By Paul Mayne

While the state of the economy seems to be in a tailspin, the business of debating and pondering the world's financial systems is a raging success.

Case in point: Western's Economic Students' Association (ESA). Two years ago the club was facing 'corporate downsizing' as it languished with only 22 members.

Enter Matthew Ball and a few friends. Call it a re-organization, inspired leadership or just incredible luck at leading the club at a time when the economy is the world's biggest story, but the ESA now boasts 550 members across the campus.

With a new executive structure, updated website, a slick new publication, aggressive pursuit of major speakers, strong marketing campaign and word of mouth, the ESA is stronger than ever.

“The first year was about getting a feel for the club, how to successfully run it and promote it, as well as determining its niche, its potential, and developing a talented executive,” says Ball, ESA co-president with Anshul Ruparell, both Ivey students.

Since then the executive hasn’t slowed a bit.

They recruited a team of economic analysts, restarted the club's biweekly analyst meetings, held several exam review sessions, created a new sponsorship package, re-vamped the website (which now includes an interactive resource 'wiki'), created an off-line economics and financial tutorial booklet, and daily analyst reports.

And if that isn't enough, they have a bi-weekly newspaper called The Economic Outlook with a circulation of more than 1,200.

"We spark debates among members; we stimulate conversation on a wide variety of economic issues," says Ball. "It's what we're all about."

He adds the most important aspect of the club is its multi-disciplinary approach. It's not a club just for Economic students, but a club for those interested in strengthening their non-curricular knowledge of the economy and who love to share opinions.

While the executive meets on a regular basis, with so many members general meetings are pretty much out of the question. Enter online discussion boards and the bi-weekly newspaper.

"Blending secondary reporting with first-hand analysis and opinion, the articles seek to explain the causes, consequences and values of major economic, financial and political movements worldwide," says Ball, adding they hope to stimulate Western's economic interests.

Along with a number of study and review sessions throughout the year, members also benefit from what has become a strong recruiting program.

Over the past year, representatives have personally approached the ESA from several major investment banks and asset management firms, such as Morgan Stanley and Merrill Lynch, for direct recruitment for their regional internship programs across their North American and Asia Pacific regions.

One of the ESA's major events is its speaker series. Last year, the club hosted former federal Assistant Deputy Minister and Senior Vice President of TD Bank, Don Drummond.

On Nov. 26, the club welcomes former Canadian prime minister Paul Martin, who will speak at Alumni Hall on the current financial crisis and his life in politics. A question and answer period, and a book signing will follow the speech.

Tickets for the 2 p.m. game at Ivor Wynne Stadium in Hamilton are going fast. Here are some ways to get your tickets: visit ticketmaster.ca, westernmustangs.ca, call 905-547-2418 or 519-661-4077.

Alumni Hall

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**Western virologist Yong Kang reviews a printout of DNA sampling with research associate Elizabeth Banasikowska.**

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**Will a new approach create cure for HIV?**

**By Paul Mayne**

After more than 20 years of laboring on an HIV/AIDS vaccine, Yong Kang’s research has reached an historic moment.

The professor in the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry’s Department of Immunology & Microbiology is excited to see his vaccine enter an important testing phase this month in the United States.

If the initial toxicity tests prove successful, phase 1 human clinical trials could begin as early as three months from now at a number of sites in North America involving HIV positive individuals not yet symptomatic with AIDS.

“We have been working on this project for over 20 years,” says Kang.

“It has been a long, painful process, but we have gotten to this stage now, to test our vaccine, and see whether or not it can prevent HIV infections. Despite the tremendous amount of scientists working on this project, to date there has not been an effective vaccine.”

Kang and his team have invested years getting to this point; even so, they are certainly not alone in having created a vaccine that could potentially curb the deadly toll of this virus.

According to the HIV Vaccine Trial Network, there are 13 ongoing clinical trials, each representing years of work and countless dead ends, each approaching the potential solution in a different way, and each representing hope.

“Over the 20-year period there has been some ups and downs because of the failure of some of the well-known trials, therefore when we see that kind of failure we are discouraged. However our strategy is not the same as the others, so in some way we are encouraged to see whether our vaccine strategy will work better,” says Kang.

The genetically engineered vaccine, produced in large quantities in a Maryland lab, uses what he calls a killed whole HIV-1. The idea is the vaccine would prime T-cells to destroy cells harboring HIV, essentially curing a patient of the virus.

The vaccine is licensed to Sumagen Canada Inc, a subsidiary of Curocom of Korea, which is fully funding Kang’s work on the vaccine.

