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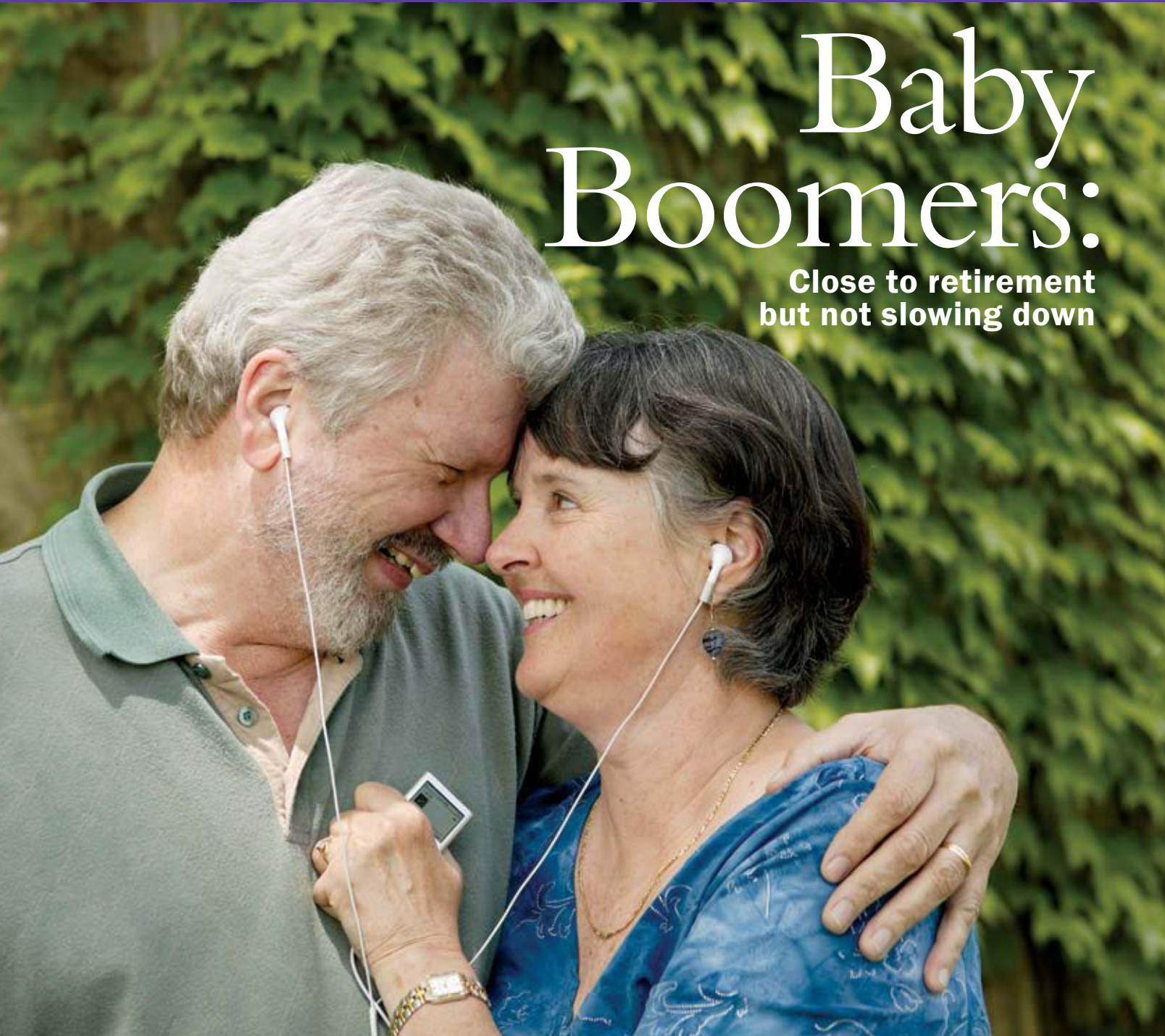
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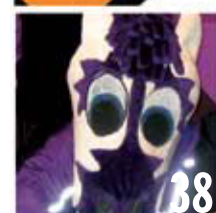
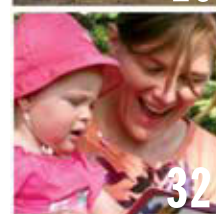
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The changing face of Western



On the cover: Boomers Paul Mills (BESc'68, MESc'72) and Beverly (Spence) Mills (BA'68) share some music together on an iPod. Their unusual story of how they met on campus in 1966 can be found online at: www.alumnigazette.ca

(Photo by Shawn Simpson)



David Scott, "on assignment"

Boomers made presence on campus 40 years ago

It was the 'Summer of Love,' Expo '67 was putting Canada and Montreal in the spotlight as a cosmopolitan centre, and the leading edge of baby boomers (who didn't complete the trilogy of: "tune in, turn on and drop out") were filling campuses across the country. Performing at Western in 1967 were Gordon Lightfoot, Simon & Garfunkel, Ray Charles and Dave Brubeck. Not a bad line-up of folk, soul and jazz.

In this Summer '07 issue of the Alumni Gazette we devote a portion of our content to the Baby Boomers. Our cover story of how boomers Bev and Paul Mills found each other is a great tale of love and technology on campus. If you can believe it, they met through a computer dating promotion in 1966 through the Gazette newspaper. Together Paul and Bev now run a home studio/production company in Toronto (www.themillstream.com) and a new company celebrating Canadian folk music (www.canoesongs.ca). Read their online only story "Computer Dating Pioneers – How Bev met Paul" at our ever-evolving and still partially 'under construction' website at www.alumnigazette.ca. We are taking advantage of a new web platform and posting more content for our readers. For a full list of online only features, please see the Table of Contents on page 3.

As they edge toward retirement their sheer numbers will cause changes in the way society views 'senior life.' They have influence and wealth and are wielding both as they coast to the finish line of their working lives. A piece by Laurie Bursch takes a look at boomers who aren't going gently into that good night.

Health conscious boomers with pockets possibly deeper than their parents are able to afford something that previous generations likely wouldn't and didn't consider: jumping queues and traveling abroad for medical procedures. It is the new and rapidly growing trend of 'medical tourism' that Ron Johnson investigates in this interesting story.

Western has spawned perhaps more successful mining company CEOs than any other university in Canada. Read about the prolific success of geologists hatched from an incubator environment of passionate networking professors at Western between 1970 and 2000 in Mitch Zimmer's feature story, "Underground overachievers."

One thing baby boomers will be doing more of is traveling. And this editor, pictured above 'on assignment,' was extremely fortunate to be asked to host a group of Western alumni and friends on a trip to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands in late February. An expanded version of the printed story with details and photos of Ecuador and the post-trip option of Machu Picchu appear online. THANK YOU to Alumni Western and my fellow travelers for an incredible trip rich with experiences that will stay with me for life. You can check out other exciting Discover Your World destinations in a two-page advertisement in this issue.

For those traveling more locally, we include in this magazine an updated campus map featuring some ongoing and future changes. Of special note is that Alumni Relations and the Communications & Public Affairs departments will be moving the last half of August from their present locations to our new digs at the renovated Westminster College on the north edge of campus at Windermere Road. This means Alumni Relations will not be in Alumni Hall when Homecoming '07 rolls around. For more information on Homecoming, please see our centre-page spread.

Have a great summer...and don't forget the sunscreen! Global warming is here to stay (but that's another topic).

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The Alumni Gazette incorrectly identified Past Bandmaster Ron Brown, HBA'59 in our Spring issue. Pictured above is the real Ron Brown. We apologize for the error.

Angry letter writer needs to 'calm down and face the facts'

(Re: Liberal news media in Canada is anti-American, Spring 2007)

I have just finished reading the angry letter from Michael Duever (Spring'07).

I must say I'm very surprised that this man has a B.A. from Western or anywhere else. Parts of his letter are so strangely written that I'm left wondering whether or not English is his first language.

He claims that Bill Clinton was too 'busy' to 'take out' Osama Bin Laden. In fact, Clinton was concerned about killing civilians in close proximity to Bin Laden. He did however, attempt one unsuccessful bombing. Disagree with that if you like but don't say he was too 'busy.' Bush on the other hand, showed no interest in Bin Laden until after 9/11.

Duever uses the word 'hate' three times and the word 'detest' once. He needs to calm down and face the facts objectively. The Clinton years were filled with peace and prosperity and America was respected internationally. Bush and his administration have made a total mess in Iraq, where terrorists were not present until after the American invasion, but where Al Qaeda now has a firm foothold. Under President Bush, the U.S.A. has lost respect and credibility abroad and is seriously in debt.

Finally – if Michael Duever really believes that weapons of mass destruction were found in Iraq, I have a bridge to

sell that he might be interested in.
Ethel Bond-Fielding, BA'74

Canadians allowed to express opinions that are anti-American

(Re: Liberal news media in Canada is anti-American, Spring 2007)

I was amazed, and then slightly embarrassed, that one of my fellow alumni could have written such a poorly phrased, ill informed letter as did Michael Duever in the Spring 2007 Western Alumni Gazette. The thrust of his letter was that because the Canadian media reports what the majority of Canadians believe, that George W. Bush is a war monger who justified the invasion of Iraq with a series of lies, they are anti-American. Like it or not, that is the opinion of the majority of Canadians, who last time I checked, were allowed to express an opinion.

The most laughable aspect of the letter was his claim that weapons of mass destruction were found but that we won't hear this on "liberal TV." I can assure Mr. Duever that if these weapons were found Bush and company would be yelling from the rooftops "I told you so" and we would have extensive opportunity to see and read about it in all of the media.

The fact is that none of the reasons Bush gave for invading Iraq were true and the sad part is that the body count continues, both in terms of Iraqi and American lives. It seems to me that if a person starts a war based upon a series of lies, that would make him a war monger.
Raymond Leduc, HBA'83, MBA'90

India Health Initiative deserves coverage in special issue

(Re: Special Issue: How Western makes a difference around the world, Spring 2007)

I read the recent issue with much interest, but lamented the lack of coverage of some of the homegrown initiatives in which The University of Western Ontario is involved internationally. Of most notable mention in my mind, is the India Health Initiative in which Medical students from Western travel to India annually during the summer months (typically the hottest and the toughest conditions), to assist with a variety of

health institutions in India involved in such issues as AIDS, disabilities, hygiene and public health issues. The group has been around for a number of years and their programs are supported by a very great number of South Asian professionals, many of whom are faculty at UWO. As an alumnus of, and past faculty member at Western, it would be nice to see some coverage based on the diversity that exists within the University community.

Coupled with a visit from the Indian Consul General of India to Paul Davenport, as well as recent and upcoming trade missions to and from India respectively, I would have thought this type of visionary reporting would have made not only good copy, but good sense in terms of raising the awareness of some of the work in which the University is involved overseas. Given this issue touts itself as a special issue devoted to Western's outreach; I wonder why some of the great work ongoing was left out.

This issue is glaring by its omission.
Dev R. Sainani, BESC'83, MESC'86, PhD'96

Chairman, The SAINA Group Of Companies

Alumna makes contribution, achieves goals during internship in Pakistan

(Re: Special Issue: How Western makes a difference around the world, Spring 2007)

While reading the Spring 2007 issue, I was really touched to see how Western Alumni are improving the lives of communities around the world in a positive manner. After graduating with a MIT degree, I decided to make my contribution to making the world a better place by completing an internship at the Aga Khan University in Karachi, Pakistan. Before embarking on this adventure I set three goals for myself: to gain practical experience in my field, to add value to the University and to gain a deeper understanding of the culture.

It was relatively easy to fit into a private university which is built on international standards. Language wasn't a barrier since English was the official language at the University but, culturally I honestly did not know what to expect in Pakistan, especially Karachi. I didn't

have any family or friends. The practical and emotional support in getting settled, understanding new surroundings, and making social connections to break the isolation were missing. I overcame this obstacle by taking the effort to learn Urdu (Pakistan's national language) and started wearing the local dress. Now I was able to become a Karachiite and take part in the local culture such as taking an auto rickshaw on a regular basis; eating delicious cheap street food; embracing the local culture of shopping from the bazaars.

I didn't want any other international visiting professionals, especially recent graduates, to face the same difficulties as myself. So, I created the Expatriate Network to provide practical, emotional, professional, social and cultural support to people who join The Aga Khan University family from international backgrounds through pre-arrival support over e-mail, in-person support upon and after arrival and ongoing group activities.

I was able to achieve all of my goals and it was the link with the locals that made me enriched and enhanced my adventure to Pakistan.

For an extended account of my trip, please visit: www.alumnigazette.ca

Hasina Juma, BA'05 (MIT)

Science beat Meds'50 in basketball

(Re: Service is a lifetime commitment, Spring 2007)

"In sports, Meds'50 won the intramural basketball championship four consecutive years." To set the record straight, in 1950 as member of the 2nd Year Science basketball team we bested Meds'50 in the championship intramural game to shatter their hold on their consecutive winning streak.

Dr. E.R. Tustanoff, PhD'59, Professor Emeritus, Dept. Biochemistry

Alumna appalled with student Gazette 'spoo' issue

As an alumna of Western living in London I am appalled and shocked by the April 1 Gazette (student newspaper) 'spoo' issue. For the first time I felt ashamed of my alma mater. As a therapist who witnesses the impact of the trauma of sexual abuse via my clients I am appalled that the editor of the student

paper would think there could be anything humorous in this crime of misogyny. I do not feel the university administration or the student council have made a strong enough statement in opposition to this article. Clearly if the editor of the paper cannot distinguish the difference between spoof and hate crime he needs to be fired.

Western's reputation has been tarnished by association with this article and no doubt any students, staff and faculty with a history of sexual abuse have been re-victimized by this horrendous imagery.

Kathy Karn, MEd'87

Action taken by administration and USC over Gazette issue

Friends: I wanted to offer my thanks to those of you who wrote to me about the April Fool's edition of the student-run Gazette newspaper. Many of you were deeply offended and disappointed by the contents of that issue, as was I. In an article posted on my website, I strongly condemned the edition as offensive to Western's values and destructive of our efforts to build a University based on diversity and respect for others. You also made it clear you expect strong action by both the University Students' Council (USC) which owns and publishes the paper and by Western's administration. That call was heard and we have responded. In meetings with USC leadership there was agreement on steps that include a new journalistic code of ethics, formal equity training for Gazette editors, revamping of a formal complaints process that will yield outcomes to valid grievances, and action to engage media professionals who have offered to act as mentors and advisors.

I am impressed with the leadership that has been shown by the USC in recent days as they have been moving forward on each of these issues. Western's Board of Governors has also taken action. They have passed a resolution that, in the case of egregious default by the USC on the journalistic code of ethics, would allow for the suspension of the distribution of the Gazette on campus or a vote by the Board not to collect the student fee in support of the Gazette in a particular year.

I hope and believe that kind of action will never be necessary. I continue to believe in the editorial independence of the Gazette and the right of its journalists to pass comment on the University as they see it, in the context of an effective journalistic code of ethics. If there is a bright spot on this dark cloud in Western's history, the dialogue and introspection caused by this issue has, in many ways, allowed the Gazette, the USC and our administration to look at broader issues of diversity and equity that will lead to a stronger, more welcoming environment.

Paul Davenport

President & Vice-Chancellor,

The University of Western Ontario

Attention should be given to #3 Stationary Hospital

(Re: War & Peace issue, Fall 2006)

I enjoyed very much the Fall '06 Alumni Gazette and thought it provided an interesting approach to discussing War & Western and cold war, etc.

I realize given the limited space you had to make choices as to what to print and you selected the #10 Canadian General Hospital because it was the University's hospital. If you do any research on this subject or with another piece on war you might look into #3 Stationary Hospital which was raised in London and was the hospital on the Island of Lemnos where the wounded from the Gallipoli Campaign were evacuated to in WWI.

The hospital was raised in London and its Commanding Officer was Lt. Col. Casgrain. Shortly after it arrived on Lemnos Col. Casgrain was transferred to England for health reasons and his second in command Major Evans Davis was placed in command, promoted to Lt. Col. and awarded the Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George for his service on Lemnos. Lt. Col. Davis was a graduate of Western's Medical School and was the son of the very Reverend Dean Evans Davis of London. This hospital was probably one of the few contributions to the Dardanelles Campaign by Canada.

I enjoy the Western Alumni Gazette very much.

W.E. Davis, DBA'63

Letter writer rebuts with clarification on Gaza greenhouses

(Re: Reporting biased against Israel for a reason, claims writer, Spring 2007)

Walid Madhoun accuses me of attempting to “whitewash the occupation” and being “offensive to any thoughtful person.” My letter (Nov. 2006) did not discuss the occupation.

The occupation of Gaza ended when the settlers were removed by the Sharon government in August 2005. I think all thoughtful people would agree this was a positive step. The settlement houses were destroyed; a plan that was much debated in Israel, but ultimately carried out. The Palestinians took it upon themselves to destroy the remaining synagogues. A group of American Jews purchased the greenhouses from the settlers, and transferred them to the Palestinian Authority. These had formerly provided jobs for 3,500 Palestinians. The greenhouses were looted and destroyed following the withdrawal.

Arthur Zaltz, BSc'78

Journalism grad finds career in sport of golf

(Re: Summer 2006 Media Issue)

As a Graduate of the University of Western Ontario's School of Journalism in 1974 (Graduate Diploma Program), I was very interested in reading your Summer 2006 issue, which I stumbled upon in an internet search.

I was somewhat surprised to see the large number of graduates who have gone on to very successful careers in journalism. My working career has gone in many directions following a start as a journalist. Following the sale of a magazine that I created (Ontario Golf magazine, which is entering its 27th year of publication), I changed direction to become a golf administrator, although I still continue to write for other golf publications.

Congratulations on an excellent issue. I enjoyed learning about fellow alumni.

Dave Colling, Diploma in Journalism'74

Director of Tournaments & Player Development,
Golf Association of Ontario

Alumnus is Habitat CEO, just not the one published

(Re: High sights set for Hetherington's Habitat, Spring 2007)

I am writing to correct the information published in the Spring copy of the Western Alumni Gazette in regards to Habitat for Humanity Canada and its leadership. (*The Alumni Gazette incorrectly stated Neil Hetherington, CEO of Habitat Toronto, was the CEO for Habitat for Humanity Canada).

The President & CEO of Habitat for Humanity Canada (HFHC) is David Hughes, who is an alumnus of The University of Western Ontario. While at Western, David was the President of AIESEC Western (1985-86) and went on to be President, AIESEC Canada. Interestingly, David's father, Robert Hughes, was a Professor of Music at UWO from 1970 to 2002, and is now Professor Emeritus.

Upon completing his education, David worked for the international headquarters of SOS Children's Villages - work which took him to Washington, Africa, Asia and Europe. He also founded The Impact Group, a non-profit consulting firm.

David has been President & CEO of Habitat for Humanity Canada since 2002. Under his direction the national association has almost doubled its annual revenues and its production of new homes, has expanded from 55 to 71 affiliates across the country and has increased its role internationally.

For more information about Habitat for Humanity Canada and its programs please contact: 1-800-667-5137 or habitat@habitat.ca

Thank you for your offer to make the appropriate printed and online corrections.
Elizabeth Sharp, Vice President Marketing & Development;
Habitat for Humanity Canada

Can Western not find someone more worthy than Mulroney?

I do not think that Western should award an honorary degree to Brian Mulroney. He was not a good Prime Minister. He nearly destroyed Canada with his insistence that Quebec should be considered more important than any other province and be given special rights. He even publicly

threatened that Canada would fall apart if the other provinces refused to give Quebec special status. Thankfully, Canada stood firm, stating that all provinces were equals. Mulroney also destroyed his own Conservative party reducing it from a large majority to only two members during the 1993 election.

Surely you can find somebody more worthy on whom to bestow this honour.
Municent Hull, BA'71

Alumna disappointed in selection of Mulroney for honorary degree

I was quite shocked by the April Alumni newsletter (Purple Flash). Has Western really



descended to such depths as to honour Brian Mulroney? Surely we could find countless more worthy candidates among the alumni of this prestigious institution! How was this disappointing selection made? In future, such consideration should highlight the achievements of the many dedicated individuals who save lives on a daily basis at University Hospital. These are people who truly deserve our recognition.

An extremely disappointed member of the alumni,

Rosemarie Cseff, (Cert. in French'03)

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Governor General Michaëlle Jean

Governor General visits

Governor General Michaëlle Jean visited the Faculty of Education May 9 to meet with women participating in a research project led by the Centre for Research & Education on Violence Against Women and Children. In the background is nursing associate professor Helene Berman, the Scotiabank Chair for the centre. Jean was in London to open the International Conference on Children Exposed to Domestic Violence at the London Convention Centre. An estimated 1,000 delegates representing 20 countries participated in the three-day event focusing on education, justice, policing, health, social services and community responses to this critical societal problem.



