Enjoying a record student turnout for Fall Preview Day, Empire Aviation instructor Neil Gough shows off one of the 14 aircraft from Western's Commercial Aviation Management program to Mississauga's Meagan Warnica. For Fall Preview Day story, see page 6.

Chemistry professor Ron Martin grabs the attention of visitors with demonstrations featuring dry ice and other concoctions.

It was shoulder-to-shoulder at the University Community Centre as more than 5,700 prospective students visited campus.
**CAMPUS DIGEST**

**HOW MEDIA MISINFORM:** Award-winning Globe and Mail columnist Margaret Wente presents the Clissold Lecture Nov. 24. Her topic is: Lies, damn lies and journalism: How the media misinform the public. Wente is author of An Accidental Canadian. The lecture takes place at 4:30 p.m. in Somerville House, Room 3345. The lectures commemorate Edward Clissold, an important early editor and writer in London.

**BUGS LECTURE:** The Biology Undergraduate Society (BUGS) will present its first Helen Battle Lecture Series for 2005-2006 on Tues., Nov. 22, at 7 p.m. in B&G Room 22. Kathleen Hill (Biology) will speak about an individual's predisposition to cancer in a lecture titled, “Will geneticists soon offer genomic screens to tell us our Mutation Load Index?” This lecture is geared to an undergraduate audience with limited knowledge in science and is open to the entire Western community.

**MORE NEWS PLEASE:** Communications and Public Affairs have revamped the Faculty and Staff page on Western Web to incorporate more news of specific interest to employees. A portion of the site is password protected because information is not directed to the general public, however the regularly updated news ‘reel’ can be accessed by anyone. Check out http://communications.uwo.ca/facultyandstaff/

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**Western vying for three policy chairs**

**B Y  K A R M E N D O W L I N G**

Western has applied for three of the eight provincially funded Policy Research Chairs, in stiff competition with 13 other Ontario universities.

The three areas where Western hopes to establish endowed chairs include: Environmental policy and renewable energy; Health policy and system design; and Bioethics.

The others include Educational policy and system design; and International Relations. “It’s a very clear recruitment strategy for developing these areas in Ontario. And Western hopes to be a very clear recruitment strategy for attracting professors from outside of Ontario,” says Ted Hewitt.

“I believe what the government is trying to do is bring top researchers to the province within areas of interest,” says Ted Hewitt, Vice-President (Research and International Relations). “It’s a very clear recruitment strategy for developing these areas in Ontario. And Western hopes to be the home of one or more of these Chairs.”

Concerns were voiced by the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA) about using the fund to attract professors from out-of-province rather than choosing experts from within. Earlier this year, OCUFA urged the Council of Universities to use the fund to attract Ontario-based professors in its search, to no avail.

“We knew (attracting out-of-province professors) was one of the criteria,” notes Hewitt. “The university decided it was prepared to compete in this competition.”

Each Policy Research Chair appointment is for renewable seven-year terms.

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**Graduate Studies showcased**

**B Y  K A R M E N D O W L I N G**

Undergraduate students are invited to check out Western’s first Graduate Studies Showcase on November 19.

“For years the emphasis has been placed on providing prospective undergraduate students with the resources and information that they need to make the right decision about where to go for their undergraduate degree. However, the same has not been actively done for prospective graduate students,” says Clare Tattersall, Coordinator of Graduate Student Recruitment and Retention.

Tattersall expects up to 500 students. Most registrants are from Ontario – Western is the only graduate school in the province hosting such an event.

Starting in the Great Hall, attendees browse booths with information on scholarships, housing, student services, teaching assistantships, research, campus recreation, health services, the Society of Graduate Students, and more. At 2:30 p.m. participants move to the building where their program of interest is to meet faculty and graduate students.

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**Postdocs seek greater recognition**

**B Y  P A U L M A Y N E**

Western’s postdoctoral fellows say they are making significant strides in carving out a better deal on campus.

The Postdoctoral Association at Western (PAW) has come a long way since it formed just over a year ago, says president Peter Ferguson.

“We made some large positive changes,” says Ferguson, noting library borrowing privileges have been increased from two weeks to the same 120 days allotted graduate students and faculty.

As well, a new “letter of offer” is being set up for postdocs across campus which will state explicitly the nature of their training, what is expected of them, their pay and other requirements. To be signed by faculty deans, Ferguson says this will assist PAW in tracking the number of postdocs at Western.

Until now, there hasn’t been an exact count as to how many postdocs there are on campus. With the current PAW membership, the best estimate is about 250.

“But there are a lot of needs for postdocs that aren’t being met, one of which is being recognized. That’s not to say unappreciated as researchers, but no official status,” says Ferguson.

