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Newsletter of the Department of Earth Sciences, U.W.O.

Friday, August 31, 2007

Welcome and Welcome Back...

The Department of Earth Sciences extends a warm welcome to new undergraduate and graduate students, and welcomes back those returning for their next year of studies.

Please take a look at items relating to personal and property safety which are excerpts from articles in the Western News issue of August 23, 2007. They have been posted on the Graduate Bulletin Board opposite room 152 B&G. *Please ensure that you follow the best possible safety practices.*

U.S.C. Student Health Plan Opt-out

Students who wish to opt out of the U.S.C. Student Health Plan can do so online at www.usc.uwo.ca/health. You can opt out as long as you provide proof of alternate coverage. Provincial health coverage plans, such as OHIP, are not accepted as suitable alternate coverage. *The deadline for applying is September 28, 2007.*

Students must bring proof of alternate coverage when they pick-up their opt-out cheques in mid-October.

Student Bus Pass

London Transit bus passes will be available to graduate students after they have made arrangements to pay their fees, and have their student ID for the coming year. The bus passes are available at the Society of Graduate Students office in the UCC, on the second floor. Each person must provide:

- Student ID Card; Tuition Fee Bill ; Proof of minimum \$200 payment or \$200 in anticipated aid

Graduate Course Registration

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Graduate students, please remember when planning your courses this year that:

Ph.D. students are *unable* to take any undergraduate courses for credit in their graduate

program;

M.Sc. students can take a *maximum of one* undergraduate course for graduate credit for their graduate program.

Any other undergraduate courses, whether audited or taken for credit, will not be part of your graduate program and each course will mean an extra charge of ~\$1,020 for a full course (1.0 weight) or ~\$500 for a half credit (for Canadian students, more if international).

Graduate Studies 3rd Annual Showcase

On Saturday November 3, 2007 the Faculty of Graduate Studies will be hosting its 3rd Graduate Studies Showcase recruitment event.

Another facet is being added this year: a Research Showcase. Graduate students and faculty members are invited to display their research. Those interested, please contact Clare Tattersall at ctatter3@uwo.ca to reserve a table.

This may be of particular interest to new faculty members who are hoping to recruit graduate students to work in their labs.

Association for Women Geoscientists 30th Anniversary Convention

The 30th Anniversary Convention of the Association for Women Geoscientists is being held on October 27 and 28, 2007 at

The Ramada Inn,
124-W 6th Street,
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601 USA
Tel: 970-945-2500
Fax: 970-945-2530

The Keynote Speaker will be Julie Brigham-Grette

For those interested, please see the posting on the main bulletin board opposite room 156 B&G.



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