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The Alumni Association Inc. of the University of Manitoba,
Winnepeg, Manitoba, Canada

Dear Editor:
As a graduate, I was interested
in attending the recent Homecoming celebrations.
With my twenty years of experience on both
the Broadway and Fort Garry campuses,
I lived through the lengthy and
painful move from one campus to the other as a student
and professor, culminating in the disastrous flood when a large part of the campus
was under several feet of water including
my basement research lab which was in
what used to be the Science building and
is now, I believe, the Armrs. At least two
of the chemistry faculty rose to become
Presidents of the University: Drs. Armes
and Saunders.

Few alumni will be familiar with events such
as the flood and there are
no signs of them. Now we have
a seamless, sprawling campus which is
home to much intellectual
treasure. Much precious history is associated
with the names of the buildings and the roads.

The alumni group with which I was
most closely associated consisted of less
than a dozen who had taken the five-
year Honours course. Only two of this
group were present at Homecoming Dr.
John Linford and myself. He is now 93 and
I am pushing 92. We are still good
friends and I look him up whenever
I visit Winnipeg. The highlight of the weekend for me was,
the luncheon given for the graduates of
1935 and graciously hosted by President
Kingston, Ontario

Tell us what you think
As part of the evolution of the magazine, we are intro-
ducing Campus Life on page 36. Rather than leaving
readers with a final photo, which provides insight
into campus life today and which we hope will bring back
memories. We welcome your thoughts.

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made in reader's impressions.

ON MANITOBA

The Alumni Association Inc. of the University of Manitoba,
Winnepeg, Manitoba, Canada

Dear Alumni Staff:
I credit my studies at the U of M
(1986-1990) and in particular my profes-
sors in German and French with provid-
ing me with a solid framework for my
graduate studies and a research career. I think the small class sizes and the high
quality of instruction allowed me and my
fellow students to engage with our
professors and the material at a
deep level than is normally possible. In par-
cular, Professors Sandy Gordon, Chris
Jensen and Eric Annandale in French and
Professor Bob Grendjein in German made a lasting impression on me. I have
very fond memories of U of M and want
to extend my gratitude for those forma-
tive experiences with the whole commu-
nity. There are a lot of great things to be
said for this university.

I never took the day off into the office of the Faculty of Arts
and said I wanted to do a double honours
degree in German and French. The sea-
soned administrator in charge of help-
ing me organize this told me that this
hadn’t even been done for some time. She
told me I had to be at the last minutes
before the cut-off dates and I had
replied to her, for the last time I had
been working in France for the summer
and couldn’t register until September.
I’d like to thank her, if I could remember her name, for not
giving up and for making this “unusual”
degree program work. I now work as the
undergraduate chair in the department
of German at Queen’s University and
know that it can be a headache trying to
get students the programs they want. But
I think it’s worthwhile accommodating
their individual needs where possible.
I know I benefited.

Best wishes,
H. Jill Scott, BA(Hons)/90, PhD

Thank You
The Association would like to thank
Ed Unrau for his contributions to
On Manitoba. After 36
years of service at the university,
Ed retired in February. Best wishes Ed
with your new projects!

In March, Jocelyn Advent left the
Alumni Association to assume another
position on campus as a trainer for the
New Aurora student information
system. Jocelyn will be missed and
we wish her well in her role.

On Manitoba

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Dear Editor:
We are very grateful for your gener-
osity over the years for sending us the alumni
magazine since we left Canada
in 1987. On behalf of my husband, (Mr. Tsietsi Motsoela, BSc(EE)/87) I would like to
tell you that we really appreciate it. Your magazine has kept us in touch
with events over the years.

Kindest regards,
Cynthia Motsoela,
BSc(Maj)/86
Magodishane, Botswana

Dear Editor:
I graduated from the University of
Manitoba in February 1967 and I highly
appreciate the alumni journals I continue
receiving. Many thanks. Manitoba is my
second home and I look forward to visit-
ing the university in future. Currently I
Teach Chemistry and Biology in grades
9, 10, 11 and 12. In addition, I am a high school administrator. Thanks to the
University of Manitoba.

Seth Abambe,
BEd/87
Marigoli, Kenya

April 2006

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AND DAA RECEPTION
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2006
❖ Annual General Meeting 6:00 p.m.
❖ Reception for Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient immediately following AGM.
Marshall McLuhan Hall, Fort Garry Campus

Events

Bison Minor Hockey Day

On February 4, Bison Sports hosted a day for minor hockey teams including free admission for the Bison women and men’s games. Thanks to Dave Wreather of Power 97 for organizing the media players for the hockey game, pictured above.

WSO Night

The University of Manitoba and the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra partnered for performances in January featuring Henry Ergesricht as conductor. In addition, the Faculty of Medicine hosted a reception prior to the Friday night performance to thank alumni and friends for their support. Both events were a success. Ted Cuddy (MD/54, MSc/58) said that “the reception before the concert was a great opportunity to meet friends, many not seen in a long time. The concert itself was truly outstanding.”

Hockey Night with the Moose

On March 18, the Alumni Association and Public Affairs again sponsored University of Manitoba Night with the Manitoba Moose. Pictured at the game are: Dennis Hrycaiko, Dean, Physical Education and Recreation Studies; Karen Gamey, Executive Director, Alumni Association; John Danakas, Director, Public Affairs; Billy the Bison; and Renée Zagolosi, Vice-President, Alumni Association.

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For more information about the Board, check: http://www.umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/bog/index.shtml or call (204) 474-9953.

This year, five alumni have put their names forward to run for the one vacancy. Each graduate of the University of Manitoba is entitled to one (1) vote.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Anne Bolton
Q.C., BA/71, LLB/74, LLM 78 (London)

Anne’s career has been devoted to public service. Prior to her appointment as Public Trustee of Manitoba in April 2000, she was employed as a Master and Registrar in Bankruptcy, Court of Queen’s Bench, Manitoba; Crown Counsel, (Legislation) and Attorney, Legal Aid of Manitoba. Anne has served as a sesquicentennial lecturer for the University of Manitoba’s Faculty of Law and Brandon University. She has held board memberships with The Manitoba Community Services Council, CMHA, DASHC Inc., Planned Parenthood and Popular Theatre Alliance of Manitoba. Anne conducts private practice in alternate dispute resolution. She is a Chartered Arbitrator (Arbitration Institute of Canada) and a Certified Family Mediator and a Certified Comprehensive Mediation Assessor (FMC). Anne looks forward to the opportunity to give back to the University of Manitoba which provided her with a good education and many happy years as a student.

Tom Carson,
BA/71

Following graduation, Tom embarked on a 31 year career with the Province of Manitoba, the last 14 of which were as Deputy Minister of Culture, Heritage and Citizenship, Deputy Minister of Training and Continuing Education and Deputy Minister of Health. While Deputy Minister of Training and Continuing Education, he served on the Council of Ministers of Education of Canada and was involved in the development of the Council on Post Second Education Act. Tom now pursues a consulting career focused on the determinants of health and healthy workplaces and serves on five non-profit boards in the areas of the arts and health care. At the university, he chairs the Advisory Board for the Manitoba Centre on Aging which serves on the Advisory Board for the Manitoba Health, Leisure and Human Performance Research Institute, and serves as an Associate to the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy. He would like to offer his experience with policy development and government relations to the Board of Governors.

