Lessons from Katrina

Engineering professor Greg Kopp, above, is helping to make sense of the devastation from Hurricane Katrina. Kopp is part of an international project to find clues that will help planners and builders create safer communities in the future. To see more of what Kopp saw, turn to Page 7.

Historic Hong Kong Convocation Sunday

By Paul Mayne

For the first time Sunday in Western's more than 125-year history, a traditional Convocation will be held outside of London.

Western's first all-faculty Convocation in Hong Kong will include 20 graduates from the London campus, including Social Science, Health Sciences, Engineering and Education. King's and Huron University Colleges are represented within the group of 20.

Richard Ivey School of Business (Hong Kong) will graduate approximately 80 EMBA's.

The occasion marks the first time non-business students have been able to take part in the Hong Kong Convocation.

The full-scale ceremony includes many of the traditional trappings that have earned Western a national reputation for going all out to celebrate a student's graduation.

"Every effort has been made to replicate the convocation experience delivered in Alumni Hall here on campus," says Western Director of Alumni Relations Gary Blazak.

A brass band from Hong Kong University will perform the typical musical score used in London, including Verdi’s Grand March as the academic procession enters the hall.

"We have also shipped the six applicable gonfalons and the requisite hoods for the Hong Kong grads and we have also commissioned a replica mace from the University Machine Shop."

To reinforce the importance of Western places on its relationships in Hong Kong, university officials who will attend convocation include Chancellor Arthur Labatt and President Paul Davenport. They will be assisted by Social Science Dean Brian Timney, Ivey Dean Carol Stephenson, Glenn Yonemitsu (Executive Director, Advancement Services at Ivey) and Ivey professor Robert Fisher.

"Other than the graduating students, I think I am also looking forward to this historic event," says Western’s Hong Kong Alumni Relations Associate Sharifa Leung.

"The first Convocation out of campus, and Hong Kong being chosen to be inaugurating the event, symbolizes the importance that the university gives to Hong Kong."

New top honour crosses disciplines

By Karmen Dowling

The first awarding of Western’s new top prize for academics reaches into a cross-section of campus disciplines to honour contributions to teaching, research and community service.

The Distinguished University Professor award will go to: Fred Longstaff, Provost and Vice-President (Academic); Angela Esterhammer, Associate Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies; Chemistry Professor Richard Puddephatt; Electronics Engineer Rajni Patel; and Regna Darnell, director of the First Nations Studies Program.

"The Distinguished University Professorships recognize the most outstanding members of our community for sustained excellence in teaching, research and community service," says Western President Paul Davenport.

"They represent, then, the best of our collective efforts in all three domains, contributing broadly and profoundly to scholarly life on this campus."

The award was created in response to recommendations the university recognize faculty in tangible ways. There are significant awards in teaching and research, but until now none captured all three areas of teaching, research and service.

"The selection committee had a hard time selecting only five individuals," says Vice-Provost (Policy, Planning and Faculty), Alan Weeden. "Western is fortunate to have such a strong field of candidates for this award."

Each recipient holds the title while employed at Western and into retirement, receives a citation and one-time award of $10,000 for scholarly activities, and will take part in a public lecture this year.

Nominations for next year’s recipients will take place later this fall.
CAMPUS DIGEST

LABOUR: The Faculty of Law is presenting a major labour law conference Oct. 14-15. The conference delves into the state of labour law in Canada with a labour market buffeted by declining unionization, expanding international trade, demands for improved protection of human rights and trends toward privatization and deregulation. The blue-ribbon list of speakers and panelists includes Warren Edmondson, chair of the Canadian Industrial Relations Board. For details visit www.law.uwo.ca/mainsite/conferences/labour2005/index.html.

MANITOBA: Jingle King Don Wright, who provided a donation that named the Faculty of Music at Western, has given $1 million to the University of Manitoba to support a new centre. The Centre is a collaborative effort between the faculties of Architecture and Music, School of Art and the Libraries.

TEACHING AWARDS: Nominations are open for the Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, presented by the Bank of Nova Scotia, Alumni Association and USC. This award is given annually to four professors. Nominations will be accepted until Friday, Oct. 14. Direct questions to: use.teaching.awards@uwo.ca.

