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Hello from Greece, 
I just remembered the snowy days so I thought to give you a call. My best to all of you.

G. Karras, 
MA/85

Dear Editor,
I noted in the August issue that an honorary degree has been presented to Les Wardrop. Please convey my most sincere congratulations. During the war, we were both officers in the Signal Corps training at Vimy Barracks in Kingston. Later we met several times at mining conventions. I visited his engineering office several times on business but have recently lost contact. Congratulations Les.

Sincerely,
Grant Bragg, BSc/33

Dear Editor,
I thoroughly enjoy On Manitoba. It rekindles many fond memories of the university community that means so much to my wife Denyse (BSc/59) and myself. I gravitate to the “Through The Years” column in hopes of catching a glimpse of the lives of those who shared campus life with us. The U of M prepared me well for the academic life that I have engaged in for over 40 years. I began as an Instructor at St. John’s College in the fall of 1963 (where I was in the middle of lunch when President Kennedy was shot).

Best wishes
Bill Harvey BSc/60, BA/61, MA/63

Dear Editor,
The bestowing of a silver ring upon graduation is a rite of passage, and the class of 1970-71 was the last to receive these rites from the U of M Bachelor of Architecture professional degree program. A 35th Last Rites Reunion was convened in early June in Vancouver to commemorate this passage. Assembled from afar were a hundred graduates, former professors, current Dean David Witty, spouses and friends of the class.

A legacy project is an outcome. US $25,000 was raised to capitalize a Habitat for Humanity revolving fund to micro-finance a minimum of 35 houses on a recurring year after year basis for poor families in Nepal – a U of M alumni ‘Canadian Architects’ Legacy Fund.’ The SOS Children’s Village Itahari Family Strengthening Program on the southeast frontier is the catalyst beneficiary with an agreed 100 houses. Ours is a gift that will keep on giving and giving honour to Canada’s premier school of architecture.

The official reunion photograph is attached.

Collegially yours,
Stanley Britton, BArch/71
BArch Last Rites Reunion Co-Chair

It is with some regret and much excitement that I announce that this is my final issue as Editor of On Manitoba. Regretful because I have enjoyed working with alumni and sharing stories with over 120,000 fellow graduates in 148 countries. It has been especially gratifying to be part of the magazine’s name change in 2002 as well as the introduction of its new format in 2005. It’s also an exciting time as I am leaving to assume the position of Director of Communications at Concordia University College of Alberta in Edmonton. Thank you for your continued interest in your alma mater, for reading the magazine, and for sharing your successes and memories.

Sincerely, Russ Medvedev, MA/95
Shaping the Future of Our University

Are you or someone you know ready to make a difference?

Alumni Representative Nominations
Closing Date is January 8, 2007

Three members of the Board of Governors of the University of Manitoba are elected by graduates of the University to serve a three-year term. Your representatives are Wayne Anderson (term expires in 2007), Doug Ward (term expires in 2008) and Romel Dhalla (term expires in 2009).

Nominations are accepted annually. To nominate a candidate for a position on the Board of Governors, please submit to the Alumni Association the signatures of 25 graduates and written consent of the nominee.

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Student Tuition Draw

The Alumni Association again partnered with the University of Manitoba Students’ Union (UMSU) to sponsor a $1,000 tuition draw during Orientation 2006. Pictured is the winner, fourth year Arts student Mandy Mou.
Alumni Association News

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THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2007

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

The DAA recipient will be honoured after the AGM
AGM 6:00 pm • DAA Reception 7:30 pm
Marshall McLuhan Hall, Fort Garry Campus
Please join us as we celebrate our new and previous recipients.

HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME

Alumni Association President Rennie Zegalski takes the first crack at the Car Smash in support of Bison Sports Scholarships.

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Over 700 residence students participated in the annual Spirit Cup activities at the football game.

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George Richardson (BComm/46, LLB/69) at the President’s Luncheon, receiving his 60th Anniversary Certificate.

Lorna Thorlakson (BA/45, DipSW/46) and her husband Ken Thorlakson (MD/49) attend the 60th anniversary of her graduation.
Dean Jay Doering, front row, second from right, at the Faculty of Graduate Studies table, at Homecoming banquet.

Student and alumni dancers from Kinetic Swing entertained the attendees at the Homecoming banquet.

Faculty of Science Dean Mark Whitmore, back row, second from the right and Faculty of Arts Dean Richard Sigurdson back row, far right pictured with the Arts and Science Class of 1956.

Maria Paletta, 2005-06 Homecoming Chair, brings greetings at the Homecoming banquet.

Nursing students attend Homecoming banquet.

Class of 1956 Commerce grads Kay Marshall, Dave Snyder and Catherine Graham.

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Gerry (CA/72) and Maureen (BA/89, MSc/96) Rodrigue, Colleen Dufresne, Dean of Physical Education and Recreation Studies Dennis Hrycaiko (BPE/71, CertEd/72, PhD) and Ruth Hrycaiko (BA/72) and Cheryl Keachie (BA/97, ExtEd/01) at the banquet.

Graduates reconnecting at Homecoming banquet.

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December 2006
In November, the Alumni Association hosted a reception in Toronto. Over 200 graduates joined together to catch up with their alma mater and hear about changes in Winnipeg.

UPCOMING EVENTS

University of Manitoba Alumni of Icelandic Descent
Join fellow graduates of Icelandic descent to celebrate the relationship between the University of Manitoba, and the Icelandic community in Manitoba.

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DERRIDA

In October, the University of Manitoba welcomed 120 speakers from around the world to celebrate Jacques Derrida. Following Derrida: Legacies was “a celebration of Derrida’s legacy and a look at where we can go from here,” said Dawne McCance, Head, Department of Religion and Editor of Mosaic, a journal for the interdisciplinary study of literature, who hosted the conference. Derrida, who died in 2004, is considered one of the thinkers behind the so-called linguistic turn which focused on the need to understand and deconstruct how meanings form in language. It is an approach, to varying degrees, which has also spread across many disciplines.

FALL CONVOCATION

1,192 graduands received their diplomas in many disciplines including arts, education, management, dentistry and medical rehabilitation at the University of Manitoba’s 39th Annual Fall Convocation in October.

Honorary degrees for distinguished achievement were awarded to Clara Hughes, Cindy Klassen and Vivienne Poy. Clara Hughes, the only Olympian in the world to have won multiple medals at the Summer Olympic Games as well as the Winter Olympic Games, was born and raised in Winnipeg, her father a professor of English at the University of Manitoba and her mother a painter and weaver. Cindy Klassen, the first Canadian to win five medals in one Olympic Games, was born and raised in Winnipeg. She also has won the most Olympic medals by any Canadian: five in 2006 and one bronze in 2002. Vivienne Poy, author, fashion designer and entrepreneur, is the first Canadian of Asian descent to be appointed to the Canadian Senate, assuming this position in 1998.

Three individuals were given particular distinction for their work and commitment to the University and the people of Manitoba. John Foerster received the Distinguished Alumni Award. Garry Martin received the Dr. John M. Bowman Memorial Winnipeg Rh Institute Foundation Award. Natalie Denesovych received the President’s Award which celebrates the exceptional contributions of support staff.

The title Professor Emeritus was awarded to: Cameron Harvey, James Jamieson and Alexander Rattray.

CENTRE SUPPORTS ABORIGINAL STUDENTS

A new facility that offers dedicated support to Aboriginal students enrolled in health education degree programs at the University of Manitoba opened its doors on September 20. The new Centre for Aboriginal Health Education is located at the Bannatyne campus. “This new home for students in health professions of Aboriginal origin is an essential element of a comprehensive program designed to assure education for Aboriginal health,” said Dean Sandham, Dean, Faculty of Medicine. The centre is the result of a unique partnership led by the Faculty of Medicine and which includes the faculties of Dentistry, Nursing, Pharmacy, Science, the Schools of Medical Rehabilitation and Dental Hygiene, and the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority.
Renewed Focus on Foreign Languages

Extended Education recently redesigned its conversational languages program and is now offering a variety of course options for anyone interested in learning a new language or in upgrading their current language skills. These new programs include **part-time evening classes** in French, Spanish, German and Japanese. The courses focus on developing communication skills in everyday situations and are offered from a beginner to an advanced level. In addition, participants can enroll in the **language partner program** which gives learners the opportunity to practice their language skills with a native speaker in a casual setting outside of the classroom. The **lunch hour French program** is meant to give both staff and students on the Fort Garry Campus an easily accessible opportunity to integrate language learning into a routine work day. According to Program Coordinator Stephanie Olson, the new Fall program has been “well-received, and we’re hoping to continue building on the program’s initial success during the upcoming Winter session.” For more information, please call 474-8402 or visit the website at www.umanitoba.ca/extended/english/clc.

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Leah Bannister (ExtEd/05) (above), full-time coordinator of the program, is the link between students and employers. “For students, the program is a crucial leg up in the job market,” she says, “and for partnering employers, it’s a powerful recruiting strategy that provides a head start in attracting Commerce grads trained in the fundamentals of accounting, finance, marketing, logistics and other business critical subjects.”

Employers are able to select work terms to meet seasonal recruitment needs and/or to prepare a research document on a topic relevant to business objectives. The Co-op office will receive and advertise job postings, organize on-campus interviews for selected candidates, and coordinate the work terms. Every Co-op student completes professional development training sessions that focus on professional conduct and expectations in the workplace. In addition, a provincial tax incentive of up to $1,000 per student per work term is available for eligible employers.

The first work term is scheduled for May to August 2007, and Leah Bannister is currently recruiting employers to participate in this exciting new initiative. For more information, phone: 1-204-474-6673, email: aspercoop@umanitoba.ca, or check the web: www.umanitoba.ca/asper/co-op

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

Since 1981, the Centre for Ukrainian Canadian Studies has been a teaching, research and resource centre at the University of Manitoba. The Centre recently celebrated its 25th anniversary with a unique archival concert featuring the participation of the University of Manitoba Women’s Choir, the Olexander Koshetz Choir, the Faculty of Music, St. Andrew’s College, and St. John’s College. Host of the concert was CBC producer/announcer Andrea Ratuski (above right). Program concept and development was by Denis Hlynka (above left), Acting Director of the Centre.

SPREAD THE WORD
WE’RE #1!

