Climate-controlled bird wind tunnel to be world first

By Paul Mayne

“Think of it as a treadmill for birds.”

There you have it — the perfect analogy from Psychology Professor Scott MacDougall-Shackleton, whose goal of building Canada’s first-ever bird wind tunnel has become a reality with a $6-million grant from the Canadian Foundation for Innovation.

Expected to take flight in just over two years, MacDougall-Shackleton hopes construction of the $9-million Advanced Facility for Avian Research (AFAR) facility — whose focal point will be the wind tunnel and study of the physiology and aerodynamics of high altitude migratory flight — will begin next year once a location has been determined.

“We’re just on Cloud 9,” says MacDougall-Shackleton, who specializes in songbirds and how they integrate environmental information.

“Western has a whole range of researchers with slightly different areas of study, and this will be an opportunity for us to pool together these resources into one location.

Making the facility unique will be the world’s first hypobaric climatic bird wind tunnel, allowing researchers to control everything from moisture and humidity to temperature and altitude.

“We can control what the birds are experiencing, from a drop in temperature to a rise in altitude,” says MacDougall-Shackleton, noting the facility will be able to simulate an altitude of seven kilometres. The steel-enclosed flight chamber is expected to be 40 feet long, 20 feet high and 12 feet wide.

The 13,000-square-foot AFAR will include many analytical and experimental facilities, such as the world’s first hypobaric climatic bird wind tunnel, allowing researchers to control everything from moisture and humidity to temperature and altitude.

A new Western facility will study high altitude flight of birds.

The Western campus is being called on to help the London community. The Western Cares Food Drive, running until Dec. 8, hopes to surpass last year’s contribution of over 3,000 pounds of food. Here, Engineering building captain Allison Stevenson gets the ‘cart’ rolling at Loblaws Masonville. Organizers are looking for non-perishable items such as canned goods, baby formula and diapers. Drop off bins are located at more than 30 campus locations.

Would you like stamps with that haircut?

A survey in 2000 showed the UCC gets 14,000 visitors a day

By Bob Klanac

It’s long been joked that Western is the only campus with a shopping mall.

But according to University Students’ Council Building Services Manager Paul Tomlinson, it’s not quite as simple as that.

“There is a shopping centre in the building but that doesn’t make the entire building a shopping centre,” he says. “Lots of students come into the University Community Centre and don’t use the retail services. They may use the doctor or campus recreation. They may come here for lunch or just to socialize.”

Aside from his current role as Building Services Manager, Tomlinson was previously Retail Services Manager for the University Students Council from 1993 – 2001. The University Students Council manages much of the UCC retail space.

The lower level of the UCC includes, among others, a pharmacy, photo shop, chiropractic office, copying operation, postal outlet, hair salon, as well as The Bookstore At Western.

Tomlinson says that there is a common theme linking most of the long-term businesses in the UCC.

“In a broad sense, destination services do the best,” he says. “Services that students require, for example travel, the pharmacy, things like that. Occasionally there are services or businesses that come along that students can’t get anywhere else such as Western clothing. But services that work here are the ones they’re going to buy anywhere, prescriptions, travel, dry cleaning, grad photography, things for which there’s not that much price sensitivity.”

A CD store, clothing store, sporting goods store and optical shop have all attempted to capture the students’ imagination and failed.

Tomlinson notes that all of those businesses shared some...
Sur-pies!

Yet more proof it is better to give than to receive. The Geography department held a talent show last week to raise money for the United Way. At left, Graduate Program Chair Chris Smart and, right, Department Chair Dan Shrubsole were willing victims of some of that pie-losing talent. More than $1,000 was raised.

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

Solution on page 14

FREE DELIVERY

There's been an explosion of Western services and blogs offering RSS feeds and now a website has been established to bring together access to many of these sites. RSS allows those who subscribe (no fee) to receive email alerts when a specific service has been updated. For example, RSS is available for the news stories on the homepage allowing readers to learn when a new story has been posted without actually going back to the page. News postings to blogs get flagged the same way. News media can receive notice of media releases. The new page is at http://communications.uwo.ca/weblogs/res_directory.htm.

CRITICAL THOUGHT

Anthropology professor Douglass St. Christian is one of four Canadian professors profiled in the November-December issue of Canadian Dimension magazine as “teachers who are changing the world.” He is described as challenging students to look at subjects in a way that is deeply politicized. “I am not a teacher so much as a talkative learner,” he notes. St. Christian says he is honored by the profile, “moreso as it was a former student who submitted my name to the editors.”

SEEKING SUBMISSIONS

The Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations is seeking outstanding teachers and academic librarians in Ontario universities. OCUFA is currently seeking submissions for its 2006 Teaching and Academic Librarianship Awards program. Information is available at www.ocufa.on.ca/awards/. The deadline for submissions at the OCUFA office is February 23, 2007. For additional information or hard copies of the guidelines contact: 416-306-6033 or akaufman@ocufa.on.ca.

