Ron Potter has trouble saying ‘no’

By Karmen Dowling

Ron Potter says everything he has accomplished has been because he stepped into the middle of the stream and got swept away.

“Not once did I ever say I’d like to be involved – all of my activities have been a result of someone coming up to me and saying they could use my help,” says Potter, who admits he has a genetic impairment – the inability to say “no.”

Tomorrow, Potter will be honoured with the Dr. Ivan Smith Award, Alumni Western’s highest tribute. It is awarded annually to an outstanding individual in recognition of their sustained and significant contributions to the Alumni Association, The University of Western Ontario and society.

Potter spent 30 years volunteering with the Canadian Cancer Society. As Ontario Campaigns Chairman, he was responsible for Terry Fox and his run in Ontario. Potter has also been involved in well over a dozen other groups and teams since settling in London in the mid-60s. The former athlete in football and basketball only attended Western for one year and completed his degree at Waterloo Lutheran University in 1956. Throughout the years, Potter has maintained his dedication to Western. He switched from playing to coaching football and was recruited by John Metras to assist with the Mustang football team from 1966 to 1973. Today, he is an Honorary Officer with the ‘W’ Club and is on the board of Foundation Western as past president.

In a supporting letter for his nomination, Robert W. Pearson, President of the “W” Club, stated: “Potter, while content to work in a quiet, competent way, has made extensive contributions to the community, the sporting world and his university.”

Potter worked for London Life for 35 years and since his retirement continued to work part-time with his son, Tim (BA’84), at Sheffar Potter Muchan Inc., an investment and life insurance company.

Over the years, he has received several awards, including the Canadian Volunteer Award, 125th Anniversary Confederation Medal, Queen’s Golden Jubilee Medal, and was inducted into the “W” Club Athletic Hall of Fame. Even with all his achievements, Potter says he is most proud of his wife of 51 years, Judith (BA’85), and their children, Chris, Tim and Robin.

Tim notes it is he and his siblings who are so proud of their father.

“I don’t think you could find children who are as proud of their father as Chris, Robin and I are,” he says. “The way my dad leads by example, always has time to listen no matter how busy he may be, his unwavering belief in us, and his tremendous sense of humour, makes him not only our father but our hero.”

“In many ways, I think the three of us have taken for granted the amount of time he has devoted to various charities, his community and the university over the years because that’s all we’ve ever known since we were kids. He has always been involved in volunteering his time. However, all three of us would say that despite his involvement, along with a busy business career, he has always been there for us. We are thrilled that he is being recognized by the Alumni Association because he is the type of person who never draws attention to himself. He would much rather see the people around him get the credit.”

ALUMNI AWARDS

Canada’s top art gallery buys professor’s work

By Paul Mayne

Kim Moodie is not one to knock on doors to shop his artwork around. But when the National Gallery of Canada (NGC) came knocking, it was a door he had no problem opening.

The Visual Arts professor’s inclusion in the nation’s premier showcase of art marks a highlight of his career.

“I feel it’s one of my better works,” says Moodie. “To be recognized in this context is a career milestone, if you want to put it that way. I do have works in other galleries, but to be included in the National Gallery of Canada is pretty much top of the top.”

It was a chance viewing for Moodie that sparked the interest of one of the gallery’s curators. Seeing some of his work at a show in Halifax, the NGC asked to have a piece he was then working on, to send along a representation with some other works.

He was asked that when he finished a piece he was then working on, to send along a representation with some other works. Then came the wait.

“I didn’t hear anything so I thought it wasn’t going to happen,” says Moodie, who has been interested in my work and I was asked to send along a price list.”

Time to wait, yet again.

“I didn’t hear anything back again and I thought perhaps the money was too high, but I received another e-mail that they like the work and I was to send it up.”

From start to finish, the process took about eight or nine months, but the approximately 36” by 73” work entitled ‘Stray’ – created using India ink on plasticized Japanese rice paper – is ready for hanging in the Ottawa gallery.

“I work on my work on a pretty regular basis. I try and work in my studio on a regular basis. No one makes me go, it’s my drive and desire,” he says.

“I believe artists really never have a choice, they’re artists by nature. It’s my nature and I’ve never had a choice. From the time I was five or six, art was always a part of my life.”

The NGC says Moodie’s work will eventually be present in the contemporary art galleries, but doesn’t have a fixed date as of yet. They are also thinking of it for an exhibition of drawings further down the road.

‘Stray’ finds home in National Gallery

Ron Potter has trouble saying ‘no’
David Kanatawakhon-Maracle believes the preservation of language is equal to the preservation of a culture. As a teacher of the Mohawk language at the University of Western Ontario, he is doing his part to keep his language and culture alive.

Kanatawakhon-Maracle teaches in the Department of Anthropology and for the first time in 16 years, he is teaching First Nations 2104, Introduction to the Mohawk Language, as an online distance studies course.

Understanding Mohawk is more than learning a few conversational phrases, so Kanatawakhon-Maracle turned to the Information Technology Resource Centre. Together they developed a WebCT OWL site that incorporates audio recordings of his voice to help students practice pronunciation and recognize elements of the language.

In addition to having MP3 recordings, workbooks were converted into HTML. Links were added to each syllable, word or sentence, enabling students to click on the word and hear the pronunciation.

“Language is more than a lot of noise we use to communicate with,” he says. “A good portion of that communication is based on cultural interaction, tradition and cultural history.”

“I feel a lot more comfortable when speaking Mohawk than when I speak English. When I speak Mohawk I am using vocabulary that my ancestors used 600 years ago.”

Before students can talk the talk, they must first learn some basics.

One challenge with online distance studies is the lack of direct interaction with the instructor. The audio component of the course simulates the in-class experience of hearing Kanatawakhon-Maracle speak and helps students understand how to use the language properly.

More than 4,000 audio clips are used in the course, including short, one-word sound clips and full sentences.

Although it is a language course, Kanatawakhon-Maracle says students will gain an understanding of the culture because the two are closely linked.

Mohawk is full of metaphors, which are used to describe one’s relationship to the greater world. There are 58 pronoun prefixes, dozens more than in the English language, and they are used in variations depending on how the words are used. Also, Mohawk uses what Kanatawakhon-Maracle describes as “scramble word order” which means sentences can be said in a variety of different ways.

It matches up with English intonation, he says. “Every time you put more emphasis on a particular part of what you are saying, that would match up with a word arrangement in Mohawk. We create emphasis by reordering our vocabulary.”