Professor Mel Goodale

Top award for psychology prof

Mel Goodale (Departments of Psychology, Physiology and Pharmacology) presented a special lecture May 1 marking receipt of the

Distinguished University Professorship Award, Western's top faculty award. Presented in honour of sustained excellence in teaching, research and service during an outstanding scholarly career, Goodale joins David Bentley and Rob Hegele who were also honoured this year.



Premier Dalton McGuinty and Regna Darnell

'Premier' Researchers

Western researchers took several top honours at the inaugural Premier's Innovation Awards ceremony in Toronto in April, including Anthropology professor Regna Darnell (Social Sciences and Humanities category), who was presented a Discovery Award for individual research from Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty. Roberts Research Institute scientist Aaron Fenster (Innovation Leadership category) was also honoured with a Discovery Award.

If you click it, they will learn

Biology lecturer and Teaching Support Centre faculty associate Tom Haffie shares his excitement over the 'classroom clicker' and its benefits to teaching and learning. If there was ever a thought the 'classroom clickers' that invaded Western lecture halls two years ago were simply a fad – think again.

With 35 instructors in about two dozen first- and second-year courses, the advent of Tom Haffie's 'many to one' type of communication has had a dramatic impact on classroom dynamics across campus. Well over 7,000 clickers are now in use in Biology, Economics, Sociology, Anthropology, Political Science, Physics,



Tom Haffie

Astronomy, Computer Science, Health Science, Kinesiology and Engineering.

Speaking to faculty members at the Teaching Support Centre's (TSC) Spring Perspective on May 3, the lecturer in Biology and TSC Faculty Associate who pioneered clicker use at Western continued to tout their benefits in enhancing the learning experience.

Some detractors say the five per cent of the final grade that students receive for clicker participation wouldn't assure honest participation. Still, Haffie found that 95 per cent of his students are trying

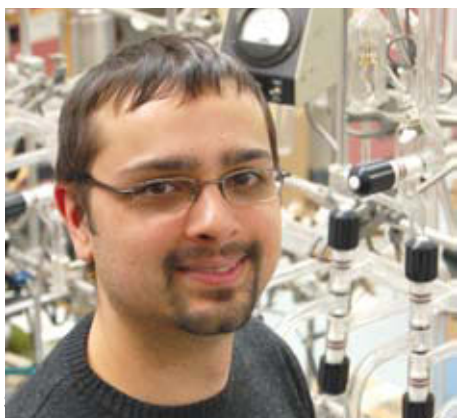


Allen Kellogg Philbrick

to answer correctly.

Geographer Allen Philbrick dies at 93

Allen Kellogg Philbrick, Professor of Geography Emeritus at The University of Western Ontario, died June 27 at the age of 93 in London's University Hospital. He was a recognized geographer and accomplished artist known widely for his passionate support for Mustang football. For a story celebrating his life, please visit: <http://communications.uwo.ca/com/>



Western geologist Neil Banerjee.

Geologist finds evidence of life 3.35 billion years ago

University of Western Ontario geologist Neil Banerjee is helping to roll back the known date for the origin of life on the planet with discovery of fossilized microbe trails in 3.35-billion-year-old Australian rock.

"One of the oldest questions is when did life begin on earth," says Banerjee, of the Department of Earth Sciences. "We haven't answered that question with our study but we've gone a long way to show that life could have existed very early in our history."

Some previous studies have pointed to older ages - including one led by Banerjee in 2004 that fixed a 3.5-billion-year-old age to fossilized microbe trails found in South Africa - but they have only been able to date surrounding rock.

Using a state-of-the-art, laser-plasma mass spectrometer at the University of Alberta, Banerjee and a team that included three U of A colleagues as well as scientists from Norway, United States and Australia were able to date the fossil tracks themselves. Results have been published in the June edition of the journal *Geology*.

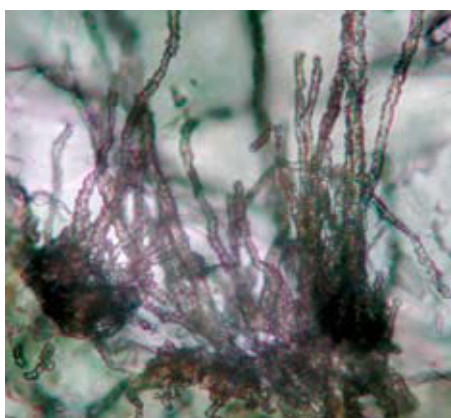
"When we were on the machines and getting the data off it was a very exciting day," recalls Banerjee, who led the team.

"I can remember being in the lab with my colleague and looking at these ages and saying 'Oh my God, we've probably dated the oldest microfossil ever.'"

Banerjee was reported in CanWest news services as saying: "To our knowledge, this is the first time anyone has directly dated an archean microfossil."

The find has led the Canadian Space Agency to fund a project this summer among similarly ancient rocks along the Ontario-Quebec border as a possible blueprint for finding traces of life on Mars.

"This could be very significant in the search for life on Mars and other planets," says Banerjee. "That's where this research is starting to move. Based on what we've seen on Earth, it looks like the recipe for life on Mars."



The curly lines that look like tentacles in this much-magnified image are actually the tracks left by microbes in the soil 3.35 billion years ago.

Researchers discover key to kill Cystic Fibrosis superbug

Researchers from the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry at Western, working with a group from Edinburgh, have discovered a way to kill the cystic fibrosis superbug, *Burkholderia cenocepacia*. These investigators, under the leadership of Dr. Miguel Valvano, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, have had their research published in the May issue of the *Journal of Bacteriology*, and highlighted in *Nature Reviews/Microbiology*.

B. cenocepacia is a multi-drug resistant microorganism that lives in damp or wet places and causes rot in plants such as onions. While it rarely causes infection in healthy people, it can be fatal for people with cystic fibrosis (CF), an inherited disease where the lungs become clogged with thick mucus, often leading to chronic respiratory infections.

The team of researchers has identified a weakness in the armour that protects the *B. cenocepacia* bacterium from the effects of antibiotics.

The research was funded through the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and the Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR). "We're delighted by this news," says Cathleen Morrison, CEO of the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. "The possibility of a life-saving antibiotic to fight *B. cenocepacia* is tremendously encouraging to adults and children who have cystic fibrosis."

Two researchers claim university's top research prize

Leading research in the areas of robotic surgery and sexual behaviour and reproductive health has garnered Rajni Patel and William Fisher, The University's highest honour for research excellence: The Hellmuth Prize.

An Electrical and Computer Engineering professor, Patel is designing and prototyping

advanced robotic systems and devices to help surgeons perform less-invasive and more cost-effective surgery techniques. Recognized around the world for his expertise in the research, design and control of robotic systems, Patel holds the Canada Research Chair in Advanced Robotics and Control. He is also one of the founding members of CSTAR (Canadian Surgical Technologies and Advanced Robotics), where he currently serves as its Director of Engineering. "We are developing devices that can include sensing modalities like haptics - sense of touch - to help improve safety and efficiency," says Patel. "Robot-assisted minimally invasive surgery provides patients with tremendous benefits through reduced pain, trauma and scarring and helps accelerate recovery."



Hellmuth Prize winners Rajni Patel and William Fisher.

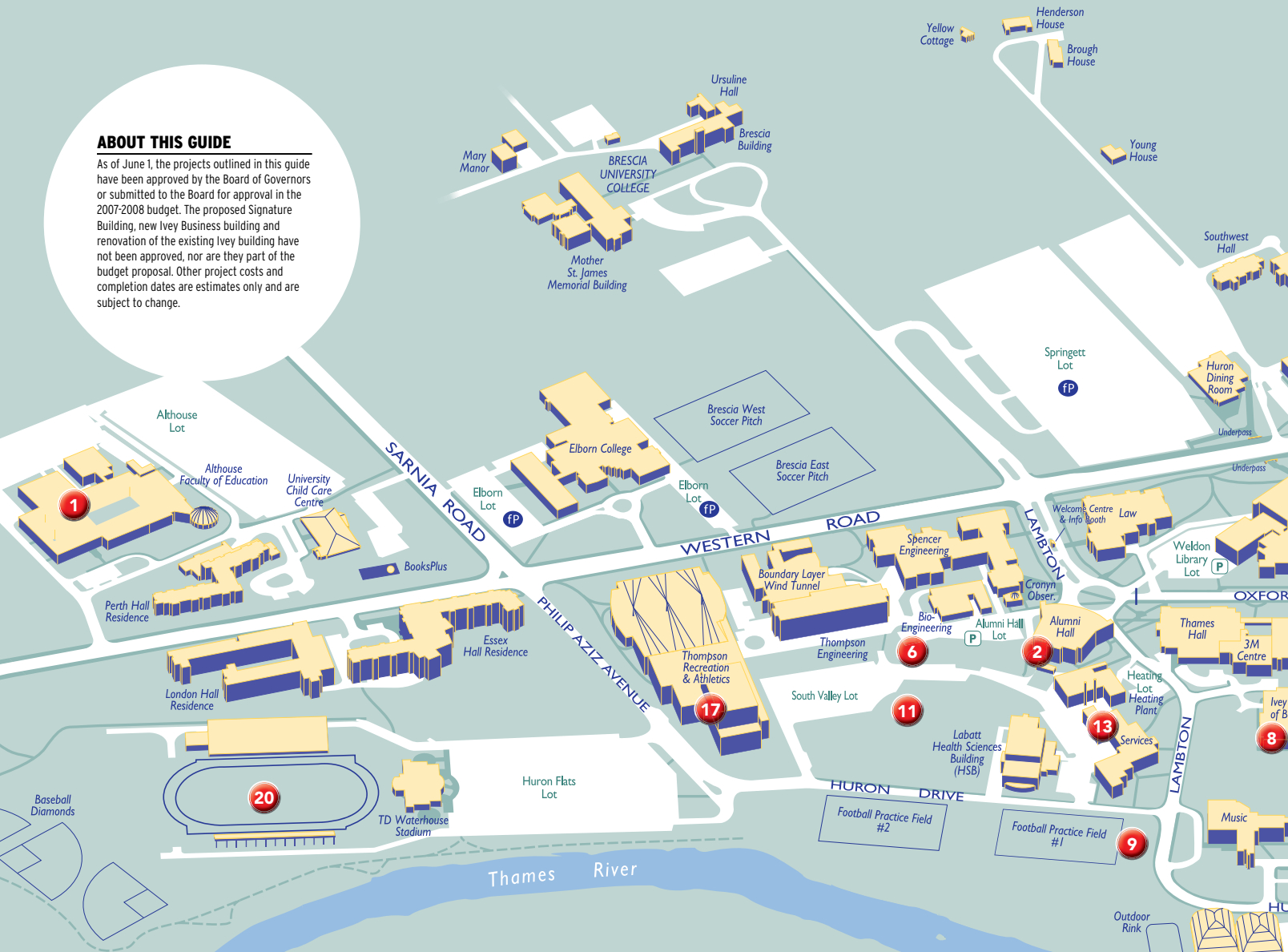
Fisher, a Psychology professor with a cross-appointment in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, has been recognized around the world for his research contributions to understanding and promoting sexual and reproductive health. Fisher's work focuses on the identification of individual and social factors that influence sexual and reproductive health related behaviour, and on the development and testing of models used to predict and promote health outcomes, notably in the area of HIV/AIDS prevention. Based on recent work in South Africa, he says that "with the rollout of antiretroviral therapy, more South Africans are being tested for HIV and entering HIV clinical care. We hope to create an effective and efficient intervention strategy to promote safer sex among HIV-positive South Africans who will be regaining their health and life expectancy, but who will remain nonetheless infectious - a theory- and evidence-based safer sex intervention strategy for HIV-positive persons that can be widely disseminated to help stem the African HIV epidemic."

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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

As of June 1, the projects outlined in this guide have been approved by the Board of Governors or submitted to the Board for approval in the 2007-2008 budget. The proposed Signature Building, new Ivey Business building and renovation of the existing Ivey building have not been approved, nor are they part of the budget proposal. Other project costs and completion dates are estimates only and are subject to change.



Althouse (1)

Renovation will include upgrades to heat, ventilation and air conditioning as well as architectural improvements such as painting and carpeting.
Start-Completion: April 2007-end of 2007
Estimated Cost: \$4+ million

Alumni Hall (2)

Renovation after exit of External staff to Westminster in fall 2007. Not yet on planning/project radar. No completion date, no budget assigned.

Bayfield Hall Residence (3)

Complete renovation including bathrooms, kitchens and other upgrades. Building vacated in April 2007.
Completion: May 2008
Estimated cost: \$10+ million

Biology & Geology (4)

Four-phase renovation includes new HVAC system, bringing up to fire code, new research labs and teaching space.
Phase 1: Three floors have moved in
Phase 2: Complete Spring 2008
Completion for Phases 3 & 4: Summer 2010
Estimated cost: \$30+ million

Biotron (5)

New world-class environmental science and climate-change research facility.
Completion: Shell, February 2007;
 instruments & equipment, December 2007
Estimated Cost: \$15+ million

Claudette MacKay-Lassonde Pavilion (6)

Demolition and replacement of Bio-Engineering Building. New facility an addition to Spencer Engineering; to house activities related to sustainability research funded by Canada Foundation for Innovation and the university.
Start-Completion: Fall 2007- Spring 2009
Estimated Cost: \$20 million

Graphics Building (7)

New home for Graphic Services, Recycling Office, Parking satellite office, Hazardous Materials Storage, Fire & Safety satellite office and other storage areas.
Completion: Staff moved in early in 2007
Estimated Cost: \$1.5 million

Ivey Business - existing (8)

Renovation of existing Ivey building for academic purposes if a new Ivey building is constructed.
Estimated Cost: \$13+ million

Ivey Business - new (9)

Subject to future budget decisions, new Ivey school would house undergraduate HBA program and research. Private support needed.
Start-Completion: 2011-13
Estimated Cost: \$40 million

Material Sciences Building (10)

Undergraduate instructional labs, space for graduate students, faculty offices and research for Chemistry and Physics & Astronomy.
Completion date: April 2008
Estimated cost: \$15 million

New 'signature' building (11)

Yet-to-be defined building similar in visual stature to University College and Middlesex College, to be located on South Valley flats, former JW Little stadium area.
Start-completion dates: TBA
Estimated Cost: TBA

Physics & Astronomy (12)

Modernization to replace rusted lintels and windows, roof and ventilators, asbestos removal, mechanical and electrical systems, lab furnishings, fume hoods and modifications of layout.
Status: Evaluation of options and determination of budget
Start-Completion: Fall 2007-2011
Estimated Cost: \$20+ million

Services Building (13)

After current Physical Plant tenants move out, will be renovated to house as-yet-undetermined academic unit.
Start-completion: 2008-late 2009
Estimated Cost: \$12 million

Social Science Centre (14)

Renovate former lab school to house grad students and other academic uses.
Start-Completion: Fall 2007-Spring 2008
Estimated Cost: \$2 million

Spencer Hall (15)

Ivey offers its centrepiece MBA program at Spencer Hall. Provides instructional and student space.
Completed: April 2007
Estimated Cost: \$6 million

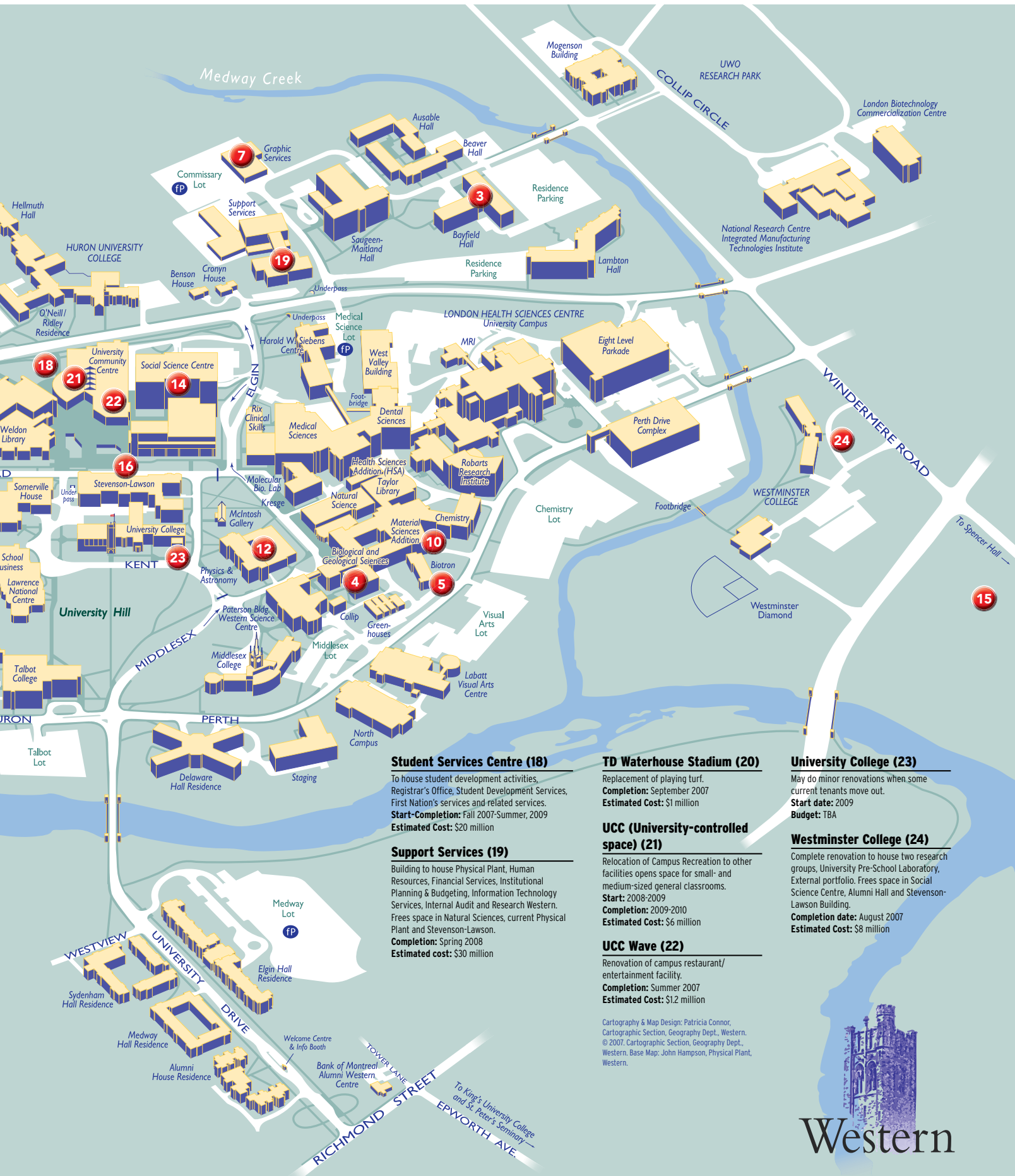
Stevenson-Lawson (16)

Renovation to follow phased exit of Human Resources, Financial Services, External, Institutional Planning & Budgeting, Internal Audit, Research Western and Registrar. Permits reconfiguration of Lawson and Stevenson buildings for academic purposes.
Start: 2008 - 2009
Completion: 2010 - 2011
Estimated Cost: TBA

Student Recreational Facility (17)

Combined new facility and renovation of Thompson Recreational Athletic Centre to which it will be attached. To feature five or six gyms, 50-metre pool, fitness/weight facilities, recreational squash courts, locker rooms, offices for Sports & Recreation Services. Frees space in UCC for student club space and classrooms.
Completion: Summer 2008
Estimated Cost: \$30+ million

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Student Services Centre (18)
 To house student development activities, Registrar's Office, Student Development Services, First Nation's services and related services.
Start-Completion: Fall 2007-Summer, 2009
Estimated Cost: \$20 million

Support Services (19)
 Building to house Physical Plant, Human Resources, Financial Services, Institutional Planning & Budgeting, Information Technology Services, Internal Audit and Research Western. Frees space in Natural Sciences, current Physical Plant and Stevenson-Lawson.
Completion: Spring 2008
Estimated cost: \$30 million

TD Waterhouse Stadium (20)
 Replacement of playing turf.
Completion: September 2007
Estimated Cost: \$1 million

UCC (University-controlled space) (21)
 Relocation of Campus Recreation to other facilities opens space for small- and medium-sized general classrooms.
Start: 2008-2009
Completion: 2009-2010
Estimated Cost: \$6 million

UCC Wave (22)
 Renovation of campus restaurant/entertainment facility.
Completion: Summer 2007
Estimated Cost: \$1.2 million

University College (23)
 May do minor renovations when some current tenants move out.
Start date: 2009
Budget: TBA

Westminster College (24)
 Complete renovation to house two research groups, University Pre-School Laboratory, External portfolio. Frees space in Social Science Centre, Alumni Hall and Stevenson-Lawson Building.
Completion date: August 2007
Estimated Cost: \$8 million

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Musician Paul Mills, BESC'68, MESc'72, (aka 'Curly Boy Stubbs') serenades his wife Bev, BA'68, with the guitar on a recent visit to campus.