ON CAMPUS

POSTER CONTEST

The Book Store at Western has become the newest ticket partner for John Labatt Centre events. Since opening in 2002, the JLC has been a hot commodity for touring groups and is number 43 among Billboard Magazine’s Top 100 facilities in the world. Western Retail Services anticipates ticket vending to also be available at Books Plus (Western and Sirnia Road) before Christmas.

Safe computing could be worth some cash. A new Western contest is offering $500 in prizes for developing a poster on computer wellness. The deadline is Dec. 20. The objective is to warn about viruses, phishing and spamming. For contest details visit wellness.uwo.ca.

25 YEARS AGO IN WESTERN NEWS

- Plans propose expansion of indoor facilities for physical recreation and intramural sports at the UCC
- Researchers will receive $690,748 for 14 strategic projects
- Geriatrician Dr. Ronald Cape is pioneering a new method of hospital health care for elderly by creating a model geriatric unit free of any restraining devices.

Piled Higher & Deeper

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Fall Preview a success, Board told

BY Bob Klanagan

The success of this year’s Fall Preview Day and some unsettling observations regarding the Maclean’s survey were addressed during the November 23 meeting of Western’s Board of Governors.

During his President’s Report, Paul Davenport lauded the success of the Nov. 18 Fall Preview Day which drew students and parents to the Western campus for tours. Davenport said 6,354 visitors arrived on campus, an increase of 550 from last year. To assist in the day’s events, 974 volunteers from faculty, staff and students were on hand.

Davenport also spoke on Western’s impressive showing in the Globe and Mail student-satisfaction survey as well as the Maclean’s university survey.

With many major universities deferring participation in the survey this year, Maclean’s relied on information compiled by some campuses as well as publicly available information from others.

Davenport also pointed out that of the four campuses that provided customized data to Maclean’s, all jumped in the rankings with three of them landing in the top three positions in the category.

“That has got to be more than just coincidence,” he said.

Davenport has written to Maclean’s Special Projects Editor Tony Kellar with his concerns and he noted that Kellar acknowledged the problem.

The solution for Maclean’s, says Davenport, is to use only publicly available data for the survey.

In other business, changes to the draft report of Western’s strategic plan, Engaging The Future, were reviewed and the plan was approved by the Board. Many of the amendments were modest, reflecting the wish to be more inclusive. References to post-doctoral fellows and part-time faculty were among the amendments.

The Strategic Plan can be viewed at www.uwo.ca/pvp/strategic_plan/report/01.htm

Davenport also spoke on Western’s Board of Governors in 2002, the 1971 Western Honors Economics alumna and American Express. The demand for more flexible payment options stems from a growing need for more flexible payment options. The new machines accept coin, Master Card, Visa and American Express.

Connell re-appointed Chair

Western’s Board of Governors has re-appointed its Chair and elected a new Vice-Chair.

Current chair Helen Connell, Executive Director of the United Way of London and Middlesex, and a former editor of the London Free Press, will now chair the Board through December 31, 2007. A member of the Board since 2001, Connell received her MBA from the Richard Ivey School of Business in 1996 and served as Vice-Chair in 2005 prior to being elected Chair for this past year.

Michele Noble, former Deputy Minister of the Management Board Secretariat with the Ontario government, has been elected as Vice-Chair.

Elected to Western’s Board of Governors in 2002, the 1971 Western Honors Economics alumna began her public service career with the federal government and worked briefly in the private sector before joining the Ontario government.

Meters take credit cards

More than 100 parking spaces in three campus locations have been opened up to credit card payment. Pay-and-Display multi-space meters at Labatt Health Science building, Talbot College and North Campus Building-Visual Arts now take credit cards. The shift stemmed from a growing demand for more flexible payment options. The new machines accept coin, Master Card, Visa and American Express.

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Nothing stirs campus quite like parking

Recently, Western News presented the online question: How can Western retain green space as the campus grows and parking pressures increase?

We noted there are about 6,000 parking spaces for those who work and study at Western. That’s a lot of asphalt to maintain, and a lot of space that could be greenery or buildings. And there’s pressure for more parking. Parking garages are one solution yet they are costly and unattractive.

Readers responded in droves, so we’re presenting a taste of what they had to say.

Each mini-editorial represents the edited opinions of an individual. We have not included the names of writers, who were not aware their late-night musings might appear in this forum.

**BUILD A PARKING GARAGE**

Before anyone clamps down or eliminates parking on campus, people need to remember that there are a large number of faculty, staff and students who work off the main campus at the hospitals and cancer centre who need to come to campus to teach or attend meetings, classes and seminars. (There are at least 200 of us in the VRCancer lab). Sure, bike paths are great (I use them, but not in winter) but LTC can double transit time between the north and south ends versus a car. Neither Western nor the hospitals will commit to a shuttle service so to me the parking garage is the best option.

**... ALONG WESTERN ROAD**

What about a tiered parking garage where the new admin building is going to be? It could be added to the existing parking area on top of the existing spaces, but down behind the hill it won’t be so visible.

**... AND WITH SHUTTLE SERVICE**

I think a multi-level parkade with multiple shuttle buses running very frequently would be the best option - like they have at Detroit airport! Works well there.

