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Feedback



Dear Editor:

I just finished reading *OnManitoba*. I graduated from the Faculty of Social Work in Thompson in 2000, a sub-campus of the University of Manitoba. They were the best years of my life other than the birth of my two children.

At this time, I wish to thank the staff of *OnManitoba* for having an Aboriginal person on the cover page in December 2002. I was filled with pride. Bruce Miller's story was the first I read of that issue. I enjoy receiving my publication. Keep up the good work.

Elsie Sayese (BSW/00)

Dear Editor:

23 years ago already? It was with much nostalgia, and extremely fond memories, that I read your article on Joyce Fromson. I was one of the first PE students hired by Joyce to get the Mini-University program up and running. Everyone now knows the enormous success of this initiative, and I am so pleased to see credit, most suitably, accorded to Joyce. Her method of success was based on raw enthusiasm and an unconditional belief that it could work.

There were many children who have benefited from the vision of Joyce Fromson, but there are others, young adults like myself, who had that exceptional experience to be able to almost look through her eyes at the world and see its infinite possibilities.

With much gratitude and respect,

Kathleen M. MacDonald (BPE/80, MBA, CCSA)

Dear Editor:

I just got my copy of *OnManitoba*. Looks very good. Please congratulate everyone responsible.

I am not sure if you want to know, but I and my two brothers attended Commerce, as did both my brothers' sons. (Not having a son, our daughter elected to go to Vassar!)

Bob Rothberg (BComm/59, BComm(Hons)/60)

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Dear Editor:

There are still a few of us around—veterans who returned after the 1939–45 war, thankful for the opportunity to go to university that was out of our reach for most of us in the thirties. I was one of those veterans who dreamed of a career in statistics, created by that wonderful woman who pioneered statistics on western Canada wheat production in the 1920s and 30s, E. Cora Hinds.

I remember vividly several elements of university life. One was feeling old at twenty six when surrounded by youngsters right out of high school. Another was the village of one-room huts created for married veterans to live with their families.

I also remember two staff members, Malcolm Ross and Professor Hubble. Malcolm Ross, under whom I took courses in English, held a series of noon day talks where veterans were invited to share war time experiences. Professor Hubble (and I hope I have remembered his name correctly) invited students to talks on classical music. As he developed his comments and played extracts of Wagner's operas, I, for the first time in my life, began to appreciate music of this scope. It was a truly marvelous experience.

I thought current and past students might find interest in these reminiscences.

Frank Curry (BComm/49)

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PROVIDING HAMPERS FOR NEEDY STUDENTS



For the eighth consecutive year, students and staff at the University of Manitoba dropped loonies and other spare change onto “Loonie Lines” set up across campus in November and December. Coordinated by the Student Alumni Association (SAA), this fundraiser provided 100 food hampers for University of Manitoba students.

“It is surprising that there is a need for this kind of help,” said **Somer Kenny**, SAA President, “but the on-campus food bank says that they see eight to ten students a day—with about half of those supporting small children.” The project is also supported by the Alumni Association, the University of Manitoba Students Union, faculty student councils, volunteers from Campus Security Services, and the Enrolment Services office.

At the Arts Loonie Line (l-r): **Sandra Woloschuk** (BA/91, ContEd/99), Manager, Alumni Relations, **Tanya Procyshyn**, **Jo-Anne Thompson**, Coordinator, Alumni Programs, **Michael Trachtenberg**, and **Ashley Tolton**

HOMECOMING 2003

Mark **September 18 to 21, 2003** on your calendar for Homecoming 2003 events. This year, reunions scheduled to take place during that weekend include: Arts 1943, Arts 1953, Agriculture 1963, Commerce 1953, Education 1953, Engineering 1948, Engineering 1953, Law 1953, Medicine 1953, 1973, 1978, 1983, and Science 1943. *All members of the Class of 1953 are invited home for special 50th anniversary celebrations.*

The following reunions are also taking place in 2003 with most dates to be confirmed: Agriculture 1978, Dentistry 1973

(June 21–24), Dentistry 1983, Dentistry 1993 (May 22–25), Home Ec 1953 (May 22–25), Law 1993 (May 16–18), Nursing 1973, Nursing 1978 (July 18–20), and Pharmacy 1983.

This year, special celebrations will also be held at the Bannatyne campus including tours, receptions and other events for alumni.

Homecoming early bird discounted registration is July 30, 2003. For more details, please call the Alumni Association or check our web site, www.umanitoba.ca/alumni.

PROJECTS RECEIVE RECOGNITION

In February, two projects were recognized at the 21st annual Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District VIII Juried Awards Competition. The new alumni web site was awarded a gold in the Electronic Communications category for Alumni Relations Web Sites and Homecoming 2002 received a bronze in the Alumni Relations, Projects category.



A NEW FACE

Welcome to **Leslie Lyman** (BHEcol/96) who joined the Alumni Association in January as Alumni Assistant. Leslie is a maternity-leave replacement for **Holly Campbell** who gave birth to twins Tianna and Mason on March 4. Congratulations Holly!

SUPPORTING THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

In November 2002 the Alumni Association made a donation of \$3,000 to the Elizabeth Dafoe Library from the Alumni Fund toward the capital campaign. This donation demonstrates the Alumni Fund's mandate to support current students. The library is one area on campus that is accessed by students from many faculties on a daily basis. "An up-to-date library is integral to student success," said Jim Raftis (MPAdm/91), Alumni Association President.

GUEST FROM GERMANY

In January 2003, Sonja Atai from the Fachhochschule Bonn-Rhein-Sieg University of Applied Sciences was on campus with students for a competition at the I.H. Asper School of Business. One of her other roles is to develop an alumni office at her institution so she also stopped by Alumni House to gather information and meet staff.



Sonja Atai and Karen Gamey (BHEc/78), Executive Director of the Alumni Association.



2003 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The 2003 Distinguished Alumni Award will be presented by the Alumni Association of the University of Manitoba to a living graduate of the University of Manitoba from the class of 1978 or earlier who demonstrates:

- Outstanding professional achievement
- Significant service to the University of Manitoba
- Significant contributions to the community and the welfare of others

The award recipient will be honoured at the Homecoming banquet on Saturday, September 20, 2003. The award will be presented at the fall convocation ceremony in October 2003.

To request a nomination form, please call the Alumni Association at (204) 474-9946 or toll-free (in Canada only) at 1 (800) 668-4908. Nominations must be received by April 25, 2003.



NOTICE

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INC.
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

INVITES ALL ALUMNI AND FRIENDS TO ITS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 2003
at the University Club, Pembina Hall, 26 Maclean
Crescent, Fort Garry Campus.

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Out-of-Town Updates



Roy Dunlop (BA/52, LLB/56) of Toronto with Walter Gretzky



Sami Jo Small, Walt McKee (BPE/72, MEd/80), Bison Sports, Jim Raftis (MPAdm/91), Alumni Association President, and Coleen Dufresne, Bison Sports

TORONTO The Alumni Association together with Bison Sports hosted an alumni event in Toronto at Gretzky's Studio 99 in November. Approximately 120–150 alumni and friends were in attendance including Bison football players named to the All Canadian Offensive and Defensive teams that weekend and Team Manitoba, the winning Budweiser NFL Flag Football Team. Ruffled prizes included a number of autographed and game worn items donated by Bison Sports.

Other special guests included Winnipegger and Olympic Gold Medalist Sami Jo Small, and Walter Gretzky. Thanks to all who made the evening a success.

MINNEAPOLIS Emőke Szathmáry, President and Vice Chancellor of the University of Manitoba, and Jim Raftis, President of the Alumni Association, hosted an event at the office of Consul General Christopher Thomson in Minneapolis in December for alumni living in Minnesota.

Following a Canadian theme, Executive Chef Craig Guenther of the Delta Winnipeg volunteered his time to prepare a range of Canadian flavours, for the approximately 80 attendees. Complimented by wines provided by Leobard Winery. Comedian Dean Jenkinson (BES/91) brought a review of Canadian news. Door prizes were donated by the Manitoba Moose. A display from the University Archives added an air of nostalgia.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL-CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES RECEPTION IN WASHINGTON, DC APRIL 12, 2003



Alumni from the Universities of Manitoba, Winnipeg and Brandon are invited to travel with fellow alumni and see the world.

Departing October 12, 2003, travel to Tuscany for a 12 day escorted tour of Italy and see Tuscany, Florence, Assisi, Pisa, Rome and much more. Whether you are traveling by yourself or with a friend, single, twin and triple rates are available. Non alumni are welcome to travel with alumni. Arrangements can be made to depart from any where in North America.

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CELEBRATING A CENTURY



Alfred Deacon (MD/29) celebrated his 100th birthday on November 12, 2002 in Winnipeg with many friends and colleagues in attendance.

Diagnosed with polio at age 8, Deacon was attended to by Dr. Herbert Galloway, the first orthopedic specialist in Manitoba. "It was soon after that I decided to follow in Dr. Galloway's footsteps," recalls Deacon. Dr. Deacon received training in orthopedics at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, at the urging of Dr. David Stewart at the Ninette Sanitarium where Deacon was working after graduating from the University of Manitoba. After obtaining a degree in orthopedic surgery, he turned down several job offers in the United States and returned to Winnipeg to "be close to family and live in a place where there are four distinct seasons."

In addition to a private practice in the Medical Arts Building, he instructed in the Faculty of Medicine. **Ihor Mayba**



(BSc/52, MD/57, DipSurg/62), physician, orthopedic surgeon and historian, remembers Dr. Deacon the professor as "having a gentle voice which can be described as kind and soft, and always delivered a clear address. He was congenial and conscientious in serving the interests of his students and patients."

The atmosphere among colleagues at the Faculty of Medicine was also congenial. In fact, Deacon remembers hearing a knock on the door one evening at 10 p.m. while relaxing at their Lake of the Woods cottage. "It was Dr. Bruce Chown, Head of Pediatrics at the time," said Deacon. "They had traveled by boat, as our cabin was on an island, to pick me up. Sister Kenny, founder of the program to treat polio that bore her name, was in Winnipeg to demonstrate the technique to faculty and Bruce wanted me in town to participate."

Dr. Deacon retired in 1967 and still resides in Winnipeg with Janet, his wife of 71 years.

Special appreciation to **Gerald Bristow** (MD/64, BScMed/64) and **Susan Bethune** at the University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine and to **Elizabeth** and **John Deacon** (BA/64, LLB/67).

Pictured: (l-r) Dr. Deacon at birthday and as a student.

Alumni survey says...



With the assistance of the Private Funding call centre, the Alumni Association recently conducted two telephone surveys of graduates in Spring and Winter. The surveys involved a total of approximately 1,700 *OnManitoba* readers. Questions ranged from opinions about the magazine, feedback on Alumni Association services, to questions about reputation. Feedback from these surveys has already been incorporated in the magazine and assisted the Alumni Association plan for the upcoming year. The following provides some results of these surveys.

ONMANTOBA MAGAZINE

The surveys show that the most popular sections are: Through The Years, feature stories profiling graduates, news about the University and research. The annual faculty inserts also proved popular with 84% saying they read their

newsletter. Respondents also liked the magazine redesign. 97% found the new design easy to read (compared to 79% with the old design). Generally speaking, respondents found the new look more contemporary and engaging.

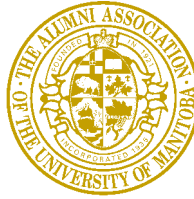
SERVICES

The most used Alumni Association services were: purchasing a University of Manitoba degree or photo frame, using the MBNA Alumni Association MasterCard, and purchasing a campus recreational facility pass at the special alumni rate.

