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Where we are, shapes who we are

Since its launch in March 2011, I've heard from many alumni with positive views about the University of Manitoba's bold new advertisements in the *Winnipeg Free Press* and the *Globe and Mail*.

What's become dubbed as The Trailblazers Campaign is part of a new conversation we're having with our communities, including you our 135,000 alumni world-wide.

The campaign celebrates this province, its people and how we embrace our position at the center of the continent. We have turned challenges into opportunities that have allowed us to grow and excel; to think big and dream big. When we presented it to influential Manitoba leaders at the Spring Convocation dinner and at the IDEA Award in June, the Trailblazers Campaign was met with an enthusiastic response.

Regardless of whether or not you still call Manitoba home, most of you are undoubtedly aware that people who have never been here often struggle to understand this province and its people. They rely on the stereotypes—cold, remote, isolated—without fully understanding how those very characteristics shape and influence Manitobans in deep and wonderful ways.

Our sometimes cold temperatures have made us warmer. Our distance from other cities has brought us closer. Our environment challenges us in ways we would expect and in ways we would not.

Where we are has shaped who we are as individuals and as a community. It causes us to adapt, to innovate and to invent. It challenges us to grow and to create.

The powerful and transformational force that has carved out a unique culture in a distant location is embodied at the University of Manitoba. We are proud it is the intellectual birthplace of many successful entrepreneurs, educators and artists who are celebrated around the world.

In addition to the inspiration it brings you, our alumni, our university stirs our students, our faculty and our community to embrace the unexpected, to defy convention and to carve new paths.

Our university provides a transformational student experience that fuels a pioneer spirit and drives us to push forward. This new conversation is the foundation of our new marketing approach. Our story is being represented through evocative images of young children juxtaposed against powerful statements.

These photographs link singular words to qualities embodied by alumni as well as students, faculty and staff.

At the University of Manitoba, we are innovators, explorers, pioneers, rebels, defenders, mavericks, visionaries and trailblazers. That includes you. This is as much a tribute to your legacy and your ongoing contributions to your communities, to our world. You continue to help blaze the trail. Your support and commitment allow us to keep striving to do more and to do better: To achieve greatness.

Please take a look at our campaign on the pages that follow and at umanitoba.ca/trailblazer. I hope you as alumni will be as excited about it as I am, that you will be energized by it and it will become a story you will want to tell.

I also hope you can join me at Homecoming 2011 for the first event in a speaker series we're calling Visionary Conversations. It is my privilege to act as series host and introduce you to some of the global thought leaders who work at the U of M. I encourage everyone to attend this exciting new event; the details are provided below.

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I AM A TRAILBLAZER.

I am the one up ahead, waiting for you to join me. I am first out in the spring, first out in the summer, and first out in the snow. I have my finger to the wind, wondering what's coming next, and why it might be changing.

It is these same questions that drive University of Manitoba researchers to push the boundaries of known science in the North. They are on the ice and in the elements, using traditional knowledge and scientific methods to discover the secrets of climate change. They are the first to go this far. And there is nothing easy about the path they've chosen. But it is important, so they will never quit.

These scientists are like me. They know that exploring is never easy, but our world is worth the risk. If the discovery is important enough, the only option is getting there.

Lead the way.



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A Lyric for Taché Hall

*Coming up the worn stairs
was that her face I saw
whose arms I slept a year in
whose walls I once embraced,
footstep upon footstep
her daughter's yes I sought
on promising nights where
the moon turned her heel
and the river understood some
soft springs are meant to linger*

Ron Romanowski (Taché Hall '74-'75)

The poet captured in the moment of inspiration. Ron Romanowski [ExtEd/89] was one of hundreds who came to say goodbye to Taché Hall in May. The experience, which he likened to "swimming in a sea of memories" spawned his poetic tribute. Washed up by the salt and surf of Romanowski's nostalgic dip was a nugget of trivia we've been desperate to confirm: Yes, says Romanowski, the rock band KISS played a show in Rez' in the early '70s. See page 14 for more Taché reflections. And for more on Romanowski, see page 35.



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► Pictured here:
Janet Yuen with two
young future
scientists extracting
strawberry DNA.



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RSVP Visit our website at umanitoba.ca/science/alumni or contact Lorraine Lester at lesterla@ms.umanitoba.ca or by phone at (204) 474-9348.



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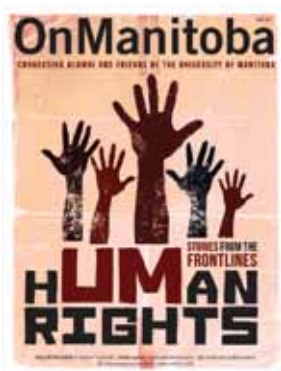
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If it ain't broke . . .

