Bob Klanac, Western News

Good news

Iveys deepen Western support with $6M gift

By Paul Mayne

Whether offering insights into the delayed acquisition of language in children, autism, computer science or even our culture, the study of linguistics is far more vast and interdisciplinary than often considered.

In an effort to paint a striking new face on linguistics, The University of Western Ontario hopes to create a nationally recognized centre of excellence for the study of language pursued in an “ecumenical” way.

With funding from the university’s new Interdisciplinary Development Initiatives (IDI) program, Faculty of Arts and Humanities professors Ileana Paul and Rob Stainton hope to bring together diverse areas of study that seldom have reason to gather in the same room.

“There are a large number of people studying language at this university who share an interest in how it is used,” says Stainton, Acting Associate Dean (Research). “Our idea is to bring them together to understand language in a much broader sense.”

The initiative is one of eight new interdisciplinary projects being supported with $1.1 million in financial assistance. The university has earmarked a total of $2 million over four years for new academic enterprises that bridge traditional areas of study. A competition to consider the next round of projects will be announced later this fall.

“Western has made a commitment to push the frontiers of current research and teaching through the development of interdisciplinarity,” says Jerry White, a professor and Senior Advisor to Provost and Vice-President (Academic) Fred Longstaffe.

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Library dedicated to late Ivey dean

**By Paul Mayne**

C.B. Johnston had a more than 50-year-long association with Western’s business school - both as a student and then dean - so it seemed a natural fit this past weekend for the library of the Richard Ivey School of Business to be named in his honour.

Known to all as “bud,” Johnston was dedicated to giving back to society as well as ensuring students receive a high-quality practical education. The recently renovated library - which includes “bud’s corner,” a special area set up in what was Johnston’s favourite area of the library - was dedicated during Homecoming weekend to pay tribute to the man who expanded the ambitions of the school to meet the changing needs of business.

Johnston died in 2003 at the age of 72. “Bud epitomized our school’s dedication to practical education and to societal contribution,” said Ivey Professor Michael Pearce. “Bud ensured everyone he dealt with felt his warm humanity, knew his passion for excellence at work, and enjoyed his humorous antics. He gave of himself selflessly to enrich others and will never be forgotten by those who were fortunate to know him.”

Johnston graduated with an HBA in 1954 and by 1975 he was associate dean, a position held until 1978 when he was appointed dean. Johnston was dean until 1989. After stepping down he continued to teach, conduct research and consult, and help set the stage for Ivey’s development as one of Canada’s premier business schools.

“His genius was always treating the school as a family business in his dealing with faculty, staff and students,” says Carol Johnston, his wife of 50 years. “Bud was an incredibly talented teacher, taking the case method to great heights and it is said there was no one who could match his intensity in the classroom and his assaults on the blackboard.”

The library will house a Virtual Portal giving Ivey students, faculty and alumni 24-hour access to the latest business information. As well, the facility will open up much-needed space for new study rooms, including new technological equipment.

Funding for the renovations and technological upgrades of the library were made possible by many donors whose lives were touched by ‘bud,’ including the Johnston family, alumni, friends, corporations and Ivey faculty and staff.

A total of $1.75 million has been donated to Ivey in Johnston’s honour, with $1 million from Ralph M. Barford, (LLD ’87) to establish an endowment that will support five PhD student scholarships and two MBA student scholarships annually in Johnston’s name.

## Western offers ‘whistleblower’ protection

**By Bob Klanac**

The Board of Governors has passed a policy ensuring Western employees are protected from recourse when reporting illegal activities in the workplace.

The preamble to the Safe Disclosure Policy recognizes that Western staff members are “often in the best position to identify activities which could potentially cause harm to other members of the university, risk the reputation of the university, harm it financially or in other ways.”

The policy ensures university community members who “in good faith” disclose unethical behaviour from “being subject to reprisal of any kind.” The policy defines university community members to include employees, students, volunteers and other individuals who work or study at the university.

The policy mirrors recently passed “whistleblower” legislation by the Ontario and federal governments for public service employees. A concern from a board member about malicious use of the policy brought an assurance from Audit Committee Chair Keith Zerebecki that the policy contained wording warning that “individuals who knowingly make false allegations may be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.”
WHERE’S CAMPUS SUPPORT FOR CARPOOLING?

As an undergraduate student in my third year, I have come to realize that there is one student service that is in need of address: carpooling. With nearly 30,000 students attending Western, (the majority of whom are not permanent residents of London) leaving the city can be a serious inconvenience. Whether students are trekking home for mom’s delicious cooking, visiting friends, or attending a concert in the Big City, the commute is both time consuming and financially draining.

A two-way trip on the train from London to Toronto can cost as much as $73 with the International Student Identity Card (ISIC) discount. A cheaper alternative is the Greyhound bus which costs $80 for two-way tickets to Toronto. These two options require the same two-hour journey as would a car. The difficulty lies in the additional transfer required to get from the bus or the train station home.

We must also keep in mind that there are thousands of other students who travel even further. A possible solution lies here within our close-knit student community.

Many of us here at Western are privileged enough to have our own cars and could provide other students with rides home for a small fee. Those with cars and those in need of a ride could benefit from a website or bulletin through which travel arrangements could be made. This is extremely advantageous for the driver as they would be compensated for their gas expenses and spared from a lonely drive home. The convenience to the student passengers is obvious.

Despite the ease with which it can be implemented (not to mention the tremendous advantage it will provide to all students traveling home), no such system presently exists. Why not? Hitch-hiking in the meantime.

Ashley Mattan
Brescia III

HOLD THE MUFFIN, HOLD THE BURGER, HOLD THE …

Have you ever wondered why, at highway rest stops, the lines are always longer at Tim Hortons than at McDonald’s? People probably think that a muffin, and coffee is a healthier choice than a burger and cola. In fact, the opposite is true. Although a turkey sandwich at Tim Hortons contains far fewer calories and is healthier than a Big Mac, the same cannot be said for some of the muffins and coffee drinks.

