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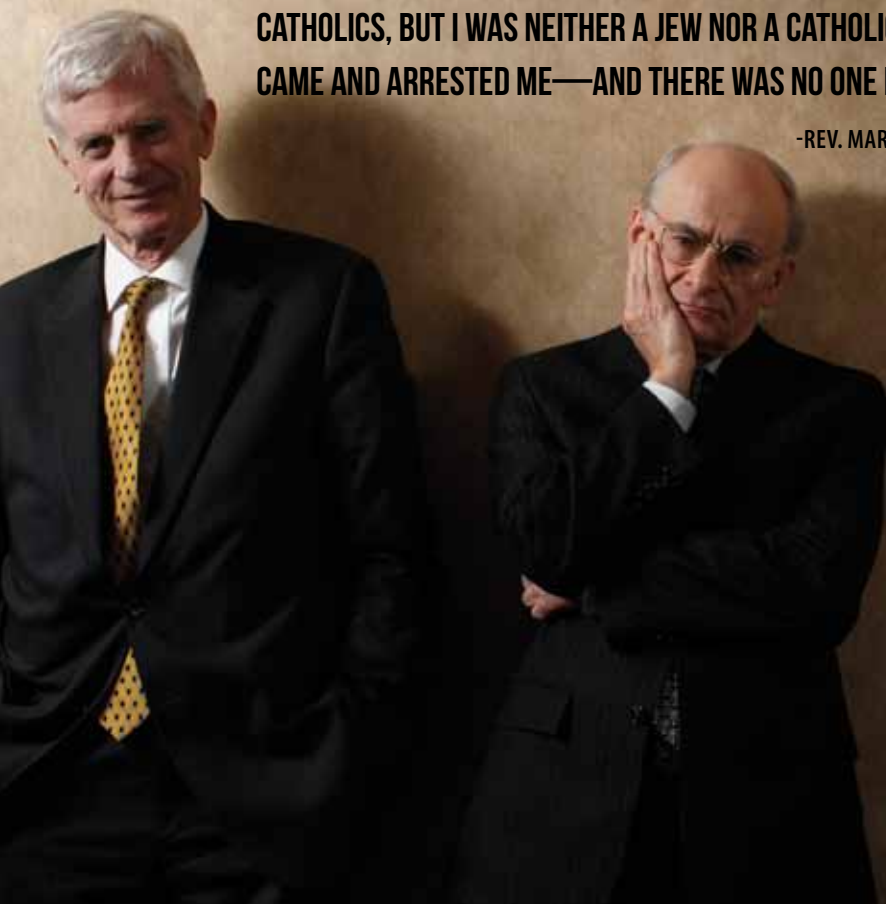


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“I had forgotten the unique experience of Ditchball. Are you still playing and is it still being organized by the Environmental Studies students?”

Randell Carr [BA/80]



I just went through Vol. 70 #3 of “*On Manitoba*” from cover to cover. I don’t usually do more than peruse several articles but this issue caught my attention.

You and your staff are doing a very good job on this project and I just thought I would mention it to you. Thanks for your diligence in creating an interesting and readable publication.

Yours truly,
Ed Labossiere [BA ’64]

Thank you readers for responding to this image from our April 2011 issue and helping identify who’s who in this Ditchball zoo. However, we are still a bit puzzled on the multiple identities attributed to the referee and the person blocking the Ditchdoll Dukes sign.

Dear Editor,

Regarding the Time Machine photo in the most recent issue of *On Manitoba*, I am the tall spectator in the picture with the top of my head slightly cropped. **Glenn Matich** [BES/79] is standing on my right with a portfolio case under his arm. **Mitch Elliott** [BES/80] is on my left holding a cup of coffee and Glenn thinks that the girl at the far right of the photo is **Laurie Steen** [BID/79] but he is not sure. There is a small chance that the referee is **Mark Dale** [BES/80].

I am now living in Montreal where Ditchball is an unknown phenomenon. Glenn is in Edmonton, Mitch is in Calgary and, at last report Mark and Laurie are both in Vancouver. We were in residence at Taché Hall during its late-70s, pre-renovation hey-days, highlighted by saunas in the bathrooms, scuba-diving in the shower stalls and 3rd floor vs. 4th floor water fights . . . all followed by massive flooding on the 1st and 2nd floors. I should also mention the Friday-afternoon tradition of putting large speakers out the north-west corner dorm windows overlooking the campus bus stop and playing Led Zeppelin at high volumes.

I have to confess that, prior to seeing this photo, I had forgotten the unique experience of Ditchball. What I remember most is the high level of participation and enthusiasm along with the equally high risk of injury due to the slippery surface and the rock-hard snow banks. Are you still playing and is it still being organized by the Environmental Studies students?

Thanks for the memories and, on behalf of everyone mentioned in this e-mail, please don’t use this to target us for additional alumni fund-raising phone calls!

Best wishes, **Randell Carr** [BA/80]

The person standing in the top row who is partially blocking the “Ditchdoll Dukes sign (behind the referee) is **Colin Campbell** (no relative). He was an agriculture student from Virden, and resident in Taché Hall.

Gerry Campbell [BComm(Hons)/79]

I had the occasion to have lunch with two architects that were in ES circa 1980. I was ID 1981-85. They spotted **Bruce Yorga** [BES/80, MArch/83] in the prison suit holding the ball and **Wally Neumann** [MArch/84] just behind with his left hand on his thigh (and wearing) the puffy jacket. Hope this helps! I remember Ditchball as a very fun and silly event.

Margaret Thompson (Whitley) [BID/85]

Just visiting in Winnipeg and saw the December issue of *On Manitoba*. I am generally known as the “founder” of Ditchball; while my official title was minister of propaganda for the Ditchball Athletic Club. The photo was from the second year which was likely 1979. The fellow in the striped uniform holding the Rhombicuboctahedron was the referee for that game—Mr. **David “Dirt” Swanson** [BES/76, MArch/80], who is now an architect in Calgary. Dave was also the minister of sanitation for the Ditchball Athletic Club.

Bruce Raber [BES/76, MArch/79]
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In a follow up e-mail Margaret Thompson identified **Chris Phillips** [BES/82] as number 79; that most of the people photographed are from first year environmental studies (1981); and as if that wasn't enough, she managed to procure their team photo from John Gustavson [BES/82] of Gustavson, Wylie Architects in Vancouver. He is number 66 in the picture below.



CORRECTIONS

We apologize for the errors listed below from our December and April 2010 publications, and offer the following corrections:

Alumni mistakenly reported deceased in our December 2010 publication:

Perlmutter, Sydney [BA/47, DipEd/48]
Nesbitt, Bruce H. [BA(Hons)/63]
Hamilton, Gerald W. [DipAg/65]

There were three mistakes in the cutlines for our Homecoming 2010 photo gallery:

Alice Mark [BEEd/76] and Johanna Wilson [BSCHec/45, BPed/53, BEEd/54, MEd/66] are pictured with Dorothie (Neil) Lindquist [BSCHec/42], not Claire Prentice; Barbara (Ratner) Joffe [BA/60] appears alongside her cousin, Lloyd Sector [BArch/65], and we apologize for not including her name

in the photo cutline; and finally, Sandra Pele [BHEc/74, MSc/76], not McGlenen, appears in the photo with Diane Mowbray [BHEc/74].


In our April 2010 publication, the following memorial ran with the incorrect date:

Marcoe, Paul [BA/74] died on Jan. 12, 2010, not Jan. 18, 2010 as stated.



U of M architects make keeping warm, cool



 Lancelot Coar and Matthieu Léger



The lattice work of red fibreglass rebar, draped in translucent winter-white fabric and a coating of river-fed ice, invites the sun's rays by day, and emits an ethereal torch-lit glow by night. Straddling a small section of The Forks' River Trail, this structure, as its name Cocoon suggests, provides shelter from the elements, and a warm, inviting place for travelers of the trail to gather.

Cocoon was created by Prof. Lancelot Coar—an assistant professor in the department of architecture and member of the CAST (Centre for Architectural Structures and Technology) research group—and a team of about 30 architecture students, who were invited to participate in The Forks' annual warming hut competition. The team braved, and blended, the elements to build their structure. "We saw an opportunity to produce a truly site/climate-specific architecture to celebrate the river walk experience," says Coar. "To achieve this, we constructed an ephemeral refuge, made primarily from the elements of the river walk itself." Coar credits Cocoon's success to partnerships far and wide. In addition to the support from the department of architecture's Partners Program, Coar had the help of Dagmar Svecova and Payam Nabipay from the department of civil engineering;

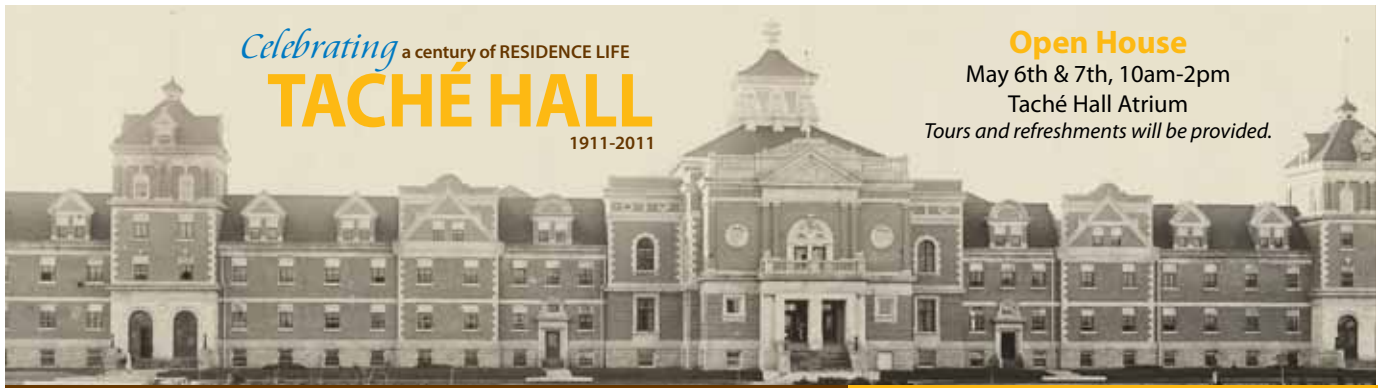
local design firm Smith Carter; Montreal's Pultrall Inc.; and Berlin-based Z3rch.

