Alumni honour
Roy’s service to poor

BY PAUL MAYNE

“This is my school. I’m proud of it. I love coming back to Western.” If there were ever an official ambassador for The University of Western Ontario, one that proves the best student experience can be carried forward into their personal and professional lives as well as the lives of others, Jane Roy (BSc’87) would certainly appear near the top of that list.

Roy is a community advocate in London through work at the London Food Bank; a fundraising veteran of numerous disaster relief crises; a volunteer activist in Rwanda, Iraq, Somalia, Guatemala and Sudan; and, of course, a London native whose appreciation for her university experience is apparent in her career endeavours.

“I applied to everyone else but I was always set on going to Western, there was no issue about that,” says Roy, who will receive an Alumni Award of Merit (Community Service Award) Friday night from the Western Alumni Association. (Full Homecoming coverage on pages 11-13.)

“Going to all the classes, meeting all the people; it was great,” she adds.

“Western is a big part of the London community and growing up here I tend to see it as a huge part of the community experience for me.”

Along with her husband, London North Centre MP Glen Pearson, Roy has established a charitable organization, Canadian Aid for Southern Sudan (CASS). Her most recent efforts in Sudan involve freeing child slaves, building schools, developing a women’s literacy program and aid program that helps women set up their own businesses. The couple’s three children are adopted siblings from Sudan.

Jane has served as chairperson of the Ontario Association of Food Banks, as member of London’s Round Table on the Environment and Economy, and was a key member of the Mayor’s Anti-Poverty Task Force. Most recently, Roy and Pearson were recognized on the Mayor’s New Year’s Honours List 2007 for humanitarianism.

Her time spent at Western gets described as “life-building” and having a strong influence on who she has become and where her life has taken her.

“When I look at Western I really think what it taught me was how to learn, how to ask questions and be curious… and the confidence to get things done,” says Roy, adding she’s honoured the Alumni Association has chosen to recognize her.

“Most kids that age want to save the world, but to keep that attitude as you get older is really important,” Roy advises current students.

“Get involved outside the Western community in the context of ‘be out there as a Western student’. For me, it was a great time of life, but when you get older you need to continue to do all the things you believe in.”

Krista McFadden, Western News

Jane Roy is one of a dozen Western alumni being honoured Friday at the annual Alumni Awards Dinner. Roy is being recognized for community service for spearheading the London Food Bank and advocacy on poverty and civil strife issues.
Solar-ific

Nine Western Engineering students are heading down under next month as the Sunstang team prepares to compete in the 20th annual Panasonic World Solar Challenge in Australia. The 3,000-kilometre race will feature 46 teams from 21 countries. Celebrating the 15th year of the Sunstang, students built the $250,000 solar-powered vehicle with a top speed of 130 km/h, from scratch over the past 15 months. The competition is expected to take about five days to complete. Here, Sunstang co-manager Pranay Krishen, describes the vehicle at an unveiling earlier this week.
“Time to be purple and proud”

By Bob Klanač

The events are planned, venues booked and the official Western’s Homecoming 2007 events will be well-attended and deemed successful.

Yet, in the end, when the legions of alumni make that final walk across campus before heading back home, the planned activities fade to the background. What will linger are the memories recalled, relationships rekindled and longing for the years of their life that most Western alumni recall as some of their finest.

In short, the reason that Western’s homecoming is legendary is because of the people and what they brought – and continue to bring back – to the campus.

It is so, always has been and will be again, September 27-30.

Anne Baxter, Western’s Homecoming 2007 Chairperson, says that the week-end is a highlight for the campus and London.

“Each year, thousands of Western grads return to see old friends, classmates and professors, to travel down memory lane and to enjoy the many festivities.”

— Anne Baxter

Homecoming 2007 Chairperson

Sunday, all alumni are invited to a casual breakfast in the Great Hall to say their farewells. Graduates from 1937 to 1982 will make their way to a 1.30 p.m. garden reception at Gibbons Lodge hosted by President Paul Davenport.

Alumni who are accustomed to the presence of their Alumni Association offices being in Alumni Hall will discover a change – the entire External portfolio will be moved to the presence of Alumni Western moved last month to a renovated Westminster College.

For full and updated Homecoming information go to www.westernhomecoming.uwo.ca
FULL PAGE HOMECOMING COLOUR
Womens Athletic Alumni Awards

The Elfrieda Berzins Award commemorates the Western coach and Director of Athletics from 1966 to 1970. Honorees have excelled as athletes, coaches and administrators, and contributed to the growth of women's athletics and acted as a role model.

ALISON (ARMSTRONG) DOHERTY, BA’83

Women's Athletic Alumni Elfrieda Berzins Award

In her first year at Western in 1983, women's rowing was in its infancy, and Doherity was known as a leader. She began as a member of the first Western women's waterpolo team and later became the head coach. In 1985, Doherity was awarded the Western Women's Athlete of the Year award. She became the first female coach of the Western track and field team, and went on to win a gold medal in high jump at the Canadian National Championships.

ALMA MOIR, BA’79

Women's athletic Alumni Elfrieda Berzins Award

For Moir, coaching Western's women's track and field team is a family affair. During her undergraduate years at Western, Moir's father coached the senior men's track and field team. Moir along with her twin sister Carol. When Carol left, Moir then chose to follow in the footsteps of her sister and father. Moir first coached the women's waterpolo team and later became the head coach of the women's track and field team. Moir's career she has maintained for more than 30 years at Western.

EALON (WARD) RICHARDSON, BA’62, MA’68

Women's Athletic Alumni Elfrieda Berzins Award

As a physical education student, Richardson was given the knowledge to make a life-long career out of athletics. She brought her passion for athletics with her to Western in 1962, where she studied physical education and began her coaching career. Richardson was the head coach of the women's track and field team and the basketball team. In 1962, Richardson was promoted with the new PFLF Jones Award. In 1985, Richardson's time at Western encouraged her to become a life-long athlete and, as a result, she ended up in track and running and could find her footpath through much of her adult life. She remained active with cycling and yoga, while continuing to work in education.

HEATHER M. CLARKE, BA’83

Women's Athletic Alumni Elfrieda Berzins Award

Western nurtured Heather Clarke's development, giving her up the chance to carve out an individual path in a field previously dominated by men. Clarke began her career at the University of Alberta, where she completed her degree in physical education and sport. She later returned to Western to complete a master's degree in physical education and to work as a trainer and coach at the Athletics Centre. In 1990 after it was separated from the men's team. At the same time, Anju began her teaching career in Kinesiology, and she still holds today as an associate professor in the school of kinesiology.

