Western seeks first Canadian HIV vaccine facility

A vaccine has been created and is ready for trials

The University of Western Ontario has been selected by the federal government as one of four organizations under consideration to build Canada’s first HIV vaccine manufacturing facility. Western is the only Ontario organization asked to submit an application. In February 2007, Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates jointly announced collaboration between the Government of Canada and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to support the Canadian HIV Vaccine Initiative. Western also announced Wednesday dramatic progress in creating a vaccine.

A vaccine, developed by Kang and his team at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry at Western and licensed to Sumagen Canada Inc., has now been manufactured for use in trials - first, in toxicity trials using animal models and then in Phase I human clinical trials. Sumagen Canada Inc, a subsidiary of Curocom of Korea, is fully funding Kang’s work on the vaccine.

Kang’s vaccine uses a killed whole HIV-1, much like Jonas Salk’s killed whole polio virus vaccine. The HIV-1 is genetically engineered so that it is non-pathogenic and can be safely injected, and can be produced in large quantities, according to university officials. The vaccine has been manufactured at a bio-safety level 3 (BSL3) good manufacturing practice (GMP) facility in the United States. If such a facility had been available in Canada – as the federal government-Gates proposal is seeking - the vaccine could have been produced in Canada. “It has been very difficult to manufacture our genetically engineered HIV-1 experimental vaccine, because there are only a few BSL3 GMP contract manufacturing organizations available in the world,” says Dong Joon Kim, CEO of Sumagen.

“For this reason, we welcome the Canadian government’s plan to establish a BSL3 GMP facility in Canada for future manufacture of candidate HIV/AIDS vaccines. “We have overcome a major hurdle in the development of our HIV/AIDS vaccine which is now ready for clinical trials,” adds Kim.

Toxicology trials will soon get under way at a contract research organization in the United States and results should be ready in approximately three months. Phase I human clinical trials could begin in early spring at a number of trial sites in North America involving HIV positive individuals who are not yet symptomatic with AIDS.

Mayor Anne Marie DeCicco-Best was hopeful Western and London will have a larger role in curbing the scourge of HIV/AIDS.

HIV/AIDS has taken more than 25 million lives and today 35 million people are living with HIV,” she says. “London now has an opportunity to show that we can play a key role in saving lives around the world. We are ready.” Western and other contenders must submit a full proposal for the facility by March 25, 2009.
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Green building waste diverted from dump

By Brandon Watson

In the construction business, putting the roof on a major project is pretty significant. It is one of the milestones in the development of a schedule and often represents a mid-way point. That’s what’s happening on the Claudette McKay Lassonde Pavilion this month.
But this time, Superintendent Doug LaLacheur, of Hayman Construction Inc., seems less excited about the roof and more interested in what’s going into the trash as he strives to maintain a ‘sustainable site’.
Keeping a close eye on the details like that is something LaLacheur will likely be doing more of in the future. He expects Hayman and other contractors will be involved in LEED practices and green work sites on a more frequent basis. According to him, sustainable construction will soon be the only kind of construction.
In fact, from this point forward, every major project site on Western’s campus will follow LEED guidelines.
Contractors are going to have to get used to it," LaLacheur says. "We can no longer ignore the demands and trends towards more efficient, sustainable sites."
The transition is easier said than done. A ‘sustainable site’, as defined within the LEED criteria, means a number of changes to tried and true processes. LaLacheur and Hayman are ultimately responsible for the detailed checks and balances for the day-to-day operations, which may be taken for granted on other work sites.
A quick tour of the green building site provides evidence of the differences between this and traditional sites.

Erosion and Sediment Control
Vehicles going off site have a tendency to take the site with them. The mud and debris trail can stretch from the site to the surrounding ecosystem. A rumble strip runway has been installed to shake sediment free from exiting vehicles. If something gets through, fabric traps have been added to storm sewer catch basins around the adjacent parking lot. Also, a solid plywood barrier replaces the orange mesh and chain link dividers of traditional sites that allow dust and litter through.

Waste Management
Waste is more than just a demolition byproduct. Leftover materials that can’t be used in the construction stage, such as end pieces of drywall, wood and metal, are recovered, separated and recycled. Construction waste faces strict recovery guidelines and in order to get full LEED credit 75 per cent of it must be recycled. Hayman currently boasts a documented recovery rate of more than 90 per cent by weight, which could see them possibly grabbing an unexpected bonus LEED credit.

Materials and Products
The materials used on the job must adhere to strict guidelines. The manufacturer of the product and raw resource supplier must operate within roughly 500 miles of the construction site. How it arrives to the site is also under scrutiny. If the material ever took a train, boat or truck, it must be documented and could jeopardize the credit count.
So, sure the roof is being put on. It’s a significant event and good sign things are on schedule.
But it’s hard to blame anyone for overlooking it just a little bit as they marvel over the new challenges of this unique project.

