### DIGGING ARCHEOLOGY

Imagine a job that not only encourages you to dig in the ground but also introduces you to your future wife.

**By Terry Rice**

On the campus of The University of Western Ontario, neatly tucked away inside 1,040 cardboard boxes, an expression of Canadian culture like no other quietly sits waiting to be uncovered. Ironically, it’s an Australian professor, Dale Miller, who has blown the lid off this incredible collection of materials known as ‘The Canadian Tire Heritage Collection.’ It’s a treasure trove,” she says.

Miller is referring to a collection that includes hundreds of catalogues dating back to the early 1930s, internal newsletters, annual reports, 39,000 photographs, various versions of Canadian Tire money and hundreds of audio and visual files including some now-famous television ads.

A professor at Griffith University in Queensland, Miller’s research focus is retail history. However, she hasn’t restricted her research to traditional retail. “Ten years ago I bought my first toboggan. I went to Canadian Tire and got one for $16.97. It was fabulous.”

Dale Miller
Professor, Griffith University, Australia

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### FACULTY STRESSED

A new study suggests Canada’s faculty are suffering from stress and almost a third are on the verge of sick leave.

**By Paul Mayne**

Western will not establish an ethical review body for military research.

Earlier this year, Senate member and Faculty of Information and Media Studies professor Nick Dyer-Witheford urged the University Research Board to establish an ethical screening process for military research.

Western has a contract with General Dynamics, the maker of Light Armoured Vehicles (LAVs) to explore options for lighter, stronger materials to provide shielding.

Noting researchers have no control over how their research is used, he says limitations on academic freedom could be warranted and proposed establishing a practical means to review and approve projects with military application.

Ted Hewitt, Vice-President (Research & International Relations), told Senate last week that in the absence of national or other comprehensive guidelines for the conduct of university research, forming an ethical review body on campus to assess military and military-related research was premature.

“We will continue to uphold the principles of openness with our research, but we’re not prepared to make further recommendations,” says Hewitt, who received a letter from members of the G-13 vice-presidents (research) rejecting such a process.

The nation’s major research universities state challenges such as Dyer-Witheford’s have been experienced on other campuses. Still, they would not endorse creation of any national body to establish guidelines since “it is often extremely difficult to establish a chain leading to harm, since in the past many seemingly innocuous research projects have been adapted later to military use.”

A letter of support for Hewitt’s position was also received from the Ontario Council on University Research.

Dyer-Witheford referred to this research, and the university, as being “part of an assembly line” for the military industry, and questioned Western’s partnership should the United States decide to begin attacking Iran.

“Should this occur, and as a member of this university, we are willing to be collaborators in such an attack,” questioned Dyer-Witheford.

Hewitt says the ultimate application of research could not be known. “Of all the research we do at this university there is always a case where it could be used for ends that are controversial.”

“However, I don’t see that as rationale to shut it down, in the instance that it may or may not be used for those purposes.”

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### WESTERN VOLUNTEERS

Our monthly snapshot of how staff and faculty contribute to their community.

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**Canadian Tire archives ‘treasure trove’**

Dale Miller, who has spent six-month study leave. Since early June she has worked hard to familiarize herself with this exceptional corporate collection.

Not only is the collection unique, the company itself has been ahead of its time on several fronts. And that is why Miller is here – she wants to understand what has made Canadian Tire so successful.

Her early research points to a few potential answers.

Leveraging one’s history as a marketing tool is a modern concept, but “Canadian Tire had a sense of their history and position from the beginning.”

**Major universities balk at military ethics review**

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The tale of a summer job that grew

By Cassandra Drudi

Neal Ferris walks toward the Lawson prehistoric Iroquoian village, his feet crunching on gravel. Underfoot lies earth that has played a grounding role in his life, professionally and personally.

On July 1, Ferris assumed the Lawson Chair of Canadian Archaeology at Western. The position is cross-appointed by the department of anthropology and the Museum of Ontario Archaeology at the Lawson site.

Ferris, 46, was born in Montreal, but has spent much of his adult life in southern Ontario. In 1979, after his first year of anthropology at Hamilton’s McMaster University, Ferris got an archaeological summer job in the London area.

At the end of the six-week job, he was hired to work on the Lawson site for the rest of the summer, a site that lies just outside his new office at the museum.

“By the time I went back to Mac in the fall, I was hooked,” he says. Ferris is still hooked on archaeology, and hasn’t strayed far from the London area since. The archeological record of southwestern Ontario is one that continues to compel him.

“You’re dealing with just the stuff people have left in the ground – it’s the sort of accumulated waste,” he says. “But that accumulated waste is a picture of day-to-day living, and it’s how we live day to day that so reinforces who we are.”

After earning his BA from McMaster, Ferris spent 20 years working for the Ontario Ministry of Culture as an archeologist for the province’s southwestern region. He was lucky, he says, to be able to work on his MA at York University and his PhD at McMaster part-time while still working for the government.

