Jeremy Barker entered the Gazette offices in 1990 and it took him six years to leave. The Gazette was like that. People came and found it hard to leave. It has always been like that.

On Saturday, September 30, more than 200 Gazette Alumni will gather in the Wave to celebrate 100 years of student journalism.

The point person for the reunion is Gillian Livingston. She, with Barker’s help, pulled together the Saturday event and most crucially contacted the far-flung alumni to return to Western.

Working together was easy for Barker and Livingston. Not only are they Gazette alumni, they were members of a sub-group of the student paper’s alumni, nominally dubbed ‘Gazette matchmaking’. “We met there,” says Barker. “She was my news editor. I was working in composing the year she was editor-in-chief.”

Barker cannot claim to represent all Gazette alumni but certainly his experience and fondness for the scrappy enclave of journalism true-believers likely resembles all who have entered the paper’s doors since 1906. “It was finding a group of like-minded people on a huge campus,” he says. “This is probably why people are excited about the reunion. If you were to come back for your 10th or 20th anniversary class reunion you might not actually remember the people. At the Gazette, you remember those people the most because of all the hours you spent with them, up to 60 and 70 hours a week.”

Those returning to the place of their fondest memories include some of North America’s finest journalists. “I think one that a lot of people know is Paul Wells,” says Barker, speaking of Maclean’s current backpage columnist. “Coming as well is Scott Feschuk who was at the National Post and whose last gig was as a speechwriter for Paul Martin. There’s a lot of people from the Toronto Star including Kevin Donovan and Jim Rankin and also Carol Off, novelist and with the CBC. Author and journalist Joan Barfoot was a Gazette alumna as well.”

Barker goes on to name Hank Daniszewski and John Miner of the London Free Press. He also names Norman Ibson who called the Gazette home in the Fifties. “There may be others from that decade but he might be the oldest alumni that are coming.”

Then there were those Gazette alumni whose names may not come to mind in a survey of modern journalism but who are nonetheless legendary in Gazette lore. “Len Lizmore was the editor in 1971-72 and I believe that was the year they published the London Freak Press,” Barker says. “The administration didn’t like that issue too much. Many of the copies were picked up right from campus and brought directly to the dump. And that’s exactly where the editors went to fish them out and bring them right back.”
LOOKING GOOD

The City of London has won the top prize in the Communities in Bloom awards as well as a category award for urban forestry in the large municipality area during a recent provincial ceremony. London was further encouraged by the judges to step up to the national competition.

PAYROLL SAVINGS

The annual Canada Savings Bond Payroll Savings Program begins Oct. 2 and runs until Oct. 31. Enrollment and access to the program is now online. If you are new to the program or wish to change the deduction amount, visit the Web at www.e-campaign.csb.gc.ca. Please note:
- For online enrollment, the employer code for Western is 12215.
- Deductions are taken once a month for Western employees.
- The RSP option is not available to Western employees.
- Deductions start with your first pay in December.
- If you have questions, contact Human Resources at: hrcommunication@uwo.ca

BE PREPARED

Campus Recreation is offering a free opportunity for members of the university community to learn to defend themselves. An upcoming one-hour session on self-defence is being held on October 1. The free seminar is a primer for an eight-week self-defence course that runs October 14 - December 2. Although this comprehensive course will teach techniques and deployments for handling a physical attack, the focus will be on developing a prevention mind-set. There is no prerequisite for either session. To register, call 519-661-3000 or visit www.campusrec.uwo.ca.

ACCENT ON PRONUNCIATION

The Advanced Pronunciation for University Lecturers series of mini-courses is designed to help university lecturers for whom English is a second language achieve greater comprehensibility, listenability and comfort while delivering information in English. This fall the Teaching Support Centre will offer two of the mini-courses in this series. They include:
- Advanced Pronunciation II: The Significance, Production, and Use of Vowels and Consonants, 2:30 – 5 pm, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1 & 8

For registration, call ext. 80146, or e-mail bwisema3@uwo.ca. Enrolment is limited.

SERVE, PROTECT AND STUDY HARD

Western Social Sciences grad Ian Peer is London’s newly appointed Deputy Chief of Police. Peer, an active volunteer on numerous local volunteer boards, is also a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy program. His father reached the post of superintendent with the Ontario Provincial Police and his brother is a detective-sergeant with the OPP.

GET THE RIGHT NUMBER

Statistics Canada is offering revisions to E-STAT, its interactive learning tool, featuring a new look for easier navigation and printer-friendly lesson plans.

E-STAT lets users dynamically generate tables and graphs from Statistics Canada census and socio-economic data. They can also create thematic maps of census data.

The feature now contains more than 2,600 CANSIM tables, accounting for more than 36 million time series, updated in July. It also includes population and agriculture census data, tables and maps on Human Activity and the Environment, Canada FoodStats and data from the Aboriginal Peoples.

E-STAT is available for free online only to educational institutions. Visit http://estat.statcan.ca or call 1-800-465-1222; e-stat@statcan.ca.

PUFFING FOR PARKLAND

The Urban League of London will present the first annual “Race for Green Space” on Oct. 7. This new event to raise funds for the London Community Foundation and support projects such as ReForest London, features a 2.5 km walk and a 5 km run/walk around Fanshawe’s campground and day use areas. The event takes place in the morning (registration 8:30 a.m., race time 10 a.m.) with a post-race celebration party at 11:30 a.m. in the Pavilion. Urban League is an umbrella group for London’s community groups. Registration and pledge forms online at www.runningroom.com.

BRAVE NEW WORD

English is an energetic language, spinning out new or refashioned words to suit new circumstances. Check out wordpsy.com for these newish words...such as spam, defined as “unsolicited commercial messages sent via an instant messaging system.” Of course, this leads to spamming, spinner and now antispam. The earliest citation is Aug. 5, 1999.

At the Top 100 list, metrosexual (urban male with a strong aesthetic sense), google, newsfating (deliberate avoidance of all news media), Lexus lane (highway lane restricted to multiple passengers during rush hour that can be used for a fee by single-occupant vehicles) and faux hawk (hairstyle featuring a strip of hair that’s longer and higher than the rest of the hair) are king’s of the new-word castle. For now, anyway.

25 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

- City and campus police are searching for a young man who attacked a Western tow truck with a knife and crowbar, slashing a tire and smashing the front end.
- Western Wheels, the student run bus service, will drop three of its seven routes because of poor pass sales.
- Society of Graduate Students is organizing a day of protest over threatened financial cutbacks to post-secondary institutions.
- Western grad James Bartleman has been appointed ambassador to Cuba.
- Western security officers have applied for certification as a bargaining unit of the Canadian Guards Association.
- Western’s School of Journalism has a new dean – Peter Desbarats, former Global TV journalist and anchor, and senior consultant to the Royal Commission on Newspapers.
- Total full-time undergraduate enrolment at the university will be 14,280 this year compared to 13,441 last September.
- The average starting salary for Western MBA graduates is $28,000, compared with $31,500 for those from Harvard.
- FOR SALE: 2-storey, 4-bedroom, brick and siding home near Western. $74,500; Smith Corona portable electric typewriter, pica type, with case, excellent condition - $125.
Librarians, archivists reach first contract

A first collective agreement for librarians and archivists (UWOFA-LA) at Western has now been ratified by members of the bargaining unit and the University's Board of Governors.

UWOFA-LA members voted to ratify the agreement September 8 by a vote of 43-5, with 48 of a total 58 members casting ballots. Western's Board of Governors ratified the agreement September 28. The three-year contract will be in effect from July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2009.