Strength in numbers

Baby boomers reap benefits but multiple roles stressing them out

By Laurie Bursch, BA'87

Affluent. Influential. Both lucky and unlucky. Those are some of the adjectives used by professors in Western's departments of sociology and economics to describe the baby boom generation, that glut of people born in the nearly 20-year period after the Second World War. They're not going gentle into that good night, are the boomers. When "sixty is the new forty" and reading glasses are getting stylish, something's afoot. The boomers are behind this, aren't they?

"I think that the baby boom generation has benefited tremendously from all those social, biological and technological breakthroughs that have resulted in much longer life expectancies. And so the life expectancy of most of us who are baby

boomers is well into our seventies. What that's meant for these people is that they see that what used to be a mandatory retirement age of 65 as being relatively early in their lives," states Prof. William Avison from the Department of Sociology.

Prof. Roderic Beaujot, the director of the Population Studies Centre, defers to David Foot to define the timing of the baby boom generation. Foot is a professor of economics at the University of Toronto, and the author of *Boom, Bust & Echo*; he defines the boomers as those born between 1947 and 1966. "I like '46 to '66 myself because those are census years – it's a full 20-year period," says Beaujot. He also has a more personal reason for choosing 1946 as the start: "I was born in 1946, so that puts me into the baby boomers – if it's 1947, I'm not," he laughs.

According to Avison, "This is a generation that is much more affluent than the previous generations – amazingly so. Much more affluent, and on average, more highly educated."

But baby boomers may also be more stressed. "What we have now is a whole segment of the baby boom generation who find themselves trying to hold down multiple roles: as workers, as spouses, and as the informal caregivers to elderly parents." Avison explains that not only are the boomers living longer than many past generations, but so are their parents, the result being that many of the baby boom generation find themselves the primary caregivers of elderly parents. "And this has probably increased in frequency more in this generation than other generations... It is a significant group in our population, it's not by any means the majority, but it is a significant number."

This is the generation that saw a huge change in telecommunications, with the advent of television, and was also on the leading edge of the computer age.

Professor Jim Davies from the Department of Economics agrees with Avison about the affluence of

the boomers. “They’re a very wealthy group...” Davies says that “boomers have been lucky, and they’ve been unlucky.” They’re “lucky,” he explains, because they’ve been able to save through registered retirement savings plans; as well, they’ve benefited from 20 years of good returns in the stock markets, “so that’s helped them build up their wealth substantially. But then they’ve had to face pretty high taxes, which has operated in the other direction,” he adds wryly. “But the net result is that they have built a substantial amount of wealth, and they’re relatively well-prepared for retirement.”

Davies’ information is from the most recent household survey by Statistics Canada. “We have fairly good data in Canada about the assets and debts of most people. The only ones we don’t have really good information on are the genuinely wealthy – people who have a net worth of \$20-million dollars and up tend to not want to take part,” he notes with a laugh. “But for 99 per cent of the population, we have pretty good information. And so the information about how wealth varies with age, and so on, basically comes from this source.”

Davies sees recurring stories about the boomers’ continuing, and growing, affluence. “One that recurs every once in a while is about how there’s an enormous amount of wealth about to be inherited. And so sometimes you see this in connection with the boomer generation because their parents are dying off. And they do stand at the point in their life cycle when they are inheriting. Add to what they’ve already got, they are going to be very well fixed for their retirement.”

Davies acknowledges that “when we think about baby boomers, we think about prosperous people – we think of middle- and upper-middle income people. But, of course, there are also lower-income people in that age bracket.”

Beaujot also talks about lucky versus unlucky, but in the context of timing. “To me, there’s both advantages and disadvantages of numbers. To me, the advantage is that one pays attention to the group because it’s large. However, starting with the people born in the early 60s and maybe even the latter

50s, I think they start to suffer some of the disadvantages of numbers.” Later boomers must deal with competition, especially with what Foot refers to as the “leading edge” of the baby boom, for the best jobs. “I would say that things have been more difficult for the subsequent generations after the leading edge of the baby boom.” “Generation X,” as Beaujot refers to those as the tail end of the boom, and those people following, has had more of a struggle, having being blocked by the earlier baby boomers. “There’s the blockage or plugging up, because the baby boom was still there, of course. The baby bust, and also the echo that came after, have been waiting and waiting for us baby boomers to retire. But this takes a long time.” Because of these factors, Beaujot says, “It’s hard in some ways to put them all in one generation.”

For the earlier boomers, Beaujot says, “They arrived at a time when there was political awakening associated with the Vietnam War. I think there was a kind of perception of themselves as a large group that could bring about change, not only politically but in some other ways. There was a kind of time of enthusiasm. This was also a time when the economy was doing very well, through the 1960s and into the 1970s, and so there was a sense of optimism there.”

Davies concurs with Beaujot’s assessment of the boomer generation’s ability to effect change. “[They’re] a wealthy and influential group. Influential in a lot of ways: for instance, their buying power in the marketplace is large... There’s a huge number of them, so they have a lot of influence on the consumer products that we see...” Davies says that this influence has “lots of interesting implications,” and he offers some advice for how to benefit from the boomers. “If people are thinking about what they ought to invest in, it might be a good idea to buy shares in companies that are producing products that baby boomers are going to consume.”

Yes, more often than not, the baby boomers are taking Dylan Thomas’ advice, and raging against the dying of the light. And mandatory retirement at age 65. And ugly walking shoes...

Talkin’ ’bout my generation

Depending on what source or expert you consult, there are varying definitions and parameters for generations like the ‘boomers’ and ‘Generation X’.

Source: Wikipedia.com

Interbellum Generation: 1900 to 1910
G.I. Generation: 1900 to 1924
Greatest Generation: 1911 to 1924
Silent Generation: 1925 to 1942
Beat Generation: 1950s to 1960s
Baby Boomers: 1940s to 1960s
Generation Jones: 1954 to 1965
Consciousness Revolution: 1964 to 1975
Generation X (aka 13th Generation): 1961 to 1981
MTV Generation (aka Millennial Generation): 1974 to 1985
Boomerang Generation: 1977 to 1989
Generation Y: 1970s to 1990s
Echo Boom Generation: 1990 to 1999
Internet Generation: 1994 to 2001
New Silent Generation: 1990s to 2000s

Source: Answers.com

Generation X refers to persons born in the 1960s and 1970s. The name was coined as a result of a study of young people’s attitudes in England in 1964 by Jane Deverson. The generation X period saw the rise of hippies and countercultures across the Western world. By the time older gen-Xers became teenagers, the personal computer revolution had begun.

Generation Y refers to people born in the 1980s and 1990s. In Western cultures, they were brought up entirely in the age of personal computers and electronic gadgets. Younger gen-Xers and all generation Y children were brought up in the thick of it.

More than 76 million Baby Boomers were born between 1946 and 1964 in the U.S. (The estimate for Canadian Baby Boomers is 10 million). Older baby boomers were raised without desktop computers, and many did not even have TVs as children.

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ISLAND LIFE IN ANCIENT GREECE

Join Guest Lecturer, Dr. Darwin Semotiuk, Professor in Western's School of Kinesiology, on this voyage across the Aegean Sea through the Greek Isles to Turkey's historic coast. Explore Delos and Santorini, stroll the streets of Ephesus, sail to legendary Troy aboard the MS Le Diamant.

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David Scott, Editor, Alumni Publications, was asked to host a group of Western alumni and friends on an Alumni Western “Discover the World” trip to Ecuador and its archipelago spectacles, the Galapagos Islands, in late February. He was quick to accept the plum assignment and trip of a lifetime but not soon to forget his experience.

By David Scott

Iguanas cross your path with no fear. Mother sea lions bask on sun-drenched sand as their offspring nestle in to feed. Magnificent male frigates soar overhead

and swoop down with puffed-up red chests to attract mates while Blue-Footed Boobies do a comedic dance to entice their partners. Bright red crabs scuttle across black lava rock. And giant tortoises seek the shade of lush greenery or cool off in the deep blue ocean.

This is Galapagos. And it is paradise on Earth. No single image can begin to translate the experience.

You need a sense of adventure, a love of nature and a good pair of walking shoes. (And don't forget your camera!) No amount of reading from the dozens of books available on the islands or Charles Darwin's *Voyage of the Beagle* quite tell the story. It's a question of show and tell. And in this case, it's better for the islands to show you what they offer, up close and personal.

Fortunately I was among seasoned

travelers in the group of 10 Western Alumni and friends on this trip. But each one was surprised in their own way with the spectacles we witnessed by week's end. Somehow it is possible to receive first class treatment all the way and still be on an 'adventure.'

“We were never wanting for anything on this trip. It was certainly beyond what I expected,” said Michael Connelly, MD'69, who traveled with his wife Maggie, BA'68 (Home Economics, Brescia) and two of his three children, Michael Jr. (current Medical Biophysics student at Western) and Marcia (former Brescia student). “Maggie came here with a list of things to see and there wasn't anything she didn't see that she wanted to,” said Michael.

Steven Thorsedale, our travel director from Gohagan & Company,

the Chicago-based tour company that orchestrated the trip, was incredible. Fluent in seven languages and experienced in leading trips on all seven continents, he was an encyclopedia of cultural information and a great translator throughout our week in Ecuador and Galapagos. Once on board the Santa Cruz, the staff from Metropolitan Touring offered first rate service, accommodation and food. Every meal featured options of fresh seafood, a selection of different meats and vegetarian cuisine.

“All the people who work on the boat were wonderful,” said Merle Jones, BA’47, who traveled with her husband Harold, a Queen’s alumnus. The exploration vessel had accommodation for about 80 guests.

and informative. “I’ve never been on a guided trip. I didn’t find it restrictive. It was almost like a survey course. You get the whole broad-stroke knowledge,” said Marcia Connolly.

Tuesday, February 27 – Bartholomew and Santiago (James) Islands

Yes, getting up early is the norm. Got up around 6 a.m. this morning and signed out snorkeling equipment. Snorkeling was great – twice today. I saw a clown fish, giant sun fish, something that looked like a mini Beluga whale with a very sharply shaped tail, blue fish the size of carp, schools of silver fish.

There’s a point you reach in every trip that seems like your vacation is your normal life and your reality becomes this comfort zone of traveling.

Today was that day. Life here is amazing – like a Garden of Eden – the kind of world that can exist when humans don’t interfere.

Itineraries left on the desk each night in our comfortable cabins entice you for the next day’s adventure: “Today, as we reach the central islands, we will enjoy a combination of walks and swimming/snorkeling activities. The morning will bring us to Bartholomew Island, a lovely volcanic islet just off the east coast of Santiago, and probably the most photographed location of this archipelago.” This island has the most incredible view and appears in scenes from the movie *Master and Commander* with Russell Crowe.



Because the motorized rafts (or pangas) we used each day to reach the islands only hold about a dozen people, our Western group stayed together for all of the expeditions. We had our own naturalist who guided the morning and afternoon outings and each group was given a unique Galapagos creature name. We were the ‘Frigates’. (Or by week’s end, “the Friggin’ Frigates”). There were also the Dolphins, Boobies and others.

Our naturalist was Fabian, a native Ecuadorian who lives in the town of Puerto Ayora on Santa Cruz, the island with the largest human population in the archipelago. The guides are incredible and passionate about their work. They are gifted with knowledge of all the wildlife, the history of the islands, the seasons, and the weather – and could answer virtually all questions posed to them. The trip was interactive





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Wednesday, February 28 – Rabida (Jervis) Island and Pto. Ayora (on Sta. Cruz Island)

Good morning! Ola. Buenos dias. The naturalists told us at last night’s expedition briefing that temperatures had risen to 100 degrees F yesterday! No wonder my shoulders burnt when I was snorkeling— even with a 50 sunscreen on. But I’ll be keeping a shirt on for the rest of my snorkeling. “We all handled the heat pretty well,” said Steve Radin, BA’54, MD’59, at trip’s end. He was right. Even given the amount of hiking, trekking, climbing we did, everyone faired well.

The deep-water snorkeling was incredible this morning. Thousands of fish were swimming with you. A couple of sea lions jumped in for a swim near us.

“That was special. Swimming with the sea lions,” said Dorothy Radin, Diploma’60 (Public Health Nurse). “When I was snorkeling I felt something banging against my flippers and was told afterwards it was probably

a sea lion. They like to nibble at flippers to see what they are.”

The two Connelly siblings saw a turtle diving. I saw a shark just before getting on the panga. It was at least five feet long – a reef shark. (The naturalists say they’re vegetarian – but I’m pretty sure that’s a joke for us gullible tourists – the “vegetarian sharks”).

Thursday, March 1 – The Highlands and North Seymour Island

Another day in paradise, another month begins for the rest of the world. Sailing to a new destination for our last big expedition of the trip.

From our itinerary: “Santa Cruz is one of the largest inhabited islands in the archipelago. Its 900 metres of elevation is divided amongst different vegetation zones, each with unique plant and animal life. Today will be an exciting day with tortoises in the wild, land birds such as finches, lava tunnels and pit craters. All that on a single island!”

No deception in that description. It proved to be one of the best days for

photos. Close encounters with birds, sea lions and iguanas. Lots of mating rituals, dances and songs. And giant tortoises the islands are famous for – in their natural habitat.

“The animals had absolutely no fear of humans or any other animals. Because apparently they’ve been raised with no predators, so they never have to worry. When the sea lions were feeding on the beach, a baby came up and nuzzled against my leg,” said George Torrance, a friend of the Radins and alumnus of University of Toronto.

“I thought it was incredible how the different animals try to attract each other in mating season,” said Peggy Torrance, alumna of University of Alberta.

Michael Connolly Jr. summed up a truth for all of us: “I’m really glad I’m missing out on the Canadian winter.”

For more warm memories of Galapagos, Ecuador and the optional trip to Machu Picchu, check out the full travelogue, post-trip journal online at: www.alumnigazette.ca

Photo legend:

- 1. Page 16-17 Bartholomew Island, a volcanic islet just off the east coast of Santiago, and probably the most photographed location in the archipelago.
- 2. Pit crater left from an inactive volcano on Santa Cruz Island.
- 3. A land iguana looks for food on North Seymour Island.
- 4. A bright red Sally Lightfoot Crab scuttles over black lava rock.

- 5. A puffed up male Magnificent Frigate has attracted a female mate.
- 6. Giant tortoise in its natural lush habitat on Santa Cruz.
- 7. Blue-footed Boobie does a little dance for potential mates.
- 8. A baby sea lion nurses from his sleeping mother.
- 9. “The Frigates” – From left: Marcia Connolly, Michael Connolly, George Torrance, David Scott, Peggy Torrance, Dorothy Radin, Michael Connolly

- Jr., Steve Radin, Maggie Connolly, Carol Woodward, Stuart Smith, Merle Jones, Steven Thoresdale, Harold Jones.
- 10. Many marine iguanas basking in the sun.
- 11. A lava lizard crawls along a rocky face.
- 12. An adolescent frigate perches in a small tree. (Photo #1 by Michael Connolly, #2-8, 10-12 by David Scott)

Why do a Discover the World trip?

- Trips are generally all inclusive and feature additional educational components.
- Alumni tell us they enjoy travelling with “like-minded travellers.”
- In 2007, offering 21 trips, with 245 passengers booked.
- 23 trips are being offered in 2008, including a trip to France with Paul & Josette Davenport, May 23 - 31.
- Often send professors. Dr. Darwin Semotiuk will be guest lecturer on the Ancient Greece cruise in September 2008.
- Types of trips: “Alumni Campus” stay in one place for one week and explore the area. River cruises to destinations such as Russia, Ukraine and Danube River. New active, (soft adventure) trips
- Spanish language school in Guatemala and golfing in Ireland.
- Perennial hotspots - Italy, Russia, Greece, France, Asia and Galapagos.
- Typically travel with other Canadian schools. U of T, Queen’s and McGill.

Boomers jump hospital queues for treatment overseas

Medical tourism catching on for those who can afford it

By Ron Johnson, BA'96



Photo courtesy - Apollo Hospitals

A patient undergoes a CAT scan at an Apollo Hospital in India.

Who would have thought even 10 years ago that globalization would include an international health care system that allows an aging population to combine a tummy tuck with a tequila sunrise at a seaside resort? Need heart surgery? Head to India, and while recovering, consider a jaunt to the Taj Mahal. Such is the power of the Baby Boomer generation, an aging population that has elevated medical tourism from a blip to a global phenomenon.

Medical tourism combines international travel and health care, allowing Canadians and residents of other Western countries to jump domestic queues and/or save significant amounts of money by travelling to countries such as India, Singapore, Cuba and Argentina for cosmetic and medical treatment.

“With age comes a greater reliance on the health care system, so many people have predicted that as baby boomers enter retirement they will demand changes in services to accommodate their needs,”

says Kyle Murray, a professor at the Richard Ivey School of Business. “Being a substantial segment of the voting and buying population means that markets and governments tend to listen.”

One of the countries clearly paying attention is India, which began making medical tourism a major focus in 2003. Walking into the Tourism India offices in downtown Toronto, brochures lining the walls and tables advertise the country’s private hospital facilities and treatment options in a similar manor one might advertise Club Med.

Irv Rao, information officer for India’s Ministry of Tourism in Toronto, says the hospitals are like “five-star resorts,” with no wait times, and affordable treatments that are offered at rates much lower than in the United States. According to Rao, more than one million patients will fly to India for treatment this year, and the goal is to up that figure to a whopping 10 million by 2010.

“Baby boomers have been transforming markets their entire lives,” says Murray. “As they move into their retirement years they will change those markets as well.”

Nick Nikolov, co-owner of Oakville-based Travelcade Holidays and the newly established International Medical Network, was one of the first out of the medical tourism gate, and recently returned from a tour of Apollo Hospitals in India — one of the country’s largest medical tourism companies with 46 hospitals, and more than 30,000 employees.

“I was very surprised by the quality. The treatments cost less, they are quicker, and the hospitals are better and cleaner than in Canada, most with a 0.03 per cent infection rate, and the doctors are well-qualified, many having been trained in the United States and Canada,” says Nikolov. “A hip or knee replacement might mean a wait of a year or two in Canada, one can walk right into a hospital in India and get it done for about \$8,000.”

“Last year, 500,000 Americans took medical trips,” says Nikolov. “It is newer here. Canada is funny because if it is free they’ll wait and wait unless they are in pain, like hip and joint replacements, or they are life threatening and in need of immediate care.”

But many are far from convinced that medical tourism is a panacea. Within countries that provide medical care to foreign tourists, such as Canada, residents have been outspoken with regard to the deteriorating quality of their own care. In addition, in Canada, the growth of medical tourism is seen by some as evidence of a developing two-tier system that benefits the rich.

“Health care should be equal for all Canadians,” says Dr. Jeffrey Nisker of Western’s Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry. “Allowing the rich to jump the queue by going south only promulgates our problem as the rich would not tolerate the long waiting lists and shortage of physicians that are inflicted on the less rich.”

Whatever the ethical implications of medical tourism, the planets of change seem aligned to ensure it will continue to be a factor in our futures. Long wait times across the country and an aging population in need of quality health care, along with the financial ability to seek assistance outside of traditional Canadian one-tier channels, will ensure that medical tourism is a growing alternative in this country and around the world. ☐

Obesity is the ‘new tobacco’ for baby boomers

By Andrew Wister, PhD’85, author of *Baby Boomer Health Dynamics*

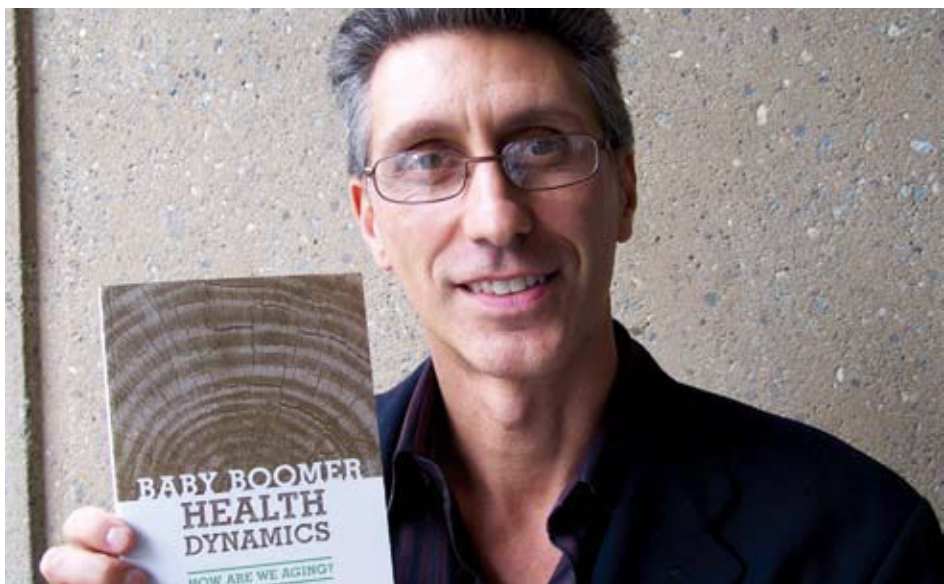
Everyone assumes the baby boomer bulge that has been moulding society as it moves up the age escalator will be the healthiest generation of older adults because they grew up in wealthier times, exercised more, smoked less, and were more knowledgeable about health.

