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**Your tag line: “Connecting Alumni and Friends of the U of M” is exemplified by your December 2009 issue.**

Whilst a graduate student at the U of M, I was a tenant in the basement room of Darlene and Chau’s home in the early 1990s. Even then Chau came across as a simple, warm child with an inner core of determination and grit. She is a gifted piano player and would enthrall us with melodious strains of classic numbers. And above it all was the benevolent presence of Darlene. I would like Darlene and Chau to know that if they ever pass through Mumbai, India, they have one more home to connect with. Thomas Fricke’s cover photograph is a perfect study in portrait photography.

**G.S.K. Rao [PhD/95]**

## Hello

I have just returned to my home in Niagara on the Lake after a year in Vancouver. Going through the large stack of mail I came across the *On Manitoba* magazine. I was interested in reading about some of the alumni connections to Vancouver 2010. Here are a few more.

The first one is my connection.

I was Production Designer for the opening and closing ceremonies. My work on the ceremonies spanned nearly two years and I was in residence in Vancouver for most of the past year.

The second connection. Shortly before the opening ceremony, I returned to my desk in B.C. Place one day to find a note on my computer saying one of the volunteer drivers was trying to contact me. Long story short it was Ellen Collison, another U of M BID grad



now retired and volunteering her time driving the headline talent for the ceremonies. Schedules as they were with the imminent opening, we were unable to meet.

The third connection. Just after the opening ceremony I received word from my good friend Debbie Gilbertson (nee Dreger) from Edmonton. (We met at the U of M as well and have remained close friends). She and her husband Ron Gilbertson [MA/77] were coming to Vancouver for the Olympics. Another long story short, I was finally able to find a free evening and met Debbie and Ellen for dinner. We had not all been together since our graduation in 1976. It was a delightful evening. In some ways none of us had changed...but an evening was not enough to catch up on 34 years! Both Debbie and Ellen are retired now after successful careers as interior designers.

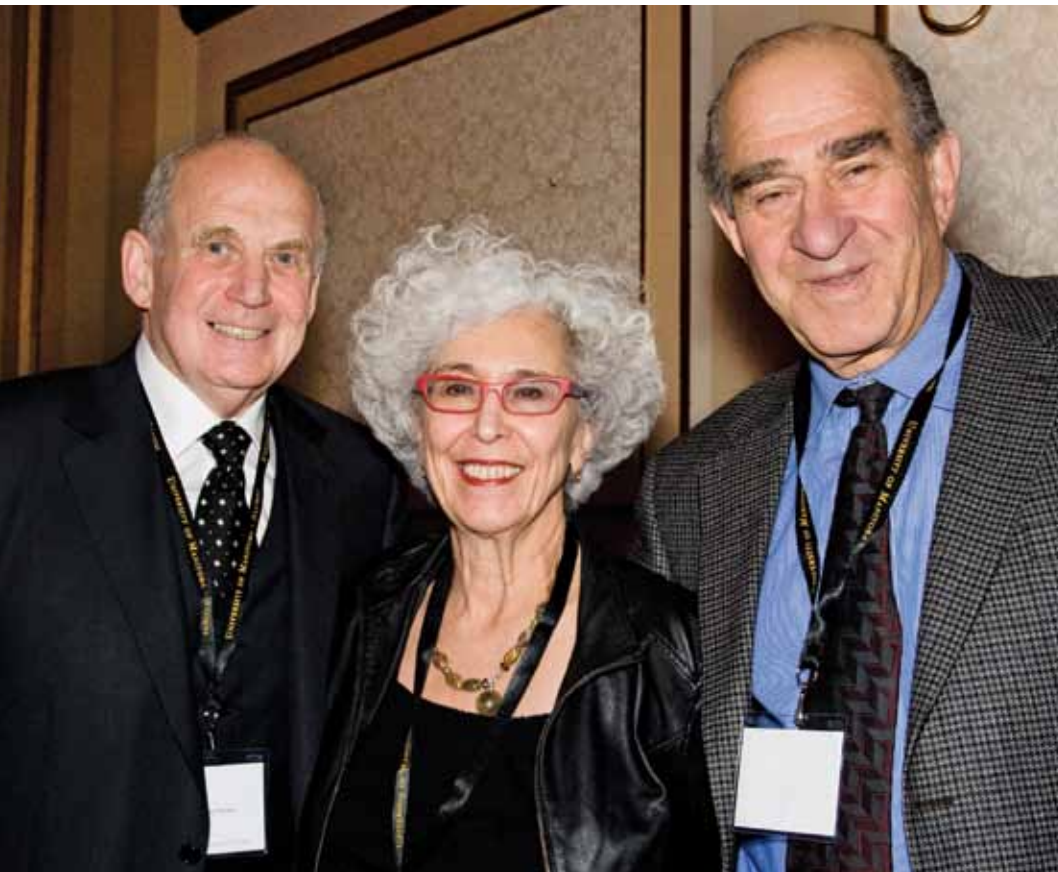
Several years after graduation I began designing sets and costumes for theatre. I still enjoy a very active career and the Olympic ceremonies were definitely a highlight.

So, it took the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver to bring three grads together. Many extraordinary things happened during my time working on the ceremonies; but this visit was a lovely surprise.

**Leslie Frankish [BID/76]**

**Corrections** In our December 2009 issue, we incorrectly published two separate memorials – **Watson, Vernon L.** [BA/46] and **Watson (Port) Frances E.L.** [LMM/50] – for the same individual. It should have been: **Watson (Port) Frances E.L.** [BA/46, LMM/50].

## Welcome Chancellor Sector



The Alumni Association held an event recently at the Hotel Fort Garry for the Faculty of Law to welcome distinguished graduate, dean emeritus, and now chancellor Harvey Sector [BComm/67, LLB/92] back to campus.

Left: Harvey Sector with the Kaufmans: Maxine [BA/63, BSW/64] and Morris [BSc/64, LLB/67]

Below left to right: Outgoing dean of law Chris Axworthy; Melissa Serbin [BComm(Hons)/05] and Michael Weinstein; the new chancellor; Alumni Association president Karen Holden [BHECol/92] with Faculty of Law graduate and chair of the University of Manitoba Board of Governors Terry Sargeant [BA/67, LLB/99].



## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AGM **JUNE 15, 2010**

Bylaw amendments are being proposed for the 2010 AGM. View the amendments on our website [umanitoba.ca/alumni](http://umanitoba.ca/alumni).



# Thank you and farewell Doug Ruth

Whether it was at graduate receptions abroad or at the annual Homecoming gathering here in Winnipeg, Faculty of Engineering dean Doug Ruth [BSc(ME)/70, MSc/72] was a constant presence. An engineer's engineer, Ruth's connection to the university (and the Faculty of Engineering) spans several decades. He wore this affiliation proudly on his sleeve and it showed in the personal approach he took to alumni relations. Ruth never missed an opportunity to chat with former and current students. At alumni receptions, it wasn't uncommon for Ruth – flanked by the oldest and youngest engineering grad in attendance – to track down the editor of

*On Manitoba* to request a photo. And if you had a penchant for pints; Ruth was your man.

His enthusiasm and genuine desire to connect with grads made him a wonderful partner and friend of the Alumni Association. We thank him for everything he's done to help us connect with alumni and friends of the University of Manitoba over the years. Cheers Doug!



## Board of Governors update

Gwen Hatch [LLB/81] was recently acclaimed as an alumni representative to the university's board of governors for a second three-year term starting June 2010. Rounding out the trio of alumni representatives on the board of governors are (as photographed from left): Rennie Zegalski [BComm(Hons)/95], Gwen Hatch and Romel Dhalla [BA/99, BComm(Hons)/04].



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# What I learned from the 2010 Winter Olympics

A message from your Association president



*For two weeks in February I was caught up in the excitement of the Winter Olympics in Vancouver. For me, the most impressive part of the Games was the unabashed show of pride – from Canadians coast to coast – for our Olympic hopefuls and our country.*

From day one, as early medal hopes were dashed and lofty predictions challenged, Canadians toed the line and rallied behind both athlete and nation. In the end, our Olympians set a new standard for most gold medals ever won in a winter Olympics.

It was amazing!

The experience reminded me that pride bonds us, inspires us and creates outcomes that might not have previously been considered. Our neighbours to the south are master practitioners of pride – Olympics or otherwise – and it's no different with their universities and colleges. At American colleges, students are greeted on the first day of classes and told that when they graduate they will be expected to start contributing back to their university. School pride is instilled in them before they even move into their residences. The students internalize that message, that pride, and carry it with them the rest of their lives.

I believe we should bring that same enthusiasm to the way we feel about the University of Manitoba and the way we represent our alma mater every day.

In Manitoba alone there are 80,000 University of Manitoba graduates. We've helped author the history of our province – and we are active contributors to its present and future as well. At home and abroad, our graduates represent the finest researchers, academics, professionals and humanitarians. We have much to be proud of and celebrate.

Each day, the University of Manitoba's faculty, staff and students excel in diverse fields of study. Here we train tomorrow's doctors, engineers, scientists, social workers, and business and arts community leaders. Today's U of M students pursue excellence, like our athletes did back in February, like each of you did when you studied here, and for that we should all take pride.