The Ontario government is shifting control of TVOntario from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities to the Ministry of Education. Education Minister Gerard Kennedy says, “In a world dominated by the Internet and technologies that didn’t exist five years ago, we need to have a coherent technology policy, and incorporating TVOntario into the education agenda is one step in that direction.”

25 YEARS AGO AT WESTERN

The Ontario government will cut off property and sales tax credits to foreign students. The ruling affects 2,000 students who hold jobs as teaching assistants. They have 90 days to appeal the decision through the courts.

Photo courtesy of Rachel Lincoln

WESTERN NEWS

The University of Western Ontario

$400,000

2005 United Way Campaign Goal

Western cheerleaders unveil the university’s United Way target of $400,000 for the 10,000 spectators at Saturday’s Homecoming football game.

By Paul Mayne

Not one to back away from a challenge, the Western community will be asked to raise $400,000 for the United Way this year all the while hanging onto its banner as the city’s top fundraiser.

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UW campaign aims high

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“We know Western plays a huge role in our campaign’s success, but we never take anything for granted. We can make a difference, we do make a difference, and with the help of Western and the London community we will make a difference.”

Western President Paul Davenport leads the city-wide campaign this year and sees the United Way as “unique in our community” with its ability to evaluate needs and with the help of London and Middlesex “direct the money to where it is most needed.”
Class project takes clients to cleaners

BY PAUL MAYNE

When Joseph Magnotta and Adam Watson say their latest media campaign is “in the bag,” it’s in fact “on” the bag - dry cleaning bags to be exact.

Statements Media, founded by the recent Western graduates, wants to revolutionize what the two see as a static Canadian media landscape. Their first foray into marketing began last month when 125,000 ad-bags were distributed to more than 100 dry cleaning businesses across the greater Toronto area.

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Adam Watson
Ivey grad

“It’s something that’s never been done before,” says the 21-year-old Watson, a graduate of the Richard Ivey School of Business. Magnotta, 23, graduated with a Political Science/Psychology degree.

“Consumers are becoming increasingly mobile and their busy, on-the-go lifestyle makes them harder than ever to reach. Our advertising targets specific audiences, in unique environments, at ideal points throughout the day.”

Western News readers first learned about the business a year ago.

After winning the Robert G. Siskind Entrepreneurial Award at Ivey’s annual feasibility competition last year, Watson chose to defer his HBA to launch the business. What was expected to be just a summer job quickly turned into a full-time venture.

“The last five months have been just crazy,” says Watson. “But it wouldn’t be fun if it was easy. If you’re going to do something I say ‘why think small’”

With plans to push the number of ad-bags per month to 500,000 by year-end, adding new clients and branching out into new cities, thinking small is not part of the game plan for Statements Media. While Watson admits it was hard at first selling the idea of ad-bags to potential clients, he says businesses are now starting to see the ingenuity of placing their ads on dry cleaning bags.

“Our biggest selling point is that it has never been done before,” says Watson, “But everyone would tell us they love being part of innovative advertising ideas - as long as someone else is doing it first.”

Those thoughts soon changed and already on board with the ad-bag idea are Komandor @ the Bay, Chubb Home Security and Country Style Food Services, where director of marketing, Rita McParland, says her company is excited about the venture.

“We are an innovative company looking for exciting and innovative mediums to advertise through and we wanted to be involved with this new and dynamic company with a unique method of reaching the consumer,” says McParland.

The demographics look good for the pair. Those who dry clean their clothes on a regular basis have an annual household income of more than $100,000 and 75 percent have a post-secondary education. Two-thirds of those picking up dry cleaning are women. For the most part the advertising is reaching high-end consumers.

“Adam and Joseph came to me with a vision that they have since made a reality,” says Robert Talucci, President of Top Hat Cleaners. “These bags will undoubtedly change the dry cleaning industry. These men have found a way to hit this hard-to-reach segment at an opportune point of the day.”

Watson says this means from the moment the ad-bag leaves the dry cleaners, the ad is on the go through the crowded streets of Toronto. Even when it finds its way into the customer’s closet there will be continuous exposure each time the closet door is opened.