Think again.

Amidst considerable conjecture and popular myths is the burgeoning question: Are baby boomers healthier than previous generations? My research focuses on four health behaviours that have been proven to be major risk factors for disease — smoking, unhealthy exercise, obesity and heavy drinking, as well as major chronic illnesses, and health utilization trends. The recent public declaration by a number of health organizations and institutes that we are experiencing an obesity crisis, and moreover, that obesity is the “new tobacco” makes this book both timely and topical.

Baby Boomer Health Dynamics considers the health of a population to be fundamentally shaped by the experiences of cohorts as they form unique health and illness trajectories connected to their size, composition, earlier life experiences, and exposure to differing historical events. An analysis of health data from six major national Canadian surveys collected between 1978/79 and 2000/2001, approximately a generation apart, constitute the core of the primary research of this book. In addition to general population health trends, comparisons of the baby boom generation of today are made with the previous generation, including socio-economic status, regional and foreign-born status gradients.

The book specifically addresses



a number of research questions and issues that have attracted the attention of researchers, policy-makers, and health care organizations. For example, what are the most important health trajectories of the baby boom generation? How will they influence future patterns of health status and health utilization across major social categories, such as gender, education, income, region and foreign-born status? And do macro shifts in the economy or in population education levels affect lifestyle behaviours, health status indicators, or self-reported health utilization of these persons? In so doing, *Baby Boomer Health Dynamics* attempts to explain several key lifestyle-health conundrums that are revealed in the analysis and discussed in the latter chapters of the book.

For instance, there is an apparent paradox in the concurrent trends of increasing exercise levels and a significant rise in obesity over the last few decades. In order to explain these disconnecting patterns, changes in leisure-time physical activity, work-related activity, eating habits, fast-food super-sizing, and environmental factors influencing healthy lifestyles are investigated. After eliminating competing explanations, we are invariably led to the eating habits of North Americans, and in particular, the quantity and quality of fast-food consumption both in restaurants and at home.

We live in a pressure-cooker technological world of high prices, advertising, TV, cell phones, taxes, pollution, long work hours, dual wage earner families, occupational disruptions,

and affordable housing shortages. These factors contribute to a fast pace of living and thus higher obesity in conjunction with the availability of cheap but poor quality fast foods. People eat more than they used to and levels of physical activity are not as high as they should be — almost 40 per cent of Canadians are sedentary or engage in low levels of physical activity. Yet, boomers are very individualistic, want to look good, and desire a good life, so there is an opportunity to increase the numbers engaging in healthy lifestyles. We need to make fundamental changes in society in order to meet these goals. 🌐

Baby Boomer Health Dynamics: How Are We Aging? by Andrew Wister was written in response to the growing interest in the generation that comprises the largest cohorts in Canadian history. The baby boomers make up over one-third (almost 10 million) of the Canadian population compressed into a 20-year period following the Second World War with the leading edge reaching their 65th birthday in 2011. By 2031, baby boomers will range in age between 65 and 85. And while they will definitely enjoy a lengthened life expectancy, they may not enjoy better health and be less of a burden on the health care system. Dr. Andrew Wister Chair of the Gerontology Department at Simon Fraser University. This book is available at several book stores and also online from the publisher at: www.utppublishing.com/pubstore/merchant.ihml?pid=8305&step=4

Sicko shines spotlight on health care system and London

By Paul Mayne

Who would have thought a family reunion just over 10 years ago would have led Western grad Chris Aldred, BA'91 (English) to be part of an Oscar-winning film (*Bowling for Columbine*) and the much-anticipated movie *Sicko*, that opened in theatres June 29?

A cousin of controversial film director Michael Moore, Aldred has been behind the scenes for a pair of movies, acting as Canadian field producer on each. Their latest venture, *Sicko*, is sure to ruffle U.S. feathers on both sides of the health care issue – having been dubbed a comedy about the 45 million people with no health care in the richest country on earth.

Aldred, who has found his way in front of and behind the camera, has loved the opportunity to work with Moore, whose grandfather was born and raised in Euphemia Township just west of London.

Exercise classes offered through centre inspire and strengthen seniors

By Elizabeth Lusk, BA'02 (Honors Kinesiology), Communications Specialist / CCAA Trainer, Canadian Centre for Activity and Aging

People over the age of 65 comprise one of the fastest growing segments of the population and also represent the most sedentary portion of the adult population. The Canadian Centre for Activity and Aging's (CCAA) innovative programs have the potential to promote an active, healthy lifestyle for older adults that will enhance their quality of life and keep them fully engaged in society.

In conjunction with The University of Western Ontario within the Faculty of Health Sciences, the CCAA operates research laboratories that specialize in cardio-respiratory function, muscle

It also gave him the opportunity to show off southwestern Ontario – in particular the London area – which was part of the documentary. The North American premiere of the film took place in London June 8, with Moore in attendance.

The movie contains images of and interviews with a surgeon and patient of St. Joseph's Hand and Upper Limb Centre (HULC). The patient, a Woodstock area man, lost all the fingers on one hand in an industrial accident and had them reattached. His story is contrasted with the similar experience of a man in the U.S. who also lost his fingers but couldn't afford to have all of them reattached.

"I guess you can call *Sicko* a celluloid op-ed piece of the American health care



Film Director Michael Moore

metabolism, neuromuscular physiology, heart function and strength testing. The Faculty provides state-of-the-art on-campus research laboratories and professors to advance our health and aging research mission.

To render the research we do relevant, an extensive Community Outreach Division has been formed and develops model community exercise programs and train fitness leaders across the country to deliver our proven programs.


Susan Downe, BA'52 (English and Philosophy), has been taking




Members of the Dynamic Balance class at CCAA in London.

system," says Aldred from his Chatham-Kent home. "We're getting a lot of attention for this film." Aldred recently returned from France where the film opened to high praise at the Cannes Film Festival. "That was kind of amazing, the whole red carpet deal and everything," says Aldred, noting since Moore's Oscar for *Bowling for Columbine* the attention around his films is much more intense. Aldred spent just under a year working on the movie with Moore.

James Roth, a founder of HULC, says the case presented in the movie is just one of many success stories in London. "To share our achievements in the bright lights of the entertainment world is certainly a new experience," says Roth.

While Aldred anticipates *Sicko* will "definitely get people talking" – in particular Americans – about the issue of health care, the current state of the Canadian system will also be water-cooler banter. "It's confrontational and definitely a conversation starter," says Aldred. He is also a cousin of Rob Aldred, a Western Journalism graduate who contributed an article to the Spring '07 issue of the Alumni Gazette. 

general fitness exercise classes (gym cardiorespiratory and weight room strengthening) at the CCAA off and on for 14 years. Susan, with humour, offers that while she is often ambivalent about going, she is able to talk herself into it by "thinking how crummy she will feel if she doesn't go!" On a more serious note, she often feels inspired by herself and her classmates and what they are able to do. Most importantly, Downe experiences a strong sense of camaraderie with her classmates, exercise leaders and the volunteers that help with her class. As well, the exercise helps strengthen the muscles around her knees, which helps with her arthritis and managing pain. She has four children and enjoys keeping strong to play with her grandchildren.

For more information about the Canadian Centre for Activity and Aging, including descriptions and schedules for our exercise programs, physical activity leadership workshops as well as our current research, please visit our websites: www.uwo.ca/actage and www.ccaa-outreach.com 



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THURSDAY

• Alumni Western AGM, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Westminster College

Jump-start Homecoming weekend with your Alumni Association. You are invited to the Annual General Meeting of the Board...but this is not your average AGM. Enjoy live music and an array of appetizers while meeting fellow alumni. The event will take place in the new home of Alumni Relations. Where else can you network, attend an Open House, kick off Western's biggest weekend of the year AND receive an update on the Association and its new strategic vision?

FRIDAY

• The 33rd Annual Alumni Awards Dinner

5:30 p.m. Reception with complimentary cocktail & hors d'oeuvres

6:30 p.m. Dinner

The Great Hall, Somerville House

Tickets: \$65, Business Attire

Join us as we honour Western's own in an evening of alumni pride. This evening includes a fabulous three-course meal, musical entertainment and a cash bar. To reserve a table with friends, please call 519-661-2199 ext. 85739 or e-mail western.homecoming@uwo.ca.

Please see page 39 for a listing of this year's recipients.

SATURDAY

• Homecoming Hospitality Tent, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

TD Waterhouse Parking Lot

The Hospitality Tent is Homecoming Central! You will find:

- Registration
- Pick up for Manulife South End Zone Lunch tickets
- Refreshments
- Rick McGhie
- Children's activities
- Faculty displays
- Western Libraries' exhibit
- Staff and volunteers from Alumni Western to answer all of your questions
- BBQ Lunch, hosted by The Faculty of Social Science

• Western-YMCA 5K Fun Run

9:15 a.m. Warm Up with YMCA Instructor

9:30 a.m. Start

Fee: \$5, free for runners under 12

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Hospitality Tent.

The first 200 registrants will receive a run kit.

• Homecoming Parade, 9:00 a.m.

A Homecoming must-see! Gather your family and friends and grab a spot on Richmond Street to take in this traditional Homecoming favourite.

• Manulife South End Zone Lunch, 11:00 a.m.

TD Waterhouse Stadium

Fee: \$35 includes football ticket, lunch and access

to a tented reception with a private cash bar

Calling all alumni celebrating a reunion! Alumni Western invites you to enjoy the game in style. The Manulife South End Zone Lunch includes a traditional pre-game meal, VIP seating at field level and a football ticket in the stadium following kick-off. Guests will also receive a complimentary souvenir from event sponsor Manulife Financial. These are truly the best seats in the house, space is limited.

• Homecoming Football, 1:00 p.m.

Western Mustangs vs. Windsor Lancers

Don't miss your chance to cheer on your Mustangs! A listing of all varsity games is found online (www.westernmustangs.ca). For tickets contact the Mustang Ticket Office at 519-661-4077 or Ticketmaster at 519-488-1012.

• All Classes Bash Live Concert

7:00 p.m. Dinner, 8:00 p.m. Concert

Alumni Hall, Tickets: \$25

Join Jean Meilleur and many of London's finest musicians as they take to the stage in Alumni Hall. Retrace the musical milestones from your grad year to present. The evening includes dinner, a complimentary drink and the live show. A cash bar will be available and seating will be arranged by tables.

SUNDAY

• Homecoming Farewell Brunch, 11:30 a.m.

The Great Hall, Somerville House, Tickets: \$20

Say your good-byes during this casual "Western" breakfast in The Great Hall. Meal includes complimentary drink ticket and Homecoming souvenir.

• President's Reception, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Gibbons Lodge, 1836 Richmond Street

Graduates celebrating reunion years from 1937 – 1982 are invited to a garden reception as special guests of President & Vice-Chancellor Paul Davenport and Josette Davenport.

There are many more activities taking place on Homecoming weekend, visit www.westernhomecoming.uwo.ca for a listing of Faculty, branch and chapter, and affiliated college events.

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Underground overachievers

Western grads dominate Canadian mining industry

By Mitch Zimmer, BSc'82, MSc'89

No one more than geologists appreciate that things are seldom as they seem. Their careers – and increasingly their personal fortunes – are built on spying beneath the surface, beyond the present. No nation builds the specialized breed of entrepreneurial geologist-miner like Canada, and no university builds those geologists quite like Western.

These days they call it 'Earth Sciences.' Although now one of the more lucrative fields to be in, the road to success for geologists is naturally rocky. The mining industry has always been cyclical but key events in recent history put the business under considerable strain. As Keith Barron, PhD'97, Director and Co-Founder of both Aurelian Resources Inc., and U3O8 Corp, and a Director of Kimber Resources Inc., explains: "There were two things that happened. There was this very, very large fraud that was perpetrated in 1997 called Bre-X in which \$5 billion of market capitalization vanished. About the same time, a lot of the venture capital that would normally go into mining was sucked away by dot-coms. That happened in '98-'99, so our business ended up on hard times."

Many in the industry got out, went back to school to teacher's college or retrained in other professions, according to Barron. "Some of those people haven't come back." At the same time enrolment in Earth Sciences programs decreased significantly. And the department at Western changed its focus from economic geology to environmental geology.

After the dot-com bubble burst and the memories of the Bre-X scandal faded, the demand for metals began anew. David Terry, PhD'97, Vice President of Exploration of Amera Resources, says by 2003, "everything started to pick up, the metal prices picked up, investment in exploration picked up...Right now, it's very easy to raise money for high risk things like exploration and it has allowed a lot of the people who I went to school with to really move up and get going."



Keith Barron, right, with beard, in raft on Zarza River in southeast Ecuador.

The upswing persuaded Ken Leigh, MSc'91, President and CEO of Commander Resources, to think there may be more interest for potential students, but there is a catch. "The

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university cycle is about four years and the typical base metal cycle generally only lasts four or five years so when

things get hot, students get excited again, they enter the courses and then by the time they graduate the cycle has ended or it's coming down." This particular trend now appears to be so strong that students who weren't considering Earth Sciences are now seeing the opportunities that exist, says Leigh, "to really learn aggressively and build their career path quickly in a fast-paced environment."

In fact, the present industry trend is so strong there is a shortage of personnel. "In the next decade we'll be desperately seeking qualified geologists to run our programs and spend our money. There's

a lot of money available in the industry, lots of good ideas, lots of good projects, but there's just not the people to carry out all the work," says Leigh.

Young managers given big responsibilities

Robin Goad, BA'81, MSc'87, President and CEO of Fortune Minerals, admits the industry often thrusts new geologists into managerial roles, "Typically you would run an exploration program. You're going to be sitting on a drill, you're going to be managing people and equipment and this is the first thing you're exposed to virtually when you come out of university. And so you have to be able to thrive in that kind of market. You're literally running million-dollar programs and organizing people in remote places which include transportation and accommodation."

Harlan Meade, PhD'77, President and CEO of Yukon Zinc, agrees it's not just geology that managers are expected to know. Today, being a mining executive means dealing with politically sensitive topics, business, regulations and an assortment of related issues. "You're expected to deal with First Nations issues, suppliers, helicopters and environmental regulations," says Meade. Environmental concerns are very much on the public's mind these days. And although some mining operations in the developing world aren't as environmentally friendly as their Canadian counterparts, Goad says in the long run it's less costly to be



Rob Carpenter examines copper mineralization in Ida Point, Nunavut in 2003. The copper is green.

environmentally responsible. "Quite frankly, doing it right is cheaper in the



Barron reviewing drill core at the Fruta del Norte gold discovery, Ecuador.

long run. You have to go through very extensive and intensive environmental assessment programs before you develop a major industrial project anywhere in this country and mostly throughout the world. It means you not only have your economic ducks in a line but you have totally assessed all of the environmental and social impacts and evaluated those and presented good mitigation strategies."

Western's track record unparalleled

Western has one of the most impressive track records in the country for graduates in economic geology going on to key positions in mining and related financial companies. More than 64 Western alumni who graduated between 1970 and 2000 are now CEOs, Presidents, Vice-Presidents or other high level executives in various mining or financial companies in Canada.

As for how those past graduates came to lead companies, Meade says it is due to a major shift in industry attitudes. "Major companies have got out of the fundamental exploration business and now are into the acquisition, mine development and operations businesses. That created the opportunity for more progressive groups in the exploration sector to rise up and take on the role of executive positions with junior companies. Geologists adapt and learn to survive in the wilderness environment, now they are learning to survive in the investment environment."

Barron noticed a sizable proportion of his classmates had reached these upper level positions. "I don't think there is a school in Canada that has as many alumni in senior positions as Western" says Barron. He recollects his graduate school experience as "a really good incubator." He adds, "There was a lot of mentorship back in those days." Rob Carpenter, PhD'04, President and CEO of Kaminak Gold, can attest firsthand about that generous spirit, "when I wrote my BSc thesis, I had no idea what I was doing but there were guys like Keith [Barron] and Pam [Strand, MSc'93], (President and CEO of Shear Minerals) who took me under their wing and showed me what to do. It's pretty remarkable there is such a strong kinship and we always ask ourselves why that is."

Barron has also observed in his dealings with people from other universities that, "there's just not that camaraderie you see at Western." Don Robinson, PhD'82, President and CEO of Eastmain Resources, says this network is a great advantage. "One thing you keep in mind over time, our geology/geophysics division is a very small society, even world-wide. In fact, Western's department attracted graduates from a number of foreign countries and many of us ended up working in foreign countries later on. You wouldn't go very far before bumping into somebody you knew directly or knew in common. I think that's a bonus." ®



Don Robinson examines drill core from the Eau Claire gold deposit, Clearwater Project, located near the Eastmain River, James Bay, Quebec.



Robin Goad washing the walls of underground workings at the NICO cobalt-gold-bismuth deposit in the Northwest Territories to get a better look at the geology.

Networking skills tied to geology profs

Roots of the networking, entrepreneurial spirit and mentorship of economic geology alumni can be traced to a few professors at Western at the time. Bill Fyfe; Norm Duke, MSc'76; Dick Hutchison, BSc'50; and Bob Hodder were prized for their ability to engage students in the classroom.

"Geologists adapt and learn to survive in the wilderness environment, now they are learning to survive in the investment environment."

As Robinson notes, "Both Hodder and Fyfe taught first year geology and if you liked Earth Sciences, they could have you riveted in your chair. And that's what got those of us who went on in the industry excited about it at the graduate level." Meade agrees,

"Certainly Robert Hodder is and was, an inspirational teacher. We jokingly refer to him as Johnny Carson because he can certainly command an audience." Although Meade originally came to Western to work on a Master's degree, he went on to pursue his PhD because of Hodder. "I think Bob taught us a love of the rocks and basically made you think outside the box. Bill Fyfe could make you think outside the box, too."

Industry ties helped students find work


What set the economic geology discipline apart were connections to the industry. Duke, Hutchison and Hodder had that helped students find work. As Ewan Mason, BSc'86, Managing Director, Head of Global Mining, Investment Banking TD Securities, says, "There was sort of an

unspoken partnership between students in geology and mining and exploration companies. The contacts the teaching staff had were quite important and there was always this push to make sure everybody who was looking for a spot found one."

In some cases relationships kindled in graduate school have continued into the work world. Professor Hutchison is Director of Eastmain Resources where former student Robinson is CEO and Meade has employed his former professor, Bob Hodder, to take new geologists out in the field. Meade says Hodder "sees stuff and approaches geology and rocks in a very different way. Bob takes them back to the fundamentals and they can think about what they are looking at."

Getting your feet wet, literally, on geology field trips

Another contributing factor to Western's success in economic geology could be the in-depth and frequent field trips taken by the classes in those years. According to Robinson, both Bob Hodder and Dick Hutchison "were instrumental in leading field trips both in North America and overseas. The first time I ever went overseas was with Bob and Dick. They set it up where they'd get 12 or so graduate students and 12 or so industry people. You went to see ore deposits around the world that were world class examples. The students were studying them and they were there to view the leading edge of science with respect to those ore deposits. And the industry guys were trying to get up to date on what's going on, so it worked out rather well. They were very popular; I did it as a student and then I came back after working in industry."

Leigh also thinks that field trips were necessary for more than learning about the rocks, there was the opportunity to learn about yourself. "If you don't go out and spend a summer in the mosquito-infested swamps of northern Ontario, for example, you may not know that's the kind of job you want to do for awhile." Terry says he knows how fortunate he was to have these experiences beyond the classroom, "I know from talking to people from other universities that although they had field trips they just didn't have the depth and variety of what we seemed to be exposed to at Western." 

Proposed \$60M network targets local health

Aging boomers will put strain on system

By Paul Mayne

As the baby boomers age and live longer, health care providers face an unprecedented challenge to the sustainability of the health care system.

According to Western Research Development Consultant Derek Newton, there are two choices. Wait it out or act now - and Western has chosen the latter. Through the proposed creation of the Lifestyle Research Network (LRN), this learning for life-long health initiative hopes to develop a more highly integrated health care and education network in southwestern Ontario that could serve as a model for the rest of the country.

Newton is confident this idea will create both efficiency and effectiveness for the future health care of millions of Canadians.

"This is just a great idea," he says. "It will allow us to deal with higher health care needs coming down the line by understanding how we can connect hospital care to community care and how the community can connect to the research being undertaken for their benefit."

Newton says plans are still in the early stages, with Western currently seeking funding from the Canadian Foundation

for Innovation and others groups in the neighbourhood of \$60 million.