**GO UNDERGROUND**

Multi-level parking lots will help. Also, as in University of Minnesota, the future department buildings can be made underground. This will create additional space and we can still retain greenery on the top

**GO ON FOOT**

Parking is a luxury that should be afforded to staff/visitors. However, students do not have the right to close parking at the expense of destroying more of our precious environment. Why not limit parking spaces to those with cars that live too far to walk? What kind of society are we, that when we live less than a 20-minute walk from campus, we complain that there is no parking for us to drive? Maybe we should focus on the kind of image we want to represent to the rest of Canada - not the consuming, polluting, ignorant and fad-following university they all think we already are.

**... OR BY BIKE**

There are no continuous bike paths out of Byron. No matter where I go, I’m riding down a busy street: Commissioners, Oxford, or Southdale. Having said that, come winter time, the public transit here sucks. A lot. If I were to take the bus from Byron to campus in the winter, I’d be out at least an hour each way.

**... OR HOP A BUS**

Working with the city and offering improved public transit would drastically cut back on the amount of cars on campus. Staff and faculty would like an alternative but the buses are too crowded to add more users without adding either more routes or more buses at peak times.

**THEN AGAIN, WE COULD BUILD MORE ROADS**

Traffic is a far more serious environmental issue on campus than parking. Rather than building more parking spaces, we need to ease congestion around campus caused by people who already park on campus. That means things like:

- Widening Western Road to four lanes
- Providing more routes into and out of the parking lots such as connecting Richmond Street to the parking lots on the east side of campus
- Providing a road connecting Sarnia Road and Windermere Road behind Brescia which can provide a backdoor to the parking lots on the west side
- Widening and extensions to major roads around Western such as Windermere, Platt’s Lane, Oxford Street, Richmond Street

**MOVE STUDENT PARKING OFF-CAMPUS**

Why not make more parking for students off-campus with a shuttle service, and designate the lots in and around campus for staff/faculty and visitors. Since the students have a bus pass, and parking is more of an issue for Western employees. Other universities have done this with great success.

**WHATEVER YOU DO, DON’T ENCOURAGE THEM**

It makes no sense to me to encourage more individual car use through improved parking. A midterm solution would be to work with the city to improve public transport and the bike pathway system. However, even now there are alternatives for most campus users, but as long as parking is relatively cheap and always available, there are few incentives to switch to another mode of transportation. Therefore I see no need to reduce green space on campus in favour of parking lots. I believe that the university needs to take a leadership role in reducing energy consumption. Encouraging more efficient ways of commuting would be an important step in that direction.

**AND FOR SURE WHATEVER YOU DO, BE ‘REASONABLE’**

We are a suburban university - housing for staff, research workers and faculty is spread around the campus stretching now many kilometres out. Parking has to be available at reasonable cost and general availability for the permanent staff. In my particular area we work late hours, we work at the weekends and we work all summer and other vacation times. London Transit reduces services drastically in these periods making it almost impossible to carry on work. These factors must be taken into consideration when new or revised parking arrangements are brought in - how we can do our work must be one of the criteria - it is not just about the student population.

Letters to the editor must be original letters addressed to the editor and must not be copies of letters addressed to other persons. An address and phone number should be provided. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject any letter, or abridge letters exceeding 300 words. Letters not published because of space constraints will appear in the next issue. Letters will be printed only if the writer’s name is included for publication. Please submit letters by email by noon on Friday.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NOTHING RANDOM ABOUT EVOLUTION

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While the topic he takes on has given rise to a rich literature examining the relationship between the philosophy of science and the philosophy of religion, the content of Duncan's column does not reflect this material. Instead, Duncan propagates a common misconception concerning natural selection, asserting that, "If science can prove the existence of the universe was a result of random natural selection, then we have no need for God".

The problem is that natural selection is not random, and Duncan's misunderstanding of this point is not an isolated case. Reporters in the media that characterize natural selection as a random process occur with depressing regularity.

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REDUCE FACULTY-STUDENT RATIOS

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Can Western afford specific hiring goals? Look around you at all the new construction. Our employer has chosen to focus much of its financial resources (which include declared surpluses over $142 million over the last three years) on new buildings, while the proportion of the budget spent on people who actually deliver education continues to shrink.

Buildings, no matter how new and technologically sophisticated, do not teach or engage anyone: people do. Until Western changes its budgetary priorities and makes meaningful commitments to improve faculty-student ratios, we will continue to lag behind in this and other measures of educational quality.

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Administration, faculty seek conciliation meeting

By Bob Klanac

Western’s administration and the University of Western Ontario Faculty Association have agreed to sit down with a conciliator in an effort to conclude negotiations.

The agreement comes in the wake of a strike vote by UWOFA with 87.7 per cent of faculty favouring a strike if called by the union.

UWOFA, with support from Western administration, has applied for a conciliator from the labour board. UWOFA President Kim Clark and Western Provost & Vice President (Academic) Fred Longstaffe expressed hope the development will be instrumental in reaching a settlement.

Longstaffe says the negotiating teams have made good progress, completing more than half of the items under consideration.

“Yes, there are some important issues still on the table where there’s work to be done on salaries, benefits and that sort of thing,” he says. “I want everyone to keep working hard on it and I’m hopeful and optimistic that we’ll get a good arrangement for everyone.”