“I really hope for the success of our vaccine, not just for our company and The University of Western Ontario, but for all humankind,” says Dong Joon Kim, CEO of Sumagen.

Ted Hewitt, Western’s Vice-President (Research and International Relations), says after a long and intensive process, Kang has been issued one of only a very few HIV vaccine patents in the world.

“He has developed the technology to take it this far in a process where dozens of other potential vaccines, from much larger institutions globally have failed,” says Hewitt. “We are tremendously proud of Dr. Kang’s accomplishments to this point.”

Kang says while he sees the trials of fellow scientists worldwide fail, which he admits can be discouraging, he is confident his approach to the vaccine is a step others have not taken.

“It has been a tremendous effort to engineer or design a vaccine,” says Kang, adding “this type of research and development is so important for humankind to saving millions of lives.”

“The success of this vaccine will really help the millions and millions of people around the world affected by HIV/AIDS,” says Kang, noting the AIDS pandemic has killed 25 million people and infected 40 million more. “We can save lives around the world. This is a very important step.”

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Bylaw turns down the volume

By Paul Mayne

City residents may need to curb their shouting, yelling and loud whistling after 9 p.m. downtown and around campus if a proposed noise bylaw gets finalized and passed.

In January, facing higher fines, cost recovery for repeat offenders and expanded enforcement by London Police and municipal bylaw officers, a draft bylaw was passed this week by council. It will be circulated for 90 days before council consideration in March.

London’s current noise bylaw is enforced by London Police, which received 5,800 complaints in 2007 covering issues such as stereo and barking dogs, curling and gatherings after 9 p.m. downtown and getting tested for HIV.

The bylaw, as was already the case, will still inform the city of the situation in which Western simply informs the city of the need for organizers to obtain a special events exemption of the bylaw, as was already the case. The only change will be a ‘low impact’ noise complaints, removing ‘police to handle larger complaints such as big parties.

Still, there would be consideration for planned events such as Western’s annual Orientation Week for incoming students.

Katolyk says Orientation Week would fall under the Special Events exemption of the bylaw, as was already the case. The only change will be a need for organizers to obtain a permit, as opposed to the current situation in which Western simply informs the city of the planned activities.

Most city noise complaints are centred on Richmond Row and on Fleming Drive near Fanshawe College. Katolyk says while the bylaw will have more teeth, adherence needs to be a two-way street.

While most complaints are legitimate, he says others, such as those that have been made about cheering from Mustang football games, are frivolous.

“They need to be a reasonable balance,” says Katolyk. “We live in an urban environment and there will be noise; it’s not a country setting. But at the same time we all need to be considerate to the people who live in and work in the city.”

USC offers 60-second HIV test

By Heather Travis

The University Students’ Council (USC) is offering a 60-second HIV test to students at the University of Western Ontario during AIDS Awareness Week, Nov. 24-28.

For three days, Nov. 24-25 and 28, The Options Clinic, which offers four Rapid HIV Testing sites in the London area, will set up a satellite location at the University Community Centre to administer the Rapid HIV Test.

The anonymous testing includes a 10-20 minute pre-counselling session to evaluate at-risk behaviour, as well as 20 minutes of post-test counselling.

The Rapid HIV test, regulated by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, involves a small blood sample that tests for antibodies to HIV. Results are available within a minute, compared to traditional testing which can take several weeks.

Anyone with a positive result will be referred for further testing.

Appointments will be held in a private, low-traffic area of the UCC and students can make an appointment or drop-in.

Cara Eng, USC Vice-President Campus Issues, hopes to reach students who would otherwise not get tested.

“A lot of students have a lot of fear and anxiety about going downtown and getting tested and coming back with whatever results,” she says. “Since our campus is such a safe space … we wanted to bring this here so they could have HIV testing in their own home.”

“We are pretty confident that given the steps we are taking, we will be able to keep it safe and ensure that everyone who wants to get tested can.”

Appointments will be made directly with The Options Clinic and students have the option to register under an alias name.

“A clinic often has a sterile feeling and for anyone who wants to get HIV testing … they are very anxious. Providing a more comfortable location that isn’t a medical location gives them that extra comfort,” says Eng.

The USC hopes to expand testing into a bi-weekly program beginning in January.

Although Student Health Services is not involved, clinical director Shelagh Bantock says it fully supports the initiative.

“I think we need to try this and see if it’s another way to access those who are otherwise not getting tested and probably should be,” she says.