The writer is a communications officer with Physical Plant.
Western reviews capital project needs

By Paul Mayne

In the face of a broad economic downturn the university is reviewing its plans of building and renovation projects to determine which should move ahead as planned, and which should be delayed.

Western Provost and Vice-President (Academic) Fred Longstaffe says all projects currently underway will be finished.

As well, two projects set out in the Long Range Space Plan - the Stevenson-Lawson Building and University Community Centre renovations - will continue the planning and renovation process.

The emptying of Stevenson-Lawson in preparation for renovations to support the departments of Philosophy, Classical Studies, and Women’s Studies and Feminist Research, and the Program in Writing, Rhetoric and Professional Communication is well underway, and renovations will begin.

“The renovations of UCC are also urgently required to provide classroom space to meet needs arising within the 2009-10 academic year,” says Longstaffe.

This spring, projects, such as the New Ivy Building, Campus Sustainability Initiatives and renovations to the Physics & Astronomy Physical Plant buildings are being examined.

“It is too early to say how much the provincial schedules might be affected,” says Longstaffe. “I hope to be able to be more definitive by January 2009.”

One area where Western has not been affected is in access to borrowing. In 2006 Western announced its $230-million plan for expansion, renovation and construction, the largest in the university’s history.

Western issued its inaugural debuture for $190 million in May 2007, with an interest rate of 4.798% for money due in May 2047 – a 25-year bond.

Favourable investment returns over the last several years also contributed to the much-needed modernization and new facilities to support educational and research programs.

“This funding has helped to finance the construction currently underway,” says Longstaffe. “We certainly would not have been able to secure such a favourable interest rate in today’s world marketplace, where the availability of credit is substantially poorer than it was when Western made its arrangements.”

Science creating a little classroom magic

By Paul Mayne

Finish this sentence: the best student experience among Canada’s leading... You might automatically answer ‘research’ intensive university. The Faculty of Science is looking to enhance its ‘learning’ intensive role.

In his new role as Learning Development Coordinator for the Faculty of Science, Biology professor Tom Haffie is initiating an ambitious project to investigate learning intensity within the faculty and how it can be nurtured and cultivated.

Haffie knows teaching does not necessarily equate with learning and offers a personal example from one of his classes.

While explaining a concept to almost 700 biology students, he used his ‘clicker’ method to get instant feedback. Only 20 per cent fully understood the concept.

“The teaching was happening, but the learning was not,” says Haffie. “So there is something there with no teaching then there is no teaching.”

A goal for the Faculty of Science is to become a destination of choice for science in Canada.

“We are accomplished at developing intensive research programs but how might we think about significantly expanding intensive learning programs,” says Haffie.

One approach is through Appreciative Inquiry - a process by which organizations conduct research on themselves to discover what makes them successful and how these qualities can be expanded.

Haffie has recruited a working group of what he calls “positive deviants”, made up of faculty, staff and undergraduate students, graduate students, alumni, and faculty and staff to conduct the project, which begins later this month.

More than 6,000 potential participants will take part in generating broadly supported programs and/or pilot projects to promote more intensive learning.

Along with Natasha Patrito from the Teaching Support Centre and students Fred Wu and Melanie Tinney, the faculty will begin conducting the live, or online, interviews to explore the notion of learning intensity for undergraduates.

“We want folks to tell us about that peak experience they had when everything seemed perfect,” says Haffie. “For students, when did they surprise themselves and have that wicked experience? For faculty, when did they know things were clicking? What were the conditions at these times? What conditions are we creating that foster it? How can we create more of it in the future?”

Western 10th in Maclean’s list

By Heather Travis

The University of Western Ontario tied for 10th place among medical doctoral Canadian universities with the University of Ottawa in Maclean’s magazine’s annual university rankings.

The 18th annual ranking, which will be widely distributed today, assessed Canadian universities on a variety of factors, including spending on student services, scholarships and bursaries, to funding for libraries and faculty success in obtaining national research grants.

The universities are divided into three groupings with Western in the medical doctoral universities category. Unlike this year’s Globe and Mail Canadian University Report, in which Western topped all large Canadian universities for overall student satisfaction, Western dropped three spots in the Maclean’s list to 10th.

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The Common University Data Ontario (CUDO) can be accessed directly from Western’s website by clicking on the ‘Public Accountability’ button. These experiences will be analyzed in a way that formulates ‘provocative propositions’ – statements of preferred learning intensity the faculty would like to see in the future.

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Nominations for staff excellence award

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The nomination deadline is approaching for the Western Award of Excellence, which recognizes exceptional staff for going above and beyond the expectations in their position.

The award, which provides campus-wide recognition for outstanding work by university staff, was first presented in February 2006.