Romel Dhalla,
BA/99, BComm(Hons)/04

Romel is an Investment Advisor with BMD Nesbitt Burns and a passionate advocate for the University. Romel served on many University committees, notably the Academic Senate and Board of Governors. As a member of the Board, Romel became known as one of the most active. Romel created University One Student Council while Arts Student President, and set fundraising records and established a significant fund as Student Director in the Asper School. He was later elected Vice-President of the Canadian Business Schools Council. For his service, Romel was awarded the RC Ambridge Award for University Governance. Romel serves as Vice-President of the Network of Indian Professionals of North America, a 5,000-member organization, and supports a long list of non-profit organizations. Romel endeavours to create opportunities for alumni to be more involved and supports initiatives that enhance the value and quality of the University of Manitoba. For complete information visit www.romeldhalla.com.

Leona Herzog,
BFA(Hons)/75, CertEd/76, ConEd/94

Leona served as President of the Alumni Association of the University of Manitoba and continues to volunteer on committees. A Fine Arts graduate, she is looking to bring a voice for the Arts and a different perspective to the Board. The university has contributed to her personal and professional success, and she would like to commit her skills to ensuring the university remains a top choice for students. She has a strong business background. As Manager of Business Communications at Manitoba Hydro and managing a staff of 25 creative individuals, she is responsible for the promotion and advertising of Power Smart programs, as well as retail, safety, and educational initiatives.

Leona currently sits on the Executive of the Manitoba Electrical League and the Heating Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Contractors of Manitoba. She is also on the Board of the Manitoba Opera Association and two committees of the Manitoba Home Builders Association.

Christine Johnston,
BSc/98, OD (Waterloo)

Christine began her post-second- ary education at the University of Manitoba in September 1995 in the Faculty of Science. During her first year, in addition to studies, she was a lifeguard and swim instructor at the Frank Kennedy pool. Christine graduated in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science General (with distinction). In September 1998, she began the second half of her university education at the University of Waterloo in the School of Optometry and graduated as a Doctor of Optometry (with honors) in June 2002. She is presently a council member for the Manitoba Association of Optometrists. Her husband is currently a graduate student in the Department of Computer Science at the University of Manitoba. Christine would be honored to contribute her knowledge, skills, and academic experience along with others who wish to ensure the continued success of the University of Manitoba on the Board of Governors.

The biographies and photos were submitted by the candidates for publication. Any statements or opinions contained therein are not necessarily those of the Alumni Association or the University of Manitoba.

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ASSOCIATE VICE-PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL) APPOINTED

John Alito has been appointed Associate Vice-President (External), effective February 1, 2006. He was hired as the University’s first Director of Government Relations in September, 2003. Since arriving on campus, Alito has significantly enhanced the University’s interactions with government by developing and maintaining a positive working relationship and network of contacts at all three levels of government. With this new role, his responsibilities will include Government Relations and Public Affairs.

Before his current position, John held a number of senior policy and communications advisory roles in the federal government.

John’s community involvement includes membership on the boards of directors of the Western Canada Aviation Museum and the Zoological Society of Manitoba. He served on the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra Year of the Veteran Fundraising Committee and is a member of the Public Affairs Association of Canada and the Young Associates of the I.H. Asper School of Business.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GRADS ELECTED IN JANUARY

Several University of Manitoba graduates were elected or re-elected during the Federal General Election on January 23, 2006 including: Rod Bruinooge, BA (Winnipeg South); Stephen Fletcher, BSc/95, MBA/02; and former UMSU President from the Economics program, John McCallum, BEd/82, MEd/98 (Kildonan-St. Paul) and the Senate, two sitting Senators are graduates: Senator Janis Johnson, (BA/55) and Senator Inky Mark, BA (Winnipeg), BSc/72 (Nanaimo-Alberni); Inky Mark, BEd/74 (Dauphin-Swan River-Marquette); Anita Neville, BA(Hons)/64 (Winnipeg South Centre); Raymond Simard, BA/79, BComm(Hons)/85 (Saint Boniface); Joy Smith, BEd/82, Med/98 (Kildonan-St. Paul) and Vic Toews, LLB/76 (Provencher).

The University of Manitoba took part in the Province of Manitoba’s trade mission to India from February 10 to 15. The journey gave the University a chance to meet and partner with education facilities in India. As a result of the trade mission, the university signed new agreements with five post-secondary institutions in India and with Akem Laboratories, one of the country’s leading pharmaceutical companies. Pictured above is Manitoba Premier Gary Doer, Akem Laboratories Chairman Sampredra Singh and University President Emőke Szathmáry signing a memorandum of agreement to increase collaborative research in fundamental foods and nucleic acids.

The National Summit on Post-Secondary Education in Ottawa held in February 2006 is yet to release its findings. Nevertheless, the summit who attended made one thing clear to the premiers of the provinces and territories who had organized the summit: Education, as individual skills training and post-sec- ondary education matters. To this, those of us attending from the university sec- tor added, university education matters profoundly.

There are three core reasons that underscore the value of university edu- cation. To the individual, the financial gain compared to those who have only a high school diploma is now estimated at a million dollars. Society gains materially from having educated individuals who are typically employed within six months of graduation, and who typically pay higher taxes than those who are without university degrees. University-educated people tend to be involved in volunteer activities that pro- vide the social glue that holds communi- ties together, and they are often leaders at local, provincial and national levels. The third reason that signifies the worth of university education to individuals, however, is not measured in financial terms. Rather, it exists in the inestimable qualities that knowledge and learning bring to human understanding includ- ing the ability to reason, to participate in all its dimensions, past, present and future.

The 21st century has been proclaimed as the age of the global economy, where having knowledge matters most uti- limately than having natural resources. In the knowledge economy knowledge matters, and the creative intelligence manifested in myriad ways, but espe- cially through innovation, is expected to reap material gains both for creative individuals and for their societies. Some nations, among them China, are acting on these facts by building new, state-of-the- art campuses. In Canada universities in provinces east and west of Manitoba are not only pouring dollars into modernizing facilities through extensive reno- vations and the construction of new buildings, but their governments are also providing handsome increases to their operating grants, well in excess of the cost of living. Competition is the name of the game in the 21st century, not only among nations, but among provinces for their universities to have the best faculty, the best students, and the best staff.

Manitoba’s government has recog- nized the costs of competition by making a three-year funding commitment to the province’s universities and colleges. In the current fiscal year tuition will remain frozen at the 1995 level, but the operat- ing grant will increase by 5.8 per cent, and in each of the subsequent two years the minimum that grants will increase is by 5 per cent per year. Were this ordi- nary times, news of a three-year commit- ment at funding levels unprecedented in the past decade would cause rejoicing. Unfortunately, these are not ordinary times, and the promised funding is still far short of the needs that exist, and far less than universities comparable to ours are receiving.

The fact is that for 2006-07 we had requested an 8.9 per cent increase in our base grant, of which 5.5 per cent is required to maintain the current level of operations, and 3.4 per cent would replace the $6.9 million, one-time only funding that was provided last year in lieu of annual fees. However, with a 5.8 per cent increase in our grant, this base funding is equivalent to 2.4 per cent in new fund- ing. At the same time, the University of Saskatchewan’s grant is increasing by 7 per cent, and still higher total increases in revenue occur among medical-doctoral universities further west. Nevertheless the University of Manitoba is expected to provide the same educational quality as our sister universities can provide.