With LRN partners, whom Newton hopes will include Robarts Research Institute, Lawson Health Research Institute and universities such as Windsor, Waterloo, Guelph and McMaster, total funding expectations could be in the area of \$200 million.

The focal point for LRN would be to generate and integrate new clinical and population health research focused on prevention, early identification and health care management strategies in priority areas, such as chronic illness.

Nationally, there is a growing burden due to chronic disease, in what is being called the 'greying of Canada.' Between 1991 and 2001 the population aged 80 and over rose 41 per cent to just under one million, and is expected to increase an additional 43 per cent by 2011.

Chronic illness accounts for 87 per cent of disability and consumes two-thirds of direct health care costs in Canada.

Newton says the LRN will improve population health by integrating established and emerging areas of research expertise with defined patient populations across a large region - both rural and urban settings - with the five major centres being Windsor, London, Waterloo, Guelph and Hamilton.


"Our strength is that this will be the first time in Canada that a population

of 2.3 million people, geographically clustered, will be assessed to develop and evaluate preventative health care initiatives and policy," says Newton. "It is translational research on an unprecedented scope and scale."

The LRN collaborative units, called Life-Labs, will undertake specific clinical research functions. These labs will be distributed throughout the study regions and build on existing research and clinical strengths of the partner institutions.

The information technology backbone of the LRN will be facilitated by the supercomputing SHARCNET network, which will connect the Life-Labs with the tremendous amount of clinical data and statistical analysis that is expected.

Newton says with its national scope and potential international impact, the LRN holds the promise to become the premiere clinical and population health research network in Canada.

"The time is now for an integrated and collaborative approach to create a new healthcare culture of prevention and education by closing the gaps between scientific and technology innovation, and public policy and service delivery," says Newton. "Through this network, LRN will train and equip the next generation of clinicians and health scientists." 

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Valuable work of imprisoned linguist uncovered

By Heather Moller



Archived photo of a fieldworker taking notes at a table with peasants in Spain. Images used by permission of the heirs of Lorenzo Rodríguez-Castellano.

Spies, sentences of death by firing squad and narrow escapes. A Hollywood movie? No, the true story of researchers doing a dialect survey covering the whole of the Iberian Peninsula just prior to the Spanish Civil War. David Heap, Associate Professor of Linguistics in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, initially found only snippets of the information effectively suppressed under the Franco regime and forgotten for decades. Colleagues and advisers told him to forget trying to find the information but he played the detective 60 years later and started the search for the information which had sat overlooked, largely unpublished and unstudied.

He eventually found the original ALPI (Linguistic Atlas of the Iberian Peninsula or Atlas Lingüístico de la Península Ibérica) field notebooks in three different locations in Spain: a library in Barcelona, a regional language institute in Santiago de Compostela, and a private home in Oviedo. Daughters of one of the researchers, excited about the interest in their father's work, referred to David Heap as "a North American, like in a film."

The history of the atlas began in the early 1900s: linguists Menéndez

Pidal and Navarro Tomás had carried out exploratory fieldwork in northern Spain, and the first published mention of the ALPI appeared in the *Revista de Filología Española*. In 1930, with backing from the new Republican government, the ALPI surveys finally got fully underway. Navarro Tomás and a team of six fieldworkers used a printed questionnaire to be answered by over 1100 subjects (largely uneducated rural people) in 527 geographical locations throughout the Iberian Peninsula. These interviews, transcribed by the ALPI fieldworkers in 1054 pre-printed notebooks using a very detailed phonetic alphabet, constitute the most complete and detailed survey of Iberian Romance dialects ever conducted.

The ALPI fieldwork continued during the years 1931-1936. The Fascist uprising led to the suspension of the project, and caught some of the ALPI fieldworkers behind enemy lines. A few left the country or survived at home, but Aníbal Otero was less lucky. He was surveying dialect localities in northern Portugal when the war broke out and the Portuguese police turned him over to the Spanish military in his native Galicia. On the strength of 'evidence' that he was a spy (especially those suspicious notebooks full of incomprehensible 'code') he was convicted of treason and sentenced to death by firing squad. Menéndez Pidal (by then self-exiled in Havana) wrote an urgent message establishing that Otero's notebooks of 'code' in fact contained phonetic transcriptions.

Otero's initial death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. He was eventually pardoned and released in 1941 (two years after the end of the Civil War), having spent more than five years in prison for the 'crime' of linguistic studies. In addition to conducting literacy classes for other inmates, he continued his research during his years in prisons, surveying fellow prisoners' speech while also collecting traditional oral literature (romances) which he transcribed from memory after his release and sent to Menéndez Pidal. In 1947 they began the remaining fieldwork, and by 1954 the final surveys were completed.

In 2002, just over a century after

the project was originally conceived, more than 70 years after the fieldwork was begun, and almost 40 years after the publication of the first and only printed volume of the ALPI, Professor Heap published a *Segunda Noticia Histórica del ALPI a los cuarenta años de su primer tomo* (in the *Revista de Filología Española*) explaining what had happened to the materials, how he had found them and how these data are now becoming available via Internet (as of this year, www.alpi.ca averages more than 1,000 visitors per month). Heap is currently writing a book on the history of this project which also illustrates the history of linguistics and politics in twentieth century Spain fieldwork. *Of Lands and Tongues* will be among other things a contribution to the rehabilitation of part of this 'lost generation' of scholars who were victims of history and of Francoism.



Villagers in suits.



Women washing linens.

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Three grad students lead innovative health research

By Matt Quin

We know the benefits of a healthy lifestyle. Some of us make the conscious decision to start exercising. But how do we make it part of our daily routine?

Researchers in labs across the Faculty of Health Sciences are exploring and uncovering new benefits of exercise on health, disease and disorders – and exploring ways to help us with the age-old problem of sticking with a routine.

One such lab is the newly created Exercise and Health Psychology Laboratory. This state-of-the-art facility, headed by Prof. Harry Prapavessis, opened its doors in April 2007 and was born out of the need to conduct exercise research in innovative ways. Located in the Faculty's newest building, the Arthur and Sonia Labatt Health Sciences Building, this 1,800 square foot facility contains the newest in exercise equipment and cutting-edge data collection devices. Although the lab is relatively new, it is humming with activity, as three major research projects are already underway, all exploring effects of exercise on health.

Louise Foley, a Commonwealth Scholarship Holder from New Zealand, is exploring the world of clinical depression and exercise's influence on this debilitating disorder. Research has already shown that exercise can drastically effect depression and is as effective as medication. Although the effects are proven, no one quite knows why exercise is so effective in dealing with depression; enter Foley. Her research is exploring how aerobic exercise programs such as rowing or treadmill work and stretching-based activities such as yoga compare in their effects on the disorder, and investigating the psychological and physiological



Erin Pearson (seated in foreground), Louise Foley (left), and Erin McGowan (right), are grad students researching various effects of exercise on health.

benefits associated with exercise.

Erin McGowan, PhD candidate, is completing another research project with clear real-world health ties. The research focuses on people with first-degree relatives who have battled colorectal cancer as their risk for contracting the disease is elevated. In the one-year study, groups are given either exercise-related or nutrition-related information and McGowan compares each group's ability to adopt and stick with an exercise program. If the program is found to be effective, it could easily be adapted for use in community interventions as well as for use in educational programs provided by health care clinics, possibly helping in the prevention of the disease.

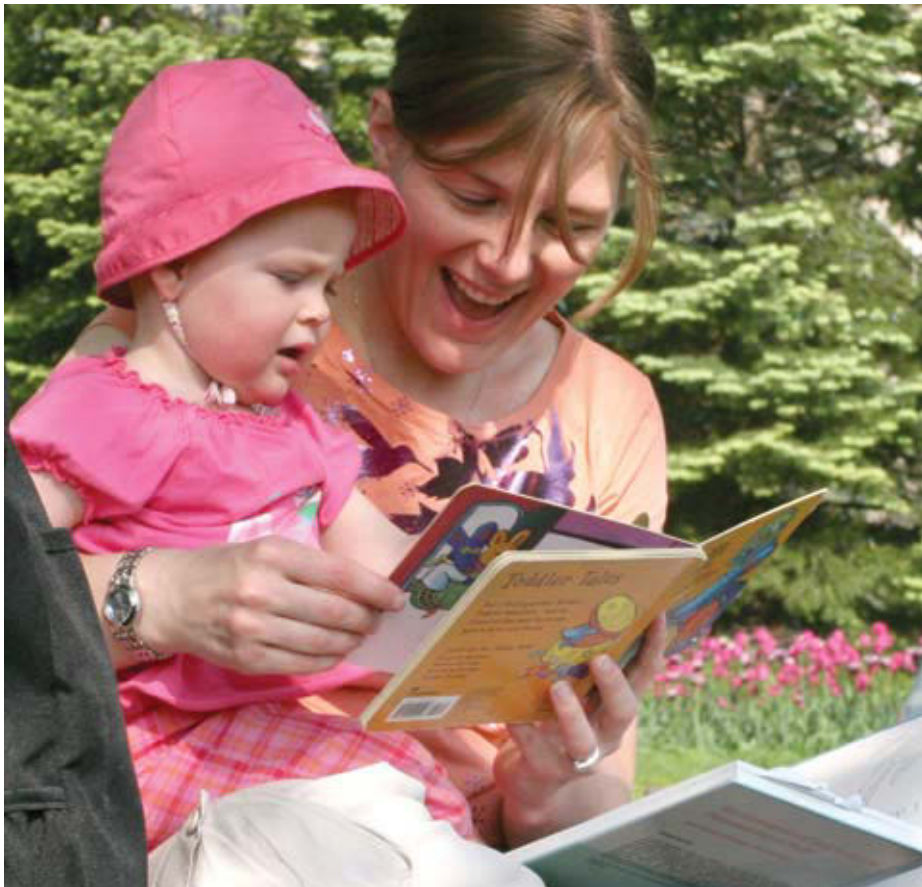
Finally, Erin Pearson, BHSc'01, an MSc student in the Faculty's Health and Rehabilitation Sciences program, is trying to get women to take their eyes off of the scale. She is studying the psychological variables of exercise

programs in women aged 18 to 45 including body image, motivation and how women stick to the plan.

During the 18-week study, Pearson takes women who previously were not exercising and investigates all of the variables and changes that occur during exercise. How the participants feel after exercise, how their clothes feel and body composition changes such as increases in muscle and reduction in fat are all investigated. Pearson hopes to show women that there is more to exercise results than the number on the scale.

For more information on the lab or if you are interested in participating in any of the exciting research initiatives please contact Harry Prapavessis at 519-661-2111 ext. 80173 or hrapave@uwo.ca.

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Western alumna Christine Guptill, BMus'95, BSc'96, and daughter Morgan, (15 months at time of photo), enjoy a book on UC hill on a recent sunny day. Guptill is enrolled in the PhD program for Rehab Sciences and is happy Western is sensitive to the needs of young parents who are working on graduate degrees.

Family life considerations part of grad school choice

When applying to graduate school, it is expected that students will explore the research areas of potential supervisors, available funding and the structure of the program they plan to pursue with their research. But choosing a graduate school extends beyond academic considerations.

Many students enter graduate school with dependant children, while others start their families during the course of their graduate career. These students, when deciding where to attend, are looking not only at the academic considerations, but at location, pregnancy and parental leave policies,

child care facilities, support for partner/spouse, support packages and/or family recreation possibilities.

In recognition of this, Western has assembled a team of faculty, staff and graduate students from a number of involved units on campus to review and revise current policies and support structures for Western graduate students who have children. The goal is to ensure that Western has accessible family friendly practices and policies in place.

“We recognize the added challenge of finding work/life balance as a parent and a graduate student and we want to do our best at Western to support our graduate students and their families,” says Clare Tattersall, Coordinator of Graduate Student Recruitment and Retention.

Duncan Hunter, Professor Emeritus of Chemistry and currently with Institutional Planning and Budgeting, is heading the ‘Family Friendly’ committee and says he “feels lucky to be involved with such enthusiastic and knowledgeable individuals.” This initiative has grown

out of Hunter’s efforts to increase the participation of women in graduate programs in Engineering and Science. The committee is reviewing everything from how Western can better support students while on pregnancy/parental leave and how it can assist in the transition back to full-time study, to running social events for students with families so that they can exchange ideas and stories and feel a part of a community that shares their experiences. This initiative will ensure that Western is known for providing outstanding support to its graduate students, not only for academic success, but also for overall life-balance.

The results of this committee’s work can already be seen on-line at http://grad.uwo.ca/current_students/family_friendly.htm. This website is being developed by the Faculty of Graduate Studies in consultation with the committee and current graduate students, to provide comprehensive information to graduate students with families about relevant on and off campus resources.

“Because starting a family is certainly one of the most exciting times in life, we want to illustrate to our students that we share in their delight, and know that it is indeed possible to be successful both academically and personally,” states Tattersall. “Being a new mom myself, I understand the challenges of achieving work-life balance, and am excited at the policies and practices this committee has already put into place.”

Western is committed to its goal of providing the best graduate student experience in Canada, and this endeavor is just one of the many practices the university is adopting to ensure recognition, balance and support for every graduate student here. The university is always seeking additional ideas to improve student life and if you have any ideas on how we can further support graduate students with families, please contact the committee through Clare Tattersall at ctatter3@uwo.ca.

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Engineering goes 'green' with gift of \$5 million

By Paul Mayne

Western Engineering Dean Franco Berruti, like many others in the faculty and across the campus, eagerly awaits the 'Green Building' that will soon rise between the Spencer and Thompson engineering buildings and carry the name of a woman who has left an indelible mark on engineering in Canada.

Western celebrated the \$5-million gift from the Lassonde Family Foundation April 19 – the largest ever to the Faculty of Engineering – to support the Claudette MacKay-Lassonde Pavilion, which will replace the aging and deteriorating bioengineering building. The new four-storey building is expected to be completed by summer 2009.

The gift honours the life of MacKay-Lassonde, who died in 2000 after a battle with cancer. Her son Christian, who graduated from Western's computer engineering program in 1998, views the project as the best way to honour his mother's accomplishments.

"I perceived an opportunity in this project to put into practice my mother's convictions for continuing education and engineering," says Christian, who for the last couple of years has been looking for a distinctive way to support his alma mater.

"My mother's life was very focused on her passion for engineering, particularly in promoting it as an attractive career for women."

MacKay-Lassonde, the first female president of the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario, promoted engineering as an attractive career for women by organizing the first Canadian Convention of Women Engineers and founded the organization Women in Science and Engineering. "This is a building that we anticipate



Western Engineering alumnus Christian Lassonde, BSc'97, BESC'98, says his family's gift of \$5 million to help build the four-storey Claudette MacKay-Lassonde Pavilion – named after his late mother – will help to build a better world.

will influence both the architectural and research landscapes of Western and southwestern Ontario," says Western President Paul Davenport.

The Lassonde family is familiar with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (or LEED) certified buildings. This is the second named green building, having supported construction of the Lassonde Pavilions, the newest engineering building at L'École Polytechnique in Montréal.

Christian's father Pierre, also an engineer, sees this latest support as an investment not only in Western's future, but Canada's.

"My son is very proud of graduating from Western and the Lassonde Foundation is all about taking care of the environment," he says. "Claudette was an exceptional person and one of the brightest people I've ever known. I'm proud, and so would she, to see her honoured in this way."

The Claudette MacKay-Lassonde Pavilion will house research on green technologies, processes and materials and, at the same time, the building itself will feature the most advanced environmentally sustainable construction technologies to be used as an active teaching tool.

This building will become a living

lab that will enhance Western's student experience," says Berruti. "The Lassonde family gift is remarkably generous, and especially as it is given in the name of someone who has so strongly contributed to the promotion of women in engineering."

Christian adds today's call for environmental sustainable solutions and technology has reminded him that his mother's principle campaign, to attract more women into science and engineering, is far from over.

"My mother believed in our responsibility to promote change that could build a better world," says Christian. "At the core of this, she believed engineers have a responsibility to create or transform discoveries to bring about a better life for people. She believed the role of engineers should be as much based on humanism and social responsibility as in technology. This new building, named in her memory, is a perfect tribute to her ideals."

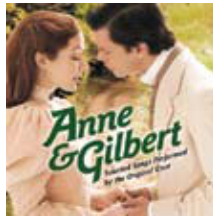
The Claudette MacKay-Lassonde Pavilion will be the first LEED-certified building on Western's campus and only the 15th in Ontario.

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STAGE

ANNE & GILBERT

Bob Johnston, BMus'75, BEd'76, is the composer and co-lyricist for the musical *Anne & Gilbert*, in production this summer at Harbourfront Jubilee Theatre in Summerside, PEI (July – September) and 1000 Islands Playhouse, Gananoque, Ontario (July – September). Now in its third season of production in Canada, the musical follows Anne of Green Gables into young adulthood as she experiences the working world, university and a tumultuous romance with Gilbert Blythe. The musical is based on the international best-selling novels *Anne of the Islands* and *Anne of Avonlea* by L.M. Montgomery. The original cast recording of selected songs from *Anne & Gilbert* won a 2007 East Coast Music Award. Bob also co-wrote *Theda Bara* and the *Frontier Rabbi*, most recently produced at the York Theatre in New York as part of its 2005/2006 Mufti series. Johnston currently teaches music at Wexford School of the Arts in Scarborough. For more information: www.anneandgilbert.com



MUSIC

SONGS OF THE IRON RAIL

Tim Rogers, MA'67, PhD'70 (Psychology) and Patty Rogers, BA'65, MA'67, PhD'71 (Psychology) with Barry Luft and Grit Laskin, have just released a CD of classic Canadian railroad songs entitled *Songs of the Iron Trail*. It contains a number of traditional songs, several written pieces, and an extensive booklet which contains rich background about this historically-oriented project. Further information and ordering details can be found by visiting www.IronTrail.ca. The album is crafted with great care, the songs varying from tongue-in-cheek humour, to train wrecks, to don't-marry-him-he's-just-a-good-for-nothing-railroad-man. Throughout, the instrumental accompaniment (performed on a wonderful variety of instruments) is tasteful and appropriate, from rambunctious claw hammer banjo on "The Hudson Bay Line," to mournful whistles on "Wreck of the Evening Mail." (Harbour Folk Society: Halifax) If there's such a thing as the "classic Canadian railway song," "Hobo's Song to the Mounties" would surely qualify (Guild Gazette: Regina)



SCREEN

BARSTOOL WORDS

Barstool Words, directed by Jeff Glickman, BA'03 (Film Studies) made its first public appearance as a play in Western's Conron Hall and returned in March to its birthplace, many years and several prizes later, as a full-length feature film at the London Film Festival. *Barstool Words* is a hysterical, raw, and rugged journey into a small town and the people that populate it. It is a story about the sexual spider webs we weave in our quest for love and companionship. It is about finding the truth underneath the words. The story is a suspense-filled black comedy about two high school buddies whose lives have gone in very different directions in the 10 years since graduation. With a cast that includes Colm Feore, Glickman says that *Barstool Words* is about "the competitive nature of the world. Do the characters stay true to themselves, or do they play the game?" *Barstool Words* was filmed in Sudbury and Glickman received a grant from Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation. Visit www.londoncanfilmfest.ca



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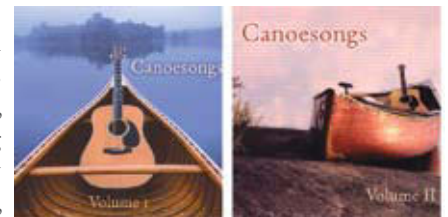
ADHD ACROSS THE LIFESPAN

In this powerful educational documentary, Timothy Bilkey, BSc'74, MD'78, a leading Canadian authority on Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), helps demystify and destigmatize ADHD, a condition which affects six to nine per cent



CANOESONGS – VOLUME I & II

Canoesongs, Volumes 1 and 2 - all Canadian artists -- such as Bruce Cockburn, Tanglefoot (including band member Terry Young, BMus'84), Fred Penner, Connie Kaldor, Ian Tamblyn to mention a few -- singing songs about canoeing, wilderness, etc. - produced by Paul Mills, BESC'68, MESC'72 and marketed by Bev Mills, BA'68 - Paul is an award winning record producer and produced the *Canoesongs collections*. Canada is a nation of canoes - big canoes, little canoes, canoes on cars, canoes on beer labels, canoes on the web, canoes on signs, menus, key fobs and underwear. But Canada is also



a nation with a grand tradition of music tied to the land, to the people and, as it turns out, to its rich tradition of canoes and canoeing. And that's what *Canoesongs* is all about. Portage Productions is pleased to present two CD compilations of songs – some older, some newer, some just recorded and available for the first time – all about or inspired by canoes or canoeing and performed by a host of superb Canadian folk artists who are being published together for the first time. A portion of the proceeds from this project will benefit the Canadian Canoe Museum in Peterborough, Ontario, which houses the world's largest and most significant canoe collection. For more information visit: www.canoesongs.ca.

