Environment, sustainability focus of proposed school

The new academic unit would also guide sustainable practices on campus

By Paul Mayne

With Canada facing an unprecedented demand for environmental professionals, Western’s latest initiative could be just what the labour market ordered.

A new School of Environment and Sustainability could become a reality as early as 2008 if Professor Robert Bailey and Western’s Environmental Education Working Group are successful in convincing the university a need exists.

Formed in 2005 by administration to re-define Western’s profile and activities in undergraduate environmental education, Bailey, Director of Environmental Research, says the group quickly found merit in proposing a new structure for environmental education and research at Western.

The objective would be to showcase strengths of existing environmental scholars and break down barriers between faculties and departments.

Going even further, the proposed school would guide Western in adopting sustainable behaviours on campus.

“We also wanted the new initiative to focus and assist Western’s corporate commitment to greater responsibility and sustainability in its use of resources and waste management,” says Bailey, who co-chairs the group with Geography Chair Dan Shrubsole.

The thrust behind the new school would be to make Western a leader among Canadian universities in the creation, dissemination and application of knowledge about the earth’s environment and sustainability, he says. This would be accomplished through under-

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Robert Bailey, professor and co-chair Environmental Education Working Group

graduate, graduate, continuing studies, research and corporate sustainability components.

“It’s about understanding the environment, not only the physical, chemical and biological elements, but how humans interact with it and how this interaction is used to manage and sustain that environment,” says Bailey.

Bailey adds an interdisciplinary approach to the programs, modules and courses is key to the success of the school, which would be co-managed by the faculties of Engineering, Science and Social Science.

“There is only so much you can do as far as research and teaching is concerned when locked into one faculty,” he says. “You truly need the interdisciplinary element.”

Looking ahead, Bailey says early estimates for the school would see a Chair and 14 joint-appointment faculty members. Staff members are also required and would be hired at the appropriate time.

Western Provost and Vice-President (Academic) Fred Longstaffe says the report is timely given the draft Strategic Plan’s priority for interdisciplinary collaboration in undergraduate and graduate education, and research.

“Next steps will include review and discussion of the report by all interested parties, and ultimately, consideration of its recommendations this fall and winter, alongside those of other initiatives, in the next cycle of Western’s well-established planning process,” says Longstaffe.

He adds it’s encouraging to see suggestions for new academic directions, such as this one, being brought forward by the academy.

“I look forward to ensuring that the ideas presented in the sustainability proposal receive full consideration in the months ahead,” says Longstaffe.

Focus groups, which have included both on- and off-campus input, have helped the group assemble a solid proposal that would “enhance learning” at Western, Bailey says.

“We think that properly structured, and with sufficient, independently controlled resources, the school can form the basis of newly invigorated undergraduate, graduate and continuing education programs, and foster interdisciplinary research among Western faculty and external partners,” says Bailey.

For more information about the Environmental Education Working Group and plans for a School of Environment and Sustainability, visit: www.uwo.ca/enviro/EnvEdWG.htm
Radical Islam opponent wins ‘courage’ award

Mansur has been recognized for his stance against extremism

By Bob Klanc

A faculty member of The University of Western Ontario has been chosen as recipient of an award by the leading Jewish organization in North America.

Salim Mansur, an associate professor with Western’s Political Science Department, will receive a Profile In Courage Award from the American Jewish Congress (AJC) in a ceremony September 17 in Los Angeles.

Mansur expressed surprise at the award. “One does what one does in life without seeking any reward. I have fought back against those who have used and abused Islam for their own purposes.”

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Salim Mansur, Political Scientist, media commentator

The American Jewish Congress defines itself as an association of Jewish Americans, whose members have organized to defend against threats to Jewish interests at home and abroad through vigorous public policy advocacy through the courts and political means and by working overseas with others who are similarly engaged.

The Profiles In Courage award is being presented to those who are “voices of Muslim reformers in the modern world.” Other recipients at the ceremony include Salman Rushdie, Waja Sultan, Nonie Darwish, and Tashbih Sayyed.

“The AJC recognizes that there are Muslims who have taken a position to oppose, in some fundamental sense, by their words, painting, drawings, in repudiating fundamental sense, by their words, painting, drawings, in repudiating
difestyles of courage are for others to make about people adding that, “I suppose in some very minor sense that I have been writing and speaking in the public arena in opposition to the radical Islamists that have declared war on western civilization.”

“I have been devoted to writing about it and letting the world know, or at least my readers, about what has been happening,” he says. “At the least I have been a minor voice as an Islamist who has fought back against those who have used and abused Islam for their own purposes.”

John Mereu tends to take things one year at a time. “And I want to return to campus each year. The opportunity to share knowledge with new students is what keeps the Londoner coming back. The subject may be the same, but the faces are new every year, often,” he says.

As cameras flashed and a chorus of “For He’s a Jolly Good Fellow” reverberated around the room, Mereu simply smiled and took it all in. “This has been very rewarding for me,” says Mereu. “I’ve been taking this one year at a time.”

On that point, Mereu is not kidding.

Since beginning in 1957 with just three students in his class (”I still remember their names, too”), Mereu has been coming back each year to teach what has gradually added up to thousands of students in statistical and actuarial sciences.

Even upon retiring from London Life in 1989, Mereu continued to return to campus each year. The opportunity to share knowledge with new students is what keeps the Londoner coming back.

“The subject may be the same, with minor changes here and there, but the faces are new every year,” says Mereu. “And I want to get to know each one by name. I feel better dealing with someone whose name I know and hopefully the student learns more that way as well.”

For Department Chair Bruce Jones, having Mereu as a constant for 50 years is “nothing but rewarding” for the school.