Being one of the smaller faculties of pharmacy in Canada did not stop the class of 2006 from ranking #1 in the May 2006 examinations of the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada.
What Does A University Education Cost?
Each year at this time, University units are in the process of preparing budget submissions for the upcoming fiscal year. Many variables play a role in this process, including anticipated funding from the provincial government, student enrollment projections and inflation. This article aims to briefly outline sources of funding, expenditures and some issues.

Where Does Funding Come From?
Although the University receives funding from a variety of sources, the majority of funding comes from the provincial government. As the chart outlines, most of the funding comes from the provincial government through the Council on Post-Secondary Education (57%) followed by student fees (25%). The largest portion of the funds are generated from Ancillary Services in a self-sustaining manner.

How the University Allocates Its Funds?
As the chart outlines, most of the University’s resources (65%) are allocated to teaching.

Leading the Pack
The University of Manitoba is among the most efficient universities in the country with respect to administrative expenditures. When comparing the 16 medical/doctoral universities in Canada, the University of Manitoba boasts the second lowest administrative spending as a percentage of total costs at 7.6%. This is only slightly behind Queen’s at 7.4% and well below the average of 16.9% of all universities in the country. Relatively speaking, this means that a greater proportion of funds are available to be spent on teaching and research at the University of Manitoba.

How Much Does Tuition Really Cover?
While tuition fees cover a portion of the cost to educate a student, the portion is relatively small when compared to the total cost to offer that program. In fact, this proportion can vary dramatically, depending on faculty. For example in 2004-05 (after the provincial rebate) the average tuition an Arts Student paid was $2,859 while the program cost for an Arts student was $7,202. In medicine, tuition was $6,622 while the total cost was $47,260.

However, tuition fees have remained unchanged since 1999 and despite the funding increase committed to in the last provincial budget, the funding gap is growing, especially in comparison to universities east and west of Manitoba. The third graphic shows how the amount of funding received per student has decreased. (* Standard students are a measure of full time equivalency. They represent the total credit hours taught, divided by the normal full course load. In Arts and Science, 30 credit hours reflect one Standard Student.)

What Does This Mean To Alumni?
The University has a proud history with a reputation that is strengthened by the success of its graduates. And alumni are the University’s best ambassadors. While the University has been able to weather a tough fiscal climate by prudent spending and by the generosity of donors, we appreciate your support. We encourage you to spread the word about the need for adequate funding to ensure that the University can remain competitive and future generations can also have access to a top quality education.

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My Christmas Wish for Santa

Have you ever wondered what it costs to provide a university education? It is not the same as the cost of obtaining an education. The latter, every graduate is familiar with, whether one lived at home or away from home as a student. In my own case I had a full tuition scholarship, so fees were not a concern. On the other hand, everything else was a huge concern because I had to move away from home. Though I had saved up my summer wages, earned by working as a chamber maid in a Muskoka resort, all I could afford come September was a rented room in an old, red-brick Victorian rooming house, with cooking privileges in the basement. In the days before student loans, I had to provide for all my needs, from rent, food, clothing to books and study supplies. Watching my pennies became a way of life, along with working at the best part-time jobs I could find. The need to get good grades imposed a different kind of hardship, because I knew that if my marks went down, my scholarship would disappear. And yet I recall those days as magical. The memory of that magic becomes especially strong at Christmas, when the ornaments for our tree include a few tiny, slightly tarnished globes that had graced an evergreen branch in my room at that rooming-house - and have occupied pride of place on my Christmas tree ever since.

I suppose memories of our own days as students make us focus solely on the cost of attending university. Few of us think about the cost of providing an education until we become responsible for doing so. Last year, for example, tuition provided some 25 per-cent of the University’s operating income. The provincial grant provided a significant amount of the rest, but almost $69 million in the operating budget came from other sources. Much of this sum was earned and used for specific purposes, such as running the bookstore, supporting security services, maintaining the parking lots and residences, offsetting indirect costs of research, and undertaking contract research. What matters most to students - having the required classes and laboratories offered, with an appropriate mix of tutorials and other academic supports, consumed almost 65 per-cent of the operating budget, and approached 75 per-cent of it when the costs of the library, student support services, scholarships and bursaries are included.

Does the University of Manitoba have enough funds to provide the quality of education that its students should have? I think most of us at the University would say that our resources are not commensurate with our needs. Most universities in other Canadian jurisdictions would say the same thing regarding their own situations, but the quality of their programs are not compromised because they are permitted to run deficits. This is true even for universities such as McGill and the University of Alberta, which are unwilling to lose their competitive edge over other universities because of budgetary restrictions. In Manitoba, however, balanced budget legislation applies to universities, and the University of Manitoba has abided by its regulations.

How has the University met its financial requirements? During the 1990s, annual budget cuts set the fiscal scenario. We have not completely offset the erosion of quality these caused, but we have avoided cuts to most unit budgets in the last seven years. Over those years tuition fees have been frozen as requested by the Provincial government, but we have managed financially because we relied on fees from growth in student numbers predicted by our demographic projections. However, these projections also showed that the pool of Manitoban 18-24 year-olds, which comprises the majority attending university, would level off by 2005 and would shrink subsequently. This too is coming true. Accordingly, the University is facing a conundrum because the tuition freeze compounds its shrinking revenue base, whilst the cost of providing quality education is increasing. At the same time, we will have to reduce expenditures to achieve a balanced budget, unless Provincial funding is commensurate with our requirements.

Since Christmas is coming, I could leave a wish for Santa. My letter might say that, the University of Manitoba has shown itself to be a good manager of its resources for over 25 years, but being a good manager is beginning to shortchange its students and the people who work to educate them. I’d not ask Santa for substantially more funds, however. I would ask instead that Santa use his influence on the powers that be. He could tell them that the tuition freeze has not significantly increased the proportion of our students who are drawn from the most socio-economically deprived segment of Manitoba’s population. In absolute terms, a smaller percentage of our student body comes from the lowest socio-economic group now than was the case seven years ago. I would tell Santa that the University would provide more bursaries and develop special measures to draw more students from under-privileged backgrounds to university, if it had more revenues to afford such actions. Most of all I would remind Santa of what he knows already about us. We know how to run a university efficiently, but we also know when further cost-cutting will jeopardize the very thing that students seek - high quality education in a high quality learning environment. We know we can deliver the best, if only we could have the means to do so. Surely that is worth wishing for this Christmas.

EMŐKE J.E. SZATHMÁRY, C.M., Ph.D
PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR

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ISRAEL IDONIJE DAY
On October 20, the Bison Alumni Football Association hon-oured former Bison and current Chicago Bear Israel Idonije at their Annual Bison Alumni Scholarship Dinner, which raises scholarship money to support the University of Manitoba Bison Football team and their student athletes. Idonije, a former CIS first-team All-Canadian and J.P. Metras trophy winner, is entering into his third season in the NFL.

UPCOMING BISON EVENTS

16th Annual Duckworth Challenge
January 4, 2007
Women’s and Men’s Basketball games, Investors Group Athletic Centre
January 24, 2007
Women’s and Men’s Volleyball, University of Winnipeg

CHANGES IN MEN’S HOCKEY

The Manitoba Bison mens hockey team has a new head coach this season. Don MacGillivray will be behind the bench while Mike Sirant (BA/83, BRS/85), pictured left, is on a two-year leave to serve as the Sports Director and Head Coach of the Danish National Ice Hockey Men’s Team.

MacGillivray, pictured left, led the Portage Terriers to consecutive Sherwood Division championships in the 2003-04 and 2004-05 and to the MJHL Championship and ANAVET Cup in 2005.

In Denmark, Sirant will be respon-sible for planning and operating the Danish Men’s National Team, currently 13th on the International Ice Hockey Federation world ranking. He will also plan and operate the Danish Under 17 Elite Development Team, along with designing and implement-ing programs for Danish youth and coaches.

BLOG WITH THE ATHLETES

Offensive Lineman Terry Watson has written once a week during the Football season, defense man Rob Smith wrote about his Manitoba Moose training camp experience and Sarah Holder and Melanie Schlichter are writing about the Women’s Basketball season. All blogs can be seen by logging into www.gobisons.ca and go to the sports page.

LOOKING FOR BISON ALUMNI

The Bison Pride Foundation is trying to reconnect with all Bison Alumni. If you have not received any information on Bison Sport in the last year and would like to be on our mailing list please notify Carol Ploen-Hosegood at 204-474-6318 or email: pride@umanitoba.ca.
FOOTBALL BISONS SET SEVERAL RECORDS IN 2006

Although the team’s season ended with a loss to the Saskatchewan Huskies in the Hardy Cup, the football Bisons completed the regular season with several milestones as they established their second unbeaten (8-0) regular season record in program’s history. Team records included: most points in a season; most net offence; most first downs; tied for most wins; tied for most home and road wins; tied for fewest interceptions; most points in a single game; largest margin of win with 70; most net offence in a game with 653 yards. In addition, kicker/punter Peter Scouras has most kickoffs (53) and yards (2809) in a regular season, quarterback John Makie tied for highest pass percentage in a regular season with 59% and running back Karim Lowen established a Bison record for most rushing yards in a single playoff game with 265.

GRADS QUALIFY DURING SEARCH

As a recruitment strategy for the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, the Canadian Sport Centre Manitoba held its first-ever Talent ID search for skeleton and bobsled athletes in September. Two alumni, Geoff Rosenbaum (BPE/06) and Stephanie Outhwaite (BPE/00, BEd/02) were identified as good candidates for sliding sports. On campus, testing included a sprint, a sled pull and weightlifting. After making the first cut, Rosenbaum and Outhwaite, along with Brendyn Fehr, attended a three-day pilot school in Calgary. “Following the three-day school I had decided that this is a sport that I could participate in. I’m looking forward to moving to Calgary to take the next step and learn the sport to be competitive. This involves more training with the goal of qualifying for the 2010 Vancouver Olympics,” said Rosenbaum, pictured above.
PSYCHOLOGIST RECOGNIZED

On October 18, Distinguished Professor Garry Martin (PhD), psychology, received the 2006 Dr. John M. Bowman Memorial Winnipeg Rh Institute Foundation Award. Martin has earned international recognition for his research in the fields of developmental disabilities and sport psychology.