Alumnus S. Loschiavo

[BSc/46, MSc/50, PhD/64] wrote:

Several other alumni besides me wish to say that we do not like the new format for the Through the Years section, particularly In Memoriam. The names of deceased alumni are listed alphabetically with no date of death and no style. Marriages and births are lumped together. Can you return to the old, more aesthetic format?

We can, we will, we have; see page 36, Ed.

A broader definition of human rights

This letter comes from **Nancy E. Hansen** who is director of the U of M's interdisciplinary master's program, disability studies. She wrote:

Hello, I just finished reading the latest issue of On Manitoba Stories from the Front lines Human Rights. I found it very interesting.

Here is some information on human rights that you may find useful for future issues on this subject area:

At present, there are 650 million disabled people world-wide as a result of poverty, malnutrition and conflict;

Winnipeg is the birthplace of the Disability Rights Movement in Canada;

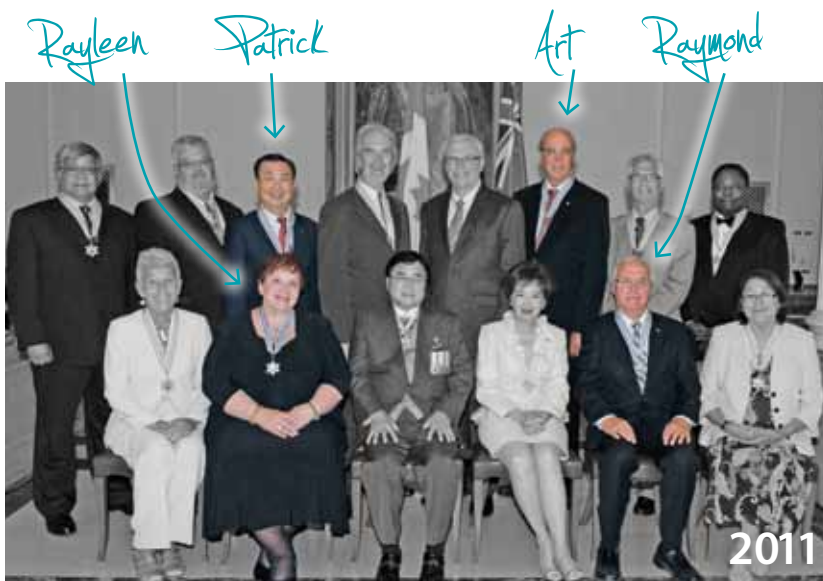
On May 26th, 2009, the University of Manitoba conferred an honorary DSc on Jim Derksen for his pioneering work in the Disability Rights Movement. Further details can be found at umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/senate/hdr/947.htm.

Hope this is helpful.

Knowledge is power. Thank you Nancy, Ed.

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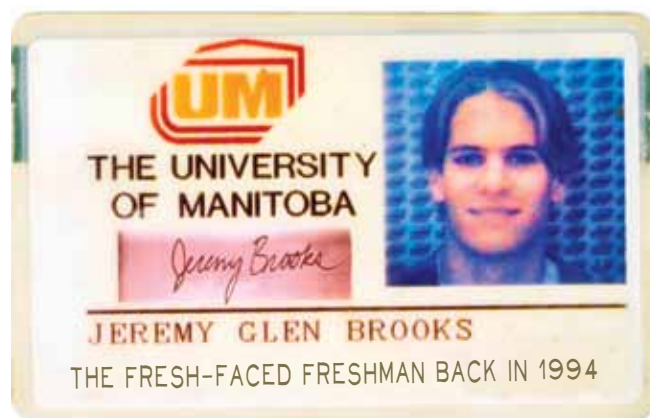
In recognition of alumnus **Keith Ursel** [BA/82] being named to the Order of Manitoba in 2010, we ran a photo of the group . . . a group that also included **Marjorie Blankstein** [BA/52], **Gary Doer** [LLD/10] and **Betty Hopkins** [BScHEc/53]. Our apologies for the omission.



Tracey Goncalves, government photographer

And here are the U of M alumni and faculty named to the 2011 Order of Manitoba: **Art DeFehr** [BComm/64, LLD/98], **Rayleen DeLuca** [MA/81, PhD/85], **Raymond Poirier** [BA/73], **Miriam Toews** [BA/89] (not in photo) and **Dr. Patrick Choy**, associate dean (development), Faculty of Medicine.

A confession. Working at the University of Manitoba these past four years has made me realize how much I missed out on during my time as a student. Back then, I focused on going to class and studying without experiencing all this campus had to offer. Today, **I'm more connected to the people, places and work that make the U of M special.** I tell stories of individuals whose lives have been defined by experiences here, then show how they've translated that into efforts to create a better world on **local, national** or **international** fronts. As I think about this, the lyrics from an old Faces song *Ooh La La* are playing in my head. "I wish that I knew what I know now, when I was younger".