Today, as the U of M navigates through some economic hurdles, and the media paints one dire scenario after another, it's more important than ever that graduates get behind their alma mater. I ask you to think about how important the U of M is to our province, our country, our world. Probe a bit closer to home and ask yourself – in the context of your career, who you've become as a person, who you've befriended, what you believe – where the university fits in. Tap that source of pride, believe in your alma mater, and together we can help the U of M continue to succeed – economic challenges or otherwise. Manitoba's success depends on the U of M. For grads, that's an empowering truth; one we need to safeguard and be proud of.

**Karen Holden [BHEcol/92]**

## Brown and Gold and Gosh Darn Proud

**What are the TOP FIVE REASONS YOU ARE PROUD to be a U of M graduate?**

We're gathering responses from now until Sept. 28 (two days after Homecoming 2010) to publish in our December issue of On Manitoba. We also have U of M prize packages up for grabs. Everyone who sends in a response – with their name and alumni number (this is on the mailing label of your On Manitoba magazine) – will be entered into the draw. Enter by e-mail ([alumni@umalumni.mb.ca](mailto:alumni@umalumni.mb.ca)) or submit your top five by mail. Be sure to include contact information so we can reach you if you win.

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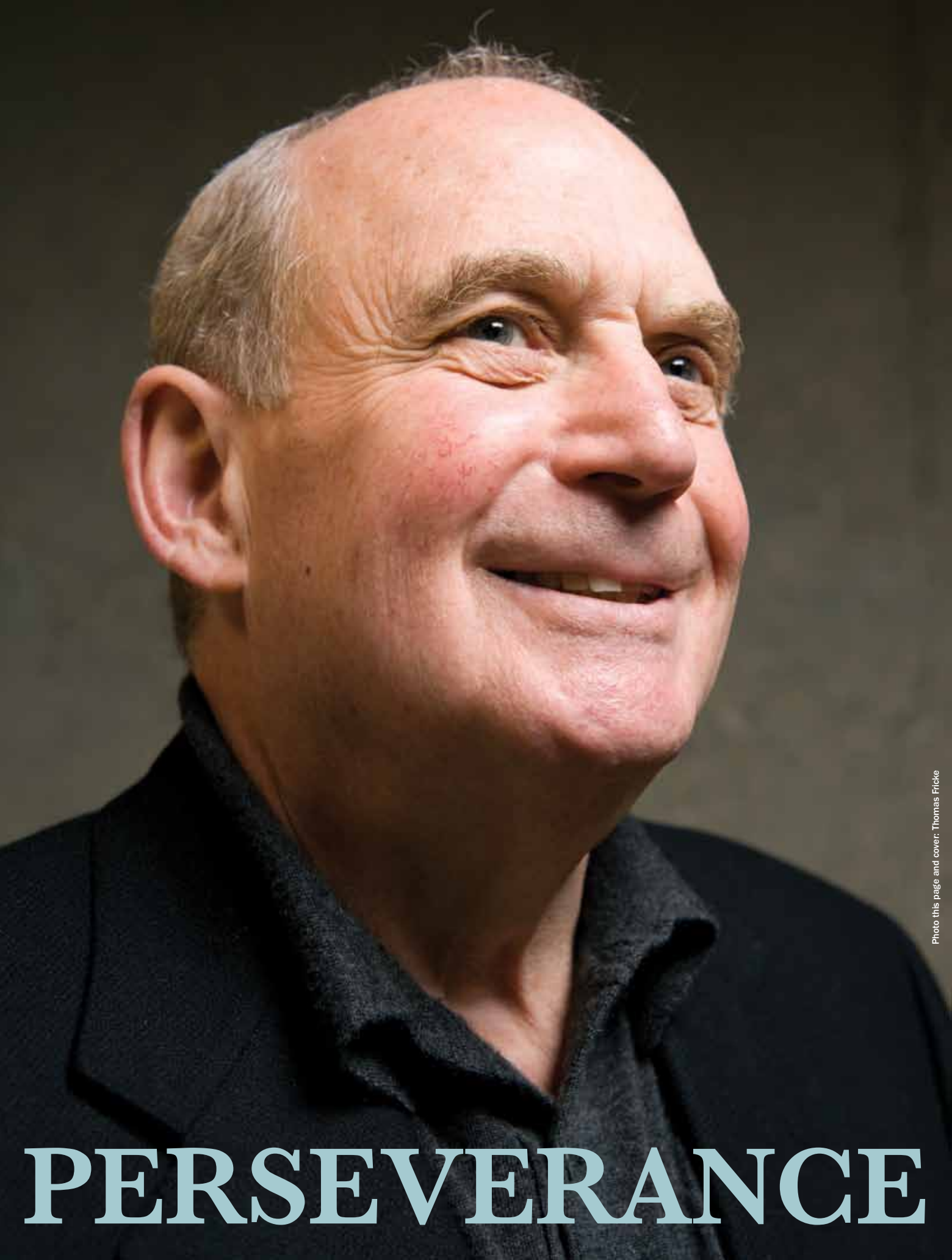


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# PERSEVERANCE

*He went from U of M law school graduate to dean of law in just seven years. Now tireless Winnipeg maverick **Harvey Secter** [BComm/67, LLB/92] is ready for life as chancellor.*

**By Shamona Harnett [BA(Adv)/96]**

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Harvey Secter was lying in a hospital bed when he realized he had no choice but to let doctors go ahead and operate.

It had been rough going for the Winnipeg father and husband who, a few days before, had a seizure and lapsed into unconsciousness.

After landing in the hospital, enduring prodding tests and feeling, understandably, a “bit out of it,” Secter was told the surprising reality about what doctors needed to do to save his life: perform emergency brain surgery to

remove an arteriovenous (AV) malformation – a mess of poorly formed blood vessels entangled in his brain.

The rare problem, said doctors, was probably there since birth. Secter may not have known he had the AV malformation if he hadn’t had a seizure – a sign his life was in danger.

The seizure and surgery came just before Christmas exams – an inconvenient time for the 40-something University of Manitoba law student.

It was an unexpected hitch in his already unusual life.

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“(It was) probably more traumatic for my wife and children in some ways than it was for me,” says Secter, who during an interview mentions the incident in a fleeting sentence as if it was no big deal. “(The doctors) said, ‘You have to have this surgically removed immediately.’ The good thing is when you’re told that, it removes the tendency to procrastinate.”

Today, the 65-year-old sits in his Pembina Highway office, located across the street from the Montcalm Gordon Motor Hotel, the watering hole where he used to hang out back in the 1960s during his first days as a U of M student. He is immaculately dressed in a three-piece black suit, a crisp, white shirt – finished with gleaming cufflinks and a stylish, fuchsia tie.

The philanthropist – who many Winnipeggers consider a pillar of the community – can’t believe where his life has taken him. He’s gone from a River Heights boy; to a U of M dropout; to a U of M undergraduate; to the president of a national retail clothing giant; to the oldest law student in his class; to law school graduate with honours; to a Harvard grad student and teacher; to a U of M professor; to the university’s dean of law.

More recently, his dynamic life has catapulted him into another unexpected role: chancellor of the U of M – the very university he once dropped out of.

The volunteer job requires him to serve as ambassador and proponent of the school.

The former Winnipeg Jets co-owner found out he was nominated for the chancellor position shortly after he retired from his dean of law posting. “I thought I had my life planned out and organized until I got this call,” says Secter, who intended to spend his retirement days at his vacation home in Hawaii, reading his favourite mystery novels and spending time with family. It’s a sizable brood that includes

his wife Sandra and their children (Alan, 40, a Harvard-educated fundraiser; Beth [BA/93], 38, a former teacher and mother of two; Joel, 36, a filmmaker-turned law student) and six grandchildren.

After careful consideration, Secter – who stepped down as dean of law in 2008 but still maintains his mediation practice – accepted the chancellor nomination. He was surprised when he won the position. “For me, the real shock was being asked,” he says. “It’s something that was beyond my comprehension.”

Although many may think the role of chancellor is purely ceremonial, Secter says not so, according to a past chancellor who offered him sage advice. “He said, ‘Harvey, it’s more demanding than people think it is. You don’t want to do it if you’re not going to do it well. And if you’re going to look to do it well, be prepared. It’s a commitment.’”

He says he’s ready.

“Now it’s time to settle in and start looking at what can I do to try and make a difference,” says Secter, past president of the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba and current member of the Premier’s Economic Advisory Council, the Health Sciences Centre Foundation Board, the United Way Advisory Committee, the FP Newspapers Income Fund and the Assiniboine Park Conservancy.

Sector says he’s honoured to be in the company of former Winnipeg mayor Bill Norrie, businessman/lawyer Arthur Mauro and the late physicist Henry Duckworth – all three of them graduates and former chancellors of the U of M.

So much about his university career is ironic, he admits.

The 17-year-old version of Harvey Secter loved almost everything about university: the fresh ideas and glowing optimism of his peers, the sheer excitement of being there.

What he hated were the classes, assignments and exams.