According to the Tim Hortons website (www.timhortons.com), a sausage, egg and cheese sandwich is 500 calories, while the bacon and egg sandwich at McDonald’s is 510 calories (www.mcdonalds.com). The difference isn’t that significant.

Tired of being ‘super-sized’

At a recent trip to East Side Mario’s, I was stunned to discover that their menu contains an entire section devoted solely to providing customers with the option of ordering grossly enlarged portions of pasta. I was thoroughly disgusted by this, as a restaurant’s “normal” portion of pasta already contains a much greater amount of carbohydrates than is recommended. Why is it that super-sized amounts of food seem to surround me at every restaurant I visit?

Fast food establishments such as McDonald’s also offer super-sized portions, including hamburgers with three to four patties. As stated on McDonald’s website (http://www.mcdonalds.ca), a Big Mac, which is a double patty hamburger, contains 540 calories and 53 per cent of your daily value for saturated and trans fat, and this is not even the biggest hamburger that they offer. Imagine then completing the meal with a medium fries and a medium Coca Cola drink, in total, you would be consuming 1,110 calories, and 78 per cent of your saturated and trans fat. The amount of calories eaten during this meal is equal to about half of the standard daily calorie allowance!

The excessive amount of food being offered is a major cause of North America’s growing weight problem.

Restaurants must reduce the portion sizes of their food. By doing so, many people would be eating less of these fat-filled junk foods and a giant step would be taken to make North America’s obesity problem a thing of the past.

Rachel Capron
Brescia
The real reasons why you should vote

To vote, or not to vote. That’s a question taken up by our political insider

By Kathryn V. Mitrov

The price of a sandwich on campus, what commercial products are available to you and what breed of dog you can own — you may not believe it, but these issues are all political.

These decisions are made by your elected governments, whether they are federal, provincial, local or even a student council. And every few years as a voter, you get to have a say in how these decisions are made. So how come students don’t vote?

You’re probably sick of hearing the same old reasons why you should vote. I know I am. But maybe you haven’t been convinced why you should care. We are less than one week shy of a provincial election, so let me take a quick stab at three reasons why you should cast a ballot on October 10.

■ Reason one: If you vote, political parties will care about you.

Students are always grumbling about how there is nothing in political platforms for them. Everything seems to be directed towards parents, seniors and working families. There is a reason for this. These demographics vote in very large numbers. So political parties target these people. They include things in their platform that these demographics will care about.

In most cases, there is very little in platforms that will benefit students. The reason: students vote in very small numbers. Because of this, students as voters are mostly ignored.

Now imagine if students voted as much as seniors do. Senators have an over 90 per cent voter turnout rate, which is the reason why parties expend so much effort soliciting their support. If students voted this much, parties would expend just as much effort reaching out to us. What would this mean? Lower tuition, tax credits on the things we care about and maybe even a free iPod.

■ Reason two: Politics does affect your daily life.

Issues that affect your daily life. Issues which appear to have no political relevance are in fact political. War, taxes and health care are not the only political issues; they are simply the issues that get the most public attention.

Everything from how much you pay for a 24 of beer to construction of a new sports complex are political. And the decision makers of today can have an impact on your life five, 10 or even 20 years from now. So wouldn’t it be better to elect politicians who represent, at least in some way, your values and ideology?

■ Reason three: At the risk of sounding corny, voting is your civic duty.

You are a citizen or resident of this country, and like paying taxes and taking out the trash, voting is your responsibility as a member of society. In fact, voting takes less time and comes around less frequently than taking out the trash, so why not?

Go out and vote on October 10. For more information on how and where to vote, visit www.elections.on.ca

The writer is a fourth year student in political science and women’s studies. She is currently the president of the WUSA Tories.
NOTICE TO JOIN THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

290th CONVOCATION - AUTUMN 2007

Autumn Convocation takes place at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 18 and at 10:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Friday, October 19. Members of Faculty, Senate, the Board of Governors and Emeritus / Professors are invited to take part in the Academic Procession. Full information on joining the academic procession (including order of ceremony, honorary degree recipients, assembly and regalia) may be found on the Senate Website: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/senate/academic_procession.pdf

Lorraine Busby is off to ‘the Rock’

We are ‘whale-ing’ and ‘screetching’ that Lorraine Busby, Associate University Librarian (Information Resources) is leaving Western Libraries after 23 years and heading to ‘the Rock’ to kiss the cod and while she is at it, to take up her new position as University Librarian at Memorial University in Newfoundland!

Please join us as we wish her a fond farewell

Monday
Oct 15, 2007
2-4 pm
Great Hall, Somerville House

OPINION

On the symbolism of Kian

The following article by Professor Emeritus Heinz Klettz is in response to two articles published Sept. 20 in Western News regarding Klettz’s analysis of the meaning behind the artwork, Kian, at King’s University College.

By Heinz Klettz

The hopes of Michael Bechard that I will be “heard by God” will be fulfilled soon, just a little later than he wished. This delay in God’s decision, however, should not make Bechard feel obliged to read this reply from an “Islam-ophile.” Had he known that there were more requests for radio interviews about the tughras than actual interviews, he would have tired even sooner.

Bechard, with his statement that King’s University College is “deeply rooted in the theology of the Second Vatican Council,” shows little understanding of the issue in question, as Randa Farah shows, who covers almost a page by saying that medieval Andalusia has produced first-rate scholars and that “algorizm” is an Arabic word. Virtually nothing of the long essay pertains to the topic, and both writers, if they were students in my history class, would have their essays flunked for being too emotional and off topic. If Farah’s style of writing articles is any indication of her lecturing in class, the Department of Anthropology should certainly know about it.