Beyond the work of Coar and his students, the warming hut competition—recently featured in *The Globe and Mail*—is a venue for several University of Manitoba-trained talents. Vancouver-based Patkau Architects, led by alumni John [BA/69, BES/69, MArch/72] and Patricia Patkau [BID/73] were also invited to create a warming hut; Jellyfish was the name of their submission. And the impetus behind the now two-year-old event came from U of M-trained designers: Peter Hargraves [BEnvD/96] of Sputnik Architecture, and the co-owners of 5468796 Architecture Inc., Johanna Hurme [BEnvD/99, MArch/02] and Sasa Radulovic. Reflecting on the project's successful sophomore run—which included an international design competition element that attracted more than 130 submissions from firms around the world—Hargraves gave credit to the collaborative nature of his fellow young architects, who put their time and talent behind an idea for idea's sake, not money or profile. "Winnipeg has a very talented architectural community and the sense amongst the young practitioners at the moment is that when one of us succeeds, we all succeed," says Hargraves.



Open House weekend details, as well as the collection of student reflections on life in Taché Hall, are available at umanitoba.ca/housing under the Taché Hall History Project tab. If you wish to contribute memories and photographs to the project, send them to housing_student_life@umanitoba.ca.

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Perusing students' recollections of life in Taché Hall during the past century will likely do one of two things for readers: make those who lived there pine for their residence days or make those who didn't ponder what might have been.

With work humming along on the new Pembina Hall residence, Taché's run as a student home-away-from-home is drawing to an end. But before the iconic structure, completed in 1911, begins its metamorphosis into the new home of the Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music and the School of Art, there will be one last weekend hurrah to

celebrate its centennial. And everyone is invited.

Housing and Student Life is hosting an open house—May 6 and 7, **save the date**—and they want you to join them. Details about the weekend are available on their website.

Coinciding with the centenary celebration, work is underway on a commemorative book. Details on how this project came to be are provided below, courtesy of Taché Hall alumnus, retired U of M lecturer, and occasional *On Manitoba* contributor: Leo Pettipas [BA/65, MA/67].

The now-global 'Doors Open' built-heritage tour program originated in France in the 1980s. Its objective was to offer the general public an opportunity to become acquainted with architectural legacies that ordinarily might not be familiar to most. Within 10 years the number of participating countries had increased to 47, and visitor participation had grown to 20 million by 2000.

*The Winnipeg rendition of the city-wide event was first held in 2004. In 2009, one of the buildings featured in the program was Taché Hall, and to supplement the on-site visitor tour, a 20-page hand-out was prepared titled, appropriately enough, *The History of Taché Hall*. It was decided at the time that the hand-out would serve as the foundation for a book to commemorate the centenary.*

Participants in the 2009 tour were invited to contribute stories and information about their experiences as residents of Taché Hall. Pending the publication of the proposed book, those stories reside online (umanitoba.ca/housing). Thus far, more than 40 anecdotes, some with photographs, have been posted, most of them relating to the 1960s.

If you were a resident of Taché Hall, please consider sending along your memories and/or photos (scanned at 300 dpi) with captions. If you were a resident of the all-female Mary Speechly Hall in its early days and you have colourful recollections of Taché Hall and its inhabitants, your contributions would be welcome too. Dates would be helpful, or at least let us know the decade to which the stories and pictures apply.



The University of Manitoba's 100,000 square-foot Active Living Centre is scheduled to open in 2013; search 'active living centre' on umanitoba.ca for links to a virtual tour of the space as well as further project details.

From 'gritty' to **grand**

New Active Living Centre aims to strengthen connection between healthy lifestyles, healthy minds



It will be a far cry from the grotto where U of M students, faculty and staff have been getting their subterranean sweat on for more than 35 years. Come 2013, when the doors of the U of M's new Active Living Centre open, visitors will enjoy four sun-soaked storeys and more than 100,000 square-feet of space; the centre will be the largest of its kind in Manitoba.

Gary Thompson [BRS/90, MA/09], director of active living at the university says their primary goal is to enhance the health of students, staff and the community. Adding to the already mounting list of reasons why we need active lifestyles, he points to statistics that estimate as much as 80 per cent of provincial budgets will be dedicated solely to healthcare by 2030, then offers a no-nonsense sug-

gestion for how each of us can help reverse this trend: "Take responsibility for your health now; the return on investment is very positive," says Thompson.

He believes the sheer presence of the new glass-encased building, which was designed by Winnipeg firm Cibinel Architects Ltd., will help eliminate one of the main excuses he hears when it comes to pursuing fitness on campus: 'Where can I do it?' "I've stood in the hallway of the Extended Ed building offering free fitness passes to students and had them say, 'what's the Frank Kennedy Centre?'," says Thompson. "Whether

you're driving, walking or biking past this building, this structure will raise the visibility that (active living) happens on campus."



U of M establishes NEW GRADUATE PROGRAM with Canadian Air Force



Col. Yvon Boilard and dean of Graduate Studies Jay Doering

A custom-tailored master's in public administration offering at the U of M will enable members of the officer corps to take their career to new heights.

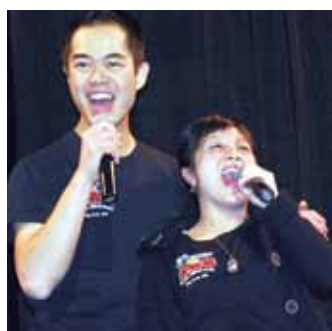
The Canadian Forces School of Aerospace Studies (CFSAS) has offered its Aerospace Systems Course (ASC) officer training program through Winnipeg-based 17-Wing for more than 60 years. Recognizing the needs of its officer corps to have graduate-level education in order to move up the military ranks, CFSAS engaged post-secondary institutes, like the University of Manitoba, to help them find ways to address this gap in training.

Last December, those discussions were recognized through "an historic agreement" between the U of M and the Air Forces, and the establishment of a unique stream of the university's master's in public administration (MPA) program, this one with a defense administration specialty.

Geared specifically to Canadian forces members who have taken or who are currently taking their ASC training, this new MPA is special both for its focus on defense administration and the defense industry, as well as for the flexibility it delivers to ASC trainees: they can now earn their certificate concurrent with their master's within the same calendar year.

Prof. George MacLean, who is department head of political studies at the U of M, says the program is just the beginning of a unique partnership with the air force.

"We are now working towards new MOUs and establishing a five-year paid position on campus for a defense programs administrator," says Maclean. The administrator, who will be hired by the university and funded by the military, will teach courses but also work with other faculties to develop new degree streams. Next up on the horizon: developing a graduate program through the Faculty of Engineering.



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Faculties & alumni **fun**draising

Pharmacy prof. Mike Namaka [BSc(Pharm)/91, MSc/97, PhD/00], pictured with Kristine Petrasko [BSc(Pharm)/00], took the Red Head Challenge in the Brodie Atrium to kick off Team Pharmacy's effort to raise \$30,000 towards MS research. He threw down the gauntlet by inviting other U of M faculties to meet or beat his faculty's campaign goal. Not to be outdone, a group of Manitoba dentists, most of them Faculty of Dentistry grads, are staging a four-night performance of Little Shop of Horrors to raise money for the Prairie Theatre Exchange in May. Pictured right are Dr. Wally Mah and Dr. Tricia Magsino Barnabe [BSc(Maj)/96, DMD/03].

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Another **solid** season for **Bison** women's hockey

They made history when they became the first team in 14 years to sweep the University of Alberta Pandas, on home ice, for the CIS West conference title in February. From there, the Bison women's hockey team headed to the nationals for the fifth time in the last seven seasons. And while the young squad finished sixth in that tournament, head coach Jon Rempel had nothing but praise for his athletes' performance. "There are a ton of milestones and (we) achieved a lot as a team this year."



Call them the '**comeback kids**'

A more telling measure of an athlete's success than the win/loss column or personal stats is how they respond to adversity: a season-ending injury, for example. Two such dramas unfolded this past season: Bison women's volleyball player Nicole Hall returned to the court after major surgery to fix an ACL (anterior cruciate ligament) tear at the end of the 2009-10 campaign and Bison men's hockey player Riley Dudar laced his skates back up after a check into the boards during the team's second game of the year left him with a lacerated spleen. Both athletes committed themselves fully to rehabilitation and their respective healing times—six and two months respectively—speak volumes about their dedication.

Standout 2010/11 performances

In volleyball, Chris Komishon (pictured), was named the CIS Rookie of the Year; his teammate, Chris Voth, a rookie of the year honoree once himself, was selected as a Canada West Second Team All-Star; Voth's sister Ashley was named a First Team All-Canadian for the third time in five years and her women's volleyball teammate Rachel Cockrell made the CIS All-Rookie team; the Bison men's basketball team made it to the playoffs for the first time since the 2003-04 season; fifth-year swimmer Braedon Taylor (pictured) made his final splash pool by setting a provincial record in the 200-metre breaststroke en route to three silver medals at the Speedo Western Canadian Championships; on the track the Bison men's 4x400 metre relay team also earned a silver medal at the CIS national championship; and Bison women's hockey player Addie Miles notched seven points to help lead Team Canada to victory at the 2011 Winter Universiade.

Transforming ideas into **practice** at the University of Manitoba



The idea of the university as a place where discovery and action meet carries with it great power and possibility. In the summer of 2009, the University of Manitoba released its Strategic Planning Framework, which committed us to pursuing a number of priorities important to the University and to the province, including human rights. To me, our focus on human rights is a compelling demonstration of this idea that universities are places where ideas can become practice: at the same time as researchers are seeking to advance knowledge and understanding, the University also must determine how to manage challenging situations affecting members of its community.

