More than 815 new spaces for graduate students will be created by 2007-08 at The University of Western Ontario, Chris Bentley, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities and MPP London West will announce at Western today.

Overall, Western will receive provincial support to create 385 new spaces for Masters students and 430 new spaces for PhD students by 2007-08.

“This is part of our government’s plan to boost the number of graduate students in Ontario universities in order to bolster economic growth, spur innovation and create a competitive advantage for the province,” said Bentley. “Our goal is to develop the science and technology professionals, the innovative thinkers and researchers, who will drive our economic competitiveness in the future.”

Across Ontario, the province has plans to add 12,000 graduate student spaces by 2007-08 and 14,000 by 2009-10, a 55-percent increase over 2002-03. The government is providing $240 million in additional support in the next two years to support the addition of new graduate students.

“The expansion of graduate enrolment has been a very high priority for Western for the past several years, and we are absolutely delighted at this announcement,” says Western President Paul Davenport.

“Ontario has lagged far behind other jurisdictions in producing graduates at the Master’s and PhD level, and it has had a negative effect on our competitive position. Today’s announcement will have a tremendously positive effect on the future prosperity of all of the people of Ontario.”

Overall, the Ontario government is making a $6.2-billion multi-year investment to support postsecondary education – the largest in 40 years.

“Our government is proud to support the growth to meet anticipated student demand for graduate education while ensuring excellence in these programs,” said Bentley.

The government has already provided $100 million to create endowments at universities that will provide fellowships for outstanding graduate students and $25 million to endow new faculty chairs for research and improve graduate education.

The government has also established the Ontario Research and Innovation Council to advise the Premier/Minister of Research and Innovation on long-term strategies and priorities to promote research and innovation.

Life-saving outreach earns major award

A Tanzanian diplomat says citizens are living longer

A Western-sponsored health program designed to stave off HIV infections in Africa has received accolades on the homefront for its ongoing efforts.

The latest tribute for Western Heads East is a 2006 Scotia-bank-Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada Award of Excellence in Internationalization. The award recognizes Canadian leaders making a difference in the understanding of the growing complexity and rapidly changing global world.

The project is a mix of development and promising research that uses good, healthy bacteria (probiotics) as a tool for warding off disease in humans.

The probiotic research, based on the work of professors Gregor Reid (Microbiology and Immunology) and Sharateh Hekmat (Brescia University College – nutrition), focuses on how to make and establish a sustainable diet of yogurt made from cow’s milk.

Probiotics may help reduce infection in women and lower mortality and morbidity due to diarrhea in children and patients with AIDS.

Reid is thrilled with this latest honour but is most proud of the actual work on the ground in Mwanza, Tanzania.

“The real success is in what we do,” says Reid, prior to a celebration this week at the Great Hall in honour of the award. “Recognition is great only if it pushes you to do more; to take that next step.”

While still in its infancy, Reid anticipates greater headway as more people begin to understand the simplicity and life-saving potential of the work being done.

“If something is rooted in a sound foundation, there is a lot of chance for success,” he says. “The most intriguing thing is we’re not introducing something new to those in Tanzania, but just a different way to use it.”

Several African dignitaries came to Western to be part of the award ceremony.

His Excellency Ombeni Sefue, High Commissioner for the United Republic of Tanzania, told those in attendance the fact that some adults are living two or three years longer means fewer children going into orphanages.

“To families in Tanzania this really is a miracle,” he says. Reid adds while Western is not the first university to go to Africa or to send students, it’s what’s happening that is taking notice.

“What makes this unique is that no one else is combining biomedical science with food and nutrition in a hands-on community partnership in a place that’s in desperate need of help,” says Reid.

The Western Heads East program, initiated as a campus community response to the HIV/AIDS crisis in Africa, was formed three years ago by staff in Western’s Division of Housing and Ancillary Services.

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Top 10 Mysteries & Thrillers
The Interpretation Of Murder by Jed Rubenfeld

An intricately plotted, elegantly wrought entertainment filled with delicious surprises, subtle sleights of hand, and fascinating ideas featuring Sigmund Freud and Carl Jung

1. The Black Dahlia by James Ellroy
2. The Secret Life of E. Robert Pendleton by Michael Collins
3. Disco For The Departed by Colin Cotterill
4. The Collectors by David Baldacci
5. The Last Refuge by Chris Knyff
6. The Red Power Murders by Thomas King
7. City of Shadows by Ariana Franklin
8. Invisible Armies by Jon Evans

Compilation provided by The Book Store at Western.

Don’t be late!
Check the Events Calendar.
Visit Quick Links on Western’s homepage.

MASTER PLAN MEETINGS

Sessions have been scheduled to discuss the direction of the new draft Master Plan. Dates include:

■ Nov. 14 - McKellar Room, UCC, 1:30 p.m.
■ Nov. 16 - Althouse College, Room 1162, 7:30 p.m.

HARD OF HEARING?


NO Nomination Deadline

Nominations for the 2007 Western Award of Excellence recognizing the exceptional contributions of Western Staff, are being accepted until Friday, Nov. 10. Eligibility criteria, nomination forms and helpful tips are available on the web at www.uwo.ca/ppr/recognition. If you would like to submit a nomination but have questions, contact Monica Pease by email at staff.recognition@uwo.ca or by phone at extension 82727.

INFO SESSIONS FOR NEW RESEARCH PRIZE

Campus information sessions are planned to help recent science graduates apply for the new Stiller Centre Prize, created to help commercialize science research.

Dates for the sessions are:

■ Nov. 9, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Room 115, Chemistry Building, main floor
■ Nov. 10, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Medical Science Building, Room MS 143

Enquiries may be made at the University Services Resource Centre: (9 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.)

GRADUATE STUDENT RECOGNIZED

Graduate Steve Davis is among 12 graduate students from around the world to receive top marks at the Conference of Defence Associations Institute annual graduate student symposium last month. Davis, who attended high school and university in Japan, presented a paper titled “An analysis of China’s strategy for Neo-conservatism in Asia”.