“Right now we’re trying to clarify what our employment status is. Currently we’re not classified as employees and we don’t have benefits, and we’re trying to arrange and address that.”

Ted Hewitt, Vice-President (Research and International Relations), says the university’s position of viewing postdocs as limited appointments is “appropriate and desirable.”

Plans are in the works to update policy and procedures that govern postdocs, last approved in 1998. Hewitt says PAW and the university have handled concerns over the past year and the idea is to continue to tackle issues one-by-one.

The issue of benefits has been addressed with a provider and costs being identified, but still remains under negotiation. Other issues include financial compensation, employment status and more opportunities for academic positions.

For more information on PAW, visit www.postdocs.uwo.ca.
Surf’s up, and so’s club membership

By Jenni Cram

PORT STANLEY -- First-year Western students Sam Hinds and Ryan Conway stand on a Port Stanley beach, clutching surfboards and eagerly looking outward to the chilly November water.

Some locals walk by staring curiously while others mutter comments, such as, “they must be crazy”.

Arguably, diving into Lake Erie in November could qualify as crazy. But the 58-degree F. temperature seems to be the last thing on the pair’s minds.

Hinds and Conway are members of perhaps the most unlikely club to be found at any Ontario university.

The Western Surf Association was founded in 2003 and has since enjoyed immense popularity. This year alone, the club sparked enough interest during Clubs Week to net 208 members.

“The thing I heard from people all Clubs Week is that I’ve always wanted to surf but never knew I had the opportunity to do it in Canada,” says Andrew Cram, the Surf Association’s President.

Curiosity played a large factor in many students joining. Others had already heard about Great Lakes surfing and were eager to get involved.

The club has several boards available for members to borrow, and wetsuits (a must for post-summer surfing) can be rented from local sport stores. Members are encouraged to carpool with one another to help those without cars get to the various locations. The club has also planned surf-related events, such as sledding/surfing down sand dunes in Port Burwell, an event that was sponsored by sport drink Redbull.

While still not widely known as a surf mecca, the Great Lakes has enjoyed a recent rise in popularity.

The recent release of a surf documentary, “Unsalted: A Great Lakes Experience” by director Vince Deur has drawn international attention to those willing to jump into the lakes during what most would consider the beach “off season” in Ontario and Michigan. Typically, the best waves occur from September until winter freeze-up. Wave forecasts are closely monitored on the Great Lakes Environmentsh Lab Research Laboratory website which offers projections up to 48 hours in advance.

On top of less-than-appealing water temperatures, the condition of waves can’t always be counted upon to be ideal.

“Some breaks, the conditions are like being in the impact zone the whole time, which means that waves are always breaking on you no matter where you are,” Cram explains, “[there are other times when] there is not any chop to be seen...and that is a truly beautiful sight to any surfer.”

For Hinds and Conway, this was their first time surfing and both expressed excitement with the opportunity. They get last-minute tips from the club’s president.

As they stand on the beach in their rented wetsuits before wading into the water to try something they never thought possible in Southwestern Ontario. As the three paddle outdoors and roll over the moderate sized waves, their expressions resemble those of kids in a candy store.

It may not be Hawaii or Australia, but it will do.

Western student Ryan Conway and his surfboard prepare to do battle with November waves on Lake Erie.
VIEWPOINT

International exchange helps dissolve borders

Chemistry student Tiffany Vogel discovered there were a number of ideas she needed to “unlearn and relearn.”

This past July, I had the opportunity to represent Canada at the Goldman Sachs Global Leadership Institute in New York City, a conference sponsored by the Goldman Sachs Foundation and the International Institute of Education IIE.

Each year, the organizations collaborate to select 100 award recipients, recognizing second-year university students from around the world who have maintained a high academic standing, exhibited outstanding leadership and demonstrated an active interest in international issues.

Only once I experienced another culture, could I truly appreciate and put into context my own.

While finishing my second year of Chemistry at Western, I was fortunate to be selected as one of 20 North Americans. After interviews in April, 10 were chosen to attend the Institute in New York City, which brought us together with 40 additional students from all over the world.

The week-long conference included lively group discussions on global leadership challenges and a series of seminars, exposing us to internationally renowned leaders from the public, civic and private sector. Notable speakers included Ann Veneman (Executive Director of UNICEF) and Mike McCurry (former Press Secretary under the Clinton administration).

The unequivocal highlight, however, was an awards luncheon at the United Nations where we dined with ambassadors of our respective nations. It was a privilege to speak with Canada’s U.N. Deputy Ambassador Gilbert Laurin. We had the thrilling opportunity to meet U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, who discussed Security Council reform.

The most memorable part of the week, however, centered around the 49 other participants, with whom I forged many international friendships. By the end, my Canadian flag bore 49 signatures, and with each name came a completely unique mark of diversity, culture and individuality.