As you will read in this issue, the connection between Manitoba and the protection and promotion of human rights and social justice is a long-standing one. The support of alumni and friends and the expertise of the more than 150 researchers working in this field have allowed us as a university to build upon the wealth of the province's contributions thus far, and to seek out new opportunities to contribute to the global body of work in this field.

Evidence abounds of the importance of this work, both locally and globally. There can be a temptation to think that committing to promoting and preserving human rights and social justice is a simple proposition. Perhaps it is simple in principle, but it is not always easy and we do not always do it well. Though the situation here in Canada is better than in much of the world, we too have much to learn. Canada's history, for example, includes the legacy of the Indian residential schools and the harm done to First Peoples, including denial of their right to their languages, traditions and religion.

The emerging recognition of Winnipeg as a centre of learning in human rights is thanks in great part to the vision of the late Izzy Asper [BA/53, LLB/57, LLM/64, LLD/98] and the strong advocacy by the Friends of the Canadian Museum of Human Rights. Through their efforts, Canada's

first-ever national museum outside of Ottawa will be situated here in Winnipeg, and it will focus on human rights. Its establishment creates a wealth of opportunity for learning, discovery and understanding. It also has brought a great deal of momentum to the University of Manitoba's own efforts to enhance its academic and research expertise in human rights and social justice. An important component of this work is our partnership with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and our hope for learning through reconciliation. The fallout from the Indian residential school system continues to be experienced today and demonstrates unequivocally the consequences of violating basic human rights. It also serves as a sobering reminder of the importance of work in this field.

The rights and freedoms defined in the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights on their face seem indisputable. There are challenges, however, relating to how to balance these rights, whether or when there should be limitations, or in matters of interpretation. For the University of Manitoba, these are not only concepts for researchers to consider, they are a reflection of the kinds of tensions that often exist on university campuses, particularly when opportunities are sought to debate issues of a controversial nature.

As I recently wrote in the Winnipeg Free Press, universities long have been places that promote free inquiry and debate, a value that is codified in the commitment they make to the concept of academic freedom. Universities want our students to explore differences, understand them and learn from them. To think freely and consider alternatives. To listen. I am encouraged that members of our community will challenge those viewpoints with which they disagree and promote their own perspectives. Allowing the exploration of controversial subjects may not always be comfortable, but is a reflection of what universities are about, and it is through these exchanges that knowledge is advanced.

David Barnard PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR

HUMAN | **STORIES FROM THE** **RIGHTS** **FRONTLINES**

Watching citizens in Tunisia, Egypt and Libya fight to end decades of authoritarian rule reminds us that human rights are far from a universal experience.

Thousands of kilometres removed, we live a different reality. But a scan of Manitoba's history reveals an ongoing commitment to social justice. And the names of the people and events central to the struggle—Louis Riel, Nellie McClung, the Winnipeg General Strike—have helped shape a national dialogue.

Today, University of Manitoba alumni continue this tradition, and we offer some of their stories in the pages that follow. Prefacing their profiles, we look at examples of human rights work happening here on campus by a handful of the more than 150 researchers who tackle the issues within-the-issue on a daily basis.

Complementing their efforts is the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, scheduled to open at The Forks in 2012. Together, they will vault Manitoba to a position of leadership on a topic that matters to us all.



IN MY EXPERT



Prof. **KAREN BUSBY**

[LLB/81] director, Centre for Human Rights Research Initiative

Busby's research and teaching interests include laws regulating sex, gender, sexuality, repro-

duction, prostitution and violence. For two decades she has worked closely with equality-seeking advocacy groups on court cases and law reform projects. "It's always, 'walk a mile in my shoes.' That I find really helpful you know, to develop empathy so you can imagine yourself in someone else's position," says Busby, who, as founding director of the Centre for Human Rights Research Initiative (CHRR), will be developing research collaborations within the U of M and with the larger community.

Perhaps the most significant undertaking the centre is currently involved with seeks to bring empathy and understanding to one of the greatest tragedies in Canada's history: the Indian residential school program.

The CHRR is helping the Winnipeg-based Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) achieve its five-year mandate of documenting what really happened to residential school victims so they can, "... put the events of the past behind us and work towards a stronger and healthier future." It is also working on a bid to house the TRC Archives, which will include thousands of survivor statements—as well as a national research centre that will serve as a resource for all Canadians desiring a better understanding of what happened in residential schools—here at the University of Manitoba. Information on the CHRR can be found at <http://chrr.info>. For more on the TRC, visit trc.ca.



Clockwise from bottom left: Ken Letander, social work student; Richard Atleo, research liaison in education; David Thomas, Prairie Architects; Prof. Katherine Starzyk (psychology); Greg Boese, master's student in psychology; Tanya Kappo, law student; University of Manitoba president and vice-chancellor David Barnard; John E. Kearsey, vice-president (external); Prof. Janice Ristock [BA(Hons)/83], associate vice-president (research); Prof. Karen Busby[LLB/81], academic director, Centre for Human Rights Research initiative; Prof. Brenda Gunn (law); Helen Fallding, manager, Centre for Human Rights Research initiative; Shelley Sweeney, director of Archives & Special Collections; Prof. Tom Nesmith (history); Kali Storm [BA/89, PBCertEd/95, MEd/00], director, Aboriginal Student Centre; Prof. Laara Fitznor (education)



Prof. **SEAN BYRNE**

director of the Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice

Byrne grew up in Northern Ireland, a self-described "child of The Troubles." Watching his mother and grandmother, both members of the Northern Ireland Civil Rights

Association during the 1960s, set him on an academic path to discover why violence trumped peace in his and other nations.

"I saw the futility of violence, and from hearing the stories and knowing atrocities that happened maybe 25 miles away from my grandmother's farm. But at the same time, I knew people from both (Protestant and Catholic) communities and they were like me: decent people, hardworking people. And I was like, 'What. What is this about? What's driving this thing?'"

Today, Byrne and Prof. Jessica Senehi head up the Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice. Made possible by a gift from alumnus and former chancellor Arthur Mauro [BA/49, LLB/53, LLM/56, LLD/87], the centre acts like a magnet for students around

the world interested in studying peace, human rights, and conflict resolution. Their PhD program—unique among public universities in North America—includes 26 students from 15 different countries and they just began a joint master's program.

The centre is also committed to engaging the greater community on these issues. The SPARC (Storytelling for Peace and Renewing Community) program, led by Senehi, fosters peacemaking and community building through research, education, outreach and storytelling. As well, the annual Sol Kanee Lecture on Peace and International Justice, named in memory of Kanee [BA/29, LLD/74], a distinguished U of M alumnus, features global leaders in those areas. Visit umanitoba.ca/mauro_centre.

OPINION...

/  Jeremy Brooks [BA/98]*

A CONVERSATION WITH U OF M THOUGHT LEADERS



Prof. **ARTHUR SCHAFER**
director of the Centre for Professional
and Applied Ethics

As deadly battles for freedom dominate international news, Schafer suggests we look to our own history for a reminder of the generations of struggle that made possible the rights and

liberties we enjoy today but sometimes take for granted.

Schafer further cautions us to remember how, in times of uncertainty, fear can quickly take hold and threaten those freedoms; even in a peaceful and stable country such as Canada. He recalls how the panic brought on by the kidnapping of two politicians by the FLQ in Quebec in 1970 led to the virtually unchallenged enactment of the War Measures Act, which suspended civil liberties across the country. “The idea that you could throw civil liberties out the window with so little provocation was shocking,” says Schafer. “Even more worrying: the War Measures Act was hugely popular at the time.”

Schafer is the driving force behind an international lecture series, commencing in fall 2013, featuring some of the world’s fore-

most thinkers on international human rights and justice. The eight-month event, aptly titled *Fragile Freedoms: The Global Struggle for Human Rights*, will celebrate the opening year of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights (CMHR). The U of M’s Ethics Centre is working with various partners, including the CMHR, the U of M and its alumni, the CBC, and international collaborators to deliver a mix of coverage of the events via webcasts and radio programming. Those audio-visual materials will then be available to high schools and universities across Canada. As well, the lectures will be edited and published in book form.

For information on the Centre for Professional and Applied Ethics visit umanitoba.ca/ethics_centre. To learn more about the CMHR, go to humanrightsmuseum.ca.



Prof. **WARREN CARIOU**
director of the Centre for Creative Writing
and Oral Culture

Imagine being raised surrounded by storytellers whose written and oral narratives entertained you, educated you, and instilled a sense of pride about you and your place in the world. Outside the four walls of your home, however, these stories were suppressed for fear of something you couldn’t fully comprehend: discrimination.

This conflict characterizes Cariou’s child-

hood in Meadow Lake, Sask., where he grew up Métis in a mixed community of aboriginal and non-aboriginal people. His weapon of choice against the confusion and shame of his upbringing? Honouring the storytelling tradition so entrenched in his being to counter the divisive stereotypes within his and other communities. Through non-fiction books and documentary film, Cariou has demonstrated how storytelling helps restore pride and foster greater understanding of different peoples and cultures.

The Centre for Creative Writing and Oral Culture (CCWOC) at the U of M performs a similar function. Open since 2007, the CCWOC is the first centre of its kind in North America. There, faculty, students, and the community at large can gather to research written and oral culture, and develop their own creative works. The centre’s writer/storyteller-in-residence program brings international perspectives and expertise on both the craft of storytelling and its

importance to the dialogue on human rights. “I think one of the challenges is getting people in a country like Canada to actually recognize that human rights violations can occur here; they’re not just something that happens far away.”



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The centre’s state-of-the-art studio space, open to the public, is helping build an archive of oral histories—from home and abroad—to educate us on the importance of knowing a people through their own words, ideas and languages. Visit umanitoba.ca/centres/ccwoc.

AND JUSTICE FOR ALL

THEIR PERSONALITIES ARE NOTHING ALIKE.
ONE, RESERVED, INTENSELY PRIVATE, A MAN
OF FEW WORDS, CONSUMED BY HIS WORK.
THE OTHER, GREGARIOUS, A FAMILY MAN,
THE CONSUMMATE PUBLIC FIGURE.