Of course, King’s is committed to tolerance, diversity and dialogue. There is no alternative in a civilized society. However, does that mean that because our sociology department “dialogues” with Marxism we should put hammer and sickle above our entrances? Professor Farah praises the superiority of Muslim empires over Christian kingdoms, however, none of her claims is relevant. My judgment, that the tughra (or the half moon or the scimitar), as a symbol of Muslim military conquest, does not belong on the wall of a Catholic university college, is only tangentially based on a comparison of these cultures.

The facts that matter are the following: In 632, Moham- med died with the injunction to his warrior disciples: “Fight the unbelievers until no other religion except Islam is left” (K2:193); “murder them and treat them harshly” (K9:123). These injunctions were written by Allah in Arabic and deposited on tablets before the creation of the world and as such will not be easily rewritten! With the Koran in one hand and the sword in the other, huge parts of the world known at the time - from the Atlantic Ocean to the Himalayas were conquered within one century of Muhammad’s death and these peoples, according to the Koran, made into dhimmis, i.e., second class citizens to be heavily taxed and humiliated (K9:29).

In 752, Muslims battled the Christians in Northern France between Tours and Poitiers. For another thousand years, under the banner of half moon, scimitar and tughra, the Muslim Turks were the major menace for the West. All of North Africa and the Mideast were once Christian countries! The Crusades, admittedly cruel, were futile attempts to regain the Holy Land which was demographically and culturally Christian and Jewish for many centuries before the Muslim onslaught, as the Reconquista in Spain was a fruitful endeavour to rechristianize the peninsula.

Farah should have addressed the issue in question and should have refrained from throwing the politically correct vocabulary around like confetti: “venomous,” “Tulminates,” “insidious rampage,” “unabash- edly racist,” “vile, resentment and bigotry,” etc. Why does she degrade herself unneces- sarily? Her long first column is entirely devoted to name-calling and ad hominem attacks. How disgraceful and unseemly for a scholar. It would have been entirely appropriate for a less generous editor to reject such scurrilous personal attacks.

May I remind the reader of at least one of my original paragraphs: “Muslims have developed the decorative arts, and especially calligraphy, to an extraordinary degree and perfection. This tradition is one of the reasons why many mosques in the Mideast are stunningly beautiful. Tughras benefited from this tradition in that some of these are esthetically very artistic and pleasing.” Is that the language of hatred and bigotry? In a refreshingly frank but frightening way, the “moderate” Turkish Prime Minister Erdogan, who wants Turkey to become part of Europe, shares his view with us about the Islamic project: “The Mosques are our barracks, the minarets our bayonets, the domes our helmets, the believers our soldiers,” and we may add “the tughras the clarion calls of our coming.”

Michele Noble, vice-chair of The University of Western Ontario’s Board of Governors has been named chair, effective January 1, 2008.

Frank Angeletti has been appointed vice-chair.

Noble was appointed to the board for a four-year term in 2002 representing the Western Alumni Association. She was appointed vice-chair in November, 2006 and acting-chair in the summer of 2007 upon the resignation of Helen Connell.

Connell stepped down from the chair position citing a conflict with her pending role as Associate Vice-President, Communications and Public Affairs for the university. Connell starts January, 2008.

Noble, a 1971 Western Honors Economics alumna began her public service career in the federal government, working briefly in the private sector before join- ing the Ontario government. She served as Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Revenue and the Min- istry of Correctional Services and as Deputy Solicitor-General prior to her 1995 appointment as Deputy Minister of the Manage- ment Board Secretariat with the Ontario government.

On the Board of Governors, she serves on the Bylaws and Senior Operations Committees, and Chair of the Audit and Prop- erty & Finance Committees. She also sits on the Long-Range Stra- tegic Planning Task Force.

Angeletti, a lawyer specializing in labour and employment law, practices at Filion, Wakely & Thorup in London. He has served on the Board of Governors since January, 2006.

Noble named new Board chair

DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICAL STUDIES

As part of the chair selection process, external consultants will be visiting the Department of Classical Studies on October 29th and 30th to speak with faculty members, staff and students. If you wish to speak with the consultants, please contact the Department of Classical Studies to arrange a time. While this invitation is directed particularly to those affiliated with the Department, participation from all members of the University community is invited during these times:

Monday, October 29th 1:30 - 4:30
Tuesday, October 30th 9:00 - noon and 1:30 - 2:30

Written submissions should be sent to the Office of the Dean, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, 112 University College, and will be transmitted to the consultants independently and confidentially. The consultants for this review are:

• Professor Catherine Rubincam, University of Toronto at Mississauga
• Professor Ralph Rosen, University of Pennsylvania

Comments, perspectives, and recommendations with regard to programs, teaching and scholarship, administration and governance in the Department of Classical Studies are in- vited as part of this review. I urge you to participate.

Kathleen Okruhlík
Dean, Faculty of Arts and Humanities
Prospective students worried about cost

**BY ANGIE SMITH**

Everything from food choices to finances was top of mind for thousands of high school students attending the Ontario Universities Fair (OUF) this past weekend at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

With Viewbooks (recruiting materials developed by each school) in hand, high school students had the opportunity to visit with more than 20 universities from across Ontario. Many were armed with questions and in search of information to help shape their decisions come January when it’s time to apply to universities.

The OUF Fair marks the unofficial start of an intense information-gathering process for senior secondary students to determine which universities provide the best fit.

Lori Gribbon, Director of Undergraduate Recruitment and Admissions, said the questions on most students’ minds this year were centered on costs.

“Students are concerned about the cost of tuition and residence. They want to know what the additional costs of living away from home are and they wonder what opportunities Western has to offset the costs” explained Gribbon.

In terms of the competition with other universities this year, Gribbon noticed more aggressive marketing on the floor and in the presentation rooms. “It’s much more of a hard sell then a soft sell. Students are out there talking about their experience at Western, are the proof in the pudding.”