So much excitement stemmed from unlearning and relearning, gaining a broader international perspective, and better understanding what it truly means to be a global citizen. Only once I experienced another culture, could I truly appreciate and put into context my own.

I left having a deeper and richer respect for the international community, but also feeling prouder than ever to be a Canadian. I can still remember how the most subtle exchange, or an engaging discussion, left me feeling unusually overwhelmed by the internationalism of the group.

Most of the time, however, I regret to say that the internationalism was somehow lost in our casual conversations. Sure, there was cultural influence, but most of the time I found myself in awe of the day after it had passed.

Only later (with my Canadian flag in hand) did I realize the rarity of spending the evening in a hip New York cafe with students from Hong Kong, Australia, Hungary, South Africa, Japan and Brazil. But were my regrets in short-sighted retrospect?

Several months later and I realize it was this ‘dissolving of borders’ that was arguably the most profound part of the Institute. We interacted and communicated with a sense of brotherhood and sisterhood first, long before politics, culture, religion, and nationalism came into the international picture. This was indeed a celebration of internationalism and diversity, but most importantly, a celebration of our commonality and passion for leadership.

The global leaders of today could certainly learn a thing or two from the leaders of tomorrow.

The Western Science Centre owes a great deal to Laurene O. Paterson who, after graduating from Western in 1935 with a BSc in Chemistry, pursued a successful career as a science pioneer and inventor with 50 patents. Her initial multi-million-dollar bequest for the building which now bears her name was followed upon her death in 1996 with additional funds for improvements to the Chemistry Building. In 1992 Western conferred an honorary degree upon Paterson in recognition of her life achievements and appreciation of her support and generosity.

As a fourth year Nursing student, I found reporter Paul Mayne’s article (United Way helps ‘spread the word’ about epilepsy – Nov. 10) on seizures and epilepsy very informative as well as extremely important. As Western has a population of roughly 30,000, it is quite easy to presume that on any given day there are at least 300 people with epilepsy on campus, albeit to varying degrees.

I completely agree with the six important steps presented for “What to do for a convulsive seizure”; however, I believe some others are crucial as well.

Seizures are usually not life threatening, but since one may not know the person or the cause of their seizure, it is better to be safe than sorry and call 911 immediately. It is always easier to call off an ambulance than to wish you had called one 10 minutes earlier. The seizure may have already been occurring for a long duration, and waiting until it is over could cause more damage.

Seizures may also be precipitated through a myriad of factors (infection, head trauma, sudden illness) for which it is imperative to get medical assistance. It is also important to check for a MedicAlert or other Medical ID bracelet as this is a great way to provide more information to paramedics or the 911-dispatcher.

Thank you, Alex Shteiman, for sharing your story and informing Western’s campus about this very important and usually misunderstood neurological disorder.

Elspeth McTavish
Nursing IV
Why can’t undergrads think like PhDs?

By Jonathan Malesi

At 8 a.m., the faces sitting before me are as blank as the dry-erase board in the classroom of my introductory course, “Belief and Unbelief.” To the students’ credit, all are present and accounted for, and not a one is wearing pajama bottoms or slippers. Not a one is talking either, as I run slowly through the list of opening questions that I had hoped would spark discussion.

I ask how many saw the recent series in The New York Times on intelligent design – after all, we need to get students to learn the truth. But we face the fact of the facts. I have three hours before I have to teach a different section of the same course. That time in my office feels so solitary confinment, but with better coffee: I am alone to think about the morning’s pedagogical sins. Why can’t I get the class to participate in its own learning? Is it me? A rookie mistake in my first semester on the tenure track? Is it them? Is it the hour?

I take a break, treating myself to thinking more about The Corrections. The problem with that morning class begins to dawn on me.

One of Franzen’s characters, Chip, is a hapless, theory-addled, ex-English professor, dismissed from his college because he had an affair with a student, Melissa. Months before Chip and Melissa shed their clothes, however, she dragged him down in the final class session, accusing him of trying to make his students into his clones by getting them to have the same opinions he has, to hate what he hates.

Chip is a walking “don’t” list for college professors. In addition to giving in to his stupidest physical urgings by pursuing a sexual relationship with a student, he also stalks her; his turgid prose is immobilized by his arguments’ theoretical underpinnings; he attempts to write a screenplay; and – asMelissa claimed at the end of his class – he indoctrinates his students.

I don’t think I’m as heavy-handed as Chip is, but I wonder if I’m also subtly trying to get my students to like what I hate. I write, drawing all of my cultural references from out-of-town newspapers, contemporary fiction, and art-house cinema. I know that I can become visibly exasperated when it becomes clear that my students don’t read The New Yorker, or listen to NPR, or head straight to the documentary section when they go to the video store.