Clark says negotiations have been fruitful with a number of issues on which the two sides are fairly close to agreement. “But we do see that there are a number of issues that it will be hard to get agreement on without going to conciliation,” she says.

Issues under contention, according to Clark, include hiring more probationary and tenured faculty, compensation increases that would bring Western faculty in line with similar institutions, benefit co-payment, benefits for part-time faculty, equitable retirement incentives and full benefits for faculty past the age of 65.

Montreal Massacre remembered

Several memorial events have been planned for campus to mark the anniversary of the 1989 murder of 14 female engineering students at L’Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal. During that rampage, female students were separated from males by a gunman who expressed a hatred for feminists. He killed himself at the scene.

Since then, Dec. 6 has been recognized as a day of remembrance for the dead students and has become a rallying point against gender violence.

In Western’s Faculty of Engineering, the day takes on especially somber air, marking not only the deaths of the Montreal engineering students but also the death in 1990 of 21-year-old Western engineering student Lynda Shaw. She was murdered while returning to Western after a holiday weekend with her family near Brampton, Ontario.

Some of the key campus events to mark the event are:

FACTORY OF ENGINEERING

December 6, 11:30 am, SEB 1200. A memorial service held by Women in Engineering at the University of Western Ontario to remember victims of violence (especially the 14 women killed at École Polytechnique and Lynda Shaw). This is an open event and everyone is invited to attend.

Speaker: Judy Miller (London Campaign Coordinator for the Neighbours, Friends and Families Campaign).

BRESCLA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

November 30, 7 p.m. in Brescia’s Chapel, Carol Service. The choir is made up of 12 Brescia students. Alumna Mary Beth Sullivan is the conductor. All are welcome and refreshments will follow.

December 6, noon. Mother St. James Memorial Building Auditorium. The Ritual of Re-Membering seeks the creation of sacred space and a communal experience of remembrance that celebrates the lives of all women that have been lost to gender-based violence. The Ritual of Re-Membering takes place in celebration of the 14 women.

IN MEMORIAM

Robert Greenway, 86, a professor with the Faculty of Medicine’s Department of Otolaryngology passed away on November 17. Greenway retired from Western in July, 1986 with 15 years of service. A memorial service was held Nov. 22, at the Metropolitan United Church in London. 
Beating dementia more than luck

By Laura Hendrick

Amer Burhan is not afraid of growing old although he has seen countless patients struggle with Alzheimer's and dementia.

Burhan is working on ways for seniors to manage and delay memory loss. If successful, Canada’s aging population could begin to see mental health as a matter of lifestyle rather than luck.

“People don’t tend to believe that there’s hope when it comes to dementia,” said Burhan. “But it’s not the end of the line. There’s a way to stabilize and improve cognitive ability.”

Burhan, 37, is a geriatric neuropsychiatrist at the Regional Mental Health Care on Highbury Avenue in London. He supervises medical students from the University of Western Ontario while treating elderly patients with increasing memory loss.

Since immigrating to Canada 10 years ago, Burhan has made a name for himself by approaching dementia with resilient optimism.

“In the beginning I was kind of hesitant to go into technical terms, but I soon found out that pointing out brain areas that may be affected and giving families medical terms helps them to know that dementia is really a medical process,” he said. “It’s not a life sentence.”

Burhan’s interest in memory loss began far from London. He was raised in the Middle East, spending most of his childhood in Syria. With a father who worked as a diplomat, Burhan was able to see much of the world through his father’s travels.

“I’ve had a very complicated life,” he said with a smile. “I’ve lived in Morocco, Pakistan and now Canada.”

He also tapped off these travels by spending six years in Iraq, where he received British-style medical training from the University of Baghdad.

A love for neuroscience brought Burhan to Canada in 1996. With extended family members in Ottawa, but with career opportunities in Montreal, Toronto and London, he tried out all four cities before settling here in southwestern Ontario.

“This is where I plan to stay,” he said, noting that his wife and son have made a home in London with him.

A photo of Burhan’s three-year-old son sits on his desk, bringing a splash of colour and playfulness to the office. It rests among a pile of folders - a memento of his personal life that has followed him to the workplace.

He admits that keeping family and work apart can be especially difficult since his wife is involved part-time with his research and shares his passion for health care.

While he turns to reading as an escape from his practice, Burhan says that his favourite material continues to be medical books on the brain.

“It can be really hard not to take work home with you,” he said. “There are some cases that you think about and you’re not sure if you’ve done the right thing. You worry about how your patients are doing.”

Diana Dawson, a social worker who helps counsel many of Burhan’s patients, says that this authentic concern is felt by those he treats. “It’s that personal connection he has that makes it possible for him to have such a therapeutic relationship with his patients,” said Dawson. “He’s really kind and empathetic.”

Though dealing with sufferers of dementia may seem disheartening to some, Burhan says there is a lot to learn from these patients.

“We see resiliency. Some of our patients are in their 90s. That helps you have a perspective on life. It teaches you to start preparing for your old age by being careful with your health and being aware of the challenges when they come down the road.”