ALUMNI PRIDE

Overall, 84% of respondents rated their pride in their alma mater as a 7 out of 10 or higher.

For more information about the survey, please contact the Alumni Association.



The Alumni Representative

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Board of Governors is comprised of 23 members including: 12 members appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor-In-Council, of whom three must be students of the University; three members elected by the Senate of the University; three students of the University appointed by the University of Manitoba Students' Union (UMSU); three alumni elected by graduates through the Alumni Association's annual election process; the Chancellor; and the President of the University. Members serve for a three year term and may be appointed or re-elected for two additional terms, with the exception of the student members, whether appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor-In-Council or by UMSU, whose terms are one year.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATION

The three alumni representatives on the current board are Doug Ward (LLB/69) (term expires in 2005), Wayne Anderson (BSA/63, MBA/68) (term expires in 2004) and Ian C.P. Smith (BSc(Hons)/61, MSc/62) (term expires in 2003). Each representative serves for a three year term. Ian is seeking re-election

EVERY VOTE COUNTS

Select one (1) candidate of your choice and submit your selection no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, May 23, 2003.

HOW TO VOTE:

- You are eligible to vote as a graduate of the University of Manitoba. Each graduate is entitled to only one (1) vote.
- **Your ballot will be received up to but no later than the close of business day on Friday, May 23, 2003.**
- Please don't forget to note your alumni number, which can be found on the mailing label of your *On Manitoba* magazine. If more than one graduate resides at your residence, you can photocopy the blank ballot and submit to the Alumni Association.
- Ballots will be counted at the Alumni Association on May 27, 2003 and results will be forwarded to the candidates and to the University Secretary.
- Results of the election will appear on the Alumni Association web site and in the August 2003 issue of *On Manitoba*.

THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO RETURN YOUR BALLOT:

1. You can vote in person, by bringing your ballot in a sealed envelope to Alumni House, located on the Fort Garry campus at 180 Dafoe Road. Hours are Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
2. You can vote by mail, returning the ballot to: Board of Governors Election c/o Alumni Association, 180 Dafoe Road, Winnipeg MB R3T 2N2
3. You can vote by facsimile, sending your ballot to 1-204-474-7531.

Martin Green, BSc(EE)/82, MSc/92



Following graduation, Marty worked as a project engineer for AECL, a mechanical engineer in a paper mill, and as a lab technician in the University of Manitoba Civil Engineering department. During those years, while completing his Master of Science degree, he began to form his views about the post-sec-

ondary experience. "I had always felt that something very important was missing." As a graduate student, he saw how important it was for professors to maintain a hectic pace of research publication, and how their interest in teaching sometimes took a back seat.

From his experience, Marty also believes that a wide gap exists between the content of undergraduate courses and actual practise in industry. He feels that as long as the University continues to focus its public efforts on simplistic solutions such as increased funding these real problems will never be addressed.

Marty is best known to Winnipeggers as the host of Cable 11's *Math with Marty*, which became a "cult classic" in the early 90s. Since 1995, he has been self-employed as Director of Benchmark Testware. His products include a series of pre-employment tests for skilled workers, which he sells to companies in Canada and the United States. Recently, he published a two-volume translation of *On Foreign Soil*, the Yiddish memoir of a young Jew growing up in pre-Revolutionary Russia. An avid pianist, Marty can often be heard playing on the local nightclub circuit. He is married with three children.

Ian C.P. Smith, BSc(Hons)/58, MSc(62), PhD (Cambridge)



Ian Smith was elected to the Board of Governors by the alumni in 2000 and is seeking a second term. Ian has served on Board committees dealing with pensions and benefits, the *Maclean's* magazine survey, and assessment of senior officers. He was formerly President of the Alumni Association of the

University of Manitoba and the first chairman of its Publications Committee, which rejuvenated the *Alumni Journal*, now *On Manitoba*. With Dr. Szathmáry, he cosigned the historic agreement which made all graduates of the university members of the Alumni Association with no fee. He is an adjunct professor of physics, anatomy and radiology at the University of Manitoba, maintains research grants, and supervises PhD. students in these departments.

In 1992 Ian returned from the National Research Council (NRC) in Ottawa to found and direct the NRC's Institute for Biodiagnostics, whose mission is the diagnosis of human disease by minimally invasive methods. The Institute has grown from 25 to 200 staff since 1992 and now has satellites in Calgary and Halifax. In 2004, a second building will open in Winnipeg for the incubation of small high technology companies. Ian has started six companies worth 80 million dollars. He is active in the venture capital community, sitting on several Boards of Directors and Scientific Advisory Boards.

Ian is keen to continue his activities on the Board of Governors, and is particularly interested in moving research successes from the university into commercial successes for Manitoba and Canada.

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CAROL SHIELDS HONoured IN VICTORIA



Chancellor Norrie, Carol Shields, and President Szathmáry

Carol Shields (DLitt/03), one of Canada's leading writers and a retired professor of English at the University of Manitoba, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters degree in a Special Convocation at her home in Victoria, BC in January. **William Norrie** (BA/50, LLB/55, LLD/93), Chancellor, and **Emőke Szathmáry**, President and Vice-Chancellor, traveled to Victoria for this event.

President Szathmáry said, "In the light of Dr. Shields' considerable achievements as a writer and as a university teacher who has inspired many, she clearly merits this honorary degree."

PRESIDENT SZATHMÁRY RE-APPOINTED

Emőke Szathmáry's term as President and Vice-Chancellor has been extended five years. She was first appointed in July 1996 and is the 10th President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Manitoba.

SMART PARK TENANT MOVES IN

ProfitMaster Canada was the first firm to take up residence in the new \$3 million multi-tenant facility located in Smartpark, the research and technology complex located on the west side of the Fort Garry campus.

ProfitMaster was the first of four companies to set up shop in the 30,000 square foot building. **TRLabs** followed in February. **Incubat**, a high-tech incubator, and **Transgrid Solutions**, a company that works on computer solutions related to hydro-transmission projects, moved into the building in March.



STEFANSSON HONoured

The late **Baldur Stefansson** (DipAg/49, BSA/50, MSc/52, PhD/66, LLD/97), known as one of the "fathers of canola" and one of the university's

most distinguished researchers, was recently inducted into the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame.

In the 1960s, Stefansson recognized the potential of rapeseed as an edible oilseed crop for temperate climates. Through traditional cross-breeding of several rapeseed lines, he transformed rapeseed into a crop suitable for human and animal consumption. Today, canola is Canada's leading edible oil crop. Grown worldwide, it is valued at approximately \$15 billion annually.

Following retirement in 1986, Stefansson was appointed professor emeritus. He died in January 2002, leaving behind a remarkable legacy to Canadian agriculture.

HONG KONG DINNER CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

On November 9, 2002, approximately 220 alumni and friends attended a reception and dinner in Hong Kong in celebration of the University of Manitoba's 125th anniversary. Pictured giving a toast are (l-r): **Rita Mui** (BComm(Hons)/82), **Emőke Szathmáry**, **Bob Raeburn** (BSc/64), University Liaison (Hong Kong), and **Ricky Man** (BSc/73, PhD/77). Also pictured at the reception are: **Stan Cheung** (BSA/69, MSc/71, PhD/75, LLD/91), **Anthony Burger**, Consul General of Canada in Hong Kong, **Emőke Szathmáry**, The Hon. **David Kilgour** (BA/62), Secretary of State for Asia Pacific for the Government of Canada, **George Reilly**, Emőke Szathmáry's husband and **Jim Feir** (BComm(Hons)/75), Consul General for Canada in Guangzhou, China.



REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

Last fall a professor observed to me that, “Cranes have returned to the Fort Garry campus”, and this pleased him because he had thought they had become extinct. My quizzical expression prompted a smile, and he added that he was speaking about cranes of the construction kind, not migrating birds!

Indeed the cranes are back, and serve as a daily reminder of the University's commitment to provide 21st century facilities for 21st century teaching, learning and research. The quality of the physical environment affects everyone who works and studies here, and with the returning cranes, has come a resurgence of anticipation that bright futures lie ahead. Pride in one's university has several dimensions and visual attractiveness, as well as functional utility of our buildings, matter.

The University of Manitoba's Fort Garry and Bannatyne campuses contain lovely buildings that pre-date the onset of World War I. Like grand dames they stand with faces and form looking a trifle weathered, with only their interiors showing the devastating marks of old age. The building boom of the 1960s produced other buildings that now have a ravaged stylishness, as one might expect after almost a half century of use. We have been so pressed for funds to do repairs and renovations of these facilities that – for well over a decade – we have been augmenting the provincial grant for capital expenditures with money from the University's operating budget. We did so, knowing that we were diverting funds from running our academic programs – but there were no other choices.

Well-maintained and up-to-date facilities for teaching, learning and research are essential to a strong university. Indeed, without good facilities, the quality of academic programs suffer, for who can work and study well to full capacity in buildings where roofs leak, paint peels on walls, floors sink, rooms are either freezing or too hot, and the electrical wiring of classrooms, laboratories and offices is inadequate for advanced computer usage. Today communication, computation, experimentation depend on electronic channels. Even incoming students are computer literate. This year we introduced a web-based method of registration; we provide hundreds of web-based courses of instruction, and demand for access to and proper maintenance of information technology tools and channels is ubiquitous on our campuses.

To assure that we have an outstanding environment for learning and research, the University has embarked on both large-scale construction projects and the more down-to-earth but equally critical renewal of classrooms and laboratories.

You can show your pride as a graduate of the University of Manitoba by supporting this work through the Teaching and Technology Fund, or by giving to one of the many other worthwhile projects that are part of *Building on Strengths: Campaign for the University of Manitoba*. We are counting on your support.

EMŐKE J.E. SZATHMÁRY, PhD

NEWEST CANADA RESEARCH CHAIRS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA BRING TOTAL TO



(l-r): Sharon Carstairs, Harvey Chochinov, Joanne Keselman, Allan Rock, Brent Schacter, President and CEO, Cancer Care Manitoba

Two more researchers at the University of Manitoba have been given the nod from the Canada Research Chairs (CRC) Program.

Harvey Chochinov (MD/83, PhD/88), Psychiatry, was awarded a seven-year, Tier I Chair in Palliative Care worth \$1.4 million in a November 8 announcement made by Industry Minister Allan Rock and Sharon Carstairs, Leader of the Government in the Senate and Minister with Special Responsibility for Palliative Care. In addition to the chair award, Chochinov received \$122,000 in funding for infrastructure from the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI). This funding will be used to support the creation of a palliative care research laboratory and an affiliated research satellite for the storage and analysis of palliative care databases.

Xi Yang (PhD/93), Immunology/Medical Microbiology, was awarded a five-year, Tier II Chair in Infection and Immunity worth \$500,000. Yang is investigating how allergic responses can be inhibited by taking advantage of his training and expertise in both allergy and infectious diseases. Yang is also working on the development of a vaccine for chlamydia, a disease that can cause blindness, infertility and possibly even cardiovascular disease. He also received \$125,000 in infrastructure funding from CFI.

RESEARCHERS RECEIVE KEY FUNDING FOR NEW INFRASTRUCTURE

Six new researchers at the University of Manitoba received almost \$600,000 from the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) to establish cutting-edge facilities. The funding was awarded through the New Opportunities Fund, a program designed to help launch the careers of new and talented faculty members.

John Hanesiak (PhD/01), Geography, was awarded \$159,962 to establish ground-based remote sensing for atmosphere-surface climate interactions in the Canadian Arctic.

