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There would be no On Manitoba without your feedback. That's what I've learned after a little more than a year as editor.



The most recent example is the reader's survey in our last (April 2008) issue. In the span of just a few weeks, we received several hundred responses. (We're still entering all the data so look for a report on the survey in our December issue.)

One of the things we asked you for, beyond a numerical ranking of the content and design of the magazine, was your own comments. And many of you weighed in. You praised us, you criticized us (and that's a good thing) and you gave us food for thought. We will use your comments to help us further refine our communications materials. Thanks!

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So, keep the letters, e-mails and phone calls coming. They help me do my job and, hopefully, produce a magazine that offers something for everyone.

I've had a great first year and I look forward to many more to come.

Jeremy Brooks [BA/98]
Editor

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Please, call me David

Consider the definition of the term Renaissance Man — a person who has broad intellectual interests and is accomplished in areas of both arts and sciences — and it's easy to see why friends and colleagues so quickly attach that description to **David Barnard**. And while his varied CV, which includes scholarship and interest in computer science, theology, business and poetry, does make him unique, Barnard doesn't take his status as a polymath too seriously.



"I guess I do have a very eclectic set of intellectual interests," he says, with a laugh. "The positive side of that is you get to learn lots of interesting things and talk to a lot of interesting people. The danger is you start to think you know something when you've got just enough knowledge to hold a conversation. That keeps you humble."

On July 1, Barnard officially became the 11th president and vice-chancellor of the University of Manitoba. He succeeds **Emőke Szathmáry**, whose distinguished 12-year term ended in June.

But while he's excited at the prospect of leading the U of M, donning the mantle of a university president was not something Barnard ever imagined himself doing a second time.

A respected scholar, educator, author and community leader, Barnard studied computer science at the University of Toronto where he ultimately received his PhD. From there, he joined the faculty at Queen's University, where along with developing a reputation as a skilled and engaged professor, he undertook a number of administrative and leadership roles within the faculty. Taking a detour from the technical, concrete world of computer science, Barnard also attended Regent College at the University of British Columbia where he received a graduate diploma in theology. His career then took him to the University of Regina, first as vice-president (administration) and then as president, a position he held from 1998 to 2005 during a period of significant change and growth at the university.

Barb Pollock was hired by Barnard in 2001 as vice-president (external) at the University of Regina after the two worked together on a local economic development board. Coming from an 18-year career in the private sector, Pollock said the prospect of working with Barnard is what attracted her to the job.

"He's the reason I work here," she states. "His style, his thoughtfulness, his ability to see the broad picture was quite interesting to me. He has given the University of Regina one of the strongest foundations from which to build. He was a truly wonderful leader and will be, I expect, at the University of Manitoba as well."

Pollock also expects a few other carry-overs from Barnard's time at Regina. He's "obsessive" about a clean desk, she notes, and he has a penchant for mischief, sometimes pulling practical jokes on colleagues.

"We were a really energetic and effective team," she explains. "We also had a lot of fun."

Barnard left the University of Regina in 2005 to pursue a leadership role in a private information technology company. Returning to academia was the last thing on his mind.

"The recruiting committee did an excellent job of making the (University of Manitoba) opportunity sound interesting," he says during a break in a hectic day of touring the Bannatyne campus and meeting with deans and staff. "They told me, 'lots of things are really good here, but we think we're ready to achieve more of our potential' and that was appealing. The opportunity to make a contribution to that was interesting."

Barnard is the father of three grown children (and, he'll tell you, the grandfather to the world's most "perfect" granddaughter). He is engaged to Gursh Madhur – herself the mother of two grown daughters – who will continue to pursue her own career in Regina for the

near future. The couple will be spending lots of time in airports and on Highway 1 between Winnipeg and Regina, at least in the early days of Barnard's term. But despite the rigours of his new job and the travails of a long-distance relationship, Barnard said he and Madhur are committed to maintaining a strong work-life balance. When they do get time together, it's often spent playing golf – they're rookies – painting, reading or taking in a concert or art exhibit.

"If you wanted to, you could work 24/7," he says. "Part of the discipline of being good at this work is choosing where you're going to get the biggest impact and focusing on those things while staying refreshed."

Thoughtful, engaging, warm and funny, Barnard says he is looking forward to becoming an active member of the Winnipeg community.

"Everyone in the arts community that's talked to me about moving to Winnipeg has said how much I'm going to love the arts culture here," he says. "I'm excited about that."

He loves poetry – a number of Irish poets are among his favourites – and typically uses some to season his speeches.

When it comes to the University of Manitoba, Barnard's goal is ambitious, but simple.

"We must not be satisfied with anything less than a vision of greatness and making a major contribution to this community," he says. "If we can achieve a shared vision of what it means to be a really great place, then we can make it that. I want us to go for the end zone, not just a first down."

Barnard says the end zone is closer than ever thanks to the strong foundation left by Emőke Szathmáry.

Stephen McClatchie, currently the vice-president (academic) at Mount Allison University, was associate vice-president (academic) under Barnard at the University of Regina. He believes Barnard will encourage and champion a vision of greatness, but won't define it himself.

"He always has a definite sense of where he wants to go, but he's a strong believer in the power of the team," says McClatchie. "His mantra is 'hire great people, give them the resources they need and get out of their way.'"

Excited by the wealth of skills and enthusiasm he's already witnessed at the University of Manitoba, Barnard says he's committed to ensuring that talent is recognized beyond the walls of the campus. He wants to make certain the greater community knows and appreciates the contribution the university makes to the social, economic and cultural fabric of Winnipeg and Manitoba.

"People in the university are doing things that matter or they wouldn't be doing them," says Barnard. "And if those ideas have significance, it's not just to the persons dealing with them, but to the larger community. I think the university wants to be engaged with the community and I think most people in the university want to make a difference."

While Barnard is only too happy to talk about his goals for the University of Manitoba and his excitement at the thought of making Winnipeg his new home, there's one hot topic he wisely side-steps. When asked whether he prefers the Saskatchewan Roughriders over the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, Barnard beats a hasty retreat.

"I don't understand the question," he says, with an exaggerated shrug.





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WHAT A PARTY!

Former Bison turned NFL star Izzy Idonije – seen here showing off the conference championship ring he won with the Chicago Bears – was among roughly 1,000 guests who attended former university president **Emőke Szathmáry's** farewell dinner in May.



Gregg Hanson
[BComm(Hons)/76]

2008 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Gregg Hanson, former president and CEO of insurance company Wawanesa Mutual, is our 2008 DAA recipient. During his 28 years with Wawanesa, Hanson participated with several charitable organizations including the Winnipeg Foundation, the 1999 Pan American Games and various United Way committees. In 1999, he was elected as a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants. An event to honour Hanson will be held Oct. 30.

▷ Visit umanitoba.ca/alumni for more event details.



Tammy Holowachuk

NEW STAFF MEMBER AT ALUMNI HOUSE

Tammy Holowachuk recently joined the staff of the Alumni Association as special event and reunion coordinator. Tammy formerly held this position with External Relations (Bannatyne Campus) so if you are a graduate of the faculty of medicine, chances are her name rings a bell. We are excited to have Tammy on board!

▷ Check out the photo gallery at: flickr.com/photos/umanalumni/

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2008 HIGHLIGHTS

About 50 grads joined us at Smartpark for our 2008 AGM. **Maureen Rodrigue** was named as president for 2008-09 and former University of Manitoba president **Emőke Szathmáry** was named as a lifetime honorary member of the Alumni Association.

Brian Bowman [BA(Adv)/96] passes the gavel to new president Maureen Rodrigue [BA/89, MSc/96].



UPCOMING EVENTS

▷ Visit umanitoba.ca/alumni for updates

Official welcome reception for David Barnard <i>Winnipeg Convention Centre</i>	Sept. 11, 2008
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Homecoming Highlights



REUNIONS – THE MEN OF TKE

The Alumni Association welcomes get-togethers of every stripe at the annual Homecoming event. And in 2008, we will see another unique gathering. This one speaks to a different era in our university's history – a time when fraternities and sororities flourished.

The Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) fraternity formed its first Canadian chapter at the University of Manitoba in 1958. Former Alumni Association president **Brian Macpherson** was part of that inaugural group – also known as the Tekes – and 50 years later he's spearheading an effort to reunite them at Homecoming 2008.

According to Macpherson, fraternities at the U of M encouraged students to socialize on campus beyond just the classroom: "You created a community that had a kind of one-stop shop for university life."

But those groups were oftentimes exclusive. Recently retired from the U of M's department of statistics, Macpherson says when the Tekes landed on campus, they brought with them a traditions-bad philosophy and a lot of folks felt an affinity for this atypical association. The Tekes didn't condone wild, drunken parties or cruel hazing rituals (but Macpherson did state, with a coy smile, that they weren't "teetotalling geeks" either); and membership wasn't determined by your last name or your social rank but by "...the personal worth and character of the individual..." (TKE.org).

Naturally, not everyone embraced the Tekes' policies of inclusiveness and good, clean, fun. "We weren't terribly popular with other fraternities," Macpherson recalls. "We were different."

At the height of their popularity, they had their own fraternity house on Balmoral Street. As many as 13 guys lived in the house then and the Tekes employed a "house mother" to cook all the meals and look after the student tenants. But by the 1970s, interest in fraternities had waned and with a drop in tenants, the Tekes were forced to sell the house. The inevitable followed in 1979: the Tekes chapter in Manitoba went dormant. As Macpherson recalls, "Once the house was gone so too went the interest."

Gone, yes, but not forgotten. About 40 people – former Tekes and their spouses – have already responded to Macpherson's reunion invite.

So, does this mean a resurrection of the Tekes in Manitoba is imminent? Probably not by the original group but Macpherson did suggest there have been some rumblings out there. Last year, after the university purchased the land next door to Fort Garry campus (the current home of Southwood Golf and Country Club), he started getting phone calls. "The remaining fraternities are trying to get together to see about building a fraternity row," he says. "They're trying to put something together."