The agreement, consisting of 53 articles, recognizes Librarians and Archivists as academic staff and provides them with opportunity to engage in academic activity (i.e., research) relevant to librarianship and archival practice, while continuing their traditional roles in professional practice and service.

Librarians and archivists will now be able to be promoted through ranks and will enjoy the right of academic freedom. This agreement creates a new model for librarianship and archival practice at Western that is consistent with models at other research-intensive universities in Canada.

Labour round-up

With 58 librarians and archivists now having reached their first collective agreement with Western's administration, the faculty association (UWOFA) remains the only campus employee group still in search of a settlement among the five groups scheduled for contract talks in 2006.

Graduate Teaching Assistants, Food Services (CUPE Local 2692) and the Staff Association (UWOSA) all reached settlements during the summer months. Representing 1,400 GTAs, the Public Service Alliance of Canada Local 610 (PSAC) reached agreement on its contract in July, with ratification from Western's Board of Governors in August. The new four-year contract took effect September 1.

UWOSA and Food Services also had multi-year agreements ratified by their respective members and the Board of Governors in July. UWOSA's new four-year contract came into effect July 1, as did Food Services' new three-year agreement.

Working toward a new contract for more than 1,200 faculty members, UWOFA and University negotiating teams have met 19 times since June, when talks began shortly before the current collective agreement expired June 30.

So far, the two sides have reached tentative agreement on eight articles, but more than 40 remain to be negotiated, in addition to several letters of understanding and one appendix. Monetary proposals were exchanged by both sides in mid-August.

Fourteen meetings are currently scheduled between the two sides for October.

The fate of an effort by PSAC to certify Western's Graduate Research Assistants as a collective bargaining unit awaits a decision by the Ontario Labour Board, scheduled for October 23 and 24. A vote was held by prospective GRA members in May on forming a union, but the ballots have remained sealed pending the Labour Board's decision on whether or not they are eligible for certification.

Strike vote proposed

Western faculty, impatient with the pace of contract talks, will propose a strike vote at the next general meeting unless the Faculty Association board recommends otherwise following major negotiation sessions slated for October.

Members voted to put a strike vote on the table during a general meeting Tuesday.

UWOFA President Kim Clark is confident headway can be made with 14 days of negotiations scheduled in October. “I expect a lot to happen at the negotiating table.”

The UWOFA board will report to the membership at its next general meeting, expected early in November. Then members will decide whether to proceed with the strike vote.

The last contract took 18 months of bargaining and Clark says members “don’t want to see this prolonged for 18 months again.”

Law‘fty’ Cause

Western Law students are part of a London legal community effort to build a new Habitat For Humanity home. Jennifer Rook rolls on primer while Hugh McKee double-checks measurements. The legal community, including law students, police, jail staff, court staff and members of local law firms, has raised $70,000 for the house and is building the house, scheduled for completion in October.
For several years following the opening of the present day campus, the library was located in a cramped and crowded basement room of University College. Despite the onset of a major depression, the administration successfully raised funds for a new building. Monies came from all levels of government, including the City of London. A lead donation in the form of a bequest from Mrs. Frank Lawson in 1933, followed by additional funds from her son the Honorable Ray Lawson and his sister Mrs. Duncan McArthur, led to construction of the Lawson Memorial Library in 1934.

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THE WAY WE WERE: 1927

Every fall thousands of graduating high school students agonize over their future. First-year Western student Mary Ann Boateng explores that turmoil and outlines how she – slowly – decided Western was right for her.

It’s mid-November and I find myself sitting in the overcrowded gymnasium of my high school, listening to the nasally drawl of my old greying guidance counselor.

The time has come. Time to choose what university I want to attend, time to decide what I will be doing with the next four years of my life. A rush immediately runs through my body sending shivers down my spine, I am scared to death, and I find myself ready to grasp. I suddenly felt a comfort in my soul, not even a flicker.

I was going to university, but not Western. I was happy that I was going to university, but not Western. I was happy that I was going to university, but not Western. I was happy that I was going to university, but not Western.

I was accepted, I was happy that I was accepted, I was happy that I was accepted, I was happy that I was accepted, I was happy that I was accepted.

I was waiting for, but now it felt like just another number, but a student, and it was evident that the University was going to do everything it could to help me enter into this new experience as easily as possible.

When I walked through the doors of my Summer Academic Orientation, I knew that I made the best decision possible. I was immediately greeted by outgoing Sophs who helped me from the moment I walked in, to the second I left. Every single question I had was answered, and I learned so much information about the transition to university life.

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As the months flew by, people would often ask me what university I was going to attend in September. I would say Western, and I would immediately be greeted by this look, I termed it the ‘Western prestige look.’

I slowly began to recognize just how revered Western was among many people, and I began to finally understand what attending Western meant. I realized that to attend Western for a reason, and I was ready to let down my hesitations, and find out why.

While waiting for my Summer Academic Orientation I decided to do a little research of my own, and visited the Western web site. I was surprised to see just how well organized and helpful the site was. It provided me with so much information, and answered many questions I had about this new place where I was going.

Furthermore, I was getting weekly e-mails from the Western Undergraduate Recruitment and Admissions program, with helpful information about all the Student Services that Western had to offer. It became very clear to me that Western was a school that wanted its students to succeed, succeed academically, socially, and individually. I did not feel like just another number, but a student, and it was evident that the University was going to do everything it could to help me enter into this new experience as easily as possible.

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By Jim Etherington

I’m not sure how this came about, but a bunch of us at this weekend’s Homecoming will be marking the 45th anniversary of graduation from Western U. Notice I used the word “marking” because “celebrating” assumes we’d be out making fools of ourselves at the Coops and the grand kids wouldn’t understand.

In 1961 a total of 746 of us received degrees – I know because I counted them in the Occidentalia – and that included 379 in Arts and Science, five in Music, 57 doctors, 21 engineers, 28 Brescia beauties, 142 nurses and 17 priests. We expect in Music, 57 doctors, 21 engineers, 379 in Arts and Science, five in Occidentalia – and that included because I counted them in the received degrees – I know kids wouldn’t understand.

If you are wondering where all the alumni have come from please be aware that Western today graduates 6,000 a year – about double the total enrolment in the early 60s.

What hasn’t changed is the Homecoming weekend itself. Western puts a lot of effort into organization of a party to help us dust off memories and reminisce with old friends. For a number of reasons Western alumni in huge numbers wax unconsciously nostalgic about their Alma Mater. So many annually trek to London that we are said to have the most spectacular Homecoming of any Canadian university.

That warms the cockles of the heart for the fundraising folks who call from time to time. After some exhaustive research, here are the top 10 reasons Western alumni skitter like lemmings to Homecoming:

1. I left my Western jacket in the Thames Hall.
2. I want to make sure the address.
3. I was too young to drink.
4. I didn’t lose their tuition. They’ll be down a couple of dollars that I wouldn’t want to be in. But they have been back to Homecoming – I
talgic about their Alma Mater.

5. I was too young to drink legally when I was here and it’s time to catch up.
6. Some of those Business
gads have done very well and my son needs a job.
7. I was too young to drink legally when I was here and it’s time to catch up.
8. My sophomore granddaugh
ter wants money.
9. I met my first wife at West
er and I seem to require another one.
10. I left my Western jacket in
the Homecoming.

Have you tried online gambling, or know someone who has?

“No, I've never tried it. I think that it would be more fun to gamble in person than just using online. What's the fun in doing that?”

“I don’t have any friends who do it or at least not that I know of. It has no appeal to me. I don’t trust that sort of thing. I’d rather earn money honestly.”

A university’s shareholders are the taxing public (corporate and individual) and thus it should be an open book!