Martin was one of the first applied psychologists to show that persons with severe developmental disabilities are capable of learning many functional skills if provided with positive learning environments. His work formed much of the foundation of the community living movement in Canada and has produced new strategies for improving the skills and performance of both athletes and coaches.

Martin is co-author of Behavior Modification, widely considered to be the single best textbook in the field. Now in its 7th edition, it is used as a primary text at over 200 universities in 12 countries.

RUSSIA HONOURS “ROCKSTAR”

University of Manitoba mineralogist Frank Hawthorne (PhD) has been elected as a Foreign Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences in recognition of his outstanding research contributions. He is only the fourth Canadian scientist to receive this honour. Hawthorne, Distinguished Professor of geological sciences, holds a Canada Research Chair in Crystallography and Mineralogy, and is internationally recognized as a leader in his field. In 1995, a new mineral was named in his honour, and in February 2006, he was named as an Officer of the Order of Canada.

Hawthorne is currently working with Russian scientists examining rocks recovered from the Kola Superdeep Borehole in northwestern Russia. The world’s deepest drill-hole, it extends down 12.2 kilometres, and provides an unprecedented opportunity to study continuous, unaltered sections of the Earth’s crust.

TWO MORE CRC AWARDS

This summer the University of Manitoba received two more Canada Research Chair (CRC) awards, bringing the total number at the University of Manitoba to 44.

Andrew Halayko (MSc/88, PhD/97), physiology, was awarded a CRC in airway cell and molecular biology. He is an expert on the mechanisms that control the airway smooth muscles that tighten in the presence of asthma triggers and make it difficult to breathe.

Lea Stirling (PhD), classics, had her existing CRC in Roman archaeology renewed for another five years. Stirling’s research at sites in Europe and North Africa has shed new light on the industry and economy of Rome, as well as the transition from paganism to Christianity in the late Roman world.

CANOLA RESEARCH

In June, canola research at the university received $600,000 in new funding from the Province of Manitoba to support a genomics research team led by Genyi Li (PhD), plant science, which is working to improve canola seed for animal feed applications. By definition, canola contains lower levels of compounds called glucosinolates than other oilseeds, and Li’s team is using advanced genomics tools to investigate ways to reduce these levels even further.

The funding was announced at a special event in the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences that also included the official announcement of a new Winnipeg office for Genome Prairie. A not-for-profit corporation, Genome Prairie works in partnership with Genome Canada to fund and manage large-scale genomics research.

ADVANCED BIOMEDICAL LAB OPENED

June 9 marked the official opening of the Manitoba Centre for Proteomics and Systems Biology (MCPSB) on the seventh floor of the John Buhler Research Centre. A partnership between the University of Manitoba and the Health Sciences Centre, the 10,000 square foot facility is one of the first centres of its kind in Canada, and it brings together researchers from a variety of departments in the Faculties of Science and Medicine. Directed by John Wilkins (PhD/79), internal medicine, MCPSB received $7.2 million in funding from the Canada Foundation for Innovation, the Province of Manitoba and industry partners.
Universities are places that draw people together from far and wide, and on-campus residences are typically populated with individuals of diverse backgrounds, interests and talents. Taché Hall, the men’s dormitory at the University of Manitoba, comprised just such a community in the 1960s, and an example of what can arise within this kind of social milieu was an in-house musical band that formed during the 1965-66 academic year.

There were four of us in the band: Brian Pelechaty from Killarney; Al Houdek from Saskatoon; York Stewart from Calgary; and myself, a grown-up Air Force brat and Maritimer by birth. Al and York were Architecture students, Brian was in Interior Design, and I was in my Pre-Masters year in Anthropology. These were very demanding programs of study, and the time available for non-scholastic diversions was at a premium. Still, all work and no play...

The origins of the group were simple enough – on a couple of occasions early in the fall term, someone heard someone else playing a musical instrument through an open door, and went in and got acquainted. If one of us was a novice, he learned the basics from one of the others. Before we knew it, we were jamming and eventually settled on a name for ourselves – “The Black Whole.” This moniker was actually Al’s idea (architects tend to be a creative lot), and it was a play on words: “Whole” was the defining term; it meant solidarity and togetherness, the necessary glue for a group whose modus operandi was sound co-ordination, unison and harmony. “Black” lent an air of mystery – on the Edge, deep in Meaning. We all dressed in black suits, black turtle-neck sweaters, and black shoes. Those of us with fuzzy vision wore black horn-rimmed glasses. We were, in a word, “cool” (see accompanying photo).

Al and York played electric guitars and I played bongo drums. Brian had his own Hammond B3 organ right there in his pad. Three of the songs in our repertoire that we can recall were Baby Elephant Walk, La Bamba, and Louie, Louie – all instrumentals. For our own amusement, we must have played together in a music room somewhere within the bowels of East Taché or in the residence auditorium. Either that or else we were careful in timing our get-togethers; I can’t imagine two guitars, an organ and a set of bongos all sounding off at the same time in one of our chambers without a neighbour (or two, or three) inviting us to cease and desist because he/they was/were trying to sleep or study.

A regularly scheduled happening in the residence community was Talent Night, and during the ’65-’66 academic year one such event was held in both the fall and spring terms. Our practice and jam sessions culminated in our performing in both, although if memory serves, we hadn’t formally emerged as “The Black Whole” until the spring edition. In any case, I remember that we got an encore for our efforts at one of them. Sometime later, we held forth at a dance in the residence auditorium following the Sunday night movie. On this occasion we were simply introduced as “The Res Band.”

Our enterprise didn’t survive beyond that first year. Although I returned to Taché Hall in ’66-’67, the others in the group went elsewhere and “The Black Whole” passed into history. Sic Transit Gloria. Speaking of Gloria (or Susan, or Louise), one thing we didn’t have was a cadre of female fans clamoring after us. I prefer to chalk that up to our all-too-brief moment in the sun (these things take time, do they not?). In the 1960s, Mary Speechly Hall was exclusively a women’s dorm and of course an integral part of the on-campus residence complex. Surely a few of its occupants would have eventually paid us some modicum of off-stage attention had we endured beyond that first and last year. Or not!

While preparing this brief retrospective, I was successful in tracking down Al and York for information and, in the process, renewing acquaintances after the passage of almost 40 years. Hopefully some of our former classmates and roommates will find a pleasant memory or two in this modest recollection of the time when the U of M was home away from home and our world was young.

LEO PETTIPAS, BA/65, MA/67, LLD
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Program of Study: PhD program in English.


Favourite movie: I can’t choose one! The movies I like are all so different, from Jean Cocteau’s films to "Spirited Away" to "Kill Bill."

Favourite artists: Musically, I like artists with a world sound, like Delerium or Japanese film composer Yoko Kanno. In the visual arts, I love M.C. Escher and Alphonse Mucha.

What do you think you’ll miss from university days? After graduating from Dalhousie, then Queen’s, I took a year off before coming to the University of Manitoba. What I really missed was being part of an intellectual community where we discussed the things we were reading and watching. I hope that I’ll be able to stay in this environment as a prof, but I’m sure I’ll miss being a student.

What do you do when you’re not studying? When I’m not studying or hanging out with grad school friends, I’m an internet addict. I probably spend way too much time surfing, reading people’s blogs and watching stuff on YouTube.

What’s the best advice you’ve received? Well, there’s advice from my favourite author, Neil Gaiman. On “How do you write a novel?” or “How do you write a comic?” he says: “You write.” That’s it. If there’s something you want to do, just sit down and do it, as much as you can, without procrastinating or making excuses. If only I could actually follow this!

Why did you select the U of M? I have a strong interest in animation and global culture and the U of M has a great integrated film and English department. When they offered to hook me up with Asian Studies and Fine Arts too, I felt they’d be willing to support the kind of interdisciplinary work I want to do. Also, I hoped to work with Dr. Gene Walz, who’s written a great book about animation and who was really supportive during my application process.

In 10 years, I see myself... teaching at the university level, probably somewhere in Canada, and hopefully writing some books. I’d also really like to know Japanese by then.

SANDRA ANNETT

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During the 2005 Scott Tournament of Hearts, Team Jones won by defeating Team Ontario with the shot – a perfect shot which scored four points as it hit a rock outside of the house and rolled to the button to take out an Ontario rock. The Shot reverberated around the country in the media and in rinks, and Jennifer Jones’s accomplishment under pressure put her in the annals of Canadian sports history.

By day, Jennifer Jones (BA/96, LLB/99) provides in house counsel to the strategic advisors at Wellington West Capital Inc., one of Canada’s leading independent financial management and investment advisory companies, with over 400 employees at their stylish HQ on the Waterfront. Prior to joining Wellington West in November 2005, Jones practised with Aikins MacAulay & Thorvaldson, the firm with which she articled and joined right out of law school.

Jones warmly refers to Wellington West as a vibrant community, and to the CEO Charlie Spiring (BComm(Hons)/80) as an inspirational leader, who is passionate about his work, and extremely committed to his beliefs. “I think you’re missing out in life if you don’t have a passion... whether you are on the ice or off; playing a sport, or doing your job... The people that I admire the most are those who have a passion... for something... anything... and then pursue it with everything they have.” She is also grateful to Spiring for respecting her own passion for curling, and for giving her the flexibility she needs to develop both her professional and sport careers, as well as maintain a work-life balance. “It’s a crazy-busy time right now, but I am able to get away and train every day (at either the St. Vital or Fort Rouge Curling Clubs).”

Champion curler and stylish corporate lawyer, Jennifer Jones is every bit as driven and multifaceted as you would expect her to be, and not altogether surprisingly, modest and practical in evaluating her success both on and off the ice.

Growing up in Windsor Park, as the youngest of two girls in a very close-knit family, Jennifer never wanted to be “left out of anything...” and that is precisely what led her to march with the same conviction towards General Vanier School back in September of 1979 as she did onto the ice for the first time at the age of 11.

Both of her parents curled, and because her mother worked an early shift as a nurse, she had time to curl in the afternoon. There was a daycare at the curling club, and Jennifer recalls “losing” herself in the action down below. “It was all they could do to keep me off the ice. I understood it; I was infatuated by it; and I wanted to play it.” She credits her parents for supporting her passion for the game, and for recognizing and nurturing it from an early age. Her father Larry, recently retired from a career in sales, and her mother, Carol, still active as an oncology nurse at Concordia Hospital, have been married 35 years, and they provided a supportive environment for both of their daughters – her older sister by 18 months works in IT and is expecting a baby.