“We are trying to look out for the whole student body. It is difficult for some students to really acknowledge that this might be their situation and this may or may not help.”

Events during AIDS Awareness Week will highlight the growing number of university-aged people who are contracting the infection and the importance of getting tested, says Eng.

Some special guests include the AIDS Committee of London, Style Society of UWO, the Western Adventist Students’ Association, and Western Heads East.

Students are encouraged to participate in various campaigns during this week, including the Meaning of AIDS Arts Contest, as well as attend the We All Have AIDS event on Dec. 1—World AIDS Day—at The Spoke.

Information on the times and locations of the Rapid HIV testing sessions will be available at www.usc.uwo.ca.

Prospective students flood Preview Day

By Heather Travis

With the number of visitors up 10 per cent, heavy rain didn’t dampen the interest of prospective students who turned out Nov. 15 for The University of Western Ontario’s Fall Preview Day.

Lori Gribbon, Director, Undergraduate Recruitment and Admissions, says 8,766 students and their families toured the university’s facilities and sat in on program sessions, compared to last year’s showing of 7,969 students.

“Surprisingly a lot of people who registered did show up,” she says. “I think Western’s reputation for being a well-rounded school for academic and extracurricular (activities) is getting out.”

Gribbon described many of the faculty presentations as “bursting at the seams,” with a steady flow of students and family members checking out what Western has to offer. To avoid the raindrops, many visitors piled onto the chartered London Transit buses to travel between faculties.

“We are the last Fall Preview Day on the schedule,” says Gribbon, “hopefuly it will be a lasting memory.”

Grade 12 student Donovan Kerry, of St. Catharines, took a tour of the Faculty of Health Sciences and was impressed by the facilities. He also took advantage of the mini lecture to get a feel for what it was like to be a university student.

“I like this,” he says. “I don’t really want to go to a huge university.”

The university also left an impression on Kerry’s parents, Ian and Jackie.

“The quality of the program is the most important thing,” she says. “To see a building like this is state-of-the-art, you know they will have the best to work with.”

“Western is internationally recognized. That goes a long way when a student is coming out of school (graduating),” adds Ian.

Grade 12 students Andrea Minaker and Bianca Sparacino of Ajax examine the Fall Preview Day schedule on the steps inside the Arthur & Sonia Labatt Health Sciences Building.
WHERE’S PRIDE IN CANADA’S HISTORY, GOVERNMENT?

I just read Preston Manning’s article in Western News and agree wholeheartedly with him. Having lived in the U.S., as an adult for 20 years, I have been exposed to their political system and find it much more exciting and involved than in Canada.

The presidential election seems lengthy but it does allow the electorate to examine in depth the candidates and the issues. The addition of propositions on the ballot also serves to involve the public in important decisions and expenditures.

I was visiting Washington, D.C. on election day this year and spent several days glued to television to watch the “miracle” of that country electing its first black president. When the results were announced, people were in tears, of joy and disbelief. Complete strangers hugged and talked to each other of this unprecedented event. The mood was of elation and great anticipation for the future.

American children are taught from the earliest age to be proud of their country. One has only to attend a Fourth of July parade in small town America to understand patriotism. When they strike up the band, everyone is involved. One half of the town is in the parade – children on foot, in wagons, buggies, bicycles, to seniors in convertibles. The other half crowds the sidewalks, waving the flags, cheering on the procession, to be followed by picnics in the parks, on streets, in homes, etc.

The pledge of allegiance says it all and when my children were in American schools, the pledge was recited daily. And it is also recited at many public events and gatherings. American history and American presidents are an integral part of education in the United States, as are the stories of the American Revolution, the Civil War and the Civil Rights experience. I wish Canadian children could have a similar experience. How many know who their Prime Ministers have been since 1967?

Children have to be taught not only pride of self, pride of family, and pride of country but the mechanics of democracy and government and they need it all through their formative years. It can be taught in the home, in the school, and through the media – newspaper, television, theatre and through debates, summer camps and activities, etc. Why not a semester of political discussions, government policies, debates, trips to government institutions during the high school years? How about more speakers from the various political parties and think tanks during that time, as well? Perhaps young people could “adopt” a politician for a year. Why couldn’t a classroom from Canada “twin” with a classroom from the U.S.? Mock elections can teach students about the political system. Knowledge brings not only power but self-confidence and pride!

The American system isn’t perfect but it does help to develop a deep understanding and pride in the political system in that country. Maybe there’s hope for Canada, as well.