Burhan is not sure what lies ahead, but he is hopeful his research will help turn dementia into a disease people manage rather than fear.

“We might just have to change our perspective and think about and you’re not sure if you’ve done the right thing. You worry about how your patients are doing.”

The writer is a graduate student in Journalism.
Arts and Humanities pursues growth, higher undergraduate profile

By A l a n J o h n s t o n

Arts and Humanities

Dean of Arts and Humanities, Kathleen Okruhlik, wants to make Western a more accessible university for gifted students in literature, language, visual arts, film and philosophy.

"There’s no reason we shouldn’t be the top destination in terms of the credentials of our faculty members and the strength of our programs, both undergraduate and graduate," Okruhlik says.

Increased program enrolment is a major goal of the A&H four-year academic plan and represents more of a challenge in the competition for high-quality undergraduate students than graduate students.

"We are very close by our nature, because of its professional schools, and many potential undergraduates don’t think of Western immediately if they want to do serious work in arts and humanities," Okruhlik says. "In reality, though, we are one of the strongest such faculties in all of Canada."

More undergraduates are better known at the graduate level because those uncritically look at specific programs. Philosophy and English, for example, are internationally recognized and have reputations that go back many years, so students in these areas tend to know about their strengths.

"At the undergraduate level, students have a better appreciation of the fact that we are not a specific program and may not know that some of our departments are among the best in the world," Okruhlik says.

Undergraduate enrolment in 2005-06 reached 13,191, while program module enrolments stood at 24,346. Students can now concentrate on developing a broader understanding of the arts and humanities in 20 different departments. A total of 19,619 faculty taught 15,327.5 full-course enrolments and 8,403 faculty taught 15,327.5 full-course enrolments. Of these, 8,403 faculty taught 15,327.5 full-course enrolments. Of these, 8,403 faculty taught 15,327.5 full-course enrolments.

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Web portal unveiled

BY PAUL MAYNE

Students wanting to know more about international education possibilities now have everything in one handy web location.

The university’s new Internationalization Web Portal (http://international.uwo.ca) goes online today, bringing together the international activity taking place on campus – such as volunteer abroad opportunities, international speakers, research and cultural events – into one location.

Rachel Crowe, International Student Services Communications Coordinator at Western’s Student Development Services, says excited about the increased visibility it will bring to Western’s international activity.

“The portal is essentially a sophisticated directory,” says Crowe. “It doesn’t duplicate information that already exists; rather, it helps people to find that information.”

Information on how to get involved internationally, be it going abroad or participating in events on campus, will be a simple click away.

A unique aspect is video profiles introducing students to first-hand experiences from other students. Videos can be viewed in English or their corresponding languages, such as Swahili, Persian, Urdu, Mandarin and others.

Being developed in two phases, the initial phase is student-focused with the second phase of interest to staff, faculty and visiting scholars.

High altitude mysteries

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cold rooms to understand birds’ abilities to adapt to their environment, which will have important ramifications on conservation, ecosystem health, disease and understandings of how birds respond to climate change, says MacDougall-Shackleton.

“This puts us in a position of world leadership in the study of avian neurobiology, physiology and behaviour, and builds on Western’s strengths in both avian biology and wind tunnel experimentation,” he says. “You can expect a lot of international researchers wanting to come to Western.”

Studies of birds have made important contributions to the life sciences, and to ecology and evolution, but Canada has always lacked a specialized centre for such work. MacDougall-Shackleton says researchers will now be able to expand their work into unexplored territory – the real world parameters of long-distance high-altitude flight.
Student shoppers are turning to the Internet

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commonalities.

“Students probably felt that they could get the same product off campus for less money,” he says. “We charge fairly high rent so the businesses have to have a pretty solid business plan to make their business fly given the four or five months of downtime in the summer.”

Businesses that don’t want to invest in a steady retail campus presence often rent space on a temporary basis in either the UCC Atrium or lower level. Tomlinson notes that these vendors prove successful for an entirely different reason than the permanent tenants.

“The transient vendors sell products that are not staple products,” he says. “You don’t have to buy perfume, you don’t have to buy a flag, you don’t have to buy a used CD.”

“If these vendors were in here day-in and day-out, it’s my belief that students would begin to think of those things as things that they can get a better price off-campus. Whereas if they’re here for a day or a week, there’s a perception that they’re getting a deal.”

As the UCC’s single largest retailer, The Bookstore at Western’s Director Steve Alb says the store is competing with nearby Masonville Place on some items.

“It’s not too tough to get over to Masonville,” he says. “Our role is to do what we do really well.”

Tomlinson says the rates for setting up a permanent business and transient vendor are high because the building is an expensive facility to run.

“The building has other service-oriented non-revenue-generating space that has to be paid for,” he says. “The other reason it can seem high is that because we do have a captive market, the right business is able to pay the kind of rent we ask for.”

The captive market Tomlinson refers to was captured in a 2000 survey that pegged building traffic at an average of 14,000 visits per day. But that traffic flow is changing in subtle ways as the USC explores opportunities on the web.