But these two lifelong friends also share much in common.
Foremost is their passion for defending human rights, an
ongoing pursuit that brought them together, in May 2006,
to investigate the government of China's systematic killing
of Falun Gong practitioners for their organs.





✱ **Falun Gong** (or Falun Dafa) is an ancient discipline which encourages good ethical standards for cultivating body and character. It contains the essence of traditional cultivation systems, like Buddhism and Daoism (Taoism), combined with a set of gentle exercises. Its core principles are “truth, compassion and forbearance”. It today reaches millions of people of diverse backgrounds in more than one hundred countries. (source: excerpted from david-kilgour.com/2010/May_21_2010_01.php)

Three years later, David Matas and David Kilgour co-authored a book, *Bloody Harvest*, detailing evidence of this horrific practice as well as the steps necessary to bring it to an end. The narrative is chilling. Since 1999, the Chinese party-state has been arresting members of the Falun Gong—whose beliefs and practices are based on the Taoist and Buddhist tenets of truth, compassion and forbearance—and keeping many in forced labour camps as a source of organs for transplant.

“When I first heard of this, my hope was that it was not true,” says Matas, a renowned immigration and refugee lawyer whose clients have included several victims of human rights abuse. “I like to think better of humanity than that.”

“It was hard to comprehend that this could be happening in the 21st century,” echoes Kilgour. As eight-term Member of Parliament for Edmonton and former minister of state to Latin America, Africa and Asia-Pacific, he has also been exposed to many examples of human rights violations. This, he says, is among the worst.

Only four months into their research, neither of the two Davids had any doubt that these atrocities were indeed taking place. “When I came to the conclusion, that this was happening, I then decided I had to do something about it,” recalls Matas. That “something” was an advocacy campaign for which he and Kilgour have written countless letters, given numerous presentations and visited more than 50 countries, always working as volunteers.

Their efforts have been met with anger, bullying and threats from Chinese officials. Denied entry into China, Kilgour and Matas have been subjected to intimidation by agents of the Communist Party of China (CPP) operating in nations around the world. “When we provide[d] information, the CCP countered with disinformation,” Matas told an audience at the University of Western Australia in a speech delivered to the International Conference on Human Rights Education. “When we invited people to meet with us, the CCP tried to discourage them from attending. We have been slandered, boycotted, picketed, and threatened. The global Chinese Communist Party/State campaign against our work is unlike anything we see from any of the other major human rights violators.”

The threats range in intensity. In 2007, Matas received a potentially damaging computer virus while arranging to speak about the Falun Gong killings in Australia. That same year, when he was speaking at Columbia University, the Chinese Students and Scholars Association posted a threat on its website saying: “Anyone who offends China will be executed no matter how far away they are.”

This was followed by a direct threat by a Chinese government police official participating via Internet at an Australian Forum where Matas was speaking. “Are you afraid of death?” he asked Matas. “You are brutally interfering in our Party’s internal policies. Are you afraid of our revenge? Our revenge against you, we’ll take revenge against you, are you not afraid of that?”

Then there was the drive-by shooting at the offices of the Epoch Times. At the time, the newspaper was hosting Matas who was speaking at a public forum in Queensland.

These incidents leave no doubt that advocating for the human rights of the Falun Gong is dangerous work. Yet the Davids have continued, undeterred.

“We didn’t think we’d still be doing this four years later,” notes Kilgour. “But we’ve been learning and adding to our concerns while spreading the word about what’s been happening.”

He recalls the phone call he received from The Coalition to Investigate the Persecution of the Falun Gong in China. (Matas received a separate phone call asking him to volunteer. The Coalition was unaware that they knew each other.) Although they had both heard the rumours, it was the first time anyone had asked them to become involved in proving that the allegations of systematic organ harvesting were true. It was also the first time that Kilgour and Matas would have the opportunity to work together.

The two Davids agree they likely met as students at the University of Manitoba. Born in Winnipeg in 1941, only two years before Matas, Kilgour had started his post-secondary studies at the age of 16. He was well on his way to a BA in economics when the younger David also enrolled at the U of M, eventually graduating with double honours in mathematics and economics.

As students, both were involved in campus politics at one point or another. Kilgour was the arts faculty representative to UMSU in the 1959-1960 academic year. He also participated in the model parliament and played hockey.

In his first year, Matas was president of the Science Students Association, while, in his second, he was elected to represent the students of the Faculty of Arts. At the same time, he was actively involved in Hillel (Jewish Students Association) and the Young Liberals.

After completing their U of M degrees, both freshly minted undergraduates headed for law school—but for very different reasons. “It was a career more in tune with my own inclinations,” explains Matas. “Math was very logical, but not very verbal. Economics was much too focused on monetary issues.” On the other hand law was verbal, logical, and dealt with a broad range of option, hence, an excellent career choice for the serious young man.

Kilgour, on the other hand, was not so inclined. After exploring a wide range of possibilities via an unusual succession of summer jobs (a trail rides guide in Banff National Park; a copy writer for the Winnipeg Free Press and, a labourer-teacher on a steel gang with Frontier College in Northern Ontario), the son of former Great West Life president, David E. Kilgour [BA/34] and Mary (Russell) [BA/34], acquiesced to his father’s wishes that he become a lawyer.

“My parents always said, ‘do what you want and do it well,’” recalls the junior Kilgour, adding that, nonetheless, his father drew the line at a career as an economist. “I had great love and respect for him so I did what he suggested. But I hated law school with a passion.”

In retrospect, he adds, it was a good decision, one that would take him on the path of a career he enjoyed more than he could have ever envisioned at the time. So in 1966, while Matas was working on his bachelor of arts in jurisprudence from the University of Oxford in

✱ David Kilgour and David Matas were nominated for the **2010 Nobel Peace Prize** for their work related to the investigation of organ harvesting crimes against Falun Gong practitioners in China. In his nomination to the Nobel committee, MP Boris Wrzesnewskyj said awarding the prize to Matas and Kilgour “would help the world realize that liberty, human rights, and the rule of law can be won by determined peaceful acts of conscience.” (source: theepochtimes.com/n2/content/view/24992/)

England, Kilgour graduated with a law degree from the University of Toronto.

The following year, he was working as an assistant city prosecutor in Vancouver when Trudeaumania swept the country. It would be Kilgour's first foray into politics. In 1968, he ran as the Conservative candidate for Vancouver Centre, losing by 17,000 votes.

Despite his loss at the ballot box, Kilgour nonetheless headed for Ottawa, not as an MP, but as a litigation counsel for the Department of Justice. Coincidentally, Matas was working in the capital as well, as a law clerk to the chief justice of the Supreme Court of Canada.

Two years later, their paths would cross again, this time affording a greater opportunity for developing their friendship. The setting was the University of Paris. Matas was engaged in some heady research for the Government of Canada's Foreign Ownership Working Group. Kilgour was attempting to master la langue de Molière while studying constitutional law.

“We saw a lot of each other in Paris,” recalls Kilgour, who was living at the Alliance Française at the time. “We used to meet and commiserate about trying to learn French.” Four years later, when he married Laura Scott in Edmonton, Matas attended the wedding.

The years surrounding the nuptials would prove decisive for each of the Davids. After Paris, both lawyers went to work in Winnipeg with mid-sized law firms. Kilgour vividly remembers the case that would change both his career and his perspective. The client was a member of the Inns of the Court of Britain who had emigrated from Malaysia to take up an articling position for which the Manitoba Law Society had confirmed he was qualified. Upon arrival, however, he was instructed to write an exam on common law principles. After failing twice he was reduced to working in a tannery.

Unfortunately, Kilgour's firm at the time had recently merged with the one representing the Law Society. Rather than drop the case, he quit the firm and went out on his own. “That's when I realized that I liked being a prosecutor better than a defense counsel,” he explains. Shortly thereafter, he moved to Edmonton to take a position as a crown attorney, and later, also a constitutional advisor to the (Peter) Lougheed government.

During this time period, Matas was working as an associate with Schwartz, McJannet, Weinberg. One of his clients was a Chilean refugee claimant fleeing persecution by the Pinochet regime. “Canada had a very fragmented system at the time,” recalls Matas. “At no point did you get interviewed by someone who decided your case.” Instead a local officer taped each claimant's statement and the transcripts were sent to Ottawa to be read by members of a committee which advised the Minister's delegate as to whether the claim should be accepted or rejected. No reasons for the decision were ever released, making an appeal difficult.

However, when Matas' client was refused refugee status, the young lawyer asked the court to compel the government to release the reasons so he could formulate an effective appeal. Applying the administrative law principals he had studied at Oxford, Matas was able to win the case. A little more than two months after the ruling, the Government of

Canada changed its policy to provide the reasons henceforward.

“This was a good start,” says Matas, adding that the case garnered significant media attention. In fact, that dual impact—on government policy and on the life of a refugee claimant—would affect Matas in two different ways as well.

Early in his life, he had developed an awareness of injustice and the need to take a stand.

He remembers vividly when, at the age of eight or nine, he first learned of the Holocaust. “It was just so out of sync with the world I knew around me,” he recalls. “I just couldn't understand how it could have happened. I was horrified. To me it didn't make sense. So I wanted to make some sense out of it.”

After the case of the Chilean refugee, that path started to become clearer. Matas became involved with B'nai Brith and Amnesty International. At the same time, he made the decision to run for politics. In 1979 and 1980, he ran as the Liberal Candidate in Winnipeg-Assiniboine, finishing in second place both times.

He was at another fork in the road. “It was a combination of getting involved in human rights and my not succeeding in politics that made me realize that I would be more effective in dealing with human rights through law than through politics,” explains Matas.

By the early 1980s, he was on his own, running a private practice that focused on refugees, immigration and human rights. The body of work that followed has been well documented in legal annals and the popular press throughout the years, recognized in 2008 with an appointment to the Order of Canada.

In the early years, there was no Canadian immigration section at the Canadian Bar and Matas was only one of two lawyers specializing in refugee claims. That is certainly no longer the case. Just as Canadian jurisprudence has evolved, so has Matas's practice, encompassing various forms of advocacy as well as legal work.