Teresa de Kievit, Microbiology, along with **Michele Piercey-Normore** and **Anne Worley**, Botany, was awarded \$178,634 to establish biodiversity and environmental science laboratories.

Abdelilah Soussi-Gounni, Immunology, was awarded \$111,326 to study the role of white blood cells called neutrophils in allergic diseases.

Jeffrey Wigle, Biochemistry and Medical Genetics, was awarded \$149,454 to establish a developmental histology centre. These awards were announced at the Bannatyne Campus on October 18 as part of CFI's national release of competition results. Carmen Charette, senior vice-president of CFI announced over \$22 million in funding to 27 universities and research institutions across Canada. Joining her in the announcement was **Rey Pagtakhan** (MSc/69, MD), the Minister of Veterans Affairs and Secretary of State (Science, Research and Development), and **Emőke Szathmáry**, President and Vice-Chancellor.

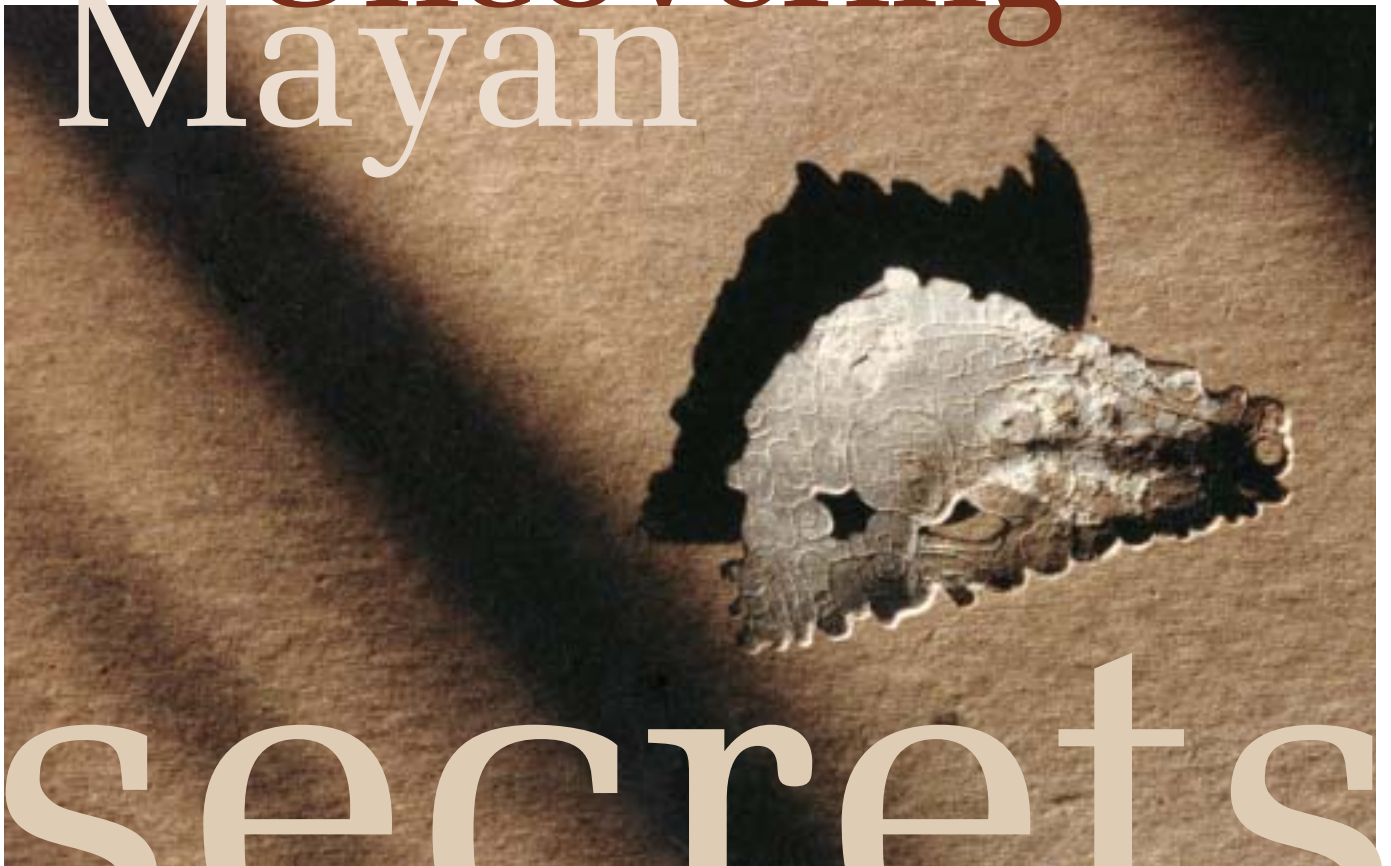
C.A.S.T. BUILDING COMES TO LIFE

By blending aspects of art, engineering, architecture and construction, the University of Manitoba has created the only research and teaching facility of its kind in North America.

The Centre for Architectural Structures and Technology (C.A.S.T.) building was officially opened on October 29, 2002 by representatives from both the federal and provincial governments, the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) and the University of Manitoba.

Through its concentration on architectural research, the laboratory seeks to expand the uses of existing materials and technologies through design explorations using a wide range of materials and construction techniques.

Uncovering Mayan



DOUG CANNELL (BARCH/49) DESCRIBES HIS LIFE AS FOLLOWING seemingly accidental opportunities. Understanding this premise helps to explain how an architect in Winnipeg became an expert on Mayan architecture.

Forty years ago, Cannell made his first trip to Central America as a National Vice-President of the YMCA. A side trip during some spare time introduced him to the Teotihuacan pyramids and to the mystique surrounding the Mayan civilization. He was hooked and, over the next decade, made many subsequent trips to the Yucatan Peninsula.

As his interest in archaeology developed, he established the Winnipeg Chapter of the Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) in 1978. Through the AIA, he brought renowned Mayan scholar Richard Adams to speak at both the Universities of Manitoba and Winnipeg. At an

impromptu breakfast with Adams, Cannell half-jokingly asked if Adams needed an archaeologist for his next excavation at Rio Azul, a site that flourished in the 4th and 5th centuries AD, and had been recently damaged by looters. Cannell was surprised to receive a letter the following week confirming his participation.

When Adams's funding fell through, Cannell was able to save the Rio Azul project by securing \$60,000 from an anonymous donor in Winnipeg. Cannell served as site architect on the excavation from 1983–85. The significance of the work was featured as the cover story of the April 1986 issue of *National Geographic*. Cannell has worked on other field sites in Mexico, Guatemala, and Belize. Over the past few decades, he has also hosted tours of sites in Guatemala and Honduras.



university building in THAILAND

WHEN RETIRED AGRICULTURE PROFESSOR LEN SIEMENS (BSA/48, MSc/60, MA/65) left Winnipeg in 1965 to help launch a new university in northeast Thailand, he wasn't entirely sure what to expect.

"The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) told us a few things – there were snakes and it was hot," he recalls. But as it turned out, no orientation could have prepared Len, his wife Olive and their four preteen daughters for the magical two years they spent in Bangkok and Kohn Kaen. Len was one of seven University of Manitoba professors from agriculture and engineering and one librarian who helped launch Kohn Kaen University in the mid 1960s.

"It was the first university-to-university project that CIDA funded," he says. "Actually, we were called Columbo Plan Advisors at the time because CIDA was not formally established until 1966," he adds.

Kohn Kaen is about 500 kilometres northeast of Bangkok in an area that was underdeveloped socially and economically. It was vulnerable to unrest from bordering Laos and Cambodia. The goal of the Thai government was to establish a university for northeastern students to provide more stability in the region. Under the terms of the Canada-Thailand Cooperative Agreement, CIDA contracted with the Government of Thailand for the team from the University of Manitoba to help develop the new university.

"When we arrived in Thailand we spent our first year in Bangkok because the buildings were still under construction," Len recalls. "Our assignment was to work alongside the junior Thai academic staff and help them become effective university teachers. We prepared lists of required laboratory equipment and materials, suggested books for the developing library, proposed layouts and designs for the academic and farm buildings, and developed curriculum. We also did some teaching. Each of us had several bachelors level students who were slated to become the first lecturers at Kohn Kaen University."

The most challenging aspect of the teaching, he says, was ensuring that the Thai students were fluent enough in English to take post-graduate courses at the University of Manitoba. Len's wife Olive and the other faculty wives spent countless hours helping the future lecturers develop their English language skills.

"When the first buildings were completed in 1966, we moved to Kohn Kaen," Len says. At the time, there were only two buildings – for the faculties of agriculture and engineering. The campus was barren and bleak with no landscaping except for red, lumpy soil that turned to mud in the rainy season and to dust in the dry season.

When Len returned 10 years later, he saw a beautiful, lush and vibrant campus. Instead of two academic buildings, there were dozens – student residences, a health science complex, a school of nursing, an education faculty and more.



Opposite page photo: Len Siemens (far right) and some of his University of Manitoba colleagues. (l-r) John Glanville, Herb Lapp, Marshall Gysi (BSc/58, MSc/64, PhD), Ed Dolhun (BScEE/56, MScCP/57), George Hodgson (BSc/35, DipEd/42), and Oscar Tonn who helped launch Kohn Kaen University.

“I hardly recognized the campus. It had very quickly become a full-fledged university. I found it very gratifying to see how it had developed,” he says.

The rapid development of Kohn Kaen University was also very gratifying for the Thai people. In 1989, they invited Len back to receive an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science (Agriculture) in recognition of the pioneering work he and his colleagues had started 25 years earlier.

Len looks back fondly on his two years in Thailand. “It was a delightful experience,” he says. “We measure our life Before Thailand and After Thailand.”

WAYNE DRURY

Since 1965...

Since the initial partnership with Len Siemens, the University of Manitoba has maintained a long-term relationship with Kohn Kaen University. Exchanges with agriculture and engineering continued into the 1980s. In the 1990s the faculties of medicine and human ecology participated in programs. In 1997, a faculty of agriculture delegation visited Thailand. Recently in 2001-02, engineering professors from Khon Kaen were in Winnipeg to discuss future partnerships.

The University of Manitoba has also assumed a leadership role in building partnerships with post-secondary institutions around the globe. Numerous faculties have participated in partnerships, often with other Canadian and international universities, in countries such as the Ukraine, Kenya, Zambia, China, and many others. In addition to these projects, the University is involved with many global student exchange programs.