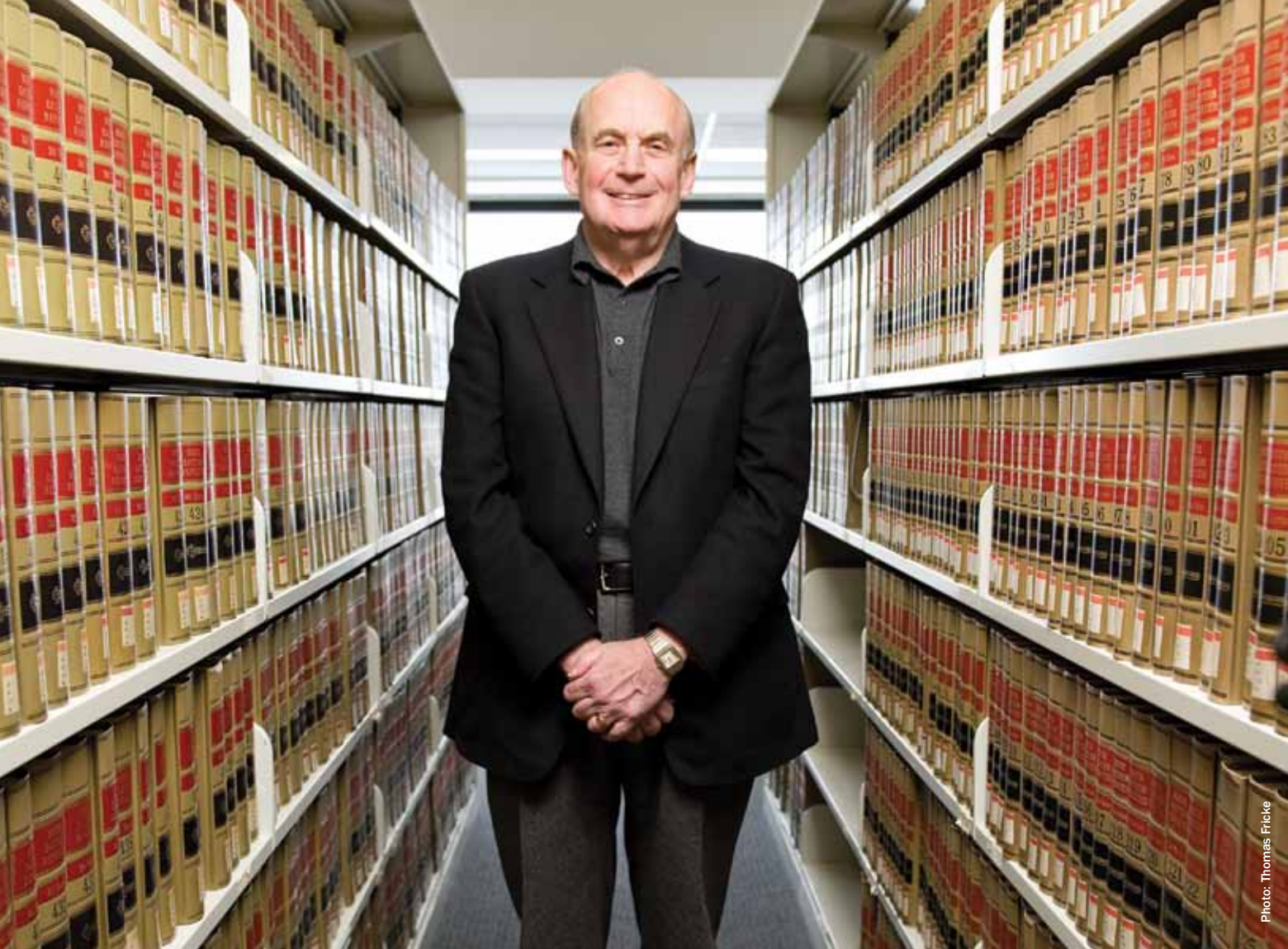


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It was the late 1960s when the charismatic Winnipeg teenager, a recent graduate of Kelvin High School, decided to drop out of the U of M.

That was a problem for his father, Joe – the enterprising son of Russian-Jewish immigrants – who wanted his children to have the education he never had. “He and I both had quite a time when I first dropped out of university,” says Secter, smiling slyly. (He notes that Joe – who grew up in Winnipeg’s tough north end – was a product of his circumstances. Joe was born at the start of the century and was just a kid when his own dad died. Of his siblings, Joe was the one designated to work and support his family. Meanwhile, his two brothers went on to become doctors.)

With a rap sheet of bad marks behind him, Secter went to work for Joe, who in 1939, founded retail clothing chain Ricki’s Canada.

After working in the business for two years, Secter says he realized university “wasn’t so bad after all.”

The blue-eyed young man went on to earn his bachelor of commerce degree from the U of M. This time around, he was elected vice-president of the University of Manitoba Students’ Union (UMSU).

Secter attributes his penchant for leadership to his parents, Joe and Gwen. Both taught their children – Harvey, Sharon, David and Mondo – that community service and volunteerism were the norm.

Young Secter was also inspired by the folk music of the day – the Peter, Paul and Mary, and Simon and Garfunkel songs that call for peace and social change.

Shortly after he graduated from commerce, he went back to work for his father who had grown the family business from a single outlet in Brandon to a 10-store operation. When the end of the 1960s rolled around, the Canadian shopping centre boom meant more room for Ricki’s to expand west.

Secter took the helm as president in the early 1970s. Before long, Ricki’s stores – with their racks of reasonably priced women’s wear – were mall fixtures in Winnipeg and across the country.

By the late 1980s, Ricki’s was a 150-store giant. That’s when Secter and his family decided to sell.

Secter, who was in his mid-40s at the time, wondered what he would do next. He could have retired.

Instead, he applied to the U of M law school.

“I figured that would be a good place to figure out what to do with the rest of my life,” says Secter coyly. When he got the word he was accepted, his family offered him their “full support.” “I assured them at the time this was going to be a short-term thing,” says Secter, who was sure he would do a fun three-year stint in law school before ending up back in the business world.

It was a daring choice for Secter, known around town as a

respected businessman and volunteer. His decision baffled friends and acquaintances. They wondered why the middle-aged man – who lived a beyond-comfortable life – would dream of going back to school to endure grueling classes with people 20 years his junior. Nevertheless, Sectar gleefully took on law school.

He was in a property law class when he had the seizure that could have killed him.

Brain surgery followed a few days later.

Jump ahead one year to 1989 and the steadfast Sectar was back in law school to start again. Many of the students in his class were friends of his children – and the children of his friends.

Not only that, but his daughter Beth was also in first-year university at the time. The pair met for lunch on campus once a week. “She would remind me of how I was supposed to dress and how I was supposed to behave,” jokes Sectar, whose kids urged him to ditch his formal duds in favour of more casual wear.

Even though he had trouble dressing down, he had no problem fitting in with his youthful peers. “Within a couple of weeks, we just were all students. I joined a study group and I got to know some of my classmates as people instead of just children of friends of mine,” says Sectar, who speaks clearly, deliberately and with an air of quiet wisdom. “I made some friendships that have lasted over the years.”

He diverts praise away from his own law school accomplishments and instead lauds a single mother in his class – “a woman whose means were very modest and limited. When her child was sick she had to attend to her child. The stress and the pressures she was under,” says Sectar.

“The people I was really fascinated by in law school – and the people who I had the most respect for – were the young people with families.”

For a period, his wife and full-time volunteer, Sandra, was the only person in the Sectar household who wasn’t a student. “She found it very stressful putting up with all of us during exam time,” he says. “I used to always get very nervous with exams. I was in panic mode until the marks came out.”



Sectar's grad photo  
from 1967 Brown & Gold

Sectar's nerves paid off.

He graduated with the highest three-year grade point average in his class therefore winning the faculty's prestigious gold medal in law. “I used to joke about that with friends. Only at the universities here are they so compassionate that they take out part of your brain and still let you graduate with a gold medal.”

The adventure didn't end there. Sectar took another leap when he and Sandra moved to Boston where he earned a master's

degree in law at Harvard. He chose to study at the Ivy League school because of its reputation for excellence in conflict resolution and mediation studies, areas that intrigued him. The ex-businessman – who sat on numerous volunteer boards and committees – felt the legal system was “ineffective” in dealing with certain business and community issues. “So I became fascinated with this whole idea of other ways of dealing with issues,” he says.

He stayed on at Harvard a year after graduation to assist and teach.

Back in Winnipeg, Sectar applied to become the U of M dean of law at the urging of a mentor. Just seven years after he graduated from the same faculty, he got the job.

For the next 10 years, Sectar was a fixture in the Faculty of Law – teaching negotiation and serving as a dean who was popular with both students and staff.

It's hard to find someone who doesn't like Sectar.

“Remarkably, people loved him as much and respected him as much at the end of his deanship as at the beginning – which is unusual, I think,” says Cameron Harvey, U of M Faculty of Law professor emeritus.

Harvey first met Sectar in 1989 after he recovered from his brain surgery and re-entered first-year law. The former associate dean of law was impressed that Sectar had the chutzpah to go to law school so late in life and excel at it.

Harvey, who has been a U of M Faculty of Law staffer for four decades, counts Sectar's ability to raise funds and his calm fairness among his best attributes.

