



DOWN TO EARTH



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

Friday January 11, 2008

DEPT. EARTH SCIENCES COLLOQUIA SERIES

EARTH SCIENCES 490 THESIS PRESENTATIONS

Friday January 18, 2008, 1.30 p.m.
B&G room 116

>All Welcome<

DEPT. EARTH SCIENCES PH.D. PUBLIC LECTURE

Candidate: GREG WANGER
Supervisor: Dr. G. Southam

"The Deep Biosphere of the Witwatersrand Basin, Republic of South Africa"

Thurs January 24, 2008, 2.30 p.m.
Place: Chemistry Bldg., room 9

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Colloquia Site for Winter term 2008

Please note that due to renovations in Phase III, the colloquia sessions will be held in B&G 52 for the duration of the Winter term 2008.

NSERC USRA Summer Jobs

R. Flemming

Undergraduate students: If you are interested in getting some summer experience as a research scientist on campus at Western this summer, APPLY NOW to the NSERC USRA program.

To apply:

1. Talk to your professor(s) whose subject area interests you most, and see if they would be willing to supervise an NSERC summer student. (maybe take a study break during exams).
2. For information and to register for online services, go to http://www.nserc.gc.ca/forms/formtable_e.htm
3. After you register, go to http://www.nserc.gc.ca/forms/formtable2_e.htm select Students, Forms and fill out part 1 of the application form online.
4. Click 'submit' and you will receive a Reference number.
5. Give your Reference number to your supervisor so they can fill in part 2 of the form.
6. Submit both parts of the form to Katherine Johnson.
7. Sign a consent form for "Access to Academic Records" so we can pull your transcript.

Deadline: NEXT Tuesday January 15, 2008.

Eligibility:

You must be a Canadian Citizen or landed immigrant with full time student status (3.5 courses) studying in a science-related field with a cumulative average of 80% (not including this term), You can apply to any of the seven faculties in science, but apply to one only.

Congratulations...

to Tyler Hayes on his successful Ph.D. defence on January 10, 2008. Tyler has a fulltime position in Toronto with TD-Newcrest. Best wishes for the future, Tyler; please keep in touch.



Revision to the Bickell Award

K. Johnston

There has been a slight change in the requirements for the Bickell Award. Please review the revised criteria for the J.P. Bickell Foundation Mining Scholarships :

Awarded to full- time undergraduate students in 2nd, 3rd or 4th year (minimum 70% average) enrolled in the geological and geophysical fields which includes earth sciences, environmental geosciences, geological sciences and civil engineering with a geoenvironmental specialization. Preference will be given to students in earth sciences with an interest in pursuing studies in mining. Students must submit a brief essay (maximum 250 words) by January 15th describing the courses they are enrolled in and their interests in mining for the spring competition to the Department of Earth Sciences in the Faculty of Science. Individuals will be chosen based on their application letter and degree of interest/participation in mining studies and the mining field. A selection committee in Earth Sciences will select the recipient in consultation with a representative from Engineering.

The value of each scholarship is a minimum \$2,000 (maximum \$5,000) and the number available annually will vary depending on the pool of eligible applicants.

At the discretion of the University's selection committee, a portion of the funds may be allocated to meet student costs to defray expenses associated with mining related field trips.

Effective: 2007-2008 only:

Please submit your essays to me by January 15, 2008. A consent form to view your academic record will need to be signed at this time as well.

Friends of the Gardens

The Friends of the Gardens (FOGs) is a volunteer organization at the University of Western Ontario which has undertaken to beautify certain portions of the campus with gardens, one of which is the St. Mary's Rock garden.

A raffle draw will take place in support of their efforts on February 4, 2008 for a hand-crocheted tablecloth. Tickets are \$5 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$10. They may be obtained from any FOGs members, including Sarah Lee, Biology and Mary Rice, Earth Sciences.

PHYSICS & ASTRONOMY COLLOQUIUM

Dr. Stephen Morris

Dept. Physics, University of Toronto

"Icicles, washboard road and meandering syrup"

Thursday January 24, 2008, 1.30 p.m.

Location: P&A Bldg. room 123