Nominations can be made for stand-out individuals or teams until Nov. 21. Anyone within or outside the Western community who interacts with staff can complete the nomination form, telling the story of why this person or team should be considered.

Full-time or part-time Western administrative staff, excluding full-time students and faculty, are eligible. Staff and faculty at the affiliated university colleges are also excluded. Past award recipients are ineligible for three years.

Supporting letters will be accepted; however the nomination submission should be a maximum of eight pages.

All nominees will be informed by February 2.

For more information, visit www.uwo.ca/hr/recognition.
Want taste? Turn on the tap

Canadians are increasingly concerned about the environmental impact from the growing use of bottled water. Bottled water companies have been effective marketers—selling their product with claims of superior taste, safety and convenience.

People who use bottled water assume bottled water is safer and more convenient than tap water and that it tastes better.

According to Health Canada, there is no evidence bottled water is safer to drink than municipal tap water. In addition, refillable water bottles using tap water provide the same convenience as bottled water.

Now, the question becomes: Does bottled water taste better than tap water?

Our group took up the question of taste with people on campus. We are fourth-year nursing students engaged in a political action project to promote consumption of tap water.

As a result, we carried out water tasting to determine whether people prefer bottled water's taste to tap water.

On Oct. 23, during Environment Week, we set up a table in UCC and asked students to participate.

We used tap water and three bottled waters (Aquafina, Evian and Dasani). All were placed in bottles with labels marked A, B, C and D. There was no way to identify the waters.

In all, 31 students ranked their choices. The results were astonishing.

In all, 18 (58 per cent) chose tap water as their preferred water, five (16 per cent) chose Aquafina, five (16 per cent) chose Evian, and three (10 per cent) chose Dasani.

Despite the endless and misleading advertisements of bottled water companies, the students we tested indicated by a wide margin their preference for tap water.

While taste is important, there are reasons other than taste to use the tap. Consider the following:

- In Canada, 7 million bottles end up in landfills.
- London checks tap water daily with bacteriology sampling. Bottled water companies are supervised by an external government agency every three years.
- By refilling bottles from the tap, we will reduce the impact on the environment, conserving energy and saving money at the same time.

The Western News archives from November 1979

- Sir Rupert Cross, Professor of English Law at Oxford University, was scheduled to lecture at the Law School on Nov. 14, 1979. His prominence in the field of criminal law was to be applied to a critical review of the Horvath case concerning the admissibility of evidence of incriminating statements made by the accused.
- The first playoff game between Queen’s and Western in eight years was predicted to be an “epic duel of champions”. Tickets sold quickly for the highly anticipated game that was to decide the winner of the Ontario-Quebec Yates Cup.
- University Hospital advertised a “unisex” hair-cut and shampoo for $6 to all students. In addition, a coupon was provided for a free blow dry, available until April.
- June Burr, manager of the Thompson Recreation Building, issued a warning which strictly prohibited alcohol in the arena, excluding the licensed lounge. She further warned that any breach of this rule would jeopardize all liquor licenses on campus, including that of the Spoke ’n Rim.
- A 10-week course in Mandarin was offered at Western as part of the Continuing Education program. Course instructor C.S. Tseng allowed students to decide the focus of the course and aimed at teaching a “working knowledge” of the language, involving 1,500 characters instead of the 40,000 to 50,000 total. Pronunciation was identified as the major difficulty for students. However, Mandarin grammar was described as much less complex than its English form.

- compiled by Caterina White
Interuniversity sport rebellion out west

Why put student-athletes ahead of other students for financial support?

By Earle F. Zeigler

Any intelligent observer cannot help wonder about competitive sport’s place in society today. Considering the excesses of commercialized sport, we could argue it seems to be gradually emulating the level of the Circus Maximus era of ancient Rome. (Athletes back then often died, however, instead of becoming millionaires...) Have you ever wondered, for example, why fans of the Canadian Football League’s Toronto, Calgary or Vancouver teams get all excited about watching talent that is essentially second-level but basically second-level American athletes represent their cities’ honour in gridiron battle? What motivates these fans? We know what motivates the athletes.

The term sport has become ubiquitous, a social institution devised presumably to help societal development. Yet, highly commercialized sport is indeed light years away from the initial sporting experience of a young girl or boy facing juvenile competition for the first time.

Now consider the role of competitive sport and physical recreation in Canadian university life. All students should have a fine intramural sport and physical recreation program available. In addition, in North America, as opposed to the rest of the world, competitive, extramural sport programs for men, and then for women as well, developed within the universities themselves during the 20th century.

This development served a good purpose, but disturbing problems have risen along the way. Canada’s geography and the ever-present concern about sleeping with an elephant (in this case the National Collegiate Athletic Association of the USA) have become problems of immediate concern.

The question is being asked today: “Why are the Thunderbirds of the University of British Columbia and the Clan of Simon Fraser University moving to secede from Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS)?