In other words, I get exasperated when it becomes clear that they are not me.

To try to get students to think like we do is powerfully tempting. We realize that we have this power the first time a student parrots back our exact words on an exam. To a large extent, students will believe what we tell them is true. If I, in lecturing on the skeptical tradition of which Hume was a major figure, compare a radical skeptic to a child who continually asks her parents, “Because why?” then that child will make an appearance in someone’s final-exam essay.

Most of the time, there is nothing wrong with using our power to influence students’ judgments – after all, we need to get students to learn the truth. But we all know that this power gets abused. There is a continuum that runs from cultivating in students a healthy desire to know, through instilling certain cultural and intellectual tastes, to taking advantage of their open-mindedness by feeding them the ideological catch-phrases that rest like foam atop our considered opinions. It’s easy to slide along that continuum, as the line separating education from indoctrination is poorly defined.

But we should learn to recognize indoctrination when we see it. In graduate school, I once overheard one teaching assistant tell another that she wanted to try to make her students into liberals before it was too late. Now, I think that having a few more liberals around, especially if they were strategically placed in swing states, would be a great thing for the republic. So in one sense, I sympathize with that TA. But I also know that to make students into liberals is an essentially illiberal act.

In his book Why Read?, the literary critic Mark Edmundson argues that humanities professors have a duty to our students – and ultimately, to democracy – to help them to expand the horizons of their thoughts. To do so is to help them live better lives, albeit lives of their, and not our, choosing.

Despite our temptation (it’s our job, after all) to interpret texts, art objects, and past events for our students, to tell them how things stand in the world of ideas so that they can thereby adopt the right ideas and tastes, there is a point in every course where it has to be up to the students to interpret those things. In those moments, we teach best by letting them handle the issues, whether we agree with them or not.

This teaching of the humanities – the elements of the liberal arts that derive from education from indoctrination is the very issue I hoped would spark discussion. It is taught so poorly, however, I’m not optimistic that any students will join the class, much less the intelligent club, no bells ring. I go back to the book that roiled Oprah’s book club. I tell the class that I have recently read Jonathan Franzen’s novel The Corrections, that I had recently read Jonathan Franzen’s novel The Corrections, that I had recently read Jonathan Franzen’s novel The Corrections, that I had recently read Jonathan Franzen’s novel The Corrections, that I had recently read Jonathan Franzen’s novel The Corrections.

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Record student turnout for Fall Preview Day

**By Paul Mayne**

Western put its best foot forward this past weekend as record numbers of prospective students turned out for Fall Preview Day. With 5,774 registered high school students from across Canada and the United States – and even overseas – attendance exceeded even the Fall Preview Day held in the peak of the double cohort year.

“The word is out,” says Provost and Vice-President (Academic) Fred Longstaffe, who took in Fall Preview Day.

“Prospective students are keenly aware of the commitment of our faculty and staff to the success of our undergraduate students, both inside and outside the classroom.”

From faculty dry-ice presentations and information booths to campus tours and even an airplane on Concrete Beach, the day was an opportunity for the university to strut its stuff and for high school students to see firsthand if Western fits their post-secondary needs.

Toronto student Dale Findlay is interested in Western’s kinesiology program and says coming to Western gave her the chance to see for herself if it’s for her.

“Having a nice campus is great, but for me it’s about what I want to study and, should I want to specialize, is the program offered,” says Findlay, who admits Western is “pretty high” on her selection list.

Western alumna Terri Belyea brought her niece and son to campus and admits it would be nice if either of them chose Western, since her husband Steve is also an alumnus. Still, when it comes to decision time, it has to be up to them.

“It’s really about what they want and are more comfortable with,” says Belyea, whose son is thinking of following in his dad’s footsteps to enter medicine. The Guelph high school student is still in Grade 11 and has yet to make a solid choice.

“This early visit just gives me an advantage when I do have to make that choice next year,” says son Scott.

For Taylor Hoch, he says his trip to Western from his Kitchener-Waterloo home will help in his decision process.

“This gives me the opportunity to see what Western has to offer me,” says Hoch, who is interested in a business degree. “It also gives me the chance to get a feel for the campus and see if it’s for me.”

Lori Gribbon, Manager of Undergraduate Admissions and Liaison Officer at Western, says in talking with the volunteers who helped organize and run the day’s activities they heard nothing but positive feedback.

“I thought it went very well,” says Gribbon, who'll be sending a survey out to those who attended to garner their feedback. “It’s more important to find out how helpful our prospective students and parents found it, as opposed to us commenting on how we thought it went.”

A similar open house is scheduled for March.
Particle Research centre open for business

By Karmen Dowling

Big opportunities exist in the tiny word of particles and a group of Western scientists is throwing open their research labs to the business community Southwestern Ontario.