SONJA GUSTAFSON

Sonja Gustafson, DipMus'01, released her self-titled debut jazz CD on February 27 at Maggie's of London. She appeared in Bravo-TV's Bathroom Divas in 2006 – a televised “boot camp” for aspiring opera singers. After a second-place finish she decided to continue her musical growth by returning to her classical music studies at Western, where she is currently pursuing her Master's degree in vocal performance with Mary Lou Fallis, one of the Instructors from Boot Camp. In addition to presenting an award at this year's annual Jack Richardson Music Awards (for London musicians), Sonja won this year's award in the Jazz category. She also won first place last year at the prestigious Christina and Louis Quilico Awards, a competition for young Opera Singers. Her new self-produced CD is available at: www.sonjagustafson.com and features jazz classics.



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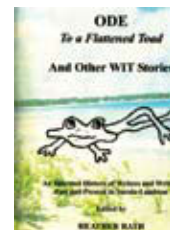
THE LAST GOOD WAR

The Last Good War by Paul Wonnacott, BA'55, is a story of code breaking and combat. Its two main characters are fictitious -- two young lovers separated by World War II. But they participate in many real historical events. She was a mathematician who joined the early code-breaking efforts of the Polish Air Force. She later became part of the Bletchley Park team that decoded Enigma intercepts -- including the intercepts that helped the Royal Navy track down and sink the battleship Bismarck. He was taken, by the fortunes of war, from the early combat in Poland to the allied beachhead in Normandy, where he was attached to the Canadian army in the heavy fighting around Caen. As the book ends, he is participating in the Canadian-Polish thrust southward to close the Falaise Gap, trapping much of German Army Group West. Details are at lastgoodwar.com.



ODE TO A FLATTENED TOAD

Jean Elford, BA'56, a local author best known for her writings on the history of Lambton County and the book *Canada West's Last Frontier*, was recently honoured at a special celebration and book launch focusing on Sarnia-Lambton's literary past. The event held at the Lawrence House Centre for the Arts included several presentations, the launch of *Ode to a Flattened Toad and Other WIT Stories* plus readings by several local writers. It opened with the dedication of the book to Elford who, along with 34 other present and former members of Writers in Transition (WIT), has contributed to its contents. “For over 40 years, Jean played an important role in the development of writing in our community,” said Peggy Fletcher, a local writer and organizer for the April event. “Not only was she one of the founding members of Sarnia Creative Writers back in 1964 but today at the age of 90+, she still challenges her mind and the minds of others with her work. Her attention to details is amazing.” Described as an informal history of writers and writing in the area, the 236-page, perfect-bound, soft-covered glossy book exposes a sampling of literary events that took place in the area from 1964 to the present.



THE DISILLUSIONING

The Disillusioning by Michael E. Daly, BA'66, his first novel set in the Huron Tract, tells the tale of Walter Sans Avoir, an Austrian Count, worried about the extinction of his venerable lineage. He identifies a Canadian nephew, Fin McFroyd, as his only surviving descendent. The Count engages a certain Epifany the Wise to investigate McFroyd to see if he manifests the necessary blood lines to carry on the family legacy. Disguised as a boarder, Epifany moves in with McFroyd but soon finds himself stymied by the absence of any culture or tradition the Count would recognize. This cornucopia of interrelated stories and episodes deals darkly with the demi-monde lurking just below the surface of the official Canadian success story. *The Disillusioning* exposes the staggering inventiveness and ultimate precariousness of the Canadian experiment. For more information, contact: M.E. Daly, 10 Dunkirk Rd., Toronto ON M4C 2L9, daly2@sympatico.ca, 416-696-2537



CLIFF PRESTON CHANNELS THE ECHO

The first book in the series *Cliff Preston channels The Echo*, by Patrick Kehoe (Journalism'72), is part biography about one of Canada's best-known channelers of discarnate entities and part collection of transcripts of sessions with The Echo, Preston's group of timeless, discarnate entities, who provide answers to observers' questions, while he is in a state resembling sleep. Preston's life-long search for spiritual answers takes readers from North Atlantic Ocean storms, to diving for drowning victims in the Niagara River, and finally to somewhere deep inside his consciousness as he makes direct contact with the world of spirit. Or, perhaps, as the world of spirit makes direct contact with him.

As many North Americans also look for their own answers, interest in spirituality, psychic phenomena and metaphysics is expanding rapidly. Yet the fascinating phenomenon of channeling first came to prominence in North America with Edgar Cayce during the first several decades of the last century. It is mentioned even as far back as The Bible and beyond. Kehoe is a writer, editor, and communications consultant with a special interest in spirituality and psychic phenomena. For more information, visit: <http://channelecho.creativebytes.org/index.html>



obstructing the advancement of the Jungian theoretical model in its entirety. The Jungian Paradigm, Aziz argues, falls short of its promise. Aziz offers in its stead what he calls *the Syndetic Paradigm*. The new theoretical model that emerges in Aziz's work, while taking up the fundamental concerns of its Freudian and Jungian predecessors with psychology, ethics, spirituality, sexuality, politics, and culture, conducts us to an experience of meaning that altogether exceeds their respective bounds. For more information: robertaziz.com.

SHELF MONKEY

Corey Redekop, LLB'02, recently had his first novel *Shelf Monkey* published. Thomas Friesen has three goals in life. Get a job. Make friends. Find a good book to curl up with. After landing a job at READ, the newest hypermegabookstore, he feels he may have accomplished all three. All is not peaceable within the stacks, however. Discontent is steadily rising, and it is aimed squarely at Munroe Purvis, a talk show host whose wildly popular book club is progressively lowering the I.Q. of North America. But the bookworms have a plan. Plots are being hatched. The destruction of Munroe is all but assured. And as Thomas finds himself swept along in the maelstrom of insanity, he wonders if reading a book is all it's cracked up to be. If you've ever thrown a book against a wall in disgust; if you've ever loved a novel that no one else can stand; if you obsess over the proper use of punctuation; this may be the novel for you. A weirdly funny story about bookish addictions, *Shelf Monkey* is the ideal novel for anyone who loves good books. Or hates them. For more information: <http://shelf-monkey.blogspot.com> or www.ecwpress.com



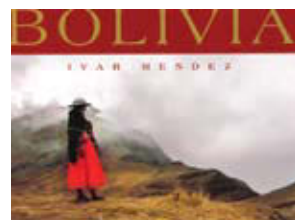
AGAINST FREUD

Todd Dufresne, BA'89 (PhD York), Lakehead University's internationally renowned critic of Sigmund Freud and psychoanalysis, launched his fifth book, *Against Freud*, just in time for Freud's 151st birthday, May 6, 2007. Dufresne's book is a collection of amusing and compelling interviews with some of the world's best known critics of Freud including Edward Shorter, Frank Sulloway, Frederick Crews, Mikkel Borch-Jacobsen as well as those who knew Freud and his family. The critics come from a wide range of academic backgrounds including history, philosophy, literary criticism, sociology, psychotherapy and psychiatry, allowing for a lively, diverse and comprehensive account of why "Freud is Dead." *Against Freud* is published by Stanford University Press and is available in paperback in major bookstores across the country. For more information: www.sup.org/book.cgi?isbn=0804755477



BOLIVIA

Bolivia by Ivar Mendez, MD'86, PhD'94, is a beautiful new book with amazing photography. Ivar Mendez was born in Bolivia but has lived most of his life in Canada. He resides in Halifax where he practices neurosurgery and is a professor at Dalhousie University. As a humanitarian he has established school breakfast and dental care programs in remote communities in the Bolivian Andes. The proceeds of this book are destined to support those programs. *Bolivia* offers the traveler breathtaking landscapes of incomparable beauty. However, it is its people and their relationship with their environment that makes Bolivia a magical place to discover. This book, with both English and Spanish text, photographically explores this relationship between humanity and geography in a fascinating region of the planet where the past meets the present. For more information: www.glenmargaret.com



THE SYNETIC PARADIGM

When Robert Aziz, BA'78, brought the theoretical whole of his first book C. G. Jung's Psychology of Religion and Synchronicity to bear on Jung's model, he was carried into territory he did not anticipate entering. Firstly, it became apparent why Jungian psychology had failed to accommodate the synchronicity theory. Secondly, it became apparent that these same theoretical limitations were no less



'W' Club celebrates golden anniversary

Western's oldest Alumni Chapter has its roots in the athletic experience of legendary Mustang coach John Metras

By Gary Blazak, MA'79,
Director, Alumni Relations

When June Burr asked John ("the Bull") Metras why he had not initiated a "W" Club for Western's male varsity athletic alumni, he replied, "I'm too busy. Why don't you do it?" So she did.

Burr, the long time administrative assistant to Metras, Western's football and basketball coach and athletic director regularly sorted the boss's mail. She could not help but notice the frequent correspondence addressed to Metras from Western Michigan University's "W Club" where he had won an athletic letter. The combination of WMU's example, Burr's enthusiasm, and her passion for all things Western became the genesis for Western's longest running alumni chapter.

Burr assembled a list of first colour award winners and organized a golf tournament for them in 1952. Before long, the camaraderie and loyalty of this group spawned a more formal organization and in 1957 the "W" Club was born with Jim Farmer (BA'37) as President. Since most of the original members were multiple sport athletes, the "W" Club's membership expanded quickly by welcoming all male varsity sport alumni. The "W" Club's



John Metras and President Williams smile while recalling 34 winning years – and one to go. (From Fall 1969 Alumni Gazette).

mandate also quickly evolved from a social club to an organization dedicated to supporting projects of benefit to intercollegiate athletics at Western.

Using a combination of membership dues and fundraising initiatives, the "W" Club has amassed an impressive list of accomplishments over the past 50 years. A quarterly newsletter originally written by renowned London sports writer Bob Gage (BA'44 Assumption) played a key role in motivating members to tackle

numerous projects in support of athletics. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been contributed by the "W" Club members and former athletes to major projects such as the refurbishment of J. W. Little Stadium, TD Waterhouse Stadium, the Bill L'Heureux (BA'37) Weight Training facility, rowing and rugby training equipment, and the John Metras and June Burr Student Bursaries. The "W" Club has also provided significant monetary support

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The Molson Wall of Fame is the backdrop for an assortment of Mustangs souvenirs available at the Metras Museum.



Known to local sports fans as the host of Mustang Sports on Rogers Television, Bonnie Baker also works at the Metras Museum in Alumni Hall.



First "W" Club members inducted into the Hall of Fame in June 1978: Jay Perry, Jim Farmer, Bob McFarlane, Joe Krol, Don McFarlane, John Loring.

University funding commitment signals new era for varsity athletics



Photo by Paul Mayne
Health Sciences Dean Jim Weese; Western mascot J.W.; Director of Sports and Recreation, Michael Lysko; and Western Provost and Vice-President (Academic) Fred Longstaffe were present at the May announcement for more sports funding.

The restoration of base funding for 18 previously unfunded varsity sports teams was announced May 8, setting in place the cornerstone of a larger plan to bolster support of excellence in Mustang athletics.

In addition to a commitment of \$170,000 for each of the next four years for non-funded varsity teams competing in Ontario University Athletics (OUA), Western has established a fund for new athletic scholarships, and is also planning a targeted fundraising campaign to support scholarships for future student-athletes.

“We believe these financial commitments make a strong statement that Western is a great destination for top student-athletes,” said Western Provost and Vice-President (Academic) Fred Longstaffe. “The time is right to invest in our teams and athletes. Our varsity coaches and student-athletes are wonderful ambassadors for Western, and we take a great deal of pride in their achievements.”

The new operating funds will support varsity teams in the form of equipment, uniforms, travel, facility rentals, coaching stipends and other expenses related to

training and competition. And beginning in 2008-09, an additional \$105,000 in base funding for each of the next three years will serve to further off-set rising team costs.

A further investment of \$700,000 will provide seed money for new athletic scholarships over the next four years, helping Western to attract top student-athletes entering their first year of university study. Of this total, \$300,000 will come from Western’s operating budget, while the remaining \$400,000 will be provided through the Western Fund, which consists of donations made by Western alumni.

To sustain these important scholarships in the future, Western will launch a fundraising campaign this fall to generate further support from alumni and friends of Mustang sport.

“This is tremendous news for intercollegiate athletics,” added Director of Sports and Recreation, Michael Lysko. “We have proud traditions of excellence in varsity athletics, and this investment is further testimony of our pledge to deliver Canada’s best student experience.”

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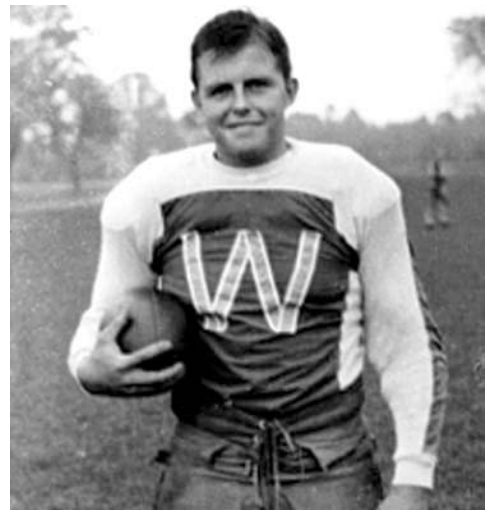
to help defray the personal expenses of some of our varsity athletes’ pursuits of national championships.

As part of Western’s centennial celebrations in 1978, John Metras initiated the “W” Club Hall of Fame. Dozens of photos of inductees line the walls around the Metras Museum in Alumni Hall. The museum itself was established in 1984 by another Western athletic legend “Dutch” Decker (MBA’72). By 1987 the “W” Club’s activities and projects had become so numerous that Jack Long was hired as the first Executive Director. Another former ED, Ted Hessel (BA’58) continues to act as the unofficial curator of the Metras Museum.

A number of events and projects are being planned throughout the coming year to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the “W” Club’s founding. In addition to a welcome back reception at Homecoming, the club will be recognized with permanent signage near the north end of TD Waterhouse Stadium this fall. Plans are also underway for a commemorative dinner in Toronto, and a long overdue expansion of the Metras Museum.

Unique among alumni chapters at Western, and for that matter in Canada, the “W” Club embodies the true spirit of dedication to alma mater. Continuing to give back to Western over a half a century, the “W” Club deserves not only our thanks, but our enduring admiration.

With files and photographs courtesy of Ted Hessel and the “W” Club.



Jim Farmer, BA’37, first president of “W” Club and member of the Mustangs football team.



Photo by Ian Crysler

From left to right: Steve Peters, Deb Matthews, Paul Davenport, Chris Bentley and John Wilkinson (Perth-Middlesex MPP).


Alumni converge on Queen's Park for reception

Ninety-six alumni and friends joined President Paul Davenport at Western's annual Queen's Park Reception Monday, April 30 in the main dining room. The event was co-hosted by London area MPPs Steve Peters (Elgin-Middlesex-London), Chris Bentley (London West), Deb Matthews (London North Centre) and Khalil Ramal, (London-Fanshawe).

All four London MPPs have strong ties to London and Western. Steve Peters

earned his BA in History in 1985 and has been a strong supporter of this event and the annual Elgin County Picnic for many years. Deb Matthews holds on Honours BA in Sociology and a diploma in Program and Policy Evaluation from Western. In June of 2006, Deb defended her PhD Thesis in social demography. Chris Bentley has taught part-time at Western's Law School since 1992. Chris also attended Western for a few years of undergraduate studies

before attending law school. Khalil Ramal has worked as a counsellor with disabled and mentally challenged patients at the Oxford Regional Centre in Woodstock and as a support worker with Community Living London throughout the 1990s.

Among others in attendance were Jeremy Adams, President, Western's Alumni Association; Helen L. Connell, Chair of Western's Board of Governors, and Eleanor R. Clitheroe, Past Chancellor. 

Alumnus named head of prestigious McMichael collection

Thomas Smart, BA'83 (Honors Art History/Criticism) has been appointed as the new Executive Director and CEO and President of the McMichael Canadian Art Foundation. The gallery's international search attracted 65

candidates. Smart, a Canadian citizen, is formerly the Director of Collections and Exhibitions at the Frick Art & Historical Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he developed an ambitious international exhibition program, and greatly strengthened their education and outreach programs. He also established a visiting artist program and supported the Frick's fundraising efforts. During this period he was a Distinguished Visiting Scholar at Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Pittsburgh.

Previously, Thomas Smart has had a distinguished curatorial and gallery-



Photo by Tom Sandler

Tom Smart, Executive Director and CEO McMichael Canadian Art Collection

management career in Canada including serving as acting Director of the Winnipeg Art Gallery, curator of the Beaverbrook Gallery, and Curator/Manager of the Samuel E. Weir Collection and Library of Art near Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. He has written widely and lucidly on Canadian art and in 1996 his book, *The Art of Mary Pratt: The Substance of Light*, won the Atlantic Provinces Booksellers Association award. His most recent book, *Alex Colville: Return*, was published in 2003.

"We are fortunate that a person of Tom's credentials and passion for Canadian art is returning to Canada, and to the country's premier 100 per cent Canadian gallery," said Noreen Taylor, Chair of the McMichael Board of Trustees. "I am pleased to be returning to Canada to

lead a gallery I have long admired. The McMichael has an enviable collection in a unique and beautiful setting. I look forward to focusing my energies on Canadian art and its critical role in defining our self image and nation," Smart said. "My family and I will be relocating to the Kleinburg (Ontario) area. I want to live in one of the communities that the McMichael and its programs serve directly.

Although he is an accomplished author, writer, curator and administrator, he feels his biggest claim to fame is that he is a Western graduate. Smart was also one of three External Reviewers for the McIntosh Gallery on campus this past summer, out of which grew the current Strategic Planning process. He also started his curating at the McIntosh Gallery with

his first exhibition and catalogue essay/publication on Gillian Saward, an artist in the McIntosh Collection, under Catherine Elliot Shaw, Curator.

The McMichael Canadian Art Collection is an agency of the Government of Ontario and acknowledges the support of the Ministry of Culture. The McMichael is the foremost venue in the country showcasing the Group of Seven and their contemporaries. In addition to presenting touring exhibitions, its permanent collection comprises more than 5,500 artworks, including paintings by the Group of Seven and their contemporaries, First Nations and Inuit artists.

For more information about the gallery visit www.mcmichael.com. 

Meet the master of the master's degree

70-year-old Barbara Graham earned her fourth Masters degree, recently picking up a Masters in Theological Studies from Huron University College.

By Paul Mayne

For Barbara Graham it was no big deal as she crossed the stage at Huron University College's Kingsmill Room to pick up her master's degree in Theological Studies in June.

Why would it be when it was the fourth masters degree she was to receive. "I just love to learn," says the engaging



Picking up university degrees is old hat, or perhaps mortarboard, for Londoner Barbara Graham.

70-year-old. "My mind is like a spiderweb. I love being in school. My times with the professors and the students are always great."

Graham picked up her Honors BA in English in 1958 at Western and, like most students, ventured off into the workforce. It was just over a decade later the former

high school teacher would begin reeling in her masters degrees. The first, in 1971, was in Library Sciences, followed by Education, English and, most recently, her Huron degree.

Graham says there were no plans or goals set in obtaining her many degrees, simply a love of knowledge.

"Religion has been an interest of mine – the philosophy behind it," says Graham of her latest degree – which friends from Metropolitan United Church inspired her to get. "My intent is not to now go and preach. It was simply a love of learning."

With five degrees now hanging from the wall, one would wonder if number six is around the corner. Graham admits her lifelong master's adventure is likely done. But with a shrewd smile on her face, you know she has something planned.

"Not right away, but perhaps I'll get a PhD, maybe in English," she says. "I'm only 70, I've got plenty of time. I never want to stop learning."

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1960s

Dr Peter J. Fowler, BA'60 (Honors Physical Ed), one of Canada's leading orthopaedic surgeons, who once had to sew on a field hockey player's finger tip by the glow of a flashlight, has signed a contract to become the chief medical officer at the top sport medicine clinic in Qatar. Fowler, whose list of patients includes a who's who of Canadian sport, has been medical director of the Fowler Kennedy Sport Medicine Clinic at the University of Western Ontario. He was due to retire from the post in December, when he was recruited for the Mideast position.

John Westeinde, BESC'62, has been named the Canadian Construction Association (CCA) Person of the Year. The CCA Person of the Year award is intended to honour one individual in the Canadian construction industry who has exemplified leadership and excellence within the industry and in community life. It is considered the highest honour that CCA can bestow upon one individual. John Westeinde founded Westeinde Construction Ltd in 1978, which since that time has built over 300 projects totaling over \$1 billion. He has also served on numerous Boards and charities, having been awarded the "Businessman of the Year" award, the Lauchland Engineering Alumni Medal for his "Contributions to Engineering in Canadian Life," and together with his wife Shirley, the B'nai Brith Canada Award of Merit. John is also a current member of the Advisory Council of Western Engineering (ACWE).