During those two decades, Ferris was exposed to the ways in which archeology interacts with contemporary issues like construction and development.

“Archeology is both this product that archeologists are interested in, in studying the past, but it’s also this thing that has a real contemporary resonance,” he says, “especially as we come to grips with the human heritage of Ontario as it plays out today in things like land claims and treaty rights.”

The decision to leave government work was a difficult one, he says, “but man, it’s been a breath of fresh air!”

Besides continuing work on two “baskets” of research, archaeology as a contemporary practice and Ontario archeology of 18th and 19th century aboriginal communities, Ferris also teaches a graduate class.

“I enjoy every week just chatting about this stuff,” he says. “I have to keep telling myself to stop talking.”

But his enjoyment of the academic world didn’t come as a surprise. Ferris’s wife, Manina Jones, has been an English professor at Western since 1995, and through her experiences he was able to get a sense of what a professorial role would be like.

It was on an archeological site in the London region that the couple first met in 1981.

Ferris was working on a dig at the Caradoc Sand Plain near Delaware. Jones was hired on the educational crew that interpreted the archeological information for the public, she says.

Both Ferris and Jones are happy to be working together again.

“I couldn’t have imagined that it would have happened in a better way,” says Jones.

With Ferris at Western, the pair may collaborate in the future, potentially on a project that would examine historical Canadian literature and its contemporary archeology, she says.

Even their two children, Fionn, 8, and Maeve, 5, show an interest in archeology, and often show Ferris shards of 20th-century pottery they find in the garden.

When not busy with his family or work, Ferris finds time for travel, music, reading and cooking.

But moments entirely free of archeology are rare.

“I’ve been active in archeology so long,” says Ferris, “it becomes your vocation as well as your profession in many ways.”

The writer is a graduate student in journalism.

Background

Education: BA McMaster, MA York, PhD McMaster

Research interests: archeology as contemporary practice, Ontario archeology of 18th and 19th century aboriginal communities

Favourite book: any of Ian Rankin’s Detective Rebus books

Favourite cooking ingredients: garlic, limes and chilies

25 YEARS AGO IN WESTERN NEWS

■ Western News is flooded with letters to the editor criticizing Remembrance Day ceremonies described as “a peace rally”, focused on “civil disobedience” and promoting “nuclear disarmament.”

■ Alumni Western says it plans to establish an educational travel program to provide adventurers with a richer vacation experience.

■ The UWO ski club set up a ski equipment swap shop in the UCC.

■ A Statistics Canada survey shows 90 per cent of PhDs are working. About one in eight graduates plans to leave the country for work.

■ Senate has approved consolidation of the Senate and board of Governors offices into a single office – the University Secretariat.

■ Western Mustangs may have beaten Concordia to advance to the Vanier Cup; however someone, strongly suspected as Concordia engineering students, has stolen the blue nylon jackets of coach Darwin Semotuik and assistant coach Larry Haylor.
Food drive seeks ‘can’-do support

By Paul Mayne

Each month almost 2,700 families are assisted by the London Food Bank, about half of whom are children. Something as simple as canned food can make all the difference, says Western Campus Communications Consultant Scott May.

“If everyone on campus were to bring in just one canned good each, the lives of hundreds of local residents would be that much brighter over the holidays,” says May, referring to the annual Western Cares Food Drive, which runs Nov. 28 to Dec. 12.

Last year more than 3,000 pounds of non-perishable food items were collected across campus, adding to the success of the city-wide Business Cares Food Drive which brought in more than 100,000 pounds and collected $38,000 for the London Food Bank.

“Purchasing an extra can or two next time at the store won’t add much to your overall grocery bill, but it will have an impact to make sure that no one goes hungry over the holidays,” adds May.

For more information, visit communications.uwo.ca/food-drive.
During the summer of 1961, the Board of Governors, acknowledging the need for more non-competitive winter sports facilities for the campus community, authorized construction of a $100,000 outdoor ice rink adjacent to the JW Little Stadium. Western became the second university in the province to open such a facility, the other being Toronto. Preparing for the November 1961 opening are physical plant staff Stan Weeks, left, and Carl Jefferies.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**ETHICAL OVERSIGHT APPROPRIATE**

Research (medical or non-medical) on human subjects is subject to ethical review by the university. Research involving animals or hazardous materials are also subject to specific protocols. All of this oversight is carried out regularly at Western without posing any threat to academic freedom. So the question really is, why should military research be exempt from any sort of ethical review?

Some apparently believe that the goals of war are so controversially lofty that we must never even seriously think about questioning the purposes for which war research may be used. Many of us believe however that the university exists precisely to examine and question such “unquestionable” truths. If the war research is really such a good idea, then surely it would have nothing to fear from the sorts of collegial oversight that are standard in many other disciplines.

