Laurier at Western. 1 p.m.
Men’s Volleyball – Laurier at Western. 3 p.m.

November 10

November 11
Senior Alumni Program – Graham Broad, Department of History, King’s University College. “Lest We Forget – The Canadian home front in World War II,” McKellar Room, UCC. 9:30 - 11 a.m.

Remembrance Day Ceremony – The ceremony incorporates Faculty of Music students, The Gazette, Western Chaplains and the UCC. Focused on connecting current students with the lives and experiences of students who were part of the war. Students will perform pieces from WWI, WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War and Afghanistan War. A plaque will also be presented by the Alumni Association honoring Western students that participated in the war. 11 a.m. UCC.

King’s University College – Remembrance Day. “Prayer and The Last Post at the Flagpoles. 11 a.m. Eucharist 12:30 p.m. Christ the King Chapel.

Classical Studies – Lecture series. Bonnie MacLachlan “The Grave’s a Fine and Funny Place: Greek Comedy and Otherwise Riteful,” Tablo College 403. 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

McIntosh Gallery Exhibition – Fractured Reflections – Dagmar Kovar; Silence; Don Maynard: Falling to Pieces. Free walking tour with Dagmar Kovar of her exhibition. 12:30 p.m. mcintoshgallery.ca.

November 12
Modern Languages and Literatures presents “La Tertulia” Spanish Conversation Group. Any one wishing to speak Spanish and meet people from different Spanish-speaking countries is welcome. Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. UC 17. Email tertulia@uwo.ca.

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Last day to drop a course
November 30 - Last day to drop a full course and full-year half course (on campus day and evening and Distance Studies) without academic penalty if the deadline occurs on a Saturday, Sunday or a Statutory Holiday, they will be extended to the next working day.

Mid-Year examination timetable, December
The preliminary mid-year examination schedule is now posted on the Registrar’s website, www.registrar.uwo.ca. The final schedule will be posted Nov. 10 on the Registrar’s website. Students booking flights for the holidays are advised to book a flight date of Dec. 18 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 Nov. 14.

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