I'm fortunate to have been given the chance to come back to my *alma mater* and truly see it for what it's worth.

One of the most memorable experiences of my career happened in May when I spent a weekend helping hundreds of people say goodbye to Taché Hall. The stories told to me captured the spirit of the U of M and got me to thinking about how life on campus—the places, events and people within—impacts students while they're here and long after they're gone. To expand on this idea, we've dedicated several pages of this issue to a random list of reasons to love the U of M. We cover some of the obvious and the not-so-obvious from the output of our researchers, faculty and students, to the quirky campus landmarks (yes, the white thing by Chancellor's Hall)

that are unique to our *alma mater*. I know you can all do me one better so I want you to send in your lists, the 'real' lists of reasons why you would come home to the U of M.

Another focus of this magazine, and one that speaks directly to how the U of M impacts your life, has to do with the branding campaign the university began a few months ago. It is built upon a theme: where we are—the climate, the remoteness of our Manitoba home—shapes who we are. That central idea has generated a series of power terms that embody the kind of people who come to the U of M: trailblazers, innovators, pioneers, rebels, and visionaries.

The beauty of this campaign is that it invites you to interpret and, ideally, internalize its message. I went through this process and started connecting it back to the stories we

tell in every issue of *On Manitoba*, and the two truly go hand in hand. The campaign message, to me, says a couple of things: You've had an impact on this university, and you've contributed to a place that has significant influence on our world. Isn't it nice to know you're a part of something so special?

We're on the cusp of Homecoming 2011 and I want to echo the invitations within this publication for you to join us for this weeklong event as it is something else you can feel good about being involved with. You don't have to be a part of a class reunion group; Homecoming week has something for everyone. Mark your calendars for September 14 through 18 and help us make this our best event ever! Details are available on our website at umanitoba.ca/alumni.



Celebrate the experiences that helped define you HOMECOMING 2011

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

Each year, alumni from around the world return to the University of Manitoba to catch up with friends, share fond memories and cheer on their school. Join us as we celebrate the defining moments that transformed our students into the pioneers, innovators and visionaries they are today.

- Cheer on our Bison at their last Homecoming football game in University Stadium
- Reconnect with former classmates at the annual Reunion Dinner
- Explore the interactive exhibits of the new Bruce D. Campbell Farm and Food Discovery Centre in Glenlea
- Share with Dr. David Barnard, President and Vice Chancellor, an evening of Visionary Conversations
- Plan a reunion – it's not too late!

To find out more about all of the events taking place at Homecoming 2011, call 474-9946 or visit

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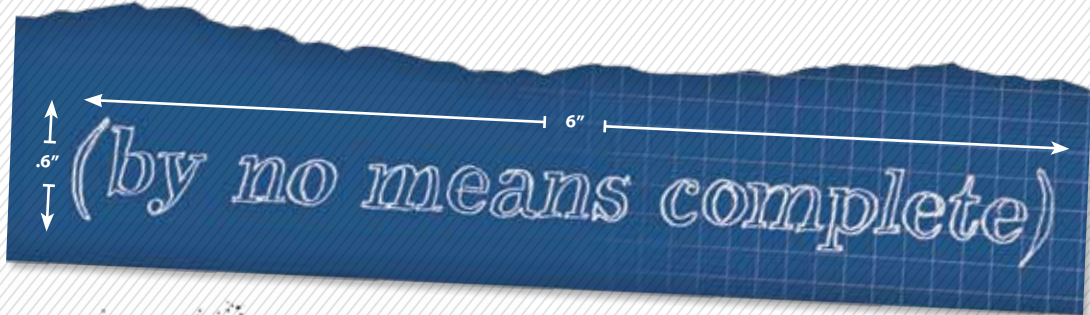
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The moment your journey as a student begins and the **fun** of **Orientation Week** makes way for the (sometimes harsh) **reality** of the **week after** Orientation Week.