As we prepare the budget for the current fiscal year, I wonder how long the University of Manitoba can remain competitive. Throughout its history this institution has provided the graduates to serve this province’s needs, and saved it from having to embark on modernizing facilities by moving from here to away. Our research has made an enormous difference to human welfare locally and globally, whether in the domain of the health sciences or in agriculture and food, as just a few exemplary cases. But these days I won- der about our ability to remain competi- tionately and a dream internationally. The world is changing around us, and we need a provincial dream, a national dream focused on university education. We need a provincial and a national will to translate tomorrow’s dream into action today. Universities create the future, but Manitoba will have a very different kind of future than I dream of, unless we all take university education seriously.

On November 25, 2005, the University unveiled a new resource package designed to show Manitoba students the importance of health research and its impact on the health of Canadians. Created in partnership with the Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR), the package consists of five double-sided, full-colour reference cards which highlight current work being done in: allergies and asthma, cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and infectious diseases. Each card ties into a unit of the 305 biology curriculum and is designed to be used as supplemental resource material by teachers. The new package will be distributed to every high school in Manitoba.

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In addition, Laurie Haw (Edmonton Centre) is a former student and John McCallum (Markham-Unionville) is a former professor in Economics. In the Senate, two sitting Senators are graduates: Senator Mira Spivak (BA/55) and Senator Janis Johnson (BA/68).
RESEARCH NEWS

ATTENTION ALL ENGINEERS!

ALL Engineering Alumni are invited to the Dean’s Homecoming Wine & Cheese Reception on Friday, September 15th at 2pm.

Come meet old friends and tour the new EITC, including the newly renovated 1912 Building!

For more information, or to RSVP, contact Amber at (204)474-9034 or amber_skrabek@umanitoba.ca

THREE NEW CANADA RESEARCH CHAIRS

Three more researchers have been awarded prestigious Canada Research Chairs, bringing the total number at the University of Manitoba to 36. 

Grant Hatch (PhD/99), pharmacology and therapeutics/biochemistry and medical genetics, has been appointed Chair in molecular cardiolipin metabolism. Hatch’s research into cardiolipin metabolism will lead to new therapies for heart disease, cancer, diabetes, obesity, and some rare genetic disorders. Dean McNeill (BSc Comp E/90, MSc/93, PhD/99), electrical and computer engineering, has been appointed Chair in information processing for intelligent infrastructure. He is investigating more effective ways to monitor the structural health of bridges. Mostafa Fayek (PhD), geological sciences, is our new Chair in isotope and environmental geochemistry. Fayek’s research into fluid-solid interactions will lead to better ways to dispose of nuclear waste, explore for minerals, and characterize materials.

Five existing Canada Research Chairs have also been renewed for another five years. They are: Brian Cox, psychiatry, Canada Research Chair in mood and anxiety disorders; Hélène Perreault, chemistry, Canada Research Chair in bioanalytical mass spectrometry; Geoff Hicks, biochemistry and medical genetics, Canada Research Chair in functional genom-ics; Larry Hryshko, physiology, Canada Research Chair in cardiac electrophysiology; and Lorrie Kirshenbaum, physiology, Canada Research Chair in molecular cardiology.

HEALTH RESEARCHERS WIN NATIONAL AWARD

Last November in Ottawa at the Canadian Health Research Awards gala, Patricia Martens, director of the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy, and her Need to Know Team were awarded the Canadian Institutes for Health Research Knowledge Translation Award for their outstanding contribution to the health of Canadians or to the health system through exemplary knowledge translation. Hosted by the Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR), the event honoured Canada’s top health researchers. The Need to Know Team has produced a provincial indicators Atlas (2003) to assist regional health authorities develop five-year strategic plans; a mental illness Report (2004) that has attracted national attention for its finding that one in four Manitobans had at least one mental illness diagnosis between 1997 and 2002; and a report on sex differences (2005) that charted male/female differences in health, use of the health care system and quality of care.

TWO MORE SYNERGY AWARDS

In October, 2005, the University received two more national Synergy Awards for excellence in innovation, placing the University of Manitoba second in Canada with a total of eight Synergy Awards. Established by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), the awards recognize outstanding research and development partnerships between universities and industry. One award recognizes the 10-year partnership between the University of Manitoba and Vector Construction Group. Led by civil engineering distinguished professor Aftab Mufti (PhD), president of ISIS Canada, the collaboration has focused on the use of innovative materials to strengthen buildings and bridges. The second Synergy Award recognizes a partnership between the University of Manitoba and Vector Construction Group. Led by civil engineering distinguished professor Aniruddha Gole (MSc/80, PhD/82), NSERC Industrial Research Chair in Power Systems Engineering, the partnership has resulted in powerful new simulation tools for the global power industry.

PLANT SCIENTISTS MAKE BREAKTHROUGH DISCOVERY

A team of University researchers led by Robert Hill (BSc/58, MSc/63, PhD/65), plant science, is the first in the world to discover a receptor for an important plant hormone called abscisic acid (ABA). The discovery, published in the January 19, 2006 edition of the scientific journal Nature, represents a major leap forward in our understanding of plant growth and development. ABA is a survival hormone that regulates the timing of germination and flowering and controls the plant’s response to environmental stresses. Hill and his team have discovered that a protein called PCI is a receptor for ABA. With this knowledge, scientists can potentially unlock the ability to influence a plant’s response to stresses like cold, drought and excess salt. Hill, along with postdoctoral fellows Fawzi Racem and Ashraf El Kereamy, collaborated on the project with researchers in Saskatchewan and the United Kingdom.
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BISON HELPS SOCCER TEAM QUALIFY FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Bison women’s soccer player Desiree Scott played with the Canadian Under-20 Women’s National Team at the CONCACAF (The Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean Association Football) qualification games and helped the team earn a berth to the FIFA Under-20 Women’s World Championship in Russia.

Scott played in the Bisons inaugural Canada West season in 2005 and was named as Canada West Rookie of the Year and Second Team All-Star in the striker position. Canada finished as CONCACAF U-20 runner-ups to the eventual winner USA. The FIFA U-20 Women’s World Championship will run from August 16 to September 2 in Russia.

SIRANT REACHES MILESTONE

Bison men’s hockey head coach Mike Sirant (BA/B3, BRS/B5, earned his 250th career CIS win during his 13th season with the Bisons on Saturday, November 13, 2005. Sirant, who guided Manitoba to a Final Four finish at last season’s CIS TELUS University Cup tournament, ranks fifth in career Canada West Hockey coaching victories. He was also named 2004-05 Canada West Men’s Hockey Coach of the Year.

LANDICE YESTRAU

Hometown: Winnipeg
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Favourite tv show: SpongeBob SquarePants
is definitely my favourite!!
Favourite movies: The Notebook, Zoolander
Favourite artists: Green Day, Switchfoot and many others including classical. I wish I could play the piano that well.

What do you think you’ll miss from university days? I get to spend most of my time with fellow swimmers. I really like the independence.

What do you do when you’re not studying? Swimming, of course. But I also like to read and draw in pencil, especially reptiles. I also like replicating old family photos that I sometimes give as presents.