QUICK FACTS

INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS AT THE U OF M

Total Number of Students at the University of Manitoba, 2001–02
23,618

Total Number of International Students at the University, 2001–02
974 (4.1 % of total student population)

Total –University, 1976–77 **1,137** (5.4 % of total student population)

Top Five Countries of Origin of International Students, 2001–02
CHINA, HONG KONG, MALAYSIA, INDIA, SOUTH KOREA

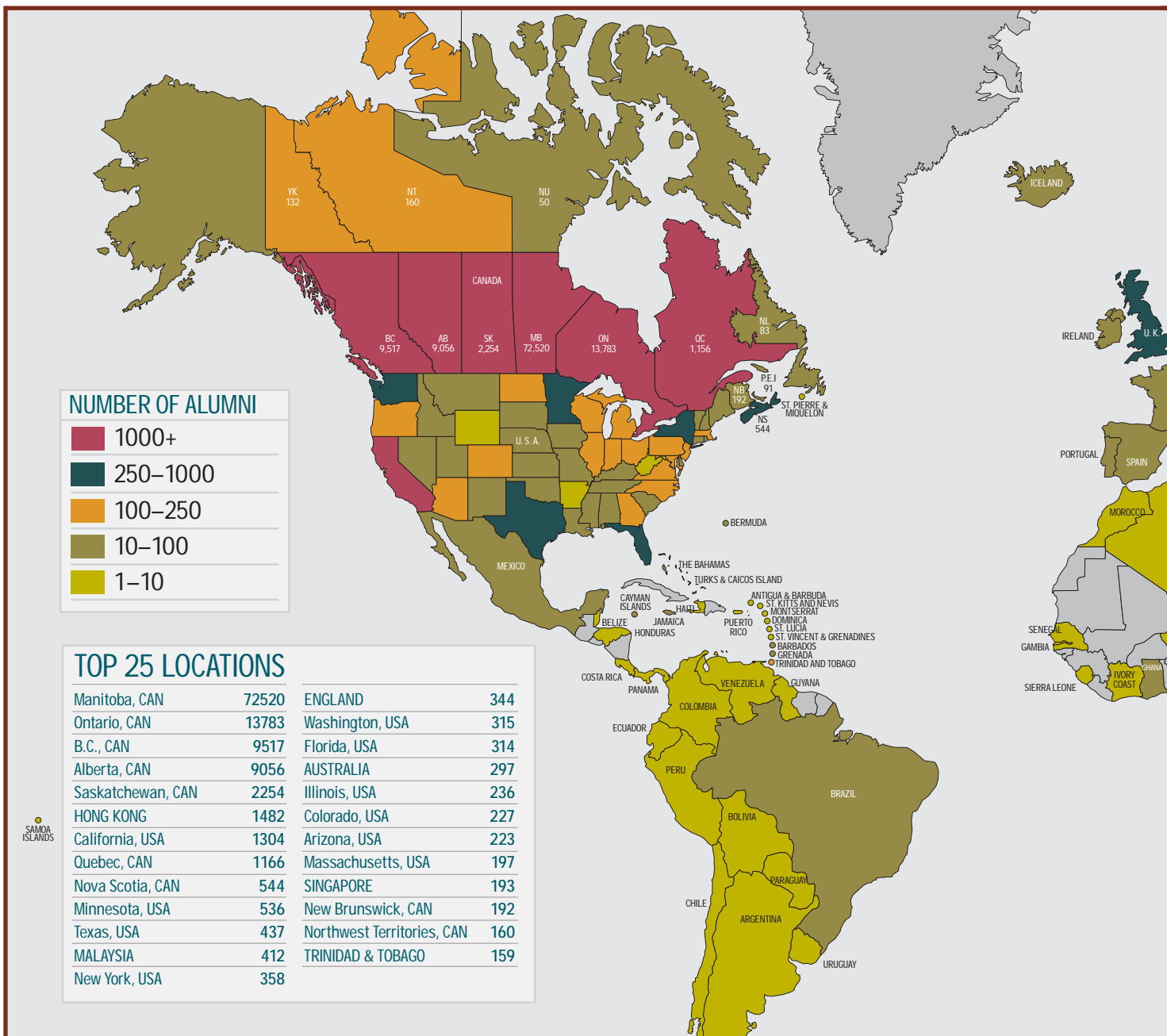
Top Five Countries of Origin of International Students, 1976–77
HONG KONG, MALAYSIA, UNITED STATES, TRINIDAD, UNITED KINGDOM

Number of Student Enrolled in Canadian Forces Program, 2001–02
752

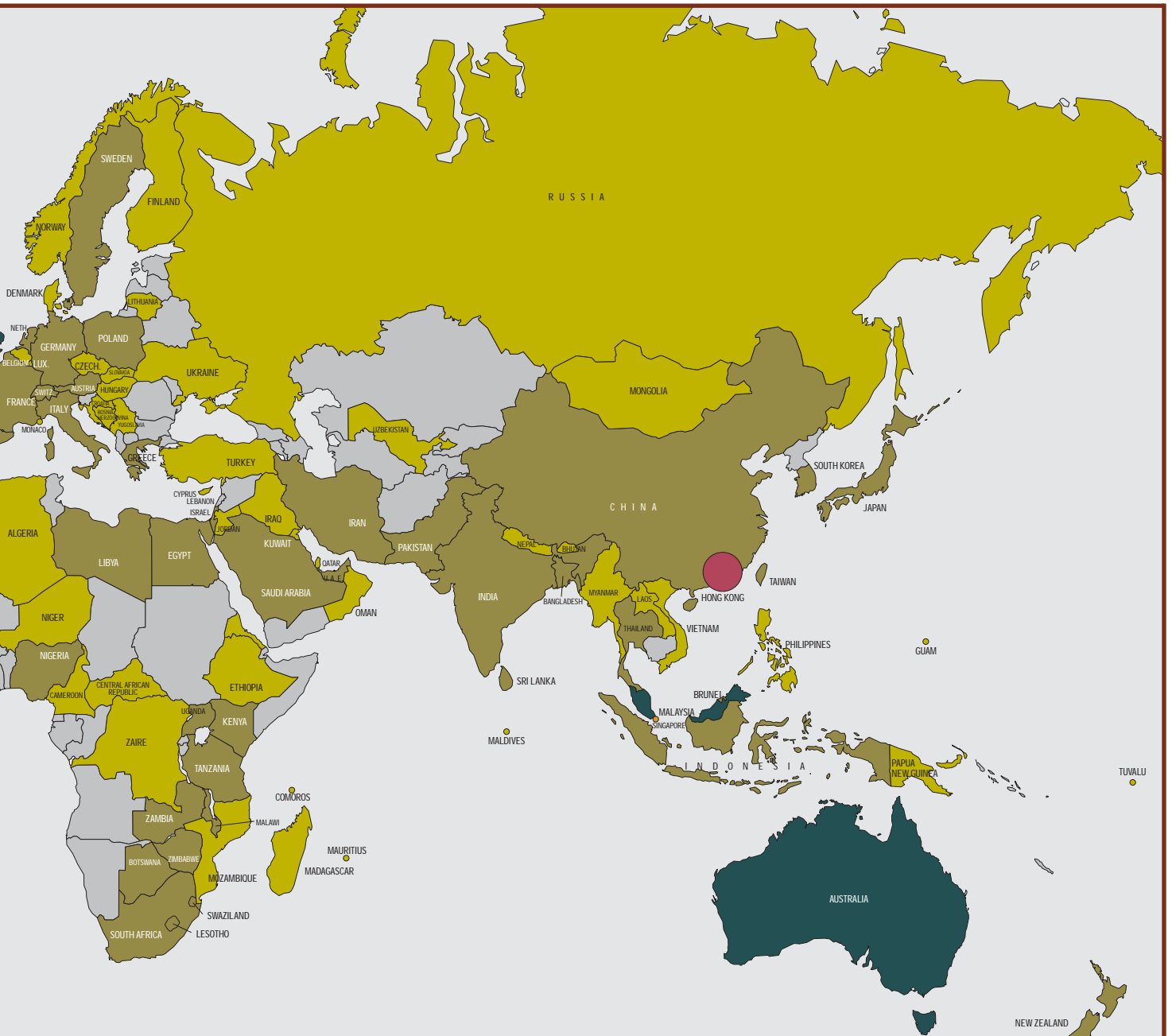
Number of Countries Where These Students are Located
11

Number of Students Enrolled in English Language Studies in Continuing Education Approximately
1,000 per year

alumni



around the world



CHALLENGING CONVENTION

What would you do if your doctoral research challenged its premise from the outset. For **Amin Rahman** (PhD/98) it was the start of a process that would change the way donor and development agencies implement and evaluate their microcredit programs.

As a graduate student from Bangladesh, Rahman was interested in exploring the phenomenal success of the Grameen Bank, known globally as being the first to implement micro-credit. Micro-credit involves using social collateral to provide loans to the rural poor to improve their quality of life and to encourage economic development. The success of the Grameen Bank with lending to women in Bangladesh served as a model that has been applied in other countries, including the United States and Canada.

Under the guidance of thesis advisor Ray Wiest, PhD, Anthropology, Rahman was preparing to demonstrate how micro-credit had empowered women and provided a catalyst for development in rural Bangladesh. After some research, Rahman believed that micro-credit was having an opposite effect. In most cases, women were

borrowing on behalf of a male in the household and often using funds for unapproved purposes.

For his research Rahman received funding from many sources, including the prestigious Guggenheim Foundation. His thesis was published as a book by Westview Press in 1999. After receiving some challenges, he began to realize that the results of his work were having a considerable impact. The Grameen Bank has since made changes to the way it implements micro-credit and development donors began to review their policies. His work was also featured in an article for the *Wall Street Journal* by the late Daniel Pearl. Today, Rahman is employed by the Canadian International Development Agency as a Policy Research Analyst to develop policies to improve development programming throughout the world.



HELPING STUDENTS ADJUST

Dean Smallwood, Charlene Wiest, Adam, and Jordan with Ruben Cázares



“The program has been well-received by both students and families in Winnipeg since it started in 1999,” says Christine Hildebrand (BA/97), Homestay Coordinator at the English Language Centre. “This academic year, we had 118 students in the program staying with 95 families.”

All Homestay families are carefully selected and interviewed before joining the program. Once the student arrives in Winnipeg, the family meets them and orients them to the city, including local services and bus routes. Once moving in with the family, students have full use of the household and are included in day-to-day activities of the family.

“Our kids are learning about other cultures first hand,” says Dean Smallwood (BFA/89). Smallwood and his wife Charlene Wiest (BA(Adv)/90, BEd/94) have hosted students from China, Japan and Mexico since 2001. “Though the students may look and speak different from ourselves, they have instantly become close friends and lasting members of our family. This experience has shown us that children do not recognize cultural barriers. It has been an invaluable experience for the entire family.”

For some students, adjusting to a new country can be challenging and intimidating. The Homestay program was designed to assist international students adjust to a new culture by providing an opportunity to live in a Canadian home while studying at the University of Manitoba.

HELPING TO COPE WITH DISASTER AND CONFLICT

Whether working in East Kildonan or East Timor, the theme that emerges from **Dave Hutton's** (BA(Hons)/84, MEd/93, PhD/01) work is helping people find a way to cope and develop strategies to resume their lives amidst war or after a natural disaster.

Currently working in mental health programming and analysis with Manitoba Health, Hutton developed his perspective at an early age. With his father working for the United Nations World Food Program, Dave's family traveled the world and lived in Turkey, India, and Rome before settling in Winnipeg when he was 11 years old.

Hutton's graduate work reflected his global interests. His Masters thesis explored the economic, social, and cultural adjustment of refugees in Winnipeg and his PhD research studied the impacts of riverbank erosion and involuntary resettlement in Bangladesh. His employment history includes working with the Red River Trauma team during the Winnipeg flood of 1997 and in Community Mental Health at Health Sciences Centre.

Over the past six years, Hutton has also worked on projects in Albania, Kosovo, East Timor, and Russia with organizations such as the International Rescue Committee, the International Children's Institute, Save the Children's Fund, CARE International, and UNICEF. These projects explored the



Dave Hutton (standing, fourth from right) in Bangladesh

psychosocial consequences of natural disasters and human conflict. They often involve assessments, program evaluation, and the development of project proposals which facilitate community recovery. Most recently, he returned from Ingushetia in February where he evaluated community-based and educational programs for Chechnians displaced by conflict.

LEARNING A SECOND LANGUAGE CAN BE FUN



Teresa Cordeiro (BEd/89, BA/89) is a Winnipeg high school Spanish teacher who has used her enthusiasm for language to develop a game to help make learning fun.

She developed her language abilities at the University of Manitoba before earning certification in second-language instruction from the Université de Montréal. She also studied

in Spain for several months and taught in Spain and Portugal.