The Aggie **BED PUSH**. #22

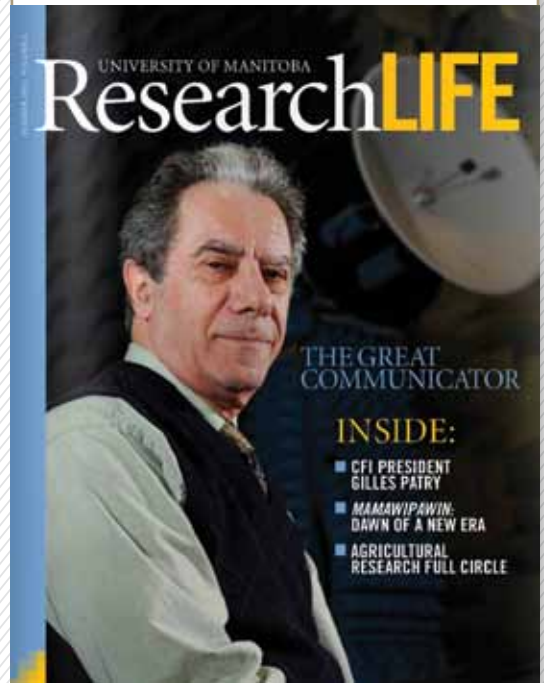


Pushing a giant mattress on wheels more than 220 kilometres from Brandon, Man., to the U of M's Fort Garry Campus might not seem like a cracker-jack idea until you consider the Aggie Bed Push is rolling into its 30th year. The students jogging their way down the Trans Canada don't just take part in the name of fun and tradition; they also raise thousands of dollars each year for charities like the Canadian Red Cross. *Aggies once, Aggies twice...*



Pembina Hall rising above Taché Hall, July 26, 2011.

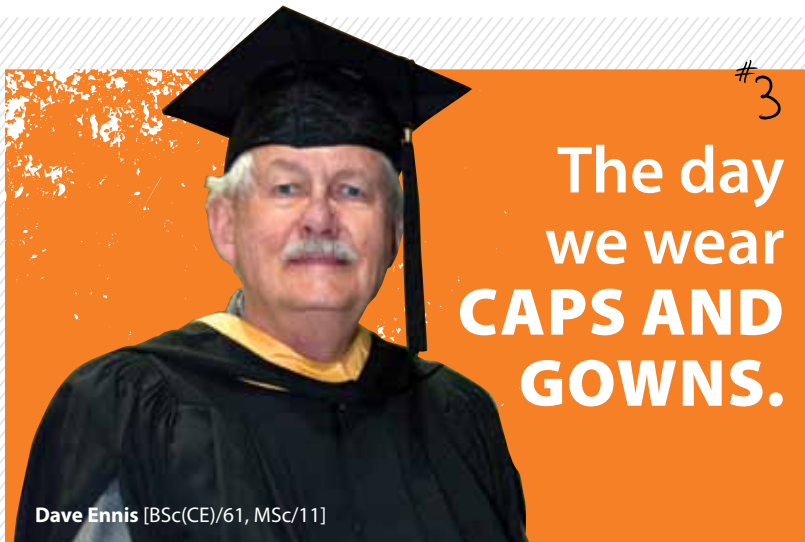
Our **RESEARCH** and our researchers. #18



They break new ground in the fight against infectious diseases; they study the Arctic climate changes that foretell what will happen to the rest of the globe; they invent canola; they turn bacteria into fuel sources; they champion human rights; they help make wireless and satellite communications possible (like 2011 Killam Prize winner Lotfollah Shafai, pictured above); they study aging to create a better world for our elderly population; they explore the roots of domestic violence; they bring beauty to something as plain as a cement beam; they seek to stem the tide of childhood obesity; they make safer roads, bridges and buildings; they drive Manitoba's economy and build its reputation in ways we cannot imagine. The impact of research done at the U of M, in a word: Staggering!

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The way redevelopment efforts like **Project Domino** are blending old with new to give our campus an updated look, **purpose** and function.



Dave Ennis [BSc(CE)/61, MSc/11]

#3 The day we wear CAPS AND GOWNS.

Each of the 2,834 students who crossed the stage at Spring Convocation had a unique journey, and story to tell. This one's about retiree Dave Ennis, who earned his master's a half-century after his undergrad.

At 72, some 50 years after he earned his BSc, and in the same year he'll help his engineering undergrad class celebrate its five-decade anniversary, Ennis completed his graduate degree in history.

The septuagenarian student says some of the lighter moments from his return to the classroom came while auditing Prof. Henry Heller's History of the World Since 1945 course. "Heller and I were the only guys in the room who were around since 1945," quips Ennis, adding, "My comment at the time was, 'You could take any three people in the room, add up their age, and you still wouldn't get to mine.'"

Ennis, who's also kept his retirement buzzing by researching and writing the Faculty of Engineering centennial book *Grinding Geers*, says anyone pondering a return to the classroom should go for it.

#24 The BOOKSTORE.



Textbooks cost a mint and reselling them is a pain but don't let that taint your perception of the bookstore. Here, you'll find awesome Bison clothing and kit, great books, fancy-pants greeting cards, art supplies, Computers on Campus, and a boutique full of handy residence living essentials (everyone needs a frying pan sized for one egg), gifts and gadgets.

#7 The Engineering Band's annual mash up at Homecoming.



#14 The TUNNELS.

This underground network of bare cement, locker graffiti, and leaky pipes looks pretty sketchy at first. But as soon Winnipeg winter comes a blowin', the tunnels become every student's best friend.