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You are here: Geography maps campus

By Bob Klanač

Western’s campus maps have received a dramatic upgrade thanks to some enterprising staff at the Geography Department.

Patricia Connor-Reid, Director of Cartographic Services, got thinking about campus maps when she was escorting her sons around to various university campuses.

“I just realized from a parents’ perspective how important these websites are and how much they communicate to a parent about a campus and how well they communicate what their image is,” says Connor-Reid.

Since Geography was overhauling its website anyway, Con
nor-Reid approached Chair Dan Shrubsole, offering to lend carto
graphic expertise to the Western campus map page.

“I thought it would be a great way for us to showcase our work,” says Connor-Reid.

Shrubsole agreed and allowed Connor-Reid to take time from regular duties supporting the Geography Department to do the project.

Response to the new themed maps covering issues such as parking, recreation, housing and accessibility has been outstanding.

Not only are a variety of campus maps now available for viewing, maps on the campus map page allow for zooming in and moving around on a map to better locate buildings on campus.

For her part, Connor-Reid is proud of the work and the way it has improved the web experience for those whose first experience of Western is via the website.

“We did this as kind of a goodwill gesture for the university,” says Connor-Reid.

The maps can be found at www.geography.uwo.ca/campusmaps.

Career choices

Western Social Science students looking to develop job search strategies, prepare for job interviews or further their career goals are increasingly able to do so within their own faculty. The new Social Science Careers office, located in Social Science Room 2109, offers workshops, help centre, counseling and other resources. Here, second-year Political Science/Psychology student Darshan Patel talks with career counselor Gerry Goodine about the program offerings. Drop-in hours are Monday through Thursday from 1 until 3 p.m. with other hours by appointment. For more information, visit www.ssc.uwo.ca/careers.

Province expanding graduate education

Ontario Premier and Minister of Research and Innovation Dalton McGuinty announced the government will boost the number of graduate student spaces in Ontario by 55 per cent over the next five years.

To support the new graduate student spaces, the government is providing an additional $240 million in operating funding over the next two years and additional capital funding of $550 million over the next five years for the construction of new and renovated facilities.

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Increasing graduate enrolment has been a priority for Western. Recently, the University announced the largest multi-year space planning investments in Western’s history, noting the accommodation of graduate student enrolment expansion is one of the reasons for the plan.

Over the next five years Western expects to welcome more than 400 additional PhD students.

Over the next two years, the government will add 12,000 graduate student spaces, rising to 14,000 by 2009-10.

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Community becoming the new classroom

BY PAUL MAYNE

Ever heard of place-based computing? If you haven’t, it won’t be long before you do.

The convergence of handheld computing with locative technologies, such as Global Positioning System (GPS) has the potential to radically alter the way we experience places and understand the past. Western is already well underway in this area thanks in part to the interdisciplinary work of professors Jason Gilliland (Geography) and Bill Turkel (History).

The integration of global positioning devices and digital cameras into their studies has given students the ability to gather information and data – economic, social, historical – that is ultimately boundless.

“The possibilities are limitless,” says Gilliland. “It’s basically up to the imagination of the users.”

By developing new methods for teaching history, geography and related disciplines, place-based computing takes students out of the classroom and into the community where they can gather facts, take photographs and assign various geographical data.

An example of this work was a student’s recently commissioned work through London Community Foundation where more than 200 city parks were surveyed to determine whether areas were represented, or under-represented, in terms of recreational areas.

“This would be beneficial to city planners in determining what areas need attention and perhaps for future planning of city parks,” says Gilliland, adding information gathered could also determine such things as environmental factors, population densities, school locations and others.

Turkel says while other universities are likely using the web-based Geographical Information Systems for retrieving images, documents and maps, Western may be the first to use this in conjunction with GPS devices for research and teaching in urban development and public history.

Having done work with Museum London and others regarding historical information, Turkel says every place has a history and is an archive where the past can act as a guide to action in the present.

“It could even be used for heritage tourism,” he says. “You could go to any community and see what it was like years ago.”

For example, a user could click on the image of the McCormick’s factory on Dundas Street East in East London to read about its history, and then click a subsequent link to see an image of the factory from a 1936 map.

Place-based education is learning that is rooted in what is local - the unique history, environment, culture, economy, literature, and art of a particular place. Gilliland and Turkel say while the community provides the context for learning and student work on community needs and interests, it’s the community members that serve as resources and partners in every aspect of teaching and learning.

They also see other faculties, perhaps Health Sciences, Medicine and Engineering, showing an interest in such learning tools down the road.

“This is going to be part of all our lives in some way,” says Gilliland.

For information about place-based computing, visit www.placebased.ca or www.imagininglondon.ca.
Fellowship, Jewish Studies link challenged

By Paul Mayne

Approval of a high-profile faculty fellowship in the Department of History generated debate last week at Senate where some members expressed concern over its proposed purpose of leading to a Jewish Studies program at Western.

The creation of the Faculty Fellowship in Jewish Studies – later renamed Jewish History – is to bring internationally recognized historians and authority on Jewish history, Sir Martin Gilbert, to Western.

The fellowship was made possible through a $75,000 donation from the London Jewish Foundation.

Of concern for some senators was the initial wording of the purpose behind the recommendation which stated the donation was the “first towards the establishment of a Jewish Studies Program at Western.”

A report from the Humanities Associate Dean (Academic) Mike Milde said while many would like to see Jewish Studies taught, this is not possible through a $75,000 donation for a new program.

Some senators also raised concerns over the creation of a Jewish Studies Program would seem to be bringing religion to main campus.

However, Social Science Dean Brian Timney said while there have been informal discussions for a few years about Jewish and Islamic Studies programs, the emphasis would be on history and not a religious studies program.

“It would not be a threat to the secularism of the university,” he said.

With the wording of the purpose behind the fellowship mis-leading Senate voted to omit the following two sentences from the document: ‘This donation is the first towards the establishment of a Jewish Studies Program at Western. Western’s goal is to position the university as a leading Canadian centre of Jewish Studies by establishing a comprehensive Program in Jewish Studies.’

“I sense some dissatisfaction with the process, with the assumption of Senate approval, so I think it’s important to put on the brakes,” said Senator Nick Dyer-Witheford. Senate voted to table the issue and have the changes brought back to the donor to see if they are acceptable and that they understand the process behind creating a new program at the university.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The draft report of the Task Force on Strategic Planning was dealt with under the informal consideration process, relaxing rules of debate to allow for free-flowing discussion. Issues brought up by Senators included the need for a greater commitment to diversity in the attraction of students, as well as more attention to the work/life balance of faculty. The report of the Task Force on Strategic Planning was approved.

HONG KONG CONVOCATION

Western Provost and Vice-President (Academic) Fred Longstaffe will be heading to Hong Kong Nov. 5 to perform the duties of Chancellor for Western’s Convocation ceremonies.

Ivey Dean Carol Stephenson will act as Vice-Chancellor. Western will confer an honorary Doctor of Laws upon Chack-Fan Lee, Pro-Vice Chancellor at The University of Hong Kong.

NEW AWARDS AND BURSARIES

Senate has approved new scholarships, awards and bursaries including:

- William S. Fyfe Graduate Scholarship in Natural Resources and Sustainable Development (Faculty of Graduate Studies, Science) – This three-year scholarship will be awarded to a Master’s of PhD student developing their thesis on problems of sustainability in natural resources management. One scholarship valued at $16,187.
- Andrew Barnes Memorial Award (Faculty of Social Science) – This award will be presented to an undergraduate student entering third of fourth year of an Honors degree with an Honors Specialization or double Major in Political Science. This was established by the parents and grandparents of Andrew Barnes (BA, Political Science ’05). One award is valued at $1,125.
- Sydenham Hall – Jean Dunlop Residence Bursaries (Any Undergraduate Faculty) – To be awarded to any undergraduate student living in Western’s on-campus residences, based on financial need. The bursaries are valued in honour of Jean Dunlop, who was Sydenham Hall’s secretary for many years. Six bursaries are valued at $1,000 each.