CHRW MARKS 25 YEARS ON FM

CHRW celebrates its 25th anniversary on FM Oct. 31. First at 50 watts and today at 6,000 watts, the station is among the largest community-based campus radio stations in the country. The station broadcasts with live hosts 24 hours a day, 365 days a year on 94.9 FM, chrwradio.com and cable.

The first song was On the Air by Peter Gabriel, played by chief announcer John Quain. Alumni include Kevin Newman (anchor, Global National), Steve Brunt (Globe & Mail), Rob Faulds ( Rogers Sportsnet), Adrienne Arsenault (CBC Bureau Chief), Dan Shulman (ESPN), Elliott Friedman (CFL on CBC & Hockey Night in Canada), Avis Favro (Medical Reporter – CTV) and Jennifer Pai lsoe (A-Channel London Weekend Anchor). The station has more than 250 volunteers.

FLU SHOTS

Dates have been set for flu shot clinics at the University of Western Ontario. The Workplace Health and the Staff/Faculty Family Practice Clinic will provide adult influenza immunization clinics in the UCC Health Services Resource Centre:

■ Friday, Nov. 10, (9 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.)
■ Friday, Nov. 17, (9 a.m. - 4:15 pm)
■ Thursday, Dec. 7, (9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.)
■ Tuesday, Dec. 12, (9:00 a.m. - 12:45p.m.)
■ Friday, Dec. 15, (9 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.)

No appointment is needed but no appointment is needed but a health card is required. Immunization will not be provided for children at the clinics.

Piled Higher & Deeper

a grad student comic strip
Campus growth continues

By Paul Mayne

Cranes and bulldozers will dot the campus landscape for several more years.

Dave Riddell, Associate Vice-President (Physical Plant and Capital Planning), spoke at the Senior Alumni Series Nov. 7 about how the campus will begin to have a different feel from when his audience members were students.

With $84 million in major capital investments underway, and another $150 million expected over the next few years, Riddell says it will be a busy and exciting time.

“Two years ago I was predicting construction would slow-up and we’d be concentrating on renovations, but that has definitely changed,” says Riddell, explaining Western’s shift to a more student-focused campus core.

The university’s Master Plan will help guide the placement of building and green space initiatives over the next few years, he said. A number of consultation meetings have been held, and public sessions are scheduled for Nov. 14, (McKellar Room, 1:30 p.m.) and Nov. 21, (Althouse College, Room 1162, 7:30 p.m.).

Early responses have brought forth a number of issues such as barrier-free accessibility, larger interior space for some research and more flexible designs for potential future use.

One focus of future construction plans will be to ensure the university maintains its striking ‘collegiate gothic’ architecture which is prominent across campus.

“We have one of the most beautiful campuses in Canada and that’s because of our desire to maintain the collegiate gothic look to all our buildings,” he says, adding a few exceptions such as the UCC and Weldon Library were built in the early 70s.

Apparently brutalistic architecture was in vogue at the time,” joked Riddell.

Other areas of interest include a planned upgrading for Western Road by the City of London. Western has been working on the project, with work to begin next summer north from Huron University College to Windermere.

Plans include widening the bridge and giving it a new look, similar to that of University Bridge.

“I think this will surely enhance the arrival to Western from the north and hopefully be a starting ground for work to continue south along the road,” he says.

To view the Master Plan, you can visit: www.uwo.ca/pvp/strategic_plan/master_plan/index.htm
Coffee - the breakfast of thinkers

Mark Weir is an MSc. student in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, a Western grad in BSc. Hons Genetics (2003) and Diploma in Ethics (2004).

Pulling an all-nighter is a strange occurrence. Seeing the sun rise usually signals the beginning of the day, but as for a recent encounter of mine, it was a second coming of the day that had yet to end. Sitting down with yet another cup of coffee, I mused to myself, "how was it possible to get through that still, dark and unforgiving night?"

Peering into the depths of the dark and mystifying brew in front of me, the answer was plain enough to see. My caffeine-laden companion had not only carried me through the hours of darkness, but had taken me upon its stimulating shoulders to the promised-land where deadlines fade away and workload stresses recede into the landscape.

Much of our university life, one could argue, is the sheer result of the thankless surge that coffee provides. Our caffeine-craving lifestyle leaves no room for an option; we must indulge in our need to perk-up via the act of percolation.

"How can this be," you say? Well, as the luminous period of exams is soon to be upon us, ponder the effects of taking the sweet dark potion away from the eateries on campus. Much like the picture painted by the passing of Halloween, a mob of zombie-like victims would paw their way out of labs and libraries across campus in search of the indispensable liquid-gold. Have you ever tried talking to your prof if they haven’t had their morning cup of coffee? It’s a premonition, you can be assured!

Coffee truly is the lubricant that keeps university life from seizing to a stop. Not only does it keep us from falling asleep in the dark hours of the night and those tough hours of the morning pass a little bit easier.

By Mark Weir

TheWayWeWere:1938

On Oct. 14, 1938, a plaque was unveiled in the Middlesex Memorial Tower commemorating the contributions of members of the 10th Stationary Hospital during the First World War. It was the second plaque installed at the base of the tower, the first one commemorating men and women from Middlesex County who lost their lives in the war. Viewing the installation are university officials, Registrar K. P. Neville, Bursar W. J. Brown and Board of Governors member A. Woods. A third plaque was added in 1946 in memory of and to honour members of the Western community who lost their lives in the Second World War.
Top students feted with reception

BY BOB KLANAC

The young academics deemed Western’s best and brightest were feted by the president and other university dignitaries at Gibbon’s Lodge recently.

The 25 first-year National Scholarship Award recipients were joined by their second- and third-year peers as they were presented with plaques along with the accolades of Western President Paul Davenport.

“We recruit outstanding students every year and we are very proud to claim you as our own,” Davenport said.

Davenport expressed his satisfaction at Western’s top ranking in a recent Globe & Mail survey that gauged student satisfaction with their university experience.

