Commuters scramble as transit strike hits

By Heather Travis

It may not be in his job description to drive a shuttle van, but Frank Erle can remember what it was like as a student at The University of Western Ontario and sympathizes with those living farther off campus.

The Thompson Recreation and Athletic Centre manager has been volunteering his time this week to drive a Western Community Van, transporting students, faculty and staff who live more than a 30-minute walk from campus.

So on Tuesday Western News went along on a ride with Erle. “Hop in,” he says from the driver’s seat of one of 47 vans rented by Western as he picked up students at Sherwood Forest Mall Tuesday.

“I’ve been there as a student and I would appreciate any help,” he says. “It’s an easy way to help.”

Community vans are just one
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Western building Peruvian research centre

Students and faculty will investigate pre-Spanish civilizations

By Sarah Vanderwolf

For a mere $12,000 U.S., The University of Western Ontario has become the proud owner of half a hectare (one acre) of property in one of the most pristine, archaeological
ally significant regions in the world — Puerto Moorrín, a coastal area in Peru.

Within the next year or two, the Guanape Research Centre will be built on the site for the benefit of students and faculty conducting fieldwork in the area. The site is
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Dr. Andreas Nieder
Department of Animal Physiology
University of Tübingen
“Neuronal Representation of Numerical Information in the Primate Brain.”
Monday, November 23rd, 2009
Robarts Research Institute, 2nd floor
Fisher Scientific Conference Room
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For further information, contact the Neuroscience Program Office at 519 661-4039

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Fundraising initiatives on campus

Personal library goes public

By Karmen Dowling

Regna Darnell, Professor of Anthropology and founding Director of Western's First Nations Program, has donated more than 1,700 books, articles and manuscripts to the First Nations Library in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

Valued at more than $41,000, these items supplement the main library collection and assemble only books relevant to the First Nations program, making it easier to browse, while being in a space that encourages students to talk to each other about their reading and research.

“The need to facilitate access to research and course supplementary materials was obvious from the start,” says Darnell, who has been at Western since 1990.

“I have always loaned my personal books to students but this is inefficient and favours the ones I happen to know well enough that they come to me. The library has been available for several years now but the official transfer has awaited near completion of a catalogue and formal assessment of its value.”

In her time at Western, Darnell has served as Chair of Anthropology (1990-93) and as Director of the Centre for Research and Teaching of Canadian Native Languages since 1992. She became a Distinguished University Professor in 2005 and is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

Darnell was honored with the Killam Research Fellowship in 2006, a Premier's award in 2008 and has published widely in First Nations languages and cultures as well as the history of anthropology.

Darnell notes it has been a privilege to work with First Nations students over the years and is thrilled to be able to give back to them with her collection.

“I love books and sharing my favourites with students has been one of the pleasures of my teaching career,” says Darnell. “Books are not meant to be hoarded.”

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Undergraduate ranks may grow again

By Heather Travis

The University of Western Ontario may consider expanding first-year enrolment of undergraduate students beyond the current frozen level of 4,350 students.

With limited areas for budgetary growth, Fred Longstaffe, Provost and Vice-President (Academic), says the university should consider new revenue sources to help ease a potential financial strain in the next stage of university planning.

Longstaffe provided an update on Western’s operating budget at last Friday’s Senate meeting.

Western is in the third year of a four-year plan built on no change in undergraduate ranks. When the current plan ends, Longstaffe says there’s room for change.

“The bottom line is we are going to have to find additional revenue through a combination of initiatives, that we take here at Western, and also through any initiative we can encourage the provincial government to take in the successive plan to Reaching Higher.”

Reaching Higher was a ground-breaking, multi-year commitment by the provincial government in 2005 to rebuild post-secondary education in the province, highlighted by a $6.2-billion cumulative investment by 2009-10.

For many years Western has held firm to 4,350 as the ‘magic number’ for first-year undergraduate enrolment, but pressures for expansion and more revenue might drive the intake higher.

“I think the time is soon upon us to look at the 4,350 (target for post-undergraduate intake) again,” says Longstaffe, explaining the Richard Ivey School of Business HBA expansion will open space on campus for more students in some faculties.

“I think we will be coming back to you, not this year, but in the next four-year plan ... with some suggestions for some modest growth on the undergraduate side.

“We’ve come more or less to the end of the provincial government’s Reaching Higher Plan,” he explains, noting it is unclear what provincial funding for post-secondary institutions will look like in the future.