“They are tremendous people. They have a very generous spirit, both of them; and they were very supportive of me in school and in curling. They never missed one curling event and they often skipped holidays to take me. They are my role models, and saints, too, considering what they sacrificed for us.” Jones recalls road trips every summer, when her dad would drive for three weeks straight. “We would
take the trailer and hit the open road. Sometimes we would camp. And then later we got a cottage. When I look back on it, I wonder how they kept their sanity sometimes, with two girls in a car.”

After attending K-8 at General Vanier School, she moved on to Windsor Park Collegiate, but never lost touch with some of her teachers and friends – she is that kind of loyal friend – including Gerry Noonan, whom she fondly recalls as “great [and]... passionate. Even at a young age, I recognized and respected his passion. In turn, he respected my love of curling and he supported me in the same way as my parents did. We’ve kept in touch,” she says, “and he just retired last year.” Jones also credits the late Roy Sontag, former Principal at Windsor Park Collegiate (and avid curling fan) for supporting her throughout her high school years.

It wasn’t always easy growing up an elite athlete, she recalls, and there were many sacrifices along the way. “It’s about priorities, and I learned that at a young age... I wanted to be successful, and I learned that in order to be successful, I had to give up some things. I’m not saying I would do anything differently, but I might, if I could go back, be a little more relaxed in my overall approach.” Still, she credits her early prioritizing – curling, school, and a part time job, in that order – with her current organizational élan and excellent time management skills in her chosen legal field. “I never get nervous under pressure, on the ice or at work” she says, “and I have my time management skills to thank for that in part.” I ask her if there is a link between playing team sports as a youth (be it the volleyball, basketball and baseball that she played in school and through the community club, or the curling she played at the curling club), and working as an effective member of a corporate team as an adult. She carefully considers the question before answering.

“The work world is a little different from the sports world, but then again, not really. There are certain values that transfer... And any sport that keeps you active, and enables you to play with a team, also teaches you how to work cooperatively with other people towards a common goal. Sport in general has taught me that, and it does relate in part to my work and working well with others, but I would have to say that the biggest thing that sport has taught me is how to deal with pressure – this has definitely helped me in my career, especially when there is a time crunch.”

Switching gears, and getting more personal, I ask, Did you play with dolls? She laughs out loud. “I had Barbies... but I was also a tomboy... but I also liked to do my hair.” She laughs again
and throws her head back. “I was a girly-girl.” She begins to reminisce in response to some of my short-snappers, which I begin to throw out at random. “Yes, I believed in Santa Claus; in fact, I kept pretending for at least two years after I found out he didn’t exist.” Why, I ask. “Because I didn’t want the magic to end… Christmas just isn’t the same without Santa Claus.”

Do you file your own income tax? She laughs again. “I took stats and calculus in university during undergrad. My B.A. is in Psychology and Economics. I can do numbers… And I can file my own income tax, when I can find the time. I also liked English, though… My first year prof. was the coolest guy with his tweed jackets and leather elbow patches…”

Jones wanted to be a doctor for the longest time, no doubt in part inspired by her mother’s own passion and love for her work as a health care provider, but her proudest moment at the University of Manitoba came when she graduated with her law degree in 1999, after realizing that she wanted to be a lawyer. “I remember having an interest in business early on and thinking about being a lawyer in junior high school, having always been pretty grown up for my age.”

She describes herself as a very private person. “I usually only reveal myself to my friends; in fact, there is a joke among some media that I only give politically correct interviews. I’m not much into the cult of celebrity…. My favourite thing to do on a weekend is to relax at home with my husband” (of two and a half years – she and Scott met at Comcheq, now Ceridian, where he still works, while she was there in a part time job, putting herself through school). “We’ll kick back and rent a movie; just relax and enjoy each other’s company.” Her laid back attitude at home (perhaps in contrast to her intense and focused performance on the ice) extends towards her taste in music. She cites Norah Jones, David Gray and Coldplay among her favourites – kept close to her in the iPod that she carries everywhere. She looks up to Wayne Gretzky as a great ambassador for his sport and clearly admires his passion for the game.

Tell me about the shot, I ask. “Well… I remember the ice; the smell of the ice… I will never forget it… I remember looking up into the stands, and seeing all the people. I remember seeing my mom and my sister among the other people. I remember consciously taking that moment to savour the experience so that I would remember it later. People always ask what I was feeling and what I tell them is I took that moment – to take in the crowd; the smells… Right now, I can literally close my eyes and take myself there and bring it back. It’s a memory that will last a life-time.

Yes, the shot itself was amazing, but it was the feeling itself that was overwhelming and stays with me now… At one point, I thought my head would explode from all of the adrenaline… I have an image of my mom and my sister: my mom falling on the stairs and sobbing because the feeling she had was so overwhelming for her, too… I still get tears in my eyes just thinking about it.”

Birthplace: Winnipeg

Favourite Book: I love books in general. It’s hard to choose just one, but I really like Crow Lake by Mary Lawson. It’s a Canadian book.

Favourite Movie: I like watching movies, period. I don’t know if I really have any favourites, but I do like feel-good movies – life is too short to be sad.

Memorable U of M Moment: Graduating from law school in 1999, and being accepted into first year… The first day of law school was so surreal, but extremely enjoyable, too. The professors were great; the students were great – it was just a great combination overall, and it culminated in my graduation.
It is hard to know what to expect before meeting a child abuse investigator for an interview. Will she be more like a psychologist, or something like a police detective?

While “child abuse investigator” is her relatively new title, Laura Friesen (BSW/06) is more interested in helping people out than putting them away.

Friesen is a recent graduate and an even more recent hire through Child and Family Services, but she is not unfamiliar with counselling troubled people in harsh situations. While she was attending university, she was also working for Manitoba Justice for three years as a youth reintegration worker. “I developed and facilitated group programs for male young offenders,” says the lifelong Winnipegger. Specifically, Friesen worked with one group intensely on issues of date rape, and it was her job to get these young offenders to open up about what they had done.

It was Friesen’s job to turn around the young offenders’ way of thinking, to which she feels she had some success. When she started, only one of the young men recognized they’d committed a crime. By the time she was done, the whole group was starting to change their minds on the subject.

“After working with them their rate of recidivism was lower,” she says. “The toughest part was challenging their way of thinking.”

And the experience helped her with her current position as investigator. “In both cases I was working with involuntary clients. I am used to resistance.”

“I realized I needed to build relationships, build respect. Now I have to build relationships to get them to talk, as well as building relationships with the parents.”

There had been other sources of experience during her education, as well. Friesen quite enjoyed her practicum, which took place at the Child Protection Centre. The combination of schoolwork and hands-on experience ultimately paid off for her, as she was hired by Child and Family Services (southeast sector) before she was finished school. This area has the largest number of children in care, over 3,000, and covers a large area, from Buffalo Point to Poplar River.

“Especially in my position the work is very rewarding,” says Friesen. “You get to see change immediately.”

While she’s only been on the job for six months, she has already got a two-pronged plan for the near future; one is to pursue more education. Friesen is planning to get her child play therapy certification, but to do that, she needs her Masters in social work first.

“I’ve always had an interest in this. It just makes sense to me, helping kids through play,” says Friesen, who had limited experience with play therapy, non-directive play therapy, during her practicum.

And because she doesn’t have enough challenges, Friesen has taken up a tried and true hobby with which to help her cope with the stresses of her job: marathon running. She ran her first half marathon this past summer and has big plans for 2007.

“My goal is to run in the Joints in Motion marathon,” says Friesen, the charity marathon which raises money for arthritis research. (Her mother suffers from arthritis and recently needed a hip replacement.) The 2007 event will take place in Jamaica, and for that Friesen must raise $5000 in her spare time.

“It’s a good stress reliever. When I’m running, I’m running. I’m not thinking of work,” Friesen says. “You need to go home and leave work at work.”

As for her job, one of the things she is still getting used to are people’s reactions. “People find it disturbing, but I like going to work every day. Some people don’t.”
The first thing you notice when walking into the Tell Us About Us (TUAU) office in the low-slung building at the back end of Winnipeg’s Exchange District is... yourself. Have you dressed correctly? Did you remember to shave? Is your handshake firm enough?

That’s no ordinary neurosis; this sudden nervousness is because TUAU is a customer experience management firm that provides companies with self-sought ratings on service, appearance and general customer satisfaction. So, what could they be thinking about you?

In truth, however, while Tyler Gompf (BA/96) and his brother Kirby (BComm(Hons)/99) are the initial inspiration behind the firm, he doesn’t seem particularly judgmental. Perhaps he’s too busy to be. “Among the core group of TUAU, someone is on a plane almost all the time,” says Gompf, with more an air of realism than braggadocio. While the firm has remained Winnipeg-based since their incorporation in 1998, they currently do 90% of their business in the States.

It all started by chance. Or, rather, by irritation. TUAU was conceived at a visit to a Winnipeg stereo shop in the mid-90s, when Tyler was trying to buy some equipment, an activity which was at odds with the clerk’s own goals; the man was trying to close up shop. Initially, Tyler didn’t know how to express his displeasure. But he soon found a way.

“I thought this message (of poor service) should be told to management,” says the former hockey rink icemaker. “But there really wasn’t any way to communicate this, and I’m not the confrontational type.”

So the Gompf brothers worked away at a system, initially touch-tone telephone based, to convey ideas to interested businesses on how to improve their customer service. That was almost ten years ago. TUAU today uses a combination of tools, such as surveys, mystery shoppers and proprietary software in order to present an impression of a given company’s current direction to the company.

They started locally, with a presentation to Winnipeg’s restaurant association, which got the attention of firms like Boston Pizza, and the Keg. Then they crossed the border with a contract with Casino Montana.

“We kept hiring people smarter than us,” says Gompf, explaining the quick rise of the firm. TUAU finds a lot of these “smarter” people from their alma mater, the University of Manitoba. Tyler estimates that 20% of their 55-person workforce is made up of University of Manitoba grads. And while Tyler graduated with a sociology degree, Kirby and the two other TUAU partners, Scott Griffith and Brent Stevenson, each have a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the Asper School of Business.

“And we’re looking to employ more grads,” he says. “We’re very connected here, connected to school, in order to find new grads and we’re connected to the business community. It is a down-home feel.”