When reading a book written in English, the reader must add the emphasis into the story based on cues from punctuation or the tone of the language. However, Mohawk is written with the intonations built in and there is no need for interpretation.

“If you are reading a story in Mohawk, it’s as if someone is right there speaking it and telling the story right in front of you,” he says.

By providing audio recordings of the words, students sense the flow of the language. Rather than just reading the words in a text, it helps students recognize variations of a word when it is spoken in conversation.

Keen to pass his language on to others, Kanatawakhon-Maracle has written five Mohawk dictionaries and produced a CD with 240 hours of language instruction.

“If you change a language, you change a culture and if you lose a language, you lose a culture,” he says.
Western joins Scholars at Risk program

The University of Western Ontario has joined an international network of universities and colleges working to promote academic freedom and defend the human rights of scholars worldwide.

Western is the second Canadian institution to join the Scholars at Risk (SAR) program, which is headquartered at New York University and includes prominent American universities such as Harvard University, Johns-Hopkins, the University of Chicago, and others in nearly two dozen countries around the world. The only other Canadian member is Massey College at the University of Toronto.

By offering temporary or short-term academic positions, SAR members can help qualified scholars escape restrictive or dangerous conditions in their home countries and allow them to continue their scholarly work unimpeded. In return, scholars contribute to their host campuses through teaching, research and other activities.

Apart from limited funding through a foundation associated with SAR in New York, funding for salaries, housing and other needs is sourced by the member institution for the period of the scholar’s stay.

With direction from the Office of the Vice-President (Research & International Relations), a steering committee of volunteers from each faculty will review potential SAR candidates. It is expected that one or two nominees will be considered at Western annually, depending on the availability of mentors and funding.

Current faculty representatives include:

- Arts and Humanities, Donna Pennee (dpennee@uwo.ca)
- Social Science, Scott Schaffer (sschaff2@uwo.ca)
- Law, Michael Lynk (mslynk@uwo.ca)
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- Science, Shiva Singh (ssingh@uwo.ca)
- Education, Rebecca Coulter (coulter@uwo.ca)
- FIMS, Sandra Smeltzer (ssmeltze@uwo.ca)

The committee is soliciting Faculty representatives for Music, Health Sciences, Engineering and Ivey and interested parties are encouraged to contact Vice-President (Research & International Relations) Ted Hewitt (hewitt@uwo.ca) directly.

For more about SAR visit: https://scholarsatrisk.nyu.edu/.

Coulter recognized for women’s equality work

Faculty of Education professor Rebecca Coulter will be honoured by the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA) for her contribution to academic women’s equality at an awards dinner in Toronto on Saturday, Oct. 3.

Coulter will be the first recipient of OCUFA’s “Status of Women Committee Award of Distinction,” created to recognize those whose exceptional efforts have advanced the position of academic women.

“Rebecca Coulter’s life has been so closely tied to so many important initiatives for academic women that it is hard to think of anyone more deserving of recognition by the OCUFA Status of Women Committee,” says OCUFA President Mark Langer.

At Western, Coulter was instrumental in revitalizing the Western Caucus on Women’s Issues. She has also served on and chaired the OCUFA Status of Women Committee. At the national level, she was a member of the Canadian Association of University Teachers’ Status of Women Committee and of the National Action Committee of the Status of Women.

A recognized expert in the education field, Coulter has published widely on gender relations in education, the history of women and education, and the impact of economic and educational restructuring on women working in the educational sector. She has also been involved in promoting women and aboriginal issues in the community.

Coulter will receive the award at a dinner to be held at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

Correction

In an article in the Sept. 17 issue of Western News about the Serge A. Sauer Map Library, it was incorrectly stated that the library will move to the Weldon Library. In fact, no decision has yet been made about a future location.
THE WAY WE WERE: 1924

In 1924 Convocation Hall designed by Detroit architect Frederick Spier became the architectural centerpiece of the university. It was intended to host future convocations but by 1932 the 750-seat auditorium could no longer accommodate increasing enrollments. In 1998 (right photo) the hall was restored to its former grandeur and in recognition of a generous financial gift from Caroline Conron in memory of her husband, Brandon Conron, Professor of English and former chairman of the Board of Governors, Convocation Hall was renamed Conron Hall.

LOOKING BACK
From the Western News archives: Sept. 27, 1979

- The Ontario government is eliminating Ontario property and sales tax credits to foreign students. Claims for tax credits were disallowed and visa students were asked to return past benefits. The ruling affected about 2,000 foreign graduate students who held jobs as teaching assistants in Ontario universities.

- A civil service commission proposal threatened to de-professionalize Social Work as an academic career. It proposed that social workers be classified and evaluated for promotion on the basis of their function.

- Western medical researchers treated guinea pig windpipes with a variety of substances to learn what causes breathing impairment in allergy and asthma sufferers.

- Dr. Wilfred Jury participated in a sod-turning ceremony to celebrate the proposal of a new building for the Museum of Indian Archaeology. Jury, curator and founding honorary director of the museum, donated his personal artifacts in 1926.

- For sale: Sherwood Forest, 5-level condo, 3 bedrooms, den, spacious, garage. Asking $36,000.

- University of Manitoba faculty receive an eight-per-cent pay raise in one year's contract. Average salary: $30,996

- compiled by Agnes Chick

VERBATIM

Reports on higher education

VIDEO USE AND HIGHER EDUCATION: OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE

“Wired Magazine founder Kevin Kelly and Creative Commons founder and Stanford law professor Lawrence Lessig describe our cultural shift today as one from book literacy to screen fluency where video is the new vernacular—a “world beyond words,” where television, movies, and all audiovisual work will, like books, find themselves with tables of contents, indexes and abstracts, rendering them searchable to the minute if not the second and have rights provenance clearly and transparently defined for both legacy and new elements. We have described the trends noticeable today as ones that are as remarkable as the shift from the scroll to the codex over 2,000 years ago.

“This music stops at the university gate. The state of play today in higher education is such that the “screen literacy,” “visuality,” and fluency that students bring to the classroom and to their work from their worlds outside the university are barely being serviced inside of it. The ways in which students use, create and distribute entertainment media differ drastically from the ways in which they use digital media inside the classroom. The demand—not only on the part of students, but from teachers as well—for video resources exceeds what is available in every institution we visited.”