Meanwhile, the past year has taught lessons in economic restraint.

“We are not anticipating that we will have investment income for use within the operating budget for the coming year,” he adds. “We are anticipating going forward in terms of the revenue estimates ... that we may see optimistically three per cent in terms of revenue growth.”

But even as revenues slowly inch upwards, so too does spending which, Longstaffe cautions, must be restricted to the same three per cent level.

Looking to the final year of the four-year plan (2010-11), undergraduate enrolment will remain stable, graduate student numbers will increase according to the university’s plans, and financial guidelines put into the operating budget earlier this year should remain the same, says Longstaffe.

It is uncertain whether further budgetary reductions will be needed, he says, adding this will depend on funding promises from the provincial government, and Western’s ability to secure revenue sources and control costs.

Possible new revenue sources
- Undergraduate expansion
- High-end or elite undergraduate programs
- Coursed-based master’s programs
- Offering graduate diplomas
- Increasing international student enrolments
- Farming partnerships with the City of London and private sector

Undergraduate ranks may grow again

By Heather Travis

United Way’s overall goal of $7.4 million was $534,008 to the community raised more than $10,000.

members of the Western campaign co-chair with Julie Mayne at pmayne@uwo.ca.

By Paul Mayne

Despite an economic slowdown across the London area, Western’s United Way campaign is a week ahead of schedule.

The university’s campaign has brought in $385,000, or 70 per cent of the $530,000 goal.

“People on campus understand the need is great within the broader community, and our faculty, staff, retirees and students are stepping up accordingly to help as much as they can,” says Malcolm Ruddock (staff), campus campaign co-chair with Julie McMullin (faculty).

The campus campaign has already seen several successful fundraising events, such as the recent StairClimb, which members of the Western community raised more than $10,000.

Western has increased its United Way donation for the last seven years. Last year’s campaign contributed $334,008 to the United Way’s overall goal of $7.4 million.

Ruddock says Western has a tradition of supporting the United Way campaign and it is important to continue to play a leadership role.

He points to a number of opportunities – from departmental fundraisers or volunteering time, to one-time donations or payroll deduction.

“We’re appealing to everyone to give what they can, and especially those who choose to give through payroll deduction,” says Ruddock. “It’s an easy way to make a big difference through small monthly contributions.”

Some upcoming events include:
- Nov. 27, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. - silent auction, Westminster Hall lobby.
- Nov. 27, 12:30 to 2 p.m. - Department of Geography talent show (SSC 2333).

If you know of other events to support United Way, contact Paul Mayne at pmayne@uwo.ca.

Potential undergrads on campus

By Heather Travis

Construction of the new $100-million home for the Richard Ivey School of Business is racing ahead on the fields in front of Brescia University College.

Projected growth in the Ivey’s HBA program could open the door to expanding undergraduate intake on campus.

It’s that time of year when high school students and their families are ‘shopping’ for post-secondary institutions and flock by the thousands to university campuses across the province.

Fall Preview Day at The University of Western Ontario is on Saturday, Nov. 21 and features a jammed-pack schedule of walking tours, program sessions and special presentations to showcase the benefits of studying at Western.

The faculties of Arts and Humanities, Engineering, Health Sciences, Information and Media Studies, Don Wright Faculty of Music, Science, and Social Science, and the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry will offer undergraduate program sessions throughout the day.

The open house allows visitors to meet with faculty, staff and students to discuss academic programs and extra-curricular opportunities, as well as tours of residence and university facilities.

Special presentations will be held in the University Community Centre by the faculties of Education and Law, as well as by Housing, Indigenous Services, Richard Ivey School of Business, Scholar’s Electives, Schulich, and Student Financial Services.

Staff and student volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and assist visitors in planning the day’s activities.

More about Western’s Fall Preview Day is available at http://beststudentexperience.ca/preview/visitors/fall.html.

Similarly, two of Western’s affiliate university colleges are throwing open the doors on Nov. 21.

Brescia University College

From 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Brescia University College will be holding its open house. Interested visitors can learn more about Brescia’s programs and student services. Faculty and staff will be available to answer questions and a seminar series will provide insights into the advantages of a Brescia education.

A special pre-session for prospective Foods and Nutrition students will run from 10-11:30 a.m. The program includes a mock lecture and a food lab.

To register visit http://brescia.uwo.ca/future/connect/index.html.