What’s the best advice you’ve received? My mom has a motto: “Common courtesy costs nothing,” which I try to apply to all situations.

Why did you select the UofM? It has a good swimming program. During my final year of high school, I was able to train with the university swim team. This also made the transition to university much easier.

In 10 years, I see myself… Still in school. I plan to apply to Dentistry so there is a chance that I’ll still be in school preparing to become an oral surgeon.

Currently in her first year on the University of Manitoba swim team, Landice has already set a pool record in the 50-metre backstroke at the CanWest Championships in Vancouver in January. She also represented Canada at the Commonwealth Games in March. In April, Landice was named Bison Female Athlete of the Year, the first rookie to win the award in 22 years. (Kevin Saurette was named Male Athlete of the Year.)
was supposed to be a “gap year.” Go to Kenya for eleven months or so before moving on to something else.

“I’d been on a pretty straight path – high school, pre-med, medicine, internship – and never taken any time off, never made any deviations,” Frank Plummer (MD/76) recalls when he first considered accepting a research project with the University of Nairobi in 1981. “I thought it would be an interesting change of pace.”

“That year essentially defined my career,” he says. “It really changed my mind about what I wanted to do and got me into research for the first time. It pointed me in the direction of studying sexually transmitted diseases and gave me a real jump start in terms of the scientific aspect of my career. I published 12 papers after 11 months of work, which is pretty amazing, and there were some prominent publications in there, some Lancet and New England Journal of Medicine articles, that set the stage for everything else.”

In the quarter century since he first landed in Nairobi, Plummer has accumulated an impressive resume: one of the world’s leading experts in infectious diseases including avian flu; internationally recognized for his research in HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, and his work in public health and science; Senior Science Advisor to the Public Health Agency of Canada; Director General of the Centre for Infectious Disease Prevention and Control in Ottawa; Scientific Director General of the National Microbiology Laboratory in Winnipeg; Distinguished Professor of Medicine and Medical Microbiology and Associate Professor of Community Health Services at the University of Manitoba; recipient of a US $8.3 million Grand Challenges in Global Health Grant from the Gates Foundation; recipient of the St. Boniface Hospital and Research Foundation’s 2005 International Award; and several other provincial, national and international awards.

Frank Plummer was fresh out of Shaftesbury High School in Winnipeg when he enrolled at the University of Manitoba three and a half decades ago.

“I just applied to the University of Manitoba,” he says. “It never occurred to me at that point to apply anywhere else. My goal was to go into medicine and they have a great medical school. I was expecting a world class education and that’s what I got.”

After two years of pre-med, he started medical school and graduated in 1976, along with Brian Postl, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, and Joel Kettner, Manitoba’s Chief Medical Officer of Health. “We still keep in touch, and still deal with each other,” he says.

Upon graduation, he planned to practice internal medicine for a couple of years and ultimately get into some specialty. “The discipline of internal medicine interested me. There’s a lot of inductive reasoning, trying to figure out the problem by what the patient tells you, by what you find on physical examination, lab tests, and that attracted me. I had no idea I would end up doing infectious diseases,” he says.

Although he had been on a straight path from high school to medicine, Plummer and his wife experienced a few twists and turns getting to Kenya.

“There were a few catastrophes. We had never really traveled so we took some time traveling through Europe and Egypt on the way,” he says. “We stopped in Amsterdam and we lost our briefcase with our money and papers. There was an ice storm on the day we were supposed to leave for Athens and we couldn’t get a cab to take us to the train station to get to the airport, so we...
The federal government has been making sure we can diagnose new viruses, researching the virus and looking at making vaccines. This is a very strong association at the national level, but it is a constant concern that needs continuing work. The virus has not yet been transmitted from person to person. Though it has spread from Asia to Eastern Europe, and many more birds are being infected and more people are being exposed, the virus has not yet been transmitted from person to person.

Because it hasn’t happened already — we’ve had the virus for nine years now — tells me that the genetic hurdles for it to happen are pretty high,” he says. “That doesn’t mean it can’t happen or won’t happen. I think the risk is fairly remote, but we have to be ready. Here we are making sure we can diagnose all types of influenza and infectious diseases using the NML. Plummer did not have a lot of time for vacations or recreational travel. “When we were in Kenya we took safaris into the game parks, we ate at fancy restaurants, and spent time on the coast at the beach. It was great.”

Since I’ve been on this job, it’s been an exhausting job,” he says. “My hobby basically is my family home. The youngest daughter is doing a project on Waterloo” as he calls the family home. His wife and three daughters, spend time with their “eighty-year-old project on Waterloo” as he calls the family home. The youngest daughters are all in high school at Grant Park, while the other two are at the University of Winnipeg. The middle daughter is majoring in theatre and the eldest is a history major but taking an increasing interest in public health. “A lot of her projects involve infectious diseases,” he says. “She is doing a project right now on 1918 influenza from a historical point of view so she may end up being a history of medicine or infectious diseases scholar.”

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CAPTURING THE WORLD ON FILM

In 2001, Brian Aftanas (BSC/E 80) was talking in a conference room in Tengiz, Kazakhstan, with a small group. Initially the topic moved to the weather and how cold it could get in Tengiz. To his surprise, someone quipped that it was like winter in Winnipeg where they had grown up. Yet another person brightened and said they were from Winnipeg. At that meeting Ed Neubauer met Mark Rubel who met Brian Aftanas. They marveled at how three people from Winnipeg had adventured so far yet, unexpectedly, found a Manitoba community with them.

Thus, he has also developed from taking pictures as a hobby into becoming an accomplished photographer whose work has been exhibited internationally, including the FotoFest Biennial in Houston from March 10 to 20, 2005, at which Aftanas was named as “the highlight of my career. Being recognized by a number of firsts, among them being appointed as provincial court judge at age 25, the youngest in Canada; at age 33, being one of the youngest persons to be appointed Queen’s counsel and at the age of 38, being the first judge of the Provincial Court of Manitoba to be elevated by a federal appointment.

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For Aftanas, "Winnipeg is a wonderfully cosmopolitan city," says Aftanas, "and the upbringing has ‘informed’ both my outlook on life and my photography. When I travel, I try to take pictures of the reality of what is there.”

At the FotoFest Biennial, he will be exhibiting photographs taken in Paris, San Francisco and Lagos. “What ties them together is the common theme of ‘transience and permanence’,” he says. “In my travels, I have learned that people are people; the same wherever I go with the same dreams and aspirations, whether in Manitoba or Kazakhstan.”

PEER RECOGNITION

Shakespeare said it first and best. “There is a tide in the affairs of men which when at the flood, leads on to fortune.”

Substitute “service” for “fortune” to sum up the illustrious judicial career of Mr. Justice Wallace Darichuk (LLB/60), who retired in April 2005 after achieving 43 years as the longest serving member of the judiciary in Manitoba and possibly Canada.

Commenting on the longevity of his career, Justice Darichuk said, “I was lucky to be given the opportunity to chart a career so early in life. My grade five teacher encouraged me to consider law since, at that time, most prime ministers were lawyers. The seed was planted then.”

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HONOUR CAPS DISTINGUISHED CAREER

For a person who has been pushing quality over quantity for over a quarter century and received more than thirty awards, it was difficult to imagine that a day will come when someone will be vying for and competing to win an award created as a legacy after his name.