One student satisfied with his Western experience is David Basu Roy. A first-year student with an interest in engineering and music, Roy found Western to be the only school willing to allow him to explore his double academic passions.

“I would love to be able to find a job someday that would allow me to bring both of them together but we’ll have to see,” said Roy.

“My parents would have had to make some sacrifices so it really does help.”

Second-year National Scholar Leanne Doering (left) toasts first-year recipient Janessa Lafleur at a reception for Western’s National Scholars.

Brandon Duewel
F.K. Ashbaugh President’s Entrance Scholarships

Nadieksa Lozano
Psych & Criminology III

Kalie Ward
Media Studies, Masters

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G. Edward Hall Presidents Entrance Scholarship

Jonathan Ennis
President’s Entrance Scholarships

Daniel Goetz
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David Hall
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Elizaveta Limenis
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Samir Raza
President’s Entrance Scholarships

Stephanie Gottrell
Richard and Jean Ivey Family President’s Entrance Scholarship

Tamara Hoppe
W. S. Fyfe Faculty of Science Entrance Scholarship

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Christopher Foster
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National Scholar recipients

Monica Shank Clifford
von Ruster Faculty of Music Entrance Scholarship

Danielle Hammond
Dr. D. Carlton Williams President’s Entrance Scholarship

Paola Soriano
E. V. Buchman Faculty of Engineering Science Entrance Scholarship

History Honors IV

Kate Dobrucki
“Not for me, none at all. I know when I was first coming to the university, my mom picked up one of the survey guides. I based my choice on the program that I wanted and also on my visit to campus.”

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McGill University

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Western alumnus Chack Fan Lee speaks to graduates during the Hong Kong Convocation Nov. 5. Richard Ivey School of Business Dean Carol Stephenson and Western Provost and Vice-President (Academic) Fred Longstaffe are seated in the background.

**Tale of two forests for Lee**

**By Paul Mayne**

More than 30 years after graduating from Western, Chack Fan Lee still harks back to the one basic lesson learned at Western — maintaining a state of harmony between man and nature.

For Lee, who says he was humbled to receive a honorary degree from Western at its Nov. 5 Convocation in Hong Kong, the first impression of London and Western was one he will always treasure.

“You know, in going over to London from my native Hong Kong, I was more or less travelling from a concrete jungle to a forest city,” says Lee. “If you look at London from the air, you see more trees than houses. In essence, London looks more like a forest than a city. It’s not small compared to the trees in London, he is grateful to his alma mater for the inspiration of harmony.”

Lee, who serves as Pro-Vice Chancellor and a Chair Professor in Geotechnical Engineering at the University of Hong Kong, says this relationship between man and nature has influenced his engineering career in a significant way.

As an internationally renowned expert in geotechnical engineering, Lee feels this important theme makes a lot of sense, for example, in trying to mitigate flood hazard problems of China.

“Engineering work should go hand-in-hand with environmental protection,” he says. “And this is also the essence of sustainable development.”

Years after graduation from Western, Lee found himself working on a hydro-dam project known as the Three Gorges Project of China. For centuries, deforestation or extensive tree cutting in order to solve the flood problem has to make an earnest effort to preserve the natural environment, he says.

“Today, a major re-forestation program is underway in Western China, says Lee. More than a million lumber loggers have been converted to tree planters and economic incentives are being provided to local farmers to grow more trees.

Although he says there is still a long way to go, China is “off for a good start.”

“I am happy to report, that these days, harmony between man and nature has become a ‘front and centre’ theme for all engineering projects in China,” says Lee, noting while they are still young and small compared to the trees in London, he is grateful to his alma mater for the inspiration of harmony.

In receiving this honorary degree, I feel as though I have submitted my report card for the past 30 years, and have earned a pass, thus completing my postgraduate education at Western,” he says.

A total of 48 Executive Masters of Business Administration (EMBA), Masters of Business Administration (MBA) and Honours Business Administration (HBA) graduates from Richard Ivey School of Business, Asia and 32 additional undergraduates from Western received degrees at the Hong Kong Convocation.
Creating circuits for the human body

By Robert Aldred

Like any five-year-old, Allen Sobot wants to know why.

“Why?” is a question his father Robert loves to hear, at home and on campus.

“In the first lectures I usually say my policy is this: why, why, why? I want to wake up that forgotten curiosity in my students.”

Robert Sobot, assistant professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, is determined to excel as a teacher. He is also working to build a team that will make Western a leader in the field of integrated circuit (computer chip) design. His goal is to build electronic microsystems small enough to be implanted into a human body.

For example, to assist with eye-sight, hearing or prosthetic limbs, a ‘chip’ might be implanted to direct signals from the brain to the affected area, allowing a person to function more normally.

“I came here to accomplish something and I’m putting all my heart into it. The possibilities are endless.”

Sobot is no stranger to hard work. Born in Yugoslavia in 1961, he grew up in the town of Pancevo, near Belgrade. School, even in the early grades, was rigorous and designed to meet the needs of industrial and factory work.

“We start taking chemistry and physics in Grade 5,” he said. “By Grade 12 your destiny is decided.”

Sobot began post-secondary studies at the prestigious School of Electrical Engineering at the University of Belgrade. Although world-renowned, the school suffered during Yugoslavia’s civil war. Academic appointments became political appointments, and the school lost educational independence.

“Lots of my former professors were literally kicked out of the school,” he said. Despite the upheaval, he began what was supposed to be a four-month work term at the school in 1986. The cutting-edge research semi-conductors consumed him, and four months turned into three years.

“I forgot I had to graduate,” he says with a chuckle.

Sobot graduated in 1989. In the same week he defended his B.Sc. in engineering physics, he also married his wife Anna and moved to Britain.

They left with little more than some books, music and clothing. Shortly after they arrived Britain’s economy fell into a tailspin. Growing up in Yugoslavia, Sobot admits he had no concept of business cycles. Then the government stopped issuing work permits to immigrant engineers.

“Now I know what ‘recession’ means!” he said with a laugh. Robert and Anna decided to seek their fortunes elsewhere.

