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General Roméo Dallaire to speak at UWO on human rights, genocide in Darfur, and other international issues

LONDON, ON: The University Students' Council proudly presents General Roméo Dallaire speaking on March 14th, 2008 at Alumni Hall at The University of Western Ontario.

A decorated Lieutenant-General, Dallaire served 35 years with the Canadian Armed Forces. His best-selling book, *Shake Hands With The Devil*, is a stirring account of his experience as the Force Commander of the United Nations Assistance Mission to Rwanda. The book exposes the failures of the international community to stop the worst genocide of the 20th century. The book was released as a full-length feature film and won an Emmy Award for Best Documentary in 2007.

“General Dallaire’s speech is part of a series of social justice themed activities sponsored by the USC’s Student Life Department throughout the month of March”, says Mark Wellington, Manager of Student Life. These activities include a Justice Through the Arts competition, an NGO/NPO Information Fair on March 14th in the University Community Centre, and *Compassion in Action*, a conference for undergraduate and high school students focusing on a range of issues pertaining to international affairs, genocide, gender issues, and the environment.

“We are excited to extend this invitation to hear the Honourable Dallaire speak to the London community, staff, faculty, and our students,” Wellington said.

Tickets can be purchased at the InfoSource on the main floor of the University Community Centre or online starting March 1st by visiting www.socialjusticemonth.ca. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$15 for general admission. Doors will open at 6:30 PM and the presentation will begin at 7:30 PM.

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