“I always had, at the back of my mind, wanting to act on the lessons I learned from the Holocaust and what that something was became more focused over time,” he says.

While Matas was finding his focus through law rather than politics, Kilgour was doing exactly the opposite. Prompted to run again in 1979 partly in hopes of addressing Western alienation, he won handily as a Conservative in Edmonton's most multicultural riding, populated by immigrants from Afghanistan to Zaire.

“Nothing could happen in the world without someone coming to see me about it,” recalls Kilgour.

That was certainly the case when the Indian Army invaded Sri Lanka in 1987. A relative of one of Kilgour's constituents was shot in their home village. From that point on, the MP became increasingly involved in forums such as the lead up to the Sri Lanka Peace Agreement, among many others. Serving as a Liberal MP—after being expelled from Conservative Caucus by Brian Mulroney for criticizing the government's record of tackling Western alienation and voting against the GST—he represented Canada around the world, including Asia.

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FAIR JUDGEMENT

/ Sarah Richards  Thomas Fricke

Prost was recently honoured for her work by *The Globe and Mail*, which named her as one of five “Canadians Changing the World.”

Last June, the fate of seven men linked to the killing of more than 7,000 people rested in the hands of Winnipegger Kimberly Prost.

“You cannot do that job and not be affected by it,” recalls Prost. “It is certainly life changing.”

At the time, Prost was a judge at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, one of the most prominent war crimes hearings since the Nuremberg trials.

She listened to hundreds of hours of testimony on the killing of thousands of Bosniaks during the Srebrenica massacre, one of the most horrifying acts of the war in Yugoslavia. And she learned that there were tragic tales from all sides of the war.

“Perhaps the darkest story of all is that you like to think some of these events are about people who have gone mad,” says Prost, who served on the tribunal for four years. “But to some degree, there’s the potential out there in all of us to do bad stuff.”

One would expect no less a revelation from the 52-year-old. Not content with a career chasing ambulances or writing legalese, Prost, who grew up in Fort Rouge, has established a calling as both a lawyer and judge in criminal, humanitarian and international law.

At times, the work has been emotionally taxing. But seldom has it been boring, like her time spent at the International Criminal Tribunal in The Hague. Prost and three other judges ended up convicting seven Bosnian Serb officials for crimes committed in 1995 in eastern Bosnia and Herzegovina.

“The legal issues are tremendously challenging, and you do feel that you’re contributing in such a significant way to national justice and justice in a conflict scenario,” says Prost from a coffee shop near the United Nations headquarters in Midtown Manhattan. “You hear the evidence and you’re thinking, ‘Does that establish the facts for genocidal crimes against humanity?’ or whatever the issue, charge or persecution might be.”

A few weeks after that trial ended, Prost undertook an arguably greater challenge: bringing fairness and transparency to a special Al-Qaida and Taliban sanctions committee at the United Nations. Created in 1999, the so-called 1267 committee (the number refers to the resolution that created it) maintains a list of individuals and entities associated with Osama bin Laden or terrorist groups. Those included on the list have their assets frozen, can’t travel and must comply with an arms embargo.

Prost was appointed in part because of her legal and judicial experience. U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon considered

Prost “the most qualified person in the world” for the job.

She previously led the United Nation’s Office on Drugs and Crime’s legal advisory section in Vienna. Prior to that, she lived in London for five years, where she served as the head of criminal law at the Commonwealth Secretariat, the agency that provides operational assistance to the Commonwealth of Nations.

“Part of what I loved about a lot of the jobs I’ve had is they often involve travel,” says Prost, who counts that as her favourite pastime. “Rather than taking long holidays, I’d take a couple of days after a negotiating trip and see the place where I was.”

Alumni may have also spotted the Winnipegger’s name in the news when she helped investigate one of the biggest scandals in recent Canadian history.

At the time, she was a prosecutor for the Department of Justice and head of a government group for cooperation on international crime. The latter group was involved in the probe of an alleged pay-to-play scheme involving politicians and the commission of \$1.8 million worth of Airbus planes for Air Canada.

As part of that investigation, Prost sent a letter to Swiss authorities in 1995 asking for their assistance in examining possible foreign bank accounts linked to the alleged crime—a letter that sparked a \$50 million defamation suit brought by former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney against the Canadian government.

Prost says that being a civil servant shoved unwillingly into the media spotlight was horrible. At one point, a newspaper photographer hid outside her house. Still, she wouldn’t change any of her actions.

“(Brian Mulroney) doesn’t get any better or worse treatment because he’s named in a request for assistance and he’s the former Prime Minister,” says Prost. “If there were problems with the process that we had to address, that’s fair enough. But I can always look myself in the mirror and say: as far as I’m concerned, I did the only thing that a responsible lawyer in those circumstances could do.”

The suit was settled out of court in 1997. No one has been charged in Canada with relation to the affair.

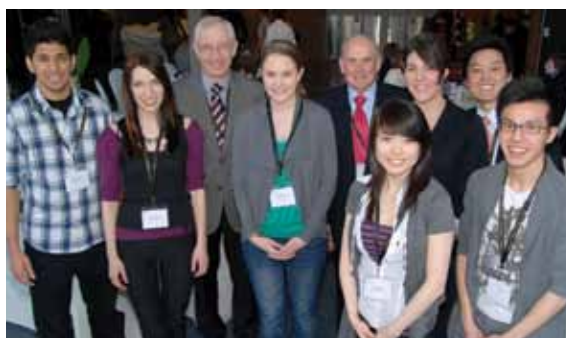
Despite such prominent work, Prost never considered the field of law while growing up. Credit her high school friends for helping lead her to the profession when they decided to take the Law School Admission Test.



CELEBRATING YOUNG LEADERS AT THE U OF M More than 80 U of M students were recognized by their faculties or schools as outstanding leaders at a special luncheon on March 2. The first annual Young Leaders Luncheon, sponsored by the Alumni Association Inc. of the University of Manitoba, honoured these future graduates and thanked them for pursuing their post-secondary education at the U of M.

One of the guest speakers at the luncheon was science alumnus David Tang [BSc(Hons)/09], a self-described “young leader in training.” Tang challenged audience members to identify their passions and turn them into leadership opportunities. He also reflected on his own journey as a student and how having solid mentors at the university led him to pivotal roles with Let’s Talk Science, a volunteer outreach program at the U of M that promotes science literacy amongst school-age children throughout Manitoba.

U of M Chancellor Harvey Sector [BComm/67, LLB/92] also addressed the crowd. He offered the students a lesson he’s learned through his own lifetime: “leadership is much more of a marathon than a sprint.”



A PERFECT PAIRING



Tina Jones [BEd/89]

University of Manitoba alumni will soon have access to education sessions catering to both novice and knowledgeable *vino* enthusiasts. The Alumni Association is excited to offer this program with the help of alumna, wine expert and co-owner of Banville and Jones Wine Co.—Tina Jones. Final program details and dates are being finalized and will be communicated to alumni through our e-newsletter and website, stay tuned! For more information on Banville and Jones Wine Co., visit banvilleandjones.com.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NEW DIGS

In **May**, the Alumni Association will leave the 'double-wides' it has called home for the past couple of years and relocate to Chancellor's Hall on Dysart Road. Watch for details on our website about our official move-in date and new address.



SPRING CONVOCATION

The 132nd Spring Convocation will take place over the following days: **April 29, May 12, May 31, June 1, 2** and **6**.

The honorary degree recipients are:

Izzeldin Abuelaish

Claude Bernier [BA/53, BSA/57, MSc/61]

Stuart George Clark BComm(Hons)/76]

Catherine (Kiki) Delaney [BA/69]

Gary Filmon [BSc(CE)/64, MSc/67]

Janice Filmon [BScHEc/63]

Philip S. Lee [BSc/66]

Dr. Allan Ronald [BSc(Med)/61, MD/61]

Terry Sargeant [BA/67, LLB/99]

COMMEMORATE YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A crested degree frame from the Alumni Association is a great way to mark your graduation. Frames are available for purchase at convocation or throughout the year at the Alumni Association office.

Visit umanitoba.ca/alumni for more details on the degree frame program.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Alumni Association's AGM is scheduled for **June 15**, 2011. Complete event details will be posted at umanitoba.ca/alumni.

THE U & YOU CONTEST WINNER

Thank you to everyone who completed the questionnaire in our December 2010 magazine. And congratulations to our \$1,000 prize winner **Darlene Michalot-Dumas** [BEd/85, PBCertEd/95]. Michalot-Dumas is an English Language Arts (ELA) Consultant for Frontier School Division. Based out of Dauphin, Man., she travels to 13 schools within the division where she offers teacher support to schools in the area of ELA.



This year, 9 nursing students received awards from U of M graduate Kay Ruane



Mary Kathleen Ruane died in 2007, but she set up a bequest in her will to fund awards for nursing students in financial need. Ruane was one of the first students to enter the School of Nursing administration program at the University of Manitoba, and that education provided her with the foundation she needed for her career.

Ruane gave back because she believed in the importance of education. Her gift will ensure that her legacy lives on.

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Select slides from the Emil and Lynette Hain fonds

The U of M's answer to Antique Road Show

The collection of historical pieces housed in the University of Manitoba's Archives & Special Collections continues to benefit from items donated by alumni. One recent example came from Emil [BSc(CE)/59] and Lynette Hain.

DONATE For more information on the process and the benefits of donating, please contact Archives & Special Collections by phone (204) 474.9986 or e-mail: archives@umanitoba.ca.

Emil shares their story:

In 1979, while visiting New Zealand, Lynne's aunt, Margaret Watson, entrusted Lynne with several items of Watson family memorabilia. Among them were Rev. T.F. Watson's pre-Boer War lantern slides, hand written lecture notes, diaries, fragments of family biography, photos, etc. We sensed the slides and notes had some historical value, so off-loading them to some other family member just didn't seem like a fitting discharge of our custodial responsibility. But where does one begin?

Fast forward to September 2009. During my 50th class reunion, Beth Proven had kindly arranged a tour of the Elizabeth Dafoe Library and archives by (archives department head) Shelley Sweeney. As we passed one of the archive's cubicles I spotted a lantern slide projector. "We've got some old lantern slides from South Africa," I said to Shelley. "Would you be interested?" Discussion ensued.