Sobot did not know much about Canada when he moved here in June 1992. After an immigration official suggested Vancouver, he and Anna “pretty much decided in five minutes” to settle in British Columbia. He and his wife soon fell in love with their new homeland.

“One of the reasons I love Canada is that it’s so multicultural,” said Sobot. “There is lots of space for all of us coming from different places and not feeling unwelcome.”

Wishing to spend some time outside of academia “doing the real thing, whatever the real thing meant,” Sobot began working for PMC-Sierra, a small start-up firm developing integrated circuits for digital communication equipment, putting in gruelling 80-hour weeks. The experience in such a competitive and hyper-paced industry taught him a valuable lesson.

“We want to make perfect things,” he says of engineers. “But one thing we all have to learn is – make it good for today. People are interested in what works today.”

With five years of practical experience in the industry, Sobot felt equipped to return to academics. He received his M.Sc. in electrical engineering from Simon Fraser University in 1996. He completed his Ph.D in 2005. In January 2006 his search for an academic post brought him to Western. It seemed an unlikely choice.

“I never heard of Western before – in my field Western doesn’t and didn’t exist,” he said.

“But I met a number of wonderful people here,” Sobot said. He also saw an opportunity to design and manufacture an integrated circuit small enough and sophisticated enough to be implanted in the human body.

Here, he feels he could build things from scratch. He could ask why.

“The writer is a graduate student in Journalism.

Robert Sobot works on implantable mixed signal integrated circuits that will eventually help persons with disabilities recover abilities such as sight and hearing.
Metras Museum includes store, ticket office

By Andy Watson

Western Mustangs’ fans looking to purchase tickets in person can now do so in one convenient location on campus at the Metras Museum Ticket Office and Merchandise Outlet in Alumni Hall. The Museum has been renovated with new lighting and a new floor featuring the Mustangs’ logo. “Western has a tremendous athletics history and tradition, which is what makes the Metras Museum such an interesting place,” says Western director of athletics Michael Lysko. “The new concept shop made possible with the refurbishment of the museum to include ticket and Mustangs’ merchandise sales will expose the displays and photos to a greater number of people.”

With one-stop shopping and free parking for Mustangs’ fans, the new location at Metras Museum will be more convenient to purchase tickets and merchandise.

“We have had a very positive response from people about this project, many of whom were not aware of the Metras Museum at Alumni Hall,” says Lysko.

The Mustangs also recently added the convenience of purchasing tickets online through the Mustangs’ Web site, westernmustangs.ca.

“With the significant increase to our fan base over the past couple of years, this is definitely a move that will be appreciated by both our long-time and new fans alike,” adds Jeff Downie, Manager of Retail Operations for Mustangs’ Athletics. “The store looks great, and it’s re-opened just in time for Christmas shopping.”

Free half-hour parking is available for those who present a receipt of purchase in the Alumni Thompson Lot, courtesy of Parking Services and Mustangs’ Athletics. Hours of Operation at the

Japanese Restaurant
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Authentic Japanese Cuisine
519-668-7407
715 Wellington Rd. S. (at back)

Men’s soccer in CIS nationals

By Andy Watson

Western defeated the Toronto Varsity Blues on penalty kicks for OUA gold on Sunday, advancing to the CIS national championships in Edmonton, Alta., beginning today (Nov. 9) and ending Nov. 12.

Jason De Thomasis scored the lone regulation goal for Western in the 91st minute and then drove home the winning kick in the shootout, as Western won the penalty kick segment 5-4. The CIS draw isn’t an easy one, as Western opens up against the host Alberta Golden Bears, a team undefeated in the regular season.

The tournament is single elimination, with quarter-final losers moving to a consolation bracket and the winners moving on in search of the championship.

The Mustangs posted a 9-2-3 record during the regular season and enter the 2006 CIS National Tournament on a roll. The Mustangs boast the top two OUA scorers in De Thomasis and Michel Daoust.

Five times this season, Western has scored three or more goals in a game. If Western’s defence gets in gear, the Mustangs will be difficult to stop at the nationals.

In Western’s last appearance at the nationals, the Mustangs won the bronze medal. Now graduating forward Wes Vanderlinden broke a 1-1 tie in the 93rd minute as the Mustangs earned a 2-1 win over the Saint Mary’s Huskies at the 2004 CIS men’s soccer championship at Molson Stadium in Montreal. Western won back-to-back CIS championships in 1998 and 1999 and carries an 11-7-3 record in national tournament play into the 2006 event.

Most successful year in rowing

Western’s rowing teams brought in five gold medals and 10 medals in total at the national championships for college and university programs over the weekend.

The Mustangs won gold in the men’s lightweight doubles, lightweight fours, heavyweight single and heavyweight eight, and women’s heavyweight single. Western also won silvers in the men’s and women’s heavyweight pairs and women’s heavyweight eights and lightweight fours, along with a bronze in lightweight doubles.

Western’s Peter McCllelland was named male rower of the year, while Volker Nolte won women’s coach of the year and Al Morrow shared women’s coach of the year honours with Craig Pond of UBC.

The regatta was held at the Canadian Henley course against the top Canadian university and college crews across Canada.

After dominating the OUA regatta just a weekend earlier - winning both the men’s and women’s titles - Western had a clean sweep once again, claiming the National title for both the men’s and women’s teams, making this the most successful season ever for Western’s rowing program.

Engaging Emerging Markets Conference

Richard Ivey School of Business, Room 1840
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Hosted by Heather Hiscox, Planning Anchor for Ivey International, this event will bring together political, academic and business leaders to discuss and debate Canada’s evolving relationship with the world’s leading emerging economies: India, China and Brazil.

This event is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:
- His Excellency Vendrama Genove, Luiz, Ambassador of Brazil
- His Excellency Edamvoua, Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China
- His Excellency Stephen Clegg, High Commissioner of India
- Mr. Troy Fox, President and CEO, Asia-Pacific Division of Canadian Post
- Mr. Young Sangyeok, Manager, Directing, Seoul, Consulting and Ex-Chief Technology Group, Hanwha, India
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 Stephenson to help guide 2010 Olympics

Carol Stephenson, Dean of the Richard Ivey School of Business at the University of Western Ontario, has been appointed by the federal government to the board of directors of the Vancouver Olympic Games Organizing Committee (VANOC).