“He’s just amazing,” says Jones. “Having him at Western is a great way for all of us to learn from him.”

So will Mereu be around another dozen years to celebrate his 90th birthday in the classroom? Here, his lecturing on contingencies kicks in. “Well, there are a lot of random numbers around us. And 90 is something that doesn’t occur too often,” he says.

But knowing Mereu, he’ll take it one year at a time.
Gillies’ Polanyi Prize repeat win for Chemistry

BY MITCHELL ZIMMER

Beth Gillies’ search for ways to deliver anti-cancer drugs to specific targets has won her this year’s prestigious John Charles Polanyi Prize in Chemistry.

This is the second year in a row a new faculty member of the Chemistry Department has won the award. “I was surprised,” says Gillies, who has been at Western only since July 1. “I thought there was no way they’d give this to Western two years in a row.”

Gillies completed an undergraduate chemistry degree at Queen’s University before taking her PhD at the University of California, Berkeley. She investigated using polymer and organic systems for direct delivery. “We developed a system that can target anti-cancer drugs to tumours selectively and that actually worked out pretty well.” Part of the strategy relied on the tumour’s lower pH making it slightly more acidic than normal tissue, Gillies work exploited this difference in two ways.

One method involved formulating non-activating versions of drugs by linking them to certain chemical groups. These inactive molecules are harmless as they circulate throughout the body until they contact a tumour. Here, the acidic environment activates the drug. Another procedure involved enclosing a drug within small molecular capsules called micelles. These micelles disintegrate in a tumour which releases the drug.

Gillies then went to France for post-doctorate work in Bordeaux. “There I worked on synthetic molecules that fold into helices which are a really important structural motif in biological systems.” Since helix patterns are present in proteins and DNA “synthetic chemists are pretty interested in trying to find other types of molecules that can do this.”

In some ways her research at Western continues along the same themes of developing and incorporating functions into new biomaterials. New projects include designing molecules that have antibiotic properties and collaborating with researchers at the Robarts Research Institute to make contrast agents for MRI.

Workplace audit delayed til November

Originally scheduled to take place in September, the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board has now set Nov. 27 - 29 for the Work/Well audit inspection dates. During those dates, WSIB auditors will visit the campus examining safety programs, conducting interviews and reviewing the campus. “Over the remaining weeks Occupational Health and Safety will continue to work with the community and provide practical advice on how to best prepare for the audit,” says Michael Mosely, Health and Safety Consultant, with Western’s Occupational Health and Safety Department. Based on the audit, employers can be assessed premium increases in addition to any other surcharges.”

“Western is a very large, diverse and complex workplace,” says Mosely. “The auditors from WSIB indicated that they want to take the time to thoroughly prepare for an audit of this size and scope.”

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Polanyi Prize

Who can win? The $5,000 prize is for early-career researchers completing post-doctoral studies in an Ontario university.

Background: The Ontario government-sponsored prize celebrates John Charles Polanyi’s 1986 Nobel Prize in Chemistry. Prizes are awarded in Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature and Economic Science.

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Nominations Invited

SENATE COMMITTEES

The Senate Nominating Committee submits to Senate for its consideration nominations for membership on the Committees, Subcommittees, Councils and Boards. The Nominating Committee invites the submission of names of members of the University community who are either personally interested in serving on these committees or who are known to be particularly qualified for membership. On the work of Senate committees please refer to: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/senate/ccteetems

Nominations for the committees should be sent by email to mnmartine@uwo.ca. In making nominations for membership, nominators are required to seek the agreement of the candidate to serve on the committee prior to suggesting the individual for membership.

Upcoming Nominating Committee Agenda Items (plus additional notes) may be found on the following website: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/senate/newnomns.pdf
In 1915, Alfred Cox presented the St. John’s Athletic Club building to the university. Located on the south side of Oxford Street east of Waterloo Street, (now the site of a drug store) it remained  for more than 20 years the only ‘campus’ gymnasium. Although undergraduate students were required to participate in two hours of physical exercise per week, it would be another 20 years before the first campus athletic building (Thames Hall) was completed in 1949.

**VIEWPOINT**

Why are some ideas less equal than others?

Steve Duncan is a former journalist and part-time student at King’s University College who will write an occasional column

**BY STEVE DUNCAN**

For some students, 2006 is the beginning of an exciting academic adventure, while for others it signals the near completion of a long and arduous race. Either way, this journey will be, or was, centered on one fundamental purpose: to help you think critically.

Analytical observation is a transferable skill for every occupation, and students are encouraged to hone this trait relentlessly. By the time students graduate, they should be able to critically dissect any argument centred on topics ranging from science and history to religion and philosophy.

This obtainable talent is masterfully preached from the pulpits of every classroom and masterfully preached from the rafters as our new set of Commandments:

- **Evolution** (more accurately, Darwinism) is absolute Truth
- **Morality** is relative to each individual
- **Empirical** science now answers everything
- **Pro-choice** is the only choice
- **Apparently Nietzsche** was right; god is dead

These topics are uncomfortable to broach in our daily conversations, and usually end in heated arguments when mentioned because contradictory answers could shake the foundations our belief systems are built upon. To consider as a possibility that our worldview could be incorrect is unsettling because dismantling a belief structure might lead to dismantling the meaning to our lives.

If what we are taught helps determine what we believe, which then determines meaning and value to our lives, it would not be prudent to question the information we listen to and pay tuition for?

The majority of our education system has jettisoned the pursuit of truth and now dogmatically adheres to a particular worldview without question, similar to what our secular nation adamantly professes it fights against. If I didn't know better, I would presume spare change necessary for class to place in a collection plate.