*David Heap*
French & Linguistics

**PUBLIC TOO QUICK TO BASH POLICE OVER TASERS**

Another fine example of armchair expertise. It sounds as though many think themselves qualified to determine what level of risk police officers should place themselves in when dealing with a disturbed individual. Why should the officers place themselves into a physical altercation where injury is likely to occur to themselves or the subject? That is what the intended purpose of the taser seeks to avoid. It is not a safer scenario having the officers and subject involved in a physical altercation. A simple punch, kick, bite etc. possibly causes bodily harm that can be lethal or disabling, there is absolutely no need for these officers to be expected to endure that unnecessarily.

The tens of thousands of times that the taser has been deployed, it has almost always proven to be a safer alternative to impact weapons or physical altercation. Would you or I place ourselves at unnecessary risk when performing our work duties?

Perhaps the individuals who engage in unlawful conduct should be considered somewhat responsible for the misfortunes that may occur to themselves or others when they choose to act in such a manner. Sadly police bashing seems to be the all-too-convenient response by many, and will almost certainly fail to address the real issues.

*Justin Sisco*
Political Science

**SAQD SEPARATE FROM PRIDE WESTERN**

I would like to clarify an incorrect link made in the Western News article “Students Protest Blood Services Policy”. In that article you incorrectly stated that Standing Against Queer Discrimination (SAQD) was operated through Pride Western. SAQD is completely autonomous from Pride Western, and the USC.

One of our main priorities for mobilizing is the definite need for a queer group on campus that can act politically on issues of discrimination, such as the Canadian Blood Services’ anti-gay policy.

SAQD is an autonomous campus group mandated with standing up to the discrimination faced by queer students in many facets of their lives. We vow to be a voice for those silenced, a support for those marginalized, and a thorn in the side of those who perpetuate this discrimination.

We will continue to stand up against the discriminatory policy of CBS at Western, and any other form of discrimination, which perpetuates homophobia in our campus community.

*Joshua M. Ferguson*
Coordinator, Standing Against Queer Discrimination
High stress levels plague Canadian faculty

By Paul Mayne

One in five Canadian academics report health problems stemming from stress over their jobs, says a new study.

“I think many faculty members, and administrators, will not be surprised by the report’s findings,” says Victor Catano, the study’s lead author and psychology professor at Saint Mary’s University in Halifax.

“Those that may be surprised are the general public and perhaps government officials who think of university positions as stress-free work.”

According to the survey of almost 1,500 faculty at 56 Canadian universities, more than one in 10 reported psychological strain. Of 10 work-related stressors examined, respondents reported a high level of agreement with seven of the 10 measures, including workload, scheduling, conflicting roles and work-life balance.

“What surprised me was not so much the number of academic staff reporting stress but the level of stress that they were reporting, particularly the relatively high percentage verging on clinical distress,” says Catano.

Alan Weeden, Western Vice-Provost (Academic Planning, Policy and Faculty), says a closer look at the study is required to determine if and how the findings correlate to trends.

“This survey is an important report on what university faculty perceive as stresses in their jobs. It needs to be carefully reviewed to see if there are lessons for us at Western about what can be done to lower the stresses faculty experience in their work.”

The University of Western Ontario’s provost and author of Ivory Tower Blues with fellow sociology professor Anton Allahar, says the high level of stress is not a surprise “to those of us in intensive universities.”

“Declining funding, decreases in support staff, and rising student numbers are the most likely candidates,” says Côté. “With universities run like corporations, and professors but more conscientious employees, it is likely to get worse, with professors expected to just suck it up.”

As he says he has found in the reaction to his book by university administrators, there is a massive denial of these problems and unwillingness to seriously consider that anything needs to be done to remedy them.

“The first step is for administrators to take a good hard look at what life is like in the trenches,” says Côté. “Better yet, they should try teaching a full load of undergraduate courses for a couple of years and do all of the associated teaching, research, and service duties without their army of assistants and advisors to see what it is like. The new corporate administrator is into public relations: massaging the public’s perception of a problem rather than addressing the roots of the problem.”

But while the study reported the overall level of stress for Canadian university faculty is very high, study participants said they were satisfied with their jobs (65 per cent) and committed to their institutions emotionally (60 per cent).

Allahar says while there is stress involved in being a professor, the good still outweighs the bad.

“I think as a professor I have the best job in the world,” he says. “Our wider lives may be stressful, but to have a job where I am paid handsomely to read good books and talk to bright people is a total coup.”

There are still going to be instances with colleagues and students, he adds, but that is part of the package.

“Surely we all have a lot to do, but as a professor, I feel that as standards slide and expectations increase, stress is the expected result for those who may not have been really pushed during their years of preparation – education as opposed to training,” says Allahar.

PhD graduates who become professors, and who may not have been really pushed and challenged as they should have been, must now deal with a ‘publish or perish’ world for which their ‘training’ did not adequately prepare them, he says.

“These are likely to feel stress over their publications, to which tenure is tied, but also to teaching and all the politics of that encounter,” says Allahar. “At base, too, is the transformation of the university from a purely educational institution to one that is corporate and must answer to the bottom line.”