TUAU manages to have that down-home feel while casting their nets fairly widely. While Gompf envisions focusing largely on North America in the near future (for instance, talking about the Spanish market), TUAU has recently had a nibble from across the pond, too. “We’ve signed our first project in the UK, with Ben and Jerry’s,” says Gompf, who is not unfamiliar with trans-Atlantic travel, once having worked on a Botswanan farm for a few months. And today he’ll still occasionally stumble upon an episode of bad customer service that rubs him the wrong way. “Every now and again, I get the “fire,” I’ll call it,” says Gompf. “I’m very proud of how our growing team is helping to decrease the number of poor service experiences out there.”

JIM CHLIBOYKO

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PERIYAPATNA VENKATESH

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Years teaching at the University of Manitoba: 1997 - Current
Areas of expertise: Men’s Health, Nursing Pharmacology, Surgical Nursing.

Before teaching: From 1975 to 1980, I worked as a Registered Nurse at St. Boniface Hospital in the Observation and Cardiovascular Surgery Departments. In 1980, I took a teaching position at the Misericordia General Hospital School of Nursing. While there, I was promoted to year 1 Coordinator and then Director. In 1995, I accepted the appointment to Assistant Vice President, Patient Care for the Hospital with responsibilities for both student and staff education as well as library resources. With changes in nursing education in the province, I was responsible for the transition of the School of Nursing to the university degree program. In 1997, I transferred to the University of Manitoba to teach as a lecturer in the Faculty of Nursing.

Hobbies: I enjoy traveling and golfing with my wife. I also enjoy playing tennis, working out, writing poetry, and working with stained glass.

Outreach activities: In addition to developing the Men’s Health course at the Faculty, I enjoy speaking on men’s health issues in the community to students or public groups. I have served on the Board of Directors for the Manitoba Association of Registered Nurses (currently, College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba). I have also served as a member on the working group of the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy, examining the impact of gender differences on health care.

Something others may not know: I was born into a family of seven sisters and one brother. I am almost 60 years old and have lived longer in Canada than my native India. After moving here, the best thing I did was to embrace nursing as a profession. In addition to providing me with a living, nursing has brought me much personal satisfaction and given me the opportunity to serve my fellow human beings.

What excites you most about the future: It is challenging to teach high caliber Nursing students. It is intellectually stimulating to interact with these bright young people. The advancing technology and teaching aids have made the life of instructors very exciting, rewarding and absolutely fun!

Most rewarding aspect of teaching: It is gratifying to be a small part of the students’ achievements as they develop as nurses and mature as unique individuals. It is very rewarding to explain complex concepts and realize that the students have understood and can appreciate the relevance to clinical practice.

Some awards/recognitions received:
- President’s Role of Scholars - BScN Programme - University of Windsor (1979 & 1980)
- Dr. Joy Winkler Award, Faculty of Nursing, University of Manitoba (1987)
- Favourite Faculty Award (2000 & 2003)
JOHN DANAKAS & RICHARD BRIGNALL

SMALL TOWN GLORY
2006, James Lorimer & Company Ltd

Just in time for the Kenora Thistles centennial celebrations in January, 2007, this book tells the true story of the ultimate underdogs who out-played more experienced opponents to win the coveted Stanley Cup. John Danakas (BA(Hons)/85, MA/94) is Director of Public Affairs at the University of Manitoba. Richard Brignall (BA/01) is a journalist who also served as Editor of the Manitoban.

DENNIS COOLEY

THE BENTLEYS
2006, University of Alberta Press

In the bentleys, Cooley, has recreated the tensions and themes of Sinclair Ross’s classic prairie novel As for Me and My House. Dennis Cooley (PhD) is a professor of English at the University of Manitoba.

PAUL DOYLE

ANALOG PEOPLE IN A DIGITAL WORLD
2006

This book features experiences and observations that Doyle has noticed teaching since 1986. Paul Doyle (BComm(Hons)/81, BEd/86) is a technology teacher at Vincent Massey Collegiate.

PAUL M. BELLAN

FUNDAMENTALS OF PLASMA PHYSICS
2006, Cambridge University Press

This volume exploits new mathematical techniques to develop deeper insights into plasma behavior. Paul M. Bellan (BSc(Hons)/70, PhD) is Professor of Applied Physics at the California Institute of Technology.

ROB KOSLOWSKY, CONTRIBUTOR

VINTAGE VOICES
2006

Vintage Voices: A Sonoma County Writers Club Harvest is a collection of wonderfully varied and enjoyable works by members of the Redwood branch of the California Writers Club containing short stories, non-fiction essays, memoir, poetry, and children’s stories. An active member of the Redwood branch of California Writers Club, Rob Koslowsky (BScEE/81) is a historian of science and technology based in Santa Rosa, CA.

JUNE DUTKA, RESEARCHER AND WRITER

ST. NICHOLAS UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
2006, The Prolific Group

This coffee-table book provides a history of the oldest Ukrainian Catholic Church in north-end Winnipeg through hundreds of archival photographs together with text. June Dutka (BA/64, BLS/66) is Librarian Emeritus at the University of Manitoba. Cynthia Chuckree is a graphic designer at Health Sciences Centre.

CHRISTINE VAN CAUWENBERGHE

WEALTH PLANNING STRATEGIES FOR CANADIANS
2006, Thomson Carswell

The book is a reference guide for financial planners, stock brokers, insurance agents and sophisticated investors. It is the first book of its kind to include the laws for every province in Canada and is structured according to life situation. It also covers six areas of wealth planning for each life scenario. Christine Van Cauwenbergh (BComm(Hons)/91, LLB/94) is a tax lawyer with Investors Group in Winnipeg, where she resides with her husband Chris Mainella (LLB/94) and their son Andrew.

CHRISTINE HANLON

SKI TRACKS
2006, Ski Manitoba Historical Publication Society Inc.

This book documents how ski pioneers built local participation and infrastructure in both Nordic and Alpine skiing while influencing the sport beyond Manitoba’s borders. Christine Hanlon (BA/85, BEd/89) is a features writer for a number of Winnipeg magazines and national trade publications.

DAVID G. MCCRADY

LIVING WITH STRANGERS
2006, University of Nebraska Press

Using material from archives across North America, Canadian and American government documents, Lakota winter counts, and oral history, this book reveals how the nineteenth-century Sioux were a people of the borderlands. David G. McCrady (PhD/98) is an independent historian living in Winnipeg.

BIRK SPROXTON

HEADFRAME: 2
2006, Turnstone Press

In his new collection, the author amalgamates stories about history, geography, and family into the mythology of Flin Flon. Birk Sproxton (BA/64, MA/68, PhD/83) lives in Red Deer, AB where he writes and teaches. He is also the winner of the 2005 Margaret McWilliams Award from the Manitoba Historical Society and of the Grant MacEwan Alberta Author Award.

LYN THOMPSON

OUTHOUSE MEMORIES AND OTHER COTTAGE POEMS
2006

The author sees memories of outhouses as important to our Canadian cultural history as our memories of grain elevators and covered bridges. These poems mix humour and an emotional impact with the past. Lyn Thompson (nee Mary Ethelyn Abel) (BScEC/51, Dietetics/52) was born and raised in Winnipeg. She and her husband, a University of Manitoba Engineering grad, have lived in Peru, the UK and the Middle East. They now live in Calgary.
In this Dialogue, political studies undergraduate students Grant Woods, Vince Hill and Jane Hurley discuss a variety of topical issues. They are also classmates in POLS 4570 Public Organizational Management with Professor Kim Speers.

The value of a post-secondary education?

GW: We are here because we believe in its value. Coming out of high school there were people saying that if you wanted a job, you had to go to university. I don’t know if that’s necessarily the case but everyone should get the chance to go to university if they feel that is for them.

VH: I would say that it’s a good thing to be able to go to university while recognizing at the same time that it might not be for everyone.

JH: I had basic courses like math, science, and English but I didn’t have the options that I have now, and I never would have thought five years ago that I’d be doing a double-honours in political studies and women’s studies, because those options were never available to me in high school. So I see a lot of value in a university education that opens people up to new possibilities... options that were never available to me in high school.

JH: But I don’t think that we’re being seen as peacekeepers when we are in tanks and our military is carrying guns.

GW: Peacekeepers are always in tanks and always have guns. They are going into dangerous environments.

JH: My point is that it is a real change in Canada’s role and has impacted how we’re seen.

VH: Canada has a pretty good set of moral values, so I think it’s almost necessary to project them in positive ways.

JH: That’s why I think peacekeeping, through negotiation and mediation, would be a better value to project.

GW: But can you justify negotiation and mediation while innocent people are dying?

VH: …and let’s face it, they are fostering hate for the Western world in a regime like that and in the Taliban...

JH: Someone doesn’t just decide to start hating the West for no reason. Part of the issue is fear. I flew through the United States this summer and while in the Chicago airport I kept hearing about terror threat levels. How am I supposed to know what orange means? What do you do with that information?

VH: That’s worked its way into American culture.

JH: And that’s starting to work its way into Canadian culture, which worries me.

Thoughts on the state of the economy?

JH: I think people may see immediate gains in tax cuts or tax breaks but they really don’t have long-term benefits. The money could be going into social
programs, education, and child-care programs. It may be nice to have a one percent reduction in the GST but not if it’s at the expense of things like literacy programs.

**VH:** I don’t think individuals in those programs have necessarily been cast aside. It’s a message to take initiative and go out there and see what you can do.

**JH:** It’s not as if they’re just lazy. What about people coming from disadvantaged socio-economic households who may have had other barriers to learning and people whose first language isn’t English? Additionally, I think a lot of professional immigrants are affected by this. Perhaps they can’t speak or read English and are therefore forced into lower-paying jobs when they could be contributing more to the economy in the professional positions for which they have been trained. The adult literacy programs, which have been severely cut by the new government, could have assisted with this.

**GW:** That’s something else that has to change. We have to start accepting credentials from other countries.

**Any concerns or expectations about entering the workforce?**

**VH:** I think we’re in a very good position as far as entering the workforce is concerned. People are always talking about the mass retirement of baby-boomers so there should be lots of positions available.

**GW:** However, I think our economy is going to take a pretty big hit from these retirements and we may not have the workforce to replace that segment; that’s why immigration is so important.