Both universities appear to be ready to join with Division II of the National Collegiate Athletics Association in the United States.

Is it just a question of easier access to opponents by heading south instead of families far across the Canadian terrain? Or is it that NCAA Division II status allows student-athletes to receive aid that includes the costs of tuition and fees, room and board, books, and other expenses related to attendance at the university?

Why should UBC and SFU not move to Division I instead of Division II status in the States? Who wants to be a second-class citizen? The answer is simple. Division I in the NCCA amounts to becoming a professional athlete. Division IA is only a short step behind.

But why move at all? Answer: The approach of Canadian university sports is dull.

It does not permit purely athletic scholarships. (They need to have a respectable grade-point average, too.) However, each university here seems to have figured out its own unique way of assisting student-athletes in some extent or another. This came about, despite the CIS stipulation that financial aid is limited for student-athletes to tuition and fees only.

Consider the following information from a discussion guide recently made available to members of the UBC university community:

- UBC athletics and recreation is dedicated to attracting the best student-athletes from around the world and assists them in their collegiate scholarships as an integral part of this plan.

UBC’s Millennium Breakfast is the largest single-day athletic scholarship fundraiser in Canada and has raised in excess of $5 million since 2000. Funds raised through this event go directly to the UBC’s Athletic Scholarship Endowment, which ensures that athletes have opportunities to realize their athletic and academic goals in Canada for decades to come.

- UBC’s Athletic Scholarship Endowment is approximately $9 million. While the Athletic Scholarship Endowment is used to fund athletic scholarships, the UBC varsity teams, as well as the department as a whole, are funded through student fees (40 per cent) and business operations (60 per cent), which is revenue generated through facility rental, sport camps, sponsorship and fundraising.

The question remains as to why athletes alone are singled out for special attention financially. Why don’t we reward students with other, equally important talents, in the same fashion?

Young people coming to universities, in addition to their knowledge, competencies, and skills acquired in their prior educational experiences, bring with them quality experiences in other educationally related aspects of life that have been deemed worthwhile traditionally.

These quality experiences in educationally related areas include: (1) aesthetic and creative activities, (2) communication activities, (3) academic or professional activities, (4) ancillary educational activities, and (5) sport activities. They are all important. Students with these backgrounds help to create a vital, vibrant university community.

These young men and women come from a variety of financial backgrounds. After gaining admission, and as long as they remain bona fide students, they deserve an opportunity to experience a university education free from ever-present financial worries. In addition, after graduation they should not have to contend with staggering future debt incurred during this period while they were acquiring the background for future employment.

Provincial governments, universities, foundations, alumni, and business should commit at this time to create an ideal situation for all qualified people to obtain a university education.

Earle F. Zeigler, Ph.D., LL.D., D.Sc. is a dual citizen of Canada and the United States. He was dean of Western’s new Faculty of Physical Education in 1971. After 67 years of professional service divided equally between both countries, he writes primarily on North American human values, ethics and personal decision-making.
When he was an undergrad at Western, frosh week meant zero classes, the Spoke was in Somberville House and the campus featured a lot more open field, Daniel Brou remembers.

Now with a fresh PhD in economics from Columbia University, Brou, 33, is back at Western but on the other side of the desk – he’s teaching corporate finance in the Faculty of Social Science.

Yet as an undergraduate student more than 10 years ago, Brou had not foreseen academia as a career path.

Like many students he knew, Brou started at Western with the intention of completing his degree in economics and merging into the financial sector, maybe Bay Street. But things turned out quite differently.

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Having been born in Peru and grown up in Scarborough, Brou says he was exposed to a variety of cultural backgrounds and always knew being open to new possibilities was a good thing. That’s how he feels he approached future prospects, with an open mind.

He had been interested in doing research but never thought he’d pursue teaching. Then it happened he was required to lecture at Columbia as part of his financial package.

“I thought I’d be really bad at it but the more I did it the more I enjoyed teaching … and I got better and better the more I practised,” says Brou.

Being able to teach, research and publish all seemed like a good fit, he says.

His first publication was the undergraduate thesis he wrote with his friend, then fellow student, and now colleague, Kirk Collins. Brou and Collins won the Mark K. Inman award for the best undergraduate economics thesis at Western and worked together after graduation to revise it for publication in the Canadian Tax Journal.

“We’ve been sharing ideas and working together ever since,” says Collins, an assistant professor in both the economics and the management and organization studies departments at Western.

The two men met in a third year macroeconomics class after Brou sat down next to Collins and realized he didn’t have a pen. Collins gave him one and after class Brou tried to give it back.

“I looked at him and asked what he was planning on using to write with in his next class. After I convinced him I could afford the loss of my extra pen, he kept it. I think that pen got him through grad school,” Collins says.