For information about Statements Media, visit www.makeyourstatement.ca.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Academic Development Fund - New Research and Scholarly Initiative Awards Small Grant Competition - FALL 2005

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 these 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 (in printed and electronic format) are available on request at the University Secretariat and may be obtained by contacting the SUPAD Secretary at 661-2111, extn. 84540. Forms for the New Research and Scholarly Initiative Award are also available directly from the Senate web site (www.uwo.ca/univsec/senate). The deadline for submission of applications to the University Secretariat (Room 290, Stevenson-Lawson Building) will be Monday, October 17, 2005, at 4:00 p.m.; however, applications are requested to submit applications to the relevant Deans office for signature prior to the deadline date. Decisions for the spring competition will be available by mid-December for a start date of January 1, 2006. (NB: Applications in printed or in electronic format issued prior to January 2005 are no longer valid)

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND - NEW RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INITIATIVE AWARDS MAJOR GRANTS COMPETITION 2006-2007

The Academic Development Fund was established by Senate in 1973. Its primary purpose is to provide seed money for academic innovation. A portion of the distributable operating revenue of the University's budget is made available to the Academic Development Fund to support Special Projects set out in the guidelines. Applications may be made by individuals, disciplinary teams, and cross- and inter-disciplinary teams, including those with external matching funds, and for projects requiring support in amounts in excess of approximately $10,000. Projects with budgets less than $8,500 will not normally be considered. The ADF is intended to provide support for significant and innovative new directions in research. ADF support is not restricted to equipment.

Application forms, including the Guidelines governing projects eligible for support, are available from the University Secretariat, Room 290, Stevenson-Lawson Building or by contacting the SUPAD Secretary at 661-2111, extn. 84540. Applications are also available in MS Word and Perfect format upon request at the University Secretariat. (NB: Applications in printed or in electronic format issued prior to August 2005 are no longer valid.) Additional information is available at http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/senate/adx.html

The deadline for applications to the 2006-07 ADF Major Grant competition is 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 15, 2005, and this deadline will be strictly enforced.
Is our future two-tier academe?

Professor Emeritus Donald Hair hears "worrisome noises" about splitting teaching and research from faculty responsibilities.

Administrative rumblings about separating teaching and research and dispensing with the expectation that faculty members do both are worrisome noises. In my experience, teaching and research validate each other.

In my own discipline, which is literary criticism, my teaching evolved because of my research. I did not have (as was the popular assumption about professors) a set of lecture notes which I hauled out, unchanged, from year to year.

On the lectern in front of me were headings and details from my first preparations, with marginalia, deletions, additions, footnotes, and more jottings on the back of every page, the result of ongoing reading and research, and evidence of an increasingly complex understanding of the texts and (I hope) my increasingly effective teaching of them.

But I should explain something about research in the humanities.

There is no progress in literary criticism as there is in science, but rather a constant reworking and revisiting of texts in every generation and with every reader. The chief scholarly activity is interpretation, and interpretation needs research into such matters as the history of the text, its topical and rhetorical conventions and strategies, and its historical and cultural context.

My published research was narrower in focus, so I have always been wary of the view that the subject of one's publications should be the main subject of one's teaching. In a graduate seminar, yes, but in my undergraduate classes the subject of my writing was largely invisible — and yet I think I dealt with all those disparate texts with a fuller sense of how they worked than would have been possible otherwise. For my research, in spite of its focus, seemed to move in a direction contrary to the popular assumption about such "higher" learning — more and more about less and less — and instead came closer and closer to literature's essentials and fundamentals, which are actually "lower" learning, since the fundament (as anyone who has read Chaucer knows) is one's backside. Research is the solid bottom of teaching.

But let me shift metaphors and topics. Just as my research informed my teaching — "informed" in the sense of a pervasive spirit shaping within — so my teaching informed my research: it supplied its motives.

First of all, I was addressing a far larger audience in my students than I ever would in my books. Secondly, the presence of the students was the reason I was being paid a salary, and I considered it my social responsibility to provide those students with the best experience in the classroom that I could manage.

Facing a large class of first-year students with varying goals, interests, and abilities seemed to me as salutary an experience for a researcher as Mao's sending his bureaucrats out to hoe turnips: it was a reminder of a wider society and of one's responsibilities to its needs. Moreover, I was surprised at how much of my teaching entered into my publications.

Though I was constantly discussing texts that had nothing to do with topics I wrote about, I kept being startled, privately, into new understandings of critical problems: without a hint here, an implication there, a rich parallel, an enlightening difference, I might never have thought of certain contexts or lines of argument.