If you're a former Teke and you'd like to attend their reunion during Homecoming 2008, e-mail Brian: brian_macpherson@umanitoba.ca

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THURSDAY, Sept. 11

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Official Welcome Reception for David Barnard,
president and vice-chancellor

Homecoming Gala Concert

FRIDAY, Sept. 12

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Back to School (Faculty of Arts)

"Adventures in the Archives:

Digging Up the History of a Faculty" **FG**

Arts Celebrating Arts **FG**

Faculty of Human Ecology Reception

Interwoven

Faculty of Nursing - Dean's Reception and Tour **FG**

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and Tour **FG**

Faculty of Engineering Alumni Wine & Cheese
Reception **FG**

School of Medical Rehabilitation Reception **BC**

Arts Celebrating Arts Homecoming Social **FG**

SATURDAY, Sept. 13

Medicine Homecoming Breakfast and Tours **BC**

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School of Dental Hygiene Lecture and Reception **BC**

Countdown to 2010: Geological Sciences Alumni
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Homecoming Reunion Dinner

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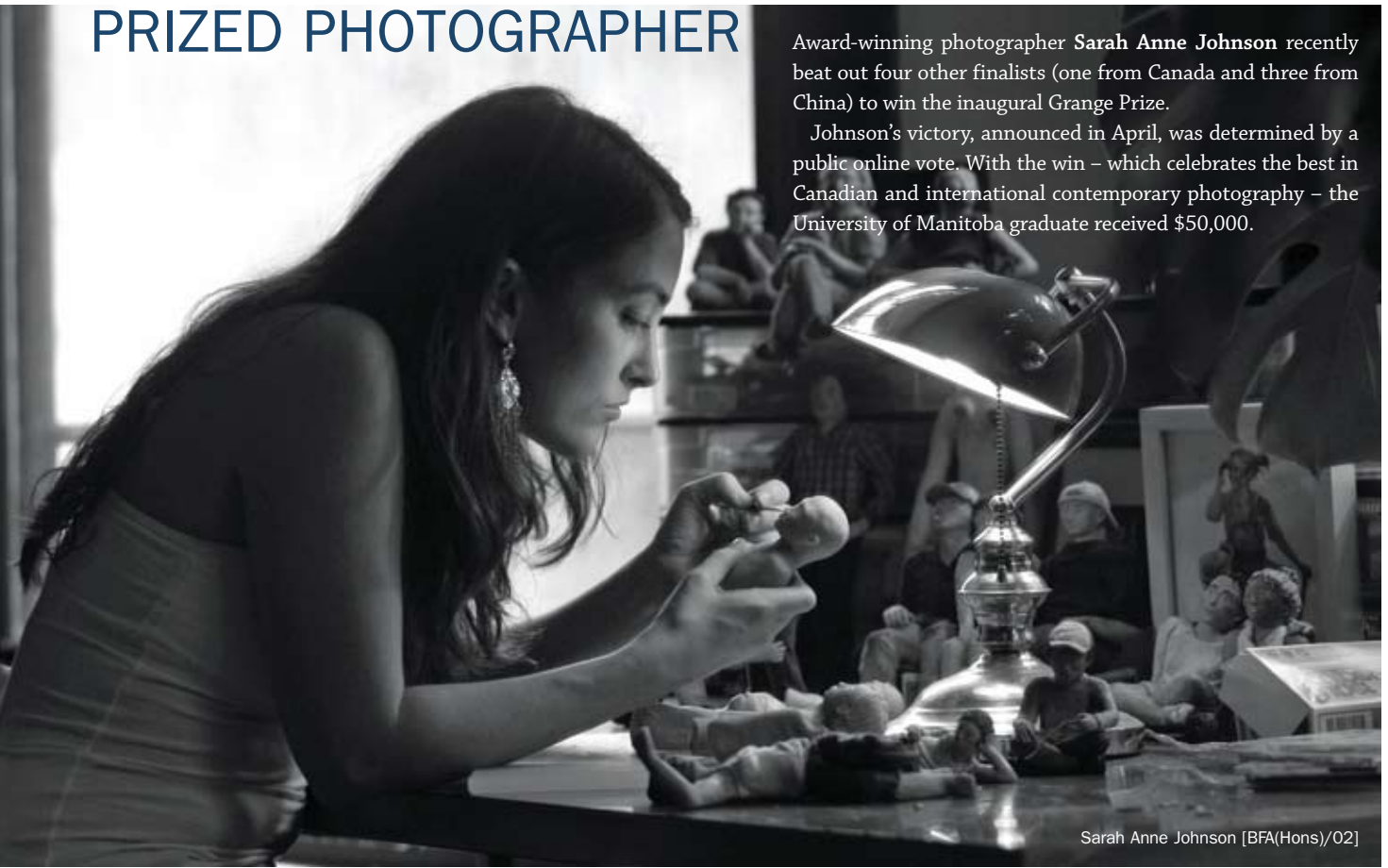
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PRIZED PHOTOGRAPHER

Award-winning photographer **Sarah Anne Johnson** recently beat out four other finalists (one from Canada and three from China) to win the inaugural Grange Prize.

Johnson's victory, announced in April, was determined by a public online vote. With the win – which celebrates the best in Canadian and international contemporary photography – the University of Manitoba graduate received \$50,000.



Sarah Anne Johnson [BFA(Hons)/02]

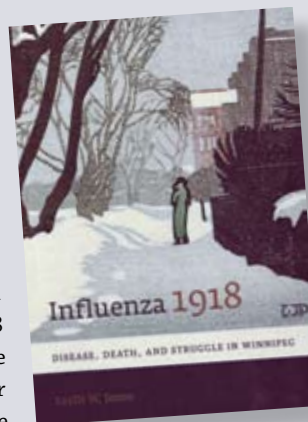


Prof. Esyllt Jones
[MA/97, PhD/03]

WINNING STREAK

Prof. Esyllt Jones' book about the flu pandemic that killed millions of people in the early 1900s is piling up the awards. And it's left the faculty member from the University of Manitoba's department of history feeling a bit shell shocked.

"This is starting to feel great," Jones says after learning *Influenza 1918: Disease, Death, and Struggle in Winnipeg* received the Association of Manitoba Archives' 2008 Manitoba Day Award. Just days earlier, she got word that her book had won two other prizes: the 2008 Clio Book Prize for the Prairies from the Canadian Historical Association and the 2008 Margaret McWilliams Award in the scholarly history category from the Manitoba Historical Society.



Jones' tale was also a finalist for the Great Plains Distinguished Book Prize at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and it made three other literary shortlists: the Manitoba Writers' Guild's 2008 Carol Shields Winnipeg Book Award, the 2008 Alexander Kennedy Isbister award for non-fiction, and the Eileen McTavish Sykes Award for best first book.

Jones examined the pandemic of 1918-1919 that killed as many as 50 million people worldwide. She used Winnipeg as a backdrop to show how the disease redefined social boundaries, including its role in the eruption of the Winnipeg General Strike.



ROBERT WARREN FEST

2008 has been a big year for **Robert Warren**.

For starters, the entrepreneurial hub of the I.H. Asper School of Business – of which Warren was director – received \$5 million and was renamed the Stu Clark Centre for Entrepreneurship in honour of the donor and graduate.

Then Warren's role as mentor paid big dividends for his students, and himself. Two teams from his new venture analysis class won international competitions. Team Advotech created a business plan that netted them \$11,000 as the grand champions at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology's (HKUST) International Business Plan Competition. Another group of Warren's students – dubbed Team Civitech – was crowned champions of the Stuart Clark Venture Challenge 2008. They also took home \$45,000 in prizes and in-kind services from the Carnegie Mellon University's Tepper School of Business 2008 McGinnis Venture Competition.

Warren, now I.H. Asper executive director for entrepreneurship, holds the record for most wins among business school advisors in North America with 41.

Back row from left: David Mowat [BComm(Hons)/08], faculty advisor Ken Cooper [BSc(CE)/67], Daniel Kozier [BComm(Hons)/08], faculty advisor Robert Warren [BComm(Hons)/85], Erin Yanchycki [BComm(Hons)/08]
Front row from left: Taren Gesell, Jeffrey Lawrence [BComm(Hons)/08], Stephen Chamaa, Scott Norosky [BComm(Hons)/08]

Jane does it again



From left: A representative from the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce presents Polak Scowcroft [BSc(CompE)/08] with her award.

You could say there's just no stopping her.

Jane Polak Scowcroft began her studies in the department of computer and electrical engineering a few years ago when she was only 16." Almost immediately, she cast aside any doubt that age is anything more than a number, garnering several prominent local and international honours. This list includes her selection to the Globe and Mail's ranking of

Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women – as mentioned in the April 2008 issue of *On Manitoba*.

Shortly before her graduation in May, Polak Scowcroft added two more feathers to her cap: A Gold Medal Student Award from Engineers Canada and a YMCA-YWCA Women of Distinction Award.

Four other women from the University of Manitoba also received Women of Distinction awards this spring: **Prof. Kelley Beaverford**

[BID/92] from the faculty of architecture won in the business and the professions category; from the department of psychology **Prof. Rayleen V. DeLuca** won in the health and wellness award category; PhD candidate in interdisciplinary studies **Nahanni T. D. Fontaine** earned her prize in the community voluntarism category; and animal science department head **Prof. Karin M. Wittenberg** [BSA/75, MSc/97, PhD/85] took home the award in the research and innovations category. Congratulations to all the winners!

Potholes aplenty

Two undergraduate computer engineering students made local headlines in the spring for inventing a gadget that tracks potholes.

Mark Roy and **Paul Klassen's** creation uses a set of instruments to measure surface smoothness. The gizmo then generates a map of the worst streets in Winnipeg. The device – which can be mounted in a vehicle – updates itself daily and tracks a vehicle's location based on a global positioning system. That information then makes its way to a computer-generated map where different coloured dots represent the various conditions of the roads. Using Google Earth, Roy and Klassen can build a comprehensive map displaying the results.

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From left: Dr. Xiao, Dr. Magda Drewniak [BSc/04, BSc(Med)/08, MD/08], Dr. Sarah Freedman [MD/08], Dr. Jolene Fisher [MD/08], Dr. Greg Reimer [MD/08], and Dr. Feng

What **Magda Drewniak** will remember most about her exchange program with Shantou University Medical College is how east meets west in the practice of medicine.

“We visited a community hospital and saw how traditional medicine was integrated in the hospital and patients are treated with both traditional and western medicines.