In March 2010, Shelley collected the slides, lecture notes and relevant documents, personally conveying them to the U of M Archives. Incidentally, as a result of Shelley's visit, we were also able to donate about a dozen books.

The collection will now be properly preserved for posterity and, most importantly, the information will be housed online and disseminated world-wide.

Finding a safe and appropriate home for the collection was ample reward, and though we entered into the process aware of the fact that we'd receive a tax write-off to boot, we anticipated something quite modest. But to our astonishment—and Shelley's too!—the tax-credit based on the appraisal of the collection is very substantial.

How many treasures: books, diaries, documents, letters, medals and countless other artifacts of potential historical significance are stuffed in trunks and shoeboxes in dusty attics? I strongly urge fellow alumni to seek out these hidden family treasures and talk to Archives & Special Collections.

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Better together

Medicine grads pool resources to fund scholarship



An interview for a project back in high school set first-year medicine student Jessica Allen on her path to becoming a doctor. The 21-year-old recalls the conversation she had with Dr. Ian Reid [MD/56, DipSurg/60], a retired physician from her hometown of Selkirk, Man.; she says his account of the evolution of medicine and the pressing need for new doctors inspired her to pursue the field. Just as Reid's remarks helped focus Allen on a career in medicine, another group of doctors from the U of M gave her a big boost towards achieving that goal by awarding her the Medicine Class of 1960 Entrance Scholarship in Medicine in 2010.

Allen had the chance to thank the class in person at their 50th anniversary reunion, held last September during Homecoming. "I was really grateful for the opportunity to speak to this group and let them know how much I appreciated their support," she says.

The scholarship was established in 2000 by members of the class upon the 40th anniversary of their graduation. They elected to combine their resources rather than make individual donations. "Giving as a class gave us the flexibility to make a much greater impact," says Dr. Neil Margolis [MD/60], who led the cam-

paign along with fellow class leader Dr. Bryan Kirk [MD/60].

Two more anniversary campaigns later—in honour of their 45th and 50th reunions—and the group has collectively established a scholarship endowment of more than \$200,000. This is enough to provide two \$5,000 scholarships each year. Margolis says he is happy to see the benefit the class gift is having on students like Allen. "My father always said 'give when your hand is warm' and it stuck with me. I think we all deserve to see our gift at work and hear about the good it does."

Margolis and his classmates were also grateful to have Allen at their reunion. Her comments and expression of thanks, Margolis says, "did more to inspire our giving than anything since we began our project."

For her part, Allen says the experience with the 1960 classmates has given her an example to follow as a graduate. She says she appreciated seeing the sense of community that exists among the 1960 classmates. As she nears the end of her first year of medical school, she imagines the class of 2014 will maintain similarly close ties 50 years from now. "There are already really close relationships in the class," she says. "I can see that happening."

/ Lisa Thomson Stifora

Legal history lecture draws Manitoba's bar and bench back to Robson Hall

The Moot Court Room in Robson Hall couldn't contain the overflow crowd when the Right Hon. Beverley McLachlin, Chief Justice of Canada, delivered the inaugural DeLloyd J. Guth Visiting Lecture in Legal History last October. Manitoba lawyers and judges, along with U of M law students, faculty members and the wider university community gathered to hear McLachlin [LLD/2004] speak about Louis Riel, his trial, and its effect on Canadian legal history. With the room filled to capacity, as well as an adjacent classroom linked in via video networking, this first-of-its-kind event was a resounding success.

Second-year law student Dorothy Chu [B.Comm(Hons.)/2009] attended the lecture and found it invigorating. "She's the Chief Justice of Canada. It's not every day you get to hear her talk," she says, adding that in addition to the lecture she had the opportunity to meet with McLachlin and other judges who were in attendance. "I think it's really valuable to be exposed to not just high profile legal figures, but to also learn more about Canadian legal history from someone at that level. It's a great perspective to have."

Made possible by a donation from Prof. DeLloyd Guth and his family, the endowed Guth Visiting Lecture is intended to bring the world's best legal historians to campus. "It's important to get outsiders on campus to enrich the intellectual discourse and the whole learning process," says Guth.

Guth knows firsthand the power a visiting lecturer can have. He was a doctoral student at the University of Pittsburgh when Sir Geoffrey Elton, who Guth says was one of the most distinguished scholars in the field of pre-modern

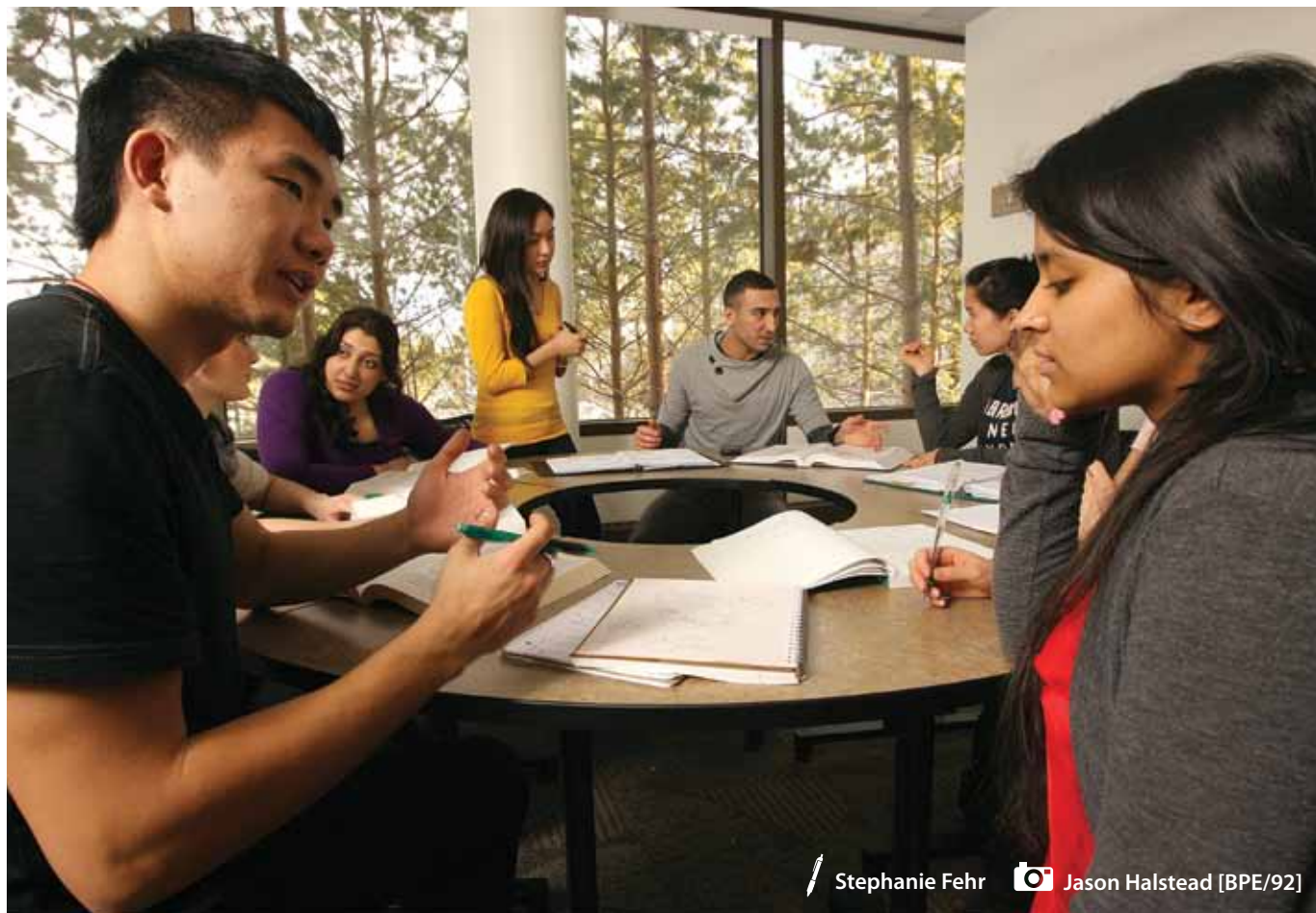
English legal history nearly 50 years ago, spoke at the school and inspired him to pursue his PhD at Clare College, the University of Cambridge in England. He hopes his lectureship will also motivate students and bring new light on how rule-of-law has developed over the centuries.

"If it can inspire even one person each year to a dedication to do legal history, then Robson Hall will be fulfilling its mission for Manitobans," says Guth.

/ Stephanie Fehr



Much-needed group study room a **tribute** to former dean



Stephanie Fehr Jason Halstead [BPE/92]

Science students won't have to whisper in the library anymore—at least not while in the new Bigelow Study Room.

Rochelle Viray, president of the Science Students' Association and a third-year microbiology major, says this new area, designed for group studying and nestled in the southeast corner of the Science and Technology Library's second floor, fills a needed gap. "If you want somewhere to study with others there aren't too many places to do that where there aren't distractions," says Viray. "A lot of people want that type of space."

The Bigelow Study Room is outfitted with a whiteboard, as well as a big screen TV that can be hooked up to a lap top for students working on group presentations. The round table in the centre of the room seats eight, further facilitating collaboration.

Named in memory of Charles Bigelow, the dean of science from 1979 to 1989, the study room was made possible by a number of donors, including the Science Students' Association through the

referendum process and Elizabeth Bigelow, Charles's wife. She wanted to do something to commemorate her husband's memory and liked the concept of a group study room because it incorporated four of Bigelow's passions: the university, the Faculty of Science, students, and his love of books. "Students were the important part of the university to him," says Bigelow. "That's the purpose of university—to educate students. He was always available to them."

Both Viray and Bigelow are grateful for the other donors who have helped make this resource a reality. "Charlie would be delighted that so many people contributed in his honour," says Bigelow. "I know the students also contributed and of course the current generation of students don't know him personally. He would be pleased."