Increasingly, Catano says he sees too many young faculty suffering from burnout, trying to cope with work/family balance and failing, adding a review of a university’s health care plan would find “the greatest use of pharmaceuticals related to antidepressants and anxiety reducing drugs.”

Catano says both administration and faculty need to work together with the help of a third party.

“Ultimately it involves government in many of the problems appearing to be related to outside pressure arising from lack of resources and funding that do not allow academic staff to do their jobs properly,” he says.

International faculty discuss work challenges

By Paul Mayne

With more than 250 professors at The University of Western Ontario now considered international faculty, the Teaching Support Centre has created a lunchtime discussion series to address the challenges of adapting to academic life in this country.

Global Campus, a twice-monthly series, offers international faculty the chance to learn about cross-cultural adaptation as well as meet with other faculty who have successfully navigated the transition to Canadian academia.

“Through these informal conversations it helps these faculty members start to feel comfortable in their new roles and address challenges they are likely to meet,” says Nanda Dimitrov, Associate Director of Teaching and Learning Services.

Communicating in the Canadian classroom, surviving ‘academic culture shock’ and supervising students from cultures other than their own are just some of the wide range of issues being discussed.

“Things as simple as hand gestures can mean something totally different in one culture than it is here,” adds Dimitrov. “In some cultures, students questioning professors does not happen, but here the students are more eager to speak up.”

The next session is scheduled for Nov. 27 at noon in the Weldon Library (Room 122). The discussion series will take a break in December, returning for two sessions monthly during January, February and March.

For more information, visit www.uwo.ca/tsc.
Should Western do research supporting the military?

Jesse Gold
Medical Science III

I don’t see why there would be a problem with it. It seems that if there’s a good aspect coming out of it, looking at helping people and helping some sort of situation that can have major applications then I don’t see why Western shouldn’t partake in this.

Rachael Coffin
MIT II

No, I don’t think that the university should do military research. I don’t think that in the end, although both things may be perceived as for the public good, that they’re correlating values. If professors want to do that kind of research they should do it on their own time.

Kerry Mui
Kinesiology III

I don’t believe that the university should support research for the military. Although it is the Canadian government, I think that the university agenda is different from a federal government point of view. It’s obviously decided by the ministers and the university and it’s ultimately their agenda and what they believe. But me, as a student, I don’t think we should be supporting the war and therefore we shouldn’t be supporting the research.

Malorie Bertrand
Media and the Public Interest IV

The issue of academic freedom comes into play. I know professors of whichever faculty that are conducting the research are probably saying ‘we have the freedom to do research for whoever we want and get money from whichever organization we want’ so in that sense they can do it. Counter-Styrke which is the group on campus that’s against General Dynamics has this position that the research will benefit the country and in turn help civilians. I don’t 110 percent agree with the military but I can see that if it’s going to help those out there and help us in return then I’d support that.

Kathryn Christensen
Fine Arts III

I’m very anti-military and anti-funding. But if their analysis is that the research will help ordinary people with injuries and they’re going to benefit from injuries in such instances then I feel it’s kind of an upside to something of a negative thing to have some form of positive coming out of military use and military research. I obviously don’t want the soldiers to be injured and what not so I can see it’s good if it’s going to help people who are fighting for the country and in turn help civilians. I don’t 110 percent agree with the military but I can see that if it’s going to help those out there and help us in return then I’d support that.

Health unit studies salmonella outbreak

By Bob Klanac

A case control study is underway in the wake of a salmonella outbreak at The University Community Centre (UCC) Centre Spot cafeteria, according to the Middlesex-London Health Unit.

The outbreak, originally thought to have originated exclusively in the Pita Pit, is now viewed by the health unit as having originated in the food preparation facility and spread by cross-contamination to the Pita Pit and, subsequently, other Centre Spot outlets.

As of November 20 there have been 64 laboratory-confirmed cases of salmonella with another 56 cases of individuals with symptoms consistent with salmonella poisoning. Those 56 cases are being lab-tested with results due in the coming week.

The case control study will look at people who ate at Pita Pit and got sick and those who ate there and didn’t get sick and those who didn’t eat there at all and got sick,” says Bryna Warshawsky, Associate Medical Officer of Health at the health unit.

“We hope to determine the cause of the outbreak and prevent it from happening again.”

In the wake of health unit reports of salmonella poisoning from Centre Spot food not obtained from the Pita Pit, university administration shut down the cafeteria on the weekend of Nov. 17 – 18, cleaning the area thoroughly and disposing of all food in the facility.

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The cleaning on the weekend went very well,” says Susan Grindrod, Associate Vice President, Housing & Ancillary Services.

“We cleaned and disinfected from stem to stern to ensure that there was a sanitary environment and reviewed all the practices and protocols before we opened Monday.

“We’re still working along with the health unit to try and determine the cause,” says Grindrod.

“There has been cross-contamination in the environment,” says Warshawsky.

“We’re hoping that the very thorough clean-up in the Centre Spot will have remedied that.”

He cleaned and disinfected the area a couple of times on Monday.