Huron University College

Huron University College is holding its open house from 1-4 p.m. The day’s agenda includes a faculty and departmental round, information sessions on admissions, scholarship and international opportunities as well as tours of residence and campus.

The day will also include a session for parents, sample lectures and a career panel.

King’s University College

Although King’s University College is not hosting a formal Fall Preview Day event on Nov. 21, the affiliate will hold tours of its facilities between 2-4 p.m.

Tours leave from the Registrar’s Office in the Monsignor Wemple Building. The next Welcome Day at King’s is scheduled for March 12 from 6-8:30 p.m.
Two-tiered education excludes some children

By Curtis File

Ruth Wright was so desperate to learn to play music as a child that she once spent an afternoon chipping away hard-enamed paint from the keys of her parents’ piano. “I would beg my parents to let me play the piano we kept in our garage,” said Wright. “But they kept saying no because paint had been spilled on it and stuck the keys together.” So Wright, tired of being refused, grabbed a screwdriver and went to work. “I stomped in and said: ‘now it’s clean so teach me how to play!’”

Wright, who grew up in London, England, has been involved in music ever since, citing her parents as major influences. “My father was a visual artist,” she said. “And there was a lot of music on my mother’s side, so I was surrounded with it.”

Wright, 47, has joined the faculty of music at Western as the chair of music education, a position she describes as her “dream chair of music education, a position she rounded with it.”

Although she was initially determined not to become a teacher like everyone else in her family, she began teaching in her late teens. “It’s something she feels she was destined to do,” said Wright. “Her Talbot College office is adorned with gifts from students. A jeweled Turkish cloth rests on the coffee table, a gift from one of the many international students she has taught. She gave it to me when she had her baby. It is a tradition that they give the cloth to the person they hope their child grows up to be like.”

Wright views her own family as one of her greatest achievements. She met her husband Adrian, a cellist, while they were attending the Royal Academy of Music in London, England.

Wright’s bus broke down and she found herself in a rough area of town. Scared to go anywhere by herself, she requested an escort to school from a “handsome stranger” that another bus had dropped off. They were engaged three months later.

They now have three children - Bea, 16, Naomi, 23, and Ben, 25, and have created the same musical environment for their children that Wright grew up in. Bea plays the drums, Ben, the electric guitar, and Naomi sings.

“She always helps us do well in school,” said Bea, who joined her mother in Canada when they moved from England in August. “Whether algebra or quadratic equations, she is always there, a never-ending fountain of wisdom and help.” Wright is now using that wisdom to conduct research into understanding the experience of learning music in school.

“The way we were: 1971

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Why Ivey is expanding in Asia

By Carol Stephenson

The Indian economy is doing relatively well with a predicted growth rate of six to seven per cent in 2009, despite the global economic crisis that has gripped the world’s economy since the middle of 2008. The “Engaging Emerging Markets” Cross-Enterprise Leadership Research Centre at Ivey has been carefully studying the amazing resilience of India during this global downturn.

Part of Ivey’s mission is to “develop business leaders who think globally,” therefore, it is critical Ivey be at the forefront of understanding and working with emerging markets. I think one essential ingredient of a future manager is his/her ability to work in a global economy.

We recently embarked on a trip to India to expand our ties with this region and the trip was planned as a two-way street – we were there to share our experience as one of the top business schools in the world, while at the same time learning from India’s unique position as an emerging market, and as one of the world’s growing economic powers.

Ivey’s business faculty have always been keen to engage the business community and to look outward to learn from different regions. Western’s MBA program has always had strong connections with the business world. The first MBA program in Canada, it was launched in 1948 at the prompting of Canada’s top business leaders.

Since 1998, Ivey has had a strong presence in Hong Kong, giving us a foothold on another emerging global power – as the first North American business school to set up a permanent campus in the region.

A focus of our India trip was to sign a partnership with the Indian School of Business (ISB) to set up a Centre for Case Development. This new partnership, which follows on our long success in China, is simply another step along that road.

Emerging markets have a voracious appetite and strong need for business knowledge. Their workforces are keen, nimble and bright. They need young managers and many organizations could benefit from more business knowledge to take their companies to the next level. As a well-established university, Western has a lot of experience and knowledge it can share. Ivey’s dedication to and expertise in the case-method of teaching is something we’re especially excited to share abroad.