Patricia Pettigrew
B.A. 1955 (Brescia University College)

LOOKING BACK

The Western News archives from November 17, 1988

Meg Gailly was named the coordinator of Foot Patrol, a new campus initiative to begin in January of 1989. Gailly’s experience with women’s issues at the Sexual Assault Centre of London and her awareness of resources available within the London community contributed to her selection as the winning candidate.

As part of USC’s Anti-Drug and Alcohol campaign, a crashed automobile was placed outside of the UCC with a sign warning, “If you are going to drink tonight and intend to drive, please remember to hug your roommate goodbye”.

The Renaissance Drive, a fundraising project to launch on Tuesday, Nov. 22, 1988, was an attempt at the “revival” of the Western community. To ensure continued external funding for the university, the project first aimed to reach $1 million in pledges from faculty and staff. The efforts were to be used for “updating facilities and planning for the 21st century”.

To attract sponsors for the United Way campaign, students Ray Dilling and Dan McIntyre planned to climb to the top of the London City Centre Tower five times on Saturday Nov. 26, 1988. The students had climbed Toronto’s CN Tower.

– compiled by Caterina White

THE WAY WE WERE: 1970

Beginning in 1969 the western edges of the main campus underwent a major transformation. Carpenters Stan Dale and Gary Fentic tie forms together during construction of the D B Weldon Library. Behind them ground preparation is underway for the University Community Centre. Beyond that is University Hospital, which would open in another two years. The Weldon Library, a radical departure from the traditional gothic architecture around campus, was described by one senior official as “a brutal departure in the building of the campus”.

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Can robots become eyes and hands of surgeons?

By Paul Mayne

Don’t be surprised if the next time you need an operation, the doctor conducting the surgery is not in the same room — or, for that matter, in the same city.

That is some of the exciting work coming out of Canadian Surgical Technologies & Advanced Robotics (CSTAR), a collaborative research and education program of The University of Windsor, London Health Sciences Centre, Lawson Health Research Institute and St. Joseph’s Health Care.

Western professor Rajni Patel, Director of Engineering at CSTAR, shared the ground-breaking work in use of robotics in surgery with senior alumni earlier this month.

“The technology we are creating will help improve surgery techniques,” says Patel, adding minimally invasive surgery allows for quicker healing. “It’s more efficient, safer and less traumatic for the patient.”

He adds with the ongoing long waits for surgery, along with the fact by 2026 the 55+ population in Canada will exceed 15 million, the commercialization of robotics and computer-assisted surgery technology will soon be a $2.8-billion market.

Patel says CSTAR provides an environment that enables meaningful collaboration of researchers, engineers and surgery clinicians who, together, identify solutions to current and future challenges in surgical care.

“There are very few facilities like CSTAR where you’ll find this level of collaboration,” says Patel, noting in the last five to seven years close to 10,000 surgeries have been done using minimally invasive robotic technology, which is huge considering the $2.5-million price tag for some pieces of equipment.

“By addressing new technology, this will in turn bring down the costs,” says Patel. CSTAR, a 22,500-square-foot facility in the Lindros Legacy Research Pavilion at Western, integrates research, development, preclinical and clinical testing, validation, commercialization and clinical implementation of Minimally Invasive Surgery (MIS) technologies and robotics.

Through this integration, CSTAR looks to ‘close the gap’ between newly developed MIS technologies and their implementation in clinical care.

For example, during a coronary bypass operation, laparoscopic surgery allows for just three to four small incisions instead of opening the entire chest. While this has benefits, negatives include awkward hand-eye coordination, surgeon fatigue and 2-D viewing.

Through robotic assisted surgery, there is enhanced visual steadiness, greater depth perception with 3-D viewing, and an ergonomic console for the surgeon.

“Robotics is a significant step forward for laparoscopic surgery,” says Patel.

While the technology is ahead of its time, there are still setbacks that need to be overcome. With robotic laparoscopic surgery, there is no sense of touch for the surgeon.

“Quite a lot of what we do in our day-to-day lives involve the sense of touch,” says Patel. “You want your surgeon to be able to feel, for example, the tissue as accurately as possible.”

A common concern is the human component is being diminished, overshadowed by computer technology.

No worries, says Patel, the near future does not include telling robots kicking surgeons out of the operating room.

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IN PROFILE: NEW FACULTY

‘This year I’m old, but new again’

By Lauren Baron

When Lisa Archibald decided to do a PhD in psychology six years ago, she didn’t know that pursuing her education would take her around the world.