Cordeiro saw a need for second-language teaching materials geared to adolescents and, in 1997, began developing a bingo-like game to help make the difficult task of learning verb conjugations easier and more fun. Instead of numbers, the cards for her game of *Verbingo* contain pictures of people

performing various actions. The pictures were drawn by Cam Hutchinson, a former student of Cordeiro's who is studying fine arts at the University of Manitoba.

Verbingo is currently available in Spanish, French, and English versions, and she plans to have it translated for use in German. Cordeiro says that her game fits with recent educational and "provides teachers with a new resource by which they can meet many of the new curricular objectives."

Some of her students have put their newly-acquired language skills to practical use. In 2001, Ruth Reimer (also a current University of Manitoba student) travelled to Cuba with the school band, and, in 2003, Cordeiro is taking 40 of her students on a trip to Spain.

For further information about *Verbingo*, please contact Language in Play International at www.languageinplay@yahoo.com.

IRENE GORDON



THE BASIC PRINCIPALS OF GOVERNING THE UNIVERSITY OF Manitoba Student's Union (UMSU) and a small nation are the same, says Trinidad and Tobago's former acting prime minister **Winston Dookeran** (BA(Hons)/66, LLD/91). "Only the scale is different," he explains, comparing the UMSU membership of 12,000 students during his term as UMSU president in 1965 to the 1.3 million people who live in Trinidad and Tobago.

Dookeran has fond memories of his life in University College residence. He says his years as an undergraduate in

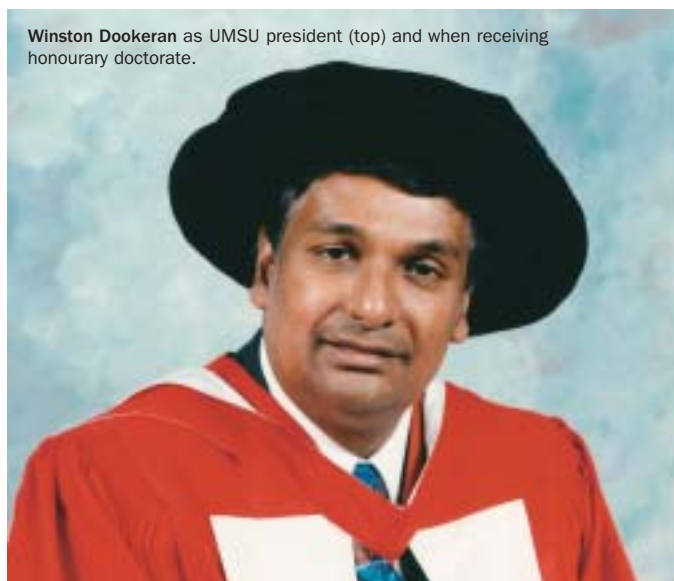
between the government and the rebels, Dookeran became acting prime minister.

First elected to Trinidad's parliament in 1981 as a member of the opposition, Dookeran became minister of planning when his party came to power in 1986 and acted as the country's prime minister on several occasions until 1991, when his party again became the official opposition. He was recently re-elected to parliament in 2002.

In 1991, Dookeran returned to Winnipeg to accept an honorary doctorate from the University of Manitoba. Among the many pleasantries of that visit was a walk through University Center – a building whose initial plans he helped negotiate.

"Those early days shaped my thinking, especially about making services accessible to all classes," he says. That lofty goal was one of the reasons he was appointed governor of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago in 1997. The most powerful financial position in the country, the governorship allowed Dookeran to support the liberalization of trade. "We must redefine freedom to mean 'freedom from political repression, freedom from lack of economic opportunities, and freedom from systematic social deprivation,'" he says.

Dookeran has served as senior economist at the Economic Commission for Latin American and the Caribbean. He served on the Board of the Leadership Council for the Inter-American Summitry (under the auspices of the North South Center), University of Miami, the University of California and the Institute for International Economics. He is a member of the Board of Contributing Editors of the Institute of



Winston Dookeran as UMSU president (top) and when receiving honorary doctorate.

USING GOVERNMENT TO EMPOWER PEOPLE

Economics and Mathematics prepared him well for graduate work at the London School of Economics. He is also proud of how, while president, UMSU joined the Canadian Union of Students to promote universal accessibility of higher education to people of all incomes. Dookeran adds that, during his time, the protests sweeping across the U.S. had not yet affected our campus.

But Dookeran's introduction to protest was not to come until 1990, when insurgents seized Trinidad and Tobago's prime minister and Dookeran, who was deputy leader of the ruling National Alliance for Reconstruction, as hostages. Released the following day to facilitate dialogue

Americas. More recently he was appointed chairman of the Investment Negotiation Committee of the Free Trade Area of the Americas. He is a visiting scholar of Harvard and was a Fellow of the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs.

He has published and/or edited in prestigious publications for institutions like the International Development Bank and Stockholm University. He has lectured, taught and written for the University of the West Indies.

Dookeran's wife Shirley is a distributor of international publications. Their son Navin is currently pursuing an MBA and Navin's wife Shalini is studying law.

CHERYL ARNOLD



ADVOCACY – TAKING UP THE CASES AND CAUSES OF THOSE in need – can be rewarding for all involved, and taking up charitable causes has been **Debra Slade’s** (BA/78, MA/81) aim since college. For her efforts, she was recognized with an Eckerd 100 Salute to Women Award in 2001.

Slade’s interest in causes began at the University of Manitoba. “My concern for charitable work started with my experience in student government. I realized that people are more effective when they believe in what they do. I also realized that I could be more effective as an advocate,” says Slade.

“I was the only woman in my graduating class of 1981”

She had majored in English literature but broadened her experience through a special leadership program. “In the 1970s, students and teachers were no longer the adversaries they were in the 1960s. And as UMSU President, I saw how a person could change things,” recalls Slade.

After graduating from the University of Manitoba, she studied law at Oxford University on a Rhodes Scholarship. It was at Oxford that she met fellow law student Peter Kent. They became good friends and remained in touch over time until they married three years later.

Meanwhile, Slade received a Bachelor of Honors in Jurisprudence from Oxford’s Magdalen College. “I was the only woman in my graduating class of 1981,” she noted. She had already decided to teach instead of practice law and

ed. In 1987 she became the first Executive Director of the Interstitial Cystitis Association (ICA), a non-profit organization that provides doctors and patients with data, programs, and most of all, aid. She remained the ICA’s Executive Director until 1997.

The ongoing need for funds prompted Slade to set up the National Bladder Foundation in the United States, of which she has been President since 1998. The foundation is now setting up a proprietary Internet site where researchers and physicians can share findings, post queries,



Debra Slade today and as UMSU president (top).

PAVING HER OWN PATH

spied a flyer from The University of Chicago Law School. “They had a special interest in Oxford graduates and offered a one-year Bigelow Fellowship. It turned out to be a wonderful opportunity,” Slade says.

In 1984 she took a teaching position with Columbia University Law School in New York City, where she had always wanted to live. But after the move, she developed interstitial cystitis (IC), a chronic inflammatory bladder condition that physicians hadn’t yet pegged as an actual disease.

Instead of succumbing to the effects and misconceptions of IC, she sought facts about and recognition for a disease that was unglamorous, little known, and even less support-

and aid in patient care and cure.

Currently living in Ridgefield, Connecticut, Slade also keeps active in her local community. At the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility, she works with inmates and their families. She also helped co-ordinate the annual Young Writer’s Conference.

This spring, Slade commemorated her Oxford years at the university’s annual Gaudy celebration. The experience should recall another Rhodes Scholarship criterion, that of offering “the promise of effective service to the world in the decades ahead.” The summons is one that she has answered several times over.

ADELE ANNESI

Dialogue

FRANK PLUMMER WADE GLEW



IN THIS ISSUE, FRANK PLUMMER (MD/76) AND WADE GLEW discuss global and local issues surrounding HIV/AIDS. Plummer, Distinguished Professor in the Faculty of Medicine and Canada Research Chair holder, is a world leader in AIDS research. Since beginning research in Africa in 1984, Plummer and his team were among the first to: show that HIV/AIDS is not confined to just the homosexual population, prove that those who had been infected with STDs are more susceptible to the virus, and link breast milk with transmission of the virus. In addition, he is Scientific Director-General of Health Canada's National Microbiology Laboratories in Winnipeg. Wade Glew, MD, is Director of the University Health Service at the University of Manitoba. After graduating from the University of Calgary, Glew has practised in the maritimes, southern Ontario, and on First Nation reserves in northern Ontario before settling in Winnipeg in 1991. Before joining the University Health Service, Glew worked at Klinik for six years. These experiences have provided him with first-hand experience treating AIDS patients and connecting them with community support networks.

IT SEEMS THAT AIDS ISN'T RECEIVING THE PRESS THAT IT ONCE DID? DOES THIS MEAN THERE'S A CURE?

FP: Not at all. AIDS is still the number one health problem in the world today and remains a pandemic, or global epidemic.

WG: There is still lots of HIV-related press in Canada but it often comes up in different ways, such as the safe IV injection sites being established in Vancouver.

WHY IS THIS THE NUMBER ONE HEALTH PROBLEM IN THE WORLD?

FP: Because the numbers are still staggering. Every year, four to five million are infected and, within five years, more of us will have died from AIDS than in World War One and Two combined.

WG: In some African countries, one third of adults are infected and life expectancies have dropped from about age 60 to just under 50 years. This disease cuts across all age groups, has severe economic implications, and is spreading.

FP: Think about the effect on a country where one half of the teachers have died because of the virus. Who is going to teach the youth?

WHERE IS IT SPREADING?

FP: Rates are rising significantly in countries of the former Soviet Union, southeast Asia, China, and Pakistan. And our team has just started a project in India.

WG: In Canada, we're noticing shifts in population trends with regard to HIV positivity.

WHAT IS THE SITUATION LIKE IN CANADA AND WINNIPEG?

WG: In Manitoba, there are about 55–65 new cases of HIV diagnosed per year. As of October 2002, there were approximately 975 HIV positive cases of which about 200 have progressed to AIDS. The populations with rising incidence rates are among Aboriginal peoples, IV drug users, and street youth across the country. The task in Canada is identification and prevention of HIV spread. The majority of Manitobans who are HIV positive are likely unknown because they have not been tested.

WITH PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND ADVANCEMENTS IN DRUGS, WHY ARE THE NUMBERS INCREASING?

FP: All of these areas experiencing sharp incidence rates exhibit the classic socio-economic conditions where the virus can flourish: high unemployment, relative poverty, marginalization, drug use, and prostitution.

WG: The effects are accelerated with an increase in travel and tourism.

FP: Many of these countries also lack the resources to pay for drugs to combat AIDS and to extend the life and quality of life of those living with AIDS.



Chandapiwa Mpolokang

APPLYING THEORY TO THE FIELD

A few years ago while working with HIV/AIDS patients in her homeland of Botswana, **Chandapiwa Mpolokang** (BSc (Human Nutritional Sciences/03) wondered how changes in nutrition might affect the quality of life of her patients. With a lack of nutritionists in Botswana, she searched the internet for a program that would fit her needs. After securing financial assistance from the Botswana Government and the World University Service of Canada, she was accepted at the University of Manitoba with a goal of applying western education to the context of her society.

With approximately 35% of Botswana's 1.7 million residents living with the virus and most unable to afford expensive drug treatments, one of the few factors remaining to explore is diet. In fact, most patients die because of hunger or problems associated with malnutrition.