**JH:** And a few years from now we’ll have to be implementing programs for those retired seniors, which will also have huge ramifications for the economy.

**VH:** So wouldn’t you agree that this is a good time for fiscal responsibility, considering that all of this is coming up? We have to do some saving and pay down some of the debt, and obviously, policies will have to be reformed in the next decade or so.

**GW:** Do you mean saving by cutting programs now?

**VH:** Well, why would you keep increasing your spending if you’re going to need the money in the future?

**JH:** When your parents are in a home, who should be paying for that?

**VH:** Well, individuals will have to bear some of the costs, obviously, but the government will also have to share that cost. That’s what I’m saying; the money has to come from somewhere.

**Thoughts on the environment?**

**JH:** Well, how far down the road do you plan? That’s the question. How can the government say they are going do this or that by 2050, when they’re not going to be in power in a few years?

**GW:** And all the policy is going to change again...

**VH:** Exactly, like what happened with Kyoto.

**GW:** Personally, I think there’s room to grow. The environment is a concern for me right now and it has an impact on the economy and Canada’s place in the world. We have the ability to develop and produce sustainable energy and have it stimulate our economy.

**VH:** I honestly don’t know enough about it to have a hard and fast position when it comes to the environment but it isn’t on the forefront of my mind.

**GW:** That’s part of the problem though, that it’s a border issue when in fact it needs to be in the forefront. Everyone is affected by the environment and everyone should be concerned. And there has to be cooperation between the private and public sectors, too. Canada should definitely be looking at bio-fuels. Everyone stands to benefit.

**JH:** It’s sad that the environment was a number one priority with voters in the 90s but that the priorities have since shifted and at present, it doesn’t appear to be a significant concern when, in fact, it’s more important now than ever.
University of Manitoba architecture graduate Jennifer Hansell (BEnvD/99, MArch/05) had no idea that attending a lecture at her alma mater would have such an impact on her life.

After years of poring over books and magazines highlighting the work of Bryan MacKay-Lyons, a prominent Halifax architect and world-leader in regionalist architecture, Hansell jumped at the chance to hear one of her role models speak in person.

“Bryan MacKay-Lyons is such a down-to-earth guy… his work is thoughtful, and he is not afraid to break new ground or improvise to get what he wants done,” said Hansell. “That kind of morality, determination and innovation is something I aspire to and hope I can carry through my life and work… it reinforced to me that life is what you make it and to really go for what you believe in.”

In particular, Hansell said the lecture “revved-up” her creative juices, and inspired her to pursue freelance design opportunities to hone her craft; she is also considering returning to the University of Manitoba to pursue her PhD in architecture.

The opportunity to hear MacKay-Lyons speak came about as a result of the James Palmer Lewis Lectureship series in architecture, which was established through the estate of long-time donor and architecture graduate, James Palmer Lewis (BArch/50). In 1954, Lewis studied under Frank Lloyd Wright, the groundbreaking American architect, at his design schools “Taliesin” in Wisconsin and “Taliesin West” in Arizona. Steeped in Wright’s philosophy of organic architecture, Lewis designed houses and public buildings from Pennsylvania to British Columbia.

Eventually, Lewis returned to Winnipeg where he not only worked as an architect in various capacities, but also taught architecture at the University of Manitoba for nearly twenty years. In his will, Lewis made provisions for a scholarship and bursary fund and established the lecture series.

“Thank goodness for the donors who make lectures possible!” said Hansell. “They are the extra mile, the secret ingredient and the icing on the cake that enrich the academic careers of students like no ordinary book or lecture can.”

Hansell works as a heritage consultant for Canada’s Historic Places Initiative, a program led by the Government of Canada in collaboration with provincial and territorial governments to strengthen the culture of conservation in Canada.
Jordi Malasiuk’s most vivid memory of her role model Thomas Shay (PhD) was his enthusiasm upon learning that a scholarship was being created in his honour.

“As soon as Shay found out about the award, he started working tirelessly trying to raise more money for it. That’s the kind of individual he is,” explained Malasiuk (BA(Adv/93), MA/99) of the C. Thomas Shay scholarship in anthropology.

“Book sales were one of his favourite methods of fundraising. He would drag out boxes and boxes of his books and set up a table to sell them at pretty well every conference and archaeology event that came up. Then, as soon as he had sold a book, he would sometimes turn around and borrow it back from whoever had bought it!”

Shay joined the anthropology department in 1967 and for the next 26 years taught a wide range of anthropology and archaeology courses and supervised more than twenty-five Masters students. Following his retirement in 1993, students, colleagues and alumni created a scholarship in his name to pay homage to the many contributions he made to the department of anthropology and the impact he had on his students.

Since 1996, over $72,000 has been awarded to graduate students in anthropology, assisting them with the costs of their studies. Over 500 people and organizations have contributed to the scholarship, allowing a minimum of $8,500 to be awarded annually.

Malasiuk, one of the first recipients of the award, says the scholarship gave her a much needed financial boost, without which she may not have finished her degree. As the scholarship gave preference to students wishing to undertake research in Manitoba and surrounding areas, it was also a welcome morale booster for Malasiuk, who was dedicated to pursuing local research – a largely underappreciated (and underfunded) field.

“Right now I am working as an archaeologist for a consulting company in Alberta,” said Malasiuk. “Since graduating I’ve spent time working in archaeology in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia. But Manitoba is still my favourite place to work.”

But more than the financial help and encouragement the award provided, it was the man behind the scholarship that made the biggest impact on Malasiuk’s life.

“I was particularly honoured to receive this award. While I was a student I worked as Dr. Shay’s assistant entering bibliographic references for his research projects. Going through these materials for and with him brought a lot of interesting articles and books to my attention, and added considerably to what I was learning in my own studies,” she said. “I have a lot of respect for him and the research he has done in Manitoba, and I wanted to be able to contribute something myself that might be of interest or use to others.”

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What’s happening at HOMECOMING?

Class reunions, faculty receptions and tours, football game, music concert, Homecoming Reunion Dinner, campus tours and much, much more. Don’t miss this great opportunity to reconnect with classmates, return to campus, and remember all of the great times you had attending the University of Manitoba.

CLASS REUNIONS currently being planned for 2007

- **Agriculture** 1967 (JANUARY)
- **Architecture** 1957 (TBD)
- **Agricultural Engineering/Biosystems Engineering** (AUGUST)
- **Engineering** 1941, 1950 (HOMECOMING WEEKEND)
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- **Home Ec** 1957, 1967 (HOMECOMING WEEKEND)
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- **Law** 1997 (TBD)
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Fellowship Breeds Innovative Research

Thanks to the work of a Ph.D. student Golam Rasul and a generous bequest from a Manitoba farmer, cereal breeders may soon have genes that will combat pre-harvest sprouting in wheat. Too much rain or humidity during the critical harvesting period in late August and September causes spring wheat to sprout prematurely, decreasing the grade of the grain considerably. As a result, sometimes the grain is only usable as animal feed.

“To the world, this means less wheat for human consumption, and to the farmers in Western Canada, this can mean losses of over $100 million a year,” explained Rasul, originally from Bangladesh, who came to the University of Manitoba in 2003 to begin his doctoral program. Rasul attained his Masters degree in Horticulture at Bangladesh Agricultural University and worked in vegetable breeding before moving to Canada.

In conjunction with a research team, which includes advisors Dr. Gavin Humphreys and Dr. Anita Brûlé-Babel, Rasul’s work involves locating genes that will make wheat resistant to pre-harvest sprouting. Once new varieties of wheat have been successfully bred using these genes, farmers will be able to grow top-grade wheat that will feed the world and assure that they can make a profit, regardless of weather conditions.

But conducting this research and pursuing a Ph.D. would have been nearly impossible for Rasul had he not received the Willy Wiebe Graduate Fellowship in Agricultural and Food Sciences.

“Without this fellowship, I would have had to look for alternate funding or found part-time work,” said Rasul who will complete his Ph.D. in 2007. “But working part-time would have made it very difficult to keep up my schedule, which includes over 50 hours in the lab each week, as well as the time I dedicate to writing my thesis and two manuscripts.”

Born in 1929, Willy Wiebe grew up on the family grain farm near Rosenfeld, Manitoba. He carried on the operations from his parents, expanding and diversifying the operation with livestock, but his main interest was in grain production. Wiebe passed away in 2001, and although he never attended the University of Manitoba, his estate provided a $450,000 gift to be used for breeding and research in Canadian Western Red Spring Wheat.

“If Willy Wiebe were alive today I would tell him how very grateful I am for his generous gift, which has been a great inspiration to me in my graduate studies,” said Rasul.

If you would like more information on how to establish a fellowship, scholarship or bursary in your will, please contact the Manager of Planned Giving at (204) 474-6246 or 1-800-330-8066.
Planned Giving Doesn’t Have to be Fatal

By Harvey Secter, Dean of Law

Dean Secter was Keynote Speaker at the Isbister Legacy Society Luncheon at the University of Manitoba on September 14, 2006. Below is a summary of his five-point thesis on planned giving.

Planned givers come in all shapes and sizes.
The university has been the grateful recipient of several gifts in excess of $1 million. Each gift was exciting and created an opportunity to fundamentally change or enhance our programs. However, the mainstay of support from our alumni and friends is gifts that are more modest in size. Cumulatively, those gifts also create a significant impact on the university.

Leaving a legacy doesn’t have to be fatal.
There was a time when I would get nervous whenever someone involved with planned giving asked about my health. We now know that you don’t have to die to make a planned gift. While most planned gifts continue to come through testamentary bequests, there is a growing interest in inter-vivos gifting. Giving while living provides donors with the satisfaction of seeing their support in action.

Meaningful planned giving is highly individual.
While annual campaigns are organizationally focused and capital campaigns concentrate on particular projects, planned gifts frequently address a donor’s personal needs, interests and aspirations. It is incumbent on all of us - in both the development office and the operating units to work with our supporters to identify appropriate opportunities, provide assistance arranging the gift, ensure proper recognition and effective stewardship for each gift. We can do that best when we have direct input from our donors.