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The results of the cafeteria cleaning will not be seen until the week of November 26 says Dan Flaherty, Communications Manager for the health unit.

“There is an incubation period for the virus of two to four days from the time you are exposed to it,” says Flaherty. “Even then, some people may not seek attention for two-three days after they experience the effects. Then they go to the hospital for assistance.

The hospital grows the culture for two days.

“So when you add up the time it could be eight or nine days before we get lab-confirmed results.”

Flaherty says that it could be a week or so before the reported cases start tailing off.

As to students whose academic life has been disrupted by the salmonella outbreak, Grindrod says Western has policies in place to deal with any kind of illness or accident.

“The process goes through their faculty,” says Grindrod.

“They talk to an academic counselor and give them their medical documentation.
WESTERN VOLUNTEERS
Proiling community contributions of faculty, staff and students

Denis O’Carroll, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

Where do you volunteer?
I am a soccer and hockey coach with the Oakridge Optimist Club.

How many hours a week do you volunteer?
About one and a half hours per week.

What or who inspires you to volunteer?
Giving back to the community. Also, I love spending time with kids, especially mine.

Why is giving back to the community important to you?
If everyone helps a little that makes a strong community that we all benefit from and love to live in.

Memorable volunteer moments …
It is always great when I am in a store and kids run up to me calling me “coach”.

Paul Mayne, Western News

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2:30-4:00 Professional Development and Career Preparation Programs for Graduate Students
Margaret Jane Kidnie, English
Robert Batterman, Philosophy
Andrew Nelson, Anthropology

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“...Did you know?

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"...Muller Mandzucor (front) opens his Canadian Tire Store in Sudbury. His son, Dean, is a Western alumnus and served as Canadian Tire president for 19 years beginning in 1966. Western alumnus Dean Mandzucor was President of Canadian Tire for 19 years, starting in 1966. In the early 1980s, Canadian Tire was interested in one of Australia's major hardware stores and considered an expansion to that country. The Billie Brothers named their store Canadian Tire "because it reminded him" and catered to customers who were proud to be Canadian.
Orchestra ‘tours’ Spain, Brazil, Hungary, Canada

The University of Western Ontario Symphony Orchestra steps boldly onto the stage at Alumni Hall, Nov. 25 at 3 p.m. with a program of innovative and globetrotting music.

Directed by James McKay, the student orchestra will perform Ravel’s popular Alborada del gracioso, Western faculty member Paul Frehner’s Overture 2000, Kodály’s Háry János Suite and Brazilian composer Ney Rosauro’s Concerto for Marimba and String Orchestra.

Brennan Connolly won the concerto competition last spring to be the featured artist. The young percussionist has won several other awards, including the National Youth Orchestra’s Faculty Award this past summer. He also won the Yamaha Canada PASIC Scholarship to attend the PASIC convention in November 2006. There he studied with Rosauro and played the composer’s concerto. He brings that first-hand knowledge of the composer to this performance.

“This concert features the percussion section,” said James McKay, director of the orchestra. “The Háry János suite is one of the most popular classical pieces of the 20th century. It is popular and fun to play as well as listen to.

“Ravel’s Alborada del gracioso is a magnificent example of the composer’s compositional and orchestration genius. Paul Frehner’s Overture 2000 was revised by the composer for this performance. It’s in the same genre as Short Ride in a Fast Machine.”

The program is as exciting to play as hear and the students have risen to the challenge of this repertoire.

Concert
What: UWO Symphony Orchestra
When: Nov. 25, 3 p.m.
Where: Alumni Hall
Tickets: $15 adults; $10 seniors/students. At the door, or from Orchestra London in advance.
Concert information: 519-661-3767 or www.music.uwo.ca

Music background
Ney Rosauro is a Brazilian composer who specializes in music for marimba and other percussion. He is director of percussion studies at the University of Miami as well as a composer and soloist. He composed Concerto for Marimba and Orchestra in 1986, using Brazilian and jazz elements with irregular rhythmic patterns.

Maurice Ravel wrote a suite of five pieces for piano, called Miroirs in 1905. Alborada del gracioso was the fourth of these pieces. The piece contrasts a dry and biting Spanish rhythm with the flow of a melodic line. Ravel created the orchestral version in 1919 and it became more popular than the piano original.

Paul Frehner, a theory and composition professor at Western, won first prize in the Jeunesses Musicales World Orchestra’s International Composition Competition for Overture 2000. It was premiered in 2000 by the Jeunesses Musicales World Orchestra. He won the National Claude Vivier Prize for best Canadian work in the Orchestre Symphonique de Montreal’s International Competition in 2007.

Zoltán Kodály incorporated folk music into his works hoping to “establish real contact between the ordinary people and the higher forms of music.” The subject matter is comic and patriotic, the style is simple and folk-based, more like a musical play than the usual opera.