That day arrived for Madhav Sinha (PhD/74, PEng), who is Chief of Engineering and Head of the quality programs with the Manitoba Government Department of Labour and Immigration. Sinha was honoured by the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) in 2005 with the establishment of the Dr. Madhav N. Sinha Scholarship for Quality, supported by the local Vancouver Section of the American Society for Quality (ASQ) for the best student in BCIT’s diploma program with a major in operations management.

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GOOD TIMING IN COMEDY AND CAREER!

By day, a rising star financial services vice-president; by night, a stand-up comic, delivering his personal take on the absurdity of current news events and poking gentle fun at his East Indian heritage in a circuit of local New York comedy clubs; so goes the career path of Sheraz Shere (BSc/94).

Shere admits that he was always something of the class clown displaying an edgy sense of humour while growing up, so such an innate part of his character was not to be denied even in his current position as Vice-President, Business Solutions at American Express in New York City.

A ten week stand-up comedy writing course taught Shere’s attention with an opportunity to perform live on-stage in front of a New York comedy club crowd. “It went very well, even though it was scary, and I’ve been performing ever since. It’s more of a hobby that I do just for fun!”

A product of the University of Manitoba, Shere achieved a Gold Medal in 1994 when he graduated from Industrial Engineering. A full scholarship to Princeton University swiftly followed with Shere graduating with a post-graduate degree in Operation Research in 1996.

Events unfolded quickly and by 1999, Shere had been recruited by American Express in New York City and has capped his rapid ascent in the company as Vice-President, Business Solutions at the company’s new Marketing and Lifestyle services group, distinguishing himself at the age of 33 as one of the company’s youngest VPs.

Looking back on his university days, Shere is appreciative of the solid grounding he received in his studies while a student. “One professor, Dr. Alfa, really got me interested in the field of operations research which led me to Princeton and to where I am now. Even though I don’t practice engineering, I know that the problem-solving skills I developed while at the U of M continue to serve me well today.”

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Let’s Trace the Literary History of Winnipeg.

In the book The Imagined City: A Literary History of Winnipeg, editors David Arman and Mhari Mackintosh, trace the literary history of Winnipeg and explore its nature and identity through excerpts, historical pieces and contributions by noted Winnipeggers including Ralph Connor, Douglas Durkin, Dorothy Livesay, Larry Zolf, David Williamson, Margaret Sweetman, Carol ShIELDS, Guy Maddin, Wayne Tefs, Miriam Toews, Jon Paul Fiorentino and Dennis Cooley.

The editors note that the idea for the book came out of a course they did at the University of Manitoba. The students in that course discovered a wonderful array of writing about the city. They are grateful to these students for their enthusiasm and their discoveries. They looked at Winnipeg with a fresh eye, and saw what a fascinating place they inhabited.

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Dennis Cooley

DENNIS COOLEY

A Conversation With...

DENNIS COOLEY

PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
BA(HONS), BED, MA (SASKATCHEWAN), PHD (ROCHESTER)

Years Teaching at the University of Manitoba: Since July 1, 1973.

Areas of Expertise: Canadian and American literature, especially contemporary poetry, poetics, prairie writing and theory.

Before Teaching: I taught upgrading in Estevan, SK, for one year then I was an Executive Assistant for a minister in the Balsamie government for one year, the hardest job I ever had.

Hobbies: Gardening, house repairs and general yard work.

Outreach activities: I have conducted writing workshops in high schools and universities across Canada and Europe. In addition, I have served on local boards for the Manitoba Writers Guild and Border Crossing magazine. I also edit literary manuscripts, usually for Turnstone Press, of which I was a founding member.

Something others may not know: When I was younger I was extremely active in sports, including football, basketball and baseball. I grew up listening to my dad and uncle talk about the ball games they’d played and so I had that baseball thing in my head from the time I was a kid. In one way or another I was into sports, in fact I even had a few school track and field records in Estevan. For many years now, a fair number of years later, I’ve been madly writing poetry, and there’s no shaking it. It seems, it’s taken over a big chunk of my life.

What excites you most about the future? In the immediate future, I am looking forward to a trip to Spain in spring to teach a graduate course in Leeds on the Canadian writer Robert Kroetsch. While there, I’ll also conduct writing workshops, as well as take some time to see the sights of Spain with my family and later visit friends in Germany. Who knows about the more distant future? I really have no idea.

Most Rewarding Aspect of Teaching: When students get excited about something that really speaks to them, when it ignites their passion and intelligence. I’m pleased when they start to make it their own, sometimes read more by a writer, or look into other writers who made the politics of the era tick. It is, personal, opinionated, at times abrasive and often funny.

Herb Schulz (BA/67, MA/69), Premier Ed Schreyer’s brother-in-law, served as the Premier’s Special Assistant between 1971 and 1977.

Stefan Carter

MOZART: A MEDITATION ON HIS LIFE AND MYSTERIOUS DEATH
2006, Heartland Associates Inc.

Following Mozart from child prodigy to musical sensation, Carter weaves his music into his life experiences, and sheds light on his family relationships. Then, using modern medical insights and the benefit of hindsight, the author examines the reasons for his sudden death at thirty-five, and assesses his remarkable legacy.

Now retired from the University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine and as Director of the Vascular Laboratory at St. Boniface Hospital, Stefan Carter (MD/54, MSc/56), was born and raised in Warsaw, Poland before immigrating to Manitoba in 1948. Both parents were accomplished musicians who died in the Holocaust, but their passion for music lived on in their son.

Arthur Adamson

ARTHUR ADAMSON – A CELEBRATION
2006, A. Gordon Shillingford Publishing

This book is a retrospective of renowned Manitoba artist Arthur Adamson’s stunning visual art. It features Adamson’s images as photographed by Ernest Mayer; a comprehensive look at his visual artistic position by Pat Bovey; an introduction by George Amabile; and Adamson’s artist statement. Born and educated in Winnipeg, Arthur Adamson (BA/49, MA/60) has spent his entire life contributing to the educational and cultural life of the province. He taught English literature and creative writing at the University of Manitoba for 37 years, retiring in 1995.

Lucas Swaine

THE LIBERAL CONSCIENCE
2006, Columbia University Press

In recent years, the battle between liberalism and theocracy has taken center stage around the globe. By opening a dialogue between theocracy and liberalism and offering strategies for interacting with politically ambitious theocrats, Swaine offers new and vital perspectives on the role of religion in liberal, multicultural societies.

Lucas Swaine (BA/Hons)/91, MA/92, PhD/97) is Assistant Professor of government at Dartmouth College. His work has been published in numerous journals.

Herb Schulz

A VIEW FROM THE LEDGE
2005, Heartland Associates Inc.

Schulz offers a unique view of Manitoba’s first NDP government. He paints portraits of Premier Schreyer and Winnipeg Mayor Stephen Juba and others who made the politics of the era tick. It is, personal, opinionated, at times abrasive and often funny.

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Birk Sproxton

PHANTOM LAKE: NORTH OF 54
2005, The University of Alberta Press

Phantom Lake explores the stories, legends, and tall tales that make up Flin Flon, a real imaginary place perched on rocky outcrops and lakes of the Canadian Shield.