As the second largest producer of cases in the world, Ivey is the top producer of China-based cases, including several hundred available in Chinese. Through workshops on case-teaching and case-writing, conducted in partnership with several Chinese universities, Ivey has contributed significantly to advancing case-based business education in China.

Our partnership with ISB will foster similar initiatives in India. Ivey faculty members have already led three case-writing and case-teaching workshops in India. We hope our partnership with ISB will have a profound effect on teaching business in India and on our learning about the country.

I agree with our Adjunct Professor Charles Dhanaraj who says, there is a great need for more cases that focus on emerging markets both so students in India learn from business scenarios that are unfolding around them and so Ivey students gain a stronger appreciation for the business challenges in emerging markets. There are also business challenges in India – integrating with the global economy while growing within the country; the rapid need for more infrastructure; the difficulty of finding and retaining a talented workforce when jobs are so plentiful. Ivey is in a position to help with some of those critical business challenges. We are keen to share our deep expertise in talent development and retention.

Ivey’s Executive Development programs are taught at many firms, including leading companies in China. Their experiences are ones we can share in India.

While in India, we met with the CEOs at Birla Sunlife and Naukri.com, as well as senior executives at Indian giants such as Airtel and Infosys, and multinationals including Microsoft, GE, HSBC, and Citigroup. One conclusion clearly emerged: among other things, India needs high quality managers to maintain the growth rate of nine per cent and become one of the major economies in the world. These are modern companies with very aggressive growth plans. Talent development is key to their success.

There are many successful companies in India, such as these, and by analyzing their strategies via cases, we can learn from their example.

Canada’s trade with India is growing quickly, but at $4.6 billion in 2008, it’s still just one-tenth of the size of our trade with China. Given India’s rapid ascendency on the world stage, we need to plan to embrace this region.

While Canada and India are bolstering their relationship, Ivey is contributing to the bond by helping build bridges between schools, companies and academics.

The writer is dean of the Richard Ivey School of Business.

Filling, reviewing senior positions

These are busy times around the University Secretariat office with three senior administration positions in the midst of being filled or reviewed.

Various committees are in the process of seeking candidates for the provost & vice-president (academics) position currently occupied by Fred Longstaffe and the vice-president (external) role, previously held by Ted Garrard. Helen Connell, Associate Vice-President of Communications and Public Affairs, is filling the position on an interim basis.

The position of vice-president (research & external relations), currently held by Ted Hewitt, is undergoing a review, a process built into many senior academic positions. In this case, as well as the provost & vice-president (academics) position, the incumbents’ terms end on June 30, 2010.

“In each case, we would certainly like to have a decision as soon as possible, while remaining fully respectful of the need to consult with the community and conduct a thorough search based on what those consultations tell us about the desirable skills and background of the successful candidate,” says University Secretary Irene Birrell.

She adds this is the first time her office has been so busy preparing to fill senior administration roles. In 2003 and 2004 there was a similar situation with a three vice presidential search.

Correction Notice: The London Pro Musica Choir advertisement that ran in the Nov 12th issue of the Western News mistakenly read ‘messo soprano’, and it should have read ‘mezzo soprano’. Our apologies for any confusion that the error may have caused.
Semotiuk Sports Person of the Year

By Paul Mayne

Former Mustang football head coach Darwin Semotiuk will be honored Jan. 18 at the 54th annual Rogers Sports Celebrity Dinner and Auction as Sports Person of the Year. Semotiuk, a Kinesiology professor at Western, says the news “came out of the blue” and he is delighted by the honor. “I’m very honored by the recognition,” he says. “It’s a very nice award that is coming my way and I am absolutely thrilled with it.”

Semotiuk, who coached the Mustangs from 1975-1983, led Western to back-to-back Vanier Cup titles, along with four Yates Cup titles and two additional Vanier Cup appearances. During his seven-year stretch as head coach, Western went 64-14. Semotiuk, who received the Ontario Coach of the Year in 1976 and 1981, along with the Frank Tindall Trophy for top Canadian university coach in 1976, has the best home winning percentage (.863) in Mustang football coaching history.

While the award is extraordinary, he is happy to see the money raised from the dinner help the local community. Funds raised from this year’s event will benefit Thames Valley Children’s Centre and Fowler Kennedy Sport Medicine Clinic. “It’s a superb event that raises funds to give back to this community, and particularly acknowledge individuals within the community who are challenged. And that, in and of itself, is very heartwarming.”