“Students are very particular since the advent of internet commerce. Students are able to get products and services any way they want,” says Tomlinson. “The net has changed the face of how you do business, and students being as tech savvy as they are, are early adopters. As a group, students are more likely to integrate the internet into their shopping habits than might be the case in the rest of the population. If the internet is going to affect any type of business we’re going to see it here first.”

But according to Alb, there are exceptions to the internet boom. “Textbooks are part of that for us. Do you order 200 pounds of books in advance or do you just wait until you get here?”

Students this fall were afforded the opportunity to opt-out of the health plan online and the response was impressive according to Tomlinson.

“It was a staggering turnaround,” he says. “Students just flocked to it. It saved some money and a lot of hassle but the big advantage was how easy it was for the students to adopt it. They didn’t have to come in, stand in line, fill out forms; they could do from the comfort of home.”

Tomlinson says the USC leadership sees this as an area of importance for the future.

“We are definitely exploring ecommerce and web based applications. Absolutely.”
Feminism take leap from class to stage

By Lisa Varano

Sometimes people do a double take when they see Amy Cotton’s necklace.

She wears a vagina pendant around her neck. Cotton, 20, says it takes a certain type of personality to wear it.

“It has something to do with being comfortable with women’s sexuality and with your body as a woman,” she said.

Cotton doesn’t care too much about how others will react to the vagina necklace, which is made of pink clay. It is sparkly like the lip gloss popular among teenage girls.

“I wear it for myself,” she said. “It is a symbol for me of my feminist beliefs.”

The third-year political science major from St. Catharines, Ont. said she discovered feminism at the University of Western Ontario.

“I already had the ideals – I just didn’t have the means to articulate them,” she said.

Her first-year roommate was a feminist and exposed her to the movement. They still live together and the vagina necklace was a gift for Cotton’s birthday last month.

Cotton is a member of the Women’s Issues Network and is performing in the campus group’s production of The Vagina Monologues, a feminist play, in February.

She said she could pinpoint the exact moment when she decided to call herself a feminist. During a retreat in Toronto last year, volunteers were discussing a cause that would benefit from money raised through The Vagina Monologues. The cause was “comfort women,” who were Asian sex slaves for soldiers during World War II and are now seeking recognition from governments.

Cotton’s peers impressed her by caring about the issue and openly expressing their emotions about it.

“They worked for the things I believe in, like community and compassion and caring for other people,” she said. “It just clicked all of a sudden and really made sense to me.”

Cotton will act in a monologue called The Crooked Braid, about an aboriginal woman who suffers domestic violence. The character reclaims her power in the abusive relationship by braiding her husband’s hair crookedly each morning.

The play is expected to raise $20,000 this year for various charities dedicated to ending violence against women, said Producer Danielle Degart. She said funds raised from the production will be donated to local organizations – Women’s Community House, Changing Ways and Sexual Assault Centre London – and to the cause of women in conflict zones.

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What is measured in the graphs?
Graduate Student Support from Federal Granting Councils.
The average number of fellowships from the three federal granting councils is expressed as a percentage of the total number of full-time graduate students.

Why is it measured?
The Strategic Plan refers to Western as a research-intensive institution.

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Graduate enrolments have been subdivided into the three granting council categories for the analysis: engineering and physical sciences (NSERC); humanities and social sciences (SSHRC); and health sciences (CIHR).

Academic

PhD Lectures

Tracey Jason: A Pharmacology and Toxicology PhD Public Lecture will be held Nov. 30 at 5 p.m. in Room 1002, Dentistry Building. Title of Thesis: “Targeting Unique Regions of Thymidylate Synthase mRNA with Antisense Oligodeoxynucleotides: Results in Diverse Physiological Effects, in a Cell Specific Manner”. A Thesis Examination will follow at 2 p.m. in Room 142, Stevenson-Lawson Building. Supervisor: Dr. James Koropatnick.


Wing Yean Chang: A Pharmacology and Toxicology PhD Public Lecture will be held Dec. 5 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 100, John Labatt Visual Arts Centre. Title of Thesis: “Role of E2F Factors During Epithelial Morphogenesis”. A Thesis Examination will follow at 3:00 p.m. in Room 142 Stevenson-Lawson Building. Supervisor: Dr. Lina Dagino.

Nigel Joseph: An English PhD Thesis Examination will be held Dec. 6 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 102A, Stevenson-Lawson Building. Title of Thesis: “Discipline Into Repression: Contractualism, Self, and Empire in Locke, Austin and the Victorian Novel”. Supervisor: Dr. Trottman Rajan.

A central Web site displays advertisements for all vacant academic positions. The positions are among those advertised at www.uwo.ca/pdp/facultyPositions/index2006.htm. Please review, or contact the faculty, school or department directly.

Full-time Academic Appointments

Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology - applications are invited for a Limited-Term or Probationary tenure-track (rank) appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor in the area of developmental neurobiology. If qualifications and experience warrant a higher rank, the appointment will be made at the rank of Associate Professor or Professor with tenure. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Part-time Academic Appointments (Unanticipated)

Candidates for the following unanticipated appointments for the Winter 2007 period must apply using the application form available at www.uwo.ca/pdp/facultypositions/forms/index2006.htm or at Faculty Office. Calendar description of the courses offered can be viewed at www.uwo.ca/calendars/courses/index2006.html or at websites specified in the complete postings which are available at www.uwo.ca/pdp/facultypositions/.