Kevin Wamsley, Associate Dean, Programs, for the Faculty of Health Sciences and representing Western at the fair, said many students arrive at the fair early in the information gathering stage. “A lot of these times these students don’t know what questions to ask, so we give them questions to ask. They are the ‘what do you want to do with your life’ kinds of questions,” he said.

Wamsley believes that the fair is crucial to getting potential students onto campus. “This event works for us. We had 800 people show up for Fall Preview Day so this fair is really the catalyst for that.”

The Ontario Universities’ Fair began in 1997 as a tool for helping high school students in the Toronto area gather information about universities in Ontario. This ‘one-stop shopping’ event gives students an opportunity to speak with representatives from all across Ontario, about programs, campus life, and anything else that will help them make a decision about which university to choose.

The fair marks the beginning of the recruitment cycle and the start of Western’s school visits.

The writer is a communications officer specializing in undergraduate recruitment.

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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Academic Development Fund**

**- New Research and Scholarly Initiatives Award**

**Small Grant Competition - FALL 2007**

As approved by Senate, the allocation of at least 8% of Academic Development Funds is to be awarded through a Small Grant Competition. Approximately $100,000 will be available for allocation in the spring and fall of each year and the competition will be funded jointly by the Academic Development Fund and a contribution from the Vice-President (Research and International Relations). The value of individual grants will not exceed $8,500.

The Subcommittee on Priorities in Academic Development acknowledges the importance of providing continued funding for small projects in light of a steady decline in other resources for research initiatives of this scale.

Application forms are available at the University Secretariat website (www.uwo.ca/univsec/senate) or by contacting the University Secretariat at 519-864-2055. The deadline for submission of applications to the University Secretariat (Room 290, Stevenson-Lawson Building) will be Monday, October 15, 2007, at 4:30 p.m.; however, applicants are requested to submit applications to the relevant Deans office for signature at least one week prior to the deadline date. Decisions for the Fall competition will be available by mid-December for a start date of January 1, 2008.
Schulich Dentistry students were kept busy last Saturday fitting aspiring hockey players at the annual mouth guard clinic. Dental student Tyson Mailman took time to help out 11-year-old Alex duBoulay. Sponsored by Gillian Johnston Insurance and Financial Services, the clinic fitted 99 mouth guards at nominal cost, raising $2,970 for the Dental Care Fund. The fund provides dental treatments for community members who cannot afford services, helping those with disabilities, elderly patients and individuals who have suffered damage to their teeth as a result of cancer treatment.

Western students preparing to vote in the Oct. 10 provincial election must make a decision beyond the actual candidate. They need to decide where they’re going to vote.

According to Elections Canada, a student who lives away from home, and is eligible to vote, will have to decide where they’re going to cast their ballot - in London or at home.

Students can be registered to vote in their parents’ electoral district, however, they are not obligated to vote where their family resides. London may be the place they have adopted as home while at Western and they can choose to register and vote in that riding instead.

Once a student has chosen an electoral district (living on or around campus it would likely be London North Centre) they may vote by regular ballot at the polls, or by mail, using a special ballot. If voting by mail, students must register for the special ballot by filling out a form available from one of Elections Canada’s Returning Offices, or online.

To find out more information, visit www.elections.on.ca.

Go ENG Girl on Saturday, October 13 is an exciting opportunity for Grade 7-10 girls across Ontario to learn more about the wonderful world of engineering: “A Caring Profession.”

www.ospe.on.ca/goenggirl

For more information, and to register online, please visit: www.ospe.on.ca/goenggirl

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Primary teachers named to Wall of Fame

Two retired London teachers celebrated by former students and their parents alike will be honored Friday with membership in the Teachers’ Wall of Fame. MONIQUE MAILLOUX, a retired French-immersion teacher from Lord Roberts Public School and Shelley Kostecki, recently retired from Wortley Road Public School, will receive the awards.

Every year the Faculty of Education at The University of Western Ontario and the London Public Library honour two of London’s finest teachers. The induction ceremony will take place in the Stevenson Hunt room in the London Public Library on Friday, Oct. 5 at 3 p.m.

The awards will be presented by the Faculty of Education’s new dean, Julia O’Sullivan. The public is welcome to attend.

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Shelley Kostecki believes, “Everyone learns differently. Each child must learn to respect each others strengths and weaknesses.” Her student nominator summed it up by saying, “Mrs. Kostecki has a way of making everyone feel special and smart.”

A panel made up of members of the Faculty of Education, the London Public Library and prominent community members chose the recipients from among a group of outstanding nominees.

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Upwards of 16,000 alumni, family and friends came to this year’s edition of Homecoming weekend.

Clockwise from top left: What’s a homecoming without a little tailgating. And for Bill McAffer, Ed Mayville, Michael Mayville, Lloyd Hopper and George Pernokis, this is their 10th year.

Top middle: Seats for the Homecoming game were few and far between at TD Waterhouse Stadium with more than 11,000 spectators.

Top right: Western Mustang star running back Randy McAuley goes one-on-one with University of Windsor defensive back Colin Dixon. Western won 49-0.

Middle right: Lloyd Bracewell (Eng. ’67) and his wife Patricia made the trip from Oakland, CA just for Homecoming.

Bottom right: It’s not Homecoming until the Western Marching Band crosses University Bridge.

Centre: Western’s cheerleading squad went to new heights to celebrate Homecoming.

Above: Western staff member Rob Esselment and two year-old daughter Janey gear up to a festive celebration.
‘Leading edge discoveries’

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to be a major impetus for this development and it has surpassed our expectations.”

White says he’s excited about what the future holds with these projects.

“Western is going to see new interdisciplinary institutes, innovative graduate programs and the expansion of cutting-edge teaching and engagement at the undergraduate level. I predict there are going to be domino effects from these projects that will create leading-edge discoveries.”