Born on the edge of a lake in Flin Flon, Manitoba, Birk Sproxton (BA/68, PhD/83) currently teaches Canadian Literature and Creative Writing at Red Deer College. Editor of the best-selling Great Stories from the Prairies, he is the author of several books including the award winning novel, The Red-Headed Woman with the Black Black Heart.

Evelyn Walters

THE WOMEN OF BEAVER HALL: CANADIAN MODERNIST PAINTERS
2005, Dundurn Press

Long overlooked by critics and historians, the Beaver Hall women are today among the most sought-after Canadian painters. This book portrays the life and work of Emily Coonan, Nora Colyer, Prudence Heward, Mabel Luckey, Henrietta Mabel May, Kathleen Morris, Lillas Torrance Newton, Sarah Robertson, Anne Savage, and Ethel Seath.

Evelyn Walters (BA/61, AMM/61, CertEd/62) expertise on the Beaver Hall Group is an outgrowth of her 1990 doctoral thesis and research for a personal art collection. After teaching in France and then Montreal, she recently moved to Toronto.

Rochel Uдович берман

DIGNITY BEYOND DEATH: THE JEWISH PREPARATION FOR BURIAL
2005, Urn Publications

This book is an uplifting illumination of the path the Jewish deceased follow in their final journey before burial. For the first time, the ritual of tahrah, purification, is told by the community volunteers who commit themselves to providing this elegant passage.

Born and educated in Winnipeg, Rochel Uдович берман (BA/56, BSW/57) is the former Executive Director of the American Society for Yad Vashem. Her articles and essays have appeared in numerous publications including The New York Times, Hadassah and The New York Jewish Weekly. She lives and works in Boca Raton, Florida.

Arthur Adamson

KYE AND SOOGIE

2005, Heartland Associates Inc.

These books, based on the diaries of Frank Curry, are intended to convey to wives, fathers, grandparents, and children, generations after World War Two what was experienced by the young men who volunteered to serve their country.

Frank Curry

WAR AT SEA
2005, Heartland Associates Inc.

Frank Curry (BComm/49) joined the Royal Canadian Navy in May 1940 and was discharged in Winnipeg in November 1945 having served on corvettes in the North Atlantic and in the English Channel. For more information about these books, please email: frankcurry@icorf.ca.
In this dialogue, University President Emile Szathmáry and Winnipeg Mayor Sam Katz discuss the relationship between the City and the University and how they are partnering to ensure that Winnipeg remains a great place to live and work.

Emile Szathmáry (PhD) has been President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Manitoba since 1996. She is actively involved in a number of public and private committees and boards at provincial and national levels. In addition to having received several honorary degrees, she was appointed a member of the Order of Canada in 2003. In 2004, she was named to the Top 100: Canada’s Most Powerful Women, by the Women’s Executive Network and the Richard Ivey School of Business, and in 2005, elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

Sam Katz (BA’73) was elected Mayor of the City of Winnipeg in 2004. After graduating from the University of Manitoba, he began his career as an entrepreneur and promoter by opening a retail clothing store. As President and CEO of Showtime Productions Inc., he brought many high profile acts and Broadway musicals to Winnipeg. Since 1994, he has been President and CEO of the Winnipeg Goldeyes Baseball Club. In 2002, he was presented with the Queen’s Golden Jubilee Medal. In 2003, he received the Faculty of Arts Distinguished Alumni Jubilee Medal. In 2004, he was awarded the Order of Manitoba.

The University has economic and cultural impacts on the city. Why do you feel the University is important to the City of Winnipeg?

SK: The University plays a major role in the vitality and growth of our city and province. It gives us the tools to make sure we keep our graduates here, which is one of my goals as mayor. I want to make sure that there are opportunities in Winnipeg. In fact, during a recent trip to the Philippines, I even tried to recruit students to the University.

ES: The University certainly has a strong ability to attract people from outside of the province. We have approximately 6,000 students on campus from outside of Manitoba including 2,700 from outside of Canada. The University has a tremendous economic impact on the city. A recent Price WaterhouseCoopers study found that more than $1.2 billion in provincial-wide economic activity is generated by the University. The University is also really good at its ability to commercialize research findings, which bodes well for the future. For example, in 2004 we placed third in Canada in the number of patents filed, fourth in licensing revenue and eighth in startup companies.

We also educate about 85% of the province’s engineers as well most dentists, pharmacists, and other professional fields. We also expect our grads to make a living but also expect them to make a life. And in Winnipeg, they can contribute in so many other ways to their community.

Is the relationship between the University and the City unique?

ES: It’s not uncommon to have a large university in a capital city. So in that sense, we’re not different. But, the way that the campus has grown is unique. I believe that the move of the campus from downtown to the Legislative by the Fort Garry campus in the 1920s had an impact. Despite that move, we feel it’s important to maintain a strong presence downtown with our Bannatyne campus and with our Downtown Aboriginal Education Centre.

SK: However, I think the move was important because it had a positive impact in developing the city to the south. You may not know that I have spent quite some time at the Bannatyne campus. My mother really wanted me to become a dentist so I spent one year in Dental School at Bannatyne before completing a degree in economics at the Fort Garry campus.

Some recent successful initiatives include Smartpark and the revitalization of the Bannatyne campus. What factors have made these and other initiatives successful?

ES: One reason is the cooperation between the Mayor’s office and the University. This cooperation has helped us to expand our presence. Last year we opened a new facility on Selkirk Avenue. We also have ten buildings at our Bannatyne campus and adding another. In fact, we would not have been able to begin construction on a new building in 2005 if the City had not declared a piece of land to the University. I also recall that the City was willing to close Emily Street to allow the construction of the Brodie Centre when my predecessor, Dr. Arnold Naimark, was President. We really appreciate this cooperation.

SK: The University is also a source of expertise for the City and has been a great resource for new and other projects. In fact, we found that many experts would come to Winnipeg on the condition that they could also serve as adjunct professors with the University.

SK: The University also has a reputation that allows us, as a City, to work with them on initiatives such as University College, where I used to hang out.

ES: As the Mayor mentioned, the campus is getting bigger but it’s also changing. One noticeable change is the increasing number of Aboriginal students and they are playing a greater role, adding to the vibrancy of campus life. Currently we have about 1,600 students who have declared themselves as Aboriginal. I also think that expansion and revitalization will continue, especially on the Bannatyne campus with the construction of a new Pharmacy Building. With that expansion comes the need for additional housing for students.

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Mayor Katz is a graduate of the University of Manitoba. What experiences do you remember? What changes have most stood out in your mind?

SK: I remember some props and really enjoyed economics. I remember it as a wonderful time—car pooling with friends, having fun and hoping to make a difference in the world. I also met my best friend at university. The University of Manitoba was an important part of my life and played an integral role in making me who I am.

ES: Your memories are similar to those of other grads I meet who attended university at the same time. Having attended university in Ontario, I can say that those memories are not always shared at other institutions.

SK: One other thing I noticed was how the University seems bigger. In fact, on the way here I found myself pointing out new buildings to my assistant Brad and we got closer to the administration building. I was pointing out older buildings such as University College, where I used to hang out.

What can we expect from the future?