We have almost gratefully given up thinking and replaced it with as much mindless activity as we can cram in our busy schedules. Why bother with philosophical inquiries like the meaning of life or does God exist? This question seems to have been abandoned in a majority of our conversations because our apparent need to separate church from state now dictates the growing importance to all the beer and bedpost notches you can gather before you become earthworm food.

Armand Nicholi Jr., a professor at Harvard who has taught “the Question of God” for the past 35 years, so eloquently states the obvious: How each of us understands the meaning of life comes down to how we answer one ultimate question: Does God really exist? This question has been abandoned in a majority of our conversations because our apparent need to separate church from state now dictates the growing importance to all the beer and bedpost notches you can gather before you become earthworm food.

**TRAFFIC SPEED A CONCERN**

I visited Western recently with my daughter in preparation of her attending university in the fall of 07. I was very pleased with the growth and development of the campus, and the significant change of the new stadium. Well done to the careers of our school to keep it current and pride to all graduates.

I was however surprised with the increased traffic through the campus, and the high speed in which they travel. I recommend a 30 km/h speed limit with more attention to catching speeders. The traffic for the hospital would best be directed to the north entrance. All in all we have a beautiful campus let us keep it safe. There needs to be more clearly identified cross walks for students who should have the right of way over cars on campus.

Also, it is a shame that such a large university abundant with resources could not have facilitated a tour for us. Guelph, McMaster did not have a problem for us.

Alan Williams, UWO 77
Dartmouth NS

**HIGH PRICE FOR HIGH BEAMS**

On August 16, I was fined $110 in provincial court. My “crime”? In the early hours of May 7 this

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YouTube raises spotlight on Internet trend

University-age audiences are adopting a new brand of media that fosters social networking on a global scale.

BY LISA LABELLE

Meet YouTube, the world’s fastest-growing website. It’s free, it’s worldwide and it’s the hottest networking phenomenon to emerge since Napster.

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With mainly teen and university-age adult audiences, members can interact through video viewing, commenting, joining and creating video groups, favorites, user ratings and social filters as MySpace coming in second, followed by Google Videos and Yahoo! Videos. Since January, YouTube grew from 7.3 million to 12.8 million unique visitors with traffic going up 27 per cent since January, according to Nielsen/NetRatings.

What is causing this sudden burst of appeal? Some factors might include the overall ease and effectiveness of how the site uses video and visual tools to facilitate communication. YouTube streams past television and mainstream media, carving an outlet for potential up-and-coming media talents. In short, anyone can create media and post it online.

With all this freedom and worldwide interaction, YouTube manages to satisfy most audience members and skeptical parents by enforcing community standards. The site is policed for inappropriate content, similar to open Internet communities such as eBay, and is not for persons under the age of 13.

The Internet is a wonderful new technology you find uses for — it was created by the U.S. military and then became commercial and then people say “well we got this tool let’s use it for something.”

As the largest video-sharing site, YouTube illustrates the growing levels of interest in online video-sharing in recent months. According to Hitwise stats, the leading online network is Google, having 12.8 million unique visitors with 40 per cent of all videos watched online, with popular sites such as MySpace coming in second, followed by Google Videos and Yahoo! Videos. Since January, YouTube grew from 7.3 million to 12.8 million unique visitors with traffic going up 27 per cent since January, according to Nielsen/NetRatings.

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The Internet is simply a flexible drawing board for invention and sites like YouTube enhance the key point of interaction of the mass media and the public, explains Anabel Quan-Haase, Professor of Information and Media Studies.

Video sharing communities like YouTube, Yahoo! Videos, iFilm and MetaCafe all share a key trend: the concept of networking. The formation of relationships is now expanding on a digital level, where the making of new acquaintances is unfolding on a virtual and universal scale. According to Quan-Haase, online networks reflect relationships between people.

“This is a very strong connection. Now you can actually talk about something, share opinions and videos which creates a stronger community than earlier ones,” she says.

Now competitors are taking advantage of this video sharing movement, trying to network their way to the top of the Internet pedestal of prominence, YouTube is looking to outside sources for its own success. On June 27, NBC and YouTube announced a pact to promote select content on YouTube. NBC decided to feature The Office, The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, and Saturday Night Live content. The deal seeks to profit from the growth of YouTube by allowing media companies to use the site as a promotional tool, by reaching a new slice of the market that may or may not be a profitable business in the future, being that it is a free site, but it is already attracting a surging audience of advertisers and broadcasters, looking to video sharing sites as a means to reach consumers.

The deeper question surrounding the rapidly evolving communication habits of this Net-savvy generation is what initially draws people to these sites?

Yasmin Gopal, Professor of Information and Media Studies at Western explains, “I think the possibility of being a producer and not just a consumer is very attractive to a number of people. Besides, the free exchange of video and music clips opens up some entertainment avenues for a lot of young people who are on the net a lot, socializing or seeking some outlet through this multi-purpose medium.”

This online networking trend of video-sharing and community-building is spreading like wildfire. Perhaps the main reason for interest is how the Internet decentralizes the way of access. Gopal explains, “Our real life, geographically determined, communities and social arrangements are becoming somewhat sparse and non-interactive and the Internet can provide a sense of connection and community.”

The attraction of this evolving Internet, particularly for a young, actively communicating-hungry slice of society comfortable with new Web technologies, is the opening to any free corporation: catering to anybody with an opinion; capable of reaching enormous audiences, and produced by you - the architect and the disseminator of content.

The shift is a major one: from media consumers to media makers. Sites like YouTube dissect typical consumer patterns and ignite a new democratic vision, building new social arrangements and expectancies for society to be interactive in communication, and no longer passive.

Is enough done on campus on environmental responsibility?