I hope that Western's characterization of itself as a "research-intensive university" does not lead to two classes of faculty members… back of every page, the result of ongoing reading and research, and evidence of an increasingly complex understanding of the texts and (I hope) my increasingly effective teaching of them.

Let us all get on the same page.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A LITTLE CLICKER CLARITY PLEASE

Regarding your article about the use of clicker technology in the classroom, I just purchased the clicker today and it was more than the $20, it was more like $48.10 (tax included) for a full year course.

Why is the Book Store selling it for more than the article indicated? I think some students will not have the almost $50 to spend on this.

Plus your article says it is voluntary, but I am in the large Astronomy course and we are getting attendance marks and quiz marks for having these clickers.

Patti Deelen

GET TOUGHER WITH DIABETES

Regarding the article about family doctors needing to be more aggressive in treating diabetes, I totally agree. Our MDs in Canada and the U.S. need to be more aggressive with the target goals. If it was their mom, they would be.

In hospital patients are getting the tighter controls, but when they leave, the attending MD and outpatient don’t use the same target and we allow our patient’s sugar once again to bounce all over the place. Let’s all get on the same page!

Cathy A. Carson, nurse
North Carolina

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Western News welcomes submissions from faculty, staff and students. Submissions must be no more than 650 words and should deal with issues concerning the university and higher education. Submissions must be delivered via e-mail. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject any submission that does not comply with policy. Opinions expressed are those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect those of Western News or The University of Western Ontario.
Western hiring more female professors

By Paul Mayne

Western is continuing to see a steady rise in the number of probationary and tenured faculty, with female professors beginning to have more of a presence on campus as well. In his bi-annual report to the Board of Governors on faculty recruitment and retention, Alan Weeden, Vice-Provost (Academic Policy, Planning and Faculty), says 40 per cent to 45 per cent of new hirings at the university have been women.

“Historically, we’ve been coming in at 30 per cent or lower, so we are definitely improving the representation of women within the faculty,” says Weeden, noting that Western still falls behind other G-10 universities who are at 50 per cent or better.

For 2005, there were 273 female faculty members, or just over 27 per cent of Western’s faculty, up from 20 per cent in 2000.

Western hired 73 new tenured and probationary faculty members for 2005, the largest number of hires over the last seven years. Weeden notes there are 92 open positions right now at Western, the largest being 19 positions in dentistry.

Expansion of athletic facilities

The university has hired Diamond & Schmitt Architects Inc. to investigate options for the expansion of Western’s athletic facilities. The $90,000-study will involve meeting with users and staff, as well as a review of existing programs and space, to assess the requirements of a potential facility. Options will be developed to include adding sufficient space to meet the needs as well as the possibility of creating a complete new facility. The report is expected to be completed this fall.

McIntosh Gallery

With 3,212 pieces of work in the collection of the McIntosh Gallery as of Jan. 1, its appraised value comes in at just over $10.3-million. The gallery committee announced proceeds from the sale of April 30 were used towards maintenance of the building and that Madeline Lennon has been elected as Chair of the McIntosh Gallery Committee.

President sets priorities

Western President Paul Davenport presented his priorities for the coming year to the Board of Governors Sept. 29, saying his main focus will be on the completion of the first draft of an updated Strategic Plan.

The plan will emphasize graduate education, renovations and new space needed by the university, meeting targets for doctoral expansion and the new collective agreement with UWOFA. Davenport says satisfaction of students and alumni is based in large part on the university’s commitment to excellence.

“My top priority will be to maintain that sense of solidarity and commitment on campus, which is the foundation of all our achievements,” says Davenport.

Other priorities are set out in four broad categories including setting directions, keeping academic priorities first, ensuring open administration and effective communication, and strengthening ties with the external community.

What is your favorite piece of technology?

David Miller

Third year, Political Science

“My top priority will be to maintain that sense of solidarity and commitment on campus, which is the foundation of all our achievements.”

Luan Pham

Second year, Computer Science

“The cellphone. It’s the perfect way to keep in touch. It’s what I count on most days.”

Sandra Friesen

Fourth year, English/French

“I would be my laptop. I don’t go anywhere without it. With so many places wireless you can use it pretty well everywhere. Plus, it’s my favourite procrastinating tool when it comes to school work.”

Evan Goulet

Fourth year, Philosophy

“I’d have to say my laptop. I couldn’t write an essay without it. It has everything I need.”