Planned giving is a growing, but increasingly competitive national movement.
With the number of charities in Canada expected to reach 100,000 by 2010, loyal supporters are more important than ever before. Starting in the early ’90s, demographers began calculating the amount of the so-called “wealth transfer”. In Canada, we can expect the wealth transfer to be between $1 and $4 trillion. The vast majority of the wealth involved is not in the hands of the super rich; it resides with people best described as “The Millionaire Next Door.” I am concerned not only with the increased competition for their support but moreover by the Statistics Canada report that states that while 40% of these relatively affluent Canadians say that they intend to leave a philanthropic bequest, the majority of those have not made any arrangements to do so.

While what we do as individuals is significant, it’s what we do together that can become transformative.
A couple of years ago I picked up a little book titled, The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference. In his book, Malcolm Gladwell notes that ideas, products and messages sometimes spread exponentially – just like viruses. He suggests that the line that separates those that take off or “tip” as he calls it, from those that don’t is sometimes a lot finer than it seems. When ideas reach the tipping point they have the potential to become social epidemics and create profound change.

One of my dreams is to see our alumni and friends acting in concert in declaring their commitment to the future of this university by creating a new social trend in legacy giving. As Gladwell says, a few people and the right cause can radically transform the beliefs and behaviour of many.

Harvey Secter (BCom/67, LLB/92, LLM/94 (Harvard)) has been Dean of the Faculty of Law since 1999. His community commitments include the Premier’s Economic Advisory Council, Winnipeg Downtown Biz, United Way and the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.
No Capital Gains on Gifts of Public Securities

Thanks to a change in the federal tax rules, Canadian tax filers can now donate publicly listed securities to the University of Manitoba and be completely free of any capital gains tax. The tax provision applies whether the securities are donated outright in a given year, or through a will. A tax receipt will be issued for the fair market value of the stock on the date of the gift.

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If you are age 70½ or older, own an IRA, and regularly give to charity, recent legislation offers a new opportunity for you. The new US Pension Protection Act of 2006 allows you to make distributions directly from your IRA to the University of Manitoba Foundation USA without the distributions being included in taxable income. The contributions cannot exceed $100,000 per year, and the program is limited to the 2006 and 2007 taxation years. Previously, the amount you withdrew was taxable, and the deduction for the charitable contribution may or may not have offset the tax. The funds transferred from your IRA to the Foundation USA count towards your mandatory withdrawal.

Making charitable contributions from an IRA rather than other assets will be especially appropriate for those who do not itemize deductions, would not be able to deduct all of their charitable contributions because of deduction limitations, may lose some of their itemized deductions because of their income level, or who are required to take distributions but do not need them for living expenses.

If you would like more information about a charitable contribution from an IRA, please contact the Manager of Planned Giving at (204) 474-6246 or 1-800-330-8066.

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John Herbert Dirks, MD/57, Member of the Order of Canada
Major-General (Ret’d) Lewis W. MacKenzie, BA/88, Member of the Order of Canada
Roy A. Miki, BA/64, Member of the Order of Canada
Frank C. Hawthorne, Professor, Officer of the Order of Canada

Order of Manitoba:
James W. Burns, BComm/57, LLD/87, Member of the Order of Manitoba

1950-59

Binks, Charles W., CA/57, CPA (California) is active in his retirement—obtaining copyright for his second book, a technical accounting text titled “The Binks Accounting System”; having his song titled “Another Love” recorded by Hilltop Records on their new CD “America” and counseling recent Chinese arrivals with their study of English. He also continues to care for and assist his family of five children, three grandchildren, and his first great-granddaughter, who all reside in Orange County, California.

Dueck, Henry, BSc/50, MA, PhD(Hons), was awarded an honorary Doctor of Philosophy degree from the St. Petersburg Christian University in St. Petersburg, Russia. Over the years, Henry has been very involved in education, both learning and teaching. He was the Registrar and Secretary of the Senate at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, ON and went onto become the Vice President of Administration, M B Biblical Seminary in Fresno, CA. He attended the University of Kiel (Germany) on an Exchange Student Scholarship in 1950/51, the University of Michigan (MA/Germanic Languages and Literature) in 1953, studied at the M B Biblical Seminary in Fresno, CA in 1979 and received his PhD(Hon) in St. Petersburg Christian University in 2006. He taught at the Stratford Secondary Grammar School in London, England, the Eden Christian College in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, and the Eastwood Collegiate in Kitchener. He has also volunteered in teaching assignments abroad in locations such as China, Lithuania, and Russia.

Holman, Gerald H., MD/53, was honoured with a Doctorate of Humane Letters, honoris causa, by the Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk Virginia. He was cited for his lifelong commitment to medical education and for founding the medical school’s Department of Pediatrics. He served as the school’s second Dean of Medicine and was instrumental in developing a multi-institutional clinical psychology program and inter-hospital educational consortium as well as presiding over the early years of the school’s ground breaking in-vitro fertilization program.

1960-69

Golub, Lorne M., DMD/63, MSc/65, MD (honorary), received the 2006 American Dental Association (ADA) Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Dental Research, an award made only once every three years and the ADA’s most prestigious scientific honor. The award includes a $25,000 cash prize an inscribed gold medal, and a 3-year position on the ADA Council on Scientific Affairs. Golub and his research team made the discoveries that led to the development of Periostat, the first ever systematic medication approved by the U.S. food and Drug Administration and by the Canadian Federal Drug Agency, as a collagenase-inhibitor drug. Dr. Golub has received numerous national and International awards including a MERIT award from the National Institutes of Health, a Distinguished Scientist Award in Oral biology from the International Association of Dental Research, an honorary MD degree from the University of Helsinki Medical School, and the Annual Norton Ross Award for clinical research from the ADA. In 2003, he was promoted to the rank of Distinguished Professor at the State University of New York at Stony Brook on Long Island. In 2002, he was given the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Manitoba Faculty of Dentistry.

Harvey, William Robert Clarence, BSc/60, BA/61, MA/63, PhD (University of Melbourne), LLB (University of Toronto, Law Society of Upper Canada), recently retired as a Full Professor in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Toronto where he taught from 1967-2004 and helped establish bioethics as a legitimate discipline. Earlier he had stepped down as the Director of the Collaborative Program in Bioethics sponsored by the School of Graduate Studies, with membership from the Institute of Medical Science (the graduate department of the Faculty of Medicine), Law, Philosophy, Health Administration, Public Health Sciences, Nursing and Religion (1995-2000). Harvey was primarily responsible for the drafting and implementation of the Master’s in Health Science in Bioethics in 1999, a graduate modular program directed to health care professionals in mid-career, and sponsored by the Institute of Medical Science (until 2001). He also retired from Law Society of Upper Canada in January 2005.
Keizs, Marcia V., BA/67, MA, EdD (Columbia University), Certificate in Educational Management (Harvard), is currently President of York College, a senior college of The City University of New York (CUNY).

Laurin, Gilbert, BAHons/67, LLB was appointed Ambassador and Permanent Delegate to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in Paris. Gilbert joined the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission in 1980 and served abroad in Marseille, Paris and Damascus. From 1992 to 1994, he worked with the Senior Appointments Secretariat at the Privy Council Office, then moved to the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, where he initially served in the Legal Operations Division. He served in Rome from 1997 to 2001, then was assigned to Canada’s Permanent Mission to the United Nations, in New York, as Minister-Counsellor. He is currently Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations. He is married to Maureen Girvan.

Neville, William, (BA(Hons)/63, MA), Senior Scholar, Department of Political Studies has been announced as the 2006 Gabrielle Leger Award recipient from the Heritage Canada Foundation.

1970-79

Bloodworth, Margaret, BA, CertEd/71, LLB (University of Ottawa), Associate Secretary to the Cabinet, Privy Council Office, recently assumed additional responsibilities as National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister.

Hryniuk-Adamov, Carol, BA/75, CertEd/77, MEd/82, recently received a Canada Post award in the Educator category. She is currently a doctoral student in Language and Literacy in the Faculty of Education and has been a sessional instructor for the Faculty since 1981. She also taught summer courses at the University of Manitoba Learning Assistance Centre for nearly two decades. Currently, Carol works as a reading clinician for the Child Guidance Clinic in the South District of Winnipeg School Division. She is the provincial coordinator for the International Reading Association and is part of an IRA team of international consultants supporting teacher leaders in a project in Macedonia. She will be presenting at the IRA Convention in May 2007 in Toronto. Carol is the former chair of the Western Canadian Consortium for English Language Arts and was the English Language Arts Consultant for the province of Manitoba. In 2004, Carol won the Manitoba Council for Exceptional Children award for Outstanding Achievement for her service to exceptional children in Manitoba.

Lu, Steven, BA/78, MA/83, former President of the Graduate Students’ Association (1982), joins ANZ Investment Bank in Hong Kong as Director of Project & Structured Finance and will be responsible for transactions in North Asia.

Parker, John, BA, LLB/76, has been made a magistrate in Australia. His wife, Heather Parker, MD/79 was awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in the Queen’s birthday Honours list for “services to medicine as a GP and to aviation”. Heather attended her 25th medical school anniversary in Winnipeg in 2004 and John is traveling from Australia to attend his 30th anniversary in October 2006.

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Ravindran, Comondore (Ravi), MSc/70, PhD/82, Professor of Advanced Materials, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Sciences at Ryerson University in Toronto has been elected to serve as the 2006/2007 President-Elect of the Canadian Academy of Engineering (CAE). Fellows of the CAE are nominated and elected by their peers in recognition of their distinguished achievements and career-long service to the engineering profession. Ravindran was elected Fellow of CAE in 2002 and a Member of the Board of Directors in 2004. Currently, CAE has about 275 active members and 90 emeritus members. Fellows of the CAE represent many of Canada’s most accomplished engineers.

1980-89

Lawless, David, BSc/82, PhD, was recently named Honourary Fellow of St. Mary’s University College in Calgary, AB. Lawless is a former Academic Vice-President of the University of Manitoba, former Rector of St. Paul’s College and former Dean of Studies of St. John’s College.

1990-99

Adkins, Mark, BA/99, LLB/99, recently joined the New York office of the law firm Blake, Cassels & Graydon. Mark provides Canadian corporate and securities advice to U.S. clients and also serves a broader liaison function for the firm’s U.S. clients conducting business in Canada. Prior to joining Blakes, Mark worked for Torys where he practised in both Toronto and New York. Mark is married to Wendy Sigurdson, BA/98, and has a 2-year-old son named Jake. Mark can be reached at mark.adkins@blakes.com.