The cross-faculty reach of the linguistics project demonstrates just how interconnected a project can become, touching on computer science, health sciences, social sciences, psychology, linguistics and many more. Other faculties involved in this initiative include Education, Health Sciences, Information and Media Studies, Science and Social Sciences.

Stainton says many linguistics programs focus exclusively on the formal properties of language such as the abstract rules of phonology, syntax, and semantics, while others largely ignore this formal side, and look at language instead as a cultural/social activity.

“There has been a longstanding divide between the two, but we feel there’s enough room for both to work with each other,” says Stainton.

The $70,500 in funding will help in student funding and recruitment initiatives for the new Masters program in linguistics which began this school year.

Other interdisciplinary projects funded this year are:

ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

Participating faculties: Engineering (Host) and Social Science

Project Leader: David Wardlaw

Funding: $560,000

Funding period: three years

The proposed School of Environment & Sustainability will combine interdisciplinary graduate, undergraduate and continuing education with research activities in the area of environment and sustainability. IDI funding, combined with matching contributions from the three participating faculties, will provide seed money to appoint three inaugural faculty members (including a director). Initially, it will incorporate the existing research centers, Environmental Research Western, as well as the graduate program in Environment & Sustainability, and the undergraduate program in Environmental Science.

NEUROSCIENCE

Participating faculties: Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry (Host), Science and Social Science

Project leaders: Michael Lehman and David Sherry

Funding: $150,000

Funding Period: three years

Neuroscience is the study of the brain and the millions of neurons that make up the nervous system. As neuroscience at Western has grown across the campus, there is a need for coordination and academic synergy. The proposed School of Neuroscience would bring together the existing expertise at Western in many areas of neuroscience to form an integrated and interdisciplinary program. A key component will be creation of a new neuroscience program and the further growth of the neuroscience program in neuromedicine.

The four-year IDI program is budgeted at $2 million, of which more than half will be directed to the initial slate of projects – some funded over several years. Details of a second competition will be announced this fall.

HEALTH ACROSS THE LIFESPAN

Participating faculties: Health Sciences (Host)

Project leader: Kevin Shoemaker

Funding: $30,000

Funding Period: one year

(eligible for renewal)

“The Health Living across the Lifespan program proposes to develop the interdisciplinary research and education processes needed to understand ‘healthy living’ strategies and to have them applied in the community. The project envisions a series of research-based initiatives designed to investigate the socio-cultural and biological factors behind health, health promotion, health services, care and rehabilitation. These labs and resources will form the Study of Health across the Lifespan program. The team is developing an initiative that contains a public program to ensure effective transfer of theory to practice.”

GRADUATE COLLABORATIVE PROGRAM IN MOLECULAR IMAGING

Participating faculties: Science and Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry (Host)

Project leader: Savita Dhanvantari

Funding: $60,000

Funding period: three years

The Collaborative Graduate Program in Molecular Imaging would be the first program of its kind in Canada. It would be unique in providing resources to teach and support a community of graduate students with interests in molecular and cell biology, chemical probe development and diagnostic imaging. The aim is to train young scientists in a multidisciplinary environment, contributing advances in the discovery of new therapies of chronic diseases by the imaging of genes, molecules and cells in vivo.

INTERFACE OF SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

Participating faculties: Science (Host) and Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry

Project leader: Alain Chronik

Total funding: $20,000

Funding period: one year

The project aims to develop undergraduate programs in medical biophysics and medical physics. The team proposes to create new courses to streamline the transition from first-year studies into upper-year interdisciplinary programs. Students will acquire knowledge of basic physical concepts of modern techniques in medicine, such as MRI, CT, PET and ultrasound. Other courses will strengthen skills in applying mathematical and numerical methods to medical physics problems, and provide training on modern imaging.

MICROFLUIDICS MEETS MICROBIOLOGY

Participating faculties: Engineering (Host) and Science

Project leader: Jun Yang

Funding: $69,000

Funding period: three years

With microfluidic technology, researchers can manipulate and probe individual cells, and precisely control their microenvironments. Microfluidics enables quantitative measurements with high biological/chemical selectivity and sensitivity, as well as high temporal and spatial resolution. This proposal envisages Western becoming a national leader in multidisciplinary research and education in bio-nanotechnology and related sciences. As an overall effort to accomplish this, the research team plans to apply microfluidic technology to answer essential microbiology questions.

MIGRATION AND ETHNIC RELATIONS

Participating faculties: Social Science (Host)

Project leaders: Victoria Esses, Roderic Beaujot and Belinda Dodson

Funding: $104,000

Funding period: three years

As worldwide migration climbs to unprecedented levels and ethnic conflict fills the headlines, research and training in migration and ethnic relations are increasingly important. The proposed Western Centre for Research on Migration and Ethnic Relations will foster research and training drawing on academic knowledge to influence public policy and practice in Canada and internationally. The goals are to foster interdisciplinary research on questions affecting migration and ethnic relations, provide training for students beyond their own discipline and Western, and forge links with policy makers, the broad academic community, and the community at large.

‘Their visionary approach’

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the school’s new Cross-Enterprise Leadership strategy, “says Carol Stephenson, Dean, Richard Ivey School of Business.

“We are deeply indebted to the Ivey family, who have been instrumental in securing the school’s place of prominence in Canada through their visionary approach and countless contributions of time, influence, advice and funding over the past 60 years.”

The Ivey name continues to be synonymous with Western and the London community. Other family contributions have included $11 million to name the school and a gift in honour of the 50th anniversary of Beryl’s graduation to create the Beryl Ivey Garden, located between University College and Stevenson-Lawson Building.

Ivey financial gifts have also supported theatre and arts groups, wildlife preservation, environmental awareness and medical research – including a 2003 donation of $2 million to establish a new care centre for cardiovascular imaging research at Robarts Research Institute.