This report is based on findings of a study designed and funded by Copyright Clearance Center and conducted by Intelligent Television with the cooperation of New York University. June 2009

http://library.nyu.edu/about/Video_Use_in_Higher_Education.pdf
‘Wow, I’m here’

Accessibility assistance is helping a blind law student pursue her goals

By Paul Mayne

“I'm just an average student.”

This may be Alexandra Papaiconomou's perception of herself, but ask others and you'll get a totally different answer.

“In my 35 years as a reference librarian, helping literally tens of thousands of students, I cannot recall a student with a greater desire to do well and a better ability to listen to information read to her and remember it,” says Walter Zimmerman, Senior Librarian, Research & Instructional Services, at the D. B. Weldon Library.

Zimmerman befriended Papaiconomou as a first-year student, assisting her with the library's online catalogue and databases.

“Alexandra is an exceptional woman with much to offer the legal world. She has had an interest in becoming a lawyer since her childhood,” he adds, noting the faculty is fortunate to have attracted her.

“I have written letters of reference for several other students during my career, but I can say in all honesty that Alexandra is the finest person, student, and friend that one can hope to meet.”

The Toronto-native's pursuit of a law degree will be her fourth degree - and third from Western. After graduating from Fanshawe College with a diploma in Developmental Science, she came to Western in 2001 and earned a double BA (History and Sociology) and master's in History - in just four years.

These accomplishments would be impressive on their own, however Papaiconomou is also blind, the result of a congenital condition that caused a gradual deterioration of her eyesight over 11 years.

She says she's proud the university didn't let the condition get in the way of her potential success.

“Western doesn't provide a cookie-cutter level of accessibility. They don't tell you what you need, they ask you,” she says. “And the Services for Students with Disabilities here at Western is really great with that. It's customized to what you need. Even from one blind person to another, it's very different the level of accessibility needed.”

For exams, Papaiconomou prefers some to be tape recorded for multiple-choice questions, and some she prefers in braille. With fast-tracking her undergraduate degree, she regretted missing classes beginning.

Already a two-time Western graduate, Alexandra Papaiconomou is now pursuing a law degree, thanks to high academic abilities and her guide dog Buckles.

The big thing, however, is I'm a part of this university and that my contributions are just as valuable as anyone else's,” says Papaiconomou. “They not only rolled out the welcome mat for me, they are really working with me to support me in this process. But obviously I need to perform academically to achieve my goal.”

And it is the challenge of earning a Law degree that has her nerves all-aflutter.

“Once we discussed the first case in class it really hit me that 'wow I'm here.' ” She's looking forward to working with one of the law clinics in an advocacy role.

“I'm very excited about it though. I have that first-year excitement again. I love academia in general and I like being challenged in that way. I'm not getting special treatment and also I'm not being disadvantaged because of something.”

“Western doesn't provide a cookie-cutter level of accessibility. They don't tell you what you need, they ask you.”

— Alexandra Papaiconomou, student

“The thing I like about Western is that they’re willing to work with concerns that I bring to the table. Even something as simple as plowing the snow because there is a specific path I take,” she says. “It's all the support on campus that made Western the only choice for me.”

But let’s not forget Buckles. Papaiconomou's 10-year-old poodle has been her eyes on campus ever since beginning at Western. She, too, has had an extra wag in her tail since returning to campus.

“She loves being back at Western,” says Papaiconomou. “She’s trying to take me to the UCC a lot, so I don’t know if she thinks I need coffee or something. But there is that extra confidence in her stride. She knows where everything is. She has this really strong pull. She’s happy to be back as well.”

So while this is just the first step in three years of hard work, Papaiconomou looks forward with anticipation.

“This is my life. I’m in Law school and being a professional program I know I have to work harder. This really gets my mental juices going. I love being here.”

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Michael Coren is the host of the weekly Michael Coren Show, a weekly columnist, and the author of several books. He has received honorary degrees for his writing and numerous awards for his broadcasting.

Justin Trottier is an Engineering-Science graduate of the University of Toronto and Executive Director of the Centre for Inquiry, which promotes atheism, secularism, and science. He has appeared as a guest speaker on CBC The National, The Michael Coren Show, and CTV’s Canada AM.

Where: Thursday, October 8, 2009.
From 7pm to 8:00pm.
Where: University of Western Ontario Law Building, Moot Court Room (2nd floor of the law building, across from the library).

All welcome to attend!
Pizza and drinks will be served free of charge at 6:45 sharp!
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Sage advice on the Nature of publishing

By Heather Travis

For some, getting published in the journal Nature would be achieving the Holy Grail for research. It is the gold stamp of approval signaling a researcher’s work is innovative, provides new insight and is among “the best.”


With advice on how to avoid having a scientific paper dumped on the cutting room floor, he offered inside knowledge on the tricks of getting published in the prestigious journal.

It was standing room only for the colloquium series talk hosted by the Physics & Astronomy and Earth Sciences departments, the largest attendance for any guest speaker in the series, say organizers. Interested researchers piled into the room, some standing in the hallway, waiting to catch the editor’s ear.

Making it onto the pages of Nature means “your work is recognized as important outside your specialty,” says Sage. The journal looks for research that reports a fundamentally new physical insight, and sometimes, announces a startling, unanticipated result.

“I just don’t have the page space for stuff that isn’t going to have an impact,” he says.

Making the cut is not easy. Sage alone rejects about three-quarters of the papers that come across his desk. Overall, the journal publishes about seven per cent of the submissions received.

To catch the editor’s attention, Sage says good writing is the first step. Because the journal is read by a wide audience, from members of the scientific community to politicians, funding agencies and the general public, the first paragraph explaining the research should be written at a level no higher than a first-year university class. The bulk of the paper should be written at the level of someone in the first year of graduate studies.

Sage recognizes most researchers have little formal training in writing a good paper, but poor writing may prevent them from getting published.

His recommendations: tell your audience why it is a good topic; tell them what problems are in the field; explain what you have done in your research; and discuss how your work helps to advance towards a solution to the problem.

“People need to just establish a context within which the paper will seem important, (but) without all of the hype,” he says. “If a paper is incomprehensible, it is a waste of my page space.”

Sage says the journal mostly focuses on observational and experimental papers and rarely publishes theory. “We want papers to be right, or at least the best available explanation... that’s just not what theory does.”

Addressing a criticism that Nature can be a bit conservative when it comes to publishing controversial topics, Sage says “if you cannot persuade a couple of people in your field, it’s not ready for primetime.”