Have an opinion on this question? Visit the ‘At Western’ feature on Western’s homepage at www.uwo.ca

Susan Muller, Visual Arts Year IV

It’s being done reasonably well I think. Some sort of re-usable coffee mug program would be good however. If there is one I’m not aware of it.

Lauren Williams, English Major/Psychology Minor Year V

There are efforts like the mug program done by Enviro-Western. They have a free mug program. They’re trying to expose it to first-year students this fall. If there is going to be some more recycling rules. It could be quite honestly, I don’t really know. We could always be better.

Brian Yap, MOS Year IV

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Jonathan Kim, MOS Year IV

It’s great to see the blue boxes everywhere. Overall it seems like they do a far bit. I think they do enough.

Sarah Chop-Yick, Medical Science Year II

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Legal Services broadens portfolio

By Paul Mayne

Whether the issue is criminal offenses, landlord disputes or academic appeals, Western Law students are once again ready to take the case.

Community Legal Services (CLS), a non-profit organization funded by Legal Aid Ontario and Western, provides free legal assistance to students at the university and Fanshawe College, as well as those in the community who cannot afford a lawyer.

Staffed by Western Law students working under the supervision of review lawyers, CLS Director Doug Ferguson says 40 per cent of Western’s Law students benefit from participating in the program, the highest among Ontario law schools.

“It’s a win-win situation for all involved,” says Ferguson, noting 75 per cent of the cases involved those in the London community. “Members of the community benefit from the service and our students get the courtroom experience they need when it comes to looking for a job.”

Second- and third-year students act as caseworkers, representing the client, and first-year students act as associate caseworkers, shadowing and assisting caseworkers. Cases include anything from small claims court to provincial offences.

New this year is the addition of London lawyer Brian Farmer as Lawyer-In-Residence, who will help students with criminal law. The program will also work with the AIDS Committee of London in estate planning. A returning graduate will offer services on immigration issues for students.

While community members pay nothing for the service, they must meet certain financial requirements before acceptance. However, they are responsible for any court filing fees. Western and Fanshawe students qualify automatically.

CLS has been offering services since 1970 and is located in the Faculty of Law, Room 120. Contact CLS by phone at 519-661-3352. Hours are Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: MEMBERSHIP ON THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON TEACHING AWARDS (SUTA)

The Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Awards invites nominations for membership on the Subcommittee on Teaching Awards for October elections held by SCAPA. SUTA is responsible for selecting members of faculty to receive The Edward G. Pleva Award for Excellence in Teaching, The Angela Armit Award for Excellence in Teaching by Part-Time Faculty, and The Marilyn Robinson Award for Excellence in Teaching. Awards are normally presented at Spring Convocation.

Elected membership on SUTA includes four full-time members of faculty and one graduate student. Currently, three faculty members and one graduate student are required. Nominations of members of faculty should be forwarded to the Chair of SCAPA, by e-mail c/o elcline@uwo.ca or by mail c/o the University Secretariat, Room 290, Stevenson-Lawson Building. Graduate students who are interested in serving on SUTA should contact the President of their respective student society (SOGS or MBAA) for further details. All nominations must be received by SCAPA by October 1st. Terms for new members commence January 1, 2007.

The University of Western Ontario

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

The UWO Awards for Excellence in Teaching have recognized outstanding contributions by faculty to the academic development of students since 1980-81.

The Edward G. Pleva Award for Excellence in Teaching: up to four awards may be made annually to recognize full-time members of faculty of the Western and its Affiliated University Colleges and Clinical Academics appointed under Conditions of Appointment: Physicians Appointed in Clinical Departments and Clinical Divisions of Basic Science Departments.

The Angela Armit Award for Excellence in Teaching by Part-Time Faculty: up to one award may be made annually to recognize a part-time faculty member (defined as a person who held an academic appointment to teach at least one degree-credit course offered by Western or an Affiliated University College during the academic year preceding nomination who was not a regular full-time faculty member, visiting faculty member, graduate teaching assistant).

The Marilyn Robinson Award for Excellence in Teaching: up to one award may be made annually to recognize a continuing member of full-time faculty at Western or its Affiliated University Colleges who is normally not tenured and who usually has seven years or less of university teaching experience at the time of their nomination.

Submissions are made in the form of dossiers (an original and one copy) which are reviewed by the Senate Subcommittee on Teaching Awards (SUTA). Deadline for receipt of dossiers is January 15th each year. For more detailed information, please refer to the following website: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/sutaregs.pdf
IN PROFILE: NEW FACULTY

Doors opening for painters in Fine Art

By Bob Klanac

Sky Glabush is one of the luckiest artists in Canada and he knows it.

In the entire country there were only two university level teaching posts for painters and he got one of them.

That he got one of them wasn’t the victory for Glabush. It was getting the Western position that made it for him.

“When I got out here I found I liked the people at the school,” Glabush explains. “As soon as I met (Department Chair) Patrick Mahon I knew I liked him right away.

“He was talking and I stopped him and said ‘if you offer me the job I’m going to come.’”

It might seem odd that there were only two teaching positions for painters in all of Canada but as Glabush explains, there’s nothing unusual about the situation.

“That’s actually better than usual,” he notes. “Faculty of Fine Arts programs for the last 10 to 15 years have been giving people early retirement or closing down that section of their department.

“It’s only in the last couple of years that they’re expanding their programs. This is a new phenomenon that hasn’t existed for a long time.”

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The 36-year-old Glabush was born in Alert Bay, British Columbia. He got his Fine Arts degree at the University of Saskatchewan and Masters of Fine Arts at the University of Alberta. Until his move to London, he made his home in Edmonton. Coming with him to London are his wife and young son.