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Reena Bansal is peering through a microscope while typing rapid-fire on her keyboard. Most of them put in four-hour shifts, two or three times a week, each making roughly $12 an hour. As full-time students, they all share an understanding of what it means to share. Annual giving by alumni is the backbone of the university's fundraising program; it increases student support and enhances the university's ranking in the annual ranking of Canadian universities. It is widely acclaimed by members of the defence bar for the 'wide strike zone' that he engages in adjudicating criminal trials, and to his legal education is a positive step, " says Justice Oliphant. "It means a lot to me when a graduate makes a donation, because it means they feel they got something valuable from their time here, and they want the next generation of students to share a similar experience," says Malumi. And clearly, University of Manitoba graduates are great at sharing. Annual giving by alumni is the backbone of the university's fundraising program; it increases student support and enhances programs operating under limited budgets. Further, the rate of alumni giving is often an important consideration for a corporation or organization contemplating making a large gift, and also has a direct impact on the annual ranking of Canadian universities in Maclean's magazine. Currently, Development is boosting its efforts to highlight the need for gifts in support of the unrestricted President's Fund. The fund allows the university some flexibility in directing gifts to its most pressing priorities. It is a fundraising challenge Malumi enjoys taking on. Still five years away from becoming a Certified Accountant, Malumi says each time she calls a donor, she is reminded of why she is working so hard at her studies. "I'd like one day be in the position to give back, just as she once asked others to do."
1950-59

Binks, Charles W., CA/57, CPA/65, (retd), obtained copyright for his first book, "Manitou - God Leads" (Hargrave St.). In addition, his poem titled "Calgary Visit" - 1958 has been included in a book of poems entered in the U.S. Library of Congress. It also received, from the International Library of Poetry, the 2005 prestigious Editors Choice Award, for unique perspective and original creativity.

Brodovsky, Harvey S., MD/55, attended his class' 50th reunion last June. Following completion of residency and fellowship training, he spent his professional career at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia where he attained the rank of Clinical Professor of Medicine. A medical oncologist, he received house staff teaching awards in 1973, 1989 and 1994. In 1997, he received the Leon A. Peris award for clinical excellence. For over 20 years he was the principal investigator at Jefferson Medical College for the Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group. Now retired, he attends to his children's grandchildren, woodworking, to his golf game and to making custom-fitted golf clubs.

Kreutz, Hugh A., BScCE/57, was reappointed to the Leon A. Peris award for clinical excellence. For over 20 years he was the principal investigator at Jefferson Medical College for the Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group. Now retired, he attends to his children's grandchildren, woodworking, to his golf game and to making custom-fitted golf clubs.

Steinborg (nee Fruman), Sandra L., BA/62, is the Chief of Protocol for the United States at the United Nations in New York. She was appointed to her position by President George W. Bush in 2004 and currently serves under the Honorable John R. Bolton, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. Prior to her current position, Sandy was Vice-President for Protocol and Event Management at J.P. Morgan Chase from 2001-2003. She is a founding and board member of The Council of Protocol Executives in New York. Sandy, pictured with United States Secretary of State Condolezza Rice, lives in New York with her husband Maurice, MDS/62.

Sweitzer, Paul, BA(Hons)/61, is now at Stanford University in California where he has been elected away the last 40 years. He would love to exchange e-mails from Manitoba alumni who might remember him at sweitzer@stanford.edu

1960-69

Ashton, Dave, BSc/62, MSc/64, is pictured at Trail Crest, the 13,600 ft. peak on the way to the 14,496 ft. summit of Mt. Whitney, the highest peak in the lower 48 states, located west of Lone Pine, CA. Three members of a party of six made it to the top mid June 2002 and five of six members summited on September 4, 2005. Four members of this group also crossed the Grand Canyon rim to rim in 2003.

Cameron, Craig B., BA/74, has recently had a book published entitled, Born Lucky: RSM Harry Fox, BME, One-Day-Dodger's Story, (Vanwell Publishing, St. Catharines, ON, 2005), which chronicles the experiences of Harry Fox, a Queen's Own Rifles of Canada riflemen in World War II. Cameron has served as a Reserve military chaplain for 14 years, first with The Queen's Own Rifles, an infantry regiment with an active training and now with a medical unit, 25 (Toronto) Field Ambulance. He lives in Toronto with his wife, Dina. Padre Cameron has visited Namibia on three occasions, including the 15th anniversary of D-Day in 1994 and has helped to create a memorial kiosk for The Queen's Own Rifles at the Juno Beach Centre, Courseulles-sur-mer, France. He also runs an initiative called Rememberance Matters dedicated to preserving our past.

Cepulis, Dina, PhA, BSA/75, Extended Edu&co, was awarded the Agricultural Institute of Canada (AIC) International Recognition Award. Cepulis is recognized for her outstanding contribution to improving the lives of many of Africa’s rural people and in helping Canadian youth understand the importance of global citizenship. Cepulis has worked on a horticultural project in Ghana and has volunteered with rural community development and youth microenterprise projects in Tanzania with several NGOs in partnership with the Tanzania Society of Agricultural Education and Extension. She was recently involved in a Canadian International Development Agency-funded film project with Lark/Beach Productions that captured the work of various non-profit and church organizations in Brandon and area in Tanzania over the past 15 years. She also awarded the 2002 Marquis Project Global Citizenship Award.

Cowan, Elizabeth (nee Boyd), BPE/72. After receiving a BEd in 1995 and a Masters of (Adult) Education in 2000 from Queens University she worked for two years teaching ESL in Japan and then five years as the Adult Educator for Nunavut Arctic College in the hamlet of Clyde River, NU. She moved to Avuittuq, NU and is now working for the Government of Nunavut, Department of Education, as the Literacy/Adult Education Coordinator. Soon to semi-retire, she will settle in Kingston, ON and hopes to continue teaching ESL overseas in Singapore or China. Her three sons Tied in Singapore, Chris in Pembroke and Scott in Ottawa are all thriving. She also has two grandchildren with two more grandchildren on the way.

McFadyen, Dan, BScME/74, was appointed by Premier Ralph Klein as the new deputy minister of Alberta Energy, effective January 3, 2006. Previously he held the position of Chairman, Regulatory Affairs and Public Policy with the Canadian Energy Pipeline Association. McFadyen has also served as Deputy Minister of Energy in Nova Scotia and as Chair and Acting President and CEO of the Saskatchewan Research Council as well as in various executive management positions in the Saskatchewan public service.

Hogan, Len, BA/70, Vice-President of Labour Relations, announced his retirement. He was a founding member of Canada Safety Ltd. for a three-year career. His career began in Human Resources but his area of specialty was negotiating labour agreements for Safety’s stores, supply plants and distribution facilities in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Ontario. After serving as Director of the Labour Relations office in Winnipeg, Hogan was appointed Vice-President in Safety’s corporate office in Calgary where his family has resided since 1998. Retirement has allowed Hogan to volunteer with the Red Cross, the Mustard Seed and with the Knights of Columbus. He still services on two of Safety’s benefit plans as alternate, but his plans are to travel and spend time in Northwest Ontario’s lake country. Boating, fishing and golfing are high on the Hogan agenda during the summer.

1970-79

Render, Shirley, BA/64, MA/68, was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award by the University of Winnipeg at the 2005 Spring Convocation. This award is presented to a graduate who has exceptional achievement and who has demonstrated service to the University or community.