After 14 years of working as a clinical speech and language pathologist in Hamilton and London, Ont., Archibald, 43, set off to the University of Durham in Durham, England, to research the speech and memory skills of children who have trouble with language.

It wasn’t just the sights of Durham that Archibald got to see. Taking advantage of her location, she set out to see the world. She visited places in the United Kingdom such as London and Stonehenge and climbed two of the nation’s highest peaks. Her travels took her to Dublin and Barcelona; she spent a Christmas in Paris, saw the Canadian war memorials in Belgium and France, and took a cruise to Egypt and Turkey.

Her favourite trip was to Salzburg, Austria. It was on that trip that Archibald won a beer for knowing the name of the mountain in The Sound of Music. Untersberg.

She’s now back in London, Ont., embarking on a research and academic career looking at the tie between memory and speech impairment. She’s an assistant professor at Brock University.

She took her husband and two children who have trouble with language.

“By then Lisa Archibald

Assistant professor, School of Communication Sciences and Disorders

Describes herself as: Friendly, thoughtful, determined, efficient

Favourite job: Working in the speech and language clinic at Western. “It was a job you could be very creative with.”

If she could have any other job in the world she would be: professional volleyball player

Hobbies: Driving her children to all their activities. “The role of being a professor and a mother is all I can cope with.”

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She usually decides that her children benefit from her career. They have the skills to survive in a new setting, and have strong personalities, said Archibald, “and I think they learned that because of their life experiences, so in the end I think it’s been an advantage for them.”

Archibald’s daughter, Ellen, admires her mother for making those choices.

“She’s never really let anything get in her way to stop her from getting what she wanted ... She doesn’t even let other countries stop her from doing what she wants to do.”

Archibald always carried the idea of a PhD in her head, and was finally able to start achieving that goal in 2002.

“I sent in a number of applications of which the very, very last one came through for funding and three months later (my family and I) were in England,” she said.

“I still can’t quite believe it.”

She took her husband and two children across the Atlantic and into the family residence of the world.

“It was a great experience ... Everyone who had come from all kinds of different countries were in the complex. ... It was a little bit of a glass house because we took time from our careers and didn’t pay mortgages and didn’t worry about savings and all the life-reality things.”

Upon completing her PhD, Archibald moved back to London, Ont., settling in at Western for post-doctorate work in psychology. She has been back for three years.

This year she’s teaching the same classes she has since returning to London. But now she’s in a permanent position.

“I announced to my students, ‘This year I’m old, but new again.’”

The writer is a graduate student in Journalism.

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Longstaffe cautiously optimistic about student aid

By Heather Travis

University of Western Ontario Provost & Vice President (Academic) Fred Longstaffe remains “cautiously hopeful” the economic downturn will not affect student financial assistance.

Speaking to Senate, Longstaffe offered some certainty in uncertain times about how the university was responding to financial market turmoil.

Planned payouts of endowed funds, used to support student scholarships and bursaries, have been made for 2008-2009 and are not affected by market volatility.

“There is no need to be concerned about that in the short-term,” he says.

But looking to the future, Longstaffe says the university is in an “underwater situation” because endowments have declined below original values by about $15-million.

“We are now looking at the various options that we might have to resolve that underwater situation,” he says.

“We are cautiously hopeful that there will not be an impact on students arising from that,” he adds.

“We would like to hope we can get those endowments fully capitalized again and proceed forward.”

The university expects to have a better understanding of the impact on endowed funds in January.

He also says the financial challenges, including an expected increase in the ‘Initial Budgetary Reduction’ for each university unit, will create staffing challenges, such as whether the university can replace staff or hire new faculty.

CANCELLLED COURSES

Senate approved withdrawal of diploma and certificate programs in Organizational Development, effective Sept. 1, 2008. Similarly, admission to the Honors Specialization in Applied Quantitative Information Technology module was discontinued due to a low demand for these programs.

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS

Senate recommended several new awards and scholarships, including:

• Seymour Schulich Award in Education – For a full-time student in the Bachelor of Education program (Primary Junior or Junior Intermediate) who is committed to building literacy in students. The award was established through sale of Schulich’s “Get Smarter” book at the Bookstore. Valued at $2,000.

• Dr. Egon Beiler and Family Award – For any student who is a contributing member of the wrestling team. The award was established by Egon Beiler (DD’81) and Carol Beiler (BA’79) and family through Foundation Western. Valued at $1,125 (effective May 2009) and $2,250 (May 2010).