Brou always planned to come back to Canada to teach, and his links to Western’s economics department made it seem like a right choice professionally, he says.

Western is also where he met his fiancée, Joanne Yiokaris, when they were both undergrad students. Yiokaris lives in St. Catharines where she’s a high school teacher, and Brou says they plan to get married next September and settle down in London.

But the London he knew has grown and changed dramatically.

He recalls the first time his parents came from Scarborough to visit they couldn’t find a single open restaurant on a Sunday evening. Now it’s a different landscape and after he settles back in, he’s looking to rediscover London.

As for his new position at Western, Collins thinks Brou will have no trouble adjusting.

“I think our faculty is stronger for having him and believe he’ll have a lucrative career at Western,” he says. “And, if I’m being honest, it’s nice to have him around for drinks at the grad (club) on Fridays – in some ways, it takes us back to those early days at Western.”

The writer is a graduate student studying Journalism.
Satellite medical campus opens in Windsor

By Paul Mayne

WINDSOR, Ont. – In their third location in as many months, members of the inaugural class of the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry now feel they’re where they belong — in the state-of-the-art $24-million Medical Education Building on the campus of the University of Windsor.

“It has exceeded any expectations we could have had,” says first-year medical student Eamonn Rogers. “If you see the facilities here, you will see that we are almost spoiled, a fact that has not been lost on our London-based brethren. It’s actually surprising how envy can be transmitted through videoconferencing.”

Being lauded as an evolution in health care for the Windsor and Essex County communities, the partnership includes local hospitals and physicians along with video conferencing with faculty and students at Western.

“This is as good as it gets in North America in terms of facilities available for medical education,” says Shulich Dean Carol Herbert, who was in Windsor for the opening.

“This just shows that a joint venture between two universities that has one medical school but two campuses can actually do the job, and do it efficiently in the best interest of our students.”

Of this year’s 147 incoming medical students, 24 are at the Windsor campus, the first, full distance-education site Western has offered.

Two 50-seat lecture rooms in Windsor and one 150-seat lecture hall in London are equipped with high-tech videoconferencing equipment that includes cameras and microphones at the seat level, allowing for easy student-faculty interaction, regardless of the location.

“We wanted to be able to say to young people that there’s an opportunity right here for you to train to be a doctor,” says University of Windsor President Alan Wildeman. “We wanted to be able to say that the University of Windsor will work together in partnership to ensure we have more doctors and nurses. The people in this community have wanted it, and now they got it.”

Stephanie Miskin, academic director for the first-year class at Windsor, is thrilled to be part of the satellite campus that offers a stronger connection with faculty.

“The development of the Schulich Windsor campus is a long-awaited dream come true,” says the Windsor-area native.

“I’m excited to be part of this pioneer class that will see my community and my family profoundly affected by this opening. Our mission statement is to be ambassadors of health and to care for our patients as we would our loved ones.”

A new $24-million Medical Education Building, housing the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry - Windsor Program, officially opened its doors Nov. 7. Above, students line the second and third floors of the medical building and were recognized by Schulich Dean Carol Herbert, left. Below left, medical student Stephanie Miskin and Associate Dean of the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry - Windsor Program and Director of Medical Education at the University of Windsor, Tom Scott, assist Herbert in the ribbon cutting to open the new building.

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Can you outrun a fast-food epidemic?

By Caterina White

If you were asked to compare the shape of your body to a piece of fruit, what would be your answer – apple or pear?

According to Dr. Terri L. Paul, associate professor at Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry, if you answer is apple, you may be at a higher risk for “diabesity.”

Last week, Paul addressed the eager participants of Western’s popular Mini Medical School about the interrelationship between obesity and type two diabetes, which she cleverly coined “diabesity.”

In the final installment of this six-week lecture series, Paul provided a comprehensive explanation of the risk factors for the development of type two diabetes, the primary cause being obesity. Although other factors such as ethnicity and high blood pressure also increase risk, Paul said obesity is the main culprit.

In a society plagued by “super-sized” soft drinks and an increasing sedentary lifestyle, we are suffering the consequences. Paul presented some startling statistics -- 20 per cent of children and 65 per cent of adults are overweight or obese.

What does it mean to be overweight? What about obese? Paul cited two measures used to measure a person’s body weight. BMI, or body mass index, measures the percentage of body fat as “apple-shaped” typically have more visceral (abdomen) fat. This type of fat is more harmful than fat in other areas and prompts genetic risk factors for the metabolic syndrome.

The second measure, waist circumference, measures the distance in inches around a person’s waist. Individuals described as “apple-shaped” typically have more visceral (abdomen) fat. This type of fat is more harmful than fat in other areas and prompts insulin resistance which often leads to type two diabetes.

Although “pear-shaped” individuals, characterized by fat that is located in the hip and buttock region, are also at risk for developing the disease, this pattern of accumulation is less harmful.