Celebrity athletes confirmed for the event include former NHLers Craig Simpson, Dennis Hull and Pete Mahovlich, Toronto Maple Leaf Mike Van Ryn, London Knights Nazem Kadri, ice dancers Scott Moir and Tessa Virtue, Olympic heptathlete Jessica Zelinka, rowing star Marie McBean and race pilot Pete McLeod.

Tickets are available at the Centennial Hall box office (519-672-1967) or online at centennialhall.london.ca. Price is $150 for adults and $75 for 17 and under.

Flu clinic Friday

The Middlesex-London Health Unit will be holding an on-campus H1N1 vaccination clinic on Friday, Nov. 20 at the Althouse Faculty of Education Building and it will be open to anyone who wants to be immunized. The public clinic will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the gym. Bring a driver’s license or health card to the clinic for identification. National students without these documents will be exempt but will need to bring their student cards for identification.

IN MEMORIAM

ANNA REINHARD

Anna Reinhard, a former Physico Plant employee, died Oct. 21 at the age of 89. Reinhard had 17 years of service at Western before her retirement in 1985. A funeral was held at McFarlane & Roberts Funeral Home in Lambeth.

MAXINE ABRAMS

Maxine Abrams, a former Faculty of Arts and Humanities staff member, died Oct. 24 at the age of 81. Abrams had 19 years of service at the university before her retirement in 1993. A funeral was held at the A. Millard George Funeral Home in London.

HAROLD STEWART

Professor emeritus Harold Stewart, died Nov. 1 at Victoria Hospital at the age of 88. Stewart, the former Dean of Graduate Studies, had 30 years of service at Western before his retirement in 1986. A funeral was held at the A. Millard George Funeral Home in London. Memorial donations may be made to Harold Stewart Memorial Fund c/o Department of Biochemistry, Medical Science Building, Room 342, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, University of Western Ontario, London ON, N6A 5C1.
How has the transit strike affected you?

Sakthi Kalaiandran, Fourth-year
International Relations

“I haven’t really been affected by it. I live close to campus. I have to take a cab instead of busing to places. It’s a lot more money.”

Jasreen Cheema, Second-year Health Sciences

“I live closer to Masonville (Mall), so it kind of sucks to walk to school. It takes a little over 20 minutes to get to school. I noticed a lot less people come to school.”

Jason Watkins, Physical Plant employee

“It affects my wife, my family. She normally takes the bus. Her brother drops her off and I pick her up. We’ve had to find other means. My boss has allowed me to change my work hours so I can pick her up.”

Alex Ciobotaru, Fourth-year Philosophy

“I find I have to stay in the library much later than usual until I see someone I know to give me a ride. I’ve already taken a cab once. I have to figure out what I am going to do. I have to take it day by day. It’s a lot harder to get to class and it’s an additional stress during midterms.”

Kevin Feng, Second-year Management and Organizational Studies

“I don’t really use transit. If the strike goes to Saturday, then I’ll be affected. I work at Masonville (Mall), so that’s when I would use it. I have a friend that works there so I can probably get a ride.”

Heather Travis, Western News

Signs discouraging non-campus bound traffic from travelling through the university have been posted at the gates at Lambton Drive, as well as Richmond Street gates and Philip Aziz Drive.

Those carpooling to the university on Monday received a pleasant surprise at Westminster Hall parking lot as attendant Louise Fahlgren handed out $2 Tim Horton’s gift certificates to drivers with three or more people in their vehicle.

“How friends gave me a ride home yesterday,” says Wu, a first-year master’s student in Comparative Literature. “I was able to get to campus on time.”

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Unions seek halt to community shuttle

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of several initiatives the university and University Students’ Council pressed into action to help minimize the disruption caused by a London Transit strike, which began Monday.

Many students walked, biked or made informal arrangements with friends to get to class.

While van riders have been happy, a controversy erupted as several unions expressed opposition to the service, going so far as to call it “strike breaking.”

As Western News was going to print, a transit union official was meeting with members to discuss an information picket of campus to have the vans stopped.

The two largest unions on campus called for a halt to the service. UWOPA president Regna Darnell said there was no objection to individual ride sharing but called on the administration to “cease operating the Western Community Vans program.”

UWOSA president David Empey was quoted in local media referring to van drivers as “replacement workers” and seeking a halt to shuttles.

An anonymous note being taken to campus community was passed around campus.