All told, the Ivey family’s financial contribution to Western exceeds $50 million.
Anthropologist learning from Amish lifestyle

By Karen Otto

Simplicity in life is a beautiful thing.

At least that’s what Douglass St. Christian, an associate professor in the Department of Anthropology, believes — and to further his thought he’s studying Old Order Amish individuals and their way of life.

Working on the project for the last two years, St. Christian initially became connected to the Amish through his membership with a Community Shared Agriculture Program.

As a share member of that program, he paid a fee to receive fresh produce once a week from an Amish family during the growing season, which ultimately led to a friendship with the family growing his vegetables.

“Just as I got to know them, I began to get curious,” he says.

“What began to strike me was, people who were connected with simplicity and the farm life, for them, working the land is doing God’s work.”

Intrigued, he approached the Western Research Ethics Board for approval and then approached the farm’s owners, James and Elvina, to determine if they’d allow him to interview them and have access to their daily lives.

They agreed.

Believing anthropologists study questions that puzzle themselves, St. Christian says he was already wondering how he could simplify his own life. By studying the Amish and trying to understand how their livelihoods, lifestyles and faith are connected — and to what extent all those things play out in their lives — he believes he will help himself understand.

There’s other potential benefits as well, he says.

“Whether or not they can teach us lessons about our excess,” St. Christian wonders further. “What are the underlying values that makes this life rewarding for them.”

He cooks with them, cans with them and attends quilting bees. He observes and learns from the Amish as they go about their everyday lives and, thus far, he’s working with between 13 and 14 families.

And while he's doing this, he's documenting everything with photography, which is unusual as some Amish sects won't allow themselves to be photographed. St. Christian says he hasn't run into too many difficulties.

“They have been very, very receptive. I’ve actually only met two who were very conservative Amish families who declined to be part of this,” he says.

St. Christian says some were concerned about having their faces photographed as that’s considered vain but he assured them he’s not interested in capturing traditional portraits but pictures of them actually doing things. When he was in one home helping can tomatoes, he took close-up shots of hands tightening jar lids, ladeling tomatoes into jars, and peeling off tomato skins.

So far he has about 1,000 digital photographs to help in his research but, as yet, he’s uncertain what he’ll do with them.

“I’m just playing with this at this time,” he says. “I don’t know if anything’s going to come of it.”

St. Christian says whatever does come from his study and how he decides to present his findings probably won’t win accolades from his peers.

“They’ll be a book manuscript somewhere. This doesn’t lend itself to academic journals and there may be a photography exhibition in there somewhere,” he says. “It won’t impress my colleagues.”

But the busy anthropologist doesn’t seem to mind. He loves learning from the Amish and thinks this subject may be the one that consumes the rest of his academic career, certainly for the duration of his five years on the study.

“Who knows what will jump out at me to occupy me for the rest of my career. I don’t know.”

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By Mitchell Zimmer

For second-year genetics student Asha Suppiah, having time off usually means she’s playing clarinet, piano or violin, practicing traditional classical Indian dance or working on experiments. “Since I was little I’ve been like this,” she says. This past summer she was busier than usual after winning one of Canada’s Top 20 Under Twenty awards. “The summer before I did research work so I decided to take this summer and do some studying.” Since she was in Grade 6, that attitude and her curiosity have supplied the drive to win the Pfizer Canada Award of Excellence twice as well as three gold and two silver awards at the Canada Wide Science Fair; the AECL Award of Excellence, the Natural Resources Canada Award and the Ontario Power Generation Award.

The idea that caught the attention of the Top 20 Under Twenty Award program was inspired by a family trip to visit relatives in India when she was just 12 years old. She was astonished to see water shortages even in the bigger cities. That is when she decided to do something about this problem. “Every 30 seconds there is a person dying of water-borne diseases...at any one time, half of the people are filled with people dying from water-borne diseases. It is such a big issue.”

Suppiah adds, “I’m actually doubling the efficiency of solar desalination. What I have is a rotating corrugated cylinder that basically spreads the water and wicks it. The thing about it is that it increases the surface area and surface tension which increases the water that’s evaporated. This cylinder is actually rotating using photovoltaic cells. The great thing about it is that you don’t have this huge solar stove so you’re reducing the cost by reducing the area you need.” The prototype she constructed turned out to be an elegant solution. “It’s made from very simple materials, it was made in my house, in my basement and I demonstrated it using an infrared heat lamp to show that water evaporated.”

The real test was to see if the device functioned outside, and she gave it a test run in her backyard. “It worked, and to think if you made a large-scale system and put it in these countries the impact that it could make is just enormous,” says Suppiah. “Right now I’m looking for help, sponsors and things like that, in order to help me set it up. I applied for a patent a while ago and I’m still waiting...it’s years and years of waiting for these patents. When that’s done, I want to set up a company that’s going to build them and set them up in these countries, but right now I’m just looking for the different avenues of how to do that.” Suppiah’s interest in water accessibility has swelled beyond invention and flowed into activism. For the past two years she has been involved in raising the awareness of water-borne diseases.

“I started a club last year called Water Can at Western,” she says. “Environmentally friendly ways of producing fresh water is important. We need to do a lot of fundraising for research for working on this as well as educating people and helping these countries. We’re part of a national organization, they dig wells and they build sanitation systems, sanitation education and they provide fresh water.” At first glance, Suppiah is undertaking a huge task and an exhausting schedule, but she doesn’t see it that way. “My time off is doing things I love. Even doing the research work, I love it, so to me it’s not necessarily work; it’s more something that I enjoy. The majority of my time is spent studying and doing club stuff. I’m very busy but I enjoy what I do, so when you’re enjoying it you don’t really miss out on the time.”

The writer is a communications officer in the Faculty of Science.