ALUMNI AWARDS OF MERIT

Alumni Western is celebrating the outstanding achievements of four Western graduates, including Jane Roy who is profiled on Page 1. Their accomplishments represent the best of Western.

KEVIN NEWMAN, BA’81

Professional Achievement Award

Recognizes superior achievement in a professional field. The recipient is a role model for newcomers and sets an example of excellence for future alumni.

NEIL HETHERINGTON, BA’95

Young Alumni Award

Recognizes an outstanding individual in his field of endeavor. Recipients are 40 or under and an inspiration as an example for future alumni.

DARWIN SEMOTIUK

N Club Hall of Fame inductee

Semotiuk’s involvement in university sports spans four decades as an athlete, coach, professor and administrator. He has been recognized with a peabody Award. He returned to Global television in 2001, this time as an wraps' editor. After spending a year in Dubai, he continued to work for Global in 2002. In 2003, he was named the director of Global's Special Projects.

PIERRE VERCHEVAL, BA’91

N Club Hall of Fame inductee

Pierre Vercheval came to Western to play football in 1994, during the time, being able to speak only French. Mentored by the assistant coach, he was named Captain in 1995, and earned First team All-Canadian honours.

ROGER JACKSON, BA’63

Distinguished Alumni Award inductee

A few years after graduation, Jackson went to work in the motion picture industry, producing various television and feature films. In 1988, he moved to Toronto to direct commercials, and is currently a partner at Jackson and Associates. In 2000, he was inducted into the Canadian Football Hall of Fame.

TERRY ROTTONO, BA’73, MD’77

Distinguished Alumni Award inductee

A few years after graduation, Rottono returned to the University of Western to complete his medical degree – citing that at the highlight of his Western career.
FULL PAGE HOMECOMING COLOUR
London Reads spotlight on top books

A little book club born out of an anniversary celebration has quietly grown to become a significant player on the London creative scene by promoting the fun to be found in reading together.

Back for the fifth year is Alumni Western presents: London Reads which this week unveiled a high-profile book list designed to get city residents reading Canada’s best books.

New this year is $2,000 in financial support from the City of London’s Creative Cities Committee to assist in promotion of the program so more Londoners can discover the program, and I encourage all Londoners to read the books and engage in the discussions,” says London mayor Anne Marie DeCicco-Best.

“I enjoyed participating as a ‘celebrity panelist’ in the inaugural year of the program and am so proud that the city has become a partner.” London Reads was first launched as Western reads as part of The University of Western Ontario’s 125th anniversary celebrations in 2003 and has since been reflagged to offer a citywide platform for promoting literacy and Canadian authors.

Modeled after CBC Radio’s Canada Reads, the program invites the entire community to read along with and engage local celebrity panelists as they deliberate over the merits of Canadian fiction.

The London Reads booklist was a closely guarded secret until this week. Doing their best to maintain some of the mystery are members of this year’s contingent of celebrity readers. Back row, left to right, Carolyn Young, Communications Manager, The Book Store at Western; and Ted Garrard, Vice-President External (representing Alumni Relations). Front l to r: London Mayor Anne Marie DeCicco-Best and Delilah Deane Cummings, Coordinator, Community Outreach & Program Services, London Public Library.

How to take part

- Read the featured books along with the panelists
- Attend events featuring each team of panelists and their book, taking place monthly from October 2007 to February 2008 throughout the city (exact dates and locations to be announced)
- Join online activity at www.londonreads.uwo.ca, where readers can vote for their favourite book. Podcasts of book readings will be available
- Follow Western News for reviews of books by local writers

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An important aspect of the venture is a monthly book club gathering and having local celebrity readers act as champions for their selection.

This year’s books and their local advocates include:

- Governor of the Northern Province, by Randy Boyagoda
- Kate Young, Regional Manager, TD Friends of the Environment Foundation
- Ted Garrard, Western’s Vice-President (External)
- The Law of Dreams, by Peter Behren
- Carolyn Doyle, London Branch Library Supervisor, London Public Library
- Michael Coleby, Executive Chef, Western’s Great Hall Catering
- Three Day Road by Joseph Boyden
- George Clark, News Director and Anchor of First Local and the Host of Politically Speaking, Rogers Television
- Ashley White, Western student
- Bloodletting and Other Miraculous Cures by Vincent Lam
- Carol-Lynn Chambers, Alumni Western Board of Directors
- Howard Rundle, Fanshawe College President
- Consolation by Michael Redhill
- Gord Hume, Board of Control, City of London
- Ramona Lumpkin, Principal, Huron University College

The final debate will take place in March. The winning book will be announced on World Book Day, April 23, and the author will be invited to visit the Wolf Performance Hall at the Central Library to read from and discuss the novel in May.

London Reads partners are Alumni Western, the Book Store at Western, London Public Library, and the City of London.

The Book Store at Western and Books Plus at the corner of Western and Sarnia Roads are offering a 20-per-cent discount on the featured books. All London Public Library branches will feature London Reads book displays during the coming months and, as an alternative to online voting, ballot boxes will be available at all branches so patrons can vote for their favourite book.

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Franco Berruti of the Faculty of Engineering will step down as dean effective Dec. 31 to focus more attention on his research. Berruti plans to pursue development of fuels and chemicals from renewable and non-conventional resources, such as biomass and tar sands.

“Our links with the petrochemical industry in southwestern Ontario and our region’s strong agricultural base make this the right time and place to build on our current successes in this field,” says Berruti. Since 2000, Berruti has led a significant expansion of the faculty, particularly at the graduate level, where enrolment has nearly quadrupled.

Western is also among national leaders in funding from granting agencies such as the Canada Foundation for Innovation and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada. The faculty has expanded physically, with the Thompson Engineering Building and the Spencer Engineering Annex constructed during his tenure and with construction of the new “green” Claudette McKay-Lassonde Pavilion to begin soon.

The undergraduate curriculum has experienced innovations such as Engineering Plus, enrichment through work-study and research experiences, and collaboration with other faculties enabling study toward joint degrees.

“He has significantly increased the stature and reputation of Western Engineering and led a stunning expansion in graduate studies and research,” says Western President Paul Davenport.

The search process will be initiated later this fall. An acting dean will be appointed to serve beginning January 1, 2008.

Collection used in creative ways

Continued from Page 1

duced Canada’s pavilion at the Japan Expo about a year and a half ago. It was a virtual tour of Canada with the visitor creating an avatar and going all over the country. It won best pavilion that year.”

Kennedy is enthused about Spiegel’s role.

“He’s looking at how the McIntosh collection and other cultural artifacts can be used in a creative and artistic way,” she says. “In a year we’re going to create an interactive immersive experience in the gallery. We’re going to be testing games that will likely have part of the McIntosh art collection in them.”