#64 The new Bombers/Bison football stadium build. Watch construction live at bluebombers.com/page/construction-webcam.

The **CHICKEN ROTI** at Daily Bread Café.

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A favourite food from a favourite food spot for students and faculty alike. The chicken roti at Daily Bread Café, in the lower level of St. John's College, will make you say "mmmmm."

The **TREASURES** found in Archives & Special Collections.

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What will you find on the third floor of the Dafoe Library? Winnipeg Jets memorabilia? Check. Séance photos and tales of paranormal investigation so spooky they've inspired Hollywood films? Check. Animation cels from such Richard Condie [BA/67] classics as The Big Snit? Check. An extremely rare first edition of the King James Bible which turned 400 in May? They've got one of those too.



Welcome Home Jets

COOL courses.

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So, you like comics and the movies they inspire, huh. So does Prof. **David Annandale** [BA/90, MA/92] from the department of English, film and theatre. For Summer Session 2011, he created **The Comic Book Film** course.

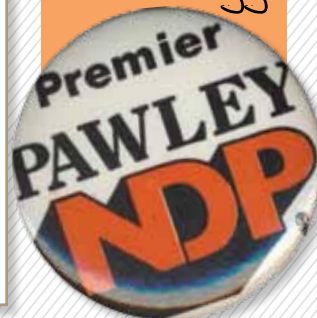
Over in the Faculty of Nursing, instructor **Peri Venkatesh** [MN/91] did something similar in 2000 by turning an issue many guys go to great lengths to overlook into a course anyone can take, the aptly titled **Men's Health: Concerns, Issues and Myth**.

If action is what you crave then sign up for **Severe Thunderstorms – Storm Chasing and Field Techniques** with Prof. **John Hanesiak** [PhD/01] from the department of environment and geography, and roll a field trip racing after twisters into your summer adventures.

The **POLITICAL LEADERS** we educate.

Just one of Manitoba's former premiers we can lay claim to as a U of M alumnus, **Howard Pawley** [BA/57, LLB/61] led our province for eight of the 19 years he spent in provincial politics. See page 26 for his frank reflections on a life in politics.

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The **BRODIE ATRIUM**.

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This sun-soaked space on Bannatyne campus is forever buzzing with the top medical minds, both practicing and student, in Manitoba. Faculty of Medicine graduates take the Hippocratic Oath en masse here, before the celebratory tossing of caps in the air, each May.

It's also home to commonsense life-saving measures like publicly accessible defibrillators, as well as the Joe Doupe gym, the newly renovated Neil John Maclean Health Sciences Library and, yes, a Tim Hortons.

The **Manitoban**. The **Bulletin**. The Admin Building. **Mini U**. The **Black Hole Theatre**.

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Campus **WILD**life.

First-year students at Orientation Week aren't the only wildlife found on campus. This goose found temporary refuge in a planter outside of Dafoe Library while another returns annually to take up 'residence' on a ledge on the top floor of Mary Speechly Hall.



The hike from **Toonie Lot**. The **Gritty Grotto**. **University Centre**.

Our **ATHLETES**.

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They lead on the gridiron, on the pitch, on the ice, on the track and in the pool. And some, like former Bison-women's soccer player turned assistant coach, **Desiree Scott**, go on to play for our country. Scott recently represented Canada at the FIFA Women's World Cup in Germany.



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Students who **SERVE OUR COUNTRY** while hitting the books.

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A cancer diagnosis 10 years ago got **Tony Thornhill** making a list of long-term life goals; earning a university degree being one of them. The catch: Thornhill spent his working days, all 37 years and three months of them, in Bosnia, Afghanistan and other "theatres of operation" as an engineer with the Canadian Forces. Enter the U of M's Military Support Office (MSO) which, for more than 35 years, has helped our servicemen and women, like recently retired Thornhill, earn a post-secondary education from afar.

The wide-grinned, wise-cracking Newfoundlander visited campus recently to chat with acting MSO Coordinator, Shari Campbell, and map out his final push towards graduation: he's just 12 credit hours away from his bachelor of arts degree (history major, political science minor). Here's what he had to say about life and learning on the battlefield.

The challenge of trying to study in a theatre of operation is that your focus is not necessarily on your studies. You're sitting there and you're doing theoretical stuff—the philosophy course I just finished in Afghanistan was like that—in a war where reality is up close and personal every day. It was really hard to remain focused, but you do it through the help of people like Shari who keep you motivated.

I had heard about the program and I liked that it allowed me to do what I love to do and still get an

education. If you want to learn, the university opens the doors for you.

That's impacted me no matter what mission I've gone on, the kids. Because they're not in any way, shape or form responsible for what's happening. Yet, they are directly affected by it and will be for years to come.

When I leave for deployment the one thing I won't leave without is a picture of my wife (Linda) and some way to make contact with her. It's my motivation.

