Female students aspiring towards engineering and business leadership will gain the boost of a lifetime through a $5-million investment to Western from Linamar Corp. and the families that founded and operate the manufacturing giant.

The Linamar Scholarship for Women in Engineering and Business will offer 10 scholarships to female students each year, to fund half the cost of tuition for each of the three years recipients spend in Western’s Engineering and Business Dual Degree Program. The scholarships will also guarantee students a summer co-op at the end of their third and fourth years, plus an offer of full-time employment at Linamar after graduation.

The announcement took place Wednesday at the Ivey Business School. The gift comes from Linamar, its CEO Linda Hasenfratz and her husband Ed Newton, and Linamar founder Frank Hasenfratz.

“This is a great way to bring together the three things that mean a lot to me and to Linamar as a company: manufacturing, business and improved opportunities for women,” said Linda Hasenfratz, who hopes this will encourage more women to pursue a dual degree in Engineering and Business at Western. “Western has world-class Business and Engineering faculties – it’s the perfect combination to help
develop the country’s next generation of women leaders.

The Linacre Scholarship for Women in Engineering and Business will support Engineering students like Bridget Anne Hall, Elaine Anstic Cook, Katie Newton and Emily Newton, pictured left to right.

The dual-degree program of Engineering and Business is so beneficial to them because of its inclusivity; it will encourage more women to apply to Western. In the past, they have earned scholarships to study at the university, with more than 5,000 students in Western’s Faculties of Business and Engineering, which offers an unparalleled opportunity for academic growth and leadership. “Western President Amit Chakma said.

The Guelph-based auto-parts manufacturer is a multi-billion-dollar global enterprise and how to lead the world,” said Frank Neufeld, Western’s University Relations and Corporate Communications and Public Affairs vice-president. “The event is open to students and alumni.

His Royal Highness Prince Mired Zeid Al-Hussein will give a public lecture on his experience as President of The Hashemite Commission for Disabled Soldiers.

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** If students are the best ambassadors for a post-secondary institution, then Western’s 2016-17 Graduating Class has continued that tradition according to the recently released report on the Survey of Graduating Students. 80.4% of recent graduates would recommend Western to a friend. The survey, with findings posted publicly this week, was distributed to all undergraduates, certificate, and diploma students who were expected to graduate at the fall 2016 or spring 2017 convocations of those. Of those an amazing 1,709 questions (32.6%) were returned.

The survey was a 12-item questionnaire in which graduates rated their satisfaction with academic coursework/programs, quality of instruction, degree to which their university experience enhanced a range of abilities and skills and satisfaction with Western’s physical facilities and administrative services. Graduates were also asked to rate their experiences for Western, their funding sources while at university, educational related debt upon graduation and plans for future employment or study in Western. The results are available in the survey report online.

The survey was also designed to identify the ways in which Western is doing well and areas for improvement. The results showed that the university was doing well in several areas, including academic support, student services, and campus safety. In particular, the survey found that the majority of students felt that Western was providing them with the skills and knowledge they needed to succeed in their future careers.

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Ingratta, Shah named Schulich Leader Scholarship winners

BY ADELA TALBOT // WESTERN NEWS

Luke Ingratta and Joy Shah, two of the nation’s highest achieving secondary students, began their undergraduate studies at Western this fall as recipients of prestigious Schulich Leader Scholarships.

Ingratta, of Strathroy, Ont., graduated from Sir John A Macdonald Secondary School. He is president of the school’s high school peer tutoring program, a member of the national French Club and has volunteered as a team member in local First Place battles. He is thankful to be a recipient of the $100,000 scholarship.

Shah, of Corunna, Ont., graduated from Delhi Senior Secondary School in Berne, Ont. He plans to study ware engineering as his upper-year specialization and become a global leader in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

“Western Science is proud to welcome Luke Ingratta and Joy Shah as our newest students in their pursuit of excellence,” said Pauline Barmby, Acting Dean for the Faculty of Science, is pleased Ingratta has chosen Western and Shah for the Faculty of Science, is pleased Ingratta has chosen Western because it has a strong engineering program and Shah for the Faculty of Science, is pleased Ingratta has chosen Western because it has a strong engineering program and plans to study ware engineering as his upper-year specialization,” Shah said.

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COYOTE: MAINSTREAM IS WAKING UP TO THE FIGHT

For more than two decades, Ivan Coyote has been using the power of personal narrative to work toward a better world. The award-winning author and seasoned stage performer often speaks with the complex and intensely personal issues of gender identity, as well as family, class, social justice and queer liberation.

Huron University College picked Coyote’s 2014 book, Gender Failure, as the Huron Read 2017 selection. Based on their acclaimed 2012 live show, Gender Failure is a collection of autobiographical essays, lyrics and images documenting the personal journeys of Coyote, and fellow author and musician Rae Spoon, from gender failure to gender self-acceptance.