Gustafson says the McIntosh, as part of a virtual world, is a key aspect of the Playing The Gallery, adding that the conference is actually in two parts.

“The second part takes place a year from now.”

The conference combines presentations by worldwide leaders, such as Spiegel with workshops focusing on critical social and technical issues that underlie the art of games.

“Of particular focus in Playing the Gallery will be the technology-driven environments for co-creative expression, such as online social communities,” says Gustafson.

That the conference is not tied to any one discipline is part of the point says Gustafson.

“It’s not the domain of simply art or philosophy,” he says. “It’s a consortium of a lot of different people speaking from different vantage points.”

The agenda for the 2008 portion of the conference will be based on results from this fall’s event but with a different slant.

“By then we should have the gallery turned into a game itself.”

The conference has raised quite a bit of interest from the gaming world, prompting a former Visual Arts grad to sponsor $100-conference scholarships to cover registration fees for 25 students.

More information on the conference can be found at www.playingthegallery.ca.
Lecture tackles violent world of gladiators

The International Centre for Olympic Studies (ICOS) will delve into the violent world of gladiators for the annual Ion P. Ioannides memorial address. Harvard University professor Kathleen Coleman, an expert on gladiators in ancient Rome and technical advisor for the popular Russell Crowe movie Gladiator, will present a lecture Sept. 28, at 3:30 p.m., in Room 240 of the Arthur and Sonia Labatt Health Sciences Building.

A reception will follow in Room 337 of HSB.

Coleman’s illustrated presentation will be on the subject: “The Virtues of Violence: The Amphitheatre, Gladiators, and the Roman System of Values.” The public is invited to both events.

Coleman was born in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) and had her early university education at the universities of Rhodesia and Cape Town (South Africa). Her doctorate was earned in 1979 at Oxford (Lady Margaret Hall).

Before joining Harvard in 2003, Coleman held faculty positions at the University of Cape Town and Trinity College, Dublin, where she was chair of Latin.

She has been the recipient of several international honors and has produced scores of books, articles, reviews, commentaries and contributions to edited volumes.

Her most recent book, Bonds of Danger: Communal Life in the Gladiatorial Barracks of Ancient Rome, was published by the University of Sydney Press in 2005.

The Ioannides lecture, focusing on sport in the ancient Greek and Roman world, was inaugurated in 1986 as a memorial to a man who distinguished himself in World War II as a heroic Greek soldier/guerilla fighter during the German/Italian occupation of Greece. After the war, Ioannides rose to become Deputy Minister of Physical Education for Greece and, under his leadership, the nation developed modern methods of physical education instruction in Greek public schools.

Ioannides was made an honorary member of the Faculty of Kinesiology in 1978 (then the Faculty of Physical Education). He died in 1984.

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“With an increasing number of students attending medical school, we are working to ensure that they all have adequate teaching of, and experience in, performing the most sensitive parts of the physical examination - that of the gynecological examination for women and the prostate and genital examination for men,” says Terri Paul, the clinical methods coordinator for year 1 and 2.

Paul, an assistant professor in Endocrinology and Metabolism, says Schulich Medicine already has a strong program of female standardized patients.

“We are presently establishing the program for the male examination and are looking for gentlemen who would be willing to be trained to undergo and teach the prostate exam and genital exam to medical students. These programs provide invaluable experience for the students and allow them to learn how to do sensitive examination in a controlled environment with adequate understanding and feedback on their performance.”

To become a standardized patient, men will undergo a screening physical exam and training by a physician. It would require a time commitment of two to four hours for training, and up to four weekday mornings per year.

If you are interested in becoming a standardized patient, or want more information, please contact Judy McCormick, the manager of the Clinical Skills Learning Program at judy.mccormick@schulich.uwo.ca or 519-661-3748 or Western ext. 83748.
The FLIER takes flight

By Paul Mayne

They say birds of a feather flock together – and thanks to an innovative laboratory on wheels, Western researchers can join the migration.

Complete with custom-made MRI body composition scanner, ultrasound, animal room, and lab equipment, the Western FLIER (Field Laboratory for Integrative Ecological Research) is presenting endless possibilities in the study of breeding and migrating birds and bats.

Christened most recently on a trip to the Ottawa region – and currently at the Bronx Zoo in New York – the custom-designed RV was manufactured by Strathroy-based Glendale RV. The FLIER is giving researchers and students the ability to conduct comprehensive physiological, biochemical, genetic and immunological studies previously done in the physical lab.

Western biology professors Elizabeth Macdougall-Shackleton and Chris Guglielmo are leading the project and while the testing is still in the early stages, each can’t wait to put the high-tech gear through its paces.

“This gives us the chance to go places and really find out how the ecosystem the birds rely on is changing and how they’re adapting,” says Guglielmo.

“Having this RV means we can literally go wherever we want. If there’s a road, then we can get there.”

While the inaugural trip to Ottawa saw graduate student Liam McGuire travel to a mine to study bats and how they prepare for breeding and hibernation, fellow graduate student Chad Seward is in New York studying migrating birds that stop in urban settings and how they refuel to continue onwards.

“For the first time we are able to do genetics testing wherever we like,” says Macdougall-Shackleton, adding everything from fat content and oxygen levels to the bird’s molecular ecology and susceptibility to diseases can be analyzed in the FLIER.

The biggest change is not having to bring the animals into captivity, adds Guglielmo, adding the RV allows for greater opportunity to obtain the tests and results that in the past would not have happened.

“The Canada Foundation for Innovation-funded FLIER will be put to work in a wide variety of locations across North America, and Guglielmo suggests the technology may also work for fish populations.

While the research is directly related to birds and bats, the results will help researchers better understand ecosystem health. It will provide benefits for biological conservation, environmental quality, human health, biodiversity and sustainable ecosystems, while offering information to assist with the conservation of migratory species and providing data related to the spread of wildlife-borne disease.

“This is not only beneficial to the bird populations, but down the road this will have far reaching effects on human health,” says Macdougall-Shackleton.
Graduate student Leila Angrand ran in the lead for most of the race to win the Western Invitational with a time of 17:52, just 47 seconds off the all-time best time of 17:15 set by Mustang Sandra Auchsuez in 1987.

Angrand led the Mustangs women’s cross-country squad to a second-place finish behind defending CIS champions Guelph. Teammates Lorelle Convery (T-9th place, 18:59), Lynn Mockler (11th place, 19:02), Kimberly Chinfatt (19th place, 19:12) and Stephanie Van Veen (32nd place, 19:27) all fared well to lift Western to a narrow victory for second place over Pennsylvania’s Bucknell University of the NCAA.