Relatively little emphasis has been placed on learning more about nutrition and nutritional management, says **Carla Taylor** (BHEcol/84, PhD), Human Nutritional Sciences, and Chandapiwa's senior thesis advisor. With this in mind, Chandapiwa's research paper explored the relationship of vitamin A and zinc nutrition with HIV/AIDS, and specifically the levels of these nutrients in the Botswana diet.

Since her recent graduation, Chandapiwa has returned to Botswana as member of a team that provides nutritional counselling for patients and their care givers. This will also provide her the opportunity to further explore how changes in diet can increase immunity and provide longer and healthier lives for patients, she adds.

WG: The United Nations has asked countries to target 0.7% of its Gross Domestic Product to provide assistance to patients and for research and development. Unfortunately, these targets are not being met.

WHAT ARE THE ANSWERS?

FP: Our teams have been effective in preventing the spread of AIDS through a classic public health response of: identifying remedial causes, identifying at-risk populations, targeting interventions, and conducting public education. In Kenya, for example, we estimate that 10,000 infections are prevented if the rate of condom use by one prostitute in Nairobi is 80%. We are fortunate in that we know how to prevent the spread of the disease. The challenge is working with all involved to implement programs especially as the political will and available economic resources differ widely from country to country.

HOW FAR ARE WE FROM SEEING A VACCINE FOR AIDS?

FP: While there has been exciting progress made and some teams are conducting clinical trials, it will probably be at least five to ten years before such a drug would hit the market. Today, drugs are effective on only about one half of patients and the virus is becoming more resistant to drugs.

WG: And taking these drugs is not easy. They require a strict regimen and have unpleasant, sometimes dangerous, side effects. After a while, many patients stop the drugs because they don't want a daily reminder of what they are living with and, because treatments are palliative, the drugs have to be taken life-long. It really is a long-term process since latent infected CD4 cells can remain in the body for years, theoretically requiring as long as 70 years for total eradication.

WHERE CAN THE PUBLIC GO FOR MORE INFORMATION?

WG: One place in Winnipeg is the Village Clinic. There are physicians there who specialize in HIV/AIDS. Village Clinic is part of the Nine Circles Community Health Centre where HIV patients can access services and resources through Kali Shiva AIDS services. On the web, current information can be found on the Canadian AIDS Treatment Information Exchange website run by Health Canada, www.catie.ca.



“Teaching plays an important role in research.”

JIM FERGUSSON

(BA(Hons)/82, MA/86, PhD)

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL STUDIES AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CENTRE FOR DEFENCE AND SECURITY STUDIES

Further Graduate Study: Completed a doctorate at University of British Columbia.

Years Teaching at the University of Manitoba: 15

Area of Expertise: International relations and strategic studies, especially Canadian foreign and defence policy.

Before Teaching? As a youth, I traveled in North America.

Hobbies: With five kids aged between 8 and 18, I don't have much time for hobbies.

Community Activities: Coaches basketball for grades 6, 7, and 8 at St. Charles School and grade 9 at St. Mary's Academy. I'm also a member of the Free Masons.

Something Others May Not Know: In younger days, my prime interest was athletics and, in fact, I spent half a year in Southern California on a football scholarship.

What Excites You Most About The Future? There are several new major developments in strategic studies that will have wide-ranging implications for the utility of the armed forces. One will be the increased activity in outer space, especially with the development of rocket technology.

Most Rewarding Part of Teaching: I'm always learning things from my students. Questions or comments in class often offer a fresh perspective or a different way to approach a topic. To this end, teaching plays an important role in research.

Awards Received: Many including the:

- Dr. and Mrs. Saunderson Teaching Award for Excellence, 2001.
- UMSU/UTS Excellence in Teaching Award, 1996–97.
- North American Treaty Organization Fellowship, 1988.

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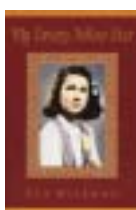
What's New In Print



SEEING RED DENNIS COOLEY 2003, *Turnstone Press*

Dennis Cooley returns with a new collection of poetry inspired by one of the most enduring figures in literature, Dracula. Written from a variety of perspectives and in modern and ancient settings both far and near, Cooley's words are a slow, eerie breeze against the skin.

Seeing Red is **Dennis Cooley's** twelfth book of poetry. Raised near Estevan, Saskatchewan, Cooley is currently an English professor at the University of Manitoba and resides in Winnipeg.



MY CANARY YELLOW STAR EVA WISEMAN 2001, *Tundra Books*

This historical novel for young adults recounts the life of a fifteen-year-old Jewish girl in Budapest during the German occupation in World War II and the role of a Swedish diplomat in saving her life. *My Canary Yellow Star* won the 2002 McNally Robinson Book for Young People Award and is shortlisted for the Rocky Mountain Book Award.

Eva Wiseman (BSc/68, MA/88, BEd/89) is a former journalist and ESL teacher of adults. *My Canary Yellow Star* is her second historical novel for young people.



FOREST FIRES: BEHAVIOR AND ECOLOGICAL EFFECTS

KIYOKO MIYANISHI AND EDWARD A. JOHNSON, EDITORS 2001, *Academic Press*

Forest Fires focuses on the chemistry and physics of fire to elucidate how it behaves and the impacts of it has on ecosystem function. Leading international contributors have prepared a didactic text/reference that should appeal to both advanced students and practicing professionals.

Kiyoko Miyanishi (BA/66, PhD) is a Geography professor at the University of Guelph and Edward A. Johnson is a professor of Biological Sciences at the University of Calgary.



THE LOVING SPOONFULS COOKBOOK CAROL SEVITT 2002, *Penguin Canada*

This book features the heritage recipes and life stories of 37 grandmothers who have appeared on the W Network television series of the same name. These profiles reveal their personalities, life stories, and passions and together form a cultural history of Canada.

Carol Sevitt (BA/68) teaches business at Ryerson University in Toronto.



DROPPED THREADS 2

CAROL SHIELDS AND MARJORIE ANDERSON, EDITORS 2003, *Random House*

Dropped Threads 2 continues in the same tradition as the first volume, celebrating women's voices as they break the silences they keep. It features fresh, beautifully crafted and original pieces by Jane Urquhart, Susan Swan, Shelagh Rogers, Michele Landsberg, Billie Livingston, Alison Wearing and Flora MacDonald, among other well-known Canadian names.

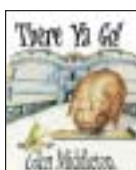
Carol Shields (Dlitt/03) is a former professor of English at the University of Manitoba and an internationally known author. **Marjorie Anderson** has taught writing, literature and communication at the University of Manitoba for the past twenty years.



THE BRONTËS OF HAWORTH: YORKSHIRE'S LITERARY GIANTS

DAVID HARRISON 2002, *Trafford Publishing*

David Harrison (BA/67, BEd/69, PBCertEd/01), a retired teacher, resides in Prince George, BC. At present, he is working on three other partly-finished manuscripts and has another work on Anne Brontë planned for the future.



THERE YA GO GLEN MIDDLETON

There Ya Go is a collection of humorous questions and observations compiled by **Glen Middleton** (BComm(Hons)/80) that's fun for the whole family. For every book sold, Glen is donating a portion to The Rainbow Society.

Through the Years



COMPILED BY HOLLY CAMPBELL (BA/85) & LESLIE LYMAN (BHEcol/96)

Deadline for submissions in the August 2003 edition is May 16, 2003.

1940-49

Caldwell, Elwood F., BSc/43, has had three careers— in the food industry, in academia, and in association management. After first graduating, he was a chemist for the Lake of the Woods Milling Co. in Keewatin, ON and Medicine Hat, AB, and for Victory Mills, Canadian Breweries and Christie, Brown & Co. in Toronto. By 1953 he had acquired an MA in food chemistry and PhD in nutrition at the University of Toronto and joined The Quaker Oats Co. in the U.S. as a research project leader. He rose to become director of research and development, gained an MBA from the University of Chicago, and played a major role in developing food products. In 1972, he was appointed to organize and head a new Department of Food Science and Nutrition at the University of Minnesota. Following official retirement from that university in 1988, he joined the American Association of Cereal Chemists (AACC) as scientific director and editor of its monthly magazine. In 1990, he co-authored a textbook on breakfast cereal manufacture.

Govan, Duncan E., MD/48, recently received the honour of “Distinguished Member” of the Western Section American Urological Association (AUA). After graduating from the University of Manitoba, Govan completed a PhD at the University of Chicago in experimental hydronephrosis. After seven years in Canada, he joined Stanford University in 1961. In the 1990s, Govan organized and directed a free medical clinic in Palo Alto, under the auspices of local Rotary Clubs.

1950-59

Dubowec, Walter, CA/56, is the recipient of the 2002 Lifetime Achievement Award for Chartered Accountants who have brought honor and distinction to the profession throughout their lifetime by continually providing outstanding service to the profession and the community.

Rothberg, Robert R., BComm/59, BComm(Hons)/60, was named Director of MBA Programs for Rutgers University for both their Newark and New Brunswick campuses in early 2002. A long-time professor of marketing at Rutgers Business School, he is responsible for nine different MBA programs for the University.

1960-69

Bender, Earl, MD/63, has been inducted as a Fellow in the American College of Radiology. Nominees are considered based on their service to organized medicine, their significant accomplishments in scientific or clinical research in the fields of radiology, radiation oncology or medical physics, their exemplary performance as a teacher and their outstanding reputation among colleagues and the local community. Bender is a clinical director of diagnostic imaging at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center and is assistant professor of radiology at the University of Minnesota, both in Minneapolis, MN.

Kilgour, David W., BA/62, has been named Secretary of State for Asia Pacific by the Prime Minister of Canada. He is responsible for relations between Canada and the Asia-Pacific Countries.

Ross, Arthur L., BSc/64, DMD/68, received the Distinguished Service Award from the College of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia in March 2003 at the Pacific Dental Conference.



Sevitt (nee Novak), Carol, BA/68, completed a year of journalism studies at Carleton in 1970, and obtained a MEd at the University of Toronto in 1997. She teaches business communication at Ryerson University in Toronto.

1970-79



Feir, James A., BComm(Hons)/75, has been appointed Consul General for Canada in Guangzhou, China. Previously, he was Consul in Hong Kong.

Lebrun, Marcel J. R., BEd/79, BA/82, PBCertEd/93, MEd/94, accepted a position on the faculty of the Department of Education at Plymouth State College in Plymouth, New Hampshire.



Appel, Brian, BFA/76, currently lives and works in New York as a photographer. After graduating from the University of Manitoba, he

obtained a MA in photography from the University of Iowa. He lived in Toronto in the early 80s where he worked as an artist and professional photographer before moving to New York.

Menzies, Robert, MD/76, was one of 10 family doctors selected by peers to win the Reg L. Perkin Award by the College of Family Physicians of Canada. The award recognizes one doctor in each province who provides exceptional care to patients in addition to making significant contributions to the health

of their communities. Menzies practises in Morden, MB.

Sekuler, Laurence S., BA/76, has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the National Tourism Foundation (NTF) in Lexington, Kentucky. Sekuler is group service manager for Flemming Tours in St. Louis, Missouri. A long-time supporter of continuing education, he has previously served multiple terms on the National Tour Association's Education Committee, chaired NTA's professional certification program, authored an industry textbook, earned five professional industry designations and taught tourism and travel courses.

Waugh, Richard E., BComm(Hons)/70, has been named vice-chairman of International Banking and Wealth Management for the Bank of Nova Scotia.