Stephenson is one of three new members of the 20-member VANOC board. The other new members include: Peter Brown of Vancouver, chief executive officer of the investment firm Canaccord Capital Corp; and Jacques Gauthier of Montreal, senior vice-president and chief operating officer at Kruger Inc., a private energy company. Board membership is divided among the Canadian Olympic Committee, federal and provincial governments, Vancouver, Whistler, Canadian Paralympic Committee, and band councils of the L’ilWat and Squamish Nations.

Stephenson was a widely respected CEO in the Canadian telecom industry before joining the Ivey School of Business where she holds the Lawrence G. Tapp Chair in Leadership. She serves on the boards of directors for several top Canadian companies and on several government committees.
One of the staff members, Bob Gough, Assistant Director - Residence Education and Programs, says “I’m so proud of Western and what they’ve done with this program.” “The research potential in this is tremendous and I’m just excited it has reached the level it has.”
To date, the WHE program has sent nine student interns to the east-African country, with two currently in the country working with the Kivulini Women’s Rights Organization to increase the knowledge and benefits of the probiotic yogurt. “You show people the strength and potential and they’ll believe in it,” says Reid.
For more information, visit www.westernheadseast.ca

Paul Mayne, Western News
African Students’ Association member Rita Nketiah performs as part of a Western Heads East celebration in recognition of its 2006 Scotiabank-Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada Award of Excellence in Internationalization.

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Western professor and Western Heads East co-investigator Sandy Smeltzer shares a laugh this week with His Excellency Ombeni Sefue, High Commissioner for the United Republic of Tanzania during a celebration of the program’s achievements.

Paul Mayne, Western News
Debunking the myths

By Bob Klanac

A trio of University of Western Ontario researchers dismisses the notion that people with more visual entertainment options are reading less.

“It’s been said that books and reading are being killed off by TV, film and the Internet,” says Faculty of Information and Media Studies professor Catherine Ross. “It’s a myth.”

The myths of reading and readers of all ages were the focus of a talk by FIMS professors Ross and Lynne McKechnie and the University of Toronto’s Paulette Rothbauer. The three co-authored a book on the issue, Reading Matters: What the Research Reveals about Reading, Libraries, and Community. The book is based on their individual research, which included information about reading in all age groups.

Ross is professor and dean of FIMS. McKechnie is an associate professor in FIMS and the Beverly Cleary Professor (Visiting) in children’s literature and librarianship at the Information School at the University of Washington. Rothbauer is an assistant professor in the Faculty of Information Studies at the University of Toronto teaching in the area of children’s and teen literature and library services.

“It’s been said that people don’t read as much as they used to,” Ross says. “The fact is there has never been a time when people were reading more than they are now.”

Ross also dismissed a litany of myths about reading and readers, noting that despite current perceptions, men and boys do read and that men do read fiction.

She also noted that so-called “junk reading” of perceived lesser-quality books instead of great literature is in fact still a positive in that reading is still a pastime activity.

The perception that readers as a group were not as engaged in the world as non-readers was not born out in Ross’ research.

“They did more shopping and spent more time engaged in sports,” she says, “although not as much time sleeping.”

“People that read are engaged in the world. Reading is a solitary affair but it’s also very much a social thing with book clubs, the Oprah show and author events.”

Rothbauer, whose research focused on teens, spoke of the ability of books to help in focusing young people to envision futures for themselves as well as providing personality-modeling information.

“It’s about gathering and organizing information about the wider world, how it works and how one fits into it,” she says. “Reading enables young people to mediate competing claims for truths in their lives.”

“Reading transforms lives.”

Rothbauer observed that teens who are not readers were those whose shared family reading experiences ended in early childhood and those whose regular public library visits ended with the start of school.

Then there are those who actually read but don’t identify themselves as readers.

“They read their information on the web, read many magazines and papers. They are in fact, readers.”

McKechnie’s research explored the reading lives of the very young. Her most important finding was that public librarians were key in helping children become readers.

“Having access to books and the issue of book ownership are key factors in their development as readers,” she says.
A different kind of Remembrance Day

BY BOB KLAC

Remembrance Day in Canada has long meant a time for remembering young men who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country during the First and Second World Wars, and Korean War. This year’s Remembrance Day ceremonies have a somewhat different resonance due to the immediate reality of Canadian lives recently lost in the conflict in Afghanistan.

Captain Gordon Prentice of the Essex and Kent Scottish Regiment works at the 31st Canadian Brigade Group Headquarters in London is in charge of organizing this year’s Remembrance Day ceremony at the University Community Centre.

“We’ve always had Remem-

”It’s easier for a younger generation to relate to now, when members of that generation are in Afghanistan in combat operations.”

Captain Gordon Prentice
Essex and Kent Scottish Regiment

brance Day,” Prentice says. “I remember being a kid in school when we observed the day. But there’s a different meaning today than back then. We are taking casualties in Afghanistan. It’s very likely these days in the army that you know someone who’s been killed or wounded."

The Western campus has students in the reserves who could opt for a stint in Afghanistan if they chose.

“We have guys who come here to go to school who are in the regiment,” says Prentice.

Despite the presence of student reservists, Prentice says that they are entirely a voluntary force and as such different from regular forces. For reservists to be pressed into service would take an order-in-council, an action Prentice notes is unlikely to happen.

But regardless of the status of student reservists, Prentice recognizes that this will be a Remembrance Day unlike any in recent memory.

“It’s much more relevant,” he says. “It’s easier for a younger generation to relate to now, when members of that generation are in Afghanistan in combat operations.”

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Key events

Main campus
UCC Atrium – Friday, Nov. 10, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Huron University College
Friday, Nov. 10, Service of Holy Eucharist in the chapel at 8:40 a.m. Featuring use of the Communion Kit of Capt. The Rev’d Walter Brown, an alumnus of Huron and the only allied chaplain executed by the enemy during the Second World War. Short commemoration of those who died in service to their country.