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Scott, Heather Jill, BA(Hons)/90, was awarded the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Aurora Prize 2005. The award recognizes excellence, creativity and originality in research and administration, as well as a commitment to sharing knowledge that enriches Canada's intellectual and cultural life. Scott was awarded the prize for her research project entitled “A Poetics of Forgiveness: Cultural Responses to Loss and Wrongdoing.” Scott plans to use the prize money to fund an interdisciplinary working group called “Creative and Conflict Resolution.”

Watkins, Christopher Charles, LLB/93, was recently appointed by the Governor General as Chairman for the Canada Pension Plan Tribunal. He continues to mountain climb for charity. Most recently he spearheaded a fundraising effort in support of the Red Cross for Hurricane Katrina by climbing Mount Rainier. Watkins has a 17 month old son, London, and a newborn son, Tristan.

Acht, Michael, BEd/96, MArch/04, (Master Foreign Studio at the Technische Universitat Berlin in Germany, 2001, was recently named Chairman of the Canada Council for the Arts’ Prix de Rome in Architecture for Emerging Practitioners.

Kun, Jason Michael, BES’94, MArch/04, was recently awarded Canadian Architect magazine’s Student Award of Excellence for his thesis project entitled AMP. These awards are given each year to architects and architectural graduates for buildings in the design stage and for architectural design excellence. Kun’s project proposed a primarily underground performance, assembly and cultural centre in the heart of Winnipeg’s historical exchange district at Old Market Square.

Brown, Michael, BComPc/01, and Natasha A. Armoogum, BIS/01, LLB/05, were married on May 21, 2005, at Westminster United Church. Manitoba, MB.

Marriages

de Guzman, Rikh, BComm(Hons)/99 and Debbie Pugman, BScEE/01 were joined in wedlock on August 6, 2005. They look forward to celebrating their love with the arrival of their first child in April, 2006.

Reynolds, Anne, LLB/93, married Derek McIntosh on May 7, 2005 in Toronto, ON.

Births

Bartlett, Kyle, BComm(Hons)/97, and wife Krisy (nee Wright), BComm(Hons)/98, welcomed their first baby into the world on May 31, 2005, a sweet baby girl. Avia Elii cabob was born at Pomeroy Hospital in Powaay, CA. She weighed 6 lbs., 5 oz., and was 19 ½" long.

Evenson, Scott, BIS/EE/90, along with his wife Carrie and son Tyler are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Kayla Aren, on July 3, 2005 in Vancouver, BC.

Gamble (nee O’Hagan), Aisling, BA/96, and her husband Steve Gamble are proud to announce the birth of their son, Keegan Jeffery, Joshua Curran and Connelly Dennis, on May 9, 2005 in Calgary, AB.

Hargreaves, Jodi, BSc/00, BComm(Hons)/03, and Brad Hargreaves, BPE/03, are thrilled to announce the birth of their second son, Logan William Hargreaves. Logan was born at St. Boniface Hospital weighing 7 lbs., 15 oz. A big thank you to University of Manitoba physicians Lori Bukovik for taking such good care of Jodi during her pregnancy.

Congratulations

Order of Canada recipients:
Stella jo Dean, BA/43, Member
Jean-Pierre L. Dubuc, PhD/70, Member
James C. Hogg, MD/62, Officer
Donald K. Johnson, BSc/57, Member
Bernard A. Oddy, BA(Hons)/48, LLD(Hons)/97, promoted to Companion
Donald H. Penny, CA/63, Member
J. Raymond Poirier, BA/73, Member.

Brent Deere entered the University of Manitoba to become involved in the Canadian film and video industry, but wasn’t deterred that the university didn’t offer a formal program in this area. Eight years later, he has been recognized by the National Screen Institute (NSI) as one of Canada’s promising filmmakers by being accepted into the NSI’s Features First Program. Along with collaborator Adam Simotuk, Deere is the youngest filmmaker to be selected for this program, which focuses on the training and development required to complete a successful feature film.

Swall, Watson Scott, BSc/96, recently moved to Virginia Beach, Virginia, where he is president and CEO of the Educational Policy Institute (www.education-alpolicy.org), an international non-profit research organization dedicated to the expansion of educational opportunity. EPI conducts policy studies on various education issues, including preparation for and access to post-secondary education, as well as the retention and persistence of students in the system. Watson, a former St. Vital school teacher, is married, and has three boys aged 7, 10, and 12. He is looking forward to seeing many of his old friends at Grey Cup 2006 in Winnipeg.

Through the Years

Oye, Steven, BComm(Hons)/97, has been promoted to Associate Director at UBS Securities (Tokyo). He works as lead trade control for the Japanese yen Interest Rate Derivatives trading desk. He would like to hear from old school associates: steves@tkm.att.ne.jp

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In Memoriam

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1920-29

Gulper, Myer, BA/26, on November 9, 2005.

Leong (nee Amies), Gertrude Mary, BA/25, LLB/30, on December 18, 2005.

1930-39

Allison (nee Fremming), Gena Elisabeth, MD/37, BScMed/39, on January 29, 2006.

Broser, David M., BA/31, on December 26, 2005. 

Coates, Kennedy J., MD/37, on March 16, 2005.

Cottus Sr., Winston Francis, BA/33, on January 9, 2006.

Eustace, Reverend Andrew Elias, BA/26, on January 9, 2006.

1940-49

Austman, Helgi Halldor, MD/37, on October 23, 2005.

Bruser, David M., MD/37, BScMed/39, on January 22, 2006.

Galpern, Myer, LLD/80, on December 18, 2005.

Hilton, Donald W., BA/36, BEd/51, on March 3, 2006.

2000-present

Desjardins, Melanie Nicole Marie, BN/01, on November 20, 2005.

Kowalsky, Elaine Elaine, DipArt/03, on September 17, 2005.

Soanes, Darryl Brian, BS/01, on October 20, 2005.

In Friends Memorial

Berry, Edmund Godfrey, Professor Emeritus, University of Manitoba, on November 3, 2005.

Browne, Susan Edith, BCom/Hons/81, on November 1, 2005.

Hendrickson, Steven, BSc/74, on January 14, 2006.

Hendrickson, Randy, BSc/70, on November 29, 2005.

Hendrickson, Helen, BSc/65, on December 15, 2005.

Kowalsky, Elaine Gloria, BS/01, on September 20, 2005.

Kowalsky, Robert Charles, MD/45, on January 15, 2006.

Landon, Helen, friend of the University and wife of the late Warden of and St. John’s College graduate, Ceci L. Candon, on January 16, 2006.

Minksy, Gerald K., BCom/Hons/71, on November 1, 2005.

Skeffington, Kristian Arnel, BA/88, on November 30, 2005.

Wright, Campbell Greenway, BA/72, on December 5, 2005.

Upcoming Events:

Idilater Legacy Society Luncheon September 14th, 2006
12:00 to 2:00 p.m.
St. John’s College, Cross Common Room

Ag Grads Invited To Cruise

In January 2007 the 1967 Agriculture Degree Graduates will be celebrating their 40th Anniversary and plan to start in January 2007 with a two-week Panama Canal cruise. Booking information is being made available by June 2006. All Ag grads are invited. The total cost per person for a balcony room on the ship and the transportation there and back including accommodation will be around $5,000 (Cdn). It should be a trip of a lifetime. For more information, see the Alumni Association website.
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