IN ABSENTIA CONVOCATION

Senate has approved the establishment of an in absentia convocation to be held in mid-February for students who complete their degree requirements by the end of the preceding fall semester. While there would be no ceremony at that time, these students would be given the opportunity to participate in the June convocation ceremony if they wished. Increasingly, border officials and immigration agencies in the United States and elsewhere are insisting that graduates entering their countries for employment present their degree parchments as proof of the qualifications for their new job. Thus, students who have completed their degree, but have not yet had the degree formally conferred, are delayed sometimes prevented from taking up international posts.
Faculty: One contract down, one to go

For professor Kim Clark, ongoing research and study in the historical and cultural anthropology of Ecuador will be re-focused over the next year as she sets her sights on guiding the faculty association toward a third collective agreement.

Clark is just under three months into her year-long presidency of The University of Western Ontario Faculty Association (UWOFA) and expresses satisfaction with the progress so far.

Covering issues from collective agreements to the university’s Strategic Plan, Western News reporter Paul Mayne sat down with Clark to discuss what will be, as always, an eventful year at the helm of UWOFA.

Western News: Western’s librarians and archivists ratified their first-ever collective agreement earlier this month. How satisfying is it to have this completed?

Kim Clark: It’s been close to two years since they certified and there was a lot of time put into putting together draft contract language. I think they started at the table June 2005 and they came to an agreement relatively early in August. It was ratified on Sept. 8 by the library and archivists bargaining unit (43-5). I would say it really does bring the librarians and archivists here into the main stream of academic librarianship in Canada. It’s not a perfect agreement – I think probably no negotiating unit agreement is – but it’s a good agreement that provides the basis for building on in the future renewals of that agreement. It provides them with academic status with the possibility of doing research, which is something that normally academic librarians do as part of their job. So it moves them from the academic status of support staff and I think that’s a big thing.

Their academic freedom has been recognized.

WN: While one contract has been ratified, another, the faculty association’s, is still in the works. Are things progressing normally?

KC: It’s depends on what you would call the norm. We’re not in the homestretch. When we negotiated our first collective agreement it took two years; the second one for the faculty agreement took about 18 months. We gave notice to bargain on May 1 and we’ve been at the bargaining table for the better part of five months, although I think for both administration and the union some of the bargaining time and energy went to complete the librarians and archivists collective agreement. There have been negotiations ongoing since May for the faculty agreement, but they gained momentum once we came to an agreement on the librarians and archivists.

I’m cautiously optimistic in the sense that we’ve been doing full-day negotiating sessions, but now that classes have started some of the sessions have to be half-days to accommodate people’s teaching schedules. But I’d still say we’re negotiating intensively. I don’t think it will take 18 months again this time. There is a lot we’ve already established in the collective agreement, but there are also problems we’ve become aware of over the last couple of years; things that we feel strongly need to be fixed. Some of those are things the general membership may not be aware of - that come out of our experiences with grievances and that kind of ethical pressure. In that kind of ambiguity or areas where we thought our members were better protected than they actually were by the language that was in there. So there are things I think our members are very aware of, like compensation for the extra and other things that come out of the ongoing work of the union that we become aware of over time.

I think the areas of concern are becoming clearer now as discussions go back and forth across the bargaining table. It’s becoming clear where the points of conflict or sticking points are. So it’s very hard to predict how long it will take. But I think that both sides are trying to think creatively about how to make the process along, and I think that’s positive.

WN: Western is working on its Strategic Plan, setting the course of action for the university over the next few years. UWOFA has come out against the document as presented. What language do you think the university will want to see from it instead?

KC: Plans like these do orient the planning process in the university. I would rather see a commitment to faculty renewal integrated in the collective agreement than in the Strategic Plan, because that’s something where there’s a form of enforcement given that the Strategic Plan points to the need for more probationary and tenured faculty. I think that one thing we need to do is say we commit to increasing the number of probationary and tenured faculty in order to fulfill some of these other commitments around student engagement - that would be something we would have to have in there.

It’s not that it’s vague - there are a lot of areas identified as priority areas but there is not a lot of telling explaining how the priorities are going to be met. Certainly one of the fundamental issues I mentioned in my response to the Strategic Plan is the expansion in graduate enrolment. But that is something that seems to me very much tied to the expansion of just the faculty complement, but faculty positions that are tenured and tenure-track are needed because the people who have within their workload, normally research, to deal with it.

What we’ve seen in recent years is an expansion in the number of limited-term full-time positions, many of which, not all of which, focus primarily on teaching in the classroom. So although some of these people do do research, it’s not recognized as part of their workload and if we expand those kinds of appointments that will not necessarily figure in and help with this whole issue of expanding graduate enrolment. So we’re concerned to make sure that the workload of a faculty member isn’t increased without the resources.

What are the actually commitments we’re trying to make sure that this is not just a place where you have a best student experience, but also the best faculty experience? And if we focus on the classroom, then faculty are key to that. So we have to make sure the commitments to the students don’t come at the cost of the faculty. We’d like to see what the commitments are in terms of the resources that will allow faculty to try and improve the student experience.

WN: UWOFA mentions in its critique of the Strategic Plan the university would be better served as a “self-organizing community” as opposed to one that is managed. Can you explain?

KC: There’s a long history of faculty being involved in governing the institution and governing themselves in a way. So there are all kinds of processes by which academic communities regulate themselves. Processes of peer review, for instance. It’s other scholars who evaluate who within the faculty of terms of grant applications or submission of manuscripts. There are even ethical standards or guidelines that are developed by different professional bodies. There’s an ongoing process people evaluate the work in which we evaluate each other and ensure that quality is maintained in the work through these processes.

So we feel we don’t actually need management to provide the incentive to make us do good work because there are already all kinds of incentives in place to ensure that there is maintenance of quality. It’s not necessarily feed in and help in the scholarly community. There seems to be a move towards the more managerial culture and the way we feel is inconsistent with the whole history of universities and colleges. And I think some of the problems we’re seeing across the negotiating table are also moving in that direction.

WN: You have chosen to leave the classroom while you lead UWOFA. How has that transition worked for you?

KC: No, I’m not teaching this year. As far as I know, in recent years (Jane Tan (UWOFA Past President) was on the only one who did the teaching as well. I understand why she did that. I miss the teaching, but I really miss being in front of the classroom, but I just don’t have the energy that Jane had to be able to try and manage so many things. I really don’t know how she did it, but she did – and she did it successfully. But I’m not James Towsell.

I also have three young children (7, 5, 3), so that provides some of the other constraints on my energy and time. I had to think realistically what I could do this year in this role and it didn’t include any teaching. It’s a very interesting role to be in. It’s a fascinating work role and I’m very happy with the role and I’m enjoying it. Last year (as UWOFA Vice-President) really prepared me; that’s where the real learning curve is. I still haven’t had enough to learn, but I feel last year showed me where to go to find the information I need.

This is the put-into-action year. Next year will be the elder statesman, graciously receding into the background year.
B2B success prompts program growth

With Jeremy Adams (BA'94) chairing his first meeting as Alumni Association president, the board dealt with a wide range of issues at its regular general meeting this week, including the achievement of the B2B program.