Brescia University College & King’s University College
No formal events are planned. Individuals are encouraged to take a personal moment of silence and remember those who have lost their life for our freedom.

Source: Veterans Canada

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Rankings ‘risky’ marketing tool

BY PAUL MAYNE

Reliance on rankings to tell a university’s story can be a risky proposition, says Ivey Professor Niraj Dawar.

Western slipped slightly in the latest Maclean’s University Rank-

ings, moving from third to fifth in the medical/doctoral category. There was significant movement among schools at the top.

“Rankings can be quite volatile and show a lot of movement, which in some cases could be an indica-

tor something is not right with the data,” says Dawar. “Using such surveys to trumpet the university can be risky,” Dawar adds, noting it’s important to find out how they arrived at the data and which dimensions of quality they chose to focus on.

This latest ranking followed a strong performance in the annual Globe and Mail University Report Card in which Western tallied top marks in numerous categories.

This year has seen the most sig-

nificant changes in rankings for all schools since Maclean’s began the process more than 15 years ago, says David Estok, Associate Vice-President, Communications and Public Affairs, adding he is not surprised Western’s position changed.

“Remember that 12 of the 15 universities in our category did not do a special compilation for Maclean’s this year,” says Estok, adding for several indicators, Maclean’s has used data submit-

ted by three universities and pub-

lic data for the other 12, which

Maclean’s collected itself. “This creates problems for compari-

sons. In future, we would recom-


mend Macleans uses just public data.”

Surveys are just one of many factors students and parents use to look for the right university, says Estok.

“We have always said the most

important issue is how our stu-

dents from first year feel when they return home after the first semester at Christmas,” says Estok. “Did they have a good experience? Are their classes and professors challenging? Are they enjoying life at Western? Is the library or the residence good?”

“I think we all wonder about the real value in taking a group of complex universities and trying to reduce them to a single num-

ber,” adds Estok. “We encour-

age students and their parents to look at our website, to visit our campus, to talk to our professors or friends and family who have come to Western and then decide what is best for them.”

That’s what Dawar also sug-

gests.

“Over time, universities need to market themselves even stron-

ger as to why they are different than others,” he says. “Show them what you think is important and present them with the informa-

tion you want to get across.”

Western will be doing just that as thousands of potential students will be on campus Nov. 18 for the university’s annual Fall Preview Day. For more information visit www.welcome.uwo.ca

Pyka to head Foundation Western

Frank Pyka has been named Executive Director at Foundation Western effective January 1, 2007.

Pyka has been the Director of Finance at the London Commu-

nity Foundation since 2000. Prior to that, he was employed by Lon-

don Life for more than 15 years in the investment management and related systems area.

A member of the Society of Management Accountants of Ontario, Pyka has been an instructor in the Not-For-Profit Management program at Contin-

uing Studies at Western since 2004.

Pyka takes over from Jim Bristow, who is retiring after 19 years as Foundation Western’s Executive Director.

“His experience at the Lon-

don Community Foundation and London Life will serve us well,” says Ron Potter, President of Foundation Western. “We also want to wish Jim Bristow well in his retirement. His commitment to the Foundation has been out-

standing and we thank him for his years of dedicated service.”

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Average Number of Years to Doctoral Degree Completion
1992-1995 Entering Cohorts – All Disciplines

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What is measured in the graphs?

- Doctoral Students: Completion Rates and Time-to-Completion
- To accurately measure completion rates and time-to-completion for students in doctoral programs, the G10 data exchange developed a detailed methodology which tracks each entering student on a term-by-term basis for nine years after first registration. The exchange has gathered information on the 1992 through 1995 entering cohorts.

Why is it measured?

The Strategic Plan refers specifically to monitoring time-to-completion in programs.

What does it mean?

About two-thirds of Western's doctoral students successfully complete the PhD, taking an average of just under five years to do so. Both indicators for Western are slightly better than the G10 average. As Western proceeds with expansion of doctoral enrolment, it will be important to monitor these two indicators.

A cautionary note: the completion rate and the time-to-completion will vary significantly by disciplinary group, with lower completion rates and longer completion times, for example, in humanities disciplines across all universities.

Source: G10 Data Exchange as reported in Western's 2006 Performance and Activity Indicators annual report

ACADEME

PhD Lectures

Yulin Fang: A Business Administration PhD Public Lecture will be held Nov. 9 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 2059, Ivey Business School. Title of the Lecture: “Knowledge Boundary Spanning in Virtual Teams”. A Thesis Examination will follow at 2 p.m. in Room 125A, Stevenson-Lawson Building. Supervisor: Dr. Derrick Neufeld.

Robert Croskey: A History PhD Thesis Examination will be held Nov. 9 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 142, Stevenson-Lawson Building. Title of the Thesis: “Righteous Rebels: The Religious Views and Motivations of Confederate Generals in the American Civil War”. Supervisor: Dr. Nancy Rhodes.

Raymond Thomas: A Biology PhD Public Lecture will be held Nov. 10 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 503, Medical College. Title: “Suberification in Soybean Roots and Its Role in Disease Tolerance”. A Thesis Examination will follow at 2:30 p.m. in Room 125A, Stevenson-Lawson Building. Supervisor: Dr. Mark Bernards.

Adam P. Cann: A Rehabilitation Sciences PhD Public Lecture will be held Nov. 10 at 2 p.m. in Room 1200, Elborn College. Title: “Exploring the Risks of Occupational Injuries in Food Service Workers: A Mixed Methods Approach”. A Thesis Examination will follow at 3 p.m. in Room 142, Stevenson-Lawson Building. Supervisor: Dr. Anthony Vandervoot.

CAREERS

What is a central Web site displays advertisements for all vacant academic positions. The following positions are among those advertised at www.uwo.ca/pvp/facultyrelations/jobs/index-jobs.html. Please review, or contact the faculty, sTIDOL or department directly.