• Grant Reuber Graduate Scholarships in Economics – This $5,000 scholarship will be awarded annually to two full-time graduate students pursuing a Master’s or PhD in Economics. The scholarship was established by the E.W. Bickle Foundation in honour of Grant Reuber. Effective for 2009-2010 to 2013-2014 inclusively.

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The professorship is made possible through a gift from the MBA class of 1980 and Pierre L. Morrissette.

Huron soars past UW goal

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The money is raised primarily through payroll deduction and one-time donations, but Huron also held Casual Fridays and shared leftover Halloween candy for a donation.

This wasn’t the first time Huron has exceeded its United Way fundraising goal. Cliff, who has headed the school’s campaign since 2002, says last year staff and faculty surpassed its $5,000 goal by $300.

In setting this year’s goal, Cliff was hoping to match last year’s total.

Western’s United Way campaign continues with money raised to-date totaling $339,106 or 65 per cent of the $550,000 goal. For more on the campaign, visit http://unitedway.uwo.ca.

Constitutional ‘rights’ examined

Larry Alexander, one of the world’s leading constitutional law scholars, will deliver the first annual Coxford Lecture at Western Law. Alexander will speak on “Of Living Trees and Dead Hands: The Interpretation of Constitutional Rights”. The talk takes place on Nov. 26 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Room 38 in the Faculty of Law.

Alexander is a professor at the University of San Diego and author of more than 150 scholarly articles. This lecture series was created through a gift of $150,000 from Stephen R. Coxford LLB ‘77, a member of Western’s Board of Governors.

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“I simply informed our folks of the tremendous need the United Way will be facing this year, and the increased strain many agencies will see, and they truly opened their hearts to the cause,” says Cliff. “I’m so proud of everyone.”

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This wasn’t the first time Huron has exceeded its United Way fundraising goal. Cliff, who has headed the school’s campaign since 2002, says last year staff and faculty surpassed its $5,000 goal by $300.

In setting this year’s goal, Cliff was hoping to match last year’s total.

Western’s United Way campaign continues with money raised to-date totaling $339,106 or 65 per cent of the $550,000 goal. For more on the campaign, visit http://unitedway.uwo.ca.

Constitutional ‘rights’ examined

Larry Alexander, one of the world’s leading constitutional law scholars, will deliver the first annual Coxford Lecture at Western Law. Alexander will speak on “Of Living Trees and Dead Hands: The Interpretation of Constitutional Rights”. The talk takes place on Nov. 26 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Room 38 in the Faculty of Law.

Alexander is a professor at the University of San Diego and author of more than 150 scholarly articles. This lecture series was created through a gift of $150,000 from Stephen R. Coxford LLB ‘77, a member of Western’s Board of Governors.

Valued at $1,125 (effective May 2009) and $2,250 (May 2010).

Grant Reuber Graduate Scholarships in Economics – This $5,000 scholarship will be awarded annually to two full-time graduate students pursuing a Master’s or PhD in Economics. The scholarship was established by the E.W. Bickle Foundation in honour of Grant Reuber. Effective for 2009-2010 to 2013-2014 inclusively.

MBA PROFESSORSHIP IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Senate recommends a MBA80 Professorship in Entrepreneurship be established at the Richard Ivey School of Business for a five-year period (effective Oct. 1, 2008).

The professorship is made possible through a gift from the MBA class of 1980 and Pierre L. Morrissette.
Environmental Friend

Scientist and advocate David Suzuki brought his message of environmentalism to Western Monday, speaking at Alumni Hall. Prior to his talk, Suzuki had the opportunity to tour the university’s new Biotron Experimental Climate Change Research Centre. Here, Biotron principal investigator and Canada Research Chair (Environmental Stress Biology) Norm Hüner explains to Suzuki some of the work going on at Western.

Listen to Western’s news Western In 5 podcast at www.uwo.ca
Market crisis, retirement plans

The Joint Pension Board invites retirement plan members and spouses to a special meeting of the retirement plans on Dec. 1.

With the current volatility of the financial markets, members have expressed concern about their pension plan and their investment decisions. This session will provide an update and give members the opportunity to ask questions.

The session will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. in University College Room 142.