The new Particle Technology Research Centre housed in the Thompson Engineering building is a series of labs and research groups whose promising exploration of particles is of keen interest to a wide range of industries including agriculture, pharmaceuticals, drug delivery, energy and even food processing.

On Nov. 30, at 2 p.m. members of the Western community and beyond the campus gates are invited to the Thompson lobby for a presentation and tour.

Directors Jesse Zhu and Sohrab Rohani are opening the facility to the public in an effort to show off the more than $5 million in equipment and to outline how it can be of use to the wider community.

“We purchased these instruments for our own research, but now we are trying to collaborate to provide services outside,” says Mohammad Rahbari, manager of the centre.

“The facility and equipment is currently used 30 to 40 per cent of the time for our research, so we hope to market it to the Western and corporate communities in an effort to further particle research. We can offer a large facility with expertise and equipment for a reasonable cost.”

Through a number of grants from such agencies as the Canadian Foundation for Innovation, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council and Ontario Research and Development Challenge fund, the facility has grown to six labs over the past two years.

Zhu is working in the facility on several applied projects including powder coating and pulmonary drug delivery which would allow the use of an inhaler or puffer to administer insulin instead of using a needle. Rohani’s work deals with control and crystallization of pharmaceuticals.

Rahbari says they have built up enough analytic instrumentation and tools to offer a comprehensive service, especially to smaller companies that may not be able to afford all the equipment. The facility is the only one of its size concentrated on particle research in Southwestern Ontario.

Those that could potentially be interested in using the facility include chemical, biochemical, pharmaceutical, polymer producing, plastics and powder paint companies.

For more information about the Particle Research Facility, visit: www.powders.ca

Canada, France share vision

By Ervyn Lennox

Canada and France have more in common than Quebec.

In a short presentation at Western last week, French Ambassador Daniel Jouanneau spoke enthusiastically about the relationship between France and Canada. While noting France is the second largest foreign investor in Ontario after the United States, he told students and faculty that his country wishes to pursue new consumer population that rivals the United States, rather than thinking in terms of individual European nations such as France or Britain.

While France understands the importance of Canada’s cultural and economic ties with the United States, he urged Canadians to “look at Europe as an additional basket where you can lay additional eggs.”

Jouanneau encouraged Canadians to view the European Union as an integrated market with a consumer population that rivals the United States, rather than thinking in terms of individual European nations such as France and even food processing.

“The nations share similar values on many issues such as the abolishment of capital punishment and the advancement of women. On multiculturalism and same-sex marriage, Jouanneau described Canada as an example to France.

“We share the same vision of the world,” he told the audience.

Asked about recent rioting in France, Jouanneau described the root of the problem as economic. He pointed to a lack of jobs for French immigrants and their children. While admitting discrimination has played a role, economic growth and creation of new jobs would help to ease tensions, he said.

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IN MEMORIAM

John Samways, a four-year employee in the Physical Plant Department, died November 9 at the age of 96. Samways retired from Western in 1974. A funeral service was held Nov. 14 at the James A. Harris Funeral Home in London.

Retired staff member Elizabeth McCoy passed away on November 2, at the age of 98. McCoy retired from Western in 1970 with 11 years of service. She was the wife of the late Albert McCoy, and mother of Arthur and the late William McCoy. Siblings include Margaret Blake and John, Thomas and Hugh McCoy.

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Bugler opens home, heart as foster parent

By Paul Mayne

Over the last 17 years, Peggy Bugler has dealt with issues of anorexia, suicidal tendencies, anger management and addiction.

As a long-time foster parent, she is well aware this can be part of the package with teenage girls, yet it has not deterred her from opening her home to those in need of guidance and love.

Bugler, an administrative assistant in Financial Services, has been a foster parent to more than 50 girls over the last 17 years, changing the lives of young women seeking direction and understanding.

“There are a million things you learn each day and you come to appreciate everything your own parents had to deal with in raising you.”

Bugler is one of two people being honoured Friday evening with a Foster Family of the Year Award from the Foster Parent Association of London and Middlesex of the Children’s Aid Society (CAS) of London and Middlesex.

To many she is admired for her strength, but for Bugler, a single mother of one, the desire to help troubled girls is something she says is just in her – the need to reach out to others in need.

“My simple rule is to give everyone a chance,” says Bugler, who has worked at Western for 27 years. “You have to love kids and I have so much admiration for the crap they’ve survived. My job is to be a parent and show them what it’s like to live without abuse.”

Judy Lacroix, President of the Foster Parent Association, says Bugler has consistently provided a welcoming home environment for teen girls and CAS workers, and the foster children alike, recognize her emotional warmth and wonderful sense of humour.