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IN MEMORIAM

Biologist a pioneer in sand dune vegetation

By Paul Cavers

With great sadness we report the recent death of Anwar Maun, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Plant Sciences at Western in 1998 as a postdoctoral fellow. Anwar spent the remainder of his career here, rising to the rank of professor in 1986. Upon his appointment to the faculty, Anwar began a study of the vegetation of coastal sand dunes along the Great Lakes. He quickly established a worldwide reputation, leading to the award of the Lawson Medal of the Canadian Botanical Association in 1997. This medal is the most prestigious award offered by that society.

Support for this nomination came from outstanding scientists in at least nine countries. The aim of his research was to understand how plants survive and interact with a sand-dune environment. He approached the problem from several very different fields and points of view, including population dynamics, ecophysiology and soil-plant interactions. This enabled him to contribute not only to the knowledge of particular processes and species responses but also to a more comprehensive view of the dynamics of the ecosystem and thus to its conservation and management. A letter from the president of the World Wildlife Fund and from several provincial park officials confirmed that Anwar’s research had a strong bearing on management policies for Ontario’s sand-dune ecosystems.

After his appointment to the faculty, Anwar’s first task was to coordinate the new second-year course in ecology and to run the laboratories and tutorials. This was the first ecology course to have more than 100 registrants. It started in 1972/73 with over 800 students. This course received many favourable comments over its first few years. Probably Anwar’s most important contribution to teaching at Western was in the founding and development of the interdisciplinary graduate program in Environmental Science.

He volunteered to chair the committee to set up the program and his first task was to bring together faculty from six departments in five faculties (Science, Social Science, Engineering, Law, and Medicine) and coordinate their input. Anwar then was asked to serve as the director of the program, which he did for about seven years.

Among his many other contributions, Anwar was a highly valued associate editor for two international journals, served as acting chair of the Department of Plant Sciences, spent many years as the graduate coordinator in Plant Sciences, served as chair of the Undergraduate Teaching Committee, made many contributions to the Canadian Botanical Association and was an enthusiastic supporter of the Honours Program in Ecology and Evolution at Western. A tree will be planted in memory of Anwar Maun.

The writer is Professor Emeritus at the University of Western Ontario.

Law-communication skills win CAUT appointment

By Paul Mayne

Western Associate Professor Sam Trosow (Law, FIMS) has been named the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) Visiting Scholar for 2007-2008. One of Trosow’s first actions at CAUT will be to bolster advocacy efforts to ensure any reform of the federal Copyright Act reflects the concerns of the academic community.

As co-author with Laura Murray, a Queen’s University professor, of the forthcoming Canadian Copyright: A Citizen’s Guide, he is well placed to assist in the preparation of educational material for academic staff on copyright issues.

CAUT executive director James Turk says Trosow brings a rare combination of expertise in a variety of fields and practical political experience to the position, noting his work on copyright reform, scholarly communication and the commercialization of public services will be beneficial to CAUT.

“Working in Ottawa will give me the opportunity to better observe and participate in the policy-making process on copyright and other issues,” says Trosow.

“My main goal as CAUT’s visiting scholar is to tie together several strands of my research agenda including intellectual property policy issues, open access to scholarly work, and the commercialization of higher education in Canada.”

In addition to copyright reform, Trosow will be involved in a variety of issues such as the definition and ownership of intellectual property, the future of scholarly communication, including the Open Access movement, and the impact of privatization and international trade agreements on public services.

CAUT’s Visiting Research Fellowship in Post-Secondary Study was established in 1999 to provide an opportunity for CAUT members with research interests in post-secondary education to work with the association for a period of up to one year.
Rediscovering the power of efficiency

By Brandon Watson

The power plant is not a misnomer. An immense amount of power, in the form of natural gas and electricity, is consumed by the plant in order to provide the campus with steam, chilled water and compressed air. This large-scale consumption makes the power plant an ideal facility for improvements in sustainability.

Physical Plant operates the power plant and is responsible for the essential services of heating, cooling and compressed air that it provides. The division is going to great lengths to update its distribution systems to make it run more efficiently, reducing its environmental impact.

In 2001, a four-phase upgrade to the south chiller plant was drafted. In each phase an older chiller is removed and replaced by a new, more efficient system. George Quilty, Physical Plant Manager, Mechanical & Energy, is coordinating the massive project, which is currently in its third phase.

In 2006, phase two was completed. A new 2,000-ton chiller, cooling tower, and two pumps replaced two aging 800-ton chillers. One benefit of the new equipment is that it uses a zero ozone-depleting potential refrigerant, R134a (HFC), instead of R11 found in older chillers. This is part of the university’s policy to phase out all CFC refrigerants in accordance with the Montreal Protocol.

Likewise, the sophisticated systems of the new chillers mean better energy efficiency. “The capacity of the new condenser water pump and cooling tower fans are controlled using variable frequency drives,” says Quilty. “This is where we will see the most significant increases in operating efficiency.”

The fourth and final phase is expected to be completed by the year 2010, giving the university the twice the chilling capacity with a greater operating efficiency.

On the high-pressure steam distribution side, there are plans to improve the condensate return. In the near future, the pipeline buried below the campus, collecting condensate, will be upgraded for more efficient recovery. The condensate return reduces the amount of new water that the system needs to introduce by recycling the unused condensed vapor from the steam line.

Improving efficiency and being mindful of consumption does not begin and end in Physical Plant. During the winter months in particular, the campus community can make a real difference. Being aware of open windows, dressing appropriately, and reporting hot and cold rooms all contribute to a more efficient system.

The writer is a communications officer in the Physical Plant.

CAMPUS DIGEST

The event runs from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the UCC atrium on this Thursday. London’s leaders outline why the city is a great place to work and live, and what it can offer. Panelists include Mayor Anne Marie Decicco-Best, Michael Crowley, Ambassador London; Andrea HaIwa, London Arts Council; Jodi Simpson, TechAlliance; and Jenny Wallace and Dr. Michael Crowle, London Economic Development Corporation. The moderator is Gerry Macartney, London Chamber of Commerce CEO and General Manager. For more information, email community@uwo.ca.