He says some colleagues, in the beginning, were worried Sectar might be a heavy-handed dean who would rule the faculty the way some CEOs rule over staff.

“In fact, it turned out to be quite the opposite,” says Harvey. “At a meeting, characteristically, he wouldn't say much during the course of the discussion until everybody else had their say. And he would come forth with his opinion and it was always remarkably wise.

“I think he's the wisest person I've ever had anything to do with in my life.”

On the wall of a meeting room in Sectar's office hangs a large, red poster depicting the Samuel Jackson/Kevin Spacey movie *The Negotiator*.

While an expert negotiator in his practice, Sectar concedes that having good bargaining skills doesn't exempt him from hard times.

“Sometimes you have to deal with things that you can't make better. So, I've had my share. Much less than most,” says Sectar.

His voice slows and his eyes look down.

He shares the story of a tragedy that struck his family.

“I'm a very fortunate person,” says Sectar, the kind of man who learns from life's tornadoes.

He says although he's not religious in a formal way, he definitely has faith that helps him through.

“When you're not sure you're going to wake up in the morning... And then you see the sun rise and you get through it. You know deep down that it's not just you that got you through it.

“It's the people around you and the grace of God or whatever you want to call it.”

After another wave of conversation – and a seemingly quick two hours into the interview – Sectar's voice transforms.

He's trying to remember a line from a movie that sums up his state of mind. He doesn't remember it exactly, but it goes something like this:

“What do you do when your reality exceeds your fantasies,” he says in a steely Michael Douglas-esque voice.

“That's how I feel sometimes. The life I have – it's not perfect – but I can't imagine finding anyone that I want to trade places with.”

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# THE YMCA OF SCIENCE

The school is an inconspicuous building on a quiet street in the heart of a neighbourhood in Winnipeg's inner city. But inside, at the end of the main hallway, is a doorway to a remarkable classroom. Students pass by it regularly, poking their heads inside to find out what experiments their schoolmates are conducting or to ask if they too can "do science."

And they're not alone in their curiosity. Outside, in cities as far away as Singapore, Boston and London, as well as a dozen other major centres around the world, educators are paying attention to this doorway, this classroom, and what exists within – the Inner City Science Centre (ICSC).

Niji Mahkwa School on Flora Avenue in Winnipeg's north end has been home to the ICSC since late 2009. There, inner-city students work elbow to elbow with university professors and graduate students in a \$150,000 laboratory outfitted with the latest scientific equipment.

The driving force behind the ICSC is Francis Amara, associate professor in the department of biochemistry and medical genetics at the University of Manitoba, who saw a need to give aboriginal and inner-city students access to state-of-the-art science facilities.

"We want to expose these kids to hands-on scientific activities at an early age which will better prepare them for university courses later on," explains Amara.

As a researcher, one of the challenges Amara has encountered is many students arrive at university unfamiliar with equipment or techniques required for research. "They did not have the experience or the proper preparation to conduct the work in the laboratory," he says. The ICSC provides students from all grades with experience in a high-level laboratory so that when they get to university they're not starting from scratch.

"That is a \$20,000 fluorescent microscope over there," Amara says, pointing to a piece of equipment so costly it is normally found only in the most advanced research facilities. "Grade 1 kids could use that here, so they wouldn't just be learning the basics when they get to university." The centre also houses other sophisticated bio-tech equipment such as

a spectrophotometer to check the purity and concentration of plasmid DNA, an incubating orbital shaker to grow bacterial culture, and a centrifuge to separate cells or bacteria.

The U of M has a mandate to attract students and have outreach with the community, in particular aboriginal and inner-city students, refugees and immigrants, Amara explains. The site was chosen specifically for its proximity to many of those targeted groups, and because it is close to about 20 other schools in the city's core.

"This centre concentrates our resources and projects in one place," Amara says. As a result, the ICSC has become a magnet for several groups in the city and province. He estimates there are about 300 kids coming to the ICSC to learn about earth sciences, biology, chemistry and physics.

Amara cites several benefits to the initiative: the university gets early contact with potential students and provides them with more experience in science-related disciplines; the students become familiar with the tools and processes of research through hands-on experience; and the profile of the community benefits from being home to this unique, community-based science centre.

The ICSC may be a pioneering effort, but it is based on an idea with a proven track record for success.

"The vision is to have science right within the community where it is needed," says Amara. "We want to create the YMCA of science."

**Wayne Drury [BA/70]**



A partnership between the University of Manitoba, the Winnipeg School Division, and the Winnipeg Foundation helped turn Amara's dream into reality. On May 17, Friends of the Inner City Science Centre – the group responsible for the endowment fund that will fuel the ICSC's future growth – is holding a gala fundraiser to support expansion efforts. Their goal? To create three Super Science Laboratories that can accommodate 100 students each from all levels of schooling across Manitoba.

**Tickets are still available through [ticketmaster.ca](http://ticketmaster.ca).**





# UMQUICKHITS

## BISONS ROUNDUP

Congratulations to **Bisons Women's Basketball** player **Michele Hynes** who won the **Sylvia Sweeney Award** for excellence in basketball, academics and community involvement.

Congratulations also to **Bisons Men's Hockey** head coach **Mike Sirant [BA/83, BRS/85]** – he was named **Canada West Coach of the Year for 2009-10**. On the Web at [gobisons.ca](http://gobisons.ca).

## RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

University of Manitoba economist **John Loxley** recently won the **biennial John Kenneth Galbraith Prize in Economics** for “work and activity that combines demonstrated excellence in research and analysis with a commitment to social justice.”

**Vice-president (research) Digvir Jayas [MSc/82]** and **dean of engineering Doug Ruth [BSc(ME)/70, MSc/72]** were recently inducted as **Fellows of the Engineering Institute of Canada** for their “exceptional contributions to engineering in Canada.”

Nine new health research projects at the U of M received **\$4.1 million in funding** recently from the **Canadian Institutes of Health Research**.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

**Asper School of Business** student **Justin Kathan** was named **Manitoba's Top Entrepreneur Student for 2010**. Kathan founded windshield repair firm **DECO** and recently launched a new business venture – **KuRV Apparel**.

**Jordan Laidlaw**, a third-year student in the **Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music**, won the **\$10,000 Domenic Troiano Guitar Scholarship** recently. The prestigious award is presented annually to a Canadian guitarist pursuing post-secondary guitar education.

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## DOORS OPEN WINNIPEG

This year, **Doors Open Winnipeg** will feature some of the historic buildings at the U of M's Bannatyne campus. Tours will run on Saturday, May 29th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and will begin at the Brodie Centre, 727 McDermot Ave.



# Campus Clouseau

Watch the University of Manitoba's made-for-YouTube series, *The Campus Files*, and you're bound to remember the show's star Chris Rutkowski as much as what university news the episode explored. The trench coat, the hat, the don't-follow-me-I'm-lost look on Rutkowski's face all seem to draw their inspiration from Inspector Clouseau of Pink Panther fame. Rutkowski – who's a media relations coordinator in the U of M's public affairs department – jokingly compares himself to the comedic icon: "Being a bumbling science investigator comes naturally to me."

All kidding aside, the combination of what Rutkowski *does know* after three decades on campus and his willingness to ham it up on screen, makes him the perfect lead for the show. As for where the idea came from – look no further than Rutkowski's office neighbour, communications officer Michael Marshall.

Tired of seeing other universities and colleges post dry, boring content to their social media networks (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube), Marshall decided to stiff-arm the status quo and have some fun with the medium, and the message. After all, it's anyone's guess what will hit, stick or 'go viral' in the world of online messaging. Hedging their hopes on humour appears to be a safe bet for these public relations practitioners (Marshall says since its debut in the summer of 2009, the show has received about 7,000 views). Their peers have taken notice as well. *The Campus Files* was recently awarded a CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) Award. Posting video to the world sets the stage for instant recognition and to that Rutkowski can attest.

"I've been stopped by people on campus who recognize my hat."

Watch clips of *The Campus Files* and follow the U of M on Facebook and Twitter by checking out public affairs' online newsroom: (<http://umanitoba.ca/news/blogs/>).

Chris Rutkowski [BSc/83, MEd/92] and *The Campus Files* creator/videographer Michael Marshall

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# GALLERY ONE ONE ONE SHOW FOCUSES ON THE CREATIVE SIDE OF GIVING

Artists expand the way we see things and thanks to donors to the University of Manitoba, the permanent collection at Gallery One One One has also expanded – significantly.