Coyote, Western’s 2012-13 Writer-in-Residence, returns to campus to deliver a public performance – Neither/Nor: Circumnavigating the Gender Binary in 7000 Days Steps – followed by author Q&A and book signing, starting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, in the Kegelien Hall, Huron University College.

Western News editor Jason Winders and Coyote recently discussed the intersection of art, work and the fight for trans rights a right on our doorsteps.

I’m a writer, that’s my first impulse, to write. To tell a story to uncover and get at the essential truths that make a good and moving story. If I were to change the world? Any person with a heart couldn’t help themselves. These days, and it seems to me, our best work is around social justice and queer liberation. It helps me hope for it, as a society, as a little too long winded. It’s important to listen, to hear a story. We would need days, and coffee, and good food, and all sorts of other discussions. I hope to use the power of personal narratives to work towards a better world for all of us, and for better personal narratives. I really wish we had a better word for trans and queer. You know? About 2,000 years ago a man who bragged about sexual assault? Believe me.

This ‘protecting women and children’ ruse doesn’t hold up under any kind of scrutiny whatsoever. It’s all too simple and convenient. There’s nothing that benefits women and children but rather those who would exploit them. The craft is something that can’t be taught.

I honestly do not have any idea what possesses someone so to be haunted by the genitals of the person who is using a toiled bathroom stall. It is not a real fear. We have gender-neutral bathroom signs. We just call them bathrooms.

It seems to be based on an irrational, unjustified fear, by some evidence claim that men will dress up as women to enter ‘the wrong’ bathrooms and attack women and children. But if they were so worried about women who have to use the toilet, then why don’t they have to be there for their own children, and that they can raise a powerful thing with that.

Being an outspoken artist and advocate can never be an issue on an issue that hasn’t mainstream testing – I think, it does a lot of mainstream scare. How does the fight, as they say?

First of all, I don’t necessarily agree that trans issues haven’t found some mainstream footings. 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Study scraps food waste fallacies

BY ADELA TALBOT

F or Paul van der Werf, it’s not about food waste. It’s about food.

“It’s not just your banana peels and egg shells and coffee grounds. You should see what ends up thrown away – untouched and still good. It’s not about food waste. It’s about food,” said van der Werf, a PhD candidate in waste management at Western University.

Through his consulting company, Western Waste Solutions, van der Werf examines residential, commercial and industrial waste compositions and provides data that can be used to improve recycling and waste management practices. Part of his doctoral research is examining food waste in London, looking to find why Londoners throw away significant amounts of food and what can be done to reduce the organic food that ends up in landfills.

For his research, van der Werf is looking to find why Londoners throw away significant amounts of food and what can be done to reduce the organic food that ends up in landfills. How do we change our thinking? How do we change the calculations of what’s going on, and from there, develop some interventions, strategies or actions we can use to help people reduce the food that becomes waste. It’s a management issue, he pointed out, it’s a personal issue that speaks to everyone.

“Generously speaking, we’re looking at food waste. Food isn’t just money. It’s time, labor, energy and resources – there are many different environmental and social implications to food waste. The environmental issues are not only environmental implications, but they are social and economic as well,” van der Werf said.

“When I’m looking at intervention, when I’m looking at sustainable strategies or actions we can use to help manage food, I’m looking to find why Londoners throw away food. It’s about food. It’s about people. It’s about the people who don’t have food, versus the people who have more. It’s not just your banana peels and egg shells and coffee grounds. It’s about food. It’s about food.”

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New book revives classic Canadian hitmakers

BY ADELA TALBOT

Mark Kearney, who teaches writing in the Faculty of Information & Media Studies and the Faculty of Arts and Humanities at Western, recently published As The Years Go By …: Conversations With Canada's Folk, Pop & Rock Pioneers, a book he co-authored with longtime syndicated columns written by Kearney and Ray. The book features more than 100 stories of bands whose names or songs you might not know, but who played an integral part in our country's musical history. It is more than just playing their local towns. And I think the performers loved it because, they contributed to the growth of Canadian music heard. That was a watershed moment in music, but the performers loved it because, they were now in a region where they could play a certain percentage of Canadian music every day like 30% or 40%. It was a huge increase. It's the most significant change (with that regulation), you started seeing the artists get paid. It's not just the record companies that pay. The fans get a radio station to play their music heard. A lot of (these bands) had started in the late 60s, early 70s, when the Canadian content regulations were introduced. The Stampeders, Lighthouse, The Diamonds, The Stampeders, Steelfield and The Five Man Electrical Band – among others, including London-area bands and connections to Western – all transport readers "back to the days when they attended rock bands at Maple Leaf Gardens, danced close with a first love at a Saturday night dancing hall with their wings singing after watching a favourable band," Kearney explained.

