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

Friday, October 26, 2007

Department of Earth Sciences Colloquium Series

**Dr. Steve Usher, President
Association of Professional
Geoscientists of Ontario**

**“ How professional accreditation
affects university curriculum”**

Date: Friday November 2, 2007

Time: 1.30 p.m.

Place: B&G room 116

>All Welcome<

Faculty and Staff Flu Clinic Dates

The Workplace Health and the Staff/Faculty Family Practice Clinic are providing adult influenza immunization clinics in the UCC, Health Services Resource Centre on the following days:

Nov.2/07 - 9 am-3.45 pm

Nov.15/07 - 9am-3.45 pm

Nov.23/07 - 9 am-3.45 pm

Nov.29/07 - 9 am-3.45 pm

Dec.10/07 - 9 am-12.45 pm

Additional days will be scheduled if needed. These clinics do not require an appointment time. Please bring your Health Card with you - you will not be able to get a flu shot if you do not bring it.

Children cannot be immunized at these clinics. This should be done through your family physician.

United Way UWO Campaign

M. Rice

The United Way campaign has begun on campus. I am the departmental representative for this

campaign this year, and I strongly encourage you to donate to London's United Way campaign. Every donation helps, be it large or small. Over 35 agencies are assisted by United Way donations and if your favourite charity is not one of those listed but is in the London area, you can specifically request that your donation, or a percentage of it, goes to that organization.

The Pledge form for various types of donations is available on the United Way web site at: www.uwlongon.on.ca/site//assets/How-you-can-help/PDF/uw-Pledge-2007-v2.pdf

I also have a few forms available in my office; however, regular employees will find a pledge/donation form in their mailbox.

Those persons who are on the UWO payroll can make payroll deduction donations.

I would be pleased to take your donations/pledges, but if you wish to send yours directly, please mail your form to the Western United Way Campaign in Stevenson-Lawson Building.

I have a collection jar for the United Way in my office for those who would like to relieve their pockets/purses of loose change.

There is an early bird draw for Western supporters to take place on November 2. For your name to be included for this draw, your donation/pledge must be received at the Western United Way Campaign office by November 2. The list of more than 30 prizes available is posted on my office door.

Academic Development Fund New Research & Scholarly Initiatives Award-Major Grants Competition

The deadline for applications to the 2008-09 Academic Development Fund - New Research and Scholarly Initiatives Award (Major Grant Competition) is **4.30 p.m. November 15, 2007**. Completed applications are to be submitted to the University Secretariat, room 290 SLB. Applications may be obtained from the University Secretariat website (www.uwo.ca/univsec/senate), and at the University Secretariat, Room 290, SLB., 519-661-2055.



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Physics & Astronomy Colloquium

Dr. John R. Dutcher

Dept. Physics, University of Guelph

“Bacteria as Materials Scientists”

Thurs. November 1, 2007, 1.30 pm

Location P&A Bldg. room 123

Joint Presentation

Physics & Astronomy and

Applied Mathematics

Dr. Glenn Martyna

IBM, T.J. Watson Research Lab.,

New York, NY

“Simulating materials with chemical

detail at IBM: From biophysics to

high-tech applications”

Wed. October 31, 2007, 2.30 pm

Location: Visual Arts rm. 100

The Robert and Ruth Lumsden

Undergraduate Awards in

Earth Sciences

K. Johnston

Reminder: Application forms can be obtained from the Office of the Registrar, and must be completed and returned by October 31. *Value: 15 @ Up to \$1,000 each.*

Deadline: To be considered for needs based awards, please apply by **October 31, 2007** to the Office of the Registrar. Please visit the Registrar's website <http://www4.registrar.uwo.ca/FinancialServices/NeedBasedAwards.cfm> for details regarding application procedures and eligibility.

Items from the Purchasing News

Western’s new contract for Scientific Supplies and Chemicals commenced on October 1, 2007 with the following suppliers: **VWR, Fisher Scientific, and Caledon Laboratories.**

Orders to these companies may be placed by phone, fax, or on-line, using your speed code

instead of a purchase order. All shipments from these suppliers will have a priced packing slip included. Please ensure that these packing slips are sent to your administrator for reconciliation of your accounts.

Fisher Scientific will provide an additional 1% discount when you order using their on-line system. Training is available from Fisher to anyone that wishes to take advantage of their on-line system.

Contact Information:

VWR International

Web: www.vwr.com

Phone: 800-932-5000; Fax: 800-668-6348

Sales Rep: Mark Hawryluk

Fisher Scientific

Web: www.fishersci.ca

Phone: 800-267-1000; Fax: 800-463-2996

Sales Rep: Mike Thibeau

Caledon Laboratories

Web: www.caledonlabs.com

Phone: 877-225-3366; Fax: 905-877-6666

Sales Rep: Brian Finnis



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