For Angrand, formerly from Laurentian University, it was her second consecutive meet win, after running to victory at the McGill Open just a week earlier. “I absolutely love it at Western. There are different things compared to what I experienced at Laurentian. Every team has its advantages and disadvantages. But this is a great group of teammates to socialize with and it makes us stronger as a team.”

“I wasn’t expecting to win both races going in,” said the two-sport athlete who will also run 1,500m and 3,000m in the track season. “This summer I trained really hard for track and it’s been helping my performance in cross country.”

“My goal is to be in the top group at CIS and to medal at the OUAs.”

This weekly feature has been developed by Media Relations Officer Andy Watson.

Leila Angrand
Cross Country
MSc. Occupational Therapy
Fifth Year
Sudbury, ON
Hundreds volunteer for Western Serves program

By Paul Mayne

From washing cars to planting trees, Western students, staff and faculty were out in the community force last weekend doing their part to learn and make a difference with a variety of agencies.

The inaugural edition of Western Serves was launched with more than 300 participants volunteering their time.

First-year Social Science student An-Chi Jeng has been overwhelmed with the community aspect of being at Western. First came Shinerama, then Terry Fox, and now Western Serves.

“I never expected to be out in the community so much, but it’s a great way to help those in need and at the same time get to know the city,” says Jeng, who took part on a car wash to support Special Olympics. “It’s nice to be able to make an impact on others who need your assistance.”

The volunteer-engagement initiative is designed to increase awareness about service-learning, and provide Western students, staff and faculty a chance to spend time together, engaged in active service in the London community. Western President Paul Davenport took part, assisting in a ReForest London tree planting project at St. Stephens Park.

Housing Accounts Assistant and UWOSA Vice-President David Shepherd was among staff members who took part.

“It’s all about service-learning,” says Shepherd, who also attended a breakfast launch where members of the 23 various agencies being assisted where introduced. “The need is there and we have the ability to give back throughout the community.”

At the end of the day, all participants returned to campus to enjoy a celebratory meal and reflect on their experiences.

Rich SwamiNathan, one of the coordinators, says the experience will enhance academic and overall engagement at Western.

“The Centre for New Students and Services has put a lot of time, effort, and resources toward this service-learning program,” he says. “We look forward to further contributions next year as Western Serves continues to grow and develop towards its full potential.”

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LAW MARKS LIFE OF FOUNDOING DEAN

The Ivan C. Rand memorial window will be unveiled today (Sept. 27) at a ceremony in Western Law’s Moot Court Room. Rand holds a special place in many Canadians’ lives and the specially designed window captures aspects of his life and career. The Hon. Ivan Cleveland Rand (1884-1969) was founding dean of the Faculty of Law and a towering figure in Canadian legal history. He was a Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, a Companion of the Order of Canada, and a labour arbitrator.

Honouring the memory of a legal pioneer

For a profession whose stock in trade is the past, lawyers have an appallingly short sense of history.

For many Canadian lawyers, history now begins in 1982, the year we patriated the constitution and adopted the Charter of rights. To anyone interested in history this seems a terrible shame, for the law in Canada in fact forms an important part of the rich tapestry on which the Canadian story has been played out. Indeed, it would be only a slight sardonic stretch to suggest that the history of Canada could properly be entitled “Peace, Order and Good Government, and all that.”

One of the greatest Canadian judges of all – who also happens to have been the founding dean of law at Western – was Ivan Cleveland Rand. Rand was born in 1884, in Moncton, New Brunswick, into a working-class railway family. Following high school, he went to work as an audit clerk with the Inter-Colonial railway. After five years at the railway, Rand enrolled at Mount Allison University, where he studied first engineering, and then arts.

Following his BA, Rand worked briefly as a clerk in a Moncton law office. But in the fall of 1909 (after a preparation which included committing to memory major portions of eighteenth century legal texts) he enrolled in the Harvard Law School.

Rand began his post-Harvard working life in Medicine Hat, Alberta, where he practiced for a dozen years. But the siren call of the Maritimes proved much too strong to resist, and in the early 1920s, he returned to Moncton. He dabbled in politics (he served briefly as Attorney-General of New Brunswick), but in the late 20s he rejoined the railway, where he served as general counsel to the CNR.

In 1943, he was appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada, where he served until 1959, when he reached the mandatory retirement age of 75.

Outside the legal profession, Rand attained his place in popular consciousness through his work on two non-judicial projects: his service as the Canadian representative to the UN special commission on Palestine, and his work to resolve the bitter Ford strike of 1946 (which gave rise to the so-called “Rand Formula” as a means of avoiding disputes over compulsory union dues).

In 1959, at an age when most people are thinking of enjoying retirement, Rand moved to London and assumed the responsibility for establishing a new law school at Western. Rand took to his new career with relish, and helped set the law school on the path to acquiring the national prominence it enjoys today.

By any measure, Rand was a man of extraordinary accomplishment. He was a Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada and a Companion of the Order of Canada. He was a King’s Counsel and a graduate of the Harvard Law School. He was a Barrister of the Supreme Courts of New Brunswick and Alberta. He was a labour arbitrator, Royal Commissioner and UN rapporteur. He was the author of a body of jurisprudence that the Chief Justice of Canada once described as “a memorial which will endure as long as our system of the administration of justice continues.”

But to us at Western, he was also a professor of law—he was Dean Rand. It is hard to imagine a more fortunate provenance to have had.

Ian Holloway is dean of the Faculty of Law.
Why women outstrip men in university attendance

Lower parental expectations and poorer study habits and performance at age 15 are among the reasons young men are less likely to attend university than young women, according to a study by Statistics Canada.

The study used data from a survey that followed boys and girls starting when they were 15 years old in 1999 to the age of 19 in 2003.

The information collected when they were 15 includes overall school marks, time spent on homework, parental expectations, and so on. Information on their university participation was collected when they were 19.

The study showed that in 2003, about one-quarter (26 per cent) of 19-year-old men had attended university.

In contrast, almost two in five (39 per cent) 19-year-old women had done so. College attendance rates were about the same for young men and women.

According to the authors, the gap in university attendance is largely a product of differences in academic performance and study habits at the age of 15, parental expectations, and some other characteristics of men and women.

Weaker academic performance among men accounted for almost one-half of the gap. Young men had lower overall school marks at age 15, and poorer performance on a standardized reading test.

An additional 11 per cent of the gap was related to the fact boys spend less time on their homework. About nine per cent was associated with lower educational expectations placed upon boys by parents.

The study found that men and women have very different academic characteristics at age 15. Only about one-third of young men reported overall marks of 80 per cent or higher at this age, while almost one-half of young women fell in the same category.

Young men fared more poorly on a standardized reading test, as only 20 per cent of them scored in the top quarter on the test. In contrast, 30 per cent of young women did so.