“It was eye opening” says Drewniak, one of four University of Manitoba medical students who participated in this year’s Husky

Energy Medical Exchange Program.

“The global exchange initiative gave the group and four Chinese students an opportunity to spend three to eight weeks in each other’s country and learn hands-on about their medical and patient care.

“We also visited a traditional Chinese medical pharmacy and sat in on a traditional Chinese medical clinic where they performed cupping (applying a heated glass cup to areas on the body to create suction and increase

blood flow), moxibustion (burning of an herb on specific acupuncture points) and massage,” she says.

Drewniak, Sarah Freedman, Greg Reimer and Jolene Fisher completed one of their fourth-year electives in Shantou. The program also supports faculty exchanges between the U of M and Chinese universities. The program also supports faculty and researcher exchanges between the University of Manitoba and Chinese universities.

Last December, John C.S. Lau – president and CEO of Husky Energy – announced a \$1-million endowed gift, doubling the size of the university’s medical student and faculty exchange program with partnering Chinese universities. The program was originally supported by a \$1-million gift from the Li Ka Shing Foundation.

Dr. Patrick Choy, associate dean of research with the University of Manitoba’s faculty of medicine, lauded Husky and its president for their generosity and foresight. “We are building important cross-cultural connections between Manitoba and China. The Husky Energy Medical Exchange Program is already reaping many academic and research benefits as our students and faculty members gain exceptional global experience in medical education and patient care in China.”

Singing for their CBC

In April, 37 of Winnipeg’s best and brightest young singers sang their hearts out and nearly captured first place in CBC Radio’s prestigious National Radio Competition for Amateur Choirs.

Led by faculty of music professor **Elroy Friesen** [BEd/95, BMus/95, MMus/04], the University of Manitoba Singers sang in the university choirs category in Canada’s largest and longest-running choral competition. They were the only Manitoba choir to make it to the finals.

The group performed *Son de la Loma*, a Cuban folk song arranged by Canadian composer Jonathan Quick, and Sir Edward Elgar’s *There is Sweet Music* in front of a live audience in Winnipeg. The songs were heard by judges in Toronto who then rendered their decision based on the live broadcast. The choir captured third place.



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OY MATE, LET'S HELP THE WORLD

A group of University of Manitoba researchers are bound for Australia to collaborate with their counterparts from Down Under. Their goal: to improve global health and food supplies.

The \$1.8-million initiative was formally announced in February. So what does that kind of money buy you these days?

For starters, University of Manitoba plant scientist **Robert Hill** will visit The University of Adelaide in South Australia. There, he'll work with his Aussie colleagues on enhancing canola oil seed characteristics. They plan on studying how certain strains of canola can achieve improved tolerance to stress – such as drought – while also containing more oil, which can then be used in the production of biodiesel.

Dr. John Wilkins, from the department of internal medicine, will also visit The University of Adelaide. He will apply his expertise to a collaborative effort that will approach novel questions of biomedical importance. Their objective is to improve our understanding of cell recruitment and invasion; their insights could have a significant impact on our perceptions of the cellular processes and component molecules involved in cancer, arthritis and inflammation.

And **Curtis Rempel**, from the Richardson Centre for Functional Food and Nutraceuticals, will work with researchers at the University of South Australia. Together they will explore how functional foods and nutraceuticals can be used to prevent or mitigate chronic diseases such as arthritis, heart disease, diabetes and cancer.



Just Don't Call Him a Rock Star

University of Manitoba **Prof. Frank Hawthorne** has snagged another prestigious award.

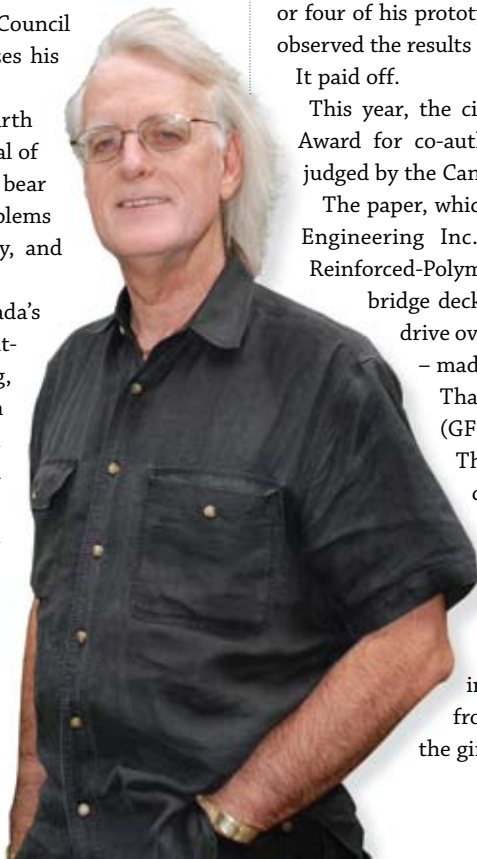
His latest honour – the 2008 Canada Council Killam Prize in Natural Sciences – recognizes his distinguished contribution to his field.

Considered one of the world's foremost Earth scientists, Hawthorne has brought an arsenal of experimental and theoretical techniques to bear on what were previously intractable problems in the areas of mineralogy, crystallography, and geochemistry.

The Killam Prizes (there are five) are Canada's most distinguished annual awards for outstanding career achievements in engineering, the humanities, and social, natural and health sciences. He received the \$100,000 award in Vancouver on June 16. The \$100,000 award was presented in Vancouver on June 16th.

Hawthorne adds the Killam Prize to an already impressive list of honours including: distinguished professor of geological sciences, Canada Research Chair in Crystallography and Mineralogy, officer of the Order of Canada, and foreign member of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

Frank Hawthorne



Bridging the Gap

As a boy growing up in Pakistan, **Aftab Mufti** spent his afternoons building and destroying bridges he made from mud and stone collected from his yard. He would pit his designs against a flood of water he let pour forth from a small reservoir he dug. Each day, as three or four of his prototypes succumbed to erosion and collapse, Mufti observed the results and learned from them.

It paid off.

This year, the civil engineer won the prestigious P.L. Prately Award for co-authoring the best paper on bridge design, as judged by the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering.

The paper, which he wrote with Emile Shehata from Wardrop Engineering Inc., was titled Development of Glass-Fiber-Reinforced-Polymer Bridge Deck System. In it, he describes a bridge deck – the slab of material your car tires actually drive over, and the most damage prone part of a bridge – made entirely out of new material.

That material – a glass fiber reinforced polymer (GFRP) – is light and 10 times stronger than steel.

The new bridge deck consists of neither steel nor concrete but laminates of 200-millimetre-tall triangular filament-wound tubes of GFRP bonded with epoxy resin. Mathematics suggest such a deck could last for 100 years, far beyond the current 10 to 40.

Mufti also won this award in 1993, for writing a paper that recommended steel be removed from the bridge deck and used instead to connect the girders.

RECORD GIFT FROM FORMER PLAYER

Real estate developer **Allan Edie** credits his success off the court to the lessons he learned during his days with the Bison men's volleyball squad. That motivated Edie, CEO of A.B. Edie Equities, to give his former team \$300,000 towards a dozen volleyball scholarships.

"In real estate I have a different team, but it's similar. You take that level of commitment and you become an expert in whatever you do," Edie explains.

A member of two national championship-winning teams (1978 and 1980), Edie described his five years on the Bison squad as "an important part of my life" and named the dozen scholarships in honour of former teammates and others who impacted him.

He set out to help students but also hopes his gift – which is being matched by the Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative – will encourage future generations of players to give back to the university. "My donation hopefully sets an example for others to go forward. The torch is being passed to make a difference," he says.

Bison men's volleyball coach Garth Pischke says Edie's donation will go a long way in helping recruit athletes to the university by

offering full scholarships, which is particularly important given the increased competition from other post-secondary institutions.

"This helps us keep our best athletes in the province and entice others to come our way," Pischke says, adding the awards will be presented annually starting in the 2008-09 season.

The scholarships have been named in honour of the following individuals: **Randy Anderson, Robert Eger, Terry Gagnon, Robert Glacken, Tom Graham, Phil Hudson, Rick McMillin, Paul Paquin, Jim Schreyer, Lloyd Voth, Garth Pischke,** and Edie himself.

Archival photo: Edie and his winning 1979-80 teammates.
From left: Emőke Szathmáry, Garth Pischke and Allan Edie [BPE/80, CertEd/81]



Create your own Brown & Gold legacy

Year after year, Bison alumni show their pride by supporting the athletes and athletic programs of their alma mater. During the past two years, major gifts to the Bison Pride Foundation have raised more than \$1.6 million in support of student athletic scholarship endowment funds.

Whether it's purchasing season tickets, attending a Bison sports dinner or participating in programs like Adopt-a-Bison or the Bison Booster Club, there are many ways you can show your support of the Brown and Gold.

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PUMP UP THE VOLUME

Tired of top 40 on the radio? Set your dial to 101.5 UMFPM instead for live action broadcasts throughout the 2008-09 Bison football season. Here is the broadcast schedule (in Central Standard Time):

Saturday, Aug. 30	Bison vs. Huskies	Starts at 12:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 6	Bison at Dinos	Starts at 1:45 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 13	Bison vs. Thunderbirds	Starts at 1:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 19	Bison at Golden Bears	Starts at 7:45 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 3	Bison vs. Clan	Starts at 8:45 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 11	Bison vs. Huskies	Starts at 12:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 18	Bison vs. Dinos	Starts at 12:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 24	Bison at Rams	Starts at 7:45 p.m.

2008-09 BISON SEASON TICKETS

Whether you're a diehard Bison sports fan or someone who likes to pick and choose their events, there's a season ticket option to suit your needs.

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PRO LEAGUE AWASH IN BROWN AND GOLD

At the start of the 2008 Canadian Football League (CFL) season, eight former Bison were on active team rosters, three were on practice rosters and two former Bison were coaches.

And they're everywhere! Only one of the CFL's eight teams – Hamilton – *doesn't* have a Bison among its ranks.

2007 Canada West Outstanding Lineman of the Year Justin Cooper made the Edmonton Eskimos lineup.



BISON HERD ON THE RUN

The Brown and Gold was well represented at the 2008 Manitoba Marathon.