"It's great that so many people are supporting this," adds Viray. "It's nice to know that we're not alone in this and there are people out there who care about our education."



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Accomplishments



Marcia Anderson [MD/02]

Doctor honoured for helping raise awareness of aboriginal health issues, delivering indigenous perspective to medical school curriculum

Dr. Marcia Anderson DeCoteau knew since about age four that she wanted to be a doctor. But it was her journey through medical school—including pivotal experiences working with communities in northern Manitoba and

Zambia—that crystallized her purpose for studying medicine and focused her efforts on working in indigenous health. In March, the 32-year-old's work was celebrated across Canada when she received a 2011 National Aboriginal Achievement Award for health.

Since graduating from the U of M's Faculty of Medicine in 2002, Anderson DeCoteau has pursued many avenues—as a faculty member, clinician, researcher and medical officer of health in northern Mani-

toba—to increase awareness about aboriginal health issues and promote greater understanding of Aboriginal Peoples' traditional views on health and health treatment. And through her involvement with the Indigenous Physicians Association of Canada (IPAC), of which she was president, Anderson DeCoteau has successfully incorporated education on aboriginal health into medical school curriculum across Canada, and helped create an elective course for indigenous students interested in working with traditional aboriginal healers.

Anderson DeCoteau says she was “flattered” and “surprised” by the honour, which is the highest award the aboriginal community gives to its members. She also says that in light of how difficult it can be to work in indigenous health, the award fuels the fire of not one but many who have pushed for the same change she's sought. “[It's] not just for me but also for IPAC,” says Anderson-DeCoteau. “To really have our work recognized through me, it gives us a lot of drive to keep going.”



Samantha Lynch [MArch/09]

National prize, international research and intern opportunity for architecture grad

Architecture alumna **Samantha Lynch** recalls her reaction when the phone call came informing her she'd won Canada's top prize for young architects.

“I was definitely very happy and in complete shock,” says Lynch. “I didn't really expect it.”

As the recipient of the \$34,000 Prix de Rome for Emerging Practitioners prize for 2010, Lynch will spend a year doing an independent research project as well as an internship with an internationally recognized architecture firm. Lynch currently works for DIN Projects here in Winnipeg, a firm founded by U of M architecture professor Neil Minuk. Her internship will be with Berlin-based Fat Koehl Architekten; her research will also take place in western Europe. The 34-year-

old plans to study a series of architectural projects, all built in the past 23 years, across the region.

As part of this effort, she will build site-specific cameras to assist her observations.

“I want to look at how contemporary architecture is addressing the body on a tactile and interactive level, and how time plays a part in this,” Lynch says. “It is the temporal aspect that led me to the possibility of making cameras. I really like the idea of making site-specific cameras. I believe this will allow me to focus and to capture certain aspects and relationships of each space—and in that sense the cameras may also act as tools toward the generation of new architectures.”

The Prix de Rome, awarded by the Canada Council for the Arts, builds on Lynch's recent accomplishments such as the Power Corporation of Canada Award (2009) which came with an internship opportunity at the Canadian Centre for Architecture; as well as being named a member of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada Honour Roll (2010).

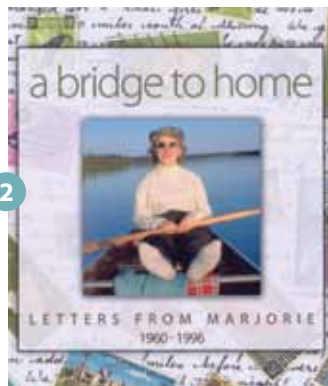
Accomplishments



Robertson



Wright



Thorne

1960-69

- 1 **Robertson, Sheila** [BA/63] recently published *Taking the Lead: Strategies and Solutions from Female Coaches*. Robertson has worked as an editor and writer with Canada's sport community for over 30 years. The founding editor of *Champion magazine*, she was also the founding editor of *Coaches Report* magazine and its lead writer from 1993 to 2005. In 1995, she was the recipient of the Canadian Sport Award for Communications. In 2005, Coaches of Canada established the Sheila Robertson Award to recognize a sport organization that demonstrates a consistent approach in valuing and recognizing the role of the coach internally and to the media and the public. To learn more about Robertson's latest book, visit the University of Alberta Press's website: uap.ualberta.ca.

Takashima, (Pastor) George M. [BA/69] received an honorary doctor of divinity (honoris causa) at the 86th Convocation of the University of Alberta St. Stephen's College in November 2010. A former educator in Manitoba, Ontario and Saskatchewan, he has been in active ministry in the United Church of Canada for the past 17 years and is currently pastor at the Cardston Magrath Pastoral Charge as well as a hospital chaplain in southern Alberta.

- 2 **Tretiak, Alex** [BSc(Hons)/68, CertEd/73, MSc/75] has published his second book, *A Bridge to Home: Letters from Marjorie*, a posthumous autobiography (Tretiak, Marjorie [BED/76]) told through 35 years of personal letters. The book is available at McNally Robinson Booksellers in Winnipeg, and H.P. Tergesen and Sons' in Gimli, Man.

1970-79

Fuga, Dale J. [BSc/75] received the Excellence in Gaming Regulation Award from the North American Gaming Regulators Association (NAGRA) at its annual symposium in summer 2010. Fuga, who is currently chief operating officer for the Manitoba Gaming Control Commission (MGCC), was nominated and selected by his peers in other regulatory jurisdictions from across the continent. The honour recognizes his contributions and influence on gaming regulation throughout North America. Fuga oversees gaming integrity, compliance and corporate support operations for the MGCC.

Hoch, Dan [CertEd/79, BPE/76, MEd/87] principal of R.J. Hawkey Elementary School in Airdrie, Alta, is presently serving as Gifted Children's Coordinator for Mensa Canada and will serve on the Gifted Children's Committee for Mensa International.

- 3 **Lodge, Maria** [LLB/72] has published two books: *Tales from Gravel Ridge* and *In Search of Memories, Tales from the Rosengard Gravel Ridge* based on stories she's penned for her long-standing column in weekly newspaper *the Carillon*. The books—which focus on Rosengard, the rural Manitoba school district of Lodge's childhood—document a period in Manitoba's history that is now gone: the one-room country school that served communities of small, subsistence farms. For more information on either books contact Maria by phone (204). 253.4107 or e-mail mmlodge@mts.net.

Robertson, Colin [BA(Hons)/76] was recently named an Honorary Naval Captain. Robertson is a senior strategic advisor for the international law firm of McKenna, Long and Aldridge LLP, vice-president and senior research fellow at the Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Institute, as well as a distinguished senior fellow at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs at Carleton University. In his role as Honorary Naval Captain, Robertson will act as a bridge between the military and civilian communities in an effort to promote a better understanding of maritime defence issues.



Bowes



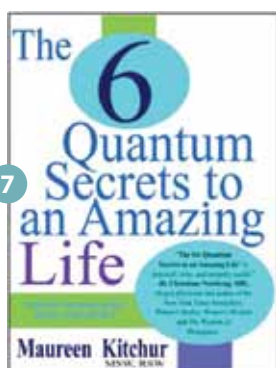
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Diehl,



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2010 Order of Manitoba



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- 4 Wright, Robert** [MA/75] was named one of the 2011 mentors in the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation mentorship program. The Foundation appoints up to 10 individuals who are then matched with Trudeau scholarship recipients. To encourage contact between the mentors and the scholars, the foundation provides intensive logistical and financial support for the first 18 months of the mentorship, in the hopes the relationship will extend beyond the initial period.

1980-89

- 5 Bowes, Barbara** [MEd/83] has written two best-selling books. *Resume Rescue's* unique focus on specific skills makes it useful for individuals who are interested in different positions using a comparable skill set. Bowes has also published *Taming the Workplace Tigers*, which explores way to survive, and thrive, in challenging work environments. Information on her books can be found at barbarabowes.com under the 'bookstore' tab. Bowes is president of human resources firm Legacy Bowes Group (legacybowes.com).

- 6 Diehl, Charlene** [MA/86, PhD/92] has released the memoir *Out of Grief, Singing*. In the book, which won a Western Canadian Magazine Gold Award and was also among *The Globe and Mail's* 'My Book of the Year' picks for 2010, Diehl explores the loss of her newborn child. In addition to being a writer, editor and performer, Diehl is director of Thin Air, the Winnipeg International Writer's Festival.

- 7 Kitchur, Maureen** [MSW/84] recently published *The 6 Quantum Secrets to an Amazing Life: Transforming Mind, Body and Spirit*. The book, which has received endorsements from leading health experts and New York Times best-selling authors, focuses on mind-body-spirit healing and reveals the hidden blocks that are common causes of feeling "stuck". Visit her website (kitchur.com) to learn more about the book or about Kitchur's clinical, teaching or writing activities.

- 8 Thorne, Robert** [BSc/81] has been honoured with a 2011 Stephen H. Weiss Presidential Fellowship, Cornell University's most prestigious teaching award. The fellowship is awarded annually to tenured Cornell faculty members who "display sustained records of inspiring and distinguished teaching of undergraduate students" and comes with \$5,000 per year for five years, to be used for any university-related purpose.

- 9 Ursel, Keith** [BA/82] was named to the Order of Manitoba in 2010. A registered nurse, Ursel's humanitarian efforts have taken him to war-torn regions of the world with Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders) and famine and disaster-prone regions with the United Nations.

1990-99

Radi, Debra [MEd/97] was named to the University of Winnipeg's senior administration team in the role of executive director, office of the vice-president (academic). Radi will have responsibilities in the area of student services, she will also be involved in the administration of the new master's of development practice program, as well as a broad range of other administrative tasks that support the university's leadership team. Prior to joining the U of W, Radi was assistant superintendent of the Seine River School Division. In October of 2010, Radi received the Merron Chorny Award from the Canadian Council of Teachers of English Language Arts. The award recognized Radi's "significant contribution to English Language Arts Education in Canada".

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Accomplishments

2000-09

Cheung, Vincent [BSc (CompE)/03] won the 2010 Global Student Entrepreneur of the Year Award for his automatic photo collage making software: Shape Collage (www.shapecollage.com). Cheung was featured in the August 2009 issue of *On Manitoba*.