Marie Catherine Rounding, BA'68 (Psychology), has been appointed Director, Nova Scotia Power. She is the former President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Canadian Gas Association. Prior to that, she served six years as Chair and CEO of the Ontario Energy Board. She is also a former Chair of the Canadian Association of Members of Public Utility Tribunals (CAMPUT). Ms. Rounding currently serves as Counsel to Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP, a leading Canadian law firm, where she is a member of the National Energy and Infrastructure Industry Group. She is also a Director of Ontario Power Generation. Ms. Rounding is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario, and Osgoode Hall Law School, and the Directors Education Program of the Institute of Corporate Directors at the Rotman School of Management's Corporate Governance College. She is also an Institute-Certified Director (ICD.D). Nova Scotia Power is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Emera Inc. (EMA-TSX).

Jack Joyce HBA'68 MA'69, has been elected the President of the International Map Trade Association Americas. IMTA is a worldwide body of publishers and distributors of maps.

1970s

Sandra Orr, BA'71, published a novel "The Perpetrators" in 2007 with SterlingHouse Publisher Inc., a Pemberton Mystery. Her previous books

include "Dark Passions" and "Illusions."

Fjordland Exploration Inc. has hired **Thomas Gordon Schroeter, MSc'71 (Geology)**, as president and chief executive officer of the company. Mr. Schroeter, PEng, PGeo (B.C.), has been with the British Columbia Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources since 1973, and in 1986 assumed the position of senior regional geologist responsible for the entire province. Mr. Schroeter is a member of a number of professional associations including the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia, the Geological Association of Canada, the Association for Mineral Exploration British Columbia, the Society of Economic Geologists, the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum, and is a past chairman of the Vancouver Mineral Exploration Group. He holds a bachelor of science (honours) in geology from Carleton University and a master of science in geology from the University of Western Ontario.

Laurence Hutchman, BA'72, has recently published *Selected Poems (Guernica)*.

In April he was awarded the Alden Nowlan Award for Excellence in English-language Literary Arts. He lives with his wife, Mary, in Edmundston New Brunswick.

Marilyn Emery (nee Bruner), MSCN'74, has been named President and CEO of Women's College Hospital effective June 22. Marilyn, who is currently the CEO of the Central East Local Health Integration Network, is a senior health care executive. In her eight years leading Markham Stouffville Hospital she oversaw the construction of this brand new facility, which under her leadership was completed on-time and under-budget. At St. Joseph's Health Centre she led a transformation of the patient experience.

Hana Mining Ltd. (TSX VENTURE: HMG) announces that **Claude Britt, BSc'74 (Geology)**, has joined Hana Mining as Director. Mr. Britt has been active in mineral exploration and production for over 35 years, having been directly involved in several mineral discoveries in Canada, Tanzania and Peru. Mr. Britt was formerly VP Exploration of Pangea Goldfields which, during his tenure, was taken over by Barrick Gold in 2000. He also worked with major companies including Iron Ore Company of Canada, Noranda, and Aur Resources. Mr. Britt has a Bachelor's Degree in Geology from the University of Western Ontario.

Khan Resources Inc. (TSX: KRI) is pleased to announce that **Grant A. Edey, MBA'75**, was recently elected to its Board of Directors.

Diamcor Mining Inc. is adding **James Peter Hawkins, BSc'77 (Geophysics)**, to its management team. Mr. Hawkins will be its new manager of exploration and special projects assisting with technical evaluation, reporting and planning for both existing operations and potential new acquisitions being considered by the company. Mr. Hawkins graduated from Western with a BSc in geophysics in 1977 and spent a year at the University of New Brunswick in extended studies in geology. He joined the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta (APEGGA) as a professional geophysicist in 1990. Mr. Hawkins comes to Diamcor with more than 20 years geological experience during which time he has conducted and managed a wide range of mining and exploration projects throughout North America, Africa and the South Pacific.

Edwin Marcel Boone, BA'77 (Mathematics), is the new president of Danbury-based Branson Ultrasonics. Ed Boone oversees the Danbury firm's global operations, which include plants in Germany, Slovakia, China, Hong Kong, Japan and Korea. The Danbury company designs, develops and markets ultrasonic metal-welding equipment. It also develops industrial cleaning products. It has more than 1,800 employees worldwide. Other U.S. facilities are located in Michigan and New York. The firm employs 230 people in Danbury. Boone has an undergraduate degree from the University of Western Ontario and a master's degree from Washington University in St. Louis.

Susan Horvath, BSc'77 (Home Economics) has been appointed President of Mount Sinai Hospital Foundation. Prior to joining Mount Sinai, Ms. Horvath served as Vice-President, External at Robarts Research Institute in London, Ontario, where she led a major development and communications program to support Canada's only independent medical research institute. A Certified Fund Raising Executive, Ms. Horvath served as Director of Alumni Relations and Development at the University of Western Ontario, and, preceding that senior position, as Resource Development Director at the United Way of London & Middlesex. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Western, where she started her career as a Lecturer and Assistant Professor in the Department of Home Economics at Brescia University College.

Dr. Simon Sheh, BA'78, published his first book, *Pure at Heart: a Man's Guide to Purity in a Sexualized World*, in December 2006. *Pure at Heart* is a life changing handbook about overcoming sexual addiction and achieving sexual purity. It has received many accolades from pastors and Christian leaders, including Lorna Dueck of Listen Up TV in Burlington, Ontario. For more information on *Pure at Heart* please visit www.drsimonsheh.com

1980s

Loretta Levinson, MBA'82, was recently appointed Vice President of Marketing for Adbargains in Toronto, the first totally web-based media planning and buying agency. She still commutes back to Montreal where she's been living since 1999, to spend time with her partner, Gregory Daniels, and their two 'babies' Lou (Husky) and Max (German Shepherd mix).

Lois Delia Figg, BA'82 (Honors History), has been appointed IRB Assistant Deputy. She has been a member of the IRB since 2000. She was appointed acting Assistant Deputy Chair of the Immigration Appeal Division in Toronto in May 2005. Before joining the IRB, she worked as a Human Rights Officer at the Ontario Human Rights Commission and an Appeal Counsellor at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. She holds a Bachelor of Arts (honours) in History from the University of Western Ontario. She has been a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada since 1988 and was elected Vice-President of the International Association of Refugee Law Judges in 2006.

OPTI announced recently that **David William Halford, BA'83 (ACS)**, has been appointed to the position of Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Halford brings to OPTI more than 20 years financial management and strategic planning experience focused on the energy industry, including corporate and project finance. Most recently, he held the position of Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at BA Energy in Calgary. Prior, Halford was the Chief Financial Officer of Irving Oil, a New Brunswick-based refiner and marketer of petroleum products. Before joining Irving Oil, he held a variety of senior-level corporate finance and accounting roles at Deloitte and Touche, LLP, Price Waterhouse and MacLean Hunter Limited, all of Toronto.

He is a Chartered Accountant and holds a BA from the University of Western Ontario.

Philip Andrew Falls, MBA'83, in his new role as President & CEO of UBC IMANT, is responsible for all investment management programs, working collaboratively with the Board of Directors to ensure that UBC IMANT's strategic and operating objectives are achieved in accordance with the investment policies for the effective stewardship of \$1.8 billion of UBC's investment funds. Mr. Falls currently sits on the Board of the Association of Canadian Pension Fund Management (ACPM) and is also on the Investment Practices Committee of the Pension and Investment Association of Canada (PIAC) and is a member of the Vancouver Society of Financial Analysts. Mr. Falls was a founding director of UBC IMANT. He is a CFA charter holder and received his Bachelor of Commerce (Honours and Birks Medalist) from Concordia University and a Masters of Business Administration (Finance) from the University of Western Ontario.

Donna Kennedy-Glans, LLB'84, is Founder/Executive Director, Bridges Social Development (www.canadabridges.com). Bridges Social Development is a registered Canadian charity operating in the Middle East and Africa. Canadian volunteers donate their time and expertise – providing leadership and professional training to community leaders in the poorest countries in these regions. Bridges' premiere newsletter was launched in April. Bridges is partnered with the law firm of Sheikh Tariq Abdullah in Yemen to launch a training program for young lawyers, female lawyers and female judges within the Aden Bar Association. Canadian lawyers will teach ethics, leadership and mediation; a team of Canadian judges and lawyers will follow up in October 2007. Education and health care missions are also planned. If you would like to support Bridges, as a volunteer, as a financial donor, or as a partner in development, we welcome your interest. Please contact: Bridges Social Development (403) 288-5803, 211 Varsity Estates Bay NW, Calgary, Alberta, T3B 2W5.

Manulife Financial Corp recently named **Stuart Graham, BA'85** (History), as Vice President and Managing Director of institutional sales for MFC Global Investment Management. He will be responsible for leading MFC Global's institutional business development activities across Canada. Mr. Graham graduated from the University of Western Ontario with a BA in History, and later earned his law degree from the University of Ottawa.

African Copper (TSX:ACU) is pleased to announce the appointment of **Naomi Louise Nemeth, MA'86** (Journalism), to the newly-created position of Vice President, Investor Relations. Ms. Nemeth will be responsible for building and maintaining a comprehensive investor relations program and for communicating with both institutional and retail investors globally. Before joining African Copper, Ms. Nemeth was Vice President of Investor Relations with Wolfden Resources, she has also held the role of Vice President of Investor Relations for Desert Sun Mining until its acquisition by Yamana Gold in April 2006. Ms. Nemeth began her career as a field exploration geologist with Inco in the Yukon and Northern Ontario and holds an Honours BSc in Geology and Biology from Brock University and a Masters Degree in Journalism from the University of Western Ontario.

Torys LLP is pleased to announce that **Ingrid Elaine Vanderelst, BSc'86** (Honors Genetics), has been admitted to Partnership. Ingrid's practice focuses on food, pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device matters. She advises on intellectual property and regulatory issues, including on health privacy related to clinical trials and sponsored research. Ingrid obtained her LLB in 1998 from Osgoode Law School, York

University, and her PhD in genetics in 1997 from the University of Perugia.

Michael Hannan, BA'87 (Admin/Con Fin/ Econ St), has been appointed to the board of directors of VRX Worldwide Inc. Mr. Hannan has extensive experience in the travel business, having recently served as executive vice-president of Intrawest Corporation, a leading resort operator and developer, and as the president of Abercrombie & Kent, a former subsidiary of Intrawest Corporation. Abercrombie & Kent was voted the "World's Best Luxury Tour Operator" by Travel Weekly in 2004. Mr. Hannan began his career with Ernst and Young in 1988 where he qualified as a chartered accountant and later moved into E&Y's Toronto, mergers and acquisitions group. He grew up in Toronto, received his Bachelor of Arts degree in administrative and commercial studies from the University of Western Ontario, and continues to hold the designation of chartered accountant.

Robin Bailey-Chen (Bailey), BA'87, MA'89, earned her EdD in Organizational Leadership at Pepperdine University Graduate School of Education and Psychology in Los Angeles, where she also serves as Executive Director of Student Services.

Heather Nicol, MBA'88, has been appointed Chief Financial Officer of MaRS Discovery District, a role she has held since October 2006. Heather has diverse experience in investment banking and across the corporate sector. She was Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer of an investment company specializing in pharmaceutical royalties. Prior to that, she was the CFO of Chapters Online, taking it public and helping it achieve national leadership. She has also worked as a senior advisor to Canadian Tire Corporation to economically restructure the financing of their stores and spent eight years as an investment banker with Canadian and international firms. She is a member of the board of Desjardins Credit Union and the Danny Grossman Dance Company. She holds an MBA from the University of Western Ontario and a BMath from the University of Waterloo.

Brentwood Strasler, BA'89 (Economics), brings more than 15 years experience to his new role in Institutional Equity Sales to the Westwind Partners Toronto office where he will focus primarily on U.S. based institutions. Most recently he was Chairman and C.E.O. of a private holding company where he participated in a successful corporate restructuring and increased sales of a metal fabricating company. Prior to that he was Vice-President, Institutional Equity Sales for a large Toronto-based securities firm where he established and built the U.S. east coast business from traditional institutional accounts and hedge funds in New York and Boston. Brent holds his Master of Business Administration with a Concentration in International Finance from the University of Notre Dame in addition to his Bachelor of Arts, Economics from the University of Western Ontario.

Paul Nicoletti, BA'89 (Economics), has been appointed interim Chief Financial Officer of Celestica Inc. Mr. Nicoletti has been with Celestica since the company's inception. Prior to his current position, he was the Vice President, Global Financial Operations. Mr. Nicoletti holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Western Ontario and a Masters of Business Administration degree from York University.

1990s

Zhivargo Sean Laing, BA'90 (Economics), has been appointed Cabinet Minister, Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance, Nassau, Bahamas. Minister Laing received his early education at Lewis Yard Primary School and Hawksbill High School where he was Headboy. Later he attended The College of The Bahamas and was elected President

of the College of The Bahamas Union of Students. Laing completed his studies leading to a Bachelor of Arts Degree in economics from the University of Western Ontario. Later he undertook graduate studies at the George Washington University. He also received training in foreign investment promotion in Taiwan and Japan.

Northern Canadian Uranium Inc. is pleased to announce the addition of a highly experienced exploration geologist to their North American exploration team. **Robert Adam Brozdowski, PhD'90** (Geology), will lead the Company's uranium exploration programs in the Athabasca Basin in Saskatchewan. Brozdowski brings over 25 years of experience and specializes in mining exploration in covered terranes, focused on uranium, nickel, and platinum metals exploration. He has extensive international experience and contributed to successful programs with Western Mining Corporation (7 years), Callahan Mining Company (8 years) and Exxon Minerals (2 years). He obtained a PhD-Geology from the University of Western Ontario, his MSc degree in Geology from Temple University and a BSc degree in Geoscience from Temple University. Brozdowski is a Fellow of the Geological Association of Canada, a member of Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Engineering, a Fellow of the Society of Economic Geologists, and member of the PDAC.

Kevin Cohen, (LLB), BA'91, MBA'04 has been appointed Vice-President, Operations at Sentry Select Capital Corp. Kevin also holds the position of Vice-President and General Counsel of C.A. Bancorp Inc., an affiliated company of Sentry Select. Prior to joining Sentry Select in 2006 as its General Counsel, Kevin practiced corporate and securities law with Torys LLP from 2004 to 2006. From 2002 to 2004, he attended the Richard Ivey School of Business at the University of Western Ontario, graduating in 2004 with a Masters of Business Administration degree. From 1994 to 2002, he practiced law in Vancouver after receiving his Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of British Columbia. Cohen earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Western.

Shuk Yi Rosita Yeung, MBA'91, has been with Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking since 2001 and has extensive experience in structured finance, project finance and syndicated financing. Prior to that, she was a Director in the syndicate team of Barclays Bank where she started from the project advisory and structuring team. She also worked in the investment banking departments of other international banks including Mizuho (formerly Fuji Bank). Rosita graduated from The University of Hong Kong with a degree in Economics and Management Studies and earned an MBA degree from the Richard Ivey School of Business, University of Western Ontario.

Graeme Scott Johnson, BA'91 (Political Science), has been appointed as Managing Director of Kensington Capital Partners Limited. Graeme brings deep and diverse international private equity business relationships to Kensington. His experience in corporate management and investing brings insight gained in a number of global industries and regions. For more than 15 years, Graeme has lived, worked and invested on four continents as a private equity fund investor, co-investor and corporate executive. Graeme earned a BA (Scholar's Elective) from the University of Western Ontario and an MBA from the Harvard Business School.

Clustered NAS solution provider Exanet has appointed storage industry stalwart **Mark Weiner, BESC'91**, to its executive team. Weiner joins Exanet from StoreAge Networking Technologies where as Executive Chairman he managed its successful acquisition by LSI Logic. Prior to that, Weiner was Vice President of Western EMEA at Network Appliance building a \$200M business from scratch. He was one of their longest serving executives.

Determined to make his own way in the business world, **Kaufman, Peter, BA'91** (Philosophy), struck upon a growing market that is proving lucrative for his Apperon Inc. – pet owners who want to offer their charges a healthy, balanced diet. He joined his father right after graduation from the University of Western Ontario in 1991. Together, they ran the family's third generation Montreal fashion business. He recently launched a dog treat called Cheese Please at the American Pet Products and Manufacturers trade show in Orlando. With luck and clever promotion, Cheese Please – may be the product that moves the company from the specialty stores niche on to the shelves of mass marketers such as Pet Smart and Wal-Mart.

Wimm-Bill-Dann Foods OJSC (NYSE: WBD), Russia's leading producer of food and beverages, recently announced the appointment of **Gary Sobel, MBA'92**, as Head of the Baby Food Business Unit. Mr. Sobel's arrival at the company is the latest step in Wimm-Bill-Dann's ongoing process of strengthening its management team. Gary Sobel began his career at Procter and Gamble, where over 13 years he worked in various positions in Canada, the US, the UK and Russia. His experience included working in Procter & Gamble's Wal-Mart Customer Team, as well as heading up In-store Marketing and New Product Performance for their Baby Care Division. From 2005, Mr. Sobel headed Dirol Cadbury (a division of Cadbury Schweppes) in Russia.

Craig Stewart Finnigan, (PhD), BA'92 (Honors Geography), MSc'00 (Geology) was recently appointed as chief geologist for Kaminak Gold Corporation. Finnigan has over 12 years of experience in mineral exploration, regional mapping and geological research. Over the course of his career, he has explored for both base and precious minerals working for WMC Resources Ltd., Teck Cominco Ltd. and as an independent consultant. His work and research have taken him extensively throughout Canada, Alaska, Wyoming and South Africa. Dr. Finnigan completed a master's degree at the University of Western Ontario as part of the Geological Survey of Canada's EXTECH III initiative devoted to making new gold discoveries in the Yellowknife greenstone belt.

Journalism Class of '92 Reunion, Toronto, November 10 and 11, 2007. Organiser: **Bill Southworth, MA'92**, email: pactrain@mac.com. Bill has decided that he won't live forever and that it's time for a bash. Drinks and then dinner at a Toronto watering hole followed by brunch the next day for those still standing. Even if you can't attend email addresses of any old classmates would be appreciated. Bill Southworth, Director, Pactrain Limited, 70 Elizabeth Street, Wellington, New Zealand.

BBK, an international business advisory firm providing financial, strategic and operational services to its clients worldwide, has announced **Andrew Zeleney, BA'93** (Honors Engl Lang/Lit), as Associate in Southfield. Before joining BBK, Zeleney was most recently a Financial and Cost Analyst at Ford Motor Company where he successfully tracked manufacturing cost per unit for plant production and non-production departments and established labor and overhead budget targets for production departments. Zeleney is currently pursuing a Master of Business Administration in Finance, with a concentration in Business Turnaround Management at the University of Detroit. He also received his Bachelor of Commerce in Finance & Accounting from the University of Windsor, and a Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Literature from the University of Western Ontario.

T. Mark Johnson, MD'94, recently has published a text entitled "Evidence Based Eye Care" (Lippincott, Williams and Wilkins 2007). This is a multi author text that covers the important clinical trials that form the foundation for the practice of ophthalmology. It is used by residents in training and practicing physicians as a guide to the current evidence and controversies in diverse areas of our field including management of diabetic retinopathy, age related macular degeneration, ocular tumours, glaucoma and paediatric ophthalmology.

Michael Broad, PhD'94 (Pharmacology) joins "openQ" as Medical Director with more than 17 years of experience in biomedical research and commercialization of the biosciences. He most recently served on the executive team of MolecularMD, a Portland, Ore.-based cancer diagnostics company that was co-founded by one of the world's foremost key opinion leaders (KOL) on targeted therapies for leukemia. In this position, Broad was instrumental in launching and marketing the company's first exclusive diagnostic tests. Broad graduated with a PhD in Pharmacology from the University of Western Ontario. He also holds a MBA from the Darden Graduate School of Business Administration.

Jason Stein, BA'94 (Honors Political Sci), has been appointed publisher of Automotive News Europe, a sibling publication to Automotive News. Stein, 35, joined Automotive News Europe as a reporter in October 2005, covering General Motors, DaimlerChrysler, Volkswagen and Hyundai/Kia. As publisher, he oversees the editorial and business operations of the newspaper, which covers the European auto industry. The newspaper's headquarters are in Oberpfaffenhofen, Germany.

Dexter and Byron Peart, BA'95 (Economics), 34-year-old twins, are starting their venture with a luxury leather

goods line called Want - Les Essentiels de la Vie. On their quest, they're travelling from New York to Milan, Moscow to Cape Town, toting the first "essential" items from their line: computer bags and iPod cases. The computer bags are named after Trudeau and de Gaulle. Dexter and Byron were born in Ottawa, took twin economics degrees from University of Western Ontario and moved to Montreal in 1995 and 1996, respectively.