Henault, Raymond. BA/92, LLD/04, was recently awarded the title of “Honorary Professor” by the University of Pecs in Hungary. General Henault is currently the Chairman of the Military Committee for NATO.

Irving, Chris, BSc/96, BScMed/01, MD/01, selected as the Medical Director of Alpine Canada Alpin (ACA), the governing body of the Canadian Alpine Ski Team. Irving has worked as a doctor for the Edmonton Eskimos, Edmonton Oilers, Edmonton Road Runners, Calgary Hitmen as well as other local amateur and university sports teams.

Muir, James, BA/’93, MA, MPhil, PhD, was appointed the first cross-appointed Legal Historian in the Faculty of Law and Department of History and Classics at the University of Alberta in Edmonton.

Yan, Shuqian, BScEE/95, JD, MScEE, has been named as Associate for Marger Johnson & McCollom, PC. Her practice, focusing primarily on patent prosecution, includes clients that create a variety of computer and internet-work technologies. Her technical experience ranges from telecommunication systems and Internet routing protocols to electrical devices, electronics and software.

2000 to Current

Iwasaki, Takashi, BFA(Hons)/06, was a regional winner in the fourth annual BMO 1st Art! Competition. Iwasaki’s upbeat, positive painting Boomcity wins him $1,500 and a trip to Toronto to meet with other winners, the media and with BMO. In addition, his winning work will be added to the BMO Corporate Art Collection.

Law Grads Golden Anniversary

To start their special 50-year reunion on September 15, 2006, 15 members of the Law class of 1956 gathered with spouses for a reception and tour at Robson Hall. Other weekend events included an afternoon get together, dinner at Restaurant Dubrovnik, and Sunday lunch at Chancellor’s Hall on the University of Manitoba campus.

Marriages

Toews, Jeff, MEd/90 and Clea Schmidt, PhD, were married on June 24, 2006 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Both Jeff and Clea are faculty members at the University of Manitoba in the Faculty of Education.

Joycey, Tamara L., BComm(Hons)/97, and Marc B. Kuly, BA(Hons), BEd (University of Winnipeg), married on March 25, 2006 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Teterenko, James, BCS(Hons, Coop) /97 and Christie Wood, BA /98 (Adv), MA /05 were married October 9, 2005 in Winnipeg at the
Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. Mary the Protectress. They currently reside in Calgary, AB.

**Births**

**Cooper, Teresa**, BA(Adv)/92, BEd/99, and **Jordan Janisse**, BA(Hons)/92, MA/93, and big brother Gabriel are happy to announce the birth of their son, **Hayden Isaac** on February 8, 2006, in Vancouver, BC.

Rhea is a daughter, Rhea Kerenza Plohman, on March 10, 2006. She weighed 8 lbs, 9 oz and measured 21 inches long. Rhea is named after the Hayes River upon which Gina and Jeff canoed in July 2005. The 600 km canoe trip came to a halt as a search and rescue mission (just 3 days prior to the expected journey’s end) after their canoe was demolished in a set of rapids leaving them stranded on an island for 17 days. (Upon being rescued, the pregnancy was then announced to family and friends.) The adventure was a life-changing experience and one of spiritual growth for them and, hence, how Hayes received his name!

**In Memoriam**

The Alumni Association Inc. of the University of Manitoba extends their condolences to the family and friends of the following alumni:

**1920-29**


**Finkelstein Levine (nee Rosner)**, Freda, BA/25, on July 3, 2006.

**Smith (nee Evans)**, Evelyn Hamilton, BA/27, on September 16, 2006.


**1930-39**


**Anderson, Francis Clement**, DipAg/34, on June 27, 2006.

**Brooker, Harry Aaron**, MD/38, on November 13, 2002.

**Bruser, David**, MD/36, on December 26, 2005.


**Chemnick, Anne**, BA(Hons)/39, in February, 2006.

**Curry (nee Gray)**, Margaret B., BA/35, on August 27, 2006.


**King, John E.**, BA/33, on September 7, 2006.

**Mackie (nee Campbell)**, Joan Isabelle, BA/32, on July 14, 2006.

**McLean (nee Best)**, Moira, BA/37, on August 3, 2006.


**1940-49**

**Bieber (nee McTavish)**, Ann, BSc/48, on Sept. 2, 2006.

**Conlin, Mervin**, BScEE/47, on June 6, 2006.

**Ediger, Jack**, BScEE/48, on June 6, 2006.

**Everett, Daphne J.C.**, BScHEc/47, on May 6, 2006.

**Fraser, Glenn**, MD/46, on May 31, 2004.

**Garner, Mary**, MD/41, on November 5, 2005.


**Keyes (nee McQueen)**, Roberta Jean, MD/45, on July 3, 2006.

**Keyes, Robert Wyatt**, BComm(Hons)/46, on June 26, 2006.

**Kozoriz, John Michael**, BSc/41, BEd/58, MEd/60, on May 23, 2006.

**Lawler, Robert Houston**, MD/48, on December 8, 2005.

**Lone, Frank John**, MD/45, on May 10, 2006.


**Maroy, Helen Stephanie**, BHEc/42, on May 1, 2006.

**Pinder, John (Jack) Cyril**, BScPharm/48, on April 29, 2006.

**Pugh, Stewart Granger**, AgFood Sc/40, on July 10, 2006.

**Wilton, Donald W.**, BSA/46, on September 9, 2006.

**1950-59**


**Campbell, Colin Alistair**, MD/55, on July 26, 2006.

**Corriveau, Arthur**, MEd/57, on July 26, 2006.


**Fast, Bernhard B.**, MD/51, on August 27, 2006.

Miller, Irving, BSc/37, MD/43, in 2002.

Taylor (nee Martin), Freda Marion, BA/36, on July 25, 2006.

Wady, Thomas E., DipAg/34, on June 9, 2006.

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1960-69

Christian, Herbert John, AgDip/65, BSA/73, on June 18, 2006.
Decruyenaere, Jean Andre Joseph, BEd/68, on July 9, 2006.
Dunham, Marilyn Elizabeth Margaret, MSW/65, on June 1, 2006.
Elliott, Wayne Edgar, BFA/61, on May 14, 2006.
Gilmour, Thomas Harold, BScEE/69, on April 19, 2006.
Hansen, William Armstrong, BScME/60, on August 13, 2006.
Hodginott, Janice Marion, BSc/67, on June 18, 2006.
Hughes, Bruce, BComm/68, in August, 2006.
Hyslop, Bryon James, CertEd/66, on May 3, 2006.
Martin, Robert Brian, CertEd/68, on September 18, 2006.
Mezon, Thomas William, BScME/69, on September 13, 2006.
Mohamed, G.E. (Ed), MD/64, on August 3, 2006.
Nordwich, Irene Ericka, BN/66, on June 24, 2006.
Roberts, Kathy, BSc(Pharm)/66, on April 14, 2006.
Schroeder, George H., BEd/68, on July 22, 2006.
Shirkey, Raymond James, DMD/67, on August 1, 2006.
Spigelman, Manly Norman, BA/67, on May 5, 2006.
Stewart, Dorothy E., NursCTS/62, on May 5, 2006.
Taback, Edith, MSW/61, on March 12, 2006.
Vansamis, John, DipPsych/64, April 10, 2006.

1970-79

Bose, Deepak, PhD/71, on August 8, 2006.

Deans, Wayne Arthur, CA/72, on May 6, 2006.
Devries, Kenneth, MD/78, on March 18, 2005.
Dickson, Sherron June Lila, BA(Hons)/71, on August 14, 2006.
Gibson, Craig William, BScME/70, on August 5, 2006.
Gresen, Barry Jardine, BSc/74, on July 18, 2006.
Harris, James Dwight, BAEd/75, on July 16, 2006.
Haywood, Charles Robert Douglas, BSc/70, on August 4, 2006.
Lui, Etema, BSc/77, on September 15, 2006.
Madden, Kevin Jerome, BA/74, on July 4, 2006.
Madill, Robert C., BA(Hons)/74, on June 7, 2006.
Peitsch, Audrey, CertEd/76, on June 7, 2006.
Preston, Christopher Michael, BScCE/72, on July 1, 2006.
Ptak, Henry, AgDip/75, on July 3, 2006.
Toews, Walter Abram, BEd/70, on September 10, 2006.
Ritchie, Linda Sigrid Rose, PTDip/70, on August 7, 2006.
Voth, Frank H., BA/64, BEd/65, MED/73, on August 17, 2006.
Wilson, Eileen, BA/72, BE/72, on September 17, 2006.

1980-89

Clarke, David Michael, BEd/80, on August 26, 2006.
Doran, Walter Henry, MEng/84, on May 27, 2006.
DuFault, Vera Marie, BA/85, on August 11, 2006.
Hildebrand, Cheryl Lynn, BEd/82, on May 26, 2006.
Hoard, Sheryl Mary, ExtEd/85, on June 13, 2006.
Leithead, Barry, CA/81, on September 4, 2006.
McCannell, Jeffrey, AgDip/80, on July 20, 2006.
Murray, Heidi Barbara, BA/88, on June 3, 2006.
Sherpa, Mingma Norbu, MNRM/85, on September 24, 2006.
Trott (nee Burrell), Cydney Olivia, CertEd/80, on June 30, 2006.

1990-99
Dowhan, Karla Moreen, BComm(Hons)/94, on August 31, 2006.
Judge, Shelley Lee, BA/90, on September 13, 2006.

2000-2006
James, Gibran Devin, BComm/03, on September 8, 2006.
Savard, Michel, BA/04, on January 4, 2006.
Steele, Darren Gerald, BA/03, on June 2, 2006.

Friends In Memoriam
Wright O.C., Donald John Alexander, on June 27, 2006.

Upcoming Events
Law Class of 1967
A reunion celebrating their 40 years since graduation will be held in Vancouver, primarily at the Westin Bayshore Hotel, between April 27th and April 29th, 2007 inclusive. Approximately 38 graduates have indicated they will attend plus partners, for an expected total attendance of 76.

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Alumna Cynthia Coop, Professional Interior Designer and former professor in the Faculty of Architecture at the University of Manitoba is hosting a NEW ARCHITECTURE TOUR of TORONTO from May 1 to 5, 2007. An all inclusive package, including airfare and hotel options is also available from Flair Travel.
For more information, please email cynthia_coop@shaw.ca or beth@flairtravel.mb.ca.

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