On the women's side, a team of current Bison athletes (**Alyssa Altomare**, **Alex Bell**, **Lacey Ginter**, **Melanie Gregoire** and **Gina Tessmann**) won the relay event. Dubbed the Bison Babes, they crossed the finish line in 2:47:05. In the half marathon, Bison alumna **Darolyn Trembath** [BSc(Maj)/05], finished second in a time of 1:21:48; **Georgette Mink** finished right behind her in third (1:22:07); and current Bison **Gina Tessmann** captured the tenth position (1:32:49). In the full marathon, **Karin Nowak-Bailey** [ExtEd/07] completed the 26.2-mile course in third place with a time of 3:22:09 – only 18 seconds behind second place. **Nowak-Bailey** works in the faculty of kinesiology and recreation management as the undergraduate program administrator/advisor.

Over on the men's side, current Bison **Desire Budigoma** won the men's half marathon with a time of 1:12:22, beating his nearest competitor by almost a minute. Three more current Bison athletes had top 10 results including: **Mitchell Man** in seventh (1:15:53), **Adam Penner** in eighth (1:16:03), and **Colin Shepherd** in ninth (1:16:32). Bison alumni also fared well in the men's half marathon event. **Jeremy Walker** [BSc(CE)/05, MSc/07] finished third (1:13:35), **Darren Klassen** came fourth (1:13:59), and **Bradley Keefe** [BComm(Hons)/04, CA/06] finished fifth (1:14:30). Rounding out the half marathon results, Bison head coach **Claude Berube** [BesA/84, BenEd/86] finished in 27th (1:24:35).

In the men's full marathon, Bison alumni **Jean-Paul Degagne** ran to a seventh place finish (2:46:46) while fellow graduate **Darcy Ready** finished 10th (2:55:59).

Berube says he's "very proud" of all the Bison participants – current and former: "It really shows [how] the University of Manitoba program is for athletes and that current and alumni continue to run during their careers."

2008-09 BISON SPECIAL EVENTS

**Bison Alumni
Football Dinner**
Oct. 14, 2008

**Bison Men's
Volleyball Dinner**
Oct. 30, 2008

**Bison Hockey
Dinner**
Jan. 11, 2009

**Bison Basketball
"A Night with
the Bisons"**
Apr. 24, 2009

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Gold “Where there’s a need, that’s where your efforts have to go.”

At first glance, Yhetta Gold might not strike the casual onlooker as the type of person who would open her home to transient youth from the sixties counterculture. Barely five feet tall with a slender frame and a calm demeanour, Gold may not look the part of an activist, a challenger, a mover and a shaker. That, perhaps, is the point.

From an early age, Gold, now 78, has devoted her life to challenging preconceptions and stereotypes, breaking down barriers preventing youth, the elderly, and persons of varying abilities from accessing the necessities for security, health and fulfillment. “It’s a rights issue,” she says, adding that to take on causes means having to confront the system. “Where there’s a need, that’s where your efforts have to go.”

That is exactly what Gold has done. Along with taking lead positions at the Age and Opportunity Centre (A&O), Clinic Community Health Centre and the Community Welfare Planning Council, she has met relentlessly with all three levels of government to advocate for changes in social policy and better delivery of humanistic services.

If, today, the City of Winnipeg is one of the only Canadian cities with a policy of universal access building design, it is partly as a result of Gold’s instrumental work. As for seniors, thanks to her efforts various programs exist today that address their needs, including a non-profit seniors housing complex based on the principle of tenant ownership. In 1996, the nation recognized her contributions by making her a member of the Order of Canada.

Born in Winnipeg during the depression, the young Yhetta Granovsky found out early what it meant to be excluded. Renting out their Oxford Street house in the city, her parents moved to Pine Falls, Man., the family living atop her father’s general store. But in this company town, not working for the paper mill meant not having access to company schools and doctors, forcing the family to obtain services in the next town.

“My sister and I used to play on furs that came to the store,” recalls Gold whose father traded with the nearby Blackfoot Nation. “And how many kids our age had a river out the back door? We swam in the summer and skated in the winter. I really think we were the envy of all our city cousins.”

But soon her parents became concerned the girls needed better access to education along with more opportunities to explore their Jewish identity. “School was always very important in our house,” notes Gold.

After graduating from Kelvin High School, the focus was on university. “It was assumed I would go into people service,” recalls Gold, adding that it was something that was “bred in the bone” at home. “My mother was a professional volunteer. She was into ‘do good’ services. That’s what I always saw.”

At the same time, the Granovsky girls were expected to be politically alert, following in the footsteps of their parents. The dinner table was a time for sharing opinions and every member of the family was involved.

By the time Gold entered the faculty of arts at the University of Manitoba, getting involved was second nature. During the academic year she did social volunteering for the Iota Alpha Pi Fraternity, participated in Hillel: the Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, and competed for the University swim team. In the summer, Gold worked at B’nai Brith Camp as a counselor and swim instructor for girls.

“It was such a laid back life,” recalls Gold, “nothing to do with reality. It was a time to test out ideas and find out how you could be active in the world.”

Then in 1950, Gold graduated with her BA (Hons) in psychology and applied to the faculty of social work. She was not accepted. “It was a logical next step for me,” she recalls, “but they didn’t think so.” Then she laughs and adds wistfully, “It certainly hasn’t been a handicap for me. So perhaps they were right.”

At first, Gold didn’t know what she wanted to do. So when a position became available at Hillel, she took the job. She soon found herself working with Rabbi Chiel to increase the visibility of the organization on campus. Then when the Rabbi moved on to establish the Rosh Pina Congregation, he brought her with him. At the time, Gold was married. She continued to work for Rabbi Chiel until the birth of her son Joshua in 1953.

Four years later, her daughter Susan was born and two years after that, another son, Peter. Then came hard times. “I found out I had multiple sclerosis (MS) when Peter was still an infant,” says Gold. “I was told to go home and say goodbye to my children.”

The doctor predicted she had five years to live. He also advised her to see a psychiatrist, which she did. “After a couple of meetings, we agreed my head was screwed on as well as it can be,” recalls Gold. “When I first got the diagnosis, I was barely conscious. Then after a while I realized, one coped until one died. That’s the same story for anybody isn’t it?”

“And I didn’t die,” she adds as an afterthought. There’s a hint of triumph in her voice as she pauses before continuing her story. That sudden flash in her hazel eyes affords a glimpse into the iron will that underlies the warm heart she brings to all her projects.

Then, when her marriage ended after 15 years, the single mother of three young children, Gold took stock. “I asked myself, what do I know how to do?”

So Gold started baking. For three years, she supplied parties and bar mitzvahs, often enlisting her eldest son to help with deliveries. It was labour-intensive work but it helped keep the family afloat.

Then in 1967, Anne DuMoulin, the executive director of the Community Welfare Planning Council was looking for someone to head up the Volunteer Centre. She approached Gold. “That was a full paying job!” recalls the latter. “Not only did she hire me but I had the opportunity to learn a lot from her.”

Gold wasted no time, establishing programs to initiate volunteers and setting up booths to encourage volunteerism among students at the two universities. Soon, the Volunteer Centre had hundreds of people on the list ready to do yeomen’s service for hospitals, group homes and events throughout the city. “And we weren’t computerized!” says Gold with a laugh. “We had a booth at Eaton’s.

floor. “Once you were in it, you were in it,” she insists. “I never had any trouble. It never dawned on me to be afraid of them. Drugs were an issue but not as much of an issue as food, medical service and a peaceful passing through.”

Nevertheless, after two deaths from arsenic-laced heroin, it quickly became evident that drugs were becoming a problem on the street. “Fortunately, a pharmacologist at St. Boniface Hospital was willing to analyze the samples users and dealers dropped off to us for testing,” says Gold.

The drop-off spot was her own home. Soon her dining room buffet was covered with little white boxes waiting for analysis. “The police didn’t like it,” Gold recalls. “But my point was, let’s not let them die.”

Results were posted at Crypt, the first formal centre accessible to youth living on the street. Gradually the centre became a one-stop-shop for anyone refused access to the regular health care system. “We didn’t allow any acting out,” notes Gold. “People seemed to understand the rules. But we never turned anyone away either.”

Yhetta Gold

[BA(Hons)/1950]

Most memorable U of M moment: Cold winter nights practicing at Sherbrook Pool for the University relay swim team.

Books on the night table: *God is not Great* by Christopher Hitchens and *The Yiddish Policemen’s Union* by Michael Chabon.

Favourite Music: Classic and Swing.

Mentors: Too many to list. A lot of people have been kind.

Plans Yet to Accomplish: The list is endless.

“We were everywhere!”

In her last year with the Community Welfare Planning Council (later the Social Planning Council), Gold became a special projects planner focusing on transient youth. At the same time, she took on the role of regional coordinator of the Committee on Youth for the federal Secretary of State. It was a shift that would take her in an entirely new direction.

In the late 1960s, tens of thousands of transient youth were moving across Canada. Some were draft dodgers from the U.S.; others were simply young Canadians looking for adventure. Considered socially unacceptable, they were denied access to emergency rooms and health care facilities. “What plunked me into the situation was that the kids came to talk to me,” recalls Gold. “I became interested in what they were going through.”

In response, she and her team set up food programs and sleeping arrangements for the youth. The Young Men’s Hebrew Association provided showers and the province opened jail cells to provide extra beds. At the same time, the Planning Council published a list of houses willing to take in the youngsters, some as young as 12, others pushing 20 or 21.

Yhetta Gold was on that list. Her three children still remember waking up in the morning to find a new crop of youth sleeping on the

Eventually, Crypt evolved into Klinik and later into Klinik Community Health Centre with a regular contingent of dentists, doctors, and medical students donating their time as volunteers. The centre also engaged peer counselors, young people with whom the clients could relate.

Gold became the executive director. But despite the formalized structure, she still found herself on call 24-hours a day. “That did me in,” she says. “We were trying to show others that this is the way service needs to be delivered but the demand was just so great.”

To save herself from burn-out she handed over the reins and turned her attention to another group that needed help: seniors. “I assumed that if I was working with old people, it would involve fewer hours and that I wouldn’t be fighting city hall,” she explains of her decision to accept the position of executive director of A&O in 1972. “I was wrong.”