“Friends gave me a ride home every day,” says Anna Sokoluk, a third-year nursing student, says it takes an hour by foot to get to campus.

“Normally I take the bus every day,” she says, adding the shuttle was “very helpful.”

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■ Expansion of King’s University College/Brescia University College campus shuttle.

■ Muskrats are helping to “move Muskrats” with the Flag A Ride program. The campus community can tag vehicles or backpacks to be identified as a person willing to provide or receive a ride. Tags available at InfoSource in the UCC.

■ London drivers have been asked to steer clear of campus streets for through travel. Signs were posted at the Richmond Gates, Philip Aziz Drive and Lambton Drive.

■ A password-protected website helps students, faculty and staff arrange rides with other members of the campus community traveling to and from the campus for the Share a Ride program. The UCC gym has been opened to provide secure storage of bicycles.

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Wang, a PhD student at the Richard Ivey School of Business, says she is fortunate not to have classes every day. As her first time on the shuttle, she says “it’s very convenient.”

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A one-time amendment approved by The University of Western Ontario Senate permits tests and assignments during the last week of classes.

To accommodate students who missed tests or assignments during the fall because of a flu-like illness, Senate approved last Friday a temporary suspension of the policy that prohibits the scheduling tests and examinations during the last week of classes.

The change allows students to write make-up assignments or tests, if needed, in order to meet course/progression requirements. The last day of classes is Wednesday, Dec. 9.

Senate member John Corrigan (Chemistry) raised concerns about whether the change was “somewhat punitive for missing a midterm or an assignment.”

Faculty of Social Science Dean Brian Timney, who presented the motion on behalf of the Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Awards, says deans’ offices can waive the requirement to complete the assignment or test.

“We don’t anticipate this will be widespread; there won’t be a tremendous amount of tests,” he says.

The provisions in the policy on Scheduling Tests/examinations will be suspended for the fall of 2009 only.
Focus on Andean archeology

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of archaeological fieldwork. The new research site and proposed centre, however, are a mere five kilometres from the Gallinazo Group, the name of the unique archaeological site. The entire site is approximately 70 hectares, or roughly the size of Western’s campus, says Millaire.

The site is not only unique in its size, but in an untouched state. While the valley where Lima, the capital city, is located has been completely urbanized and any archeological evidence destroyed, the Gallinazo Group is “still largely pristine.”

The site contains the first examples of “urban agglomeration,” says Millaire. Dried bricks are visible at ground level and the students are interested in unearthing ancient palaces, plazas, and other remnants of ancient Andean culture.

“We’re peeling back layer by layer and recovering all sorts of clues. We’re trying to reconstruct (pre-Hispanic society).”

The proposed Guanape Research Centre will house whatever archeological evidence is recovered, says Millaire, since no artifacts can leave the country. Previously, any artifacts Millaire recovered have been stored in government-owned facilities and have not been accessible to students.

The initial fundraising drive for this project has been set at $150,000, says Timney. The money will be used for student grants and to start constructing the new research centre. The centre will be built incrementally, says Millaire, and will eventually include dormitories, lab space, offices, a kitchen, and accommodations for a local custodial family to occupy the building year-round.

“Western has developed an interest in South and Central America,” says Timney. He notes the University of Alberta is known for its research in paleontology, and says that Western hopes to become known as a major player in Andean archeology.

The initiative is not only beneficial for research purposes, Timney adds, but contributes to Western’s Strategic Plan for Internationalization, which seeks to “expand the university’s international presence beyond the traditional confines of North America,” according to the plan’s executive summary.
Music prof hits top 50 list

John Hess, a Don Wright Faculty of Music professor, has been named one of Canada’s top 50 outstanding musicians who have shaped the country’s music scene and reputation.

The Canadian Music Centre celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. In recognition, the CMC lauded 50 outstanding Canadian performers and conductors who have played exceptional roles in shaping the Canadian music scene and raising the profile of Canadian music. The recognition was given at an event Nov. 9 at the National Arts Centre.

Hess is the recognized authority on contemporary opera and song in Canada and is Co-Artistic Director of Toronto’s Queen of Puddings Music Theatre. He has been involved with the creation of many new productions for the Canadian Opera Company and has collaborated with virtually every contemporary opera company in Canada. At the Banff Centre for the Arts, he served as Associate Artistic Director of the 20th Century Opera and Song program.