Soloist Brennan Connolly is in his final year of an Honours Bachelor of Music in Performance at The University of Western Ontario. Brennan is a member of the Stratford Civic Orchestra. He recently completed a summer with the 2007 National Youth Orchestra of Canada.
**Record crowd for Western preview day**

**By Paul Mayne**

“It’s like a city within a city.”

“This campus is just so big.”

“I just love the older buildings.”

These were just a few comments overhead at last weekend’s Fall Preview Day, where more than 8,000 students and their parents visited to learn more about the university’s programs and soak up the atmosphere of the campus.

Belle River’s Amanda Thibert made the short trip east to London with her parents for a second campus visit and loved the fact almost every question she had was answered.

“It’s not just a chance to meet with the professors, but it’s helpful to be able to speak with students that are already in the programs you’re interested in,” says Thibert, who wants to take mathematics.

“I also want to be able to check out the atmosphere. I have to enjoy the feel of it since it might be my home for the next few years.”

Julia Finlay, who headed west from Waterloo to check out Western, had the same focus on wanting to learn more about the university.

“A day like this is great for finding out about academics, but I also want to see the social aspect as well,” says Finlay, who told of a previous visit to another Ontario university.

“I was there and it was like nobody was around. Nobody was walking around campus. I need to see the campus alive.”

Hamilton’s Varun Verma is leaning towards a career in the sciences and is still seeking out guidance from his campus tours thus far.

“More than anything, I want a school that offers strong academics,” he says, noting school reputation will also play a role in his decision on where to attend university. “It seems Western has a strong science program, from what I can see.”

Lori Gribbon, Director of Undergraduate Recruitment and Admissions, says the day’s attendance was up 26 per cent from last year, and was “beyond our wildest expectations”.

“Virtually every area of the university came together as a team to make this event successful,” says Gribbon, who will follow up with both the guests and those who volunteered to ensure the day met the needs of prospective students and parents.

“Without the hundreds of student, staff and faculty volunteers this event would not be possible.”

With campus tours officially over, Ontario high school students are now left to make a decision on where to attend university. They must apply by Jan. 9.

**Pie-toss, sudoku racing as UW drive nears end**

**By Paul Mayne**

Western’s United Way campaign may be heading into its final few weeks, but the number of fundraising events is not slowing down at all.

For Sudoku fans, Western’s Undergraduate Engineering Society will hold the first-ever United Way Sudoku Challenge in Room 1059 of the Spencer Engineering Building today (Nov. 22) From 12:30 to 1:20 p.m.

Students, faculty and staff from across campus are invited to participate, with the entry fee just a toonie. Prizes will be given for the fastest correct solution of each puzzle overall; fastest correct solution of each puzzle by a student; and the fastest correct solution of each puzzle by a faculty or staff member.

The Department of Geography will show its unique fundraising skills with a talent show on Nov. 23 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in SSC 2333. This boisterous and entertaining fundraiser costs just a toonie to enter, with a further fee (any amount) to exit.

There will also be toonie plates (homemade baking) for sale and don’t be surprised to find a few pies hitting some brave faces.

Looking to pick up London Knights tickets? Want to see a play at the Grand Theatre? How about a cooler/radio, desk set or other unique Christmas gifts? These and more items are ready to go to the highest bidder as the External Department gears up for its annual United Way silent auction on Nov. 30 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the lobby of Westminster College on Windermere Road.

With Western’s campaign total at $345,777 or 69 per cent of its $500,000 goal, take part in these and other fundraising activities as the university supports the county-wide United Way campaign, which has raised $4.5 million or 62 per cent of its $7.2-million goal.
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**In Memoriam**


He first taught at the University of Toronto, Cornell University in USA and Cambridge University in England before joining the University of Western Ontario in 1956, starting the Mechanical Engineering department.

He was chairman of the Mechanical Group for 12 years and head of the Sound and Vibrations Laboratory from 1972 until his retirement in 1987, when he was awarded Professor Emeritus.

Foreman could be seen driving around campus in his black and white Austin Healey, and latterly in the yellow Sound and Vibrations Mobile Laboratory van. Most of all, he loved to teach and emphasized the importance of simply doing your best.

He was especially proud of his students’ efforts in research, for example developing a battery-powered car in the 1970s which was ahead of its time for commercial acceptance.

He wrote a textbook, entitled Sound Analysis and Noise Control for use in his classes and for use as a reference book in the acoustical field.

He was involved in many research projects, including biomedical research into fetal monitoring, research for the Ontario Ministry of Transport on noise regulations for high-voltage transmission lines and testing attitudinal responses to these noises, and acoustical analysis of Alumni Hall. He also acted as a consultant of building acoustics, industrial and general community noise.

John was married for 60 years, and leaves behind his widow, Janet Foreman, four children and four grandchildren. He made a difference during his life and will be missed by many whose lives he touched.

**Email updates, upgrades set**

Information Technology Services has announced a number of email service updates that are available to anyone with a Western email account.

**List Guardian**

At the end of August, ITS completed the migration of Western’s public mailing lists to the new mailing list interface called List Guardian. Throughout the summer, training and documentation was made available to all public mailing list owners.