When it comes to homework, only 30 per cent of boys spent at least four hours per week on homework compared with 41 per cent of women.

As well, while 60 per cent of young men were expected to complete a university degree, 70 per cent of young women faced this expectation.

The study, Why Are Most University Students Women? Evidence Based on Academic Performance, Study Habits and Parental Influences, is available to researchers and others as part of the Analytical Studies Branch Research Paper Series (11F0019MIE2007303, free) from the publications module of the Statistics Canada website.

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COMING EVENTS

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Visual Arts Department - 180 Degrees. 2nd year MTA Grad Show Artlab, John Labatt Visual Arts Centre. Runs to Oct. 3. For more info visit: uwo.ca/visarts

Philosophy Colloquium - Calvin Normore, UCLA. “Things” TC 341, 3:30 - 5 p.m.


King’s University College - Religious Life Lecture Series “Muslims, Christians, Jews: Convivencia in the 21st Century”. Michael Fahy, Labatt Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Homecoming 2007 - September 27 to 30. On Saturday, the Homecoming Parade will take to the streets at 9 a.m., featuring Mustang fans to campus for the football game at 1 p.m. Stop by the Homecoming Hospitality Tent where there will be children’s activities, live music and refreshments. On Saturday night, join Jean Meilleur and many of London’s finest musicians as they take to the stage in Alumni Hall for the “All Classes Bash Live Concert”. Your $25 ticket includes dinner (7 p.m.), a beverage and the live show (8 p.m.) which includes music from the 1950s to present day Cash bar. For tickets please call 519-661-2199 ext. 85739 or e-mail western.homecoming@uwo.ca for more information.

September 28
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Western Retirement Plan - All members of the Western retirement plans are invited to attend the session Making Decisions on your Western Retirement Plan. This session focuses on the features of the Western Retirement Plans for academic and administrative staff and the available options including making contributions and investment basics. uwo.ca/humanresources. Somerville House 3345. 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Anatomy & Cell Biology - Richard Drake, Director of Anatomy, Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine. “Anatomy Education for Medical Students: There is Another Way” MSB 148. 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Philosophy Colloquium - Harvey Brown, Oxford. “The explanatory role of symmetries in physics: the meaning of Noether’s (first) theorem” TC 341. 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Earth Sciences Colloquium Series - Gordon Osnak, “Meteorite Impact Events: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly” B&G Bldg Room. 16:30 p.m.

Men’s / Women’s Swimming - Laurier at Western. 5:15 p.m.

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Protecting smiles - Dental students, faculty and staff at Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry hold their annual mouthguard clinic in the Adult Clinic from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The clinic charges $30 (cash only) for the dental mouthguard and treats over 300 people each year.

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Physiology and Pharmacology Seminar - Frank Beier, Lina Dagnino and Andrew Watson. “Lab Reports” DSB 3008, 4 p.m.

October 2
Senior Alumni Program - “Freedom 65, Workforce aging” Julie McMullen, Department of Sociology, Western. McKenzie Room, UCC. 9:30 - 11 a.m.

Oncology Grand Rounds - Oncology, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry and London Regional Cancer Program. Mark T. Bedord, University of Texas. “The Biological roles of the coactivator associated arginine methyltrans- ferase (CARM1)” Room A3 - 954/A. 12 - 1 p.m.

October 3
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Film screening for this talk on October 2nd, 6:30-8, UC 30: Jorge Furtado’s Meu tio Matou um Cara (2005)

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6. Blaze Richard Bachman

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9. Landing Emma Donoghue

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Alexandra Hernandez (Psychology) Development of Geographic Song Preferences and the Neural Responses to Local Geographic Song in Songbirds, Sept. 28, 1 p.m. Room 9420 SSC.


Faculty & Staff

Kelly Wood, Visual Arts Department, is a participant in the ‘Science in Art’ exhibition within the Virtual Museum of Canada due to appear on the world wide web this month (organised by Galerie de l’UQAM, Montreal). Wood is also opening a two-person exhibition with artist Monika Grynala of Berlin at Catriona Jeffries Gallery, Vancouver, in January.

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Overhaul of Grad Studies wins Senate approval

BY PAUL MAYNE

The creation of a new School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies at Western has cleared its first hurdle with unanimous support in principle from Senate.

The decision effectively eliminates the Faculty of Graduate Studies and creates a new administrative and leadership structure that places more responsibility for graduate programs in the hands of host faculties.

The Faculty of Graduate Studies was created more than 50 years ago.

With the university’s goal of doubling, over a decade, the number of PhD students and significantly increasing Masters-level students by 2010-11, a review of the current faculty and creation of a new school was undertaken this year by senior administration.

The exact mechanics of this new approach to graduate studies and the academic leadership of this portfolio will be determined over the next number of months.

The approval from Senate came with little discussion.

A vice-provost (elect) will be selected by mid-winter to assist with the goal of launching the new structure by July 1, 2008. Sitting on the selection committee to fill this new position will be Provost and Vice-President (Academic) Fred Longstaffe, Vice-President (Research & International Relations) Ted Hewitt and five members elected by Senate including John Doerksen (Music), Angie Mandich (Health Sciences), Mel Usselman (Science), Kathleen Okruhlik (Dean, Arts and Humanities) and Duane Jacques (graduate student).

“We want a system in place that provides the best support for our graduate students,” says Longstaffe.

Central to the theme of the report is the idea that faculties in which graduate programs are delivered will take on much more responsibility, authority and accountability for those programs.

While a concern was raised at Senate about the perceived “downloading to faculties” in the form of increased administrative work and responsibilities, Longstaffe assured members that it is not the case.

“The overriding theme throughout the entire consultation process was that the programs wanted the ability to move on their own regarding admissions and funding questions,” says Longstaffe.

Administrators have complained of duplication in services in the current system as well as an inability to compete for graduate students on a timely basis.

Longstaffe says the Graduate Studies Review, which can be viewed at www.uwo.ca/pvp/vpacademic/gsreview.html, covers a number of areas that seek the best way to support a more progressive, creative, responsive and competitive approach to graduate education.

The responsibility for academic quality and accountability of graduate programs will be overseen by a soon-to-be-created Graduate Education Council.

“Notwithstanding all the work that designing a new governing structure for graduate education entails, we must also remain focused on meeting Western’s graduate expansion goals over the next year,” he says.

Last year Western had 3,717 graduate students (2,295 Master’s and 1,422 PhD). This year’s forecast (enrolment levels become official in Nov.) shows 4,076 students, a 9.6-per-cent increase in the number of graduate students (2,526 Master’s and 1,550 PhD).