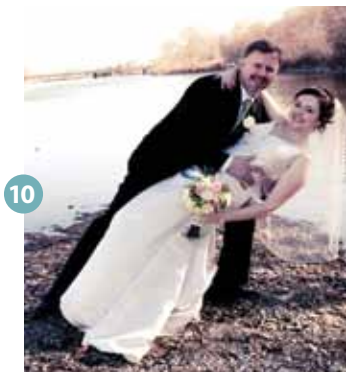
Gill-Frerking (Gill-Robinson), Heather [PhD/05] is now the scientific research curator and biological anthropologist for the German Mummy Project, based at the Reiss-Engelhorn Museums (rem) in Mannheim, Germany. Gill-Frerking is using the skills that she first developed during her PhD work with Dr. Robert Hoppa and the BDIAL lab associated with the department of anthropology. As part of her work, she acts as the rem representative to the "Mummies of the World"

exhibition which is touring select cities in the United States from now through 2013. Gill-Frerking is also co-editor and multiple chapter author for *"Mummy Studies: An Evidence-Based Approach"*, which will be published by Cambridge University Press in 2011. She married Christopher Frerking, an intellectual property attorney based in Munich, Germany, in April 2010.

Muzylowski, Mike [BSc/09] was inducted into the Canadian Mining Hall of Fame recently. Currently president and CEO of Callinan Mines Limited, Muzylowski has played a lead role in the discovery of 16 mineral deposits that have become mines: 13 primarily base metal operations in Manitoba, two gold producers in Nevada and the Snap Lake diamond mine in the Northwest Territories.

Marriage and Births

- 10 Germershausen, Steve** [BA/94] married Michelle Koch on Nov. 6, 2010. They live in Calgary where Steve works in water services for the City of Calgary, and Michelle is an environmental protections officer with the federal government.
- 11 Brooks, Jeremy** [BA/98], Katie-Chalmers-Brooks, and their son William welcomed Harrison Alexander Brooks to the family on Jan. 10, 2011.
- 12 Buchanan, Ryan** [BSc(Agribus)/03, MSc/06], **Buchanan (North) Lachelle** [BA/06], and Sophie welcomed the latest addition to their family, Chase, on Jan. 5, 2011. Mom and baby boy are doing well.
- 13 Charette, Carol** [BMR OT/03, BA(Hons)/99], **Jason Jorgenson** [BSc/98] and their daughter, Maya Linnea Jorgenson, are pleased to announce the arrival of their son and brother Nathan Anders Jorgenson on Jan. 12, 2011, in Winnipeg.



Pictured are some of the alumna who were nominated as the 100 Outstanding Graduates from the Faculty of Home Economics/Human Ecology. The ceremony was part of the faculty's centennial celebration held during Homecoming 2010.



Bisons Men's Basketball alumni spanning more than two decades (1954-1976) also gathered for a reunion during Homecoming 2010.



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 Bleeks (Carruthers), Ruth E. [BEd/82, BA/99]
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 Bolt, Murray H. [BScEP/61]
 Boom, Willem A. [BA/73, MBA/77]
 Bothe (Williams), Vivian Marian [BSc/36]
 Bouvier, Rev. Fr. Lionel [BA(LatPh)/48]
 Bragg, Marion R. [BSc/43]
 Brazeau, Paul Allen [BEnvD/01]
 Breckman, William A. (Bill) [BSA/69]
 Brown, Robert H. [BSc(ME)/49]
 Burdeniuk, William [BA/68, BEd/69]
 Burkett, Robert E. [BSc(Pharm)/50]
 Campbell, K. Jean [BScHEC/47, DipEd/48]
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 Childerhose, Angelika [ExtEd/00, ExtEd/03]
 Christianson, John A.
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 Houston, Ross Montgomery [AMM/66]
 Hueging, Elisabeth Katharina [BPE/77]
 Hulme, G. Fred [LLB/53]
 Hurtig, Larry M. [CA/62]
 Isaac, Rev. Frank K. [BA/62]
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 Motheral, Elva A.
 [BA/47, DipEd/48, MEd/65, MA/69]
 Muzyka, Marianna Patricia
 [CertNurs(T&S)/64]
 Myles, John R. [BArch/50]
 Nisbet, Susan Heather [BA/09]
 Nix (Holmes), Janis M. [DipDHg/76]
 Nygren, Carl W. [BComm/60]
 Oleksiuk, Daniel [BSc(ME)/61]
 Olthof (Kitson), Melanie Tamara [BEd/97]
 Onyshko, Brian [BA(Adv)/90]
 Ostrum, Gail Elaine [BN/94]

Palamar, Dr. Edward Marvin
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 Palansky (Rosenberg), Naomi Ruth
 [BA/87, BMR OT/90]
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But as a government representative, Kilgour was unable to voice his concern for human rights publicly, despite becoming aware of such violations as the persecution of the Falun Gong. "When I went to China at the time, I couldn't really mention that issue," he explains. "I felt extremely badly about that afterwards, especially today, with what I know now." Since leaving government in 2006, Kilgour has been very vocal on the subject of human rights abuses in China, as well as in Burma, Zimbabwe, Iran and Sudan.

In 2007, he and Matas participated in a mock genocide trial in New York that found Sudanese President Omar Hassan El Bashir guilty of genocide in Darfur and South Sudan. Three years later, the International Criminal Court (ICC) issued a warrant for El Bashir's arrest. Although both Davids realize the warrant will not be carried out by the current Sudanese government, they value this symbolic step. "The ICC will eventually become important," says Matas, a member of the Canadian delegation to the United Nations ICC Conference in 1998. "It will help prevent impunity. Having no punishment for a crime makes it much easier for it to be committed."

In a speech delivered at Ben Gurion University on August 26, 2010, Matas goes even further: "The lessons I have drawn from

the Holocaust are the need to bring to justice mass murders; to ban hate speech; to protect refugees; and never to accept in silence gross violations of human rights, wherever they occur."

Speaking out against injustice has already been effective in addressing the Chinese government's organ harvesting among the Falun Gong. Thanks to the tireless advocacy of Kilgour and Matas, the government of Israel has stopped paying for its citizens to go to China for transplant surgery and the European Union has banned transplant tourism to China altogether. Meanwhile, despite denying that organs are being systematically harvested from the Falun Gong, the government of China has admitted to using prisoners as a primary source of organs and declared the practice improper. Although the harvesting continues, China's launching of an organ donation system with priority access to its citizens is a positive step towards its cessation.

"It's only a matter of time before it will stop," says Kilgour, adding that, until then, he and Matas will continue their fight. Every week or two, together or separately, they fly to another destination to deliver their message.

While Kilgour works on speeches or e-mails family and friends, Matas usually spends his time in the airport with an open briefcase,

working on his pleadings for the following week. "Nobody I've ever met works as hard as David," says the retired politician. "He never stops."

"I never drop a human rights cause until it's resolved," admits Matas. "I'll be at it until the problem disappears—or I disappear."

"The forms and locations of repression change," he continues, "but the fact of repression remains. It's a matter of realizing this is a threat which can arise at any time and any place. But for me to get distraught and emotional doesn't help anyone. My contribution has to be more than empathy. A lot of what I'm trying to do is to sensitize and mobilize as many people as possible to get involved in as many angles as possible. We're all part of the same human race. Crimes against humanity are crimes against us all."

The result of Falun Gong investigations was a preliminary report released in July 2006.

A second report, with new substantiations, was released in January 2007. The book, *Bloody Harvest* is larger than the reports and contains previously unpublished materials. organharvestinvestigation.net



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"We said, 'Let's take a stab at the LSATs,'" recalls attorney Colleen Kovacs, who has been friends with Prost since their days at St. Mary's Academy. "It was a little bit on a lark."

Prost scored high on the test and ended up graduating in 1981 a gold medalist from the U of M's Faculty of Law.

"It was very stressful because (in) my first year, where I was top in the class, I got a number of awards," says Prost. "Then, the pressure was really on. That was hard."

Today, Prost is faced with another demanding task. Her ombud position was created after the 1267 committee was criticized for not providing alleged terrorist sympathizers with sufficient due process or a way to argue their innocence.

Prost's job is to investigate the claims of those who believe they have been incorrectly put on the list. She seeks assistance from foreign governments and other sources on why particular citizens have been named and discusses what she can with the individuals in question for their response.

"The initial listings of many people occurred after 9-11, and I think it would be acknowledged that the process at the time was quite opaque," says Prost. "It's a very effective tool against something like Al-Qaida. But to be effective, it has to be targeting the right people for the right reasons."

One example of a controversial listing is that of Sudanese-Canadian Abousfian Abdelrazik. Abdelrazik was arrested—but never charged—during a visit to Sudan in 2003. Since then, he has been cleared by both Sudanese and Canadian authorities of any wrong-doing. Nevertheless, he remains on the no-fly list.

Prost says she already has six cases she is working on, but declined to specify the individuals in question.

Joanne Mariner, the director of the terrorism and counter-terrorism program at Human Rights Watch, says weaknesses with the ombud position remain. For instance, Prost presents information as well as her analysis on individual cases to the committee, but it's up to the latter to decide whether to remove an individual from the list. Still, Mariner says the

ombud position is a move towards reforming a committee that lacks oversight.

"Because it hasn't existed in the past, everyone's waiting to see how Kimberly Prost is going to interpret her mandate and how aggressive she's going to be," says Mariner. "She is a very qualified person in the sense of human rights, and that gives confidence that she'll understand perfectly well the flaws in this process and be knowledgeable and strategic enough to know how to constructively press for reforms."

It's yet another position that promises its share of pressure. Fortunately for Prost, she's got plenty of experience in her reserve—whether it be how to weather a \$50-million lawsuit or how to adjudicate a war crime.

"When I got to the U.N. and people would come in to me and be in a complete state of oh my god, this is a catastrophe, I'd say, 'You know, actually, in the big picture . . .'" says Prost. "Now that I've sat on a genocide trial, it's like really—you've got to put stuff in perspective."

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