“Peggy’s commitment to fostering has been significant over the years. She and daughter Roxey have provided a warm and caring family for many teens,” says Lacroix. “Their experience and dedication made selecting the Foster Family of the Year easy.”

Bugler recalls her first foster child, Nancy, who was 15 when she arrived at her home. Dealing with issues of suicidal tendencies and anorexia, the minute she turned 16 Nancy left.

Bugler was “heartbroken when she moved out” but six months later Nancy asked to return and, yes. Nancy stayed for the next five years.

“If they need me they can always call and they’re always welcome back,” says Bugler.

In fact Nancy still keeps in touch, visiting a couple weeks ago to celebrate her birthday and that of Bugler’s daughter, Roxanne.

“Nancy is now married - I was her Maid of Honour, she went to Brescia and she teaches in London,” says a proud Bugler.

Although a success story, many would-be foster parents have trepidations initially. Bugler was no exception, and she now helps train others to become foster parents.

“It was a bit scary at first, to have a stranger in your house that you were to be a parent to, even though you were not their parent,” she says. “There are a million things you learn each day and you come to appreciate everything your own parents had to deal with in raising you.”

While Bugler gets to see firsthand how her patience and thoughtfulness can help, there are times when she makes a difference without even knowing it.

One day, a young girl who didn’t recognize stopped her on the street.

“She said ‘Excuse me, is your name Peggy? You may not know me but I spent a week with you and it was all that I wanted’, says Bugler. She went on to find out the young girl had an addiction problem, received the needed help and moved back home.

“You don’t think they notice, but they do,” adds Bugler. “They want rules, they want structure.”

Bugler continues to open her home to foster children, currently having two teenage girls living with her and Roxanne. Having helped so many over the last 17 years, and with no plans of stopping, how does she maintain that strong nurturing spirit?

“It’s an experience in itself,” says Bugler. “The gratification you get when a child succeeds is something you can’t put into words.”

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Long work hours among PMA concerns

By Paul Mayne

For Gerry LaHay, there is always room for improvement. As President of Western’s Professional and Managerial Association (PMA), LaHay is looking to steer the group towards a stronger future.

“We’ve always had a good relationship with the university,” says LaHay. “We want a great relationship.”

Formed in the ‘80s as a non-unionized organization, LaHay says the PMA supports university employees in areas such as job protection and policy resolution. With just over 800 eligible PMA members, there are 550 paying members.

“The PMA can be the voice for the university,” says LaHay, Area Manager - Campus Operations with Hospitality Services. “We want to engage ourselves more with university community and celebrate.”

In the past, the PMA has provided by the USC, the ‘W’ Club and Western Food Services. “We’ve always had a good relationship with the university,” says LaHay, adding support of department heads and chair is needed for this to happen.

LaHay is also looking to amplify the profile of the PMA on campus—only not the association, but the members themselves.

“The continuous hard work of our members is something we need to profile in the entire Western community and celebrate,” he says. “The PMA and its members contribute greatly to this community and this is something that we, and the entire university community, need to be proud of.”

Volunteer involvement is key to success for PMA, says LaHay. “As an employee group, they are the ones that need to validate what we are doing and determine if we are on the right track,” says LaHay, adding support of department heads and chairs is needed for this to happen.

LaHay would also like to improve communication with PMA members, as well as work with the university to develop a new training orientation program—with a specific human resources focus to assist new leaders and managers coming to Western.

“We need more of a focus on individual development and orientation for new leaders,” says LaHay. “The PMA supports the university’s mission of the best student experience. This not only benefits the students, but it also allows us to be as successful as we can be. It’s a give and take.”

A reception has been scheduled for Nov. 25 in the Great Hall from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. for more information, visit www.uwo.ca/pma.

Celebrate Canada’s best in women’s rugby

A reception has been scheduled to celebrate Western’s women’s rugby team which recently won its second consecutive Canadian Interuniversity Championship title.

The reception, presented by Women’s Athletic Alumnae, will take place in the Atrium of UCC on Wednesday, November 23 from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Celebrants will be led by President Paul Davenport and refreshments will be served from 4:45 p.m.

Support for the event is being provided by the USC, the ‘W’ Club and Western Food Services.

By Peter Madott
Staff ready just in case

By Chris Costello

In an effort to boost emergency preparedness, Western has become the first university to graduate staff with a certificate in Basic Emergency Management.

At an awards presentation recently, 20 staff received certificates, marking the first time non-municipal workers have passed the Emergency Management Ontario-approved course.

Dave Riddell, Associate Vice-President, Physical Plant and Capital Planning, said the graduation marks an important milestone for Western.

“Steve (Clemens, Western’s Emergency Response & Preparedness Coordinator) and his team have done remarkable work to ensure Western is always prepared for any potential situation,” says Riddell.

“It is great to see them recognized for this work and for their leadership in emergency management.”