Before a paper hits the presses, Sage sends a copy to referees to be peer-reviewed. The best referees are a researcher’s most direct competitors, he says, noting this may create conflicts of interest. He also points to a loophole in the peer-review process. In many fields of study it is difficult to get access to the raw data. Without that data, peer reviewers can only assume “you have collected your data in good faith.” If the results have been faked, there is no way to track it down.

But he cautions anyone from thinking making up data is a good idea.

“If you fake your data, you will get caught. That’s the way science works; it is self-correcting.”

Aside from bragging rights attained from getting published in Nature, researchers get world-wide publicity and exposure. It is a good way to inspire young people to get into the field, he adds.

Even after following Sage’s advice, getting your name inked in Nature isn’t guaranteed. Approximately 15 Western researchers from the Faculty of Science have been published in the journal, says Peter Brown, Canada Research Chair in Meteor Science and Director of the Centre for Planetary Science & Exploration at Western. But he doesn’t want researchers to get discouraged.

“It’s important for people to understand the process of publishing in Nature,” he says. “It gets people thinking not just in their field, but how their research impacts widely.”

Sage encourages anyone interested in publishing in Nature to contact him with questions before writing the paper or making a submission. He can be contacted at lsage@naturedc.com.
Western lends a hand in the community

By Paul Mayne

Gregory Ng and a few fellow Western students spent their Saturday afternoon folding and hanging clothes – not for themselves, but for those in need in the London community.

The group spent their time at the Ark Aid Mission in downtown London as part of Western Serves, a campus-wide program to increase awareness about service-learning. Students, staff and faculty have an opportunity to spend time together, engaged in service in the London community.

Other partner organizations included seniors’ communities, environmental organizations, social service groups and youth centres. The initiative was established by the Centre for New Students and Residence Life Department in 2007.

“When you think about it, five hours out of one day is really not that much,” says Ng, a BMOS student who helped to organize and box summer clothes and replace them with fall and winter wear. “And to see the difference you can make, how big or small, is worth that small investment.”

And to see the difference you can make in service in the London community, and the services that are offered.”

In fact Lalendran, who volunteered at the Boys & Girls Club during her first year with Western Serve, continues to volunteer there.

Stephanie Hayne, Experiential Education Coordinator at the Career Centre @ Western, says the feedback from the students was tremendous.

“If this encourages the students to want to continue their volunteering opportunities, that’s fantastic,” she says. “I know in speaking with the agencies involved they are always so thrilled to have the students help out.”

At the end of the day, participants returned to campus for a celebratory meal and to reflect about their experiences.

This year, about 230 enthusiastic students, faculty and staff took part in activities ranging from assisting the London Food Bank and cleaning at the John Gordon Home, to face painting at the St. Julien Park Festival and planting trees for ReForest London. The latter saw 385 trees planted in one afternoon.

“It’s not a huge deal, but it makes a huge difference,” says Anatomy and Cell Biology student Akshita Lalendran, who took part in her third Western Serves program. “And it’s a great introduction to the London community and the services that are offered.”

Third-year Brescia University College student Nirakone Phromkharanourak (Political Science/Philosophy), front, and fourth-year Western student Ada Law (Psychology) sort clothes at the Ark Aid Mission as part of the Western Serves program.
Research Western is pleased to announce the following competition:

**Graduate Thesis Research Award**

**Western Internal Grant Competition**

Funds for these awards are provided jointly by the Office of the Vice-President (Research & International Relations) and individual faculties. The purpose of the Graduate Thesis Research Award is to help support the costs of research undertaken by graduate students at The University of Western Ontario that are directly related to the successful completion of their thesis/dissertation requirements.

**Grant Amount:**
- Set by Faculty – Maximum of $1500

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Third year students of associate professor Robert Schincariol’s Earth Sciences watershed hydrology course get down and dirty – well, down and wet - as they wade into Medway Creek on campus to test a variety of techniques for measuring stream discharge.

Paul Mayne, Western News
Canada’s biggest homecoming ‘a special time’

By Heather Travis

The purple carpet will be rolled out this weekend to welcome about 12,000 alumni and friends back to The University of Western Ontario for Homecoming 2009 from Oct 1-4.

This year Western’s Alumni Association is marking its 60th anniversary with a variety of events and activities throughout the weekend. Mustang mascot JW is turning 25 years old and is celebrating his anniversary with other alumni who graduated in years ending in four and nine.

It is Canada’s largest Homecoming event and a first for new president Amit Chakma. He will be introduced to the brigade of volunteers and enthusiastic alumni, who return each year to meet new friends, relive old friendships and reminisce about their university career.

“We truly do offer Canada’s best Homecoming experience,” says Trista Walker, Associate Director, Programs & Events. “During Homecoming weekend (we) are able to meet so many alumni who are passionate about their alma mater. The feelings that they express really can’t be captured – it’s a very special time.”

The official kickoff and Alumni Western Annual General Meeting begins today at TD Waterhouse Stadium from 7-9 p.m.

Learning never stops

Want to relive those learning years? The Faculty of Arts and Humanities has a special no-test Homecoming presentation.

On Saturday, Oct. 3, try out a morning of interactive workshops highlighting various departments.

Beginning at 8:30 a.m., a shuttle will bring alumni and friends from the Visual Arts Building on Perth Drive to University College. Start your day in Conon Hall watching scenes from Le ‘vrai’ monde de Michel Tremblay, presented by Film Studies and The Taming of the Shrew, presented by English.

Now pick from the following 50-minute workshops.

9:45 A.M. SESSIONS
Writing Instructor Melanie Chambers teaches you how to write about your food experience, University College Room 204
Professor Kelly Olson lectures on “Roman Hairpins and the Social Status of Women in Antiquity,” Conron Hall

Critique a short film with Professor Janina Falkowski, University College Room 84
Professor Tracy Isaacs lectures on “Women’s Studies and Feminist Research Demystified,” University College Room 205

10:35 A.M. SESSIONS
“Portrait Drawing” with Kevin Rogers, Ph.D. student, University College Room 202
University’s Basiley, alumni and president of Hensall-based Hensall-based Heron Museum, followed by a reception. (Mordenological Centre)
“Basic Italian for Food Lovers” with Professor Pietro Pirani, University College Room 204

Now experience the world of ice from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. University’s Basiley, alumni and president of Hensall-based Hensall-based Heron Museum, followed by a reception. (Mordenological Centre)
“Some philosophical paradoxes of time” with Professor John Thorp, Conron Hall

“Basic Italian for Food Lovers” with Professor Pietro Pirani, University College Room 204

The hospitality and registration centres will be set up in two locations this year; the University Community Centre and the Western Student Recreation Centre to give alumni a chance to check out the new fitness facility.