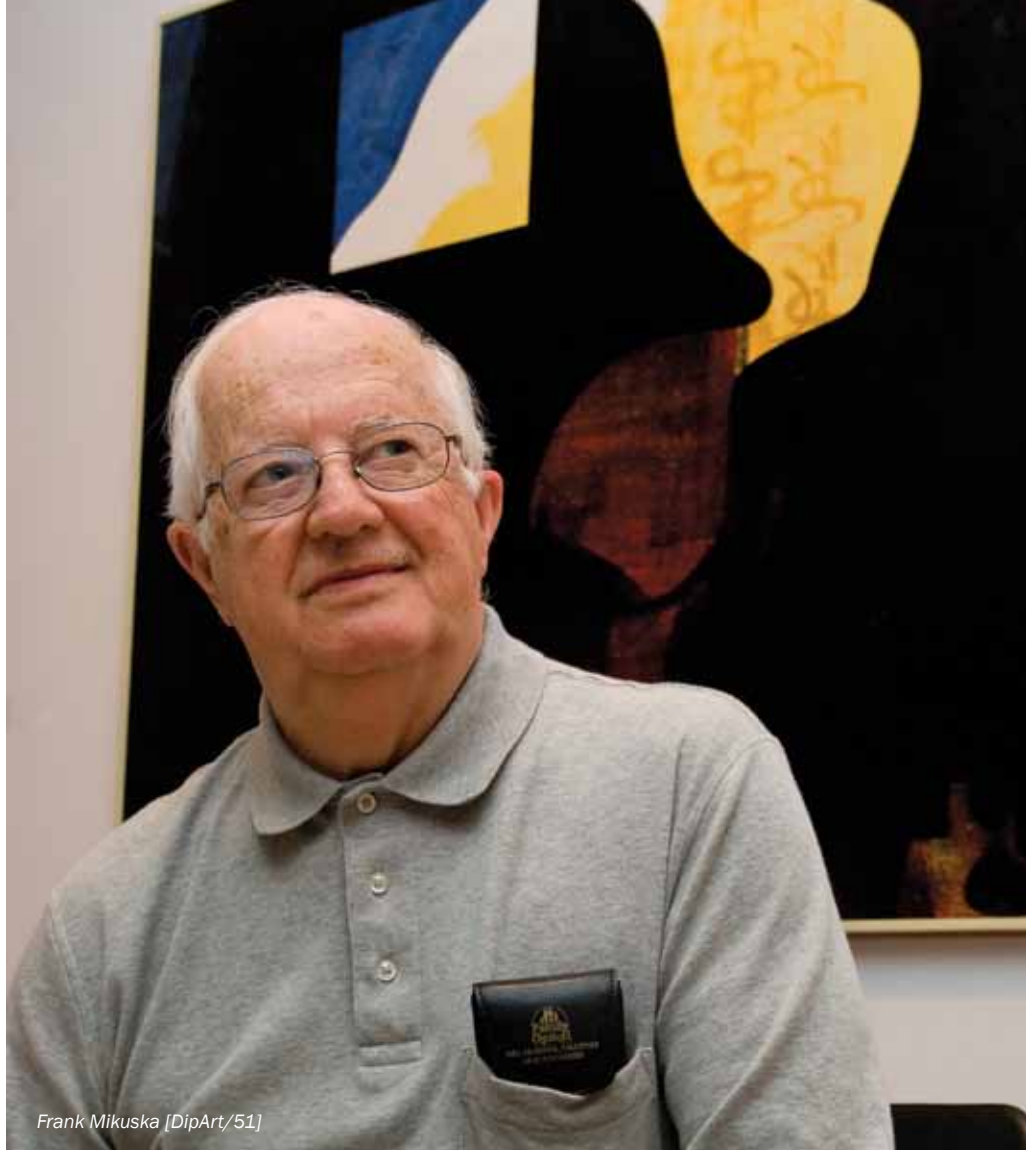
The Donor Recognition Series – featuring works from collections donated by Bill Lobchuk [DipArt/66], Frank Mikuska [DipArt/51], and Anna and Lyle Silverman [BSc(Pharm)/66] – celebrates the impact private donations have made to the art gallery.

During the past eight years, more than 750 pieces of art have been donated to the gallery. “Donations of art have truly built the permanent collection of Gallery One One One,” says gallerist Robert Epp. “It’s time to really recognize the contributions we’ve had from artists, many of them graduates from the School of Art, and private donors.”

The Series, which continues until June 18, features works of art from some of the largest donations the gallery has received.

Lobchuk donated 95 prints from the Grand Western Canadian Screen Shop, a venture he set up in the late 1960s to give artists a place to print their work. Dealing in limited run prints, the Screen Shop attracted talent from all over Canada including Winston Leathers, Don Proch, Daphne Odjig, Joe Fafard, Pierre Ayot, Tony Tascona and Jackson Beardy, among others, and his donation reflects that.

“I’m happy that the collection is at the School of Art,” says Lobchuk. “This is printed history. Students should be the first to take advantage of that. It’s invaluable to them to



Frank Mikuska [DipArt/51]

have a history of printmaking for 30 years, both at the national and local levels.”

Lobchuk is not the only donor who felt the best way to represent Manitoba’s rich art history was to include the works of many artists from an era. “I felt that the material that I was going to donate should not be only mine, but should also include work by my contemporaries, so that it would help provide a context for the scene at that time,” says Mikuska, who’s been described as a formidable talent. “I felt that I should help provide a background for the development of art at this School and in this city.”

As art collectors, the Silvermans’ donation features prints and three-dimensional works from many artists including Ivan Eyre, Alex Colville and Christopher Pratt. Motivated to share their passion for art, Anna Silverman, who bought her first etching at the age of 13, says art, along with music and literature, is “one of the finest things humans can do as a creative force.”

“I hope students who have access (to these works) will be stimulated by them and get ideas from them,” she explains. “I hope other people who pass through get to see things that aren’t normally available to them.”

**Stephanie Fehr**

## The Donor Recognition Series

*highlights the importance of donations to the School of Art’s Gallery One One One. Three recent major donations are featured:*

**The Grand Western Canadian Screen Shop Collection: The Bill Lobchuk Donation** (Jan. 5 to Feb. 12, 2010)

**The Frank Mikuska Donation** (March 1 to April 1, 2010)

**The Anna and Lyle Silverman Donation** (May 17 to June 18, 2010)





# What lies beneath...

**W**henever the University of Manitoba starts a new building project on campus it piques Bill Brisbin's curiosity. What's being constructed is of less interest to the geology professor emeritus than what the excavation uncovers – a slice of Manitoba's history.

Brisbin says when crews dug the ground for the new lecture theatre at St. John's College in 2008, it exposed clay deposits that had been scoured off a retreating ice sheet about 10,000 years ago.

But you don't have to dig deep to go even farther back into Manitoba's history. In fact, on some parts of the Fort Garry campus you don't have to dig at all.

Prof. Bob Elias, who specializes in paleontology, says many of the university's buildings feature a type of limestone, known as Tyndall stone that formed 450 million years ago when Manitoba was under seawater. He notes that the fossils found in Tyndall stone – many of them corals and sponges visible to the naked eye – help us understand Manitoba's past. "Fossils are the only direct evidence of ancient life," says Elias. "They're a record of our natural history."

The department of geological sciences, the oldest of its kind in Western Canada, has been uncovering history in Manitoba for the past century. And it is celebrating its centenary with a number of alumni events and projects.

Fundraising continues for two permanent commemorative displays: a Mosaic Map of Manitoba to showcase the province's major geological terrains in actual rock, and a 5.5-metre History Wall to chronicle the department's history, achievements, alumni of distinction and academic and professional leaders.

"We wanted something to celebrate the department over time," says Brisbin who gathered hundreds of historical photos for the multimedia wall.

And geological sciences has a lot to celebrate.

Since its inception in 1910, it has gone on to be recognized worldwide as one of Canada's top geosciences units – a notable distinction for an area of study that is arguably more important today than ever.

"Geology is something that every person needs to know something about because we

are touched by it every day," Elias says. "Humans rely on natural resources and the Earth is the supplier."

He notes that geology also offers insights into climate change because it shows what has happened in the past.

"Geology is a fundamental in the world we live in," says Prof. Jim Teller. He points out that where people spend their vacations, where farmers grow their crops, the resources that are mined, and even the landscapes that photographers decide to shoot are all determined by geology.

Teller has done world-renowned research on Glacial Lake Agassiz, which was once the largest lake on Earth covering much of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and the northern United States. Lake Winnipeg, Lake of the Woods and Lake Manitoba are all remnants of the ancient body of water.

"The lake was a very prominent component of our history. It explains why much of southern Manitoba is so flat," Teller says, adding the province's clay base and fertile soil exist because of Lake Agassiz.

**Renée Barclay**

## Department of geological sciences centenary celebrations

**Winnipeg Weekend 2010:**  
A department reunion will be held at the University of Manitoba from Aug. 27 – 29, 2010.

**Department History Wall and Mosaic Map of Manitoba Geology:** These commemorative displays will be unveiled to mark the centenary year. Fundraising continues.

**GeoCanada 2010:** A special technical session will be held at the GeoCanada 2010 Conference, May 10 – 14, 2010, in Calgary, Alta.

**Jack Gallagher Visiting Scientists:** MaryAnn Mihychuk (CEO and president, Corporate Relations Services) and Alan

Green (professor of engineering and environmental geophysics, Institute of Geophysics, ETH Zurich), will visit the department in 2010.