Presenting certificates were Steve Beatty, Emergency Management Ontario, Dave O’Brien, City of London; Dave Colvin, City of London; and Tom Powell, Instructor and retired Deputy Fire Chief for Toronto Fire Services.

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ACADEMY

PhD Lectures

Celine C. Bekaert, University of Brussels. “Insurance: Theory and Practice” will be held November 24 from 1:00 to 2:30 in Room 1013, Pachinger Building.

Faculty & Staff

Karen Danysh, School of Kinesiology, Faculty of Health Sciences, will present a paper entitled “Canadian Performance in the Pool, Sink or Swim?” at the 13th Congress of the European Association for Sport Management in Newcastle, England September 7-10. She also delivered a keynote address, “Promoting Sport Tourism through Sport Events”, and a symposium presentation entitled “Sports Management in North America” at the Taiwan Society for Sport Management conference in Kaohsiung, Taiwan November 25.

At the 2005 annual conference of the Ontario Society for Children with Developmental Disabilities, Doreen Bartlett, Brock University, presented a paper entitled “The impact of autism on school readiness and why should I care?”, the latter with Peter Rosenbaum of CanChild, Centre for Childhood Disability Research. Ashe also presented a two-hour workshop on “Fostering the development of expertise among physical therapists” with colleagues Mary Ann Tucker of Thames Valley Children’s Centre and Colleen Willoughby of D&M Rehabilitation.


Michael Godden, English, gave an invited lecture, “Digital Identities: A Demo and a History” at Brock University.

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Comic operas can tell earthy tales

BY JANIS WALLACE

UWOpera Workshop is delving into one-act chamber operas this year for its Opera Gala, Nov. 15-20.

The five operas provide student performers with lessons in theatricality since characterization is as important as singing in opera. The audience has the opportunity to hear complete works not often performed here.

“It’s an opportunity for the students (40 undergraduate and graduate) to do complete operas,” says director John Hess. “They’re ideal for young voices – they’re 8-10 minutes long and easily handled vocally.”

The first half consists of three one-act operas by Darius Milhaud. Milhaud received a commission from Paul Hindemith for the festival at Baden-Baden in 1927. Milhaud’s friend Henri Hoppenot wrote the libretto for his opera L’Abandon d’Ariane and La Délivrance de Théèse, all based on light-hearted Greek tales.

In the second half, excerpts from The Midnight Count and Beatrice Chancy, will be performed. The first is based on Brian Merriman’s 1780 Irish fairy tale The Midnight Court – Curt a Mheán Oíche – and adapted from the English translation by Frank O’Connor. The music, which is free and liberating in its playfulness, is by Montreal composer Ana Sokolovic. The libretto is by Paul Bentley, best known for his libretto for The Handmaid’s Tale. A comic and erotic masterpiece, this rambunctious, earthy tale includes themes of clerical celibacy, free love and the mis-tery of a young woman married to a withered old man. It plays up the poem’s erotic qualities. It is surprisingly contemporary in its frank discussion of women’s sexual needs and how men fail to meet them.

Beatrice Chancy is the only Canadian opera about black slavery in Nova Scotia in the early 1800s. The librettist, George Elliott Clarke, wrote a searing drama adapting the 16th-century Italian tragedy of the Cenci family to bring to life the untold stories of African-Acadians and their slavery in Canada. The text was captured beautifully in music by the Toronto composer James Rolfe. The opera has toured to Dartmouth, Edmonton and a CBC TV film of the Queen of Puddings production has been broadcast nationally on CBC’s arts program Opening Night.

REGISTRAR’S BULLETIN

Mid-Year Examination Dates, December 2005

December 7: Classes end.
December 8: Study Day.
December 9 - 21: Mid-year examination period.

Mid-Year Examination Timetable, December 2005

The preliminary mid-year examination schedule is now posted on the Registrar’s Web site. The final schedule will be posted November 17. Students booking flights for the holidays are advised to book a flight date of December 22, 2005 or later.

A student who, for religious reasons, is unable to write exams on a Sabbath or Holy Day, must have given notice of this fact in writing to his/her Dean not later than November 15.

Due dates for tuition fees

The second installment of tuition fees for undergraduate and professional students is due January 9, 2006. Winter term fees for graduate students, except MBA’s, are due January 4, 2006 and for MBA’s the due date is January 16, 2006.

Add/Drop Deadlines

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.

Sessions will be held throughout October and November at various campus locations. Students should visit the exchange Web site at www.registrar.uwo.ca/exchange to view the dates, times and locations of the sessions.