The levels for 2008-09 are projected to continue to show strong growth, reaching 4,380 students, a 14-per-cent increase over last year’s forecast.

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Can tenants post Ontario election signs?

A major gap in Ontario law places a fundamental freedom for apartment dwellers in grey zone

BY DAVID BROCK

I live in an apartment in Ontario. I am not alone. More than 2.5 million other Ontarians also live in apartments. Thousands more live in condominiums or rent houses. We do not own our place of residence. Are we permitted to post election campaign signs where we live? In the province of Ontario, the answer is unclear. Suppose you are a committed supporter of a political party. As soon as the election period began, you may have rushed to your local constituency office to obtain a campaign poster. Numerous display options are possible. Perhaps you are blessed with a patch of grass into which you might submerge your sign's wiry posts. Or maybe you prefer to place your campaign sign in your front window or hang it from your balcony. Freedom of expression and democratic rights should guarantee the protection of these acts. But is it really your balcony? Is that your patch of grass? What if your landlord is the building owner? The building owner may object to having his or her property used as a promotional venue for your views. It appears that Queen's Park has left this conundrum unresolved. Seven years ago, when major amendments were made to the Canada Elections Act, one of the lesser known revisions was to alter the provision governing the posting of election signs on rented or leased property. The idea arose in response to a 1998 submission by the Liberal Party of Canada. Ensuing debate in the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs reflects some of the philosophic dilemmas involved. Some members thought it reasonable that building owners should be able to ban the posting of any signs whatsoever, so long as the rules were made clear in the lease. Other members saw this as a potential infringement upon a citizen's right to freedom of expression. It was Chuck Strahl who elucidated the difference between a prohibition and a restriction. Elmor Caplan added to this by distinguishing between private spaces and common areas. Section 322 of the new Canada Elections Act reflects these nuances: Tenants may not be prohibited from displaying election posters on premises to which the lease relates, but landlords may set reasonable conditions relating to the size or type of sign. In a federal election, a person is allowed to display a reasonably sized election sign in her apartment window, but does not have the right to erect a sign on the front lawn — unless that lawn is temporarily deemed her property under the lease.

This law makes sense. It does not apply to Ontario elections. Boyer's Ontario Election Law covers many aspects of Ontario campaigns. In a section on election advertising, it speaks at length about judicial decisions rendered to resolve conflicts between municipal signage bylaws and federal or provincial jurisdiction. The compendium says nothing about signs on rented property. Election law in Manitoba mirrors federal legislation. British Columbia leaves the decision to individual municipalities. Municipal bylaws often govern the size or type of signs permitted in the community. For example, Toronto does not allow election signs larger than 1.2 square metres in area; Ottawa makes clear that signs must not present a safety hazard. These rules are important, but largely regulatory in nature. They do not address fundamental freedoms. It is questionable whether Ontario municipalities are a suitable source for governing potential conflicts concerning provincial election advertising on private property. The absence of clear legislation affects some Ontarians disproportionately. Consider the case of students. Young people at colleges and universities are frequently temporary residents in their community of study. They move often and almost always rent. When elections are held, it is confusing enough for a student to ascertain whether or not they have the right to vote. Understanding one's right to post a sign is even less decipherable. A clear law governing Ontario election signs is needed. Millions of Ontarians rent their primary dwelling. It is reasonable to assume that most individual renters possess fewer capital assets than apartment owners. This proposition is enhanced when one considers the number of apartment buildings owned by property management corporations. Financial inequity is not likely to cause the suppression of democratic rights, but in cases where freedom of expression is challenged, an apartment dweller may be reluctant to risk the security of home for the sake of a campaign poster.
Groundbreaking lab school looking ahead

By Mary Lou Vernon

A fter 34 years on the fifth floor of the Social Science Centre, the Dr. Mary J. Wright University Laboratory School has moved to the newly renovated former student residence of Westminster College.

The lab school’s new state-of-the-art classrooms, observation rooms, and research and administrative space are now on ground level surrounded by beautiful parkland and the Thames River.

This year’s teaching team – Sandie Gatt, Wendy Harris, Jennifer Jordan, Karen Krug, Diane Park, Heather Stewart, and Erica Tsujita – and including me along with secretary Carol Suis and founding director, Dr. Mary J. Wright, all participated in the planning and design of the new school.

We have looked forward to welcoming this year’s 106 children in time for the first day of school September 24, followed by researchers who will begin conducting their research later in the fall.

Also residing in Westminster College are one-fourth of the psychology department’s professors and graduate students who conduct research in developmental and clinical psychology, as well as Western’s external portfolio including Communications and Public Affairs, Advancement Services and Alumni Relations and Development.

All are enjoying the beautiful renovations of Westminster College, its scenic surroundings, and its more streetscape presence accessed from Windermere Road.

The lab school’s official Grand Opening will be held on Thursday, October 18 from 5-7 p.m. and the university community is welcome to attend.

Congratulations remarks will be made by Western’s president Paul Davenport at 6 p.m.

The lab school will also be celebrating the retirement of one of its beloved teachers, Karen Whistlecraft, who taught at the lab school for the past 33 years. Celebrating the lab school’s bright future within a context of paying tribute to its rich history makes for an exciting and remarkable experience for all those involved in the lab school, past and present.

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Have you ever been harassed online?

Amy Sorrell, Health Sciences III

No. I have never been harassed online. Before, I used to just put on the privacy settings and it’s really easy to avoid that kind of stuff so it shouldn’t be a problem.

Amy Sorrell, Health Sciences III

No. I haven’t. Maybe we’re just smart. I just think you can protect yourself, you can put on the privacy settings and it’s really easy to avoid that kind of stuff so it shouldn’t be a problem.

Ginnie Wong, Biology III

No. I have no idea. Outside people don’t harass me because they can’t. My friends that I have online are people that I know and I only talk to the people I know. I have my profile on private and my pictures on private so that only my friends can see. There’s nobody that I wouldn’t want to see my stuff seeing it.

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Lisa Banks, Social Science I

No. I haven’t. I’m very careful when it comes to finding friends and stuff. I filter them. I don’t accept people that I don’t know and I only talk to the people I know. I have my profile on private and my pictures on private so that only my friends can see. There’s nobody that I wouldn’t want to see my stuff seeing it.

