Sports and Recreation gallops to new leadership

BY PAUL MAYNE

WESTERN SPORTS AND Recreation Services will continue its “proud tradition of excellence” under new leadership as the unit shifts under the leadership of the Associate Vice-President (Student Experience) portfolio, assured Health Sciences Dean Jim Weese. Senate approved the change at its Dec. 4 meeting.

“We have a proud tradition of excellence in our sport and recreation programs at Western,” Weese said. “We continue to lead the country in the number of academic all-Canadians; we hold leadership programs in our sports; our coaches and administrative staff are the best in the country; our Campus Recreation program is considered the top program in the country.”

Sports and Recreation Services has responsibility for all recreational, intramural and fitness sports on campus, along with varsity athletics, and plays a big role in student recruitment, retention, enrichment and preparation.

Since 1971, Sports and Recreation Services has fallen under the Faculty of Physical Education and Athletics, later, the Dean of Kinesiology and, more recently, the Dean of Health Sciences. A number of changes have transpired in both Sports and Recreation Services and Kinesiology/Health Sciences over the years, and the new reporting structure follows the recommendations of the Crawford, Mahon and Moran (September 2011) review, Setting a Place at the Table for SRS: Report of the Review of UWO Sports and Recreation Services.

This latest realignment is similar to the administrative structures in place at other Canadian universities, and responds well to the newly created Student Experience portfolio at Western, led by Jana Luker.

Weese said Sports and Recreation Services is now matched with like-minded units and funding sources, such as the Student Success Centre and the Student Development Centre, and reflects the focus where student athletes and campus recreation participants are drawn from all Western faculties – and all three university colleges – and not exclusively from the School of Kinesiology in Health Sciences.

The change also reflects a major shift in emphasis within the School of Kinesiology to one less focused on sport and more aligned with human movement and health, and the employment realities of contemporary university coaches and recreation personnel, added Weese, with future programming in the School of Kinesiology reflecting that change.

“The move also responds to the current and future changes in leadership and background of leaders in the Faculty of Health Sciences,” he continued.

Since the Sports and Recreation Services move is a “reporting change only,” Kinesiology will still have access to SRS programs for research and/or applied learning opportunities, as will colleagues from other faculties.

“We have every reason to be proud of our program’s accomplishments, and the administrative shift to the new portfolio will support sustained excellence in the years ahead.”

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From classrooms to playing fields, from long-serving legends to our freshest faces, Western News presents the best photographs of 2015.

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Calling for a fair deal for TAs across campus

BY PAUL ST-PÉRE, CLIFF DAVIDSON AND INDIAN MEHRAK.POY

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANTS (TAs) at Western are currently locked off the university. Life is extraneous for precarious and precariously employed graduate students. Making it difficult to be both an effective educator and a good student. We seek a fair deal in exchange for our many contributions to Western’s success.

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This past year has offered much shooting while fulfilling different assignments. One of my favourite projects in recent years was the Western News special edition celebrating the anniversary of Einstein’s Theory of General Relativity. From assembling a mosaic of Einstein puppets to studio photography, it quickly turned into the issue I’m proud of the most. This photo of Christopher Smeenk, the Director of the Rotman Institute of Philosophy, is a good representation of the fun I had.

Where I really get excited, is when I can combine my photography with creative concepts and advanced post-processing. In these miniatures of the Western News photography team, I hope you enjoy them as much as I enjoyed creating them.
BARRY L. CRAIG has been appointed the Huron 1 Read series coordinator. Craig is currently Vice-President (Academic and Research) at St. Thomas University and was announced as the inaugural selection for Huron 1 Read, a common reading program meant to foster a connection among Huron students across all disciplines. The Huron Library launched the program last fall, providing a copy of the book to all incoming first-year students at their summer transition session.

The book was the inaugural selection for Huron 1 Read, a program which offered liberal arts lectures on ethics to all entering students. This first session of Huron 1 Read culminated with last week’s opportunity last week to present reflections and questions to Harris, as well as members of the broader Western community, had an opportunity last week to present reflections and questions to writer and journalist Michael Harris, after collectively reading his most recent award-winning book, The End of Absence: Reclaiming What We’ve Lost in a World of Constant Connection.

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Students studying for final exams at the D. B. Weldon Library were treated to a little background music this week as Western Performs! played a mini concert in the library atrium. Cellist Sophie Stryniak was one of more than a dozen performers who showcased their talents at the monthly concert series, supported by Western Libraries. Western Performs! brings together the talents of students from the Don Wright Faculty of Music and the School for Advanced Studies in the Arts and Humanities (SASAH). The next scheduled SASAH concert will be at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 19 in the Weldon atrium, featuring a preview of the opera Falstaff by Giuseppe Verdi. For more on the concert series, visit music.uwo.ca/events.

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