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Campus Digest

Western slips from Maclean's Top 10

An odd rankings season closed out with some bad news for Western, as the university fell out of the Top 10, landing at No. 11 in the 22nd annual Maclean's University Rankings issue, released Nov. 1. Since 1994, Western has never been out of the Top 10.

For the eighth year in a row, the self-professed "holy book for anyone planning their education in Canada" ranked McGill first in the Medi-

cal Doctoral category, which boasts 15 schools. The University of British Columbia was up one spot this year to second; the University of Toronto was down one spot to third. Otherwise, the Top 10 held serve with the exception of Western.

At No. 11, Western is ahead of only Montreal, Laval, Sherbrooke and Manitoba.

Nobody passed Western, per se. Two ties in last year's Top 10 – McMaster and Dalhousie at No. 6, Saskatchewan and Ottawa at No. 10 – gave the list 11 universities in the Top 10. Both were resolved this year and as all four remained in a Top 10 list with only 10 schools, one had to go. That one was Western.

"If there's one trend in the rankings, it's the rise of the west," Maclean's wrote. "Every university from Saskatchewan to the Pacific Ocean maintains or improves its standing. All four of British Columbia's ranked universi-

ties placed in the top two in their categories."

The magazine continued, "That said, Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic Canada still have some of the mightiest institutions."

These marks come as part of a mixed bag of results for Western this rankings season.

So far, the institution had slipped in Times Higher Education magazine's World University Rankings, released in October, and in the QS World University Rankings of the Top 200 global universities, released in September.

However, for the 11th straight year, Western was tops in Canada when it comes to the most satisfied students, according to the The Globe and Mail's 2013 Canadian University report. Overall, in the survey of more than 31,000 undergraduate students across the country, Western topped 11 of 19 categories – six led outright and five tied.

NEWS AND NOTES



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On Friday Nov. 2, nearly 200 students from 10 schools in the London area gathered at Western for the French for the Future-London Local Forum. Held annually, the forum offers students a day full of activities that highlights the benefits of bilingualism through the acquisition of French. It also gives students enrolled in French immersion, core French and French first language programs the rare opportunity to meet up outside of school for a day entirely in French. Under the theme *Pratiquement bilingue/Practically Bilingual*, students took part in interactive workshops and presentations, which were designed to inspire, guide and help them share their passion for the language in their own communities.



London will play host to the CIS Cross Country Running National Championships noon Saturday at the Thames Valley Golf Club. The event is among the largest Canadian championships in any sport featuring the best collegiate runners in the nation from 26 universities – a number of whom have already represented Canada internationally and no doubt some who will one day will compete as Olympic track distance runners.

Cross country is the most successful sport of all Mustangs sports at the CIS national level with 11 titles (seven for women, four for men).

Several members of the Western community will be honoured as part of the 11th annual Spirit of Sport and London Sports Hall of Fame inductions.

Don Getty, HBA'55, and Larry Haylor, former Western coach and parent, and Western's Canadian champion 1990-91 basketball team are among the 10 (nine



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