1980-89

Chan, Chong Chen John, BComm (Hons)/88, BA/88, and wife **Sim, Ley Ling Sharon**, BComm(Hons)/94, currently reside in Singapore. John is now VP-Equity Research (Technology) for Morgan Stanley in Singapore. Sharon has just completed her MBA from University of Chicago and works as Senior Product Manager for Singapore Telecommunications Limited. They would like to keep in touch with fellow Commerce graduates at email address: sql_99@yahoo.com.



Clare, Diane, BN/80, MEd/93, graduated in 2002 with an EdD (Health Care Education-Nursing Concentration) from Nova Southeastern

University. Her thesis was entitled, *Development of a web-based program for*

nursing students learning fetal heart rate auscultation at Red River College. She recently presented this dissertation at the "State of the Science Congress" in Washington, DC.

Hiuni, Dahn, BFA/87, BFA(Hons)/88, earned a Masters of Fine Arts in Performance Art in 1996 and a Doctorate in Art Education in 2002 both from Pennsylvania State University. He has presented solo performance works in New York City and across the U.S. and Canada (one of which was recently made part of the permanent collection at the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis, MN). Hiuni is a Professor of Art and Art Education at Kutztown University, Pennsylvania and currently lives in New York City. He may be contacted by email at: dxh156@psu.edu

Karras, Georgios, MA/85, has been working as an Airport Authority officer at Thessaloniki International Airport, Macedonia, Greece since 1988 after a two-year Greek army service. He is presently engaged. "I send my best regards to you all."

Kinal, Mia A., BID/89, MFM/98, recently joined Winnipeg's Victoria General Hospital as project manager for their major Redevelopment Project. Prior to her appointment, she was employed with GBR Architects as a designer and director of marketing from 2000-2002 and as an associate and designer with the LM Architectural Group /Environmental Space Planning (1989-2000). In addition, Mia is involved with several organizations. She had just completed a term as vice-president of the Professional Interior Designer's Institute of Manitoba and undertakes volunteer work with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet Alumni Association.

1990-99

Dolinsky, Jennifer N., BComm(Hons)/97, MAcc/98, is a Chartered Accountant working as a manager with PriceWaterhouseCoopers in Liverpool, UK. From 1996-2002, she worked for PriceWaterhouseCoopers in Winnipeg. She married **Yvan Russell**, BA(Adv)/96, on August 4, 2000.

Galloway, William D., BEnvD/96, MArch/01, received the Canadian Architect Award of Excellence for his Sougawa Elementary Thesis Project. More information on this project is available in the December issue of Canadian Architect.

Richthammer, John E.L., BA/96, is working on contract in the government records section of the Provincial Archives of Manitoba and researching his Archival Studies masters thesis.

Russell, Yvan I., BA(Adv)/96, is beginning a PhD at the University of Liverpool School of Biological Sciences.

MARRIAGES

Déquier, Maurice D.J., BA/91, and **Cynthia L. Stephenson**, BComm(Hons)/89, Cont.Ed/93, were married on July 8th, 2001 in Winnipeg, MB.

Déquier, Réal P., BEsSc/96, BEsA/99, and Berrina Bynum were married on October 13th, 2001 in Winnipeg, MB.

Rieger, Chad D., BPE/97, and **Janice L. Kowalski**, BID/98, are pleased to announce their marriage that took place in Alberta on August 4, 2002. Chad also graduated with his Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy this year from the University of Alberta and Janice graduated with her Master of Arts degree in Art History from York University. They are currently living and working in Minneapolis, MN.

Swift, Catherine Claire, BHEcol/88, and **H.R. Tschudi** were married on September 20, 2002 at their home in Vancouver. Parents attended from Winnipeg and Zurich, along with a brother and niece from Ontario. The couple is expecting their first baby in Spring 2003.

Births

Forster, Rowland, MNRM/98 and his wife **Jan Keith**, MPAdm/95, are pleased to announce the birth of their son **Mason** on January 7, 2003.

Pawley, Charysse C., BSW/96, and **George P. Mason**, BA/91, MA/97, announce the healthy arrival of **Katrina Nicole Pawley Mason** on November 4, 2002 at the Metropolitan Campus of the Western Regional Hospital in Windsor, ON.

Cindy L. Stephenson, BComm(Hons)/89, Cont.Ed/93, and **Maurice D.J. Déquier**, BA/91, are pleased to announce the birth of **Samuel Albert Stephenson Déquier** on September 17, 2002.

In Memoriam

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

1930-39

Bray, R. Wesley, BA/38, on January 23, 1995.

Eiler (nee Keith), Eleanor M., BSc/38, on June 5, 2002.

Garnett, Harold R., DipPharm/33, on December 6, 2002.

Hasinoff, David, MD/35, on October 17, 2002.

Jackson (nee Storey), Norah Phoebe Ethelyn, BA/35, on October 31, 2002.

Martin, Grace E., BA/36, BEd/46, on November 16, 2002.

Murray, Hayward G. S., BA/33, on November 12, 2002.

Pritchard (nee Tyndale), Zelma S., BA/36, on November 29, 2002.

Ross (nee Goldin), Rochel, BA/30, on September 12, 2002.

Singer, Harry, DipPharm/34, on November 22, 2001.

1940-49

Aldous, Alan G., BComm/44, on August 21, 2002.

Bell, Allison Ruth, BScHEc/48, BSW/49, on October 22, 2002.

Bray (nee McEown), Betty G., BA/40, on November 28, 2002.

Feldsted, Eggert Thomas, MD/44, on December 21, 2002.

Goplin, Doris Y., BA/44, BEd/58, on January 1, 2003.

Green, Clara Ruth, BA/42, on October 25, 2002.

Leggat, Lorne William, BSA/49, on November 21, 2002.

McKenty (nee Rait), Mary Webb, MD/41, DipPsych/74, on November 22, 2002.

MacKenzie (nee Grey), Greta Gertrude, DipSW/44, MSW/66, on January 14, 2003.

McRae, Kenneth N., BSc/48, MD/55, on January 9, 2003.

Midwinter, C. Donald, BScEE/44, on December 24, 2001.

Neal, Grant W., BScEE/47, on December 21, 2002.

Russell (nee Booth), Marian H., BA/45, on November 13, 2002.

Shell, Benjamin, BSc/48, MD/50, on December 7, 2002.

Sokolov, David I., BA/49, LLB/53, on January 14, 2003.

Winograd (nee Maza), Grace C., BSc/43, on September 20, 2002.

1950-59

Casey, Thomas R., BA/52, MD/57, on October 10, 2002.

Cook, Ferris H., BScCE/50, on November 13, 2002.

Ewashko, Theodore, BScEE/59, MSc/62, on October 23, 2002.

Glowacki, Julian R., LLB/51, on November 9, 2002.

McDonald, Margaret L., BSc/59, on October 31, 2002.

Metrick, Stanley G., BArch/51, on May 31, 2002.

Moffat, Robert E., LLB/52, on November 3, 2002.

Murray, Robert, BComm(Hons)/51, on March 5, 2002.

Petrinack, Nicholas F., MD/58, on September 19, 2002.

Proctor, David, LLB/50, on November 28, 2002.

Purchase, Gregory Richard, BSc/53, on November 20, 2002.

Sandstrom (nee Young), Catherine Lois, BSW/52, on November 5, 2002.

Semchyshyn, Cecil, BScPharm/56, on November 13, 2002.

Smith, Murray R., BA/50, BEd/56, MEd/79, on December 15, 2002.

Udow, Stanley N., BA/52, LLB/56, on November 28, 2002.

Wall, Robert Allan, LLB/51, on June 22, 2002.

1960-69

Anderson, Osmond T., BSc/62, BEd/67, MEd/77, on December 7, 2002.

Bauman, Tina, BA/69, on January 6, 2003.

Bjornson, Gerald R., CA/63, in December, 2002.

Blewett, James F., BA/60, CertEd/62, BEd/68, on July 14, 2002.

Burrell (nee Sturk), Irma Vivian, BFA/67, on December 13, 2002.

Friedman (nee Ross), Reva J., BA/62, BA(Hons)/63, on December 11, 2002.

Hanson, Robert John, BA/68, on November 26, 2002.

Janzen, Ernie, CA/60, on October 6, 2002.

Makowski, Michael John, BA/62, BEd/63, on October 6, 2002.

Martin, Frances L., BA/63, BEd/65, on July 26, 2002

McKenzie, Winnifred J., BA/63, BEd/66, on January 3, 2003.

Pye, Marion Elizabeth, BA/62, BEd/63, on November 11, 2002.

Ross, James W. F., BSA(Hons)/66, MSc/69, on January 2, 2003.

Roy, Laurent J., BA/63(LatPh), LLB/67, on November 25, 2002.

Schmidt, William E., BScME/62, on November 24, 2002.

Willis, Louise Isabelle, DLitt/65, on May 28, 2002.

1970-79

Braemer, Elisson W., BA/72, on September 24, 2002.

Brandson, Gilbert Wayne, BA/74, BEd/78, on December 7, 2002.

Broda (nee Kotelko), Margaret Elizabeth, BA/73, BEd/74, on November 1, 2002.

Burgess (nee Austman), June, BEd/78, on January 12, 2003.

Déquier, Albert J. M., BA/74, MEd/96, on September 6th, 2001.

Koop, Adelheid Else, BHEc/70, BEd/70, MEd/83, on September 18, 2002.

Matskiw, Alvin W., BA/72, BEd/73, on November 13, 2002.

Weiss, Shelley M., BA/75, LLB/79, on September 10, 2002.

1980-89

Asseiro, Denis Anthony, BSc/82, LLB/87, on November 1, 2002.

Eyolfson (nee Thomas), Constance Vitaline, BA/81, on December 8, 2002.

Hrabinsky, Donald Kerry, BSc/87, LLB/91, on November 5, 2002.

1990-99

Bahans, Devender Frederick, BA/93, on October 23, 2002.

Birt, James Taylor, BA/96, on December 5, 2002.

Tully, Krista Lauren, DipAgri/91, on October 18, 2002.

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Hong Kong-based global entrepreneur and philanthropist Li Ka-shing is helping establish the exchange program with a gift of \$1 million.

Xu Xiao-hu, president of Shantou University, said that students from Shantou University will benefit from "exposure to state-of-the-art clinical and research experience in a developed country." Shantou University is located in the city of Shantou, Guangdong Province, China.

"I see that while the transfer of technology and knowledge is important, the conscientious and meticulous approach to patients and to scientific research are even more crucial, especially for young clinicians and researchers," he said.

The new exchange program will give medical students in Shantou University and the University of

Manitoba the opportunity to share views in terms of both academic and cultural experiences.

Through the program, researchers from both institutions will also work together on research projects.

Patrick Choy, associate dean (research) in the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Medicine, said that Manitoba students will get a sense of how medicine is practiced in other parts of the world.

"This program offers our students a chance to learn something they would not learn here," he said.

"The Western medicine we are teaching at the University of Manitoba is only one facet. There are other types of medicine which are equally important," said Choy, adding that students participating in the exchange will study traditional Chinese medicine and acupuncture.

Founded in 1981 by Li Ka-shing, Shantou University consists of eight schools and colleges with 7,000 students. Programs include liberal arts, science, engineering, medicine, law, business, art and adult education.

While Shantou University Medical College has participated in a number of such academic collaborations, this is the first one with a Canadian university.

Two students from each university will participate in the exchange each year. The first student from Shantou University is scheduled to visit the University of Manitoba in Fall 2003. The exchange program will also increase the research strength of both institutions by periodically bringing researchers to their partner university.

Choy is confident successful research collaborations will emerge once students and faculty from the two universities begin working together.