As Western welcomes its alumni back, the university looks ahead with the formal launch of the ‘Make A Difference’ fundraising campaign. The launch coincides with the grand opening of the Claude F. McKay-Lassonde Pavilion – Western’s first LEED-certified building.

Campaign chair Geoff Beattie (LLD ’94), along with President Chakma and Engineering Dean Andrew Hrymak will be on hand for the announcement.

Get out your face paint and megaphone to cheer on the nationally ranked (4-0) Mustangs football team as they take on the McMaster Marauders at 2 p.m. at TD Waterhouse Stadium.

Look up to the skies during this year’s half-time show as the Canadian Forces Precision Skydiving team, SkyHawks, perform a jump.

No matter the age of your graduating class, you share a special bond that keeps them coming back year after year.

The Golden Anniversary Dinner, beginning at 6 p.m., entertains the classes of 1939-1959 with an evening of food, musical entertainment and a visit with President Chakma.

Join in on Sunday for the Homecoming breakfast and golf tournament at Firerock Golf Club. Breakfast will be held 9-11 a.m. and a shotgun starts at 11 a.m.

“I think Western’s Homecoming, simply put, is the best. Thousands of alumni return to campus and it’s just a time to be purple and proud,” says Homecoming 2009 chair Anne Baxter, BA’91.

Schedule of Events

Brescia University College

FRIDAY
12 - 4 p.m. - Students’ Council float building, meet at BUSC office
SATURDAY
10 a.m. - Homecoming Parade (departs from Springbilt Parking)
1 p.m. - Brescia Tour (Rotunda, Ursuline Hall)
2 p.m. - 90th anniversary tea (Rose Room)
3 p.m. - Women’s panel, Oak Room
5 p.m. - Wine & cheese (Aroma Mediterranean Restaurant)
6 p.m. - Golden anniversary reception (Great Hall, Western)
6:30 p.m. - Cocktail classic dinner (Aroma Mediterranean Restaurant)
7 p.m. - Golden anniversary dinner (Great Hall, Western)
SUNDAY
10 a.m. - Mass (Chapel, Ursuline Hall)
11 a.m. - Reception and class photos (St. James)
12 p.m. - Lunch (Auditorium, St. James)
2 p.m. - Tour of Brescia (departs fayer in front of Auditorium)

Huron University College

FRIDAY
6:00 p.m. - Chapel of St. John the Evangelist, a memorial service for the Ynr. Dr. John Grant Morley, followed by a reception. (Mordenological Centre)
7:30 - 10:00 p.m. - Brough Hall Gathering
SATURDAY
8 - 10 a.m. - Pancake breakfast (Huron Dining Hall)
11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Hospitality centre (Great Hall)
12 - 2 p.m - Buffet luncheon (Great Hall) $12 (2 p.m. - College tours)
6 p.m. - Post-game cocktails (Old Refectory)
7 p.m. - Homecoming reunion dinner (Old Refectory) $50
8 p.m. - Alumni Awards of Distinction (Old Refectory)

SATURDAY
11 a.m. - Chapel Service (St. John the Evangelist Chapel) (Conor Francis Crick) Brunch to follow.

King’s University College

FRIDAY
8:30 p.m. - Friday Night Bash with Second Stage. (Student Lounge and Lounge Extension, Monsignor Wemple Building)

SATURDAY
10 a.m. - Alumni Association Annual General Meeting (Dante Lenardon Hall Boardroom)
11 a.m. - Alumni Association of Distinction Brunch (Alumni Lounge, lower level, Wemple Building)
12:30 p.m. - Musical tribute to Alumnus (Wemple Courtyard)

Ivey

9:30 - 11 a.m. - Welcome Back Open House (Ivey Atrium)

ARTS
11 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Music performance (Paul Davenport Theatre, newly renovated Talbot Theatre)

LAW
9 - 11 a.m. - Homecoming/50th Anniversary Dean Breakfast (Common Lounge, Faculty of Law)

Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry

12 - 1:30 p.m. - Dean’s Luncheon (The Great Hall, Somerville House)

Science
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Dean’s Homecoming BBQ (Great Hall, Middlesex College. $5)

Faculties of Social Science

12 - 1:30 p.m. - Open House (First floor, Social Science Centre)
HOMECOMING

Alumni Awards of Merit

Alumni Western is celebrating the outstanding achievements of four Western women who have excelled in their field. Their accomplishments represent the best of Western.

Shaman Gomemaguerer says Western laid the foundation for both her future education and career. "The World Wide Web, which enabled my entire career, was just getting started while I was a computer science student at Western," says Gomemaguerer. "I thank the many mentors at Western, and was able to take advantage of the outstanding cutting-edge research environment that existed even though I was a female student. I was a part of the fortunate generation that Western had the means to support women in science." Gomemaguerer notes her time as president and President of the Western Debating Society taught her about communication and leadership.

Nancy Priestner says he purpose of journalism is to tell people about the lives and connections of our world. "I have cherished memories of my Western teammates, coaches and of the com- position on the basketball court," says O'Shea, who was also an assistant coach for 10 years. "I can still see the looks on the faces of the women I coached." The career of Nancy O'Shea was nothing short of a dream come true. She was a teacher in the Thames Valley District School Board, a leader in the community, and a college administrator at the University of Western Ontario, among many other positions. "I have made many friends and continue to have lifelong friendships." O'Shea continues to be involved in the sport today. She has been a coach with the Thames Valley District School Board for 33 years, and is currently a Health & Physical Education Co-ordinator at London Community College. O'Shea has been an active member of the Master's Women's Basketball League for almost 25 years, and will be joining this team for the World Master's Basketball Games in Sydney, Australia this month.

Even with all these accomplishments, O'Shea says the most important thing to do is "Be your own self and live your life."
Western hosts health research network

By Paul Mayne

One of two provincial networks designed to bring research projects to ease pressures on Ontario’s health-care system will call Western home.

The Applied Health Research Network Initiative (AHRNI) of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care will create a province-wide network of multidisciplinary researchers translating research into ways to improve the health of Ontarians. It will be supported by almost $4 million in ministry funding over three years.