First, she realized there were numerous misconceptions about aging. Many elderly were quite capable of looking after themselves. What they needed was a combination of advocacy and support in adopting a leadership role. While at A&O, she launched several initiatives, including the Manitoba Society of Seniors, Creative Retirement and the University of Winnipeg’s program for seniors. “In some cases, these were people who made their own decisions for 70

years,” Gold points out. Her goal became one of empowering people to address three essential needs: housing, health care and income.

To address the latter, Gold advocated changes in the pension plan so widows would not be left destitute. Before transferable pensions, women with no experience in handling their own finances were in serious jeopardy. Even when the rules were changed, many seniors, both men and women, struggled to meet basic needs on a government pension, often relegated to inadequate housing, sometimes measuring no more than 365 square feet.

After leaving A&O, Gold tackled this issue head on. Soon, she became a respected consultant on issues of gerontology and housing through such organizations as B.G. Housing Consultants, Canada Mortgage and Housing, and projects such as a non-profit seniors’ complex.

Then in 1983, she accepted the role of president for the National Advisory Council on Aging which made recommendations directly to the federal minister of health. One of her positions, the strengthening of home care, continues to be a national priority today.

“It’s important to discriminate between the well elderly and those who need care,” she points out, adding that it always comes down to treating people as individuals and addressing their particular needs. “But it’s important not to look at things as ‘them and us’ as if we are never going to grow old or our bodies are never going to change.”

This is the same approach she has taken in her advocacy for Universal Design (UD). A concept she researched with associate Gail Finkel, UD prescribes environments constructed to be usable by all people, regardless of age or ability.

“If you talk about what I can do rather than what I can’t do, you get a very different picture of how to serve me,” she explains. “All those things are on the table now where they used to be in the back room with the door closed.”

Because of her MS, Gold has faced many of her own challenges with accessibility. But one of the most challenging situations she has ever had to face had nothing to do with MS.

In 1988, Gold went back to the University of Manitoba, this time as a lecturer in Gerontology for Extended Education. “It sure was hard work!” says Gold with a laugh. “It felt as if I was preparing all the time.”

Yet she admits being very busy since retiring from lecturing in 1994. The preparations have not stopped. They are just aimed at different goals. After all, for someone who has made a life of addressing injustice and serving those in need, there is always more to do.

CHRISTINE HANLON, [BA/85, BEd/89]



1. Gold in 1996, receiving her Order of Canada medallion from then Governor General, His Excellency Roméo LeBlanc.
2. From the pages of the Brown and Gold: Yhetta Granovsky [BA/50].

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Andrea Rossnagel

GRADUATE STUDENT IN THE CLAYTON H. RIDDELL
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Andrea Rossnagel spent a portion of this year in the frosty Arctic, collecting snow and ice data aboard research vessel the CCGS Amundsen to better understand climate change. A graduate student in the department of environment and geography, Rossnagel is studying photosynthetically active radiation – the light under the ice and between floes required for algae growth.

A typical day in the Arctic for 25-year-old Rossnagel included hauling gear onto the ice for sampling followed by data entry and analysis back in the lab. She loved “being able to get up and walk out on the ocean every day” — despite temperatures of -50C with the windchill.

What fascinates you about earth observation science: Learning how things on the earth work and how everything is affected by everything else.

When this passion first struck: I grew up on a farm in the country (near Plumias, Man.). You see natural processes happening first-hand every day and it makes you think about or wonder how these things work.

The best advice you’ve ever received: Common sense isn’t common.

Area of expertise: GIS (Geographic Information Systems).

What makes you laugh: Little kids, sarcasm.

What you learned in the Arctic: 1. That no matter how much you learn and read there is still more. 2. Most things in the field don’t work as perfectly as I would like.

What scares you: My student loans.

Nicknames you’ve endured: Andy, Rozzy and Ajax.

Your best attribute: My work ethic and motivation.

The last CDs you bought: Jewel and Paul Brandt.

Something you can’t live without: Family.

Where you see yourself in 20 years: Having a family and working and living in rural Manitoba with a lot of plants and pets.

Your favourite book: *Oh, the Places You’ll Go!* by Dr. Seuss.



A Silver Lining

Hilary Druxman [BA/85] in her Exchange District shop



Photo: Katie Chalmers-Brooks

At her quiet dining room table in suburban Winnipeg, **Hilary Druxman** sketches jewellery designs that will likely wind up on Hollywood celebrities a world away from the Red River view outside her window.

Sometimes her two sons – Jonathan, 6, and George, 7 – take a seat at the Beechwood table too, drawing cars with pencil crayons while she dreams up her next diamond pendant or brushed silver bangle. Other times, Druxman stays up long after her kids and husband have gone to bed and creates in this tranquil space, as music whispers nearby.

“It’s just a beautiful, calm spot,” 44-year-old Druxman says of her St.Vital home, custom built for the view. “I just let my mind go. I don’t force anything out.”

A lot of ideas have crept onto the page and come alive since her start 25 years ago making jewellery alone in an unheated basement, wearing Sorel boots and surrounded by space heaters. “It was crazy, but I was determined,” says Druxman, who doodles on scraps of

paper wherever an idea strikes – in restaurants, on planes, at her Lake of the Woods cottage.

“To date, Hilary Druxman Inc. has produced more than one million pieces of jewellery. Cate Blanchett, Renee Zellweger and the Desperate Housewives have worn Druxman’s minimalist designs in sterling silver and 18 carat yellow gold. One of her pieces even made a cameo on style-setter-series *Sex and the City*, draped around Cynthia Nixon’s neck.”

Her collection is sold in 200 retailers in North America and the United Kingdom, each piece handcrafted in her 4,000-square-foot studio and retail space in Winnipeg’s Exchange District, home to a tight-knit staff of nine.

Arnold Schwarzenegger and wife Maria Shriver popped into her former Santa Monica shop—the same location where Harrison Ford picked up a few items for partner Calista Flockhart. Her jewellery (which starts at \$30) has appeared in big glossy magazines like *InStyle*, *Elle* and *Real Simple*, and she has designed collections for

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David Richert [BComm(Hons)/06]

The Driver's Seat

need good results on the track and a ton of luck. But it is definitely conceivable.”

This past spring, his monumental quest took an important leap forward when the six-foot-two Niverville native made the 30-driver cut for a unique racing series created by auto giant Volkswagen (VW): one where miles per gallon mean as much as miles per hour.

Diesel-powered vehicles – hugely popular in Europe for their balance of stout power and fuel-efficiency – have been a staple of VW’s North American offering for years. Stringent new emission standards were introduced for diesels in 2007 prompting a two-prong response from the fuel and auto industry: a cleaner source of energy – the new, ultra low sulfur “clean diesel” – and low-emission engines from manufacturers, like VW, to burn it.

The creative minds at VW decided the racetrack would be the best place to demonstrate how their new diesel engine – which will be available to consumers in fall 2009 – is fun, fuel efficient and less harsh on Mother Nature. So, they created the Volkswagen Jetta TDI Cup (the acronym is short for their Turbo Direct Injection engine technology). This eight-race series showcases their cars – the racing units are slightly modified versions of the consumer sedan version – and the crop of up-and-coming drivers from North America aged 16 to 26 piloting them.

The move makes perfect sense to Richert, who was one of only four Canadians to make the cut. “Auto racing has always been on the cutting edge of technology and what is developed through a speed war is put into our road cars,” he says. “So now society is pushing more for green technology and that’s where Volkswagen, with their clean diesel technology in their Jetta, is using motor sports to really promote that and get it out to the public.”

On and off the track, Richert keeps his focus on the pursuit of a different kind of green. Racing is a massive business and the price of admission for young upstarts like him is huge. He can’t rely solely on his performance behind the wheel to make ends meet; he needs to attract sponsors and partners. “Sitting in the car is the easy thing for me,” he says. “But the only way you advance is if you can take care of the business side of things. You have to beat someone in the boardroom before you can beat them on the racetrack.” And he admits his credentials from the U of M have helped him get his foot in many doors. “People will give me 15 minutes of their time because I’m not just some punk kid from the Prairies with a ridiculous dream who just wants their money,” explains Richert. “So (a commerce degree) is the little “in” that I need and then I can talk to them and they can get to know who I am and what I can do.”

Richert says his goal every time he gets in a race car is a victory. Claiming the Jetta TDI Cup series would mean a huge feather in his cap and a tidy pay day: the win is worth \$100,000 plus an additional \$150,000 if he signs with a professional race team within six months.

JEREMY BROOKS [BA/98]

It’s a modern day tale of David versus Goliath.

In one corner you have 26-year-old **David Richert** – a prairie kid from Manitoba who watched a car race at Indianapolis Speedway when he was 18 and decided he’d rather participate than spectate.

A graduate of the I.H. Asper School of Business who admits he knew nothing about the mechanics of a vehicle growing up, Richert has spent the last eight years honing his track skills any way he could from playing race-car video games to racing go-karts and Formula Renault – a type of open-wheel race car.

In the other corner, you have his ultimate goal: Formula One (F1), racing’s Goliath. The pinnacle of open-wheel race car driving, F1 is where brave souls endure lung-crushing, eye-popping g-forces as they hurtle down the track – at speeds of more than 300 km/h – in pursuit of tens of millions of dollars in prizes and God-like fame. It’s expensive. Manufacturers inject hundreds of millions of dollars annually into their vehicles. And it’s immensely popular: the Sunday Business Post quoted an annual viewership figure of 370 million for the 2007 season.

At present, the F1 dream is a distant glimmer in Richert’s eye. But like the legendary David who came before him, he believes he too could conquer this mighty foe. “My goal is to be racing against the best drivers in the world and Formula One is it,” Richert says. “You

Hitting the high note

A \$20-million dollar gift, a new name and a bright future. Edmund Dawe, Marcel Desautels [BA(LatPh)/55, LLB/59, LLM/65, LLD/99] and Emőke Szathmáry unveil the Marcel A. Desautels faculty of music.



Thoughts of a \$20-million gift didn't enter Edmund Dawe's mind when then University of Manitoba president Emőke Szathmáry invited him to dine with her and graduate Marcel A. Desautels in Toronto.