Stephanie Kennedy

Second year, Anthropology

“The iPod. It lets you listen to music between classes and you can pretty well put anything on it.”

What is your favorite piece of technology?
IN PROFILE: PROFESSOR EMERITUS

Scientist turns invention to plots

By Karmen Dowling

Irene Gargantini has long led a secret life.

By day the mild-mannered master of numerical analysis, data visualization and medical imaging toiled at Western as a respected computer scientist and advisor to PhD students.

By night she became Rene Natan. Author. Spinner of tall tales.

“A cleverly masterminded plot entraps young heiress Allison Summer in a web of deceit and violence…”

“Steve [Carlton] battles his feelings as the life of accused Livia White unfolds before his eyes…”

“The count’s dignified manners and his devilish enterprises hide more than one secret…”

Seventy-one-year-old Gargantini loves to write fiction.

It’s hard to imagine she was a Computer Science professor at Western for more than 30 years. It was work she loved and even at 65 she says retirement from academic life came too early. Still, she found another passion to keep her busy.

A lover of writing since a young age, Gargantini pushed aside that interest to pursue the logic and critical thinking of computer science. She retired in 2000, yet continued supervising students until her last PhD student graduated in May 2005. Only then did she “come out” as fiction writer Rene Natan to the wider community. Her pen name was achieved by dropping the ‘I’ in Irene to create Rene. Natan was formed from letters in her last name.

These days, Gargantini is promoting her new thriller, Operation Woman in Black.

She took several online courses that required completion of assignments and offered ideas of how to get stories and books published. She found a good editor who has been especially helpful, since English is not her native tongue.

So far, Gargantini has written two short stories intended for teenagers, the suspenseful Killing on Mount Yula (2003) and A pair of Wings for Christmas (2003), for which she embedded science into the fantasy framework.

Mountains of Dawn and Cross of Sapphires, novels of the romantic suspense genre, have been written for a while and are scheduled to appear in 2007 as e-books (electronic books on-line) from Awe-Struck.

The Collage (2004) is an e-publication of Creative Guy Publishing (www.creativeguypublishing.com/books.html). Her latest book, The Jungfrau Watch is currently submitted. While her husband is neutral about her writing and hasn’t fully read her books, Gargantini says some of her step-children enjoy them. She hopes to engage more readers who enjoy the romance and suspense/thriller genre. With her track record now, she also hopes to have an easier time finding a publisher.

Writing is for pleasure and not for money, she says, adding there are many plots left in her. Besides treasuring family moments, Gargantini says she can’t imagine spending her spare time any other way than by writing.

“I will continue writing as long as I feel the drive,” says Gargantini. “The brain has been the best thing I ever got in my life.”

For more information about her writings, and to download her short stories, visit: http://members.aol.com/irenennatan

Synopsis: Operation Woman in Black

Nothing and nobody seem to penetrate the criminal ring that plagues the town of Varlee, Ontario. When Varlee’s Chief of Police resigns, Conrad Miguel Tormez takes charge of the investigation. Aware of the potential that Pappa-Pappa, a new speech emulation system offers, Conrad Tormez engineers a daring operation: he’ll replace the Woman in Black, a recently deceased emulation system offers, Conrad Tormez engineers a daring operation: he’ll replace the Woman in Black, a recently deceased member of the criminal ring, with Savina Thompson, an ex-agent and amateur performer. But this isn’t the only challenge Conrad Tormez faces. For the last year he has been searching for Isabel, his teenaged, mentally impaired daughter. Then one day he finds her in a most unlikely place. Published by Publish America, this book can be ordered online at: www.publishamerica.com/books/10273 or at www.amazon.ca
By Karmen Dowling

Gregg Kopp is learning a lot from the mayhem left behind by Hurricane Katrina.

The Associate Research Director of Western’s Boundary Layer Wind Tunnel Lab took more than 170 photographs during a week-long project to catalogue house damage from wind, debris, trees and other sources in Biloxi, Gulfport and other Mississippi communities.

Kopp, of the Faculty of Engineering, and 40 other scientists are part of a massive technical engineering investigation headed by the Institute for Business and Home Safety (IBHS) in the U.S.

What has become clear is damage varied widely by location, surroundings and even building types.