CELEBRATING HELPING STUDENTS

The Centre for New Students is holding an open house and Student Success Showcase today in honour of its 10th anniversary.
By Jeff Renaud

President Paul Davenport was featured in the Close Up: Longer Education segment of Global National's broadcast on Friday, Sept. 28. The broadcast was taped live from the foot of University College Hill and anchored by Kevin Newman, a Western alumni.

Earlier in the month, political science professor Peter Langille was interviewed by Global National regarding the lack of support Canadian soldiers receive from other NATO countries in Afghanistan.

Ivey professor Paul Beamish, who also serves as Canada Research Chair in International Management, garnered international coverage for his co-authored study on Chinese toy recalls. Notable hits included New York Times, Washington Post, CNN Money, Globe and Mail, Global National, South China Morning Post, Singapore Straits Times and China Daily.

Ottawa Citizen science reporter Tom Spears spoke with a number of Western faculty recently including psychology professor Derrick MacFabe about autism research and media lecturer movie expert Mark Rayner on why moray eels that look like oreos are so scary. Rayner said, “That’s the thing about science fiction. Someone will come up with something (in fiction) that seems totally implausible, and then later on it happens to be the case somewhere.”

Todd Stonebrickner, an associate professor of economics, was quoted in USA Today about his research regarding students who struggle in first-year because their roommates play video games.

Stewart Harris of the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry spoke with CBC Radio about health in marginalized populations.

Ivey professor Tony Frost, who specializes in international business, told Financial Post he believes China’s strike against Maple Leaf and other pork producers is part of a bigger trade spat.

Philip Stooke, a geography professor, was quoted in a Globe and Mail story regarding an asteroid that is believed to have wiped out dinosaurs and other life forms after smacking into Earth 65 million years ago. Scientists think the asteroid may have been part of a much larger asteroid involved in a massive collision about 160 million years ago.

How Western measures up

A regular feature on key Western performance and activity measures

What is measured in the graph?

The number of students who have successfully graduated from direct-entry undergraduate programs within six years of their entry into the program.

What does it mean?

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Source: University of Western Ontario Performance and Activity Indicators - 2007

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Having an end zone view of the struggling Western Mustangs football team practicing for its do-or-die game against the Windsor Lancers added a ‘kick-off’ feeling Thursday night for Homecoming weekend at the Western Alumni Association’s annual general meeting held at T.D. Waterhouse Stadium.

The atmosphere was noticeably more celebratory and less ‘business’ feeling than previous years – although the mood did not detract from important messages and recognition for service being conveyed and celebrated by those in attendance.

Two highlights of the AGM were the acknowledgement of alumni volunteers and the implementation of the Alumni Association’s new Strategic Plan, on the heels of Western’s new Strategic Plan released in 2006.

Jeremy Adams, President of the Alumni Association, welcomed members and guests and chaired the business portion of the meeting.

Gary Blazak, Director of Alumni Relations, made two special presentations – the first recognizing the ‘W’ Club as the longest serving active club at Western celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, and also to the Women’s Athletic Association, celebrating 20 years in existence.

Anne Langille kicked off the new volunteer recognition portion as director after director came up to receive gifts of recognition for their years of service on the alumni board and various committees.

“Western has one of the largest and most loyal alumni bases of any Canadian post secondary institution. Our volunteers are a testament to that,” said Langille.

She introduced Stan Hill, MA’69, who was stepping down after serving from 2001 to 2007.

Hill also received the Dr. Ivan Smith Award on Friday night at the Alumni Awards of Merit ceremony. Lauren Downe recognized the work of outgoing board director Suzanne McDonald-Aziz, BA’74, (2001 to 2007). Perry Monaco introduced Stephen Cordero, BA’84, (2004 to 2007). Langille recognized Sally Seigler, BA’80, of Grand Bend for her service from 2001 to 2007.

Carol-Lynn Chambers, BSc’82, MA’91, would stand as incoming President.

He also stressed the plan’s priorities to connect with current students and be ambassadors for Western.

The final draft preview is being circulated to the Board of Governors and other key stakeholders on campus for review and comments back by the end of October before official implementation.

The writer is editor of Western Alumni Gazette magazine.
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Student Services Bulletin

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Autumn Convocation packages were mailed by the end of September to all students who applied to graduate by the Sept. 8 deadline. For information, visit www.registrar.uwo.ca

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Fulbright scholar explores medicine, culture

An anthropology graduate from Princeton University has been awarded a prestigious Fulbright Scholarship to study at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry at The University of Western Ontario.

Irit Rasooly is one of more than 1,300 Americans to receive funding to study abroad for a year through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program, and one of 17 attending Canadian universities. Rasooly is currently at the Centre for Studies in Family Medicine, working with Stewart Harris, Associate Professor in Family Medicine, Epidemiology & Biostatistics and Endocrinology. The centre features an interdisciplinary team of researchers whose over-arching goal is to enhance family medicine and primary health care.

“I am interested in learning about how medical interventions can be adapted to particular cultures and communities,” says Rasooly.

“Western offers a wonderful opportunity to explore this in the context of diabetes/obesity interventions designed for First Nations, under the direction of Dr. Harris.”

Rasooly wants to observe the various ways diabetes prevention and treatment is conducted in communities, the way treatment guidelines have been adapted for particular settings, and which elements of these programs contribute most influentially to their success.

“The approaches taken to studying diabetes in First Nations are likely to provide an important model for tackling the epidemic affecting communities across North America,” says Rasooly. She is also interested in learning how the Canadian health care system operates, especially as it relates to preventative medicine.

Fulbright recipients are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential in their fields.