**Geoscape Park:** The construction of a rock garden around the Wallace building showcasing the geology of Manitoba.

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Fine arts grad-turned-baker **Belinda Bigold** talks about her homemade cookie that went Hollywood

*Start with a degree in fine arts, add a pinch of good business instinct and a hearty dollop of butter and what do you have? A recipe for imperial cookies good enough for the Golden Globes.*

When Belinda Bigold opened High Tea Bakery more than six years ago, she couldn't have imagined she'd be offering up her take on a classic Winnipeg cookie to stars heading for the red carpet at one of the entertainment world's biggest award shows. In 2003, as demand for her mother Carol's cakes and baked goods boomed, Bigold's focus was close to home, not Hollywood, as she helped turn the home-based family enterprise into a retail operation. Her lifelong love for the arts – which she pursued at the U of M's School of Art through a joint major in photography and graphic design – blended perfectly with her family's baking tradition.

From the beginning, the ingredients for success at High Tea Bakery have been a combination of elaborately designed cakes and simple but sublime creations like the uniquely Winnipeg imperial cookie – an almond shortbread-style sandwich of raspberry jam coated in pure almond extract icing. Bigold chose to feature the imperial in gift bags to help the bakery make its mark south of the border at the Golden Globe Awards in Los Angeles in January. There she joined other Canadian businesses at the Oh Canada Premium Gift Lounge.



**What's the best part of baking for you?** I like the design aspect... figuring out how to make something that people maybe haven't seen before. I just love the creation.

**What's the secret to a great imperial cookie?** Butter. It's all about the flavour. It really boils down to real butter, really good chunky jam and pure almond. Without all that, it wouldn't be the same cookie.

**Is your imperial cookie the best?** We have a rather loyal following and they tell me ours are the best, so I'm agreeing with them. New York has its black-and-white cookie. Winnipeg has its imperial cookie...You don't get them anywhere else.

**What's the first thing you thought when you arrived in Hollywood?** How did we get here? Three hundred dollars each to start the company and we're at the Golden Globes? It was kind of cool for a little business from Winnipeg.

**Best moment at the Golden Globes?** Meeting Ivan Reitman. He directed *Ghostbusters*; the guy's a legend. He came through the guest lounge and we took pictures with him and met his wife. They were just so wonderful.

**Most surreal Hollywood moment?** Sitting in the bar at the Peninsula Hotel and Robert Duvall comes and sits down next to us with his wife. Sean Penn had just walked through, followed by Susan Sarandon. You're in this gorgeous hotel having a cocktail; it's just one of those 'pinch-me' moments.

**Best advice you've received?** It was from my father-in-law Gus Stemmer who died last fall: 'Only what you can afford.' That's the only reason we made it through our first few years in business.

**Story and photo Jason Halstead [BPE/92]**





# Save a life for \$6

**Debra Lefebvre** has told the story many times, and yet each retelling deepens her determination to help the people of Uganda.

It was July 2004. She was visiting the African nation on a fact-finding mission at the invitation of an American-based NGO. A nurse by training, Lefebvre and her guide were approaching a remote fishing village near Lake Victoria when she saw a young boy, clearly ill, lying in the tall grass. She wanted to stop and help, but her guide urged her to leave the child for his mother to tend to. Lefebvre couldn't do it.

They took the malaria-stricken eight-year-old to a clinic where he was treated with chloroquine.

"His name was David," she recalls, "and it cost me so little to save his life." That was Lefebvre's introduction to malaria. She spoke with a doctor shortly after the ordeal who told her the mosquito-borne disease – which has no cure and, according to the Canadian Red Cross, kills a child in Africa every 30 seconds – could easily be prevented with bed nets. Malaria is primarily spread at night while people are sleeping. Draping a net, treated with long-lasting insecticide, at bedtime keeps the threat at bay. The only obstacle cited was the prohibitive cost of the nets. "I left with a resolve to do something," she says.

Upon returning home to Kingston, Ont., Lefebvre wrote a business plan for an organization that would send nets to communities hard-hit by the potentially deadly disease; she called it Buy-A-Net. That fall she returned to Uganda and presented her idea to the Ministry of Health. The first nets were distributed in the spring of 2006. With Lefebvre as executive director, the organization has since sent 75,000 bed nets to villages in Uganda, with plans to cover the whole country, one small community at a time.

"The concept is very simple," Lefebvre explains. "Malaria is preventable. If we can stop malaria, we can stop poverty, which can empower women and children. It costs only \$6 to buy a net. It is simple, it is inexpensive, and it is achievable."

Lefebvre's commitment to Buy-A-Net grew from her experiences as a health-care worker. She was a registered nurse for five years before earning her master's degree in public administration from the U of M in 1994.

"My interests were always in community health," she says, "and the core knowledge I gained from my MPA has really positioned me well. It is the best program I could have selected." Her experience working with remote nations in the north, sometimes called Canada's Third World, notes Lefebvre, was the reason she was invited to Uganda in the first place.

She credits another University of Manitoba graduate for helping Buy-A-Net become a reality: her husband Paul, a 1999 dentistry alumnus. "It is thanks to him that I can volunteer full time to do this."

For more information visit [Buy-A-Net.org](http://Buy-A-Net.org) or check out the Buy-A-Net Malaria Prevention Group at York on Facebook.

**Wayne Drury [BA/70]**



Buy-A-Net volunteers teach malaria prevention to Ugandan villagers and distribute bed nets.  
Left: Buy-A-Net founder Debra Lefebvre [MPAdm/94]

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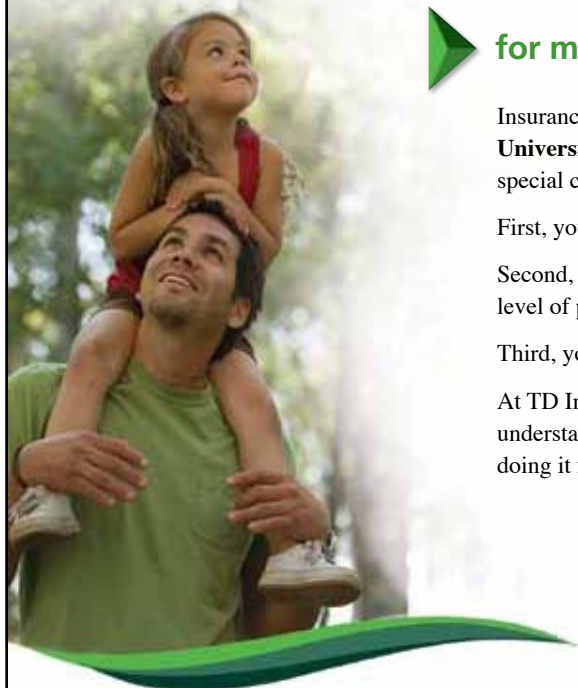
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# The University of Manitoba as global citizen

Discussions about the idea of global citizenship have been growing both in prominence and frequency in recent years. The reasons for this are many, but a common thread runs throughout: that in many of the things that matter most, borders are irrelevant. The air we breathe, the waterways that nourish, the challenges we face and the ideas we pursue all transcend geographic boundaries.

What does this shift in thinking mean for the University of Manitoba? For over 130 years, our university has been “Manitoba’s University”, proud to be part of our province’s foundation. Our tradition as Manitoba’s premier university continues today in locations across the province – the majority of our over 26,000 students study at our two Winnipeg campuses, but we also provide social work education for inner-city residents at the William Norrie Centre; offer degree and certificate programs in partnership with First Nations and Métis communities at the Aboriginal Education Centre; collaborate to provide programs with other institutions such as the University College of the North; and undertake research at our agricultural research farms and field stations. Our course and program offerings are delivered throughout the province in a variety of ways, and our faculty conduct their research even in the furthest reaches of Manitoba.

Our connection to the community is obvious in our alumni as well. Over 80 per cent of our graduates continue to make Manitoba their home a year after graduation. Of all of our known alumni – not just those who have graduated more recently – still more than 60 per cent continue to live here. The end result is that Manitoba communities benefit greatly from the contributions of our graduates, who fuel economic growth, populate the professional ranks of Manitoba organizations, and provide leadership, knowledge and assistance in their communities.

All of this may suggest that the University of Manitoba’s focus is strictly local. The University’s strategic planning framework makes specific mention of our close connections to Manitoba’s communities and people and our commitment to being an active contributor to issues of particular importance in Manitoba. And there is no question – these things are a continued priority for the University.

At the same time, we also hold full citizenship in the global community. The University of Manitoba has long embraced the concept of internationalization, evident in the reach of our activities. At last check, the University had in place over 600 cooperation agreements with over 450 different institutions in more than 70 countries. Our 2,600-strong international student population comes from countries around the world. There are opportunities for our students to begin to cement their connection to this global community, through a range of international service learning programs. And, of course, we know of about 10,000 of our alumni living outside of Canada.

Before I arrived here, I was not fully aware of the extent of the University’s international activities but my discovery of their scope has been a revelation. In the past year I have visited projects from several faculties in different parts of the world, including in Nairobi, Kenya and Bangalore, India, where members of the Faculty of Medicine are working on infectious diseases, especially HIV/AIDS – a concern that affects us here as well. This work has been underway since the beginning of the AIDS epidemic almost 30 years ago and has involved a large number of Canadians going to work and learn abroad, and a large number of students coming here to learn, before returning to their own countries as research colleagues with our teams. University of Manitoba researchers, some of them our alumni, have obtained funding to sponsor a world class laboratory in Nairobi in partnership with the University of Nairobi, the best laboratory in the entire central part of Africa.