FULL-TIME ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Faculty of Health Sciences, School of Kinesiology - applications are invited for a probationary (tenure-track) or tenured appointment in the area of Sports Medicine to start July 1, 2007. Applications for the assistant and associate professor level, applications by full professor will also be considered. Please quote number HS 072 on all correspondence. Closing Date: February 2, 2007

Faculty of Health Sciences, School of Nursing - applications are invited for a limited term appointment of up to four years in the School of Nursing. The effective date of the appointment is January 1, 2007. Please quote number HS 073 on all correspondence. Closing Date: December 10, 2006

PART-TIME ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS (Unanticipated)

Candidates for the following unanticipated appointments for the Winter 2007 period must apply using the application form available at either www.uwo.ca/pvp/facultyrelations/forms/index-forms-guides.html or from the Department, School or Faculty Office. Calendar description of the courses offered can be viewed at www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/western/web/2007course/SYLLABUS/COPTER/INFORMATION.HTM or at websites specified in the calendar listings at www.uwo.ca/pvp/facultyrelations/index-forms-guides.html

Faculty of Engineering, Dean’s Office, E 498F, Engineering Ethics, Sustainable Development and the Law. Closing date: November 30, 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 men, including visible minorities, Aboriginal people and persons with disabilities.

REGISTRAR’S BULLETIN

Mid-Year Examination Timetable, December 2006

The preliminary mid-year examination schedule is now posted on the Registrar's website. The Final Schedule will be posted Nov. 13. Students booking flights for the holidays are advised to book a flight date of Dec. 21 or later.

A student who, for religious reasons, is unable to write exams on a Sabbath or Holy Day, must give notice of this fact in writing to his/her Dean as early as possible, but not later than Nov.15.

ADD/_DROP Deadlines

November 30: Last day to drop a full course and full-year half course in 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.

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COMING EVENTS

November 9

Mcintosh Gallery Exhibition - Joseph Hubbard: WMDs & Paranoia. Fear and prejudice in the context of symbols of power and belief systems. For gallery hours of operation contact 519-661-3181. Runs until Dec. 10.

Dept. of Visual Arts - ArtLab Exhibition "Open Call" runs to Nov 17. Visit www.uwo.ca/artlab/

Physics & Astronomy Colloquium - Eduard Vorobev, Western. "The Boltzmann moment equation approach for the dynamics of collisionless systems" Physics & Astronomy 123, p.m.

Bruce McCaffrey Memorial Graduate Seminar Series - Geoff Stewart. "Modernization in Post-Colonial Vietnam" SSC Rm. 431E, 4:30 p.m.

November 10

Western Award of Excellence - deadline for nominations. Nomination forms available at: www.uwo.ca/psc/recognition/nomination.htm

Huron University College – Remembrance Day Service, service of Holy Eucharist. Open to all, will feature use of Communion Kit of Capit. The Rev'd Walter Brown, an alumnus of Huron and only allied chaplain executed by the enemy during WWII. Short commemoration of those who died in service to their country. Huron University Chapel. 8:40 a.m.

12:30 Fridays - Greensleeves performs music of the 16th and 17th centuries weekly leftovers, lute and mezzo soprano, von Kuster Hall, 12:30 p.m.

Anatomy & Cell Biology Seminar - Siew-Ging, Gong, Department of Orthodontics, University of Toronto. "Molecular Basis of Growth & Fusion of the Primary Lip and Palate" 12:30 in DDB 1002. All are welcome!

Philosophy Colloquium Series (joint with Psychology) Pierre Jacob, Institut Nicol. "What Do Mirror Neurons Contribute To Human Social Cognition?" SSC, Room 2028. 3 p.m. Everyone welcome

Modern Languages and Literatures Transatlantic Seminar Series: Teobaldo Noriega will give a paper entitled, "Cuestion de hábitos de vida: la vida de los habitantes de R.J. Moreno Durán y los avatares de Sor Juana" UC 207, 3:30 p.m.

Men's Squash - McMaster @ Western. 5 p.m.

Women's Basketball - Ottawa @ Western. 6 p.m.

Men's Basketball - Ottawa @ Western. 8 p.m.

November 11

Men's Squash - Brock @ Western. 10 a.m.

Women's Squash - McMaster @ Western. 12 p.m.

Men's Squash - Waterloo @ Western. 2:30 p.m.

Women's Volleyball - Brock @ Western. 12 p.m.

Men's Volleyball - Toronto @ Western. 2 p.m.

Women's Basketball - Carleton @ Western. 6 p.m.

Men's Basketball - Carleton @ Western. 8 p.m.

November 12

Huron University College Organ Dedication - The rebuilt organ in the Collegiate Chapel of St. John the Evangelist will be dedicated by the Venerable Jane Humphreys, Archdeacon of Middlesex at a service of Evensong. The Rector. The Rev'd Canon William G. Cliff will preach and the Choir of Parish of St. John the Evangelist, Stithavoy, under the direction of William Lupton, Chapel organist and director of Music will sing. All are invited to attend.

Contact. Rev. Canon Bill Cliff at 519-438-7224, ext 294 or wcil@huron.uwo.ca

Women's Hockey - Western @ Western. 4 p.m.

November 13

Blood Donor Clinic, UCC lower level. 12 - 4 p.m.

Helen Battle Lecture Series - Dept. of Biology Colloquium. The Biology Undergraduate Society hosts Western’s Brock Fenton lecture entitled “Taking off with bats”: B&G 116. 5:30 p.m. All are invited.

Modern Languages and Literatures - Russell Pode: “Ancestors of Macbeth’s Weird Sisters: Comparative Look at Spells & Incantations in the Medieval British Isles” UC 142. 4:30 - 6 p.m.

King’s University College – Centre for Social Concern presents Len Devoechte. Author of: Allow the Water and Love of Enemy: The Cross & Sword Trial. “Nonviolence as a Powerful Force” Wempke Student Lounge, 7 p.m.

November 14


Blood Donor Clinic, UCC lower level. 12 - 4 p.m.