Careers

Professor or Professor with tenure: Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Faculty & Staff

In October, Heather Laschinger (Nursing) presented a paper entitled “The impact of nursing work environments on patient safety outcomes. The mediating role of burnout at the Practice to Policy Global Perspectives on Nursing Conference in Potsdam, Germany.”

Karen Danylicky (Kinesiology) presented a paper entitled “Healthcare work environments of hospital physical therapists: The mediating role of burnout” at the American Congress of Occupational Therapy in Chicago, Illinois.

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Registrar's Bulletin

Important Notice for all Students
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- No production or printing of transcripts
- Online transcript ordering system will not be available
- Transcripts can be ordered by mail, fax or in person but will not be processed until Jan. 2, 2007
- Vieweing of final term final grades will not be available
- No updates to addresses or telephone numbers
- No updates to tuition account balances
- Letter of Permission Requests will not be processed
- Online acceptance of Graduate offers will not be available

If you wish to make use of any of the above services prior to the system shutdown, please do so by Nov. 30, 2006. While we regret any inconvenience this service disruption may cause, we wish to assure you that we have taken all possible steps to minimize the disruption to students and other users.

Mid-Year Examination Timetable, December 2006
The Final Schedule is now posted on the Registrar’s website. Students looking for the timetable for the week ending Nov. 24, 2006 should check the website for details.

Due dates for tuition fees
The second installment of tuition fees for undergraduate and graduate students is due Jan. 8, 2007. Winter term fees for graduate students except MBA’s are due Jan. 5, 2007 and for MBA’s the due date is Jan. 15, 2007.

January OSPAP Distribution for students
The Ontario Student Assistance Program Application (OSPAP) will be available beginning Jan. 11, 2007. Students will receive an OSPAP envelope which includes an information package and application form, in the mail following the distribution of final grades. Applications are due Feb. 22, 2007. Please note there will be no OSPAP pick-up available on Jan. 11.

Add/Drop Deadlines
November 30. Last day to drop a full course and full-year half course (on campus day and evening and Distance Studies) without academic penalty. Deadlines that fall on a holiday or weekend will be extended to the next business day.

Regular Hours - Room 190
Student Information Services
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Faculty of Engineering, Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering - Engineering Science 587b: Selected Topics. Time Series Analysis. Closing date: December 8, 2006

All positions are subject to budgetary approval. Applicants should have fluent written and oral communication skills in English. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply. However, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority. The University of Western Ontario is committed to employment equity and welcomes applications from all qualified women and members of visible minorities, Aboriginal people and persons with disabilities.

Music, Information and Media Studies, Business (IBA and MBA) Graduate Studies. For Professional programs please check with your faculty for location and times.

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COMING EVENTS

November 30
Western Cares Food Drive is being held until Dec. 8. Help top last year’s total of 5,000 pounds of non-perishable foods, baby formula and diapers. Donations collected will be in support of the community-wide Business Cares Food Drive developed to assist families and individuals in need. Convenient Western Cares Food Drive drop off bins are located in many of Western’s campus buildings. For 2006 the colour of donation bins has been changed to black to reduce confusion with blue recycling bins. To find the drop off closest to you please visit: http://communications.uwo.ca/facultycalendar/Western/online/petitive.html

Infusion Online Auction Supports Cancer Patients - running until Dec. 8 at midnight. Each week expect new and different items to be introduced. Since 2004, the online silent auction has raised over $10,000 for young cancer survivors and patients. Visit www.infusioncanada.org/auction

McIntosh Gallery Exhibition – Joseph Hubbard: WHOs & Paranoia fear and prejudice in the context of symbols of power and belief systems. For gallery hours of operation contact 519-661-3081. Runs until Dec. 10.

Visual Arts ArtLab Exhibition Annual Juried Exhibition. Runs to Dec. 8. For more information: www.uwo.ca/visarts/

Microbiology & Immunology Seminar - B. Huber, Tufts University “HERV-KIB superantigen and its implications for EBV” DB – RS 3008. 11:30 a.m.

Physics & Astronomy Colloquium – Keith St. Lawrence, Lawson Health Research Institute “The Development and Application of Non-Invasive Methods for Studying Brain Hemodynamics and Metabolism” Physics & Astronomy VC, 12:30 p.m.

Physiology and Pharmacology Seminar – Morris Muscovich, “Modules and General Systems in Mind/Brain Organization: Studies on Memory, Work, and ESL, promotional or sensitive material, including general components of technology, are not considered.

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Violinist Annette-Barbara Vogel and pianist Stephan Sylvestre perform Dec. 8 at 8 p.m. in Kuster Hall. There is no fee.

Earth Sciences Colloquium Series – Maria Charco Romero, of the University of Madrid, Spain “3D Indirect Boundary Element Method for deformation and gravity changes in volcanic areas; Application to Tede Volcano (Tenerife, Canary Islands)” 1:30 p.m. Biological/Geological Building, Room 106

Department of English presents - Prison Pen Park. Tickets sold at Infusion Corner Hall, 8 p.m.