List Guardian provides Western with improved list management tools, including the ability to have multiple list owners.

For more information about List Guardian, please go to www.uwo.ca/its/guardian/ or contact the ITS Customer Support Centre at 519-661-3800, ext.63800.

**SpamTrap**

If you are wondering how to control the amount of spam that is delivered to your Western email account, you should activate your SpamTrap. SpamTrap provides extensive end-user controls to manage your email and any spam that may be sent to it.

Messages identified as possible spam are held in a trap for your review. An email notification is sent to your account, summarizing the messages caught in your trap. By default, this message is sent once daily, after midnight but this can be modified.

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To activate your SpamTrap, please go to www.uwo.ca/its/email/ increasequota.html.

**Email quota increase**

On Nov. 19, email quotas were increased for faculty, staff and all students.

Faculty, staff and graduate student quotas will be set at 250 mb (up from 55 mb) and undergraduate student quotas will be set at 50 mb (up from 25 mb). In addition to these free increases, everyone now has the ability to increase their email quota further for a fee.

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Cape a pioneer in geriatric medicine

In 1997 Emeritus Professor of Medicine, Ronald Cape, was presented with the British Geriatrics Society’s 50th Anniversary Medal for outstanding service to geriatric medicine before the World Congress of the International Association of Gerontology.

It was recognition for a man who had made an immense contribution in Britain, Canada and Australia.

Ronald Cape, born in 1921, was educated at Daniel Stewart’s College and Edinburgh University, graduating in 1944.

He was called up into the Royal Air Force in 1945 and served until 1947. He became a member of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh in 1949.

Further training posts were followed by a year as clinical fellow in Edinburgh in 1949.

Cape was appointed a Senior Medical Registrar at Selly Oak Hospital in Birmingham.

The National Health Service set up in Britain in 1948 identified the urgent need to address the problem of the institutionalized elderly.

He found a niche in the new field of geriatric medicine. His appointment as a consultant in geriatric medicine marked the beginning of a distinguished career and an immense contribution to the discipline as practitioner, teacher, author and mentor.

In 1975 Cape was appointed to a new position as a consultant geriatrician to the School of Medicine at The University of Western Ontario.

He later became a professor and then Emeritus Professor in the Department of Medicine as well as chief of the Department of Geriatric Medicine at Parkwood Hospital.

During his 11-year term, Cape was widely seen as a pioneer of his subject, which was still new in North America.

He was in demand as a speaker and lectured widely. He was a member of the Royal College of Canada’s Advisory Committee on the development of a Certificate of Special Competence in Geriatrics and became chairman of the initial Examining Board for three years.

He was an external reviewer and site visit chairman for the National Institute on Ageing in Bethesda, Maryland USA and a WHO consultant to the University of the West Indies in Jamaica and later consultant to the Ministry of Health and Hospitals Board in Bermuda in 1986, when he retired at the age of 65.

In 1986, an invitation arrived from the University of Melbourne to become a temporary director of the Institute of Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology and a visiting professor in the Department of Medicine.

As his sons had settled in Australia, he accepted the position. His final work was as a consultant geriatrician for Lyndoch and the Regional Geriatric Assessment team, based in Warrnambool, western Victoria.


Cape had a strong commitment to the public health system. “Having two systems in competition with each other is contrary to all sense,” he said. “We should develop one strong system, such as the Canadian one with statutory and universal fees for service, but with an opportunity for those who wish to pay for optional extras, such as private rooms.”

He followed his own advice by having his hip replaced at Essendon Public Hospital and was delighted with the result.

Throughout his working life he was supported by his wife, Pat, with whom he celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 2006.

He is survived by Pat, sons Randall and Jeremy, and six grandchildren. He died Nov. 9, 2007 in Melbourne, Australia.

Helen Hampton
London resident Helen Hampton, a retired staff member from Libraries, died Nov. 15 at the age of 85. Hampton had 13 years of service when she retired in 1988. The funeral service was held Nov. 17 at McFarlane & Roberts Funeral Home in Lambeth.

Donn Ekdahl
Donn Ekdahl, one-time director of the Bookstore and Graphics, died Nov. 14, 2007. The 68-year-old London resident was the Director of the Bookstore & Graphics until his retirement in 2001. He had 10 years of service at the time of retirement. The funeral service was held Nov. 17 at James A. Harris Funeral Home in London. He is survived by spouse Nancy Ekdahl.

Donald Miles
Retired Physical Plant employee Donald Miles died Nov. 15 at the age of 72. Miles had 32 years of services at the time of his retirement in 1999. A funeral service was held Nov. 19 at James A. Harris Funeral Home in London. He is survived by children Vicki, Heather and Phillip.
COMING EVENTS

November 22
McIntosh Gallery - Child’s Play Barn Hunt and performance by Jamie Owens. Target Market. Two artists offer commentary on the easy appropriation of war and weaponry into contemporary experience. Runs until December 9. Call 519-661-3688 or email cjohnson@uwo.ca

Don Wright Faculty of Music - Wind Ensemble. Talbot Theatre, 12:30 p.m.