“Wind damage was intermittent,” says Kopp. “In the older areas, there were tall trees so we saw almost no damage to the houses, except for those hit by falling trees or debris. In the newer neighbourhoods we found a lot of shingles and siding missing.”

Townhouses and strip malls performed particularly poorly, experiencing major damage.

Before Katrina hit, Kopp’s research on turbulence and aerodynamics of structures was helping engineers change North American building design codes so structures such as bridges and houses could withstand the high winds associated with tornadoes and hurricanes.

IBHS will provide an official observation after all the data is analyzed.

Trees in this community were about 40 to 50 feet high so there was almost no wind damage to homes, except for damage caused by toppled trees. Kopp stands beside several chopped trees.

Townhouses suffered particularly high damage rates. This project in Biloxi suffered massive siding and extensive roof and shingle loss failure, partially because of poor construction.

Shingle and siding damage is apparent throughout the neighbourhood but this house is the only one to lose its roof. The question is: why did the roof fail for this house and not others? Flying debris may have played a role.
Purple shirts, purple hair, purple faces, purple bodies — it was one heck of a Homecoming.

From alumni dinners and awards ceremonies to a Mustangs football victory (62-10 over York), the weekend meant different things to the 20,000 alumni and family who took part in Canada’s biggest homecoming.

John Kaempf celebrated his 50th anniversary class reunion and looked forward to the opportunity to talk of old times with classmates.

“It’s was a magnificent time for me when I was Western and can’t wait to come back each year,” he said. “I enjoy seeing all the old buildings and having a chance to see the new changes each year. It’s just a great time.”

For Graham Lennard, a fellow arts graduate from 1955, it was his first time on campus since he earned his diploma.

“This is my first time back in 50 years and I’ll be back in another 50. I like to be consistent,” said a laughing Lennard. He dropped his son off at Western in the early 80s but the Toronto resident hadn’t set foot on campus until this past weekend.

“I remember going to class and walking across huge green space,” said Lennard. “That has obviously changed over the years. There are so many building now, but that’s to be expected.”

The one thing Lennard looks back on fondly is one of his instructors, Edward Pleva, for whom Western has named one of its highest teaching honours after.

“He would come into class and just share these great stories with us,” said Lennard. “We all looked forward to his class. It’s good to be back and have the chance to remember things such as that.”

For the medical class of 1950, it was a unique experience for the dozen or so who returned to don their war uniforms for their 55th class reunion. Each of the 93 members of the class of ’50 served in the Second World War and was admitted to Western following the war.

The group paid tribute to fallen comrades at a plaque in the Medical Sciences Building lobby before marching, complete with bagpipes, to the Great Hall for a luncheon.

“I’m happy the uniform still fits -- sort of,” said Dr. Ed Roemmele, who spent most of his medical career in Windsor. “It’s good to see your classmates again and see what everyone is up to.”
ELECTION UPDATE

BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND SENATE ELECTIONS
For further information, visit the election Web site at www.uwo.ca/univsec/election/

Board of Governors - Faculty and Undergraduate Student Representatives
Two nominations have been made for each of the Faculty and Undergraduate Student constituencies.

Board - Graduate Student Representative
Graydon RAYMER (PhD Medical Biophysics IV) has been Elected by Acclamation to the Board for a two-year term (November 5, 2005, to November 14, 2007).

Senate - Faculty Representatives
Elected by Acclamation for two-year terms on Senate (November 1, 2005, to October 31, 2007) are:
- Faculty of Education (One to be elected): Robert MACMILLAN
- Faculty of Arts and Humanities (Three to be elected): Jan PLUG (English)
- Faculty of Engineering (One to be elected): Jerzy FLORYAN (Mechanical & Materials Engineering)
- Faculty of Graduate Studies - Education (One to be elected): Perry KLEIN
- Faculty of Information & Media Studies (One to be elected): Margaret Ann WILKINSON
- Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry (Three to be elected): Sahza HATIBOVIC-KOFMAN (Orthodontics & Paediatric Dentistry), David HEINRICH (Microbiology & Immunology), Raj RAJA-

KUMAR (Psychiatry)
- Faculty of Social Science (Three to be elected): Brock MILLMAN (History)
- King’s University College (One to be elected): William MCKERCHER (Political Science)

There will be an election in the Faculty of Science constituency in the absence of a nomination or a sufficient number of nominations in a constituency, the Dean’s Office will be contacted for a candidate.

