Western’s Homecoming celebrations are returning to the university’s long-held tradition of one weekend of festivities in 2017, university officials announced this week.

A date for the celebration has already been set for the weekend of Oct. 20-22. While this is a little later in the schedule than Homecoming celebrations of the recent past, a lot of thought and consideration went into planning a fun and timely weekend for both alumni and current students, said Trista Walker, Executive Director of Alumni Relations and Development.

“While the weekend is intended for an alumni celebration, we want students to participate and enjoy Homecoming alongside our alumni,” Walker noted.

“We feel students have a better anchor in their academic year later in October. They will have better-established relationships on campus by then and (an October Homecoming celebration) gives a bit of a distance from the Orientation Week celebration,” she added.

Other factors that lead to the date selection include Thanksgiving, Jewish holidays, a proximity to the start of the academic calendar, study days and Convocation.

In 2016, Western’s Homecoming celebrations and events were split over two weekends. In May, Western officials announced Homecoming 2016 would be moved to Saturday, Oct. 22, in an effort to address a variety of concerns associated with an unsanctioned street party on Broughdale Avenue.

Labeled ‘Homecoming Saturday,’ that weekend featured a football-centric experience for participants. Planned faculty reunions, as well as the Alumni Awards of Merit and Golden Anniversary dinners, still took place as originally planned on Reunion Weekend, Sept. 30-Oct. 2.

Walker noted the planning for the 2016 celebration included a similar approach and reason for moving Homecoming events to later in the fall, but the originally announced dates of alumni events needed to be honoured, making it difficult to host one weekend of festivities in October.

“In 2016, we offered both a Reunion Weekend and a Homecoming experience – it was a one-time effort to make a transition to a later fall date. We had already shared the 2016 (reunion) date and we needed to honour that date for people celebrating milestone reunions – hence the creation of reunion weekend just for 2016,” she explained.

“In 2017, and in the future, reunion activity and Homecoming will return to be together again. We will continue to work with the London Police Service and our partners at London Health Sciences Centre and EMS to ensure the safe delivery of Homecoming moving forward,” Walker continued.

“Having a later fall date is a nod to tradition. Homecoming had been celebrated later in the fall with great success in the past. We understand that many alumni have been asking as they begin their reunion planning.”

BY ADELA TALBOT
Alda brings message of hope to Leaders in Innovation Dinner

Award-winning actor, writer and science communication advocate Alan Alda recently received an insider’s look at the cutting-edge research to be featured at the University of Western Ontario’s Innovation Dinner with keynote speaker John Berdahl.

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BY ALDYN REDDEN

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Trump, America off the trail and into an historic transition

BY DON ABBEISON

The U.S. presidential election is finally over. And it’s a case of either take it, or leave it. The voters have spoken, as they always have, and as they always will, without question. Donald J. Trump was elected the 45th President of the United States, as it is – and he did. The nation of millions.

On Jan. 20, 2017, he will be sworn in as the new 45th President of the United States. Based on what can be seen of the U.S. presidential election, there will be no more than a few days before the event, and the results will be known. For the moment, the Trump campaign was over and close to half of those who voted for him are happy.

Despite being born into a world of privilege, Republican presidential candidate Donald J. Trump has been able to tap into the growing resentment and anger among the millions of the middle and working classes who would have wished for someone who would have treated them as the country’s richest man than take up residence in the White House. As Bill Clinton predicted he would, Trump must now become more president – not so easy to do when you were a real estate mogul and business venture capitalist. In the end, Trump was the presidential candidate who would have been better off than taken up residence in the White House.

Trump has well-honed leadership qualities, if he is truly the best at everything, and he can be seen as a businessman who is able to capture the attention and imagination of his followers. For Trump, the challenge wasn’t identifying who was on his side, or how many votes he could get. The challenge was to dazzle the media, convince the electorate, and appeal to the general electorate of former Secretary of State Clinton and President Barack Obama.

But being an equal opportunity offender, he does not have to do or be anything that is not a part of his persona. He is the hero of the underdog, the one who has achieved great things, and he is the one who is determined to make a difference in the world. He knows how to use his power and influence.

This is a man who has said he will build a wall on America’s southern border to keep “rapists and murderers” from entering the country by placing a barrier between the United States and Mexico. He will have no choice but to do so, in order to keep our southern neighbors. And I know people are feeling a lot of passion.

He has also said that he will get rid of the so-called ‘trade deals’ that have been a disaster for our country. He will demand that our trading partners pay for the deals they make with us, or they will not be able to trade with us.

As the president-elect has no choice but to clean up the mess he has inherited, and most likely, the economic, social, political and cultural problems that have been left behind, Trump has promised to work hard to make America great again.

Let us not forget that Trump is a man of action. He has acted, and he has achieved. He is not a politician, and he has not been a politician. He is a businessman, and he is a businessman who knows how to get things done. He is not afraid to take risks, and he is not afraid to be criticized. He is a man of strength and determination.

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BY ADIA TALBOT

When Leonard Cohen died on November 7, 2016, the world experienced a musical and literary loss that reverberated far beyond the realm of his fans.

Cohen was a Canadian icon, renowned for his enigmatic, mystical persona and his distinctive singing style. He was a poet, a songwriter, and a thinker who wrote about love, spirituality, and the human condition in a way that resonated with many people.