#5 LIVING IN

Rez

Two spring events—the farewell weekend for Taché Hall, and a morning hanging out at the Arthur V. Mauro residence (AVM) with some Residence Advisors—helped capture some of the incredible experiences that await students who call university home.

Then



Boris Baryla [BSc/62] didn't live in residence but spent his share of time working for UMSU radio high in the rafters of the Taché Auditorium. His fondest memory, "Hula dancers in the middle of winter" that were part of an Hawaiian-themed pep rally.



Leo Pettipas [BA/65, MA/67] can speak and write about his Taché hijinks in great length. And, from time to time, his tales have found their way onto the pages of *On Manitoba* magazine. But as he said farewell to his former campus home, he summed up its significance to him in a few choice words, "I got my degree here, I met my wife here. What more could you ask for?"



Molly Dunbar [BA/09] brought her mom and grandmother back to Taché with her and for good reason. Life in residence at the U of M is a family affair: Dunbar's grandfather lived in Taché and her brother in Mary Speechly Hall. She worked for two years as a Residence Advisor and the Morris, Man., native says that if she hadn't lived in residence, university would have been "a way different experience."



[more at umanitoba.ca/student/housing/Tache_Hall_History_Hub/Tache_History.htm](https://umanitoba.ca/student/housing/Tache_Hall_History_Hub/Tache_History.htm)

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The WHITE THING by Chancellor's Hall.

Rez students call it the White Castle but what purpose does it serve? Is it part of a discarded chess piece left behind by a race of giants; an old set prop from *The Black Hole Theatre* or a Vegas Strip-style wedding chapel just waiting for a bride and groom?

SECRET campus spaces.



The tucked away stairwell hangouts; the study nook that no one else knew about. What were some of the hidden-from-sight campus spaces you inhabited?

Now



Andrew Gilson, 20, third-year mechanical engineering student, AVM.

The campus is your home. And, I would challenge anyone who lives in rez to walk to their class and not see someone they know. It's so much more than rez, you just feel a part of the entire university.

Eileen Delehanty, 21, third-year science (honours genetics), West Taché. A native of Rochester, Minn., Delehanty followed her aunt's advice and toured the U of M. Smitten with the character of the old buildings—Admin, Buller, Taché and Tier—surrounding the Quad, Delehanty chose the U of M from a search of about 20 schools. Comparing her experience to that of friends studying at big U.S. colleges, she knows she made the right choice.

My friends are going to Northwestern and all these big name schools, and what I know in my science degree is equivalent to what they're learning. And I think that the opportunities that I've had, to go to Bangladesh (as part of the Alternative Spring Break service learning program), to travel and become an RA is beyond anything that they've got. So, I couldn't be happier.



Thomas Fricke. Thanks to our Residence Advisor friends—Eileen Delehanty, Brad Findlater, Branna Bachynski and Robyn Small—as well as Andrew Gilson and his partner in party-planning crime, R.J. Skinner, for a morning of fun in the sun at Arthur V. Mauro Residence.

CONSTRUCTIVE COLLABORATIONS between alumni and faculty.



The partnership of Faculty of Architecture's Jae-Sung Chon and local architectural firm 5468796 architecture, led by alumni Johanna Hurme [BEnvD/99, MArch/02] and Sasa Radulovic [BEnvD/99, MArch/03], will represent Canada at the world's most prestigious architectural exhibition: the 2012 Venice Biennale. Get the lowdown on their project *Migrating Landscapes* at migratinglandscapes.ca.



The **superheroes** and the **dinosaurs** roaming our hallowed halls. In the form of iconic locker graffiti found throughout the tunnels and the Ed Leith Cretaceous Menagerie, which celebrates Manitoba's prehistoric past. #

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HOMECOMING. #41



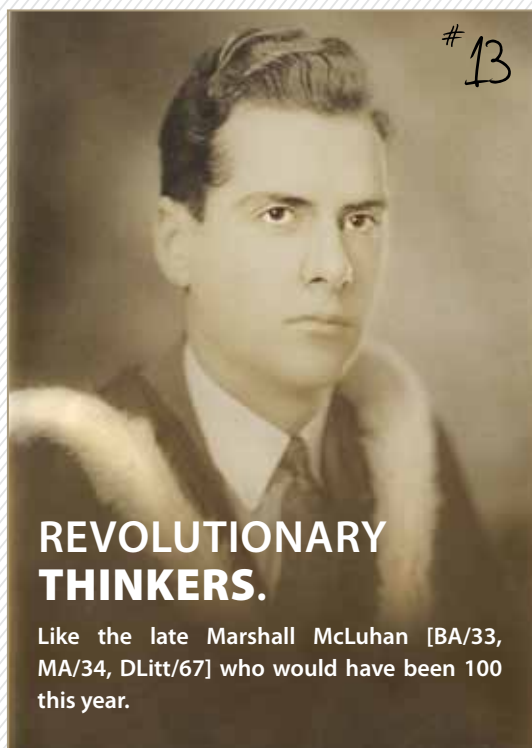
Campus Tours kick off the weekend stretch of Homecoming as heartfelt reminiscences of student life from decades past mix with cheeky tales, like the one about a Rez-based booze-peddling operation. On Saturday, the stands at Bison Stadium fill with Brown and Gold faithful—this year marks the last time Homecoming will be played there so be sure to join us—and in the evening, alumni gather for the Reunion Dinner and cap off their celebration with a night of friendship, laughter, food and fun.