Normal conditions fall below 31.5 inches for women and 37 inches for men, while anything above is categorized as overweight or obese.

According to the government of Canada, type two diabetes is advancing rapidly, with 60,000 new cases developing each year. So what can you do to avoid being another victim? Eat a healthier diet and exercise regularly. Easy, right? Although Paul presented statistics indicating that lifestyle interventions brought a 58 per cent decrease in the development of this disease, she also warned that, “we can all do something for two weeks,” and continued by asking, “but what can you do for the rest of your life?”

Paul urged the pursuit of realistic goals, recommending healthy weight loss as being two to four pounds per month. She also advised a focus on decreasing portion sizes and fat intake as well as eating foods “as close to the dirt as possible.”

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By Heather Travis

The University of Western Ontario Students’ Council paid tribute to war veterans who studied and taught at the university during a Remembrance Day ceremony Tuesday.

The names of 19 Western alumni and students previously lost to history were etched on a plaque presented by the Alumni Association and unveiled at the ceremony. The plaque for First World War veterans will be placed in the Middlesex Memorial Tower of University College beside others honouring members of the Western community who died during the Second World War.

The story of these fallen soldiers wouldn’t have been told without the determination of former Western graduate student Anne Millar.

Under the guidance of history professor Jonathan Vance, a leading researcher on the Canadian military, Millar began her master’s thesis researching the names of First World War veterans with a Western connection.

But she quickly found that no such list existed in the Western Libraries archives, let alone a commemorative plaque.

“These records get lost or destroyed as the years go on and we get further from these events,” she says.

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Upon hearing of Millar’s research, USC Remembrance Day commissioner Matthias Van Gaalen brought the project to the attention of the Alumni Association, which arranged the production of the memorial.

Millar says the timing for unveiling the plaque – on the 90th anniversary of the end of the First World War – is fitting.

“I think things can be lost to history and in this case, we are making sure this isn’t,” she says.

Jim Etherington, a director of the Alumni Association, read the names of the fallen soldiers to a large group of students, alumni, faculty and staff in the UCC atrium and flanking the upper floors.

“It (the plaque) brings home these Western alumni and students,” says Etherington. “This is an invaluable piece of research.”

In addition to recognizing veterans from the First and Second World Wars, as well as the Korean War and Vietnam, the USC also honoured soldiers fighting in Afghanistan and on peacekeeping missions.

“We pay respect and offer our thanks to our current serving officers,” says USC president Stephen Lece.

A somber mood fell over the event as students performed musical selections from various war eras while images of newspaper articles dating back to the 1940s from Western’s student newspaper, The Gazette, and photographs taken by Western alumni and veterans flashed across a big screen.

A moment of silence was observed and those in attendance were invited to place their poppies onto a wreath.

“Our veterans have left us a proud legacy ... lest we forget,” says Lecce.

Sally Armstrong
University of Western Ontario alumna Thérèse Quigley is returning to her alma mater as the new Director of Sports and Recreation Services.

“It feels great to come back home, back home to Western and back home to London,” she says. “I am truly honoured to join a long list of leaders here at Western.”

Quigley, currently in a similar post at McMaster University, will take the helm of Sport and Recreation Services on July 1, 2009. She will also be joining the sport and recreation teams shortly after the scheduled January opening of the new $35-million Western Student Recreation Centre. Quigley says her experience in opening a similar centre at McMaster will help in developing new programs.

Quigley comes to Western with an impressive athletic and leadership resume.

Assuming the role at McMaster in 1990, Quigley became the first female Director of Athletics and Recreation in Ontario. She had won national gold and silver medals with the Mustangs volleyball teams from 1972-74, while completing an honors degree in Physical education.

Quigley represented Canada in volleyball at the 1973 FISU student games in Moscow. Quigley has been named Ontario coach of the year in university volleyball three times and is the president of Canada Basketball. She has also served on numerous committees and boards in athletics at the local, provincial, national and international level.

Each year, a CIS leadership award, named in her honour, is presented to a CIS women’s volleyball player for leadership/citizenship scholarship. She holds a Master of Arts (1984) from the University of Alberta in Sport management and a Bachelor of Education (1977) from Western.

“My inspiration is the student athlete,” she says, adding the best part of her day is after 5 p.m. and on weekends when she can watch students train, practice and compete.

Western’s Provost and Vice-President (Academic) Fred Longstaffe welcomed Quigley at a press conference last week.

“It’s (Sports and recreation Services) an extremely important part of Western life and Western’s culture,” he says.

Jim Weese, Dean of Faculty of Health Sciences, says the university searched for “the best person in the country to lead our Sport and Recreation Services. “There is no question in my mind we have found that leader,” he says.