Launching from last year’s success with 13 events (seven were sold out) attended by 839 students and young alumni, with 57 alumni guest speakers, partners of Backpack 2 Briefcase will focus on providing a limited number of signature events to students across all faculties. Unique marketing efforts will be employed to generate further curiosity and attendance by students on campus and young alumni living in the London region. Tentative event topics include:

- Wine Tasting, November 2006
- Team Work - It’s Different Out There, November 2006
- Dining Etiquette, November 2006
- Defining Success: One Alumnus’ Experience, January 2007
- What Not to Wear, February 2007
- Life After an Act Sci or Stats Degree, February 2007
- Taking Advantage of Online Job Search, February 2007
- Social Networking, March 2007

For information visit: www.alumni.uwo.ca/b2b

STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Communications Committee is developing a new Alumni Association Strategic Plan to reflect the new directions of Western's Engaging the Future strategic planning document.

As a mirror of Western's new mission as "the best student experience among Canada's leading research-intensive universities" the Alumni Association wants to provide "the best alumni experience."

The Association's Executive Committee meeting Aug. 2 initiated the process by setting out themes for consideration:

- Growth – how to manage dramatically increasing alumni membership (5,000 plus annually), challenges of growing needs for quality programming and the need for increased numbers of volunteers
- Activism – strengthened roles alumni might play in the future affairs of the university
- Profile – increasing recognition of alumni and the association as equal partners/collaborators with Western's students, staff and faculty on matters of mutual interest.

LONDON SENIOR ALUMNI FALL PROGRAM

The Senior Alumni Program in London kicked off on Sept. 12 and will run until December 5. Registration has surpassed 380. The Senior Alumni group recently became members of Western’s 1878 Societies in recognition of cumulative giving exceeding $100,000. Fees from each session are directed to the Senior Alumni Scholarship and Bursary Funds. Vice-President (External) Ted Garrard presented the group with their recognition piece and said 27 students had been assisted to date. On Oct. 31, Ontario’s Lieutenant Governor, James Bartleman will speak to the group.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Courses aimed to assist alumni with career development and competitive employment search skills will be offered beginning in October and November with partners Youth Opportunities Unlimited and Continuing Studies at Western.

The career development programs began as a pilot project in 2004, successfully serving more than 80 young alumni. Career development courses will be hosted in two different formats, an in-class module and an online module, offering life long learning opportunities to alumni in London and around the world. For upcoming course dates and fee information visit www.alumni.uwo.ca/yacareers/index.htm.
Homecomings at Western are starting to be a family affair for Clifford Reeves (BA ’56), while he’ll be returning to campus this weekend for his 50th reunion, his daughter Susan Riggin (BA ’84) is also a proud alumna while granddaughter Lauren (first-year AEO) will soon be part of an alumni family.

Campus prep for ‘purple’ invasion

By Bob Klanač

Homecoming is Western’s longest-standing and most beloved tradition but it’s truly more an idea than an event. At its core is the chance for alumni to return to campus to see friends often so close they could be family. Yet only Western’s alumni can transform this wonderful idea into an event.

The alumni so crucial to making Homecoming 2006 a success will be arriving on campus to take in an enormous range of activities on September 29 – October 1. This fall more than 15,000 of Western’s finest are returning to the place they once called home, one of the largest homecomings in the country.

“Homecoming at Western is big, special and purple,” says Anne Baxter, Western’s Homecoming 2006 Chairperson. “It’s become a part of the fabric of this city. Each year thousands of graduates return to London and Western’s campus from all over the world to relive their student experience with old friends, former classmates and professors. It is truly a time to be purple and proud.”

The traditional Homecoming Staples will be in place. The exuberant Saturday morning parade will wind its way from London’s core to the Western campus. The afternoon gridiron match starts at 2 p.m. when Western’s Mustangs face off against the Windsor Lancers.

The festivities kick off Friday night with the Alumni Awards Dinner which this year highlights the achievements of Peter Rechzimer, Jim Silcox, Ed Holder and M. J. DeSouza among others. The Homecoming Hospitality Tent welcomes one and all on Saturday and Sunday in an enormous range of activities and faculty displays.

Also at the tent will be a barbeque lunch hosted by the Faculty of Social Science providing some body fuel prior to the 2 p.m. football match.

Another lunch option is a pre-game luncheon in the stadium’s south end zone. Individual class and faculty tents will be set up there to allow alumni to catch up with classmates.

In the evening, the 100th anniversary of the student newspaper, the Gazette will be celebrated with more than 200 Gazette alumni (see story Page 1). The Golden Anniversary Dinner in Somerville’s Great Hall will allow graduates of 1956 and earlier a chance to celebrate friendships made all the more valued over the years.

While it has been said there is no such thing as a free lunch, no one said anything about breakfast. Sunday morning’s Pancake Breakfast in the Hospitality tent at TD Waterhouse is indeed free although registration is preferred.

For the latest information on Homecoming 2006, including the wide range of faculty events and branch and chapter activities, please visit: www.westernhomecoming.uwo.ca.

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back to campus.

“That’s one of those legendary stories that’s often told. It’s those characters that sort of stick out for people.”

Ian Van Den Hurk, who currently sits in the Editor’s chair at the Gazette, clearly feels the weight of Gazette tradition on his staff’s shoulders as they do their homefront preparations for the reunion.

“When I took on the job it was a little intimidating,” he admits. “We looked at the papers from way back. You’re pretty proud to be part of that history.”

In Van Den Hurk’s hands the current Gazette maintains the strong tradition of tweaking noses, sensibilities and ego. It could be argued that the paper’s long tradition for irreverence is a defacto position requirement for incoming staff.

“I don’t know if people are trying to live up to anything,” Van Den Hurk says. “It just draws those types of people. I don’t think people walk into the door to think people want to live up to anything.”

Scott Peschuk is trying to set up a football game for the Friday night,” Barker says. “It could be a painful sight to witness middle-aged alumni puffing it out on the gridiron.

“It was painful to watch at the time,” Barker chuckles. “The Gazette didn’t attract a lot of star athletes. Our diet and lifestyle didn’t exactly lend itself to that.”
Alaszkiewicz was named for Elfrida Berzins, coach of basketball and track. "Elfrida Berzins Award Recipients (Women's Athletic Alumnae) for 1999 and 2000 were: Mike Barry (BA'80), Wrestling; and Trian Nolke, Gary Blazak, will host the event. Dr. Gail DeSousa says her family is her main source of motivation. "Western provided me with all the tools to build confidence, stress management and interpersonal skills," she says."
Some of the people are guilty but it's very hard to prove innocence that far after the fact. Speculation about the number of wrongly convicted in Canada is vexing issue for Sherrin. "That's the million-dollar question," he says. "It's hard to quantify with any precision. My personal feeling is that 30, the officially declared number of wrongly convicted, is too low. There's more than that. But how many more I couldn't say."

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New to London, Sherrin, 39 and his young family are still exploring the city.

“"We haven't been here that long but I've been hearing about London being great for kids. I have two young kids so I spend most of my time with them.”

Sherrin admits that with his teaching, research and family life he doesn't have much time left over for other interests. “I don't do any of the things we used to do before we had kids. We used to do cross country skiing, biking, that sort of thing. I have lots of other interests but I have two young kids so I spend most of my time with them.”
Survivor-like Imagine Cup win ‘awesome’

BY BOB KLANAC

A group of Western students that took top film honours at the Microsoft-sponsored Imagine Cup 2006 are back on campus this fall, still reeling from the experience.

Western students Nick Haffie-Emslie, Sam Chow, Ryan Marr and Meg Majewski represented Canada in the Short Film Category with their film Paper Heart at competition finals in Delhi, India, August 6 to 12.