“This is a true partnership between Western and other academic institutions,” says Western President Amit Chakma. “This project will engage all our universities through our research capacities and our expertise on health care policy and practice.”

Western will host the System Integration and Innovation (SII) network, which will examine issues related to primary care, identify transitions within the health care system that can be improved and evaluate new programs combining health with other services for high-need families.

“When I look at our health care system I cannot help but think it will be such a challenging task to have integration. The system has grown too large,” adds Chakma. “We need to come together as academic communities to provide the kinds of help our policy maker needs.”

One example includes using research to identify ways to help patients moving between systems, for example from child to adult health, or services, from hospital to home care. The initiative will also support evidence-based policy development and decision-making in the ministry and health-care system.

“We are not the kind of scientists who are happy to have their paper written and put on a shelf,” says Western’s Moira Stewart, who is leading the SII network and the Primary Health Care System program within it. Stewart, Director of the Centre for Studies in Family Medicine at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, says many patients have multiple health needs and they and their families can benefit from better integration of services.

Assistant Deputy Minister Adalsteinn Brown says we make decisions each day which are critical to our health, and we need help making those decisions.

“This sort of evidence is critical for us, and at the end of the day that’s what we’re looking for out of this partnership,” says Brown.

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SENATE MEETING

The first few months for Western President Amit Chakma have been full of firsts. And he can now add chairing a Senate meeting to the list.

“I am just thrilled and honoured to be at Senate as your chair,” he says. “This is one of those unique privileges that has been offered to just 10 of us at this university. It is an awesome responsibility, with the hope senior administration will help me carry on these responsibilities.”

Chakma said he looks forward to working with members of Senate on issues he has flagged as priorities, including responding to trends in higher education, the exploration of knowledge, and globalization.

“Students are thinking differently than students of my generation,” says Chakma. “The question is ‘are we coping with that changing learning environment?’

Globalization is required to enhance the diversity of views and opinions among faculty and students. He notes, to some extent, a situation has developed where we’re all gradually thinking alike.

“In teaching the same concepts, the danger of that is you lose that diversity of views,” he says. “We should do everything possible – together – to create a more concerted effort into the interdisciplinary approach.”

NEW PROGRAMS

Senate has approved new programs in American Studies and Earth Sciences.

The programs in Earth Sciences are in Honors Geology, Honors Environmental Geoscience and in Honors Geophysics. Graduates of the programs would be able to register as Professional Geoscientists with the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario.

The School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies’ proposed Master of Arts Program: American Studies (supported by History and Political Science) will be introduced in September 2010.

The program will allow students to pursue interdisciplinary study and study the United States from a Canadian perspective. The MA in American Studies will be the first of its kind in Canada.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Senate has approved a number of new scholarships and awards, including:

- A request by the University of Western Ontario Students’ Association (UWOSA) to be added as an official Senate observer has been denied.
- The motion was referred in February to the Operations/Agenda Committee where it was rejected since those who currently have observer status represent groups whose primary role is with academic policies, regulations and programs.
- While some members of UWOSA work directly in academics, many work in areas that are not academic.
- Further, UWOSA does not represent the full range of staff. If this request were to be granted, then other representative staff groups would also need to be added.

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More campus diversity needed

BY HEATHER TRAVIS

University of Western Ontario President Amit Chakma reinforced a commitment to diversity at the fall general meeting of the Caucus on Women’s Issues Sept. 24.

In his first caucus meeting since being appointed president, Chakma described his experiences with gender and racial discrimination at other academic institutions. He says he believes “progressive polices can make a difference,” but reinforced the fact “this is a journey. We can’t change the world overnight.”

“I am positive about the future, but I am also pragmatic... because cultural issues are the hardest to change.”

His position on internationalization is rooted in promoting diversity, not only a diversity of faculty and student populations, but also a diversity of ideas and teaching, he says.

“I worry about a lack of diversity in academics. We need a diversity of views.”

Rebecca Coulter, past caucus president and Faculty of Education professor, questioned how the administration would support faculties seeking to diversify their curriculum. Chakma said the power to make change does not lie with the president but is up to faculty and deans.

He noted changes can be restricted by budget funding.

“We can bring different disciplines together and at least there is a hope that they will speak from different perspectives,” he says.

Asked whether he has a strategy for listening to the diversity of voices on campus, Chakma says he has, and continues to, meet with groups on campus. He will entertain an audience with any groups who invite him. “I am trying to listen, trying to learn.”

Educators play a role in modeling a respective and inclusive environment for students, he says. “I am very impressed with what I see at Western. I am convinced there is a willingness to do something.”

Free football fest

Faculty and staff looking to jumpstart their family time together this Thanksgiving weekend now have a free opportunity to do so and cheer on the Mustangs football team at the same time.

All faculty, staff and their families will receive free admission to the Mustangs Family Football Festival set for the Oct. 8 game against the York Lions. Kickoff time is 7 p.m. but you may want to get there closer to 6 p.m. for a whole range of special family activities.

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“We really look at this event as an opportunity to build community spirit and support the great tradition of football excellence here at Western,” says Thérèse Quigley, Director of Sports & Recreation.

The deadline for ordering free tickets is Oct. 5 at noon. Instructions on ordering tickets can be found at http://westernmustangs.ca/sports/2009/92/ FB_0924093809.aspx For questions please contact Bonnie Baker bbaker33@uwo.ca.

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Composing the perfect graduate experience

By Paul Mayne

Kevin Morse wanted to be a lawyer when he grew up. So why then is the Thai-born graduate student going into his third year as a PhD student in the Faculty of Music? Call it luck or fate, but Morse inadvertently played his way into his current career path.

During his first week at Mount Allison University, the English and History student was wandering through the Faculty of Music one day. Having taken music lessons as a child, he decided to pass the time at one of the pianos.

A music professor happened to stroll by on the way to a photocopy and asked Morse if he was a student in the faculty.

“I told her I’m not actually in music and she said ‘well, you should be’,” says the 28-year-old Morse. A mere 48 hours later he had an audition, took Music for credit in his first year and switched to the faculty in his second year.

Morse hasn’t looked back since: completing an undergraduate degree in New Brunswick, coming to Western to earn his master’s, and remaining here for his PhD.

“The doctoral program here has been great,” he says. “The program here at Western is incredibly flexible, perhaps even more than anticipated in terms of allowing me to explore the things I want.”