Hess is equally in demand as a vocal coach and pianist. He works regularly with Ben Heppner in Canada and other recent performances of note include recitals with Measha Brüggegorsman, Jane Archibald and Wendy Nielsen. He is heard regularly on CBC Radio and has recorded numerous CDs, including the complete vocal works of Canadian composer Harry Somers with singers Valdine Anderson, Jean Stilwell and Heppner.

As a member of the music faculty at The University of Western Ontario, Hess directs the first master’s program in Collaborative Piano in Canada. He holds a doctorate in musical arts from the University of Michigan.

A complete list of honorees is at http://musiccentre.ca/50th/CMC-ambassadors.html.
**COMING EVENTS**

**Men’s Basketball** - Queen’s at Western. 3 p.m.
**Women’s Hockey** - UOT at Western. 4 p.m.

Don Wright Faculty of Music - Trio Albonata performs two Brahms trios, Derek Court, horn, joins the members of Trio Albonata, Annette Hackert, violin, and Elizabeth Bergmann, viola at Kuster Hall, 8 p.m.

Brescia University College - Fall Preview Day - An opportunity for prospective students to learn more about the programs and services at Brescia 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Visit: brescia.uwo.ca/future/connections/fallpreviewday2009/keepsanction/eform.html

**November 22**

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**November 23**

Department of Physiology and Pharmacology - Boris Hinz, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto. “What is a myofibroblast?” DSB, Room 438-7220 est. at 12 p.m.

Oncology Grand Rounds - Department of Oncology and London Regional Cancer Program. Tracey Scherf, University of Colorado Comprehensive Cancer Center. “SBRT for lung and liver metastases: Lessons learned from the University of Colorado Multi-Center Trials” Room 63-304/512 at 1 p.m.

**November 24**

Track and Field - P & W Intracural at Western. 4:30 - 7 p.m.

Senior Alumni Program - Lorne Campbell, Department of Psychology, Western. “Taming the Flames of Love - Research on feelings of love in marriage” McKellar Room. UCC, 9:30 - 11 a.m.

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**Student Services Bulletin**

- **Last day to drop** - November 30
- **Last day to drop** a full course and full-year half course (On-Campus Day, Evening and Distance Studies) without academic penalty.
- **SDC’s Writing Support Centre**
  - The Writing Support Centre delivers one-on-one appointments and group workshops. Workshops are tailored for both undergraduate and graduate students. We also offer separate workshops for English Language Learners. Sign up for a workshop at www.sdc.uwo.ca/workshop.
- **SDC’s Learning Skills Services**
  - The counselors in the Learning Help Centre can help you achieve your academic goals. The Help Centre provides students with learning skills assistance on a drop-in basis. Check us out during our newly extended hours in room 907, SDC, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
  - **Forum** - 9:50 - 5:30 p.m. University Hospital Auditorium. A more at www.calgary/db/index.html.
  - **Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology** - Craig Simmons, University of Toronto. “Micronuronal regulation of stem cells in the cortical valve.” MSB 148. 12:30 p.m.
  - **Don Wright Faculty of Music** - Trio Albonata performs two Brahms trios, Derek Court, horn, joins the members of Trio Albonata, Annette Hackert, violin, and Elizabeth Bergmann, viola at Kuster Hall, 8 p.m.
  - **Physics & Astronomy Colloquium** - Luc Simard, Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics, Victoria, BC. “The Universe meets databases: How structures in galaxies emerged from chaos.” Physics & Astronomy 122, 130 p.m.

**Regular Features**

- **Careers**
- **Student Services Bulletin**
- **SDC’s Indigenous Services**
  - Please come by our new location in room 1001, SDC to find out about our events and services. Look us up online at www.sdc.uwo.ca/indigenous/
- **Student Central**
  - Student Central (formerly room 100) is now located in room 1030 of the new Western Student Services building attached to the UCC. Visit our office Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We look forward to seeing you in our new location.
  - Visit us on the web at student.services.uwo.ca

A central Web site displays advertisements for all vacant academic positions. The following positions are among those advertised at www. uwo.ca/ prov/facultyandjobs/jobs/index-jobs. html. Please review, or contact the faculty, school or department directly.

**FULL-TIME APPOINTMENTS**

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Michael Groden (English) gave an invited keynote presentation, “Living and Working with Joyce: Texts, Manuscripts, Collections, Collectors,” at a symposium at the University of Zurich honoring Fritz Senn, founding director of the Zurich James Joyce Foundation.

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