Fans may not have known Cohen personally, but his music was deeply personal and resonated with listeners around the world. He spoke to a lot of people on a very personal level. He speaks intuitively to our inner selves, to the reader, playing with the reader, the reader doesn’t know whether to take this seriously or not. It’s not that I did compare, it’s a very personal level. He writes in a way that’s compassionate and human and in a way that engages people. "Racey said.

Cohen's work was just so atmospheric. It's a sad but simple soundtrack for the film McCabe & Mrs. Miller, at first an obscure song that almost didn't see the light of day, was suddenly a hit, at the beginning, too. It's since been covered by every hack and hacky sacker of note for its finesse and distinct Cohen style.

"When I was studying abroad in Europe, when I was not widely popular in Europe — but he wasn't that popular in Canada as far as I could tell at that time. But everyone in England knew about Leonard Cohen. It is some way everyone knows about Peter Tosh, he was a kind of anti-hero, he was a simple, it's a simple beautiful, it just blew me away. I used to live in Canada a lot, it was a very personal level, and it spoke to me," he said.

One particular poem, For Anne, which was a marker of note for its finesse and distinct Cohen style.

With Anne gone, whose voice to compare with the morning sun? That's not what I did compare, But I do compare who's the voice of sirens.

"The only way to live long and put it in the pantheon convention of comparing voices is in the sun. But it's also understanding at the same time. It speaks to the way poetry is written. It's a very personal level, it's a very personal level. He was a simply wonderful, a kind of ambassador. He was a kind of ambassador to the world. He was a very kind of ambassador to the world. He was very human and honest. Honestly, I think he was North American got the Nobel Prize. When you dig into Cohen's words, they really are poetry. They were reacquainted with the world. Cohen's work was so much more than just the music, the music was an extension of Cohen's work. It was a way of life for the reader, and Cohen's words were a way of life for the reader," she added.

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When Ralph Hunter disappeared into the Burmese jungle in 1945, the mystery the father left behind has followed his son to this day

BY JASON WINDERS

A 6 a.m., fly (1945): Ralph Hunter arises for a day of air patrol. Stripping into his Hawker Hunter, he ours as solemnise ways for the 100th day in Burma. The mission was part of the Allied’s final push toward the Japanese. The war was winding down, but leaving hunting was far from easy.

Duncan Hunter has few memories of his father beyond a pile of old photographs and the stories his late mother left him. A mechanic in Westlock, Alta., a small town north of Edmonton, Ralph Hunter headed to war when his son was 3 years old. He disappeared into the Burmese jungle three years later. The story of his father has been in the back of his son’s mind for more than 70 years. But now, thanks to a happenstance of history and the kindliness of strangers, Duncan Hunter, a Western Chemistry professor emeritus, has found peace and answers in a field half a world away.

Duncan Hunter was born in 1945 – the same year his father, Ralph Hunter, disappeared into the Burmese jungle. Since that moment, the mystery his father left behind has followed him to this day. His family, like many others, held on to hope that his father would one day return. But over the years, they have come to accept that the remains of Ralph Hunter have not been found.

The story of his father was always with him. His memories are marked by photographs. One shows the family standing outside their home in B.C. with his father standing in front. Another shows a close-up of his father’s face. He never remembered. His memories were marked by photographs. One shows the family standing outside their home in B.C. with his father standing in front. Another shows a close-up of his father’s face. He never remembered. His memories were marked by photographs. One shows the family standing outside their home in B.C. with his father standing in front. Another shows a close-up of his father’s face. He never remembered. His memories were marked by photographs. One shows the family standing outside their home in B.C. with his father standing in front. Another shows a close-up of his father’s face. He never remembered. His memories were marked by photographs. One shows the family standing outside their home in B.C. with his father standing in front. 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We know a lot about what happened to the place. But we also know the plot is not a plot. We did not accomplish our ultimate goal of finding something constructive to do with the DNA samples. That was a way to shock and awe, I think,” Hunter said. But “this is a lifetime opportunity. We want to be there because it’s important.”

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Reading Room to help relieve SSC student space pressures

BY ADELA TALBOT // WESTERN NEWS

One day last week, Dan Shrubsole, Geography professor and Assistant Dean of Social Science, was sitting in a social science seminar in the Social Science Centre (SSC) teaching a class. The room was buzzing with students and faculty. Mr. Shrubsole noted:

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Shrubsole, Geography professor and Assistant Dean of Social Science, stands in what in the New Year will become the Social Science Student Reading Room, a modern designated study space for students of the Faculty. The new reading room will be located on the ground level of the Social Science Centre – where the former Map and Data Centre library resided, before moving over to the D.B. Weldon Library.

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Findings further confirm need to rethink school lunches

BY PAUL MAYNE

E ach day, a study into the eating habits of school kids during lunch breaks, one Brescia University College researcher is calling on Canadi ans to rethink what and how—so we’re feeding our national kids better.

Dworatzek, chair of the Food & Nutritional Science department at Brescia, recently pulled into the cros sfire of Ontario’s schools to help determine if the cafeteria lunchtime is meeting the needs of students and children by looking at those on traditional schedules. What she found was a disturbing lack of research—none at all.

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