The team of filmmakers, won the $8,000 first prize purse over five other filmmaking teams from around the world.

“It was awesome, it was really cool,” says Haffie-Emslie. “I’d been to the two previous ones but this was the first year we actually took the big prize.”

The annual global technology competition is designed to show students real-world opportunities available through technology.

Paper Heart is a dark fairy tale about a young girl who finds a damaged heart in the forest. After taking it back to her small cottage, she enlists the help of a local inventor and nurses it back to health. Although Paper Heart landed them a slot in the Imagine Cup, their win came from a film they produced at the competition. The 36-hour on-site film challenge involved making a documentary about the Imagine Cup experience.

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“Ryan had actually made a movie back in high school with a similar cardboard character as someone’s boss called Four Sides, Perpendicular to The Base. So we spun that off to the Trevor Watson Story,” Haffie-Emslie says.

At the awards ceremony where the winners were announced, the filmmakers were momentarily startled by the announcement of the runners-up.

“These were the films that we thought would win,” Haffie-Emslie says. When we heard them being given second- and third-place awards, it slowly dawned on us that we might get the first prize.”

With the buzz of the award fading as fall begins, Haffie-Emslie and Sam Chow are back on campus in their fourth year of the film program.

“We’re just getting back into the swing of things, back to school,” Haffie-Emslie says. “In terms of new projects, I’m not really sure. I’d like to make a film this semester but I don’t have anything really planned right now. Sam and I will probably end up working again in some capacity.”

To watch Paper Heart and The Trevor Watson Story, go to www.paperheartfilm.com

In Paper Heart, Film Studies graduate Meg Majewski is a young girl who discovers the role of innovation in preserving life and love. The short film won a largely Western team a shortlist place on the Imagine Cup competition, which they won in August.
Major authors reading from new books

The Book Store at Western's 10th annual author series, Autumn Writes, kicks off next week with three major authors reading from their new books. Noah Richler, Mary Lawson and David Adams Richards open Autumn Writes on Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wolf Performance Hall in the Central Library in downtown London.

Richler's new book, This Is My Country, What’s Yours? A Literary Atlas of Canada is an impassioned literary travelogue and a vivid portrayal of our society, the work of Canadian authors, and the idea of writing itself. Based on Richler's 10-part documentary of the same name, it was originally broadcast on CBC Radio's Ideas program in spring 2005.

Nominated for the Man Booker Prize, Mary Lawson's book, The Other Side of the Bridge is a heartbreaking story about tempting fate and living with the consequences. Set in Northern Ontario, Lawson's novel examines how World War II affected Canada and how those that stayed home were affected and how important the farms were to the war effort.

Award winning author, David Adams Richards will read from The Friends of Meager Fortune. The novel is a profound and important book about the hands and the heart, about true greatness and true weakness; about the relentlessness of fate and the evil that men and women do. Wise, stark, and without a false word in it, it cements Adams Richards' claim to be the finest novelist at work in Canada today.

Tickets for the event are $5 and on sale at The Book Store at Western, Books Plus & the Central Library with proceeds to A Book For Every Child.

Other Book Store events are also on tap later in the fall. Where there is an admission charge, tickets can be purchased from The Book Store at Western, Books Plus & the Central Library and proceeds benefit A Book For Every Child.

Paul Wells - Right Side Up: The Upside of Down: Catastrophe, Creativity and the Renewal of Civilization
Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m., no charge
Wolf Performance Hall, Central Library
Tickets $5

Wayne Johnston - Custodian of Paradise
Ana Rau Badami - Can You Hear the Nightbird?
Timothy Taylor - Story House
Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m.
Wolf Performance Hall, Central Library
Tickets $5

Thomas Homer Dixon - The Will of the People: Churchill and Parliamentary Democracy
Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m., no charge
Conron Hall, University College, University of Western Ontario

Exploring mad professors, witches

Western's Philosophy Department is turning to the study of its history for their annual lecture series.

Philosophy in History: Critical Thoughts in Critical Times is a four-part lecture series that focuses on the role of history in the study of philosophy.

The lectures take place on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. from October 4 to 25 at the Stevenson & Hunt Meeting Room A in the Central Branch of the London Public Library. Admission to the talks is free.

As the notes for the series make clear, the history of its discipline is crucial to philosophers “because critical engagement with older traditions is a vital part of their present-day work.”

The questions with which philosophy began continue to challenge philosophers. The work of their predecessors, ancient and modern, is a rich source of insight into present predicaments and influences thinking on every matter of human importance, from science and medicine to politics, theology, and morality.

Specific dates and topics include:

October 4, 2006
Professor Robert DiSalle
Philosophy in History: Beginning Reflections

October 11
Professor Karen Margrethe Nielsen
Socrates in the Clouds: Philosophy as Mad Professor and Martyr

October 18
Professor Lorne Falkenstein
Religious Fanaticism, Extremism, and Terrorism: Lessons from David Hume

October 25
Professor Ben Hill
Witches and Geneticists: Natural vs. Artificial Life in the Renaissance and Modern Eras
Thousands visit Western sites

If you open it, they will come. Western venues that were part of the recent Doors Open London event had their doors opened very wide for the two-day event on September 23 – 24.

While a number of Western venues saw robust traffic of 100 to 500 visits per facility, two recent additions to the event, Gibbons Lodge and the Boundary Layer Wind Tunnel, saw almost 1,500 visitors each over the two days.

“It was bedlam.”

Peter King, Wind Tunnel

Doors Open organizers had told the Wind Tunnel’s Research Director Peter King to expect 200 to 300 visitors. By the time King dropped by on Saturday to see how his two student volunteers were doing, he was stunned.

“It was bedlam,” he laughs. “We were going all day, 50 people in a tour and the last tour didn’t go through until 5 p.m.”

“It was interesting watching the kids, seeing the lights and wheels going around in their heads thinking ‘hey maybe I’d like to do this.’

Doors Open London is a celebration of architectural heritage, with historic and architecturally significant buildings opening their doors to the public, free of charge.

Western’s role has steadily increased over the years. This year, eight venues were open.

- The Arthur and Sonia Labatt Health Sciences Building
- The Boundary Layer Wind Tunnel Laboratory
- Conron Hall, University College
- Gibbons Lodge, official residence of Western’s President
- McIntosh Gallery
- Western Mustangs locker room at TD Waterhouse Stadium
- Huron University College
- Diocese of Huron Archives (at Huron University College)

“We were so delighted to have such a broad range of Doors Open sites from Western this year, including heritage sites and newer buildings that tell the history of campus events and research,” says Genet Hodder, Chair of the Doors Open London organizing committee.

“The university is such a large part of London’s communal heritage, and it was exciting to see more doors open on campus during this year’s event.”

It was the first time the president’s home, Gibbons Lodge, has been open to the public in this way and the feedback was tremendous.

Marcia Steyaert, Community Relations Specialist at Western and a member of the Doors Open London organizing committee, was a volunteer at Gibbons Lodge.

“It was just amazing to see the numbers of people who came to see Gibbons,” she says. “One woman had worked for the original owner, Helen Beresford Gibbons, between 1939 and 1941 and it was her first time back since then. Everyone was so grateful to the Davenport’s and the University for opening up the house and grounds to the public in this way.”

For more information on Doors Open, check out www.heritagelondonfoundation.org/DoorsOpen/index.htm.
Solid market helps university finances

Western’s combined financial statements look good once again, thanks in large part to more than doubling of investment return this past year.

“We’ve done very well in the market.”