Chuck Mathies will continue to serve as Acting Director of Sports and Recreation Services until Quigley assumes her role, after which he will return to his position as Manager of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Heather Travis, Western News

Former London Free Press amateur sports reporter Bob Gage shares a laugh with Western’s newly appointed Director of Sports and Recreation Services, Thérèse Quigley. Gage has followed Quigley’s athletic career since she competed in high school sports.
COMING EVENTS

November 13
Faculty and Staff Influenza Clinic - Western employees (adults only) UCC Health Services Resource Centre. No appointment required. Remember to bring your health card 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Students can arrange an appointment through Student Health Services at 519-661-3030.


Physics & Astronomy Colloquium - Walt Dyke, University of Waterloo. "Interstellar Molecules in the Laboratory?" Physics & Astronomy 123. 1:30 p.m.

November 14
Faculty and Staff Influenza Clinic - Western employees (adults only) UCC Health Services Resource Centre. No appointment required. Remember to bring your health card 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Students can arrange an appointment through Student Health Services at 519-661-3030.

Don Wright Faculty of Music - Eckhardt-Gramatte Winner. soprano Kristin Mueller-Heaslip presents a multifaceted program of modern composers, including Stravinsky, Viner, and Kurtag. von Kuster Hall, 12:30 p.m.

Epidemiology & Biostatistics Seminar - Charles Meijer, Western. "Ethical challenges in knowledge translation research" MSB 148. 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Philosophy Colloquium - John Concannon, University of Buffalo. "Aristotel’s Demonstrative Logic" TC 341. 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball - Ryerson at Western. 6 p.m.

Men's Basketball - Guelph at Western. 7:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball - Ryerson at Western. 8 p.m.

November 15
Western Fall Preview Day - For more information visit: welcome.uwo.ca/preview/visitus/

Huron's Fall Preview Day - Contact: Brandi Borman, 519-438-7224, ext. 207, bormanb@uwo.ca For more information visit: huronu.ca/prospective_students/campus_tours/2008_fall_preview_day/ 1 - 4 p.m.

Brescia Fall Preview Day - For more information visit: http://www.brescia.uwo.ca/documents/2008/fall_preview_day_agendas.pdf 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

King's Campus Tour - Tour guides will be in the Registrar's Office for anyone interested in a tour. 2 - 4 p.m.

Women's Squash - Toronto Western (Goodlife Downtown) 10 a.m.

Women's Basketball - Toronto at Western. 1 p.m.

Men's Basketball - Toronto at Western. 3 p.m.

Women's Squash - McMaster at Western (Goodlife Downtown) 4 p.m.

Women's Volleyball - McMaster at Western. 6 p.m.

Men's Volleyball - McMaster at Western. 8 p.m.

Women's Volleyball - Guelph at Western. 1 p.m.

Women's Hockey - Toronto at Western. 2 p.m.

November 16
Don Wright Faculty of Music - Chamber Music recital featuring Annette-Barbara Vogel, violin; Mel Martin, violin, Virginia Barran, viola; Joel Becklett, cello; and Pierre van der Westhuizen, piano. von Kuster Hall, 3 p.m.

Men's Volleyball - Guelph at Western. 3 p.m.

Men's/Women's Track & Field - Purple and White Intra Squad Meet.

November 17
Classical Studies - Onassis Foundation Speaker - Jan Bremmer: "Theatre and Tauris" Talbot College 309. 11:30 a.m.

Rehabilitation Sciences/Physical Therapy Seminar - Carol McWilliam, School of Nursing, Western. "Promoting Empowering Partnerships with Clients/Patients." Elborn College, 1:00. 12:30 - 1:00 p.m.

Physics & Astronomy Colloquium - John S. Tout, Physics & Engineering, University of Saskatchewan. "Superconductivity in high pressure solids." Physics & Astronomy 123. 1:30 p.m.

Mechanical and Materials Engineering - Graduate Seminar: "Development of a Fluorescence-based RSA System and its Preliminary Applications" by Angela Kedgley, 2:30 p.m. SEB 1200 (refreshments)

Mechanical and Materials Engineering - Graduate Seminar, Use of Electromagnetic Forces for Flow Control by German Kalogirou 3:00 p.m. SEB 1200

Ancient Greece to Modern Islam via Second Temple Judaism - Conron Hall, 4:30 p.m. Reception to follow.

November 18

Ontology Grand Rounds - Department of Oncology and London Regional Cancer Program. Lisa Porter, University of Windsor. 'Spy1/RINGO. A unique class of Cell Cycle Regulators Providing Novel insight into Growth Control and Tumorigenesis.' Room A3-904A/B. 12 - 1 p.m.

Supporting a Culture of Respect - "Saying Yes to Respect." An interactive learning session for members. The Great Hall. Sommerville House. UNWSSA members: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. PMA members & eligible employees: 2 – 4 p.m. Register online at: uwo.ca/humanresources/RespectUNWSSA.