What our STUDENTS GIVE BACK. #27



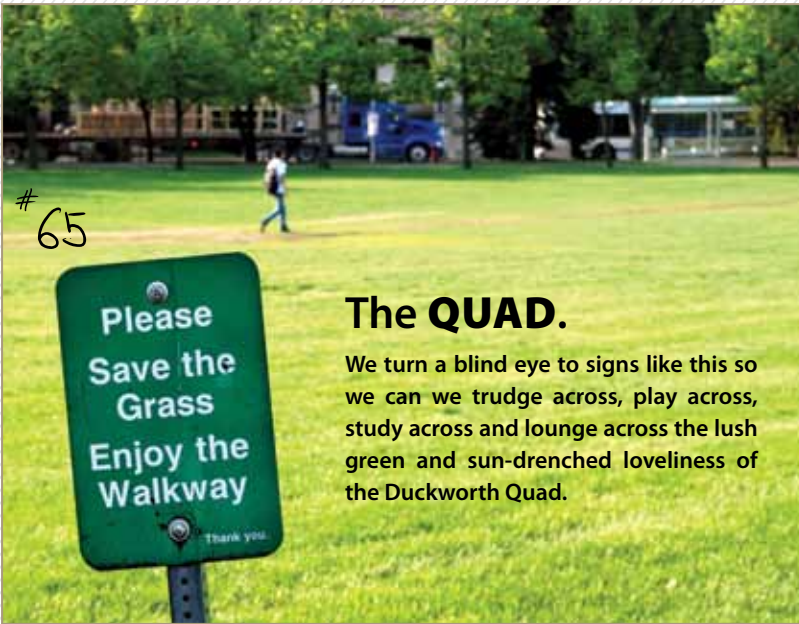
When an earthquake throttled Japan, our students stepped up to raise funds through bake sales and campus-wide appeals for donations. In advance of the flooding that continues to ravage Manitoba, the first-ever group of students in the Leadership 2010: Learning to Lead program created a project called *Face the Flood*. They engaged the university community and community at large through an awareness and fundraising program that taught about proper sandbagging and how to be safe during a flood. They even threw a social to raise funds for the Red Cross. As flooding continues, so too does our students' commitment to help those most affected. The U of M's summer science camp program, WISE Kid-Nectic Energy, recently provided day camps to children from some of the First Nations communities displaced since flooding began in spring.



REVOLUTIONARY THINKERS. #13

Like the late Marshall McLuhan [BA/33, MA/34, DLitt/67] who would have been 100 this year.

PHOTO COURTESY Marshall McLuhan estate.



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The QUAD.

We turn a blind eye to signs like this so we can we trudge across, play across, study across and lounge across the lush green and sun-drenched loveliness of the Duckworth Quad.

The people who make our **CAMPUS BEAUTIFUL.**

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Before the gardening gloves, hand trowels and potted annuals roll out for Campus Beautification Day, groundskeepers like **Christine Labossiere** spend countless hours toiling and tending in beds of soil to ensure the trees, bushes, plants and shrubs that make our campuses beautiful, thrive.

With a passion for gardening picked up from her grandparents, and a background in ornamental horticulture, Labossiere aims to beautify campus with as little impact as possible. That means no synthetic fertilizer—"The more you use them, they actually deplete the microorganisms (in the soil) and then it's kind of creating a cycle," says Labossiere, who's worked at the U of M for five years — and no random killing of bugs, "Because if it's the larvae of a butterfly or some kind of pollinator, that's important."

According to Labossiere, who loves working outside among the trees, insects and birds that call our campus home, her sense of touch is one of the best tools for determining if soil is fit for planting. "Always being aware of your soil, feeling it in your hands to determine if it needs something, is really important."

GREEN #11
cravings.



The biodegradable containers, straws and utensils used at Degrees Restaurant (third floor, University Centre) that make eating their delicious fare an even better choice.

The proud tradition of **Ditchball**, which endures some three decades after its inception. Definitely not for the faint at heart. What other proud traditions do you recall from your U of M days?