A glance at the biography on his website would likely lead one to conclude that Glabush has been painting for most of his life. In fact it becomes clear that art is the oxygen that fuels him. Glabush is especially fascinated with the relationship between architecture and people.

“That body of work is one of my favorites,” he says. “The physical landscape that we fall in love with is a kind of romantic beautiful sublime landscape of our imagination; Tom Thompson, that sort of thing.

“Then there’s the space that urban planners are building. The buildings are like physical manifestations of a social idea,” he says. “They really define how we interact with each other and how we go about our daily lives. Joining an established faculty as a new specialist can be daunting but Glabush sees the challenges as positive ones.

“If I can make my little corner of the art department, which is painting really, really strong, I think that would be a big achievement in that there isn’t a lot of faculty.

“Although as a painter, Glabush is a more traditional artist, he’s nonetheless intrigued by his non-traditional contemporaries.

“Western has a good reputation for more conceptual and theoretically driven art practices such as video and installations,” Glabush notes. “That was actually one of the things that attracted me to Western. The idea of making painting in an environment that was conceptually and theoretically rigorous was more interesting to me than in a place where it would just be taken for granted.

“In a sense I have to make a case for painting in contemporary art. If I can do that with my colleagues, it would be very exciting.”

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FRANÇOIS BOURGUIGNON
Thursday, October 19, 3:30 p.m.
As Chief Economist and Senior Vice President, Development Economics, of the World Bank since 2003 - Bourguignon is recognized throughout the world as a leader in the economics of public policy, inequality, economic growth, income distribution and development. In his capacity he strives to ensure that the Bank develops knowledge that helps guide its policy on challenges in areas such as trade and poverty, economic growth and poverty, and aid effectiveness. Since 1985, he has been Professor of Economics at the Ecole des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales in Paris.

ROBERT LACROIX
Friday, October 20, 10 a.m.
An economist, researcher and administrator, Lacroix served as the Rector of the University of Montreal from 1998 to 2005, reconfirming its stature as one of the Canada’s premier post-secondary institutions. He has also had a significant influence within the national university community serving as Chair of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada. Lacroix is currently a researcher-professor with CIRANO, an interuniversity centre of research, liaison and knowledge transfer.

DAVID LEPOTFSKY
Friday, October 20, 3:30 p.m.
Lepofsky has become widely-known for his work as a tireless activist for the rights of disabled people in Ontario. In his role as Chair of the Ontarians with Disabilities Act Committee (ODA) he continues to inspire thousands of people and organizations across the province to work with the ODA to bring about meaningful legislative change. A lawyer, Lepofsky practices law in the fields of civil litigation, administrative law, constitutional law and most recently, criminal law. He also teaches an advanced constitutional seminar on “Freedom of Expression and Press in Canada” at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Law.

Festival celebrates women artists

BY MARIDON DUNCASON
There are many talented women in the London community and this fall a variety of artistic venues are celebrating their works.

From Sept. 14 to Oct. 29, the McIntosh Gallery is hosting an exhibition featuring 24 women visual artists.

“In Good Company” is part of a city-wide celebration of women in the arts. Hosted by Fanshawe Chorus London and the Gerald Fagan Singers, the festival was the brainchild of conductor and artistic director, Gerald Fagan.

Says Fagan, “I have felt for a long time working in this city that there always has been, and are currently, a host of extremely gifted women who need to be celebrated more than they are.

The spirit and title of the festival were inspired by London artist Susan Boone’s portraits of famous Canadian women.

As part of the visual arts component, the McIntosh was approached to put on an exhibition of women artists. Says curator Catherine Elliott-Shaw, “We embarked on a contemporary visual arts component that would focus on presenting women artists right now. I invited 12 women who are mature in their careers and, in turn, I asked them to invite someone who was newer and with whom they had some sort of relationship.”

The connections include student/teacher relationships, mentors and people who had worked to together on projects. The result is a six-week exhibition featuring four artists per week. Each Tuesday at 12:30 the public is invited to meet and hear participating artists discuss their works.

Members of the university community include Anna Bareikowska famous Canadian women.

In October, members of the Faculty of Music will present a classical performance at the Aeolian Hall on Dundas Street. The concert will feature pianist Tina Yanchus, mezzo Patricia Green, flautist Fiona Wilkinson, and cellist Christine Newland. Says Wilkinson “This is a unique concept to have a festival celebrating women who have had national careers and live in London.”

On Oct. 12 at the Aeolian Hall, there will be an evening of one-act plays, including “In the Country of My Skin” by Cornelia Hoogland of VILLAGES OF SUNNINGDALE
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Barfoot seeks two-way learning experience

As Writer-In-Residence, an accomplished author becomes a sounding board for emerging writers

By Bob Klanac

Western’s Writer-In-Residence program is a gift really: a gift from the University Arts Department to fledgling writers on campus and off.

Through the program, beginning in October, writers can bring their work to the Writer-In-Residence for input and advice.

This year’s Writer-In-Residence is Joan Barfoot, an internationally renowned author who has made London her home for much of her career.

Barfoot wrote for the London Free Press for many years, all the while making a name for her self as an accomplished author. She has penned 10 novels including Dancing in the Dark, Family News, and Getting over Edgar. Her latest book, Luck was a nominee for the Giller Prize.

For her part Barfoot is quite pleased to have been chosen Writer-In-Residence for her alma mater.

“I probably wouldn’t do it anywhere else,” she notes. “I am fond of Western.”

“And it’s convenient,” she adds with a chuckle. “This way all I have to do is wander up the street.”

Barfoot allows that although this is her first Writer-In-Residence honour, she has done similar secondments in the past, albeit on a much smaller scale.

