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**Recognition and Commendation**

**Ron Schlegel**, member of the UW Board of Governors, applied health sciences professor between 1972-1991, founder of the Schlegel-UW Research Institute for Aging, and president of Winston Park Retirement Care Community, is the recipient of the 2011 Waterloo Region Record Barnraiser Award, recognizing outstanding achievement and commitment to community. "Our community has benefited enormously from his generous giving – not only through his financial resources, also his time, energy and wisdom," UW president Feridun Hamdullahpur writes in support of the award. "His vision can be seen in his generous donation to create a long-term care facility at the University of Waterloo. It's a partnership between private and public bodies that will include a health-care centre, assisted living and an independent living area, run by the Schlegel-UW Research Institute for Aging." The Barnraiser Award is inspired by Governor General of Canada, David Johnston, who in the fall of 2007, called on Waterloo Region to strive to be Canada's Knowledge Capital. He suggested 10 goals, which included celebrating community leaders who contribute to the Waterloo tradition of inspiring collaborative achievement. [Dec. 10/11 TheRecord.com]

For his pioneering contributions to quantum information science, Institute for Quantum Computing executive director **Raymond Laflamme** has earned a fellowship in the American Physical Society (APS). The selection committee recognized Laflamme "for his visionary leadership in the field of quantum information science, and for his numerous fundamental contributions to the theoretical foundations and practical implementation of quantum information processing, especially quantum error correction and linear optical quantum computing." The APS is the world's second-largest association of physicists, and publishes more than a dozen scientific journals, including *Physical Review* and *Physical Review Letters*. [Dec. 6/11 Daily Bulletin]

Graduate student **Jason Angel** was recently awarded a Scholarship in Rehabilitation-Related Research for People With Disabilities. The $20,000 scholarship, established in 2005 with a pledge from the TD Bank Financial Group, supports the education and training of master's and doctoral students with disabilities who are studying in a rehabilitation-related field and intend on contributing to rehabilitation sciences as researchers. In addition, he has joined the Intelligent Assistive Technology and Systems Lab of the iDAPT Centre for Rehabilitation Research at the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute as a member of the technology team. Angel is an MES student in the Tourism Policy and Planning program in geography. Under the advisement of Geoffrey Wall, a leading academic in tourism research, he is conducting research to improve accessibility in tourism for people with mobility impairments. [Nov. 28/11 Daily Bulletin]

School of Accounting and Finance graduate **Juliana Yuen** (MAcc '11) won the prestigious Governor General's Gold Medal and the Chartered Accountants of Canada's cash prize of $5,000 for having the highest standing in Canada on the Chartered Accountancy Uniform Final Examination (UFE), described as one of the most challenging professional examinations in the world. Yuen's impressive accomplishment follows on the heels of Vicky Au (MAcc '10) who took home the honour last year. The three-day examination is a critical component of the CAs qualification program. It assesses a person's knowledge, ability to think analytically, and gauges their professional judgment and ethics. A total of 18 Ontario CA students placed on the respected 52-member National Honour Roll, seven MAcc grads

among them. Overall, 1,135 Ontario CA students and a total of 2,858 across the country successfully passed the UFE. [Dec. 7/11 Daily Bulletin]

The Taylor Hooton Foundation, a leader in the advocacy against substance abuse in sports, recently presented its "Taylor's Award" to **Bob Copeland**, the director of Athletics, at the Ontario University Athletics Football Summit. Taylor's Award is presented to an individual who has made a major impact on the effort to educate and protect young people from the dangers of anabolic steroids and other appearance and performance enhancing drugs. The award is presented in honor of Taylor Hooton, a 17-year old honor student and promising high school baseball player. On July 15, 2003, Taylor committed suicide as a result of anabolic steroid use. Copeland chaired the Ontario University Athletics Performance Enhancing Drugs Task Force, which set out to review current Performance Enhancing Drug (PED) educational programs offered to student athletes and implemented a ground-breaking survey of athletic directors and senior university administrators to determine the scope of education, practices, and opinions surrounding PEDs. He was also a member of the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport's Task Force on the Use of PEDs in the Sport of Football. The two task forces reported their findings in the summer and called for standardized educational programs and a national strategy to combat the use of performance-enhancing drugs. Formed in 2004, the Taylor Hooton Foundation is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to educating North America's young people about the dangers of anabolic steroids and other appearance and performance enhancing drugs. [Dec. 8/11 Daily Bulletin]

**Laurie Strome**, staff member at the Dana Porter Library, is the latest winner of the Waterloo Award, granted to an individual for outstanding contributions to the community. Writes university librarian Mark Haslett, "This prestigious civic award from the City of Waterloo is granted to an individual for outstanding contributions to the community. Many of you know of some of Laurie's volunteer work; the list is very impressive. Laurie is an active and strong force in the community, sitting on a number of committees and volunteering with several organizations, including 25 years as a volunteer leader with the Girl Guides of Canada . . . Her tireless efforts in the Sunnydale neighbourhood have helped turn a troubled area into a safe and inclusive community." Waterloo Award nominees are judged by a selection committee on a number of criteria including innovation, impact on Waterloo, letters of support, length of service and leadership skills. Strome joins a list of 35 distinguished volunteers who have received the Waterloo Award since it was established in 1997. [Nov. 30/11 Daily Bulletin]