Christina Stolarz, Social Science I

No. On Facebook they have the privacy settings to block people so you can just limit your profile and that’s what I do.
 protección a la salud mental en el mundo. El estudio muestra que las personas con salud mental tienen una probabilidad considerablemente mayor de inmunización con coronavirus,

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**SICKO DETRACOR'S ARGUMENTS NAIVE**

Of course there are significant costs associated with the delivery of health care in Canada, and waiting time is no trivial issue for those in urgent need of care. But wait times are a pretty trivial issue for someone who doesn’t even get to stand in line. And that’s one of Michael Moore’s points about the US health care system in his recent film “Sicko”, and even those who do have health insurance often get raw deals that can leave them nearly destitute. As Brett Skinner (Western News, Sept. 6) concedes, 10 per cent of Americans have no health insurance, but that rises to almost one quarter among those with annual incomes below $25,000. Not an inclusive system. Skinner suggests that “if you don’t have insurance you can at least get treatment by the emergency, but even if it means selling assets.” This seems more than a little glib: those without insurance has called the same folks who have little in the way of cash in hand, credit cards or saleable assets.

As Skinner should well know, several studies, some conducted and published by prominent medical journals, have shown that single-payer (publicly funded) systems are far better at delivering health care to the whole population, as a moments reflection should suggest: where do we suppose the private medical companies? Experience suggests that it is not from the “efficiencies” of private sector magic, but rather from an array of cost-cutting measures, many of which translate into increased risk for patients. And why is it that American physicians indeed do prefer the basic structures of Canada’s system. Skinner’s disingenuous portrayal is clearly on the number of doctors moving from Canada to the US or vice versa is simply silly: very few of us migrate solely for ideologi- cal reasons. Perhaps the rate of remuneration in a deregulated environment has more explana- tionary power? Skinner points to the numbers of surgeons conducted in the US as compared to Can- ada, failing to reflect on who are the beneficiaries of this largesse — or not. He bewails the fact that our system does not cover many advanced techniques, while ignoring the fact that, in statisti- cal terms, the US has a rate of health care delivery rivaling some “third world” countries.

But Moore makes compari- sons beyond Canada: he looks at the UK and France and finds there a general enthusiasm for the public systems—even among American expatriates living there. Ordinary citizens of most European countries would express similar sentiments. By and serious population-wide measure, the US system com- pared poorly with those of most economically-developed nations, indeed with a good number from the third world; we need merely look at infant mortality or lon- gevity rates to tell much of a sorry tale. The enthusiasm for private sector insertion in the health care system is not moti- vated by general philanthropy. I would suggest. Canada should look more to Europe than to the US for edifying social com- parens, even if those at the Fraser Institute really do so.

Paul Handford
Department of Biology

**3M TEACHING FELLOWSHIPS**

**Call for 2008 Nominations**

The Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE) and 3M Canada invite nominations for the 2008 3M Teaching Fellowships. Up to 10 awards, presented annually at the STLHE conference in June, recognize exemplary contributions to educational and teaching excellence in Canadian universities.

Awards are open to all individuals currently teaching at a Canadian university, regardless of discipline or level of appointment. The selection committee looks for independent evidence of excellence in teaching over a number of years, principally (but not exclusively) at the undergraduate level, as well as commitment to the improvement of university teaching with emphasis on contributions beyond the nominee’s discipline or profession.

A letter of support from the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) must accompany the nomination documentation. Please submit nominations to the Provost’s Office by:

**DEADLINE DATE — Friday, November 2, 2007**

Nomination information is available at: www.mcmaster.ca/3Mteachingfellowships

The Teaching Support Centre will host a workshop on “Preparing a Nomination for a 3M Teaching Fellowship” on Wednesday, October 3, 2007, 2:00 p.m. in Room 121, Weldon Library. RSVP by e-mail: tsc@uwo.ca

**THE POWER OF KIAN**

Editor’s note: The following letter was written in response to an article (Sept. 13) by Professor Emeritus Heinz Klatt regarding the symbolism of Kian, an artwork by Janellie Hassan at King’s University College.

I am going to attend the Aboli- tion of Slavery Concert at St. Paul’s tonight. I understand they will display Kian’s dynastic tugrah as a symbol of his paramountcy - Angli- cans ought not to be left out. Next week at the opening of the Courts at the Shalom Syna- gogue, I expect I will by then also behold the symbol of the emperor child Kian as they also accept the dominance of his tugrah. The 14th Dalai Lama has been meditating and we understand he is nulling over his plan to surrender to the tugrah of Kian and accept the infant-yet-ancient one, Kian, as the one true Dalai Lama.

Pakistan’s President Pervez Musharraf intends to install Kian as President for life as long as Musharraf can remain head of the armed forces. Fidel Castro has found his heir appar- ent - Raul will be in touch. Hosni Mubarak, head of the Arab League to adopt the tugrah as a symbol of Islamic dominance lest the Muslim Brotherhood seize the opportu- nity first, causing unrest in the Arab world. Vladimir Putin deigns to install Kian as president for life to be part of Ancient Russia and claims all rights. Desmond Tutu has stated the UN is no longer relevant given the one- ness embodied in the tugrah of Kian. The Australians are upset because, as they are the last to know. They have ordered the destruction of all historic remnants of Gallipoli so as not to offend the ancient one, Kian, lest they feel the wrath of his tiny yet deadly scimitar. The Chinese are busy at the World Bank wall to insulate the nation. The Olympi- cics are called off now because of the threat posed by Kian. Never mind his lack of power or influence. The tugrah has appeared in Tiananmen Square. The Italian economy is in deep crisis as pizza sales plummet due to the neon tugrah confusing patrons who stop buying pizzas. The variety store business has crashed throughout the world for the same reason as the tugrah sweeps through neighbourhoods. University of Western Ontario students wander bewildered in and out of variety stores looking for madrassas. The word Open can mean the English language is replaced by the word tugrah.

Bush is in shock. He wants to know who is this upstart Kian who keeps ‘tugging the emperor’s tail!’ He already has enough trouble in Iraq. He calls in the troops to invade King’s University College at The University of Western Ontario to prevent the tugrah of Kian becoming the symbol of dominance in the America’s.

In keeping with the tugrah-ic scriptures of Kian I am fasting as a complement to the banana chubly belly diet that Kian the Magnificent has mandated us all to follow.

M. A. Hassan
London (BA ’74)
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 519-661-2055. 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.

HONORARY DEGREE NOMINATIONS

The Honorary Degrees Committee of the Senate will meet in December to select candidates for honorary degrees to be awarded at Western’s 2008 Spring Convocation. To ensure that consideration is given to as many worthy candidates as possible, the Committee invites the submission of nominations from any member of the University Community.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the University Secretariat, Room 290, Stevenson-Lawson Building, or from the following website: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/senate/hondeg.pdf. Nominations should be submitted to the Secretary of the Senate prior to November 30th, 2007, for consideration by the Honorary Degrees Committee.

REMINDER:
DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS
FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND SENATE MEMBERSHIP

Nominations for Board of Governors membership in the graduate student and undergraduate student constituencies close at 4:00 p.m. today.