Lynn Logan
Associate Vice-President
Financial Services

“We’ve done very well in the market,” says Lynn Logan, Associate Vice-President Financial Services at Western. The university’s net investment return was 12.9 per cent, providing the university with net investment return of $4.26 million, down slightly from $4.43 million in the past year.

Other factors that affected the bottom line included increased revenues in areas such as government grants for general operations, student fees, and sales and services. However, increased expenses were incurred in areas including salaries and benefits, operating costs, and taxes and utilities.

Students halted assault

London police issued citizen certificates to Western students Benjamin Hicks and Sean Deveaux for responding to a woman’s screams on a busy downtown street earlier this year.

The men were walking on Richmond Street near Grosvenor Street early in the morning of Jan. 14 when they heard screams from a woman.

The pair stopped to assist the woman and pursued the assailant. Although the attacker escaped, the students later identified the man based on photos in a student yearbook.

The certificates were presented to the students at last week’s meeting of the London Police Services Board.

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For first-year music student Geoff Lee, homework takes a little more out of him than others - breath that is. Lee, surrounded by flutes, trumpets and pianos in adjoining practice rooms, spent part of Wednesday afternoon catching up on some tuba pieces in the Don Wright Faculty of Music.

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‘Gentle’ Bill mentor for generation of zoologists

William (Bill) Stewart Hoar, Professor Emeritus of Zoology, University of British Columbia and honorary degree recipient from the University of Western Ontario (1978), died June 13 at age 92, in Vancouver following an infection.

Bill was a mentor for a generation of zoologists; particularly, fish physiologists around the globe.

Bill grew up in the warmth of an extended family on Hoar’s Dairy Farm, near Moncton, New Brunswick. At age one he contracted polio which left him with a lame leg. The withered leg changed prospects for this first-born son who should have managed and inherited the family farm. His parents encouraged him to look to a teaching career. The leg prevented his starting school until his younger brother was big enough to drive the horse and cart. Bill soon caught up and excelled in the one-room school, winning a Beaverbrook scholarship to study at the University of New Brunswick.

Graduating in 1934, he was offered a post as demonstrator/research assistant at the University of Western Ontario. This led him to the love of his life, Myra, who was head demonstrator in Zoology. She became his good friend and eventually wife, after he completed a PhD at Boston University and accepted a teaching post back at his first alma mater, UNB.

Unable to serve in the traditional fashion during the Second World War, he was sent to the Toronto Medical School to learn how to set up blood clinics for UNB. He overcame a fear of hurting someone with the hand-sharpened needles only after Dr. Charlie Best (of insulin fame) told him, “Young man, you will never get anywhere if you are afraid to make a mistake. That’s how you learn.”

In 1942 Bill’s summer research on dog blood involved heparin as an anti-coagulant. When this appeared the only answer for Myra’s troubles after their first child’s birth, his boss sent him to save her with pockets full of the medication (unregulated and, it is believed, the first use in humans).

Also during the war, a colleague discovered Bill’s red-green colour blindness and he became involved in vision experiments detecting camouflage for the military. His colour challenges amused his children and when asked “what colour is that”, his sense of fun prompted the usual replies of “sky-blue-pink” or “tartan”. Despite this challenge, he loved flowers of all colours and his garden was a source of relaxation until his leg would no longer hold him up.

After the war Myra’s dedication catalyzed his career forward. She encouraged him to move west to UBC, regularly entertaining faculty and students, proofreading manuscripts for Bill’s text books and raising their four children; sons, Stewart and David, born in the east and daughters, Kenzie and Melanie, in the west.

Bill had a remarkable ability to see the best in others. In difficult situations he would always counsel, “Sleep on it before you react.” As head of UBC Zoology and “father” to many “academic children” he is remembered by students, faculty and staff for his ability to encourage excellence through a friendly, casual and genuinely supportive approach. Several of his “academic children” have carried this teaching on in universities across Canada.

Bill was an avid letter writer, journalist and author who left a record of productivity that did not stop at retirement. He represented Canada on NATO scientific boards and other scientific committees around the world. He completed a third edition of his comparative physiology textbook, worked on joint authored publications and published four family history books.

He received the Order of Canada and seven honorary degrees but, despite international recognition, it was family that really mattered. His seven grandchildren enjoyed time with him at home, travelling and at his summer retreat. His seven great-grandchildren share memories of their gentle Great-grampie.

The deaths of Bill’s beloved Myra, whom he nursed through a long illness, and his daughter, Kenzie, who lost an even longer battle to multiple sclerosis, didn’t defeat him. Quoting poetry was a favourite pastime and the family could always count on something appropriate. In the last years, it was often “Do not go gentle into that good night” (Dylan Thomas).

In the end, “gentle” was what he did best.

Lemon community leader

Honorary degree recipient (1982) Ken Lemon died this week at the age of 89.

The highly respected leader in the London community and within his church opened the London office of Clarkson Gordon and Co. (now Ernst & Young) in 1948 with just six clients and rose through the ranks, retiring in 1983 as executive partner with partners and staff of 220 persons and hundreds of clients.

Within his profession, Lemon was Chair of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario, was recognized as a fellow Chartered Accountant in 1956 and received an Award of Outstanding Merit in 1985. His workplace colleagues recognized his contribution with the KW Lemon Endowment Fund in 1983 at Ivey Business School.

Yet it was for work outside the office that Lemon became more widely appreciated. At various times Lemon was President of the YM-YWCA of London, Chair of St. Joseph’s Health Centre, Chair of St. Mary’s Hospital, Chair of Executive Board of Huron College and Huron College Foundation, President of the United Way and numerous other agencies and boards.

The funeral service takes place today from St. James (Westminster) Church on Askin Street.

Donations can be made to the KW Lemon Endowment Fund at Ivey, St. James (Westminster) Foundation, or London YMCA Foundation.
A central Web site displays advertisements for all vacant academic positions. The following positions are among those advertised at www.uwo.ca/jobs/facultyrecruitment/jobs/index-ops.html. Please review, or contact the faculty, school or department directly.

FULL-TIME ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Faculty of Social Science, Department of Political Science - applications are invited for a probationary (tenure-track) appointment in American Politics and International Relations to commence July 1, 2007. Rank is expected to be at the level of Assistant Professor. However, if qualifications and experience warrant a higher rank, the appointment may be made at the rank of Associate Professor or Professor with tenure.

Closing date: December 1, 2006.

Faculty of Social Science, Department of Psychology - applications are invited for a probationary (tenure-track) or tenured appointment at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor in any cognate area of Psychology with demonstrated expertise in teaching undergraduate and graduate classes and a record of research productivity. Review of applications will commence on December 1, 2006, and will continue until the position is filled.

Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Dean's Office - applications are invited for an appointment as Associate Dean of the Windsor Program of the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry and as Director of Medical Studies at the University of Windsor. This position will be located in Windsor, Ontario. Closing date: Considerations of candidates will begin in the fall 2006.

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

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Faculty & Staff
Theodore Lo has been appointed Acting Chair, Biochemistry, until Aug 31, 2007.
Kem Roger has been appointed Associate Dean, Basic Medical Sciences Undergraduate Education, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry until Aug 31, 2009.
Richard Secco has been appointed Assistant Dean, Graduate and International Research, Faculty of Science, until Aug 31, 2008.