Physics & Astronomy Colloquium - Matthew Ford, Biomedical Simulation Laboratory, Mechanical & Industrial Engineering, University of Toronto. “Validation and application of Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) to cerebral aneurysms.” Physics & Astronomy 23, 1:30 p.m.

Occupational Therapy Open House “Skills for the job of living” Open to everyone. To register call 519-661-3022. Free admission. Adult Immunization Clinic. 1:30 pm. 519-661-3816.

November 23
King’s University College - Religious Life Lecture Series “Conversations with Dorothy Day” Sharon Haley-Hoover, Labatt Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Adult Immunization Clinic - Free adult immunization clinics have been scheduled in the UCC Health Services Resource Centre. November 22 (9 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.), Thursday, November 29 (9 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.) and Monday, December 10 (9 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.). Additional days will be added if needed. No appointment needed but a health card is required. Children may not receive flu shots at the clinic.

Department of Biochemistry - Dave Schiemer, University of Calgary. “Frontiers in structural proteomics: Investigating tubulin self-assembly and drug-induced stability with HDX-MS” B&G 116, 1:30 p.m.

Department of Philosophy Colloquium - Aucosio Marras, Western. In Defense of Nonreductive Physicalism: A Critique of Kim’s Master Argument. Talbot College 341, 10:30 a.m.

National Centre for Audiology - Phonak Symposium in Pediatric Audiology: Blake Papin, Director, Cochlear Implant Program, Toronto’s Hospital for Sick Children, and Associate Professor, Otolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery, U of Toronto. “Awakening the auditory system: Neuroprosthetic restoration of the sense of audition in deaf children”. Contact kieffer@uwo.ca or 519-661-3901. Elborn College, Rm 148. Visit http://www.uwo.ca/epidem/seminars.html

Department of Physics & Astronomy Colloquium - Joyeux Noël (Christian Caron, 2003) 7:00 pm, UC 142. All welcome. http://www.uwo.ca/french/files/francais.htm

November 24
Women’s and Men’s Track & Field - Season Opener at Western, November 25

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Women’s Hockey - Laurier at Western, 4 pm.

November 26
Physiology and Pharmacology Seminar - Gedas Cepinskas, Centre for Critical Illness Research, UWO. “Cerebrovascular endothelial cell dysfunction in sepsis: role of astrocytes” DS 3008, 4 p.m.

November 27
Senior Alumni Program - Tom McClenaghan, Friends of the Coves and Senior Alumni Program member. “The Coves, A hidden gem” McKellar Room, IUC, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Oncology Grand Rounds - Department of Oncology and London Regional Cancer Program. Michel Prefontaine, Western and UHSC. "Endometrial Cancer, To Stage or Not To Stage" Room A3-924 a/b 12 - 1 p.m.

Physics & Astronomy Colloquium - Martin Bureau, National Research Council of Canada and École Polytechnique de Montréal. “Functional Polymer Systems for Biomedical Applications” Physics & Astronomy 123, 1:30 p.m.

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November 28
Campus Communicators is a Toastmasters club. Improve communications skills, in a supportive and learning environment - impromptu speaking, giving prepared presentations, evaluating presentations and speeches, making the most of visual aids and props. SLB 330, 12 noon. Contact Mark Phips markphips@gmail.com or Megan Popovic mgpopovic@uwo.ca website ccm.toronto.toastmasters.net

Faculty of Education - Faculty Seminar Series. George Awasthi: Students as performance mathematicians. Taking mathematics to the wider community. 1:30 p.m. RM 207, Faculty of Education. All welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Modern Languages and Literatures presents “La Tertulia” - Spanish Conversation Group. Any one wishing to speak Spanish and meet people from different Spanish-speaking countries is welcome. Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. UC 117. From 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

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Faculty members, have you been interviewed recently by the media? Contact Media Relations and Thomas Nashe, Nov. 21, 4:30 p.m., SLB 102.

PhD Lectures
Bryce Warren Pickard, Physiology, Nuclear Localization of the Type 1 Parathyroid Hormone/Parathyroid Hormone-Related Peptide Receptor, public lecture, Nov. 22, 9 a.m., Room TC 200.

Katherine Albion, Chemical and Biochemical Engineering, Acoustic Monitoring of Pneumatic and Hydraulic Transport, public lecture Nov. 23, 9 a.m. Room 3025SEB.

Michael Bolan, Pharmacology and Toxicology, Effect of Lipopolysaccharide and Hypoxia Followed by Reoxygenation on Endothelial Cell Coupling: A Central Role for Connexin40, public lecture, Nov. 26, 9 a.m. Room 283MSB.

James Johnston, English, Writing (in) the Spaces of Persecution: Cross-confessional Interpretation, Authorship, and Anxiety in Anthony Munday and Thomas Nashe, Nov. 21, 4:30 p.m., SLB 102.

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