Modern Languages and Literatures: Comparative Literature Research Forum - Adrian Nac, "Keats and the Panheist Tradition" 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. - UCHRA.

Track and Field - Purple and White Intra Squad Meet - Thompson Arena. 4:30 p.m.

November 19
Don Wright Faculty of Music - Queen Beamish and friends celebrate Canada Music Week with an all-Canadian program. von Kuster Hall, 12:30 p.m.

Modern Languages and Literatures - Veronica Garbarito, Queen’s University. "Temporality at a Standstill: Towards a Political Reading of Postdidactic Film." University College Room 224a. 1 p.m.

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 101. Tertulia@uwo.ca

Track and Field - Purple and White Intra Squad Meet - Thompson Arena. 4:30 p.m.

Health Professional Education Seminar - Tandy Morton, MSc Candidate in HPE. "Are we ethically Addressing physician and nurse conscientious objection in a rural setting?" Deega Mahumad, MSc Candidate in HPE. "Women and they experiences of the in vitro fertilization process: A narrative research project." Elborn College, 1:00. 3:30 - 6 p.m.

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Paul Mayne, Western News

The image of a passing student is reflected in a rain puddle on the main campus.

Classical Studies - Onassis Foundation Speaker - Jan Bremmer: "From Holy Books to Holy Scripture: an itinerary from Ancient Greece to Modern Islam via Second Temple Judaism." University College Room 224a. 4:30 p.m.

Science Students’ Council presents David Suzuki at Alumni Hall. 7:00 p.m. Tickets $20 general admission, $15 for students (Western student admission, $15 for students (Western student discount). Staff, faculty and staff members free. Tickets available at the door. For more information: tertulia@uwo.ca

Classical Studies - Jan Bremmer, Professor in General Theological History and Comparative Theology, University of Groningen. "From Holy Books to Holy Scripture. An Itinerary from
ACADEME

PhD Lectures

Samer Al-Martini - Civil and Environmental Engineering, Investigation of Rheology of Cement Paste and Concrete At High Temperature, Nov. 13, 9:30 a.m., Room 200 EEB

Joy Klammer - Psychology, Surface and Deep-Level Heterogeneity in Teams, Exploring the Moderators of Contact Time and Self-Monitoring, Nov. 14, 1 p.m., Room 9200 SSC

Marie-Claude Trudel - Business Administration, Challenges to Personal Information Sharing in Interorganizational Settings: Learning from the Quebec Health Smart Card Project - Nov. 14, 4 p.m., Room 2007 Ivory

Matthew Murphy - Medical Biophysics - Cerebral Hemodynamic Disturbances in Motor Neuron Disease, Nov. 14, 9 a.m., Room 384 MSB

George Hajidak - Medical Biophysics - Signal and Noise Correlations in Diagnostic X-Ray Imaging Detectors - November 17, 9 a.m., Aud. A, LHSC

Julia Berest - History, Alexander Kostyn (1783-1840): An Intellectual Biography of an Early Russian Liberal - Nov. 17, N/A

Bernard Chiu - Biomedical Engineering, Quantification of Cardiac Atherosclerosis Using 3-Dimensional Ultrasound Images, Nov. 17, 9 a.m., Room 2nd Floor, Roberts

Trudy Medcalf - Education - Really Beyond Appearances: Elders on Growing Old - Nov. 18, 1 p.m., 1001 FEB

Faculty & Staff

Sandra Hobson, Mary Beth Bezura, and Ann Boziers, all of the School of Occupational Therapy, presented at the recent Ontario Society of Occupational Therapists conference in Niagara Falls. Their workshop, titled Preceptor Education Program (PEP). Collaborative use with students, colleagues, and teams, explored innovative uses for PEP, an interprofessional, free, on-line program for students and health professionals developed here at Western and currently in use by some 4,000 people in over 20 countries around the world.

Dorothy Forbes, Arthur Labati Family School of Nursing, presented a paper entitled “First Province in Canada to Provide Access To The Cochran Library. Lessons Learned” at the XVI Cochran Colloquium in Fredericton, Germany on Oct. 6, 2008. Co-authors were Christine Neilson, Janet Bamgna, Jennifer Forbes, and Daniel Faller from the University of Saskatchewan.

Appointments

Victor Wan, Associate Dean, Research, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Oct. 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

Hot off the Press

Omar Ha-Redeye (second-year student) Faculty of Law. Population Health, Communities and Health Promotion, 283 Pages. Oxford University Press. 2008. Chapter 6 - Needs of Health Professionals, University text book on public health strategies, with a focus on Australia.

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If the deadlines occur on a Saturday, Sunday or a statutory holiday, they will be extended to the next working day.

Mid-Year Examination Timetable, December 2008

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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