“The tiny residencies that I’ve done I have to admit to sort of a selfish purpose in that I think I always learn more from the young writers than they learn from me,” she says.

“What I think is fascinating is what people write about,” Barfoot explains. “The way that they express themselves is always interesting.

Barfoot sees her residency as an inevitable two-way street. While the students will learn from her, the experience will undoubtedly provide indirect fodder for her creative output.

“It’s never autobiographical though,” she says. “I always take experiences and transform them and translate them. It’s always about experiences and additional bits of information about the world.”

Although there is no position description or list of duties as a Writer in Residence, Barfoot has an inkling of what her role will be.

“It’s probably the function of a good editor,” she says. “You take people’s work and see how it could be made better. It’s also good to understand what they want from their writing. It’s important to see people’s intentions.”

Aside from the writer-to-writer contact, Barfoot also relishes her time on campus for social reasons.

“There will be a couple of public readings as part of it,” she explains. “Probably some connecting with faculty and students, that sort of thing.”

“And…” she notes pausing for effect. “I’ll be close to that great bookstore on campus,” she says, referring to The Book Store At Western.

“Aside from having lunch and coffee with people, that’s another bonus. I’ll be so close to that bookstore. I think I’ll be spending so much in there that it’s going to be a net loss for me.”

3M Teaching Fellowships

Call for 2007 Nominations

The Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE) and 3M Canada invite nominations for the 2007 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.

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Training centre honours Mustang Kirkley

BY JEFF RENAUD

Realizing the dream of a late Mustang great, the University of Western Ontario officially opened The Michael Kirkley Mustang Training Centre September 9 at TD Waterhouse Stadium in a ceremony dedicating the state-of-the-art facility.

The Michael Kirkley Mustang Training Centre is the result of a gift of $1 million from the estate of Western alumni Michael and Sandy Kirkley, as well as donations from Oxford Learning Centres, Columbia Sportswear Canada and a number of alumni and friends of Mustang football. Accessible to all Western varsity athletes, the Kirkley Centre features a heavy-weight room outfitted with Hammer Strength weight lifting equipment, two 50-seat meeting rooms (designed primarily for football offensive and defensive film sessions) and four coaching offices named for legendary Mustang football coaches Larry Haylor, Darwin Semotiuk, Frank Cosentino and John Metras.

The Miss May conference room is named for former Western staffer Margaret May, who while working in the registrar's office once helped a young Lionel Conacher out of a jam while the future CFL great was still attending the university. Conacher paid for the naming rights at the Kirkley Centre in honour of the woman who he says saved his neck, and his academic life, while at Western.

The facility also extends to a large open-air terrace facing the playing field at TD Waterhouse Stadium that allows alumni and invited guests a premium viewing area to watch Mustang football games and other sporting events.

Both Michael and Sandy graduated from Western in the mid-80s and their love and commitment to their alma mater only increased with time.

“The Michael Kirkley Mustang Training Centre is one of the finest in the country,” said Jeff Fischer during the ceremony. Fischer is Chair of the Champions Club and a long-time friend of the Kirkleys. “I know this facility would have surpassed Michael's expectations. His vision of a dedicated training centre and gathering place for alumni has been realized. Most importantly, Colin and Connor can look up from the stands and see this beautiful facility dedicated to Michael. What a great reminder of their father."

Michael Kirkley graduated with a BSc from Western in 1985 and played for the Mustangs football team from 1978 to 1981. Following his CFL career, he went on to achieve success with the establishment of MarketForce Communications.

Dr. Sandy Kirkley specialized in arthroscopic surgery for treatment of injuries to the shoulder and was a rising star in her field, gaining both national and international recognition. An additional $1 million has been designated for the Dr. Sandy Kirkley Chair in Musculoskeletal Research and a further $125,000 established The Michael Kirkley Medical Marketing Internship for undergraduate students at Western.

The Kirkleys died on September 8, 2002 when their small plane crashed in New Jersey, while en route to London.

Their two sons, Colin and Connor, survived the crash. The boys participated in the ceremonial coin toss prior to Western's 49-26 win over the York Lions.

Major gift feeds $5M medical research boost

BY PAUL MAYNE

Medical research in areas such as cancer cell migration and epilepsy received a boost from Western alumnus and London philanthropist Mitch Baran, owner and chairman of the Trudell Medical Group.

The $1-million gift will assist in the completion of laboratories in the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry.

The second floor of the Medical Sciences Building has been named The Baran Family Centre for Medical Sciences Research & Innovation.

“A facility such as this could not have been completed without the generosity of friends like Mitch Baran,” says Western President Paul Davenport.

Baran says valuing innovation has been a key to his success, as well as that of Western.

“l think it’s my passion for innovation and discovery that brought me here today,” says Baran.

Schulich Dean Carol Herbert says, thanks to Baran, collaborative work may soon lead to leaps in medical knowledge, new diagnostic tools and new treatments.

“We know that innovations in medical research often occur as a result of multi-disciplinary collaborations between researchers who are focused on a common goal, and that’s what will happen in this space.”

A four-to-one funding match on the Baran gift, available through a challenge grant offered by the Kresge Foundation and government grants, has leveraged the contribution to $5 million.

With an additional donation of $50,000, the Baran family has also undertaken a multi-year commitment to fund a lecture series to focus on the importance of medical science research and innovation for the well-being of all Canadians.
Asbestos-testing backlog slowing construction

By Tony Hammoud

The Ontario Ministry of Labour has amended the asbestos regulations in a way that will affect much of the maintenance work and routine operations at the university. The Ontario Regulation 278/05 (Asbestos on Construction Projects and in Buildings and Repair Operations) imposes new restrictions on construction and renovation where asbestos-containing material (ACM) has been used.