"It's not difficult to find areas of common interest," he said. "To get to know each other is the first step."



Li Ka-shing (centre) at the Joint Shantou International Eye Center, an affiliated hospital of Shantou University Medical College.



Manitoba Premier Gary Doer, Hartley Richardson, President Emőke Szathmáry and Winnipeg Mayor Glen Murray talk following the \$7-million gift announcement by the Richardson family on January 30.

\$7-Million Richardson Gift a Catalyst for Development

Hartley Richardson (BCommHons/77), speaking to a packed audience of over 200 students, faculty and guests in the Agriculture Auditorium on January 30, announced \$7 million in new gifts to the university from Winnipeg's Richardson family.

"The University of Manitoba and the Richardson Family have enjoyed a long and positive relationship," said Richardson, president and chief executive officer of James Richardson & Sons, Limited. "We are very pleased to continue our support and our association with the University of Manitoba, to help them realize their goal to build a strong future for education in Manitoba."

The Richardsons have been at the centre of Manitoba's business community for over a century, establishing themselves first as leaders in the western Canadian grain trade.

Their \$7-million gift becomes the catalyst for development at the university. The gift supports five areas, including: the Centre for Music, Art and Design; the Richardson Centre for Functional Foods and Nutraceuticals; the Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice at St. Paul's College; the VIP (Valuing Icelandic Presence) Millennium Campaign; and the JRI (James Richardson International) Auditorium.

"For several generations the Richardsons have provided outstanding leadership in the development of our city and province, and its educational and cultural institutions. With the new support to the University of Manitoba announced today, the Richardson family is again backing our university's commitment to provide a first-class education to

our students and to undertake research of immense significance in key areas of the arts and sciences," said Emőke Szathmáry, president and vice-chancellor.

In recognition of the ongoing support to the university by James Richardson & Sons, Limited, President Szathmáry announced the naming of the Richardson Centre for Functional Foods and Nutraceuticals.

The \$25-million dollar research facility is targeted to open in the fall of 2004 in the university's SmartPark. In addition, James Richardson International's support of the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences was recognized by the naming of the JRI Auditorium, a 200-seat lecture hall in the Agriculture Building, which will be refurbished through a gift from the company.

Premier Gary Doer and Winnipeg Mayor Glen Murray and both paid tribute to the family's generosity to the university.

"This investment is a magnificent example of community leadership by the Richardson family that builds upon other strong contributions by community leaders and the provincial government," said Doer. "This type of leadership and commitment to post-secondary education in our province is critical to building an economic strategy of hope by increasing opportunities for the future."

David Friesen (BA/69), chair of *Building on Strengths*, added his thanks for the gift.

"Through their strong support for the university, the Richardson family is acknowledging the central role of the University of Manitoba in our province," he said.

An enduring relationship with the university

The January 30 gift announcement by the Richardson family builds on several generations of support for the University of Manitoba, which is also *alma mater* to a number of family members.

In turn, the university has publicly recognized the achievements of members of the Richardson family on at least four earlier occasions through the granting of an honorary degree:

- In 1958, to Muriel Richardson, who became president of James Richardson & Sons in 1939 after the death of her husband, James Richardson. Three of James and Muriel Richardson's four children have also received honorary degrees from the university.
- In 1969 to George T. Richardson (BComm/46), who succeeded his mother Muriel as president of James Richardson & Sons, and served as chair of the university's Board of Governors from 1960 to 1964.
- In 1989 to Kathleen Richardson (BA/49).
- In 1992 to Agnes Richardson Benidickson.

Alumni help launch architecture capital campaign



“Our major initiative is to become a world-class leader in design excellence,” architecture dean and the faculty campaign’s co-chair David Witty told an audience of graduates and industry representatives on hand for the architecture campaign launch on October 29 in the John A. Russell Building. “We are a strong faculty but we want to be better.”

The architecture campaign, *Building on Strengths for World Class Design Excellence*, part of the university’s overall campaign, has already raised \$3.8 million towards an \$11.1 million campaign goal.

That goal is split between three areas: student support and enrichment, built environment research and advanced facilities and technology, including the Centre for Music, Art and Design.

Joining Witty at the podium was capital campaign co-chair and president of Winnipeg-based GBR Architects, John Petersmeyer (BArch/69). While Witty presented the faculty’s goals and reasons for embarking on a capital campaign, Petersmeyer supplied the reasons why people should want to get involved.

The faculty’s graduates are at the centre of the architecture profession in Manitoba, as well as being part of high-profile projects around the world. With the quality of graduates continuing to emerge from the faculty, Petersmeyer said it makes sense for donors to support the campaign.

“Why is a stronger faculty important to me?” Petersmeyer asked. “Because it strengthens my degree and the degrees of my colleagues. We look to this faculty as our base.”

University of Manitoba Architecture grads have played key roles in major and innovative projects around the world. One of these notable grads is Harry Seidler (BArch/44), whose Sydney, Australia firm Harry Seidler & Associates has designed buildings in Australia, South East Asia, Central America and Europe. Pictured here is the Hochhaus Neue Donau apartment complex in Vienna, Austria.

Swiss donor supports freshwater science

A Swiss eyeglass manufacturer who studied briefly at the University of Manitoba 25 years ago has donated \$20,000 to a freshwater science program he says changed his life.

Peter Müller, who operates Knecht & Müller SA in the northeast of Switzerland, directed the money to the Experimental Lakes Area (ELA) Graduate Fellowship Fund at the University of Manitoba. The fund now holds approximately \$400,000, and provides four awards per year.

In 1977, Müller pursued a postdoctoral fellowship in limnology—the study of lakes and other fresh waters—at the ELA. While he could have gone anywhere in the world, he chose the University of Manitoba because of its expertise and unique research opportunities, he said. “It was the greatest year for me and my wife.”

Since then, Müller has visited the University of Manitoba several times, and his brother and his eldest daughter have spent summers at the ELA as volunteers.

In few other places can scientists study freshwater lakes in their natural state or through decades-long experiments to understand global threats to the environment. For more than 30 years, researchers from the University of Manitoba and the federal government’s Freshwater Institute, located at the Fort Garry campus, have been monitoring the impact of human activities on the 58 small lakes and terrestrial watersheds that make up the ELA in northwestern Ontario.

They develop strategies to preserve and restore these ecosystems, and promote environmental conservation. In 2002, more than 200 researchers from at least 30 different universities, government agencies and companies worked on site.



An aerial view of some of the Experimental Lakes Area, 58 small lakes in northwestern Ontario designated for research use through a federal-provincial agreement

While here, Müller and colleagues observed the effects of acid rain. Although Müller later veered away from an academic career, his experience at ELA has influenced the way he runs his business. At Knecht & Müller, protecting the environment is one of the most important objectives and a task for all staff. As a result, the company exceeds legal requirements for managing the environment.

Over the years Müller has donated thousands of dollars to natural science faculties in Manitoba and Switzerland to support environmental research. “My money is part of a repair cost to nature,” he said.

John Shearer, ELA operations manager, is a long-time friend of Müller. “The kinds of donations he’s made are significant to building up the [ELA Graduate Fellowship] fund,” said Shearer.



Erin Paul (BSW/02) received the Louis Riel Bursary as a student in Social Work.

Metis student awards promote access

In April 2000, the Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF), through the Louis Riel Institute, donated \$200,000 to establish an endowment fund at the University of Manitoba. With a matched contribution from the Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative, the fund provides bursaries to students of Metis status. The first Louis Riel Bursaries were offered in fall 2000.

Last year, the MMF gave an additional \$200,000 to strengthen the bursary fund.

“We always talk about the brain drain in this country,” said David Chartrand, president of the MMF. “But we have many great future leaders out there who aren’t getting the benefit of a university education, simply because they can’t afford it.”

The Louis Riel Bursary is designed to attract and retain Metis students who might not otherwise be able to afford a university education. The bursaries are awarded based on financial need and satisfactory academic performance.

Business leader pays tribute to value of Arts education

Jim Burns (BComm/51, LLD/87), recently retired deputy chairman of the Power Corporation of Canada and chairman of the Great-West Life Assurance Company, has given \$500,000 to support history students. Combined with \$200,000 from the Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative, the gift establishes four new fellowships for PhD and master’s students. Burns has also given an additional gift of \$20,000 to make sure the awards go ahead as soon as possible.

“We’ve got the faculty resources. We’ve got the archival resources to support graduate students. But we’ve always had to scramble for financial resources to support students,” said history department head Mary Kinnear. “This creates a very real recruitment strategy to reward the students who really want to be here, but have been attracted to other institutions because of funding.”

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LIKE IT WAS YESTERDAY

WHILE UNPACKING SOME NEGLECTED BOXES OF MY FAVOURITE junk the other day I found an old black and white photo that made me smile and begin to reminisce.

The photo was taken in 1989 by Scott Godfrey (BFA/89), a colleague when I was editor of the *Manitoban*. It shows the winter sun streaming in the windows of our offices at Room 118 University Centre. The staff is in a whirl of activity that is so familiar to anyone who has worked at a newspaper.

Look closely and you can see the IBM Selectric typewriter I wrote my first article on.

At the centre of the image are younger versions of me, Dave Bieber (BA/89) and Shaun Best (BSC/96, BEd/97). It is a grainy freeze frame, 14 years ago, but I remember the scene as if it was yesterday. There's Shaun, one of the most brilliant photographers I've ever met. He later became a pro shooter with the *Winnipeg Sun* and Reuters in Montreal. Shaun used to drive my co-editor Brian Bohunicky (BA(Hons)/88) into fits of frustration with his less than punctual efforts. On Sunday production nights we would be impatiently waiting for Shaun to deliver his photos for the Monday edition. The evenings wore on and deadline marched closer, but still no Shaun. Just when I thought Brian was going to explode, ('Doug, we need to talk', he used to say), Shaun would wander in the door and drop photos in front of us that were always on the better side of amazing. We modestly laid claim to being the best-looking paper in the country.

Dave, whom I have not seen since he went east for graduate school, is reading a copy of the *Winnipeg Free Press* in the photo – the entertainment section, of course, because that is the kind of guy Dave was. He had a sense of humour that could bring a smile to my face on the most miserable of days. He also had a way of spinning the written word into gold that makes me jealous to this day.

I remember the way Dave's eyes lit up when I called him into my office and told him we had "discovered" the Faculty of Agriculture had a cow with openings in its side so students could reach in and take samples of partially digested muck from the various stomachs. The holes were surgically inserted and had plastic tops so they could be resealed. Dave was on the story like a vulture on a fresh kill.

The next day the headline in big, black, bold type across the front page of the *Manitoban* read: "Holy Cow!" (Complete with a Shaun photo of a professor with his arm stuffed up to the elbow into the side of a cow.) It may not have been the finest piece of journalism to grace the pages of the newspaper but our readers grabbed up that issue in record time.

Shaun and Dave are just two of the remarkable people I met while at the *Manitoban*, many of whom, like me, used the paper as a springboard into careers as journalists. Others from the staff of 1988–89 went on to equally important endeavors. The previously mentioned Brian Bohunicky is perhaps the most accomplished of us all, leaving the U of M for a Rhodes Scholarship and the hockey squad at Oxford.

Brian loved journalism and passionately wanted to write editorials for the *Free Press*. When that didn't work out he went on to become a key strategist for the federal Liberal Party.

I was recently asked what about my time at the U of M had most shaped who I am today. Seeing this faded black and white photo of Shaun and Dave and thinking ever so fondly about my days at the *Manitoban* provided the answer.

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(l-r): Dave Bieber (foreground), Shaun Best, Doug Nairne.

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