The School of Occupational Therapy had a high profile at the 41st Congress of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists, held in Sydney, Australia in July. Lynn Shaw presented a full-day pre-congress workshop titled Evaluating cognitive and behavioural demands of work. Improving rate accuracy and implications for RTT success, as well as a poster co-authored with BHSc student Margaret Liu titled Empowering consumer participation in employment supports: Facilitators and strategies. Also, she presented on the panel titled Living longer, driving longer: Understanding the mobility needs of older adults, co-authored with Janice Miller-Polgar and PhD candidate Brenda Vrkljan. Lastly, she presented a half-day workshop titled Insurance based toolkit for use by therapists in promoting safe transportation for seniors, co-authored by MSC(OT) candidate Martha Korzycki, MSC candidate Anelise Sailes, Jill Jacobson, PhD candidate Brenda Vrkljan, and colleague Dr. Jan Polgar. Ann Bossers, faculty member, presented a paper co-authored with MSC(OT) alumnus Melissa Lee, Vikki Madden, Kate Mason, Susan Rice, and Jennifer Wybur titled Occupational meaning and adaptation in adults with dementia. Tricia Iordanos, MSC(OT) candidate, presented a paper co-authored with faculty members Ann Bossers and Lisa Klinger, titled Understanding the factors affecting volunteering within the occupational therapy profession.

Please send submissions to newseditor@uwo.ca

Exploring enablers and barriers to international experiences. She also presented a poster titled Why 1000 fieldwork hours? Exploring multi-site evidence. Debbie Rudman, faculty member, presented a paper co-authored with MSC student Silke Dennhardt titled Shaping the knowledge base of occupational therapy. The influence of cultural ways of knowing on the concept of occupational identity. Sandra Hobson, faculty member, presented a paper co-authored with BHSc student Martha Korzycki titled Safe transportation for senior, co-authored with BHSc student Margaret Liu, and colleague Tamekah Eves titled Evidence of the factors affecting volunteering within the occupational therapy profession. 

Interested applicants should forward a CV and the names and contact information of applicable references by October 15, 2006 to: Director of Human Resources, Robarts Research Institute, P.O. Box 5015, 100 Perth Drive, London, Ontario, N6A 5K8, Fax: 519-463-2988, e-mail: resumes@robarts.ca.

Appreciation is expressed to all who respond to this advertisement, however, only those to be interviewed will be contacted.

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研究技术员

A full-time Research Technician position is available in the laboratory of Dr. David Hess at the Krembil Centre for Stem Cell Biology and the Robarts Research Institute, Canada’s largest privately funded research facility. Our laboratory currently investigates the mechanisms by which transplanted adult human stem cells contribute to the regeneration of diseased, damaged, or ischemic tissues. Specific applications of this work include the modulation of blood vessel formation in hypoxic microenvironments and stem cell directed regeneration of insulin production in beta cells. This research will involve state of the art cellular and molecular biology techniques including the isolation of human stem cells from adult (non-embryonic) sources, primary stem cell culture, transplantation using immune deficient animal models, fluorescence activated cell sorting, confocal microscopy, recombinant DNA technology and genomics.

The successful candidate will possess at minimum a B.Sc./M.Sc. and should have significant skills and experience in molecular biology and cell culture techniques. In addition, the candidate must be a highly motivated team player who is keen on expanding their current technical expertise. Applicants possessing sound computer skills and experience working with animals will also be given preference. Salary will be commensurate with experience and level of training.

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Science Top 10

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5. The View From The Center Of The Universe by Joel Primack


7. Secrets Of The Old One Einstein, 1905 by Jeremy Bernstein

8. The Physics Of Superheroes by James Kakalios

9. The Devil's Doctor: Paracelsus And The World Of Renaissance Magic by David Quammen

10. The Reluctant Mr. Darwin: An Intimate Portrait Of Charles Darwin by David Bodanis

How Western measures up

A regular feature on key Western performance and activity measures

What is measured in the graph?

The number of full-time, first-year students living in Western student residences as a percentage of full-time first-year student population.

Why is it measured?

The guarantee of a first-year residence space has been fundamental to achieving the recruitment objectives of the Strategic Plan.

What does it mean?

Among the hallmarks of the Western undergraduate experience is the commitment to an offer of a residence place for all first-year students. This has become increasingly important to prospective students and their parents because of the compressed Ontario secondary school curriculum and the resulting younger postsecondary incoming class.

Through construction of new residences and effective use of existing residences, Western increased the proportion of first-year students in residence through the double cohort period. With the passage of the double cohort, the proportion of first-year students in residence has stabilized at approximately 75 per cent.

Source: Western's 2006 Performance and Activity annual report

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- **FURNITURE FOR SALE**
  - Desk / TV Stand
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- **WEBSITES**
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  - www.lambethlancers.com

**Miscellaneous Services**

- **Castanets Technique Workshop and Spanish Classical and Bolero Dance** - Saturday, October 28th, 2006, 9:00 to 10:30 am (castanets class) Fees: 35 without castanets (castanets available upon request, sold separately) 2.00 to 4.00 pm (Spanish Classical Dance and Bolero school) Fees: 45, both workshops special 75. Laurie-Ann’s School of Dance. Instructor: Maribel Centurion, from the Royal Winnipeg Ballet. Organized by the Flamenco Dance Studio London. To register call 519-423-5471 or email FDSL@flamencodancelondon.com

For Classifieds, call 519-661-2045 or send email to advertise@huronel.ca. Rates: faculty and staff - $15, others and services/commercial ads - $20. If more than 35 words, please add 50 cents per word. Payment must accompany ads. Submit by noon, Thursday to Western News, Room 335, Stevenson-Lawson Bldg. No refunds.

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As autumn approaches, local gaggles of Canada geese take to the air and assemble the familiar V formations as they make their way down south. The fact that these waterfowl (and what they leave behind) are so easily spotted on Western’s campus acts as first-hand experience to what wildlife researchers have noticed over the past few years – that most waterfowl populations are on the rise. While that may be true for Canada geese, Scott Petrie who is the Research Director of the Long Point Waterfowl & Wetland Research and Adjunct Professor at Western’s Department of Biology has seen a different and alarming trend with other birds. Since the mid 1980s, the numbers of the Lesser and Greater Scaup have dropped by 3.5 million birds. He and a group of researchers within the Long Point group have been looking for the reasons behind the decline.

During their investigation, the team noticed the decline of the scaup began around the same time as the introduction of the zebra mussel into the Great Lakes. Petrie and the team noticed the concentration of selenium was heavy in zebra mussels collected directly from birds. They also noted selenium concentrations in the mussels were heaviest in the spring, which is just prior to the time that the birds reproduce. Zebra mussels poisoning scaup waterfowl

Team member Shannon Badzinski releases a Lesser Scaup recently implanted with a 38-gram transmitter.

Photos by Theodore Smith

The shallow, marshy waters of Long Point are a haven for waterfowl.

BY MITCHELL ZIMMER

Selenium is a semi-metallic element that is a required in trace amounts for good health. In slightly higher concentrations however, the element can be toxic. According to Petrie, when birds are introduced to a selenium contaminated diet, tissues quickly accumulate the element. When the source of the selenium is removed the birds rapidly excrete the excess amounts.

The problem is that females use the egg as a route of selenium excretion. If the load is too high, reproduction can be impacted. This may be a problem for scaup since 94 per cent of the Greater Scaup and 77 per cent of the Lesser Scaup that Petrie and his colleagues have collected from the lower Great Lakes in spring showed elevated selenium burdens.

Petrie and the team are unsure how long the scaup retain selenium and if it is affecting their reproductive output once they arrive on the breeding grounds. To fill in these gaps in the data the group has undertaken a study to determine migration routes, timing of the migration and breeding destinations.

In 2005, the group engaged in a satellite-tracking study. They live-captured Lesser Scaup from Long Point Bay and surgically implanted small satellite transmitters into each female. After recovery birds were released into the wild and their progress tracked.