Mcintosh Gallery Exhibition - Joseph Hubbard: WMDs & Paranoia. Fear and prejudice in the context of symbols of power and belief systems.

Free Walking Tour by the Artist. For gallery hours of operation contact 519-661-3181. 12:30 p.m.

Distinguished University Professorship Award Public Lectures - Heather Lachinger, Faculty of Health Sciences and Vladmir Hachinski, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry. Conron Hall, University College. 4:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. RSVP: at 519-660-3747 or rsvp@uwo.ca

Modern Languages and Literatures - German Film Series. The Legend of Paul and Paula (1972) Director: Heiner Carow. UC 142, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. German with English subtitles.

Campus Recreation - Wellness Workshop - Laura Baxter “Understanding Digestive Concerns” UCC Room 305, 7 - 8 p.m.

November 15

GIS Day at Western - Open House and Presentation Session - Department of Geography hosts Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Day, as part of Geography Awareness Week. Learn what GIS is and what it can do for you! Open to all. Open House 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Service 4. Sauer Map Library, SSC Room 1005. Displays and hands-on workshops. Presentation Session 1:30 p.m. - Dean's Conference Room, SSC Room 204. Featuring speakers from Western, City of London, ITRCA and more: http://geography.uwo.ca/gisday/

Blood Donor Clinic, UCC lower level. 12 - 4 p.m.

Toastmaster’s Campus Communicators - Improving all your public speaking needs. Meets every Wednesday. For more info contact Brett Tomlinson, btomlins@uwo.ca SLB 330, 12:05 - 12:55 p.m.

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. UC 117, 3:30 p.m.

Dept. of Medicine - Clinical Pharmacology Grand Rounds: Kelly Zarnke, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry. “Does the application of knowledge in self help what we want from drug health policy?” LHSC, University Hospital. Auditorium C. 4 p.m.

Physiology and Pharmacology Seminar - Stevenson Lecture: Gerald Karsenty, Columbia University. “Central Control of Bone Mass” LHSC, UH - Auditorium D. 4.45 p.m.

Women's Volleyball - Waterloo @ Western. 6 p.m.

Men’s Volleyball - Waterloo @ Western. 8 p.m.

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Municipal Vote 2006

Elections for mayor, board of control, councillor and education trustees takes place Nov. 13. Western News contacted councillor candidates in Ward 6, where the university is located, to assess some of the key issues.

Key issues for Ward 6 candidates

NANCY BRANSCOMBE
email: nancy@nanbran.com

- Protect and enhance London’s environment. London needs councillors that understand that the environment is an important part of quality of life and prosperity.
- Clean up student housing problems and protect our neighbourhoods. London needs councillors who will protect neighbourhoods from absentee landlords and irresponsible students.
- Back to basics: London needs councillors that provide greater value for tax dollars by focusing on fundamentals such as core services including weekly garbage pickup, enhanced snow removal, improved traffic flow via synchronized stop-lights and bottle-necks and road repairs.

STEVE EDWARDS
email: Edwards2006London@yahoo.ca

- Housing issues are very important. Lots of absentee landlords with students living in their units.
- The issue of communication around housing, respect for one another. Make the ways of communication better among each other in Ward 6, especially between students and longer-term residents in ward 6.
- The issue of commitment. People are noticing that I’m the only candidate that lives here. It comes back to respect for people in the ward.

STEPHEN TURNER
email: stephen@voteturner.ca

- Neighborhood issues are on the forefront. A priority is going to work on addressing these issues. Get the students interest in the community. Help them become less alienated.
- Trees: the trees in the old north neighborhoods are at the end of their life cycle. The city hasn’t done much in terms of replacing them.
- Property taxes: When building new neighborhoods, the full costs of service aren’t recovered. The costs go onto the current taxpayer and this isn’t right. Growth should pay for growth. Although this growth isn’t happening in Ward 6, it affects the ward and the entire city.

BOB HOWARD
email: bobhoward6@hotmail.com

- The biggest thing we face is to take advantage of the 14-ward system. It will allow for better relations between the communities and the city they represent.
- Relations between students residents and other residents. Nobody ever talks about talking. Hey, let’s try talking to them. In this ward, there are a lot of community groups but not a student community group.
- Try to figure out how to have a more cohesive method of communication between community members. This big whitewash that we’re doing is in treating it like everybody’s the same, treating everyone the same. All that does is encourage these walls.

Recognition for Western’s early researchers

Thirteen Western researchers were among the recipients of a $14-million funding initiative Tuesday by the Ontario government. The funding was announced by Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Research and Innovation John Wilkinson during a recent visit to Western. See photo Page 1.

“Our government is doing its part to make it easier for outstanding researchers to stay in Ontario and recruit talented young researchers to their teams,” said Wilkinson.

Under the Early Researcher Award (ERA) program, the Ontario government is investing $51 million over five years in the next generation of researchers. In this second round of the program, more than $14 million will be awarded to leading early career researchers working in 10 communities across the province. In Southwestern Ontario, 49 researchers at seven institutions received the awards for research in a wide range of fields.

Applications are now being accepted for the next round of Early Researcher Awards. The deadline is January 31, 2007. Details are posted on the Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation website.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Paul J. Ragogna
Assistant Professor, Inorganic Chemistry, Department of Chemistry

Trevor Birmingham
Associate Professor, School of Physical Therapy

Wing-Yiu Choy
Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry

Blaine A. Chronik
Assistant Professor, Department of Physics and Astronomy

Mellissa Mann
Assistant Professor, Departments of Obstetrics & Gynecology, and Biochemistry

John K. McCormick
Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology

Andrew Leahy
Associate Professor, Department of Oral Biology

Nathan D. Jones
Professor, Department of Chemistry

Christopher G. Guglielmo
Assistant Professor, Department of Biology

David R. Edgell
Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry

Paul Wiegeert
Assistant Professor, Department of Physics and Astronomy

Xueliang (Andy) Sun
Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical and Materials Engineering

Cynthia E. Dunning
Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical and Materials Engineering