Although some aspects will not come into effect until 2007, the university is already following the new requirements. Work in areas containing these materials will require careful scheduling as jobs may take longer to complete, and may cost more.

The university will compile an inventory of building materials containing asbestos by Nov. 1, 2007. The completed inventory will be available at the university’s website and will be updated as necessary.

As a result, many renovation and construction projects could be delayed because building materials must be tested for asbestos content prior to work commencing.

The demand for asbestos analysis is creating a backlog that asbestos consultants and laboratories cannot cope with in the short term. Many campus projects this year may be delayed.

The university has retained an asbestos consulting firm to inspect building products suspected of containing asbestos. An inspection team will enter each room of many buildings to survey building materials and take samples.

Physical Plant and Capital Planning Services will notify occupants of the scheduled inspection time so everyone may be accommodated in a timely fashion. Alternatively, members of the inspection team could work 24 hours a day until October 2006, target date for completion of the survey.

During sample collection, members of the team may wear respirators as protection from dust exposure. This is a practice used by technicians who perform the work eight hours per day. Members of the community should not be concerned as proper controls will be administered to prevent the spread of dust or asbestos fibres.

Once the survey is complete, the university community will be able to access the information.

The University of Western Ontario, represented by Occupational Health and Safety and Physical Plant and Capital Planning, ensure handling of ACM adheres to the new regulation. New procedures have been compiled to address the new requirements, and all university employees who work around ACM have been trained.

ACMs do not tend to become airborne if not damaged or disturbed in an uncontrolled fashion. To prevent potential exposure, an in-place management program has been implemented. This program includes periodic inspections to assess ACM condition. Repair is carried out by members of the Physical Plant Asbestos Control Team. Those individuals are highly trained and qualified in implementing control measures where necessary.

A number of standards and guidelines have been established for regulating exposure to asbestos. These are communicated to workers who may disturb building materials containing asbestos fibres. University workers performing renovations, maintenance and janitorial activities receive instructions on hazard recognition, control measures and asbestos regulatory requirements.

The writer is Health and Safety Consultant for the University of Western Ontario. If you have questions or concerns regarding asbestos materials, contact the Service Centre, P&P&CPSD at extension 83394, or Tony Hammoud, OHS at extension 88730.

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The University of Western Ontario invites applications and nominations for the position of Dean of the Faculty of Education, with the appointment to be effective July 1, 2007 for a term of five years, renewable.

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Think tanks key influence on U.S. foreign policy

BY HARPREET DIPAK

Think tanks tend to be highly influential in the early stages of mapping out the policy-making process, according to a new book by Political Science Professor Donald Abelson.

A follow-up to his influential 2002 book, Do Think Tanks Matter?, the new book A Capitol Idea: Think Tanks and U.S. Foreign Policy focuses on think tanks in the United States and explores their ability to engage the public and the government with the foreign policy-making process.

On Wednesday, Abelson was in Washington, D.C., at a book launch sponsored by Alumni Western. The event, held at the Canadian Embassy, included more than 60 local alumni.

Abelson, Chair and Director of the Centre for American Studies, is a specialist in American politics, U.S. foreign policy and interest groups. A Capitol Idea examines particular institutions and explains how they have come to influence U.S. politics.

Think tanks play a large role in the foreign-policy making process, according to Abelson, who’s book discusses a wide range of issues from political leaders and their recommendations to the ties established with influential policy-makers.

In an interview before traveling to the U.S., he said the organizations have their most clout “when issues are being debated and when issues are being discussed and when the parameters of policy debates are being established. I think that’s where their effectiveness is truly felt.”

The book features an examination of the current Bush administration and the role think tanks have played in issues surrounding the “war on terror.” While many Washington-based think tanks and others were actively involved in making the war more powerful, Abelson notes leftists think tanks were also influential.

“There were many think tanks on the left who were very critical of the war on terror and again used whatever chance they had at their disposal to try and ensure that Americans understood the true cost of the war – political costs, economic costs, and the human toll that it’s taken,” he says.

Abelson’s latest publication continues an investigation into U.S. think tanks as it provides numerous options to consider and poses challenges towards methodology and the implications on the government and the public sphere.

“What is clear is that over the course of the past several decades, think tanks have become visible and vocal participants in the United States. They are, to put it bluntly, important fixtures on the American political landscape,” he says.
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Faculty of Science, Department of Applied Mathematics - applications are invited for a probationary (tenure-track) appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor in the research field of Financial Mathematics to begin July 1, 2007 or thereafter. Closing date: Applications should be received prior to December 15, 2006.

All positions are subject to budget 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 preference. The University of Western Ontario is committed to employment equity and welcomes applications from all qualified women and men, including visible minorities, Aboriginal peoples and persons with disabilities.

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- Microbiology & Immunology Seminar - M. Imperiale, University of Michigan. “Adenovirus Assembly and DNA Packaging” 553B - Room 3008, 11:30 a.m.
- Western Engineering Distinguished Lecture Series - Howard A. Stone, Professor of Engineering and Applied Mathematics, Harvard College. “Colloidal and Cellular-Scale Microfluidics: (I) Armored bubbles and (II) A high-speed differential manometer” Spencer Engineering Building, Room 3109. 12:30 p.m.


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September 15
- Faculty Mentor Program, first workshop - Preparation of the Research Grant Proposal - SSHRC, NSERC and CIHR. Teaching Support Centre, Room 202, Weldon Library, 2:30-4 p.m. with meet and greet beginning at 1:30 p.m.
- Women’s Tennis - Laurier @ Western. 12 p.m.
- Women’s Tennis - McMaster @ Western. 3 p.m.
- Philosophy Colloquium Series - Tracy Isaacs, Western. “Moral Responsibility in Collective Contexts” Talbot College, Room 340. 3:30 p.m.
- International Students Welcome Reception - and join us, a great opportunity to meet other International and Canadian students as well as representatives from various areas of the university. university College, Rooms 226 & 225. 5:7 p.m.