The historic donation came as a surprise to Dawe, especially since his conversation with Desautels never touched upon dollars and cents. Instead, the music dean recalls how he and his businessman-turned-philanthropist host spent the evening talking about their shared passion: music.

Dawe laid out his vision to transform his faculty into a primary destination for Canadian and international students. Desautels, who has sung for most of his life and even once considered a career in the opera, listened with interest.

Forty-eight hours later, Dawe is back in Winnipeg and gets a call from **Elaine Goldie**, the university's vice-president (external).

"She said to me, 'Edmund, I hope you're sitting down,'" he recalls.

Dawe's message had struck the right chord with Desautels and the eight-figure gift that resulted was unprecedented. Donations of this magnitude are rare among music faculties in Canada.

Dawe describes the donation as "historical and transformational." It will be used to usher in a new era for the university's music program under a new name: **The Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music**. No longer grounded due to lack of funds, Dawe's vision for the faculty will take flight as soon as possible. "My first priority will be to continue to attract outstanding faculty members and students to our programs," he says.

Coincidentally, a massive redevelopment called Project Domino at the University of Manitoba includes a new, larger home on campus for the music faculty—one with suf-

ficient space to house Dawe's vision.

Desautels' gift will flow into the faculty during the next five years and create a significant endowment fund. It will also support the renovations of the east wing and Auditorium of Taché Hall, the new home for the music program under Project Domino. A detailed plan for how the endowment revenue will be allocated is still in the works but it will include:

- renewable, full-tuition scholarships and entrance awards for undergraduate students
- special prizes in performance
- graduate fellowships
- support for innovative faculty research and interdisciplinary collaborations in scholarly work, performance, and composition
- chairs/professorships

During the last 12 years, Desautels' philanthropic organization The Canadian Credit Management Foundation (CCMF) has given more than \$80 million to select universities across Canada. He established the foundation, with him as its president and CEO, in 1996 using proceeds from the sale of Creditel of Canada Ltd. As president and CEO of that firm for 25 years, Desautels grew the organization into Canada's largest commercial credit information and debt recovery service. From day one, the purpose of the CCMF was to fund innovative new programs at select Canadian universities.

"Marcel believes in educating the whole person in a way that integrates knowledge for a purpose, and maximizes what graduates can do for their society. This belief has guided his actions as a businessman, an employer and a philanthropist," Szathmáry says.

"Every student should have the opportunity to be exposed to music in one way



Marcel Desautels earned his first degree at St. Boniface College and later studied law at the University of Manitoba.

imately 75% of new jobs created in the province. Desautels, through the CCMF, provided \$5 million to establish the Marcel A.

to teach our students about physical issues surrounding singing and playing various musical instruments," he says. Ultimately, the goal is to make the Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music a nationally recognized centre of excellence.

Each musician who enters the new facility that bears Desautels' name will be reminded of his generosity. He wants to help students and perpetuate higher learning in Canada. For starters, he understands that to attract the best students to your school or program you have to employ the best minds. So, one of the things he does with a gift is create new endowed chairs or support existing ones. A chair is a prestigious faculty position; the endowment part of the equation is the money set aside to offer the chair salary top-ups or research support—the incentives necessary to bring these elite researchers and teachers on staff.

It's always been a challenge for a small, arts-based faculty like Dawe's to attract gifts

“Exposure to music is important for the complete development of a person.” – Desautels

or another – by either learning to play an instrument, in the area of dance, by singing solo or in a choir, etc.," Desautels explains. "Exposure to music is important for the complete development of a person."

During his career, Desautels observed flaws in the way people did business and how the profession was being taught. As a philanthropist, he seeks out schools and programs where outside-the-box thinking spawns new ways of addressing these shortcomings. His first gift to the University of Manitoba was allocated to fellowships in finance in the I.H. Asper School of Business. A multi-million dollar gift followed to the University of Manitoba's faculty of law. Harvey Sexter, who was dean of law at the time, devised a program directed to the specific needs of small and medium-sized businesses—two key drivers of the Manitoban economy. Desautels, who holds bachelor, master and honorary doctorate of law degrees from the University of Manitoba, saw the potential in the program; family and privately owned business in Manitoba represent approxi-

Desautels Centre for Private Enterprise and the Law.

Innovation and a desire to 'zig' where others have 'zagged' are terms that could describe Dawe's dream for the faculty of music. Come September 2008, his faculty will offer one of the most comprehensive programs in Canada leading to a Bachelor of Jazz Studies degree. His overall plan is to balance traditional degree programs with innovative courses and collaborations with other faculties, and with the wider artistic community. "We have a great faculty so we're in a position to build on our strengths," says Dawe. "What we need to do now is develop innovative and interdisciplinary programs to equip students with the necessary skills to meet the varied demands of a wider range of modern career options."

For the first time this year, he partnered with another faculty on campus – a practice known as interdisciplinary study – to create a course in anatomy for musicians. "We had an occupational therapist from the university work with a musician colleague

for scholarships. He says Desautels' donation will eliminate this problem. "A big challenge for a small music faculty like ours has always been attracting and retaining undergrad and grad students," says Dawe. "In the past, we haven't had funds to offer significant scholarships and bursaries. So, the biggest impact of the CCMF's gift will be on the students."

Desautels' generosity has helped raise the bar for teaching and research excellence at Canadian universities. And while some faculties and programs now bear his name, Desautels keeps a low profile, eschewing public praise and fanfare.

Szathmáry says that Desautels' generosity has left an indelible mark on the landscape of Canadian post-secondary education for generations to come.

"As a distinguished graduate and incredible benefactor of both the University of Manitoba and other Canadian universities, Marcel has set an example that few might be able to follow but all can admire."

\$5 million and a new name

Stu Clark recalls being “just another kid having fun, getting a degree and getting out,” during his years in the University of Manitoba’s faculty of management.

The Alberta-based entrepreneur says he had no idea at the time that his classroom learning – in what is now the I.H. Asper School of Business – would one day build the foundation of his three-decade-long career in the oil and gas industry.

“My School of Business experience at the U of M helped create the opportunities that I have taken advantage of in my life,” says Clark, currently a director of two public oil and gas exploration firms: Storm Exploration Inc. and Rock Energy Inc. “I have a passion for entrepreneurship; I have started a number of my own businesses, sold them, profited from them and now it is time to give back.”

Clark recently donated \$5 million to the entrepreneurial hub of the I.H. Asper School of Business. The newly named Stu Clark Centre for Entrepreneurship is intended to enhance the school’s long-standing commitment to the self-starters of the business world.

Clark also hopes his gift will pay homage to the late Izzy Asper, whose gifts to the University of Manitoba and the greater community left a lasting impact. “I have always looked up to Izzy Asper, who gave selflessly to his community,” Clark explains. “He set an example for the rest of us and so, in a smaller way, I’m following in his footsteps.”



Stu Clark [BComm(Hons)/76]

Photo: Tony Mandella

According to I.H. Asper School of Business dean Glenn Feltham, Clark’s gift serves as testimonial to the effectiveness of their entrepreneurship program.

“Stu Clark’s contribution demonstrates his tremendous confidence in one of the school’s important areas of focus—entrepreneurship,” Feltham says.

Clark believes his gift will help put entrepreneurship on par with other foundation

courses offered at the I.H. Asper School of Business – like accounting and finance – and says he looks forward to seeing his vision take shape.

“It feels good to come back to Manitoba, where my roots are, and to invest in something where I can see the results of my giving.”

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Vanessa Lawson in *Carmina Burana* Photo: David Cooper

Edmund Dawe

DEAN OF THE MARCEL A. DESAUTELS FACULTY OF MUSIC
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- A pianist and professor with two solo CDs, Dawe has studied music at universities across Canada and in London, England at a leading conservatory. He also trained in France with internationally-acclaimed pianist Cécile Ousset.
- The 48-year-old Newfoundlander – who has a master's of music and a doctorate in piano performance – has traveled the world to play, teach and adjudicate. He has judged the classical category at the Junos and was nominated for an East Coast Music Award.
- Critics have praised the father of three for his command of the keyboard and “strong artistic temperament.”

His most valued possession: My Steinway grand piano. It was rebuilt 22 years ago and will be 100 years old this fall.

When he first caught the music bug: I started playing by ear around the age of four. I would go to the piano and figure out how to play the melodies of hymn tunes and folk songs.

The first instrument he ever played: My earliest childhood musical memories are of playing the spoons at family gatherings. My grandfather would play the accordion and everyone would sing and dance – incredibly vivid and fond memories.

His greatest fear: Pianists are often faced with the task of memorizing. The biggest fear is the fear of forgetting.

What gets on his nerves: There are two types of musicians' attitudes that are frustrating. Divas annoy me the most. There are also professional musicians who seem to think that they hold the monopoly on how to play or sing, or teach a specific instrument. Truthfully, I find it quite sad to think that narrow mindedness can have such a hold on someone involved in an art form that is so rich in diversity and approach.

His mantra: Work hard; never give up. The only place where success comes before work is in a dictionary.



CATCHING UP WITH ALUMNI IN CALIFORNIA...



Martin Brotman and his wife Farron recently hosted a dinner for some fellow University of Manitoba alumni at their home in San Francisco. Joining them from the University of Manitoba were then-president **Emőke Szathmáry**, vice-president (external) **Elaine Goldie** and director of alumni and development for Bannatyne campus **Barbara Becker**.

From left: Dr. Martin Brotman [BSc(Med)/62, MD/62], Arlene Greenberg, Elaine Goldie, Roland Greenberg [BSc(Pharm)/60, MSc/64, PhD/69], Paul Switzer [BA(Hons)/61], Gertrude(Trudy) Zimmerman [BSc(HEc)/56], Farron Brotman [BA/59, BSW/60, MSW/62], Emőke Szathmáry, Dr. Lorraine Raad [MD/55], Dr. David Bloom [BSc(Med)/61, MD/61], Rosalind Bloom, George Raad, Dr. Edward Bate [MD/55]



Bruce Head, *Sleeping Giant*, 2003

SHOWCASE FOR GRAD'S WORK

There will be a free public opening of the exhibition *Head Space: Five Decades of Bruce Head* on Thursday, Sept. 11 at 7:30 p.m. The exhibition will continue until Nov. 23 at the Winnipeg Art Gallery. A leading painter and designer in Winnipeg for more than 50 years, Head earned a diploma in art from the University of Manitoba in 1953.