Visiting these projects has been personally transformative for me. To see colleagues working with deep humanity and dedication on the science of the disease and the clinical needs of those infected is a humbling experience. It makes me proud to be their colleague and it makes me want to help them find the resources needed to continue this work.

It also is a great example of research, teaching and public service coming together, of local and international issues being fundamentally intertwined, and of University of Manitoba faculty, students and alumni being engaged on public and population health, one of our priority themes.

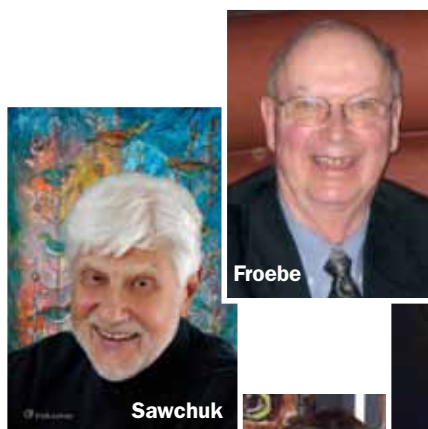
These trips, like one I took earlier this year to Hong Kong, also offer the opportunity to get to meet alumni whose paths have taken them far from our campuses. I come to these encounters with great anticipation, fascinated to learn how former students of our University have brought their learning and experiences to their new homes. I am always left with a feeling of pride in the accomplishments of the members of our community, and of the contributions they are making around the world.

The University of Manitoba’s already strong connections in our global community, which I have only begun to describe, are ones on which we can continue to build. I am excited by the prospects that the future brings.

**David Barnard** president and vice-chancellor



# Accomplishments



Sawchuk



Froebe



Wilmot

Sargeant



Bell Stuart



Turner



Ag Reunion

## 1950-59

**Sawchuk, Oryst H.** [BArch/54, MArch(CP)/55] was recently presented a Community Builders Award for his various contributions to his hometown of Sudbury, Ont. In the mid-1990s Sawchuk – who is well known for his pen and ink drawings of Sudbury's landmark buildings and as a vocal advocate for preserving heritage buildings – opened the Acorn Gallery on Oak. In addition, Sawchuk is the conductor of the Jubilee Folk Ensemble. He continues to practice architecture in Sudbury with former classmate Arthur Peach.

## 1960-69

**Dewar, Dr. Dale** [BSc/65] was appointed executive director of physicians for Global Survival, the Canadian affiliate of International Physicians for Prevention of Nuclear War. Dewar and her husband, Bill Curry [BA/64, Senior Stick for United College] jointly received the Global Citizen of the Year Award for Saskatchewan in 2008.

**Froebe, Charles** [DipAg/64] recently received the Manitoba Canola Growers Association Award of Excellence. Along with his wife Bonnie, Froebe was instrumental in establishing the Canola Cash Advance Program – a \$200-million aid program legislated by the federal government that assists canola (and

other crop) farmers – for the Canadian Canola Growers Association. They ran the program until their retirement in 2000. Froebe has served as president and treasurer of the Manitoba Canola Growers Association; he was chairman of the Prairie Canola Growers Council and the first president of the Canadian Canola Growers Association.

**Henderson, Don** [BSc(CE)/67] recently received the Canadian Institute for Transportation Engineers' H Robert Burton Distinguished Service Award.

## 1970-79

**Bell Stuart, Andrea** [CertEd/79, BEd/87] recently celebrated the grand opening of ArtsJunktion mb. Bell Stuart co-founded the non-profit organization – a recycling depot/warehouse in Winnipeg's Exchange District that collects materials from companies and individuals to make available for all to use in art – with Melanie Janzen. Visit them on the Web at artsjunktion.mb.ca. As well, in 2009 Bell Stuart received the Canadian Art Educator of the Year Award (Elementary) from the Canadian Society for Education through Art. In June, she will retire from École Constable Edward Finney School in Winnipeg, where she teaches art.

**Etkin, Laurie** [B. Comm. (Hons)/77, LLB/81] was recently appointed president and CEO of Royal Host Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT). Royal Host is Canada's second largest hotel REIT and is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange. Laurie also received the Winnipeg Youth Soccer Association Coach of the Year Award.

**Johnson, Dr. Darcy** [BSc/78, MD/81] was recognized by the College of Family Physicians of Canada with a Reg. L Perkin Award as one of the nation's Family Physicians of the Year for 2009. Ten awards are presented – one per province – to doctors "providing exceptional care to their patients, making meaningful contributions to the health and well-being of their communities, and for dedicating themselves as researchers or educators of future generations of family doctors."

**Russell, Craig** [BA/79, LLB/82] recently published the fiction novel *Black Bottle Man*. By day, Russell works in the Brandon Land Titles office as district registrar.

## 1970-79

**Wilmot, Louise** [BFA/79] was "thrilled" to visit Claire Evans, her first great-grandchild, in Vancouver this past Christmas. Wilmot continues to create art and teach art lessons at her St. James studio – Art Studio 56 – on Collegiate Street. She can be reached at 204.837.1944.





MacKenzie



Johnson



Bialek



Cychowski



Caravassilis

## 1980-89

**Turner, Susan** [BES/82] was recently appointed historic preservation discipline leader at Bailey Edward Architecture – an award-winning architecture, historic preservation and interior design firm. Turner has 24 years of experience as a licensed architect and she focuses on restorations, renovations and additions to historically significant structures.

**Sargeant, Carol** [BEd/83] published the first of three novels about John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster, and his wife Katharine Swynford. Sargeant has researched the couple – whose descendants include Lord Tennyson and George Washington as well as several other U.S. presidents – during the past 30 years. Katherine Swynford is book one in Sargeant's trilogy titled: *Love, Honour and Royal Blood*. For more information on Sargeant's work, visit [herlifeforyou.com](http://herlifeforyou.com).

**Grossart, Ian** [DipAg/84] organized a reunion recently during Ag Days in Brandon, Man., which attracted 24 of his fellow Aggies from throughout the province. According to Grossart (pictured third from left in the front row) "there was lots of reminiscing and some people brought yearbooks which were a hit."

**MacKenzie, Joan** [BEd/88, PBCertEd/92, Med/02] was awarded a 2009 Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence. MacKenzie teaches language arts, French, science and computers to Grade 2 students at Parc La Salle School in St. Norbert, Man. MacKenzie has earned the praise of parents and colleagues for being a "leader and tireless educator" and for her approach to teaching that "encourages young learners to try harder, dream bigger and live beyond themselves as responsible global citizens."

## 1990-99

**Déquier, Réal Philippe Joseph Bynum**, [BSc/96, BA/99, MPA/03] and Berrina Louise Bynum Déquier are pleased to announce the birth of Zyna Marie Eddie Déquier, born Sept. 28, 2009. She is the little sister of Zara and Zayla Déquier.

## 2000-2009

**Cychowski (Semchyshyn), Pamela** [BSc(Ag)/00] and Cychowski, Marcin [BScPharm/04] are pleased to announce the birth of their beautiful son, Sebastian Mateus Cychowski, on Sept. 14, 2009, in Winnipeg.

**Bialek, Matt** [BA/05, BComm(Hons)/04] is president and CEO of Manitoba-based fireworks wholesaler, Blast-Off Fireworks. The company, which consists of three divisions: Blast-Off Fireworks, Red Bomb Fireworks and Campfire FX was named Manitoba's Outstanding Small Business of 2009 by the Manitoba Chamber of Commerce. Bialek says: "There is little doubt my experience at the U of M was instrumental in establishing a base for our success." On the Web at [blastofffireworks.ca](http://blastofffireworks.ca).

**Johnson, Kristina (Goodman)** [BN/06] and her husband Mark are thrilled to announce the safe arrival of their son Erik Thomas Alan Johnson on Nov. 11, 2008 in Winnipeg.

**Caravassilis, Constantine** [MMus/08] was recently awarded the 2009 Karen Kieser Prize in Canadian Music. Caravassilis, an emerging composer, is currently at the University of Toronto where he's completing his third year of the doctor of musical arts degree program.

**Traverse, Jackie** [DipArt/09] was one of 15 aboriginal artists from across Canada selected by Coca Cola to create an aboriginal Art Bottle. The goal of the program was to showcase the diversity of aboriginal art and culture, and to give Aboriginal people from across Canada an opportunity to experience the Olympic Spirit. Traverse's design was featured in Winnipeg during the 2010 Olympic Torch Relay and later at the Vancouver Games.