September 16
- Women’s Tennis - Waterloo @ Western. 9 a.m.
- Rowing - Men/Women (Head of the Thames) 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Football - Guelph @ Western. 7 p.m.

September 17
- Western’s Terry Fox Run - Run, walk, rollerblate or skateboard. Two start times - 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. For more information visit www.unc.usc.ca/cancer and register online at www.terryfox.org. Runners can also be picked up at the Spokane, Grad Club or USC office.
- Men’s Baseball - Brock @ Western (double header) 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. Saturday.
- Senior Alumni Program - Our Children, Our Future: Behind the scenes at the Thames Valley Children’s Centre! John A. Lalonde, Chief Executive Officer, Thames Valley Children’s Centre. McKeel Room, UCC. 9:30 - 11 a.m.
- Talk Tuesdays - “In Good Company” Antje Laidler/Jessica Woodward; Daniela Snepova/Anna Barekowska. Recognize the contributions of women artists to London’s arts scene with music and performance events, and visual art exhibitions, for information contact Catherine at 519 661 3100. Gallery Hours at www.mcintosh.gallery.ca. Location: McIntosh Gallery 12 noon.
- International Student Services - Discuss strategies for academic success, assess your learning skills and resources available with a counselor from SDC’s Learning Skills Services. UCC. Room 210. 5:30 - 7 p.m.
- Men’s Baseball - Toronto @ Western. 6 p.m.
- Campus Recreation - Wellness Workshop - Dr. Laura Baxter, “Understanding ADHD” UCC Room 305, 7 - 8 p.m.
- September 20
- Chiropractic Clinic - will conduct a no-charge spinal screening for staff, students and faculty. Room 49, lower level UCC 12:00-3:00. Have your spine and nerve system checked.
- Campus Communicators humorous speech contest. Guests are always welcome. For information contact Joel Book at bookjoel@hotmail.com. SLB Room 330, 12 noon.
- Department of Modern Languages and Literatures presents “La Tertulia” - Spanish Conversation Group. Anyone wishing to speak Spanish and meet people from different Spanish-speaking countries is welcome. UC 117, 3:30 p.m.
- Men’s Rugby - Guelph @ Western. 4 p.m.
- Please send submissions to campus@events/lawrence

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Rhodes Scholarships

Eleven Rhodes Scholarships, awarded for the fall of 2007, are available to Canadian men and women students. Applications are invited.

The Scholarships are tenable at Oxford University, England, and the award covers both university fees and a stipend for living expenses. Scholarships are granted for two years, with the possibility of a third year. Scholars, who may follow courses of study of their own choice, will be enrolled at Oxford in October 2007.

Quality of both character and intellect is the most important requirement for a Rhodes Scholarship. Candidates must: 1) be Canadian citizens or domiciled in Canada; 2) have been born between October 2, 1982 and October 1, 1986, and 3) except for medical students, have received an undergraduate degree before taking up the Scholarship. Candidates may be married or unmarried.

The eleven Rhodes Scholars are allotted as follows: two each to Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Region; three to the Western Region; and one each to British Columbia and Newfoundland. Candidates may apply from their home province or from the province in which they attend university.

Information and application forms are available at the Office of the President, Stevenson-Lawson Building, Dr. Dalin Jameson, Executive Assistant to the President and the Provost, will be available to meet with potential candidates (telephone 841335 or email djameson@uwo.ca). Completed applications and supporting documentation should be sent to Dr. Dalin Jameson, Office of the President, by Monday, October 2, 2006.
By Bob Klanc

On the Western campus in fall, its hard to tell when the spirit of Orientation activities ends and the spirit of charity begins. The two causes most championed are the Shinerama campaign which ended with the annual shoe-shining day on Saturday, Sept. 9 and the Terry Fox Run upcoming on Sun., Sept. 17.

The Shinerama campaign is Canada’s largest post-secondary fundraiser involving students at almost 60 universities and colleges. The annual event began in 1964 as a shoe-shining campaign during Western’s Orientation week. It now includes a wide variety of shining and non-shining activities under the Shinerama banner.

“We ended up with a total of around $53,000 on shining day,” says Shinerama Commissioner Ashley Michael. “Last year we did $55,000. I think the $2,000 difference is attributed to the fact that people were out two hours less than last year. Given everything though, I’m really, really happy with the total.

“The total for the entire campaign hasn’t been calculated yet,” Michael says. “But when you factor in some of the events we did prior to Shinerama Day like the golf tournament, BBQs on move-in day and that sort of thing, we should be looking at something between $90,000 and $95,000.”

In 2005, more than 35,000 Shinerama volunteers in more than 52 Canadian cities, towns, and communities raised almost $1 million dollars for cystic fibrosis research and treatment. Shinerama has raised more than $16.5 million since 1964.

One event adding to the total of both Shinerama and the Terry Fox Run was a skydiving event on UC Hill on Sept. 6. Both groups split the $1,000 raised from the unique event. This event more than any other this year demonstrated the overall spirit of charity on the campus as both groups worked together to make the event happen.

And then there’s Terry Fox. Twenty-six years after he finished his cross-country run outside of Thunder Bay, no one has forgotten Fox. His legacy will be celebrated again with the Terry Fox Run on Sept. 17. The run starts at both 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on the UCC Concrete Beach.

Organizers note that although the event is dubbed a ‘run’, participants can walk, bike, rollerblade or skateboard.