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He wants to combine these and look particularly at the music of Thailand, as well as Canadian contemporary opera, blending these together into compositions. “There has been exploration with Thai culture and contemporary opera, but not in this way,” he says.

Contemporary opera is not like the image people have of opera, he says. First exposure to the music was in a summer program in 2006 when he was part of Tapestry New Opera Works, a gathering of top musical minds from around the world to learn about the process of operatic collaboration.

“It’s incredibly rewarding to be working with other people,” says Morse, who was commissioned by Tapestry to write two pieces for their 2008 season.

“You are not just by yourself writing music. As much as I love that, I really like working creatively in a collaborative context. The different skill sets may not match, but it ends up improving your own skills.”

While he could have gone anywhere for graduate work, Morse says Western had a strong reputation, composers on faculty with internationally, and the opportunity to teach.

“Especially the ability to teach,” he says. “Doctoral students at Western, at least in Music, have more opportunities than most of their counterparts at other Canadian universities in terms of classroom teaching.

“I figured out early in my master’s that I loved teaching and I wanted to be able to teach at the university level, but also keep doing the creative things such as writing music and being involved in the professional music context.”

Morse’s talents were recognized this year with the Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship which seeks to attract and retain world-class doctoral students. Recipients are eligible for up to $50,000 per year for three years.

Do this acknowledgment validate music composition in an academic setting?

“It’s sometimes hard to explain, in an academic context, how this is research and important to the great picture of the university,” admits Morse. “We articulate cultural and social values through our music, and so it involves an assessment of some sort of what is happening around you and then a response to it. The difference for me is that the response is a musical one.”

While the future seems bright, Morse is not about to pigeon-hole himself into a particular career.

“I’m interested in so many other things and opportunities outside the traditional composer box, but music is my focus for now,” he says. “The investment is completely valid regardless of where you go in your next step. I love to teach and can see myself teaching straight out of finishing my PhD, but I’m not limiting myself to that.”

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**Write in Residence**

Penn Kemp, Western’s Write in Residence, will lead a discussion on the exhibition MINUTIA by Calgary artist Robert Kelly at the McIntosh Gallery. Writer, essayist, playwright and sound poet, Kemp will consider various qualities in Kelly’s bookwork installation which is based on a quotation “the first time I heard the sound of a page turning”. Each of the 11 books, one for each word in the phrase, explores different meanings through metaphors, concrete poetry, narrative, visual sculpture and literary acoustics. The program takes place Oct. 8 at 5:30 p.m. at the McIntosh Gallery.

**Western Blogs**

Anyone who follows copyright issues should know the name Sam Trosow. The associate professor jointly appointed to the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Information and Media Studies is co-author of Canadian Copyright: A Citizen’s Guide and a frequent commentator on related issues. With the federal government’s Copyright Consultations wrapping up, his blog includes the text of his recent personal submission, an accessible and engaging read on a subject that can seem a bit daunting at times. http://samtrosow.ca

**Review of Accessibility in Ontario**

Ontario has appointed Charles Andrews students to meet with Thompson and President Amit Chakma. Andrews students will lead a discussion on the exhibition MINUTIA by Calgary artist Robert Kelly at the McIntosh Gallery. Writer, essayist, playwright and sound poet, Kemp will consider various qualities in Kelly’s bookwork installation which is based on a quotation “the first time I heard the sound of a page turning”. Each of the 11 books, one for each word in the phrase, explores different meanings through metaphors, concrete poetry, narrative, visual sculpture and literary acoustics. The program takes place Oct. 8 at 5:30 p.m. at the McIntosh Gallery.

**Discover Discovery**

The colourful parade of magazines from Western’s faculty and institutes continues with the arrival of Robarts Research Institute’s annual Discovery Magazine. The title offers a fresh and lively look at Alzheimer’s research, Robarts’ amazing magnets, David Spence’s work in stroke prevention and Rob Hegele’s work in gene identification. View the magazine through an interactive browser or download it as a pdf at rogbarts.ca/gateway.php?id=4

**Making Top 10**

Faculty of Law professor Michael Lynk’s paper entitled, “Disability and Work: The Transformation of the Legal Status of Employees with Disabilities in Canada” was recently listed on Social Science Review Network’s Top Ten download list for Canadian Law. According to the abstract: “This article examines the dismal employment status of employees with disabilities in Canada, traces the emergence of the Supreme Court of Canada rulings, and critically examines the case law on disability accommodation from labour arbitrators, human rights tribunals and the common law courts.” http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1068403

**Flying High**

One of Western’s more unique projects is set to open Oct. 5. The Advanced Facility for Avian Research (AFAR), or as it is more commonly known – the bird wind tunnel, will receive its official kick off in a ceremony running 1-2 p.m. Researchers from around the world have already been trekking to the facility which will be able to test how birds function in a variety of environmental conditions.
Librarian/Archivists support strike action

Western's Librarians and Archivists (UWOFA-LA) have voted in favour (88 per cent) of supporting strike action in the event that conciliation talks scheduled to continue with the university through October fail to produce a renewed collective agreement. Alan Weedon, Vice-Provost (Academic Planning, Policy and Faculty), says despite Monday's ballot results, the university is optimistic that a fair collective agreement can be reached most effectively at the bargaining table.

"Progress has been made on several issues through our meetings thus far, and we remain committed to continuing our discussions with the aid of a conciliator," adds Weedon.

The 55 members of the bargaining unit are represented by the University of Western Ontario Faculty Association. The university has been in negotiations with UWOFA-LA since May working to renew the group's first contract, which ended July 1. One meeting has already been held with a provincially appointed conciliator, and eight more days are scheduled through to October 30. The next meeting is set for October 9.

UWOFA president Regina Darnell says this vote demonstrates the determination of the members to ensure a fair and equitable settlement.

"The work of librarians and archivists is at the heart of university life, and should be recognized as such," she says. "Our negotiating team is committed to use the scheduled meetings to achieve a fair deal."

The conciliation process is mandatory under provincial law before either party is deemed to be in a legal position to engage in a strike or lockout. If the process fails, the conciliator issues a ‘no board’ report, after which both parties must wait a minimum of 17 days before undertaking any job action.

Student-led seminar series

A new student-led seminar series featuring topics ranging from history to political science is being offered for students looking to participate in some lively debate and discussion.

Social Science student Matthijs van Gaalen says everything from preparation, organization, topic selection and promotion is led by students. He adds the series is completely independent of any club and has been established because of what he describes as a pressing need on campus to have more engaging classes for younger students and to broaden experiences for all students on diverse topics.