The following topics will be covered:

- Overview of the current market conditions
- Western’s response to the market crisis
- External managers’ portfolio positioning
- Differences between the Money Market Fund and the Target-Date Funds
- Restructuring of the Diversified Equity Fund
- Update on asset-backed commercial paper
- Perspectives on the market
- Review of historical equity, fixed income and money market returns; overview of current market valuations; investing in the stock market during a recession; can the North American stock markets experience the same decline as Japan has experienced since the late 80s?
- Registration is not required, but room capacity is limited. Representatives will be available to answer questions after the formal presentation.
- Questions can be submitted in advance by e-mail at mbelang7@uwo.ca. Submissions must be made prior to Nov. 24.

HEALTHY FAMILIES, HEALTH EATING

Human Resources has scheduled two lunch-hour meetings to help employees as part of its ongoing ‘wellbeing’ series.

Wednesday, Nov. 26 - Social Science Centre (SSC) - Room 3018 - “HEALTHY FAMILIES” - Society is so focused on “do this, schedule that, enroll your kids in this activity”, that we are often left feeling scattered and disconnected with our family and ourselves. This workshop gives participants an opportunity to ground themselves in what really matters in their family. Participants will explore different aspects of being a healthy family, how this can be influenced by beliefs, goals and ideas of family. This workshop will assist participants in assessing where they are at as a family and begin to find ways of creating more of what really matters.

Wednesday, Dec. 10 - University College (UC) - Room 142 “HEALTHY EATING” - Make healthy, stress-free, holiday food choices a reality. Learn how to celebrate the holiday season without abandoning the healthy lifestyle you’ve made for yourself and hold firmly to the remaining months of the year. Join Anne Zok, Nutrition Manager with Hospitality Services as she shares tips and tricks on holiday eating.

Presentations run from noon - 1 p.m. Feel free to bring your lunch and refreshment.

Research Western is pleased to announce the following competition:

International Curriculum Fund
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These awards, made from funds provided by the Office of the Associate Vice-President (Research & International Relations), are designed to promote initiatives that support the internationalization of academic programs and/or course curricula at Western. Specifically, the ICF is designed to support efforts that incorporate comparative perspectives and emphasize the development of new courses or programs with significant international content. Funds are also available in support of undergraduate or graduate student travel for courses that include an existing or newly developed study abroad component for Western students.

Grant Amounts:
- Up to $5,000 to support course development or redevelopment
- Up to $10,000 to support program development or redevelopment
- Up to $10,000 per year for 3 years to support student travel for a Study Abroad Program

Deadline:
- Dean’s Office – January 16
- RD&S – January 30

See “What’s Happening in RD&S” for more program information: http://www.uwo.ca/research/ads.html

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Ontario’s Minister of Health Promotion Margarett Best visited the Faculty of Health Sciences Tuesday where she shared how she’s championing health and wellness for all Ontarians through a wide range of programs and services including chronic disease prevention, physical activity, sport participation, injury prevention and mental wellness.
COMING EVENTS

November 20


Bruce McCaffrey Memorial Graduate Seminar Series – Marilla McCargar. “With Love to You Both, Jess: A Case Study of Femininity and Higher Education Among the Second Generation of Female University Students.” SSC-A4 (History Department) 4:30 p.m. All welcome.

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

Visual Arts Department Exhibition – “A Draw- ing Project” closing reception. Art. 5 7 p.m.

Autumn Writes Presents Sally Armstrong – Author of Bitter Roots, Tender Shoots: The Uncertain Fate of Afghanistan’s Women. Presented with the Canadian Centre for Architecture Presents Modern Languages and Literatures. “Collective behaviour of earthquakes and faults” Kresge Bldg. Room 203. 1:30 p.m.

Earth Sciences Colloquium Series – Yehuda Ben-Zion, University of Southern California. “Collective behaviour of earthquakes and faults” Kresge Bldg. Room 203. 1:30 p.m.

Faculty Mentor Program – “Preparing for Tenure and Promotion Under the Collective Agreement” 3:30 – 3:45 p.m. Room 256, Weldon Library. Program details and registration available at www.uwo.ca/faculty-mentor.

Epidemiology & Biostatistics, Research Seminar – Dr. Neil Klair and Dr. Mark Specterley, Associate Professors, Dept of Epidemiology and Biostatistics. “Observational Studies versus Randomized Trials: A Debate about Quality of Evidence” MS 148. 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Philosophy Colloquium – Alice MacLachlan, York University. “Resentment, Injustice and Entitle- ment” TC 141 3:30 - 5 p.m.

November 21
Dr. Hal L. Menten Lecture Series – Jim R. Dave, Director Manitoba Institute of Cell Biology. “Role of Isocitrate H2 and Isocitrate dehydrogenase 2 phosphorylation in gene expression” MS 184. 10:30 a.m.