Senate - Administrative Staff Representative
Robin KEIRSTEAD (University Archivist) has been Elected by Acclamation to the Senate for a two-year term (November 1, 2005, to October 31, 2007).

Senate - Graduate Student Representatives
In the absence of any nominations in this constituency, an ad hoc Nominating Committee will be called.

Senate - Undergraduate Student Representatives
Elected by Acclamation for one-year terms on Senate (November 1, 2005, to October 31, 2006) are:
- Arts and Humanities and Music constituency (One to be elected): Yu-Chi KUO (Scholar’s Electives, Honors Philosophy and Political Science I)
- Science constituency (One to be elected): Alexander (Sandy) CLARK (Medical Sciences III)
- Social Science and Information and Media Studies constituency (Two to be elected): Shawn KERR (Majors in Political Science and International & Comparative Studies IV), Aishwarya RAMAKRISHNAN (Administrative & Commercial Studies II)
- Health Sciences and Medicine & Dentistry constituency (One to be elected): Lisa Marie DONALDS (Health Sciences I)
- Affiliated University Colleges constituency (Two to be elected): Peter MARKVOORT (Major in Criminology II, King’s), Matthew WILSON (Honors Specialization in History IV)

There will be an election in other undergraduate constituentcies.

Law Expands

The Faculty of Law opened the Latner Family Wing last week, a recent addition to the school and other renovations totaling $2.5-million. A $1-million donation from the Albert and Temmy Latner Foundation spearheaded the work. Here, Law Dean Ian Holloway gives a tour of the new addition – joined by Lily Latner, grand-daughter of Albert and Temmy and a recent Law graduate, and her father, Stephen.

Information Technology Resource Centre (ITRC)

Fall Project Submissions

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The Faculty of Law opened the Latner Family Wing last week, a recent addition to the school and other renovations totaling $2.5-million. A $1-million donation from the Albert and Temmy Latner Foundation spearheaded the work. Here, Law Dean Ian Holloway gives a tour of the new addition – joined by Lily Latner, grand-daughter of Albert and Temmy and a recent Law graduate, and her father, Stephen.

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‘Wake-up call’ on Haiti

By Roxana Olivera

The “Canadians at the Front” photo exhibit wrapped up last week with a lecture by Leslie Jermy, telling 200 media, information and technology students “we have all become mass media products.”

Jermy, a University of Toronto anthropology professor, delivered a lecture on Canadian colonialism and complicity in Haiti to demonstrate that Ottawa’s development aid programs perpetuate poverty in Haiti. This information is underreported in the mass media, said Jermy.

Information about Canada’s complicity in Haiti has been suppressed because the mass media succumb to pressures of large advertisers who profit from that country’s poverty, she said.

Canadians should play an active role in administration of Canada’s foreign aid in order to end global poverty and to make a difference.

Student Daniel Cichon called the speech a “wake-up call to go out there and find the real stories.”

But, Cali Travis, 20, noted that, “to make a difference, we need to have information that should be available to everyone. We have the right to have access to this type of information. Instead, I paid thousands of dollars to UWO to really learn how foreign aid works.”

David Spencer, professor in the Faculty of Information and Media Studies, said the photo collection provides a perspective not often seen.

“We need to see more of this work,” said Spencer.

“Canadians at the Front” was prepared by GlobalAware, a collective of journalists, photographers, writers, graphic designers, web professionals and others committed to environmental justice and social change.

It has the support of the UNHCR, CIDA, Doctors without Borders and Save the Children and is touring universities across Canada.

The writer is a graduate student in Journalism.

GTA students seek decision help

About 65,000 persons jammed the Ontario Universities’ Fair

By Angie Smith

Alex Siriani thought she had made up her mind about university.

The Grade 12 Toronto student attended the Ontario Universities’ Fair (OUF) in Toronto this past weekend to reaffirm she was making the right choices. Little did she know that, after talking with representatives from the schools, she would change her mind and add Western to her list.

Siriani said she attended the fair to get more information on her top four choices for university – Ryerson, University of Toronto, Ottawa and Carleton. But after speaking with English professor Mark McDayter, who was on hand for potential students, she decided to make Western one of her top choices.

She wasn’t the only student who discovered Western. Close to 35,000 persons visited the booth or picked up brochures.