Three years later a pivotal event for Canadian music was added. "Some parties had started in the 50s, 60s, and early 70s, and it was when the government mandated that radio stations had to play a certain percentage of Canadian music every day like 30% or 40%. It was a huge increase. It's the most significant change (with that regulation), you started seeing the artists get paid. It's not just the record companies that pay. The fans get a radio station to play their music heard. A lot of (these bands) had started in the late 60s, early 70s, when the Canadian content regulations were introduced. The Stampeders, Lighthouse, The Diamonds, The Stampeders, Steelfield and The Five Man Electrical Band – among others, including London-area bands and connections to Western – all transport readers "back to the days when they attended rock bands at Maple Leaf Gardens, danced close with a first love at a Saturday night dancing hall with their wings singing after watching a favourable band," Kearney explained."
Experience champions quest for understanding

By PAUL MAYNE

Dr. Paul Menon was the last thing Adrin Bachelor ever wanted as a career. But after being diagnosed with Crohn’s disease, he realized that the Scholl School of Medicine & Dentistry student might be in a unique position to help others—by being a champion in the battle against inflammatory bowel disease.

“I was a 15-year-old kid, and I was in a family car accident,” said Bachelor, who was diagnosed with Crohn’s disease when he was 16 years old. “I had a ruptured appendix, and I was in the hospital for three months.”

It was during that time that Bachelor realized he had a unique opportunity to help others who were going through the same thing. “I was in the hospital for three months, so I had a lot of time to think,” he said. “I realized that I could use my experience to help others who were going through the same thing.”

Bachelor has since been diagnosed with ulcerative colitis, and he has had to have his intestines removed. “I’m the only one who hasn’t had a colon,” he said.

But Bachelor is determined to find a cure for inflammatory bowel disease, and he is using his platform to help others who are going through the same thing. “I want to make sure that other people don’t have to go through what I went through,” he said. “I want to make sure that other people know that there is hope for a cure.”

Bachelor is working with Crohn’s and Colitis Canada to assist him in becoming a gastroenterologist and someday finding a cure for inflammatory bowel disease. “I want to make sure that other people know that there is hope for a cure,” he said. “I want to make sure that other people know that there is hope for a cure.”

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Provost to Senate: OWL blame lands on me

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University Senate heard from several Western administrators who accepted responsibility and apologized for an oversight that occurred this summer when past course content was removed from OWL, the university’s course-management system. “We didn’t see it coming – no one in a leadership position did. Nobody was trying to do something awful. This was a pear-shaped affair; it went sideways,” Janice Deakin, Provost and Vice-President (Academic), told members of Senate during its regular meeting last week. “It was a mistake; I’ve apologized for the mistake and I’ve accepted responsibility. We’ve found a solution, which is students can go to the professors (for lost content). It’s not lost; it’s just down and you can’t get access to it.”

In August, students who were previously enrolled in classes at Western lost access to their past OWL course content with no warning from instructors or the university. Up until that point, students could access the content, such as lecture notes, essays and marks, after their courses wrapped up. Students were quick to speak up and voice their concerns, noting they no longer had access to materials they could potentially need further in their studies.

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Removal of OWL content was not due to the court outcome of Access Copyright vs. York University, the memo explained. In the past, Western’s practice of removing course material served to address matters related to copyright and teaching considerations.

“Before OWL, WebCT had the capacity to take down materials 60 days after grades were submitted. That’s the way it worked at Western,” Deakin told Senators. “It was practice. It was seen then as best practice with respect to copyright.”

“We did away with WebCT and we got OWL, which did not have the provision to do an auto-take-down the way WebCT had done. So, it became a manual process and, according to the people in ITS (Western Technology Services), a labour-intensive process that didn’t become regularized as an annual event because of the human resources involved,” she explained.

“When something (not taking down material) is in place for three years, it’s seen as the university’s practice – I absolutely get that,” Deakin added. “It was a mistake that rolled out the way it did, but it was something awful. This was a pear-shaped affair; it went sideways.”

In the summer, the university was working to address the issue. “The OWL team is part of my portfolio and I fully own and apologize for the oversight in communication. We are in the process of scheduling a review of the entire thing. We will do better in terms of communication in the future,” he said.

“Going forward, OWL will not store content for more than 60 days after the completion of a course. Students who wish to retrieve past materials can ask their professors for access,” Deakin said.

“What we want to get rid of is the notion that OWL will be an archival system. It’s meant to be an active platform for teaching and learning; it’s not meant to be a replacement for your hard drive or the Cloud,” Deakin said.

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