



# DOWN TO EARTH



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

Friday September 5, 2008

Welcome....

all new graduate students to the Department of Earth Sciences.

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## DEPT. EARTH SCIENCES COLLOQUIA SERIES

**Dr. Grant M. Young**  
Dept. Earth Sciences, U.W.O.

**“Stratigraphy, sedimentology and geochronology of an Archean (~3 GA) greenstone belt: the North Spirit Lake area, NW Ontario”**

**Friday September 12, 2008, 1.30 pm**  
**Kresge Bldg. room 203**

>All Welcome<

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## Major Scholarship application deadlines

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Graduate students and fourth year students, please note the following departmental deadlines for major scholarships:

NSERC - 4.00 p.m. October 3, 2008

OGS – 4.00 p.m. October 10, 2008

Only Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada are permitted to apply for NSERC. International students can apply for OGS, but only a limited number are awarded. Minimum 80% average required for each competition. Two references are required for both competitions, on the form provided within each application – free form letters are no longer allowed.

Applicants, please give your referees plenty of notice when requesting references; if you leave too little time they may refuse your request.

Students are strongly encouraged to apply if they are eligible, and everyone will be provided with further information as it becomes available.

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## Phishing Attacks at Western

Please read the following provided by ITS:

For your awareness, I just wanted to highlight the latest Phishing scam to hit Western. Last week the following message managed to trick 19 members of Western into giving away their account information. It was one of the most 'successful' scams in that previously we were seeing 5 to 10 users on average lured in by each Phishing Attack. Given the rise in numbers of those that fell for the latest attack, I asked Western News to post a warning. They put it on the Western home page and also on the Faculty Staff page last Friday. Hopefully this will help. Please help spread the word that ITS, or any part of Western Administration for that matter, would NEVER send an email that asks you to respond with personal or account/password information. For more information about Phishing see:

<http://wellness.uwo.ca/campaigns/phishing/>

BELOW IS THE LATEST PHISHING ATTACK TO HIT WESTERN

Dear Account User,

This message is from WEBMAIL E-mail messaging center to all our email account users. We are currently conducting a maintenance exercise which is for upgrading our database and e-mail account center. This exercise involves the deactivation of dormant /unused/invalid email accounts to make room

for further upgrading. To confirm the validity of your email and to prevent your account from deactivation, you are advised to update it by proving us with the following information. CONFIRM YOUR EMAIL IDENTITY BELOW

Email Username: .....

EMAIL Password: .....

Date of Birth: .....

Warning!!! Account owners are expected to update their accounts within 10 working days after receipt of this notice. Failure to comply with this notice within the stipulated time will face the risk of loosing his or her account. Thanks for your co-operation! Warning Code: VX2G99AAJ Web Team



**EnCana Information Session  
Tuesday September 16, 2008  
6.00-7.30 pm  
Engineering Bldg. room 1200**

Dr. Steve Donaldson, an alumnus of this department, will be providing the presentation, which is directed at students in geology, geophysics and engineering.

EnCana is a dynamic North American industry leader in unconventional natural gas and integrated oil development. EnCanada recently announced its intention to split into 2 highly focused energy companies, one, a pure-play natural gas company, the other a fully integrated oil company. EnCana may be changing, but the opportunity to be part of a collaborative team charged with meaningful work stays the same. Please visit [www.encana.com](http://www.encana.com) to learn more. No resumes will be accepted at this time; please apply online.



**NSERC Initiative for the Fall  
2008 Competition: Deadline**

**Reminder to faculty: to be eligible, all NSERC initiative applications are due in the Faculty of Science Dean's office no later than 3 pm on Wed. September 17, 2008.**



**“Let’s Talk Science” needs  
volunteers**

The Let’s Talk Science Partnership Program is a national science outreach program with 24 sites across Canada, which was started at this university. The program motivates and empowers youth to use science, technology and engineering to develop critical skills knowledge and attitudes needed to thrive in the world.

Volunteers can participate in the program in two main ways: individuals are partnered with teachers of classes grade K-12. The volunteers go to the class and provide custom hands-on, interactive science activities for students. In addition, individuals or small groups are partnered with many community groups in the London area, such as the Girl Guides, TechAlliance, the Boys and Girls Club.

Volunteer information sessions have been scheduled as follows:

Sept. 25, 5-6 pm P&A Bldg. room 123

Oct. 21, 5-6 pm, P&A Bldg. room 123.

The following web site provides further information:

[www.uwo.ca/sci/ltsw](http://www.uwo.ca/sci/ltsw)



**Environmental Science Graduate  
Program**

The deadline for new applications into the Environmental Science graduate program is September 15, 2008. Please contact Dr. Irena Creed if you did not attend the recent information session. Application is available on their web site: [www.uwo.ca/enviro/Graduate/Graduate%20Program.html/Collaborative%20Program%20Forms.html](http://www.uwo.ca/enviro/Graduate/Graduate%20Program.html/Collaborative%20Program%20Forms.html).



**Physics & Astronomy Colloquium**

Dr. Peter G. Brown

Director, Planetary Science Program

Dept. Physics & Astronomy

**“The recent crater forming meteorite  
impact in Peru”**

Thurs. Sept. 18, 2008, 1.30 pm.

P&A Bldg. room 123

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