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A Silver Lining (continued from page 24)



Saks Fifth Avenue, Banana Republic and Club Monaco.

Druxman (whose dad was an accountant, and whose mom was a director of an immigrant and refugee centre) ended up in the jewellery business by fluke. After graduating from the University of Manitoba with an economics degree, she took a job at Dunn Jewellers simply as a means to earn enough money to travel around Europe. But Druxman became fascinated by the workmanship and intricacy of the heirloom jewellery she appraised. She also loved being the liaison between the client and jeweller for custom creations. Eventually, she learned how to cast, solder and set. And she hit the books to become a gemologist.

Druxman says she is still “drawn to classic or ancient designs” and is more interested in the “reinterpretation of classic pieces” than she is with trends. She looks to architecture for inspiration more so than fashion. Her new take on tradition is a style that’s not for everyone, she says. When she first started doing her own custom designs at Dunn’s, reaction was mixed. “Some of the stuff that I did they thought was plain ugly. It was sort of understated and reinterpreted,” she says. “It’s the same as people’s reaction to modern architecture. A lot of people don’t appreciate anything about it.”

But long-time customer Amy Pang loves the simplicity of Druxman’s work, which she says has the same appeal as Calvin Klein. “It’s very clean, very simple yet so elegant...It takes your breath away,” says Pang, who popped in to Druxman’s boutique to meet with the designer and rock collector Brian Bilcowski. Pang handpicked an amethyst (found in Thunder Bay, Ont.) and worked with Druxman to design her necklace.

Her couture approach and hands-on service are what have helped make Druxman so successful, says her business manager Tracey Young. “I just think she’s an amazing woman,” Young says. “There’s this honesty and commitment and responsibility to everyone.”

Druxman has equal respect for her employees, who recently faced crisis head-on. In the last four years, they lost a lot of business south of the border because of the drop in value of the American dollar, but have now stabilized and are looking to expand into Europe. “I just have a great team of people,” Druxman says. “We always pull together and get the job done.”



KATIE CHALMERS-BROOKS



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Ralph Campbell (right) greets Pierre Trudeau during the 1980 federal election campaign.

Campbell, D. Ralph [LLD/84] March 13, 2008

D. Ralph Campbell was the eighth president of the University of Manitoba [1976 to 1981]. During his five-year term, he laboured successfully to make university more accessible to mature students and strived to improve relations between faculty and administration, and with the general community.

A native of southern Ontario, Campbell studied at the University of Toronto and at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar. An agricultural economist prior to his appointment as president, he was principal of Scarborough College at the University of Toronto. He was also very active in international development, serving as an economic advisor to the government of Jordan in 1962 and of Kenya in 1969. He went back to Africa in 1981 as part of a project with the Canadian International Development Agency.

Campbell received his honorary doctoral degree from the University of Manitoba in 1984. He was made a member of the Order of Canada in 1986.

Campbell lived with his wife Ruth in Orillia, Ont. They were frequent visitors to the University of Manitoba, most recently attending the 2006 spring convocation. His good nature and outgoing personality made him a well-liked figure on campus and in the community.

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Lynes, Douglas B. [BSc(ME)/49] March 22, 2008

MacFarlane (Primmer), Dorothy Helen [BA/43] Feb. 1, 2008

McMillan, Evelyn [BHEc/42] April 13, 2008

Metcalfe, Earle Garth [BA/48] April 3, 2008

Milne, Bill [BArch/49] Feb. 7, 2008

Murray, Hugh Crothers [BA(Hons)/43]
March 24, 2008

Ross, Dr. Winifred [BSc/42] April 18, 2008

Saunders, William L. [BSc(EE)/48]
May 16, 2008

Soudack, Moish (Morris) [BA/48]
April 5, 2008

Templin, William Reeves [BComm(Hons)/48]
May 26, 2008

Turnock, William James [BSA/49, PhD/59]
April 5, 2008

Valcourt, Father Olivier [BA/49]
March 15, 2008

Warne, Keith Kernick [BA/49] March 24, 2005

West, Alden Reid [BSc(ME)/49] March 27, 2008

Wolfe, Albert [BA/49, DipEd/50, BEd/54, MEd/73] Feb. 11, 2008

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Banville, John Alfred Omer [BComm/50]
Feb. 18, 2008

Black, Dale L. [BSc(Hons)/53, MSc/64]
Jan. 6, 2008

Bramadat, Kelvin [MSc/54, BPed/59, BEd/63]
June 8, 2008

Daniel, Dr. James Higgs [DipAnaes/59]
April 17, 2008

Dingle, Vernon Wilfred [BSc(Hons)/50]
March 2, 2008

Dookeran, Ivan Arjoonlal [BSc/58, BEd/65]
April 20, 2008

Green (Sigurdson), Gudrun Margaret
[BA/51, BPed/52] Nov. 17, 2007

Hardy, James [BA/52, BEd/53, MEd/55]
Feb. 11, 2008

Heaney, W. Creighton [BSc(ME)/50]
Feb. 3, 2008

Hildebrand, Dr. Henry [MD/56] Feb. 13, 2008

Hirschfield, A. Aubrey (Oz) [LLB/51]
April 28, 2008

Jackson, George Crandon [BSc/54]
May 23, 2008

Joubert, Luc [BA(LatPh)/55] Feb. 14, 2008

Keates (McMillan), Gwendoline Isabelle
[BID/57] Jan. 25, 2008

Kristal, Eugene [BA/55, BPed/59, BEd/60, MEd/66] March 28, 2008

Kurtz, Arnold [BA/57] Jan. 16, 2008

Kuzina, Peter George [BComm/53]
Jan. 23, 2008

Levene, Leon [BSc/53, MSc/60, PhD/62]
June 5, 2008

Libling, Gerald A. [BArch/52] March 18, 2008

Long, James Arthur [BSc(EE)/50]
May 31, 2008

MacLean, George Campbell (Cam) [LLB/50]
March 22, 2008

McDougall, Barry Douglas [BComm/54]
Jan. 22, 2008

Mensforth, Lorne Hugh [BSc(ME)/52]
March 23, 2008

Paton, William (Roy) [BComm/50]
April 6, 2008

Revel, Edward Turner [AssocEd/53, BA/59, BEd/61] June 6, 2008

Sawchuk, Edward [BSc(ME)/53] Feb. 19, 2008

Schellenberg, Agatha [BA/57, BEd/64]
April 1, 2008

Shaw, David Wallace [BSc/55, BPed/57, BEd/60] Feb. 12, 2008

Simpson (nee Morkin), Mary Lou [BID/51]
April 27, 2008

Smigel, Anne [BA/52, BEd/58, LLD/04]
Feb. 10, 2008

Smith Cumming, Dr. Robert Alexander
[MD/54] March 16, 2008

Sokulski, Anastasia [CertNurs (PH)/57]
Feb. 25, 2008

Stonehouse, Welland (Stoney) [BSA/52]
July 20, 2007

Tesarowski, Chester Stephen [BPed/59, BEd/70] Feb. 18, 2008

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Armstrong (Floveday), Frances E. [MA/67]
Jan. 16, 2008

Arnaud, Gerald Joseph [BA/68, BEd/70]
May 19, 2008

Beke, Dr. Gerardus (Gerry) Johannes
[MSc/64] May 23, 2008

Bilsland, John David [CA/62] March 15, 2008

Brandt, Dr. Robert (Bob) Wardell [BSc/65]
April 2008

Coble, William (Bill) Leroy [BA/66, MSW/74]
Feb. 13, 2008

Cowi, Malcolm Stuart [BA/69, BEd/71, MEd/75] Jan. 29, 2008

Cross, Dr. Robert Walter [BA/60, BEd/61,

Med/68] April 4, 2008

Dougall, Gerald Fraser [BSc/60, BEd/65]
April 30, 2008

Eryk, Boris [CertEd/64, BA/70] April 30, 2008

Gerbrandt, Peter Harold [BPE/68, CertEd/69, BEd/74] May 3, 2008

Godard, Denis Joseph [BSc/67] Feb. 28, 2008

Hannesson, Michael [BComm/68, CA/72]
May 15, 2008

Jones, Wade [DipArt/69, BFA/92]
March 14, 2008

Lazaruk, Orest [BA/66, BEd/71] Feb. 12, 2008

McDonald, Val [BA/61, BSW/63] June 3, 2008

Michiels, Father Firmin [CertEd/68, BEd/70]
March 2, 2008

Nichols, Clifford Allan [BA/68, BEd/71]
Feb. 9, 2008

Potter, James Gordon [BSA/65]
March 17, 2008

Ramcharan, Donald Clifford [BSc/62, BEd/67, CertEd/67] April 17, 2008

Sawatzky, H. Leonard [BA/61] April 30, 2008

Shaw, Bryan Ernest [BSc(Pharm)/62]
April 13, 2008

Smythe, James Hannah [BA/64, CertEd/68, BEd/71] Feb. 14, 2008

Stupak, Leonard (Len) Joseph [BSc(ME)/69, MSc/71] March 5, 2008

Thuot, Raymond [BA/65, CertEd/68]
May 29, 2008

van de Lustgraaf Windus, Beverly
[BSc(HEc)/62, CertEd/65] Jan. 29, 2007

Warbans, Sister Mary Louise [BA/62, BEd/68] Feb. 2, 2008

Welsh, James Charles [BSc/68, CertEd/69, BEd/73] April 23, 2008

Wiebe, Jacob [BSc/62, BEd/64] May 20, 2008

Wilkinson, William Barry [BA/67]
May 16, 2008

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Ahluwalia, Gurmukh Singh (Wally) [BSc/71]
Feb. 26, 2008

