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

Friday October 31, 2008

DEPT EARTH SCIENCES COLLOQUIA SERIES

Tim Haltigen
Dept. Geography, McGill
University

**“An analogue approach for
comparing polar desert polygonal
terrain on Earth and Mars”**

November 7, 2008, 1.30 pm
Kresge Bldg. room 203

>All Welcome<

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Northern Training Grants Applications Competition 2008

Applications are invited from undergraduate and graduate students whose research area is in the north. *Printed applications are due by November 21, 2008 to Dr. Bob Bailey, Dept. Biology.* More information is available at:

www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/nstp/index-eng.asp

For those who held Northern Training Grants this past year, the reports on this year's grants are also due to Dr. Bailey by November 21, 2008. You may contact Dr. Bailey at drbob@uwo.ca or tel. ext. 84022 if you have any questions.

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United Way Campaign

M. Rice.

I am again the departmental contact person for the United Way for this department.

Small envelopes along with a payroll payment form have been inserted in all regular UWO salaried employees' mailboxes. Would you please consider donating to the United Way? The payroll deduction plan is a simple way for this to be done - you sign up at the outset, and the monthly deduction you have specified will be deducted from each monthly pay. Donation forms for others are available at my desk.

Please complete these forms for one-time donations or payroll deductions and leave them with me; I will submit them; there is an “early bird” prize deadline of November 14, 2008.

Note: **Monday, Nov. 3** is Western's annual Coffee Day for United Way. For EVERY large and extra large coffee (or other hot beverage) purchased across campus on Monday, Hospitality Services will donate 25¢ to the United Way and \$1.00 will be donated for every travel mug sold. Support a great cause and you may even be served by one of the "guest coffee pourers".

Thanks so much for your donations, they all help - large or small.

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Departmental Food Drive for Needy Families at Christmas

M. Rice

As we have done for the last few years, we (Marie, Margaret, Katherine and I) are establishing an appeal for food items and gifts for children in a needy family. Many families in London are not able to provide gifts for their children or have a full Christmas meal. Also, women and children who have escaped from abusive family situations very often have to leave their home with only the clothes on their backs; the Women's Shelter provides them

with space to sleep and help for the women to get back on their feet - *the need keeps on growing!*

Currently I do not have details about a specific family - this will be provided soon. However, I would like to invite you at this time to provide non-perishable food items for needy families. Alternatively, if you would like to donate funds to be used in this endeavour, they would be very much appreciated as well. Please bring all items to my office in HSA 110.

Previously, thanks to your generosity, we have been able to help both needy families, and women and children at the Women's Shelter. Thank you for your support in past years, and I hope you will be able to help out this year.



Departmental Photo Contest 2008

I. Foster

It is time to submit your photographs for this year's Earth Sciences Photo Contest. There are 5 categories: Landscape and Scenery; Flora and Fauna; People; Geosciences; Travel & Place. The contest will run until 4 p.m. *November 14, 2008*.

Contest date: November 19, 2008, 6.00 p.m. at the Grad Club. All photos will be evaluated by a panel of 3 judges, as well as your peers and two winning photographs from each category, as well as one People's Choice and one Judges' choice, will be selected for use in the Earth Sciences custom calendar for 2009.

Rules: \$1 per photo; must be an original photo taken by you; minimum quality of 300 dpi (for 4x6" photograph). Photos may be submitted via e-mail on line to UWOGGS@gmail.com, or submit them on a CD directly to the GGS Executive or Larissa Pokoradi, Undergraduate coordinator. All photo fees should be given in person.



Physics & Astronomy Colloquia

#1. Dr. William J. Turkel

History Dept., U.W.O.

“Material environment and historical consciousness”

Thursday, November 6, 2008, 1.30 pm

Location: P&A Bldg. room 123

#2. Dr. Walt Duley

Physics & Astronomy Dept. University of Waterloo

“Interstellar molecules in the laboratory?”

Thursday November 13, 2008, 1.30 pm

Physics & Astronomy Bldg. rm 123