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McIntosh Gallery Exhibition – Rafael Gold- chain: Familial Ground, and Seeding Identity: New Music in New Places – until December II
Dept. of Microbiology & Immunology – Tom Lin, Dept. of Microbiology & Immunology, Western, “Bacillus cereus Sigma Factors: On the Pathway to Virulence?” Dental College, Rm. 3080, 11:30 am
Lunch Session (Ivey Biotech MBA Event), join an informal lunch session every Thursday for those interested in biotechnology and business. Share knowledge from the science and business communities at Western. Special guest speakers will be arranged on occasion. Ivey Building, 2807, 1 – 2 pm
Bruce McCaffrey Memorial Graduate Seminar Series – Dean Ruffilli, “Getting After the Chauffeurs”. Canadians and the Coming of the Automobile Age.” SCC, Rm. 4307 – Dept. of History, 4:30 pm
Centre for the Study of Theory and Criticism – Jean-Joseph Goux, “Philosophy of History and Globalization in Turgot’s Thought” – Visual Arts Centre, 146 – 5 pm
Autumn Writes – Mary Gordon – author of The Roots of Empathy. Althouse College Auditorium, Free Tickets at The Book Store at Western & Books Plus www.bookstore.uwo.ca  7:30 pm
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Roots of Empathy. Althouse College Auditorium, Autumn Writes

November 18
Epidemiology & Biostatistics Seminar – Susan Tamblyn, Western, “Improving Influenza Prevention and Control” – The Role of Research”, MGB, Rm. 148. 1:30 – 2:30 pm
Geography Speaker Series – Desmond Moser “Remote Sensing and International groundwa-
ter dispute at the U.S. Mexico border, Colorado Delta Range” SCC, Rm. 2322 – 2 pm
Dept of Modern Languages and Literatures – Transatlantic Seminar Abhijit Gopal (Ivey School of Business) “Outsourcing and the Shift of Power” UC 207, 3:00 pm
Philosophy Colloquium Series – Marleen Roze- mond, University of Toronto. “Is Thinking Matter Possible? Clarke and Collins on the Mind-Body Problem” Talbot College, Rm. 340. 4:30 pm
Women’s Basketball – versus Queen’s @ Western, 6 pm
Men’s Basketball – versus Queen’s @ Western, 8 pm
Nov 19
Western Adventist Students Association (WASA) hosting “SOS: Songs of Strength” benefi- cial concert featuring McMaster Gospel Choir, Church Boyz, and local London acts. All pro-
ced to Red Cross in support of relief efforts for Darfur, Sudan. Tickets on sale at UCC Centre Spot 11:30 am – 2:30 pm or at the door - $7 for Western students, $10 general admission. Con-
nor Hall Rm. 224, University College - 6:30 pm
Contact wasa2005.5@hotmail.com
Men’s/Women’s Swimming – EYON Division Championships @ Western, TBA

Karmen Dowling, Western News

Marcia Reale with Canadian Blood Services takes Jeremy Bird’s blood at the Student Health Services Resource Centre in UCC, marking the 20th donation by the Geology and Biology student. The Monday clinics are open to staff, faculty and students from noon to 5 p.m. until December 6, starting again Jan. 9. High use has led to extra clinics being added some Tuesdays and Thursdays. Donors should call 1-888-236-2638 to book an appointment.

Men’s Basketball – versus RMC @ Western, 2 pm
Men’s Basketball – versus RMC @ Western, 4 pm
Men’s Volleyball – versus Queen’s @ Western, 7 pm

November 20
Women’s Volleyball – versus Windsor @ West-
ern, 1 pm
Men’s Volleyball – versus RMC @ Western, 3 pm

Women’s Basketball – versus Western, 7 pm
Women’s Basketball – versus Western, 7 pm

November 21
National Centre for Audiology – hosts Sie- mens Symposium presentation by Geoff Plant, Rehabilitation Specialist, MED-EL Corporation, and President, Hearing Rehabilitation Foun-
dation. “The Importance of Music for Adults and Children with Cochlear Implants” Contact kieffer@nca.uwo.ca Elborn College, 6 – 7 pm

November 22
Senior Alumni Series – It’s Just Arthritis – Infor-
mation on recent advances in understanding the cause of arthritis and what can be done about it. David Bell, Microbiology and Immunol-
ogy, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, McKelvie Rm. UCC, 9:30 – 11 am
McIntosh Gallery – Presentation by Jack Beh-
rens: @12:30pm
Men’s/Women’s Track & Field – Purple & White Intrasquad @ Western, 5 – 7 pm

November 23
Speaking Skills Practiced Weekly – Campus Communications/Toastmasters meets every Wed, 12 noon, Rm 330, SLS. Visitors welcome. For infor-
mation, Chandy Abhayaratne, cabbyara@uwo.
can. 66-2903; ext 85968
Men’s/Women’s Track & Field – Purple & White Intrasquad @ Western, 3:45 – 6:30 pm
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