The events are held the second and fourth Thursday of each month in Somerville House, Room 3355.

The next series is scheduled for Oct. 8, (7-9 p.m.) where van Gaalen will lead an informal presentation of Indian writer and activist Arundhati Roy's 'Come September' speech.

Contract ratified with food services staff

The Board of Governors has ratified a two-year collective agreement with the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE Local 2692) for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011.

The union represents 275 hospitality services staff, including 69 regular full-time members and 206 eight-month sessional members. The agreement includes a basic salary adjustment of 1.5 per cent in each year of the contract.

"Negotiations took place over four days, with a tentative agreement being reached in a timely and collegial manner," says Jane O'Brien Associate Vice-President (Human Resources). President of CUPE Local 2692, Bob Graham, adds: "My negotiating team is pleased with the agreement we reached with the University, and 90 per cent of our members voted in favour of this new contract."
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October 15-16

Health over the life course
National conference of the Canadian Research Data Centre Networks. David Butler-Jones, Canada’s Chief Public Health Officer, will give the keynote address. Western’s Research Data Centre and the Aging and Health Research Centre are organizing the event. www.rdcdso.ca/conference2009/index.html

October 15-17

Canadian Society of Continental Philosophy
This annual international conference is expected to attract up to 200 scholars to Western and King’s University College. They will discuss questions, research and themes in recent and contemporary continental European thought. The coordinator is Antonio Calcagni, a professor in the King’s Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies. www.csctp.org

October 16

Belonging! Developing and Maintaining Inclusive Environments
The Centre for Inclusive Education at the Faculty of Education is presenting this daylong conference focusing on keynote speaker Sheila Bennett of Brock University. The event runs 8:30 a.m.

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November 3-4

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This conference is held at the London Convention Centre and gives the public a chance to connect with Canada’s leading video game developers, publishers, technology companies, service providers and emerging talent. There are a total of nine key speakers, including Michael Katcha-bow from Western. Reception and dinner are an option. To register, visit http://conf.digondon.ca/index.php/dig/menu_link/home

Nov. 13-15

States of Emergency: Crisis, Panic and the Nation
This conference is sponsored by the Canadian Association of American Studies and Western’s Centre for American Studies. Sessions will be held at the Hilton Hotel in London. For information contact Conference Program Director Professor Bryce Fraser at bfraiser@uwo.ca.

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**COMING EVENTS**

**October 1**

*McIntosh Gallery* - Robert Kelly: Menutia. Offers viewers an opportunity to consider the power of a single word in his installation of conceptual books. Until Nov. 1. Michael Snow: Condensation. A Cove Story Canadian premiere of his latest video as part of the annual LULA festival. Runs until Nov. 1. For more info call 519-661-3188.

*Western Homecoming 2009* - For a listing visit: westernhomecoming.uwo.ca

**Physics & Astronomy and Earth Sciences Colloquium** - Stephen Morris, University of Toronto. “Cracking the Giant’s Causeway, or how to solve a 300 year old geology problem using kitchen materials” Biological & Geological Sciences, Rm. 0156. 3:30 p.m.

*Accessibility at Western* - Open Meetings. Western is developing plans for implementing the Customer Service Standard of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). Students, faculty, staff, alumni and members of the community are invited to learn more and share their views at the open meetings. Main Lounge - Elgin Hall, 4 – 5 p.m. and London Hall, 7 – 8 p.m. RSVP to Laura Hamilton, Hamilton@uwo.ca 519-661-2864.


*Don Wright Faculty of Music* - Experience clarinet – from B-flat to bass to basset horn – as performed by faculty members Marie Johnson and Peter Shackleton. Featured works by Menendez, Kulesha and Panchelli. von Kuster Hall 8 p.m.

**October 2**

*Western Homecoming 2009* - For a listing visit: westernhomecoming.uwo.ca

*Huron University College Homecoming 2009* - For a listing visit: huronuc.on.ca/alumni_and_friends/alumni_events/homecoming/

*Senior Alumni Program* - Therese Quigley, Senior Alumni Program. “Historically Significant Alumni: Tales from Different Spanish-speaking Countries is a semiannual luncheon series at the University of Western Ontario.” October 2, Room 2R07 Ivey, 1:30 p.m. Save the date: October 2, Room 2R07 Ivey, 1:30 p.m.

**October 3**

*Western Homecoming 2009* - Visit westernhomecoming.uwo.ca

*Brescia University College Homecoming 2009* - Visit brescia.uwo.ca/alumnevents/homecoming/

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Dentistry Research Day

Schulich Dentistry
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Walter Siqueira, DDS, PhD
Assistant Professor, Dentistry
“Adhesive Cementation – What is new?”

Jacinta Santos, DDS, PhD
Assistant Professor, Dentistry
“Clinical Research in Endodontics”

Wednesday, October 7, 2009
12:30 p.m.
Auditorium A

3rd Floor, University Hospital

Student research presentations and refreshments to follow in Patio Rooms 2 & 3

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Conference Calendar

A look inside to scholarly conferences at West-
ern or in London, this feature includes links
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STUDENT SERVICES BULLETIN

Student Central

Student Central (formerly room 190) is now
located in room 1002 of the new Western Student
Services building attached to the UCC. Visit our
office Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
between 8am-4pm and Wednesday 10am-5pm.
We look forward to seeing you in our new
location.

Autumn Graduation

Autumn Convocation Information has been sent	only to those who applied to graduate in the
Autumn. As well, online autumn convocation
tickets will be available at www.convocation.

uwo.ca starting the beginning of October.

Alternative Spring Break

Applications are available for ASB 2010 if you

wish to be a faculty/staff team leader, student
team leader or student participant. Now this
year, financial assistance is available through
generous funding from RFC Foundation. Visit
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online!

Career Week

Western’s annual Career Week is Sept. 28-Oct.
2. Check online to view and register for our full
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the job you want.

Career Fair

Oct. 1, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Western Student
Recreation Centre. Open to all Western Students
and Alumni. Organizations will be providing
their own information regarding recruitment oppor-
tunities.

Thanksgiving Holiday

Monday, October 12 is the Thanksgiving Holiday.
The university will be closed.

Last day to drop - October 15

Oct. 15 is the last day to drop a first-term half
course or a first-term full course (2009-10 Fall/
Winter Terms) without academic penalty.

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