Siriani’s mother, Mirijam, was hoping that her daughter would stay close to home, but understands her daughter needs to experience life on her own.

“Ultimately I just want her to go to a school with the best programs. I know she has her heart set on going away.”

The OUF began in 1997 as a tool for helping high school students in the Toronto area to gather information about universities in Ontario. Held every fall at Toronto’s Metro Convention Centre, this one-stop 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.

This year, approximately 65,000 students, parents, and educators passed through the doors.

McDayter says Siriani is somewhat of an exception.

“A lot of students come here (the Western booth) with their sights already set on Western. We give them more information to help them make their final decision.”

Lori Gribbin, Director of Undergraduate Recruitment & Admissions, says opportunities like the OUF allow students one-on-one interaction with other students, professors and schools administrators, and that’s the most important aspect of the fair.

“Our booth is what draws students in, but the people we have at the booth are building relationships with the students and parents, and that’s paramount in helping with the decision making process.”

Gribbin says some students are a blank slate when they arrive and may rely on the fair to help them make their decision. They essentially come to gather information and build their awareness about their options.

The OUF marks the beginning of Western’s annual recruitment and admissions cycle.
ATTARD WINS WEHLAU AWARD

Michael Attard, a PhD student in the Department of Physics and Astronomy, is this year’s recipient of the William Henry Wehlau Award given annually to an outstanding graduate student.

The award was established by the family, friends, and colleagues of the late Professor Wehlau who established the Department of Astronomy in 1966 and served as head of the department until his retirement in 1991.

Attard received his B.A.Sc. in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Toronto in 2004. Attard chose to pursue his childhood interest in Astronomy after his undergraduate degree, starting at Western in the fall of 2004 as a Masters student under the supervision of Martin Houde.

Of particular interest to Attard is star formation and, more specifically, the role that magnetic fields have to play in the star formation process.

Stars form in large interstellar clouds of gas and dust through the gravitational collapse of dense regions within the gas. However, the presence of embedded magnetic fields can slow this collapse and, in turn, the rate of star formation. An understanding of how “magnetic support” works could yield answers to important questions regarding how stars acquire their observed mass distribution, the formation of planets, galactic structure, and galactic evolution.

Since September 2004, Houde and Attard have worked on development of a new instrument, the Submillimeter High Angular Resolution camera Polarimeter (SHARP). SHARP was recently commissioned at the Caltech Submillimeter Observatory located on Mauna Kea, Hawaii.

This work is done in collaboration with other graduate students and researchers from the University of Chicago, Northwestern University, the California Institute of Technology, University of Wisconsin, NASA-Ames, and NASA-Goddard. This polarimeter will be capable of mapping the magnetic fields within star formation regions to an unprecedented accuracy.

PAPER WINS PRIZE

Steve Lecce, a 2004 Western PhD graduate in Political Science, has won the Vincent Lemieux Prize by the Canadian Political Science Association. The prize, which began in 1999, goes to the author of “the best thesis in any sub-field of political science, written in English or in French, judged eminently worthy of publication in the form of a book or articles.”

Awarded every two years, there have been four winners in the past: three from the University of Toronto and one from Queen’s. Lecce joins a select group and has brought a special form of recognition to the Western PhD program. Professor Richard Vernon, a Western Hellmuth prize-winner himself this year, was the chief supervisor.

Lecce is starting his SSHRC post-doc work at the Université de Montréal.

SCIENCE OF PAINTING

Recent Western Science graduate, Tara Barber, has been awarded the College Pro Painter’s Top Rookie of the Year Award for the Franchise Program in the Ontario Region. Barber and her crew painted a total of 142 home exteriors over the course of the summer. College Pro Painters was founded in 1971 by Western alumnus Greig Clark.

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DON WRIGHT FACULTY OF MUSIC, Department of Music Theory and Composition (2 appointments) - applications are invited for two probationary (tenure-track) appointments at the Assistant Professor level, effective July 1, 2006. One appointment will be in music composition and the other appointment will be in music theory. Closing date: Review of applications will begin on January 4, 2006 and continue until the position is filled.

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

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Cross Country – Men’s 4km @ 5 pm/Women’s 4km @ 5:45 pm – Mustang Open (Gibbons Park)
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October 7
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Brian Patel joined Western’s Faculty of Engineering in January 1999 as Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

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