Nominations for Senate membership in faculty, administrative staff, graduate student and undergraduate student “At Large” constituencies close at 4:00 p.m. today.

Details and nomination forms are available at the following website: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/election.

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Warden,
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University of Oxford

“The Uses and Abuses of History”
Tuesday, September 25: History: Producers and Consumers
Wednesday, September 26: History as a Tool and as a Weapon
Thursday, September 27: History and Decision Making

Refreshments from 4:15pm • Lecture 4:30pm
The McKellar Room, University Community Centre

Opening Doors

TOP: Londoner Teresa Huber discovers her aunt’s photo among the 1928 graduating class of Brescia University College. Her aunt, Antoinette Gillies, pursued a career as a teacher after her Brescia education and counted David Suzuki and former Ontario Premier David Peterson among her students. Huber was taking part in Doors Open London which included 10 campus sites.

ABOVE: Engineering student Nima Hejazi takes a break while touring the grounds of Gibbons Lodge, official residence of President Paul Davenport and all presidents of The University of Western Ontario. Gibbons was given to Western in 1961 by heirs of Miss Helen Beresford Gibbons who lived there from the late 1920s until her death in 1960.
Growing need pushes UW fundraising target

BY PAUL MAYNE

The campus United Way fundraising target for 2007 may be under wraps for a few more days but the campaign has been quietly underway for weeks. Sponsored employees and campaign chairs are already involved in training and getting out the message, well aware of the high standard set during last year’s campaign when a record-breaking tally of $475,229 was achieved.

This year’s target, presented to the Mustangs Homecoming football game at TD Waterhouse Stadium, Game time is 1 p.m. An additional campaign launch will take place Oct. 1 in the UCC beginning at 10 a.m.

Advancement Services Director Rosemary Lawrence-Pitt, again co-chairing the campaign with Health Sciences Dean Jim Weese, says there’s lots of excitement about what lies ahead.

“We’re thrilled about not just raising funds for the United Way, but what’s also important is the awareness,” she says. “Western’s faculty, staff, students and our retirees can take great pride in knowing that we have made an impact in the lives of many children, youth, families and seniors in our community.”

The United Way of London & Middlesex overall campaign goal of $7.2 million demonstrates the need is still great in the community, she says. If surpassed, it will mark the seventh year in a row the annual target has been surpassed.

The annual campaign would not happen without the volunteers that dedicate hundreds of hours almost year-round to each campaign. They’ve been working very hard over the last six months to prepare and now they’re ready to take off,” says Helen Connell, Executive Director of United Way of London & Middlesex.

“We are so lucky to have the commitment of people who are driven by the desire to make our community better for everyone,” Lawrence-Pitt says. The integration of Robarts Research Institute into the Western family will give a boost to Western’s campaign total.

“We call upon the campus community to consider making a personal donation, participating and attending in the many fundraising events over the weeks to come so that we can collectively make a real difference once again this year,” she says.

Weese says he’s thrilled to be part of the university’s largest fundraising endeavour.

“Western shows exemplary leadership and generosity through this campaign. I thank and encourage all members of our campus community to participate once again.”

Western sponsored employees include Charlotte Sikatari (Program Coordinator, SWomen Rural Regional at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry) and Catherine McInerney (Library Assistant at the Allyn and Betty Taylor Library).

For more information, http://unitedway.uwo.ca.

CAMPUS DIGEST

FIRE DRILLS

Fire drills have been set for the second and third week of October for many campus buildings. Building occupants, particularly those who have recently moved, are encouraged to review their exit routes and to contact their unit’s fire warden if there are questions about proper procedures.

BARLOW BRESCE

The Sophia Lecture Series of Brescia University College will present activist Maude Barlow on the subject: The Power of Women: Is There Still a Need for our Voices? Barlow is the National Chairperson of The Council of Canadians, Canada’s largest citizens’ advocacy organization, and co-founder of the Blue Planet Project which works to stop commodification of the world’s water. The lecture takes place Oct. 9, in Brescia Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. No charge for parking or admission. www.brescia.uwo.ca/sophia

GRANT INFORMATION

The Faculty Mentor Program will sponsor the second workshop/information session on September 29 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Teaching Support Centre, Room 122, D. B. Weldon Library. The themes for this session are:
- Research grants available beyond SSHRC, NSERC and CIHR Via Research Western
- Western’s Research Data Centre

Western University
Architect of Ivey reform reappointed dean

Carol Stephenson has been reappointed dean of the Richard Ivey School of Business for a second term extending to June 30, 2013. Stephenson was the unanimous choice of a Senate selection committee composed of faculty and students from the Ivey School and across the university as well as two senior Canadian executives, representatives of Ivey’s Advisory Board.

“Since joining Western as dean in 2003, Carol has led the drive to reshape business education. In 2005, Ivey underwent significant transformation with the launch of Cross-Enterprise Leadership and the 12-month MBA program. “She has led the development of the Cross-Enterprise Leadership concept for Ivey and has fostered a strong research culture within the school,” says Provost and Vice-President (Academic) Fred Longstaffe, Chair of the Selection Committee.

“She has also established interdisciplinary initiatives that create new options for students wishing to combine Business with Medicine, Engineering, and Law in joint degree programs. Carol’s leadership has been key in forging strong links with the corporate and business community and in positioning the Ivey School to build on its success in Canada and internationally.”

President Paul Davenport says, “Under her leadership, Ivey has confirmed its position in the first tier of international business and management education. Carol is an outstanding colleague and is highly respected by her peers within the University and in business schools across the country. Since joining Western in 2003, Carol has fundamentally reshaped the Ivey School. Her reappointment is a significant development for business education in Canada.”

Stephenson is a graduate of the University of Toronto, the Executive Program at the Graduate School of Business Administration, University of California at Berkeley, and the Advanced Management Program at the Harvard Business School.

Prior to joining Western, Stephenson held a series of increasingly responsible positions in marketing, operations, strategic planning, and financial management over a 30-year career in the telecommunications industry, which began at Bell Canada. From 1995 to 1998, as President and CEO of Stentor Resource Centre Inc, she led the national marketing and technology development centre for Canada’s nine telecommunications companies. Then as President and CEO of Lucent Technologies Canada from 1999 to 2003, she spearheaded the team that succeeded in tripling Lucent’s market share in Canada despite an industry downturn.

She has also served on the Prime Minister’s Advisory Council on Science and Technology. In November 2006, she was appointed by the federal government to serve on the board of directors of the Vancouver Olympic Games Organizing Committee (VANOC).

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Stephenson is currently Chair of the Ontario Research Fund Advisory Board and Chair of the Federal Government’s Advisory Committee on Senior Level Retention and Compensation.