Benson, Roy Neil [BPed/74] May 4, 2008

Berg, Terry James [BSc(Med)/75]
March 17, 2008

Blackburn, Wayne Ian [BEd/76] Feb. 5, 2008

Bowes, William [BA/75, BComm(Hons)/80]
March 10, 2008



Christianson, (Melvin) Wayne [CertEd/74, BEd/76, LLB/82] May 13, 2008

Haig, Gordon Jackson [BA/73] April 15, 2008

Herman, Morley Zelig [BA/78] Nov. 21, 2007

Klemens (nee Sniezek), Jennifer Gloria [CertEd/72, BEd/74] May 3, 2008

McWilliams, Margaret Eleanor [BPed/71, BEd/74] March 1, 2008

Morren, Netty [BPT/74] Feb. 16, 2008

Morrison, Cheryl Beth [BA/75, CertEd/77] March 31, 2008

Opitz Silver, Judith Diane [CertEd/71, MEd/96] March 12, 2008

Pascoe, Cynthia [BA/73, CertEd/74] March 28, 2008

Pawlowsky, Alexandra [BA/74, MA/82, PhD/97] March 29, 2008

Pendik, Robert Michael [BA/71] May 31, 2008

Poliah, Lena Cynthia [BEd/75] March 31, 2008

Putnins, Erna [BN/73] April 29, 2008

Sanders, Jane [BN/78] Feb. 25, 2008

Stern, Norman A. [BA/71, BComm(Hons)/72, CA/75] March 2008

Stonyk, Karen Ann [Assoc Ed/71, BA/74, PBCertEd/95] May 15, 2008

Wiancko, Myrtle [BA/78, BEd/78] April 7, 2008

Wilk, Adeline Elizabeth [BA/73, BEd/78] March 12, 2008

Wojcik, Edward Joseph [BA/74] Feb. 21, 2008

1980-89

Atkins, Trevor [PhD/86] Feb. 11, 2008

Barsalou, Monique Ruth [BSA/80] April 29, 2008

Budinsky, Allan John [CertEd/80] March 20, 2008

Caldwell, Lisa [BA(Hons)/85] Jan. 27, 2008

Dionne, Bernard (Bernie) [BSW/89] June 3, 2008

Dufault, Cyril Joseph [BSc(EE)/80] April 21, 2008

Girardin (Conrad), Isabel Marie Celina [BA/81] March 3, 2008

Guenette, Raymond [BA(LatPh)/80, CertEd/81] April 18, 2008

Lucier, Bradley Leon [BA/96] March 2, 2008

MacDonald, Marylea Helen [CertEd/86, PhD/96] May 17, 2008

Maracle, Richard Allan [ExtEd/86, BA/99] Feb. 19, 2008

Mulder, Barry Allan [BSc(EE)/82] Feb. 23, 2008

Natividad-Cantiveros, Rosalinda [BEd/81] March 4, 2008

Newman, Winifred [BA/80, CertEd/81] March 30, 2008

Nychuk-Jensen, Adeline [BSc(ME)/87, ExtEd/01] Feb. 16, 2008

Pollock, Raymond Leon [BA/80] May 4, 2008

Siemens, Dr. Jennifer Gwen [BEd/84, BSc(Med)/93, MD/93] May 2, 2008

Wojevoda Pearce, Linda Leona [BFA(Hons)/88] May 4, 2008

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Ballentyne, Erica Nadine [LLB/98] February 2008

Blight (Crosland), Donna Margaret Louise [MEd/91] Feb. 5, 2008

Egan, Dermot Ignatius [BA/96] May 22, 2008

Elke-Faris, Linda Elaine [BEd/97] May 6, 2008

Hart, Margaret Elder [LLD/93] April 2, 2008

Klassen, Ian William [BA/95] June 8, 2008

Kulyk, Michael Dmytro [ExtEd/93] April 17, 2008

Wilson, Linda Laureen [BEd/94] Feb. 26, 2008

2000-present

Genik, Ronda Lee [DipACFS/04] June 7, 2008

Nikitas (Kitasz), Tina [BA/00, LLB/04, BEd/06] April 9, 2008

Romanek, Adam Robert [BSc(Pharm)/02] Jan. 20, 2008

Sciberras, Shawn Michael [BSc/01] March 11, 2008

Steeves (Robertson), Janice Louise [ExtEd/04] March 11, 2008

Suezle, Dr. Troy [DMD/01] April 5, 2008

Accomplishments

1950-59

Arnett, James [BA/59, LLB/63] was recently appointed Chair of Hydro One Inc. Arnett has had a distinguished career as a senior executive, corporate director and lawyer.

1960-69



Katz, Leslie [LLB/67, BA/69] is now retired, after a career during which he was successively a legal academic and researcher, a barrister and a judge. These days, he spends part of his time as an honorary consultant to the New South Wales

Law Reform Commission and much of the rest of it as a blogger: see <http://stumbling.tumblr.com>.
Corrected from April 2008

Storey, Margaret [BSc/60] has spent the past five years as director of the Wonju Community Centre for People with Disabilities at Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea. Prior to that, she taught nursing at Yonsei University and was director of a sheltered workshop for youth with intellectual disabilities at Wonju Christian Hospital.

1970-79



Friedman, Sorel [BA/79] recently won a 3M National Teaching Fellowship. Friedman has been a language instructor at Université de Montréal (UdeM) since 1985. Her innovative teaching methods – she uses blogs, podcasts,

chats and course management systems such as WebCT – have twice earned her the UdeM's Prix d'excellence en enseignement (2001 and 2005). Canada's only national interdisciplinary teaching prize, the 3M award is given to university instructors who lead and excel as educators.

Lebrun, Marcel R. [BEd/79, BA/82, PB-CertEd/93, MEd/94, ExtEd/96] recently received the distinguished graduate teaching award from Plymouth State University where he is assistant professor of education.

Muendel, Hans-Henning [PhD/73] has self-published a book based on the first of his three-year experience as a Canadian University Services Overseas volunteer in India during the

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1960s. Based on letters he wrote home, *My Life Among the Paniyas of the Nilgiri Hills* documents the author's experience as farm manager of a formerly exploited tribal group, the Paniyas, in a colony in southern India. On the Web: www.henningpaniyas.ca.

Rosner, Cecil [BA (Hons)/74] has published a new book, *Behind the Headlines: A History of Investigative Journalism in Canada* (Oxford University Press). Rosner is managing editor for radio and television at CBC Manitoba, and also teaches investigative journalism at the University of Winnipeg's department of Rhetoric, Writing, and Communications. He is the co-author of *When Justice Fails: the David Milgaard Story* (McClelland and Stewart).

Tylka, Tom [CertEd/77] Received the 2006-07 Inspirational Deaf Educator Award (British Columbia). The award – presented annually by the Canadian Association of Educators of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing – recognized Tylka's work to improve the acoustics in classrooms and make it easier for kids to hear in school.

1980-89

Carter, Christopher D.J. [BA(Hons)/83, BEd/07] had his book, *Parapsychology and the Skeptics*, published in 2007. On the Web: www.parapsychologyandtheskeptics.com.

1990-99

Beaudry, Paul [BSc/91] was recently promoted to assistant vice-president, technical services, management information services, at James Richardson International.

Kushniaryk Hansen, Lisa [BA(Adv)/90] was recently promoted to Manager Investor Relations of Manitoba Telecom Services Inc.

McCurdy, Wendy E. [BMR(PT)/85, BPE/87, MD/93] was elected secretary of the American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) for a two-year term (2007-2009). McCurdy is a partner in Radiology Ltd., and a clinical instructor in the department of radiology at the University of Arizona. She now lives in Tucson, AZ.

Reunited

As told by **Christine Hanlon** [BA/85, BEd/89]

In 1984, they met during Introductory Anthropology and became fast friends. Both lived off campus and had boyfriends to distract them from their studies. Alice was learning the piano and so was Christine. In fact, it was Alice who found they could use the School of Music practice rooms after hours. They studied together, they laughed, they cried. Sometimes Christine stayed overnight at Alice's Summerland apartment. Alice introduced Christine to authentic Chinese food and Christine tricked Alice into eating escargot.

Then in 1986, Alice graduated with a BA in English and moved back to Hong Kong. As time passed, the two friends drifted apart, each pursuing separate lives and careers, continents apart.

So imagine Christine's surprise when in June 2006, she received a call from the Alumni Association that a certain Alice Lai-Kit Kwong had contacted the Find-A-Friend program. Then this spring, after two years of e-mails and phone



Christine Hanlon [BA/85, BEd/89] and Alice Lai-Kit Kwong [BA(Adv)/86]

calls, and 22 years after leaving Winnipeg, Alice returned.

Visiting campus brought back many fond memories of university days. Gone is their hang-out, the University Centre canteen, but Tier and Fletcher Argue buildings are aging gracefully—just like Alice and Christine. Yet no matter how much the campus has altered, one thing remains unchanged: the friendship that they share.

Births



Desrosier, Gregory [BSc(GE)/97] and **Mark, Donna** [BHEcol/98, ExtEd/99] are pleased to share with their fellow alumni the birth of their daughter, Juliette Jing Li Desrosiers. Juliette was born in Philadelphia, PA, on Sunday Nov. 25,

2007 at 2:22 p.m. She weighed seven pounds, 6.8 ounces, and measured 19.5 inches. Juliette's names represent both her unique and beautiful heritages: French and Asian. Juliette means youthful and Jing Li means radiant flower.

Krestanowich, Paul [BA/91, CFP/04, CSA/07] and his wife **Corinne (Tottle)** [BA/91, BEd/94, BenEd/95] welcomed their fourth child on April 29, 2008. Colin Daniel Krestanowich was born at HSC-Women's Centre and weighed in at eight pounds, 15 ounces, and measured 21 inches.



Thorkelson, Tory S. [MEd/96] and Hye-Ah Yoo would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Jean, on May 18, 2008 at 3:26 a.m. at Hanyang University Medical Center in Kuri City, Korea. Weighing in

at 3.995 kg (or almost nine pounds), she and her mom are doing fine despite the lack of sleep. The first grandchild, she is likely to be spoiled rotten by aunts, uncles and grandparents on both sides of the family. For updates and the latest pictures, look Tory up on Facebook.



Trembath, Kendall [BA/03, BSW/05] and **Cortvriendt, Jason** (current distance education student) would like to announce the arrival of their children: Liam Rowan Trembath Cortvriendt (Aug.15, 2006) and Georgia Lynne Trembath Cortvriendt (March 31, 2008). We are all so happy together!

Weddings



Boyd, Diane [BA(Hons)/97, MA/99, MA/06] and **Payette, Marc** [BA/05] were married Jan. 14, 2008.



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