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**Birt (Dey), Joan Margaret** [BA/38]  
 Jan. 22, 2010

**Brydges, Robert J.** [BSc(EE)/38]  
 Nov. 27, 2009

**Stevenson, Marjorie Elizabeth** [BScHEc/31]  
 Feb. 5, 2010

**Grimsey (Harris), Hazel** [BA/37]  
 Oct. 31, 2009

**Halparin (Nitikman), Florence** [BScHEc/35]  
 Dec. 2, 2009

**Ireland, Dr. James R.** [MD/39]  
 Oct. 18, 2009

**McKenzie, Ross A.** [BSc(CE)/35]  
 Jan. 1, 2010

**Robertson (Heaslip), Helen S.** [BA/35]  
 Nov. 9, 2009

### 1940-49

**Austmann, Kristian T.** [BSc/40]  
 Dec. 26, 2009

**Babington, Harold O.** [BSc(EE)/46]  
 Nov. 24, 2009

**Banfield, John A.** [BArch/46] Oct. 20, 2009

**Belcher, T.** [DipAgric/47] Dec. 9, 2009

**Chan, Hsin K.** [BSA/44] Sept. 29, 2009

**Choate, Dr. John F. R.** [BSc/49, MD/55]  
 Dec. 8, 2009

**Comrie, George A.** [BSA/44]  
 Dec. 22, 2009

**Dahl, H. Lewis** [BSc(EE)/43]  
 Dec. 19, 2009

**De Pauw, George A.** [BSc(CE)/48]  
 Nov. 4, 2009

**Diehl, L.** [DipAgric/49] Nov. 26, 2009

**Donaldson, Gordon** [BComm/42]  
 Feb. 12, 2010

**Dow, Evelyn A.** [BScHEc/48]  
 Jan. 23, 2010

**Gurvey, Sydney** [DipPharm/40]  
 Jan. 23, 2010

**Hills, Jean D.** [BScHEc/42]  
 Nov. 18, 2009

**Johnson, Frederick Allan** [BSc(Hons)/45]  
 Nov. 14, 2009

**Kennedy, Gregory Crowe** [BSc/48, MSc/50]  
 Feb. 3, 2010

**Macleod, Malcolm D.** [BArch/47]  
 Jan. 4, 2010

**McMillan, Kenneth L.** [BArch/49]  
 Nov. 3, 2009

**Okumura, Shigeharu** [BSc(ME)/49]  
 Dec. 30, 2009

**O'Brien, Genevieve Doll** [BScHEc/44]  
 Jan. 15, 2010

**Palk, Eileen M.** [BA/40] Nov. 26, 2009

**Perdue, Marianne Louise** [BA/49]  
 Feb. 11, 2010

**Pollard, Douglas A.** [BA/47]  
 Jan. 13, 2010

**Silver, Meyer** [BComm/49]  
 Dec. 18, 2009

**Tennenhouse, Frank** [BSA/49]  
 Jan. 30, 2010

**Westdal, Paul Harold A N**  
 [BSc/47, MSc/50, PhD/69] Jan. 20, 2010

**White, Sheila M.** [BA/43] Jan. 13, 2010

**Winter (Turner), Betty** [BA/41]  
 Jan. 29, 2010

### 1950-59

**Allen, Douglas E.M.** [BSc(EE)/53]  
 Jan. 17, 2010

**Bowers, Alton M.** [BArch/55]  
 Dec. 25, 2009

**Calof, Hayim** [LLB/56] Oct. 23, 2009

**Condra, John** [LLB/59] Feb. 6, 2010

**Conly, Dr. D. Bryan** [BSc/57, MD/63]  
 Oct. 15, 2009

**Cotton, Curtis M.** [BSc(EE)/50]  
 Nov. 1, 2009

**Davidson, George C.** [BSc/55]  
 Jan. 4, 2010

**Davis, Jack E.** [BSc(Pharm)/53]  
 Oct. 26, 2009

**Dawn, John A** [BID/55] Jan. 2010

**Dueck, W. A.** [BSc/50, BEd/52, MEd/66]  
 Nov. 25, 2009

**Dyck, Dr. Jacob** [MD/55, DipSurg/60]  
 Oct. 20, 2009

**Dyck, Edmond V.** [BA/53, BPed/54, BEd/59]  
 Nov. 26, 2009

**Fedorowich, A. E.** [BSc(Pharm)/56]  
 Dec. 29, 2009

**Fetterman, Wm W.** [DipAgric/51]  
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**Fullerton, Rev. Keith C.** [BA/58, BPed/60]  
 Jan. 5, 2010

**Giles, John Donald** [BSA/59]  
 Jan. 31, 2010

**Goldberg, Manley A. N.** [BA/57, LLB/60]  
 Oct. 19, 2009

**Grant, Donald S.** [BSc/58, MSc/67]  
 Feb. 5, 2010

**Gyles, Hon Harold F.** [LLB/51]  
 Jan. 27, 2010

**Head, Bruce** [DipArt/53] Dec. 30, 2009

**Horne, George A.** [CA/53] Nov. 3, 2009

**Hurwitz, Larry E.** [BSc(CE)/56] Dec. 19, 2009

**Jestadt, Dr. John J.** [MD/50]  
 Nov. 2, 2009

**Kemkaran, Dr. Samuel K.** [MD/58]  
 Jan. 5, 2010

**King, Anthony** [BSc(ME)/54]  
 Nov. 20, 2009

**Kitchen, Clinton Alexander**  
 [BSc/50, DipEd/51, BEd/56] Dec. 31, 2009

**Knight, Allan W.** [BSc(CE)/54]  
 Nov. 19, 2009

**Lavitt, Joseph** [BSc(Pharm)/52, CertBusM/75]  
 Feb. 12, 2010

**Lay, Franklin E** [BSc(EE)/51] Oct. 25, 2009

**Lees, Dr. C. Dan** [MD/50] Jan. 11, 2010

**Livingston, Gordon M.** [BSA/50]  
 Jan. 7, 2010

**Luchik, Anthony** [BSc(ME)/50]  
 Dec. 17, 2009

**Maybank, John** [BSc(Hons)/52]  
 Oct. 28, 2009

**Meyers, Ronald Jerome** [BA/55, LLB/59]  
 Jan. 15, 2010

**More, Dr. John H.** [MD/51] Oct. 27, 2009

**Morrow, Gerald D.** [BSc(Pharm)/57]  
 Oct. 18, 2009



**Pasternak, William P.** [BArch/49] May 17, 2009

**Pearson, John** [LLB/53, LLM/56]  
Nov. 2009

**Portnuff, Dr. Paul J.** [MD/57]  
Jan. 18, 2010

**Pratt, David W.** [LLB/53] Nov. 26, 2009

**Proctor, George W.** [BA(Hons)/50]  
Jan. 16, 2010

**Proven (McPherson), Grace L.** [BHEc/57]  
Dec. 27, 2009

**Rosenberg, Isaac** [BComm(Hons)/50]  
Nov. 22, 2009

**Rutherford, D. H.** [BSc(CE)/50]  
Jan. 15, 2010

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Jan. 21, 2010

**Shwartz, Irwin** [BSc(Pharm)/51]  
Feb. 8, 2010

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Feb. 6, 2010

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Jan. 12, 2010

**Vryenhoek, Ralph Douglas** [BSc(EE)/56]  
Nov. 6, 2009

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**Williams, Glen T.** [BSc(EE)/54, LLB/65]  
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**Woodall, Dr. Gordon P.** [MD/57,  
BSc(Med)/57] Feb. 2, 2010

**Zahara, Nick** [BSA/51] Dec. 28, 2009

## 1960-69

**Akins, Shirley Ann** [BSc/64] Jan. 17, 2010

**Anderson, Jonathan Robert** [BSA(Hons)/67,  
MSc/68] Oct. 18, 2009

**Archer, Gerald Walter** [Assoc Ed/69, BA/73,  
BEEd/79] Dec. 27, 2009

**Baderl, Alfons** [BA/65, Cert Ed/68, MA/77]  
Dec. 14, 2009

**Beaulieu (Chesley), Janet L.**  
[BSc/67, Cert Ed/68] Jan. 23, 2010

**Brown (Kristjansson), Unnur A.**  
[CertNurs(T&S)/60] Dec. 2, 2009

**Brown, Dr. John D.** [MD/64, BSc(Med)/64,  
PhD/68] Jan. 21, 2010

**Cardigan, William M.** [BSc(ME)/61]  
Dec. 19, 2009

**Doerr, James St. Clair** [BSc/63]  
Jan. 19, 2010

**Dronzek (Clark), Patricia Wynne**  
[BPE/68, Cert Ed/71] Nov. 3, 2009

**Foulkes, W. B.** [BSc/68, MSc/71, PhD/75]  
Jan. 11, 2009

**Friesen, Henry K.** [BA/63, BEd/65]  
Jan. 9, 2010

**Funk, Margery I.** [BA/62, Cert Ed/64]  
Oct. 30, 2009

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2009

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Dec. 8, 2009

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Dec. 25, 2009

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Dec. 21, 2009

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Dec. 3, 2009

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MEEd/80] Dec. 13, 2009

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CA/79] Dec. 23, 2009

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Nov. 13, 2009

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Nov. 22, 2009

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Oct. 15, 2009

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Feb. 4, 2010

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Oct. 24, 2009

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Dec. 27, 2009

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ExtEd/04] Nov. 2, 2009

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Oct. 30, 2009

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Dec. 8, 2009

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Nov. 17, 2009

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Nov. 28, 2009

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Dec. 2, 2009

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Nov. 13, 2009

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Dec. 11, 2009

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[BComm(Hons)/89] Nov. 7, 2009

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Nov. 23, 2009

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[BComm(Hons)/86] Jan. 28, 2010

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## 1990-99

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Jan. 19, 2010

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Jan. 9, 2010

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Nov. 13, 2009

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Jan. 30, 2010

## 2000-09

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