Department of Geography – United Way Annual Talent Show! This bawling and entertaining fundraiser costs just a toonie to enter, with further fees (by offer) to enter. There will be a toonie plates (homemade baking) for sale, the proceeds from the photography contest and end- less entertainment. SSC 2233. 12 – 3 p.m.

Don Wright Faculty of Music – CGG. The internationally acclaimed Canadian Guitar Duo returns with Beethoven, Rossini, and some lans, von Kuster Hall. 10:30 a.m.

Visual Arts Department Speaker Series – Brendan Fernandes, “Mixed Media / Installation Artist, New York.” SAC 101. 11 a.m.

Don Wright Faculty of Music – USC presents Smoky Joe’s Cafe Rock and roll, rhythm and blues and pop standards garnered this musical theatre revue seven Tony Award nominations. The New York production became the longest-running revue in Broadway history. Althouse College, 8 p.m. & 2 p.m. For tickets contact Orchestra London at 519-679-8778. Runs until Nov. 22.

November 22
Psychology Colloquium – Carine Demé: Future Discounting, Risk-Taking, and Homicide. Martin Daly and Margo Wilson, Department of Psy- chology, Neuroscience & Behaviour, McMaster University. 3 – 4 p.m. Room 3345, Somerville House. Reception after the talk. psychology.uwo. ca/speakers.htm

Department of Geography – Danny Harvey, University of Toronto. “Achieving deep and rapid reductions in fossil fuel CO2 emissions.” Social Science Centre, Room 2333. 3 p.m.

November 23
Museum of Ontario Archaeology – Christmas in a Longhouse Holiday Event. Family event featuring storytelling, children’s holiday craft workshops, penny sale, archaeological demonstrations and samples of Native foods. Tickets adults $4, students $3.25, children $2. 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Don Wright Faculty of Music – USCOSO: Turn of the Last Century Alan Demir is the soloist in Prokofiev’s Piano Concerto No. 1 in F flat Major. Romylo-Korakos’s Capriccio Espagnole and Bartok’s Concerto for orchestra show off the entire orchestra. Alumni Hall, 3 p.m. For tickets call Orchestra London box office at 519-679-8778. Unsold tickets available at door.


November 24
Rehabilitation Sciences/Physical Therapy Seminar – Himanshu Sakhalkar, BPT MSc. Can- didate, School of Physical Therapy. “Effect of Prolonged Vibration on Maximum Voluntary Torque Production in Human Soleus Muscle” Elborn College 1520C. 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Mechanical and Materials Engineering – Franc- co Berruti, Institute for Chemicals and Fuels from Alternative Resources (ICFAR), Depart- ment of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering, Western. “Biofuels and Bioproducts: Issues and Opportunities” Spencer Engineering Building, Room 1201D. 2:30 p.m.

November 25


Oncology Grand Rounds – Department of Oncol- ogy and London Regional Cancer Program. Mark Zygier, University of Ottawa. “The Role of EGFR Inhibition in Colorectal Cancer” Room A3-924 a/b 12 - 1 p.m.

November 26
Lawson Health Research Institute and London Clinical Research Association – 2nd Annual Clin- ical Research Education Day. “Building Blocks of Research” South Street Hospital. 8 a.m. Contact darlene.morley@lhsc.on.ca. phone 519- 866-6000 x 64605.

Wednesday Wellness Series – “Healthy Fami- lies” will assist participants in assessing where they “are at” as a family and begin to find ways of creating more of what really matters. Social Science Centre Room 3018, 12 p.m. Bring your lunch and refreshment. Registration limited. sign up at www.uwo.ca/wellness.

Don Wright Faculty of Music – Symphonic Band. Althouse College, 12:30 p.m.

Faculty of Education Research Seminar Series – Wolfgang Lehmann, Department of Sociology, Western. “Class Encounters: Higher Education and Social Class” The Classroom Room, Room 1139. Faculty of Education 2 – 4 p.m. All welcome, refreshments.

Modern Languages and Literatures presents La Terlulía” 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 TC. Email tertulialudca.ca

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ACADEME


Alison Doherty, School of Kinesiology, attended the 16th European Congress on Sport Management in Heidelberg, Germany where she presented a paper entitled Learning from the Experiences of Older Adult Volunteers in Sport, co-authored by doctoral candidates Katie McNeer and Shannon Ham, and a paper entitled Board Conflict in Voluntary Sport Organizations, also co-authored by Ham.

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