Dr. Sara Gordon, MSc'96, Associate Professor and Director of Oral Pathology Graduate Studies, Department of Oral Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences, University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry, was elected President of the Canadian Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and Oral Medicine at the annual general meeting on April 18 in San Diego. The organization is the academy for all specialists in the Canadian specialty of oral medicine/pathology. Dr. Gordon also was appointed as a consultant to the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation, as newsletter Editor for the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, and to the American College of Prosthodontists' Oral Cancer Education/Screening Task Force.

NaiKun Wind Development Inc. is pleased to announce that **Sara A. Macintyre, BA'98** (Political Science), has been appointed as Director, Public Affairs and Communications for the company, effective immediately. Before joining NaiKun, Sara was Provincial Director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation (CTF). In her three years with the CTF she increased the profile of the organization and distinguished herself as a key media spokesperson on many taxpayer-related issues. Sara holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Western Ontario and is a MA candidate at the University of Calgary.

Todd Guy Hewlin, MBA'99, has been appointed to the Technology Advisory Board of Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. (NYSE: SFE). Todd is currently Managing Director at TCG Advisors. He advises leading tech and tech-enabled companies on their strategic growth, transformation, and organizational issues. Much of his work has focused on helping management teams prioritize market opportunities. He started his career as a Partner at McKinsey & Company where he co-led the Global Electronic Commerce practice and was a core partner in the Financial Services group. Todd received a BA in Mathematics and Computer Science from the University of Waterloo, and an MBA from the University of Western Ontario.

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London writer **Carolyn Gibson, MPA'02**, has been acclaimed national President of the Professional Writers **continued on page 45**

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ALUMNI EVENTS

CANADA

Barrie, ON

Alumni Reception Fall 2007

Burlington, ON

Off To Western Event August 20, 2007

Calgary, AB

Off To Western Event August 14, 2007

Six Degrees Calgary—
What not to wear August 15, 2007

Durham Region, ON

Oshawa Generals
Hockey Game Fall/Winter 2007

Elgin County / St. Thomas, ON

Music + Friends August 2007

Edmonton, AB

Oilers Hockey Game Fall/Winter 2007

Guelph, ON

Mustangs @ Guelph
Football Tailgate September 22, 2007

River Run Centre Event
with U of G Alumni Fall 2007

Halifax, NS

Tall Ships Event onboard
HMCS Sackville July 14, 2007
Homecoming in Halifax September 29, 2007

Hamilton, ON

Mustangs @ McMaster
Football Tailgate October 8, 2007

London, ON

Senior Alumni Program September 11, 18, 25
October 9, 16, 23, 30
November 6, 13, 20, 27
December 4, 2007
September 27 – 30, 2007

Homecoming

Six Degrees September 28, 2007

Homecoming Event
President's Reception at
The Grand Theatre & Group
Tickets to Could You Wait October 27, 2007

Mississauga, ON

Off to Western Event August 21, 2007

Montreal, QC

Networking Cocktails August 23, 2007

Pointe-à-Callière Museum
of Archaeology & History
Group Tour October 21, 2007

Oakville, ON

Art + Music +
Friends + Cocktails November 2007

Ottawa, ON

Off To Western Event August 14, 2007

Sarnia, ON

Off To Western Event August 23, 2007

Sarnia Speakers Series
Lecture October 11, 2007
November 29, 2007

Sault Ste. Marie, ON

Sunset Boat Cruise July 20, 2007

Toronto, ON

Toronto Blue Jays vs.
New York Yankees August 7, 2007
Alumni Lecture Series September 26, 2007
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Mustangs @ York Football
Tailgate Party October 6, 2007

Dirty Dancing at The Royal
Alexandra Theatre November 8, 2007

Western Group at
The Nutcracker December 2007
Leafs Pre-Season Gondola
Toronto Marlies Family Day Fall 2007
Winter 2007/08

Vancouver, BC

Off To Western Event August 23, 2007

Breakfast with Emily at the
Vancouver Art Gallery Fall 2007

Victoria, BC

Alumni Picnic at
Beaver Lake July 14, 2007

Golf and Dinner at Cordova
Bay Golf Club August 25, 2007

Waterloo Region, ON

Mustangs @ Waterloo
Football Tailgate Party October 20, 2007

Oktoberfest Event at
Concordia Club October 12, 2007

Windsor, ON

Off To Western Event August 16, 2007

Detroit Tigers vs.
New York Yankees August 24, 2007
Annual Brunch October 2007

Winnipeg, MB

Alumni Western Horse
Racing Night July 31, 2007
Homecoming in Winnipeg September 29, 2007

INTERNATIONAL

Bridgetown, Barbados

Barbados President's
Reception November 7, 2007

Hong Kong, China

Off To Western Event August 4, 2007

Friday Happy Hours -
Networking with your alumni July 27, 2007
August 31, 2007
September 28, 2007

Hiking - Wilson Trail,
Hong Kong September 23, 2007

Parents Night at Hong Kong
Ivey Campus October 6, 2007
Annual Ivey/Western Dinner
Hong Kong Convocation October 6, 2007
October 7, 2007

London, England

Wine Tasting & Cheese September, 2007

Canadian University Pub Quiz
Night - South Kensington October, 2007
Potluck Dinner November, 2007
Holiday Mixer December, 2007

Nassau, Bahamas

Alumni Reception Fall 2007

New York, NY

All Canadian Alumni

Reception Fall 2007

President's Cocktail
Reception Fall 2007

Port of Spain, Trinidad

Trinidad and Tobago
President's Reception November 9, 2007

Seattle, WA

The 8th Annual
Canada Gala October 5, 2007

Washington, DC

Washington Nationals vs.
Philadelphia Phillies September 21, 2007

International Gold Cup Steeplechase
Races at Great Meadow October 20, 2007

CHAPTERS

Basketball

Golf Tournament July 20, 2007

Dentistry

Alumni of Distinction Awards and Reception
September 28, 2007

Engineering

Engineering Beer Tasting at the Esplanade Bier Markt
(Toronto) August 9, 2007

Engineering Alumni Party
(London) September 29, 2007

Football

Golf Tournament August 17, 2007

Hockey

Golf Tournament August 7, 2007

Law

All Classes Reunion
(London) September 29, 2007

Law Alumni Dinner
(Toronto) October 25, 2007

Local Government Alumni Society

Annual Conference
(London, ON) November 23, 2007

Tennis

Golf Tournament August 28, 2007

USC Alumni Chapter

Mini Golf Tournament
(Toronto) August 9, 2007

Homecoming Kick Off
AGM & Tailgate Party September 28, 2007
September 29, 2007

W Club

Golf Tournament August 23, 2007
50th Year Reunion Event Homecoming/Fall 2007

WAA

Golf Clinic August 15, 2007
Homecoming Luncheon September 29, 2007

Western Mustang Band Alumni

Homecoming Kick Off September 28, 2007

Parade, Game and Reunion
Dinner September 29, 2007

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IN MEMORIAM

The Alumni Association extends its condolences to the families and friends of the following alumni:

Ruth (May) Reid, Dip'39 (Home Economics, Brescia) on January 8, 2007 in Sudbury, ON.

Jean Willis (nee McNally), BA'40
On December 5, 2006 in Vernon, BC

Donald G. MacDonald, BA'59
On December 11, 2006, in Toronto, ON

Jennifer Forster, BA'94
On March 7, 2007 in Italy

OBITUARIES

Eleanor McKen (nee McEwing), Dip. Nursing'36, passed away peacefully at Mount Hope Centre for Long Term Care, London, on September 5, 2006 in her 92nd year. Born in Palmerston, ON, she was raised in London with her sisters Marion, Jean Nora and Beth. Eleanor had careers in public health nursing in Toronto and London before becoming a member of the Health Services staff at the London Life Insurance Company in London. She was a theatre and opera enthusiast, and English Language tutor, a Blue Jays fan, a golfer and active church volunteer. She was also a loving mother whose patience, compassion and keen perception made her a constant source of advice and consolation for her children as well as for her many friends and admirers.

Dorothea Geoghegan Lakin, BA'37 (Honors French) of Charlotte, N.C., died March 20 at Southminster Retirement Community. She was a native of London, ON, and a graduate of the University of Western Ontario. Her command of several languages made her services valuable during World War II. She was an interpreter for the British Secret Intelligence Service in New York and Washington. While in New York, she also worked for the Australian News Service. "She was about ready to go back to Canada when she met Dad," said son Christopher. She met Edgar Lakin in New York and later would call him Ted or Tinker. They married in 1950 and became parents of Christopher and daughter Deborah Doster, who died in 2005. Deborah was born a "blue baby," with heart and circulation problems. The family had lived in Charlotte for the past 55 years; Edgar died in 1991. It was a good marriage. The only disputes centered on the Thanksgiving turkey, Christopher said. "If Dad served, the dressing went beside the turkey. If Mom served, it went beneath the turkey." Dorothea was an active member of Christ Episcopal Church for more than 40 years. She was always interested in the world around her, her son said. "She was a stay-at-home mom, then in my teens, she was a substitute teacher and later went to UNC Charlotte."

Robert Greenway, MD'45, MSc'52, FRCS(C), FACS, passed away November 17, 2006 in London at age 86. Born in London and raised in Windsor, ON, Bob attended Patterson Collegiate, Assumption College, and later the University of Western Ontario earning his undergraduate degree and attending medical school, while captaining the Mustangs basketball team. During medical school he entered the Canadian Army Medical Corps, and graduated medical school in 1945. He interned at Grace Hospital in Windsor, completed four years post grad training at U of T (Otolaryngology) and Yale University. Moving to London permanently in the early 1950s, Bob was department head of Otolaryngology at Victoria Hospital, later University Hospital, and Chief of Staff at both during his career. Examiner for the Royal College of Surgeons, and Professor at Western, he was designated Professor Emeritus in 1986. Retiring from University Hospital, he served as Medical Director at Parkwood Hospital. Father of five children, his caring commitment, and lifetime of devotion to his profession and family will be missed beyond description. His kind and gentle nature touched everyone who knew him personally and professionally. The flag at University College tower was at half staff on Wednesday, November 22, 2006 in memory of Dr. Greenway.

Franklin Ross Clark, BSc'46, MEng'75, passed away on May 3 at the age 88. Beloved husband of the late Jean

(Dobbins) Clark (2004), BA'46. Loved father of John Clark and his wife Shirley of Sylvan Lake, Alberta, Nancy Clark and her husband Stephen Purdey of Toronto, ON. Dear grandfather of Andrew, Owen and Amy. Great grandfather of Gwen. Dear brother of Rhea Nichols of Samia. Also survived by many loving relatives and friends. Ross was a member of the Ontario Professional Engineers Association. He retired from Imperial Oil, after 35 years, having worked for them in Samia, Montreal and Calgary with assignments in Edmonton/Fort McMurray, Halifax, New Orleans and Chicago. Ross and Jean spent many winters in South Texas and traveled the world square dancing and seeing the sights. They were very pleased to have established a number of scholarships for Western students.

June Burr passed away on February 6. She retired from the Thompson Recreation & Athletic Centre in May 1987 after 38 years at Western. The name June Burr is synonymous with Western Athletics. From 1949 to 1987, Burr literally ran intercollegiate athletics at Western. Her responsibilities were numerous - publicity, finances, rentals and travel arrangements for all Western athletic teams. In the early years, Burr even made the corner flags for the football field from cloth and sewed hand-warming pouches on the front of the football Mustang jerseys. Burr came from a family of eight children and was unable to attend university herself. After taking a commercial course at Beal Secondary School, she landed her first job at the age of 16. She worked in various government offices during the war years and the early post-war period in the 1940s. Her long connection with Western began May 1, 1949 when then-Athletics Director and legendary football and basketball coach John P. (Bull) Metras hired her as his secretary. She carried out a whole range of tasks, including polishing trophies, making garters for the hockey team, chauffeuring teams on the road, and keeping the finances straight. She was instrumental in the formation of the "W" Club and is one of only three female members. The others are Elfrida Bezins and Kay Miles. She also was invaluable in founding and organizing the Athletic Hall of Fame and the inductees' dinner. To acknowledge Burr's outstanding contributions, the "W" Club established an annual bursary in her name.

Prof. Errol Duval, BusAdm.Dip'51, MBA'54 on May 17 in Jersey, the Channel Islands. He was 86 years old. He acquired his MBA at Western and taught there for a year. Then he taught at the University of Windsor before moving to Quebec. Prof. Duval was responsible for the establishment of the Business program at Bishop's University which was inaugurated in 1958. He retired in 1983 and received a DCL from Bishop's University at that convocation ceremony. It was Prof. Duval who introduced and taught the Business Policy classes within the Business program at Bishop's, expecting high professional presentation and oral skills from his students (in the days before Powerpoint). This is a tradition that continues today within the Williams School.

Peter Ross Carruthers, HBA'57, passed away at Credit Valley Hospital on February 3 of cancer. Beloved husband of Jill Wallace for 48 years. Survived by his three sons, John, David and Stuart and one daughter, Anne. Peter spent his career in Health Care Administration. He graduated from the University of Western Ontario School of Business in 1957. In 1959, he graduated from the University of Toronto in Hospital Administration. Following appointments in Winnipeg and Kingston, he served as the CEO of the Greater Niagara General Hospital from 1966 to 1978 and Ottawa Civic Hospital from 1978 to 1993. He later served as the CEO of St. Peter's Hospital in Hamilton. From 1993 to 2002, he was a health care consultant. In addition to his contributions to Canadian health care, he was also a consultant to the health ministries of Great Britain, Australia, and China. He was President of the Ontario Hospital Association from 1982 to 1984 and President of the Canadian Hospital Association from 1986 to 1988.

Tobias (Toby) Hugh Chapman, BA'60, MA'62 continued his studies at Oxford in England and eventually went on to teach Philosophy at University of Guelph from September 1966

to August 1994. He died in the Palliative Care Unit of St. Michaels Hospital, in Toronto, on May 7.

Paul Alexander Borden, BA'63 passed away suddenly, on January 6 at Cambridge Memorial Hospital, at the age of 66. Paul Borden, proud father of Graham Paul Borden and his wife Anita, and Norah Kathryn Borden. Loving long time friend and partner of Dorothy McDougall. Paul is fondly remembered by his brothers, John Borden and his family and Stuart Borden (Susan) and their family and by his aunt, Jean Taylor-Hunt. He is predeceased by his parents, Dr Harry Borden and Norah Hunt. Paul will be missed by his stalwart friend, Roger Fischer and thought of with a smile by Dorothy's family and by his many, many friends. Paul, a chartered accountant, was a founding partner of Jaglowitz, Borden and Beaupre (later Collins-Barrow), and lived every moment outside of work enjoying his passion for gardening and gourmet cuisine. Paul was an avid world sailor and member of the Power Sailing Squadron and the Sarasota Sailing Squadron. He served his community as a former member of the Preston-Hespeler Rotary Club, a member of the Probus Club, as well as the LACAC Heritage Foundation and was active in the United Way.

Nicholas Minov, BSc'68, MSc'80(Physical Chemistry) and LLB'74, actively pursued his career to the extent that his illness permitted him until his death on February 20, 2007. He was called to the Bar in 1976, and worked as a solo practitioner in Niagara Falls for over 30 years. Nick suffered from an extremely rare and aggressive form of renal carcinoma which, due to his extremely active lifestyle and physical activity, remained undiagnosed until it reached the acute and inoperable stage. Aside from his legal practice, Nick was an accomplished and active musician, pilot, collector of antique clocks and watches, Ham radio operator (VE3MFQ), photographer and world traveler, journeying to both the Galapagos Islands and the high Arctic in the months before his diagnosis. He served the community of Niagara Falls on the Board of Niagara Community Concerts, President of the Boys and Girls Club and Director on the Greater Niagara General Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Anita (nee Usaty, BA'68, ACE'69) and daughters, Mary Anne and Natalie, both at home.

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Association of Canada (PWAC) for 2007-08 during the National Conference held in Vancouver, BC. Carolyn Gibson has been a PWAC member for three years and during that time has held the position of Chapter President, London and Southwestern Ontario, and national Vice-President. Carolyn is a London-based professional writer, researcher, and university instructor at the University of Western Ontario and King's University College. Prior to becoming a fulltime writer, and opening her own professional writing business, Working Words Consulting, she spent 12 years working in the public sector.

Bagai, Ashish, HBA'06, BA'06 (Honors Psychology), has put his investment banking career in Los Angeles on hold for a year to play cricket for Canada. Bagai is vice-captain and wicketkeeper on the Canadian team which played its first game March 14 against Kenya in Saint Lucia at the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007. A 25-year-old native of Richmond Hill, Ont., Bagai was recently named player of the tournament at the ICC World Cricket League, a competition for second-tier cricket countries. Bagai, who studied finance at the University of Western Ontario, works at UBS Investment Bank in Los Angeles but was able to get a year off to concentrate on his cricket.

Ryan Theryn Cureatz, MA'06 (Journalism), has been chosen as the Student Journalist of the Year as reported by the Kitchener-Waterloo Record. He was seated at the head table when the awards were given out April 21 in Kingston. He recently graduated from the University of Western Ontario journalism program, where he won the academic gold medal as the top student.

Invest in Canada's brain to prevent drain

By Paul Wells, BA'89



As I write this column, I'm quite literally packing to get out of town. Out of the country, actually. I am surrounded by packing crates. After 12 years in Ottawa — too long — I'm getting ready to spend 18 months — too short — opening and operating a European bureau for Maclean's magazine, in Paris. Tough life, 'tis true.

But the instincts that drive this move to Europe — the conviction that the local isn't everything, that the story you know isn't the whole story, that the view over the next horizon isn't just titillating or novel, it's vital — are a direct extension of habits I learned as a Poli Sci undergrad at Western. There, quite late in my student career, I

learned to operate, at least occasionally, at a level of ambition that didn't come automatically to a school teacher's son from Sarnia but that felt like far more common coin at a university like Western. In Bob Young's public policy seminar, we were told that if we wanted to know how a program worked we should call the deputy minister involved, because who knew, he might tell you. As I prepared to leave Western in my senior year, with my eye on a journalism career, Bob suggested I call Conrad Black and ask to work on the London Daily Telegraph for him. I scoffed, quietly. Sarnia boys don't work for Conrad Black. Nine years later I was actually working for Black at the National Post; if I had taken Bob Young's advice, I sometimes think, I could have saved myself nearly a decade.

It's hardly every day that even an ambitious student pauses to think, "I'm going to conquer the world, leap across oceans, explore new frontiers." Most days you're thinking: I'm going to ask for new essay extensions, conquer that cutie from my organic chem lab, explore the Ceeps. But every once in a while, if you're smart and lucky, you transcend the mundane. You become what is in you to become, and in so doing, expand the range of the possible. What's true at the level of individual career trajectories is also true, mutatis mutandis, for nations. Most days a country's political debate is allocational: it's about who gets what. On a good day, or in a good few years, the political debate can become aspirational: it's about raising the limits of the possible.

Under Jean Chrétien, of all people, Canada's national debate rose in the late 1990s from the allocational to the aspirational. Or rather, the debate

didn't rise, because most of Chrétien's most aggressive and rewarding moves on the knowledge-economy front happened far from the spotlight of public discussion. But move he did. Massive public investments in science, technology, research and innovation — repairing the cuts of the mid-90s at first, then far exceeding the amounts that had been cut — took Canada from being a laggard in the knowledge economy to a leader. Every campus in Canada was transformed. Young researchers who had built their careers overseas came home. Many brought promising foreign peers with them, reversing a decade's brain drain. Few universities experienced this transformation more resoundingly than Western, which today is a far more serious university than when I attended.

But aspirational politics pays few dividends, so as soon as Chrétien's leadership was challenged in 2002, budget priorities shifted sharply to the allocational — which province, voter demographic or client group got more than the next. Paul Martin's leadership of the Liberal Party only continued that trend. And Stephen Harper, a surprisingly allocational prime minister leading what amounts to an NDP of the centre-right, has done little to restore Canada's public debate from who-gets-what to what's-possible-for-all-of-us.

Which means that, after a surprising and little-heralded burst of aspirational politics in the late 1990s, we've now spent five years on the sandbox bickering of the allocational. As a nation we could barely afford that detour. We can't afford to spend any more time on it. It's a big world out there. It will keep growing and changing whether Canada adapts or not.



Alumni Award Recipients



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Dr. Ivan Smith Award
- Kevin Newman BA'81
Professional Achievement Award
- Jane Roy BSc'87
Community Service Award
- Neil Hetherington BA'95
Young Alumni Award

Elfrida Berzins Award (Women's Athletic Alumnae)

- Heather Clarke BA'83
Rowing, Nordic Skiing
- Alison Doherty (Armstrong) BA'83
Track & Field
- Alma Moir BA'79
Figure Skating
- Eleanor Richardson (Ward) BA'62
Volleyball, Basketball, Track & Field

'W' Club Hall of Fame Inductees

- Roger Jackson BA'63, *Rowing*
- Terry Rotondo BA'73, MD'77, *Football/Track*
- Darwin Semotiuk, *Coach/Builder*
- Pierre Vercheval BA'91, *Football*

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