Don Wright Faculty of Music - Annette-Barbara Vogel, violin and Stephan Sylvestre, piano perform sonatas by Mozart, Faure and Skryabinovsky; von Kuster Hall, 8:30 p.m.

December 2

Track & Field – Men’s / Women’s – Western Season Opener. 10 a.m.

Men’s Hockey – Concordia @ Western, 7 p.m.

Department of English presents - Prison Pen Park. Tickets sold at Infusion Corner Hall, 8 p.m.

Infusion Fashion Show 2006 - Genesis. Fashion Show at 7 p.m. Alumni Hall. Tickets $15 students, $25 Adults. Purchase tickets online at www.dream.ca.

December 3

Museum of Ontario Archaeology – Experience a colonial Christmas. Set in a beautiful home designed after the Raleigh Tavern in Colonial Williamsburg, you will enjoy delicious holiday tests, festive floral arrangements, artisans at work, demonstrations, walking tours, carol singing, silent auction, music and more. Tickets $10 adults / $5 for children. Contact the Museum at 519-473-1560 or visit website at www.uwo.ca/museum for more information.

Men’s Hockey – UQTR @ Western, 2 p.m.

December 4

Faculty of Education Seminar Series – Theresa Hyland, Huron University College, “My words, your words and something in-between: Identifying the border zone between self and other in native and non-native English speakers’ citation practices.” Faculty of Education, Room 1019 1:30 p.m.

Pharmacology and Physiology Seminar – Dale Laird, “Closing the Gap on Understanding Connexin-Linked Diseases” DB – RS 3008, 4 p.m.

December 5

Senior Alumni Program – Learning to Live in Landscapes “How Canadians react to social, cultural, environmental and technological change within their communities” Joy Far, Canada Research Chair, Technology, Culture and Risk. Faculty of Information and Media Studies, Western McKeel Room, UCC, 9:30 – 11 a.m. Winter Luncheon to follow at the Great Hall, Sunnyside House.

Don Wright Faculty of Music – Themes Scholars and Early Music Studio present Christmas at St. Peter’s featuring 17th and 18th century music performed on period instruments and sung in a glorious acoustic space. St. Peter’s Seminary Chapel. Adults $15, seniors/students $10 cash at the door.

December 6

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A Guided Tour for Part-Time Employees – Western Pension Get the Most from your Western Pension. This session is designed to inform part-time employees who are eligible to join, of the many features and advantages of the Western Pension Plan. Talbot College, Room 304, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Modern Languages and Literatures presents “La tertulia” – Spanish Conversation Group. Anyone wishing to speak Spanish and meet people from different Spanish-speaking countries is welcome. UC 177, 3:30 p.m.


Don Wright Faculty of Music – Chamber Orchestra presents Song and Dance Talbot Theatre, 8 p.m.

Please send submissions to commevents@uwo.ca

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND AUCTION

St. Luke’s (Broughdale) A.C.W. 1204 Richmond St. N. at Bernard is holding their Old Fashioned Christmas Bazaar and Silent Auction on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 1 - 4 p.m. Admission by donation. Tea Room.

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Western contract faculty member seeks furnished IBM or studio sublet for Jan-April within walking distance to campus. Clean, quiet, No professional. Require high-speed internet access; parking spot preferred. (416) 550-3906 or krabinoff@wlu.ca

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Western students can study into the wee hours during the coming exam period and still make it home safely.

From Dec. 7 – 20, University Students’ Council will operate an all night bus shuttle from the Weldon and Natural Science libraries that takes students close to their homes and on occasion, even to their door.

“Its main purpose is to ensure that students have a safe passage home at night from the campus libraries,” says USC InfoSource Manager Nick Vassiliou. “London Transit doesn’t run past 11:30 p.m. on campus so that’s why we decided to start this up.”

The shuttle operated as an experiment last winter and spring exam periods, but this December marks the launch as a regular USC service.

“This was an initiative that started with last year’s USC President Ryan Dunn,” says Vassiliou. “He wanted to offer students an opportunity to study late at night and not have to worry about how to get safely home.”

The first shuttle bus departs campus at 11:55 p.m. nightly and will circulate every half hour. The last shuttle each evening leaves campus at 2:30 a.m., a half-hour after the library’s 2 a.m. closing time. Pick-up locations will be in front of the Natural Sciences Building and on Oxford Drive in front of the Weldon Library. According to Vassiliou four buses go in each direction, north, south, east and west of the campus.

“They have routes which will be posted at the libraries,” says Vassiliou. “The drivers themselves will be able to accommodate students the best they can. We do have designated routes but the drivers will accommodate special requests. If they can drop them off at their door, they usually do.”

Western Watch staff at the libraries will assist students uncertain of the best route home. Feedback has been good, according to Vassiliou. He received a very physical response to the service one evening last December while riding on a shuttle to review its success.

“I had this one fellow who was so grateful because it was such a cold night that he ran up and gave me a big hug and thanked me for the program.”

Study late, get home safe