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Orientation Week – Curtis Bouvier; Ed Leith Cretaceous Menagerie – Derek Ross; Degrees utensils – Cam Wong; Ditchball – David Kury and a special thanks to Dom and the U of M photo club; check out their wonderful work at umphotoclub.umsu.ca.

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MEMORIES OF A MOUNTAIN TOP



Gustavo Zerbino's blue blazer sports the distinct crest of the Old Christians rugby club. It sits on the left side of his chest, close to his heart. Stitched across the top of the emblem is the word 'Viriliterage' which 58-year-old Zerbino translates as 'the age of virility.' It's a badge in honour of the friends he lost nearly four decades ago. Of a day when sky met earth as the plane whisking his teammates and friends—45 in total—from Montevideo, Uruguay, to their match in Chile, chose a collision with the Andes Mountains instead.

“I always wear it to honour the crash group,” says Zerbino, his stern countenance and still-bulky build offering testimony to his rugby-playing days.

Zerbino and fellow crash survivor Jose 'Coche' Luis Inciarte, 63, are soaking in some rays and surveying lingering mounds of snow littering the U of M campus on a late March morning, following a media conference where they recounted their harrowing ordeal close to the sun, atop an isolated snow-capped mountain.

Invited to the university for its annual Emerging Leaders Luncheon, the friends used their first-ever visit to Winnipeg to show others how to lead in the face of great adversity.

Thirty eight years, several books and a Hollywood movie since those 72 days in '72, the men talk openly about the experience media touted as a “Miracle in the Andes,” a time Coche recalls “very vividly.” In matter-of-fact, not haunting, detail they explain what they had to do to survive in the mountains for some 1,728 hours, and what it took to eat another man's flesh. Their testimony, blunt as their encounter with the mountaintop, speaks about teamwork, of life and death decisions, and is wrapped in gratitude for the friends who made the supreme sacrifice that kept the group alive.

“Everyone did his job,” says Zerbino. “Sometimes the job was, you need to die.”

The Old Christians played a five-minute exhibition game against Chile in 2002 on the site of the plane crash to mark the 30th anniversary of their missed match and the famous story that followed. On that occasion, the crash survivors reclaimed their tale from historians and filmmakers by announcing plans for a book and documentary film respectively titled *La Sociedad De La Nieve* (*The Snow Society*) and *Stranded*.

“It's a story of our feelings, to share with our sons and families,” says Zerbino, who is now president of the Uruguayan Rugby Board.

Post-crash, life went on for Zerbino and Coche with families and careers, Zerbino as a doctor and Coche as an agricultural engineer. But the lessons they learned in the cold, gnarled remains of Flight 571's fuselage endured. They spoke at the U of M in support of the Fundación Viven, a foundation the crash survivors established in 2006 to “become a global organization devoted to strengthening the essential value of the human spirit, promoting social changes that can make a positive impact on society.” A year earlier, the same words of wisdom Zerbino and Coche expressed in Winnipeg were delivered to the group of 33 Chilean miners trapped underground and whose own dramatic rescue captured headlines last October.

“It was beautiful,” says Coche, his face flashing from deep-set stare to bright-eyed smile. “We went to the mine (and spoke to the miners) by teleconference and gave them hope.”

Joining Zerbino and Coche is Fernando Lopez Fabregat, Consul General of Uruguay. Just 11 years old when the crash happened, he nonetheless felt its impact close to home. “My only female cousin was a girlfriend of one of the players who died,” says the now 50-year-old Fabregat. “I remember very well.”

The men insist the Andes experience is no miracle, and Zerbino says the story's only hero is the cowboy who helped rescue-seekers Fernando Parrado and Roberto Canessa—and ultimately saved the other survivors—when he saw the pair lurching down the mountain after a grueling 10-day trek for survival. That good deed was returned recently after the group learned arthritis had bucked the cowboy from the comfort of his horse. Coche, Zerbino and the others arranged hip-replacement surgery through a surgeon friend in Chile, and got the man they say is like a father to them back in the saddle.


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The Old Christians won their first national title only six years after the club's creation in 1962. Since then the club has become a powerhouse of Uruguayan rugby, winning the Campeonato Uruguayo de Rugby 16 times, the most recent one in 2007



Engineering a Legacy: the Class of '46



Christine Hanlon [BA/85, BEd/89]  Thomas Fricke

Pulling a steam engine down Portage Avenue for the Freshie Parade, Fred Kuzyk [BSc(EE)/46] likely gave no thought to the friendships he was forging, bonds that would prove as strong as those holding the casing of the faux locomotive to the army tank underneath. It was 1942 and Fred was a fresh-faced student, **sharing a moment** with his fellow engineers. Some, like him, had left the farm mere months before.

“We pulled it in front of the [Hudson’s] Bay [Company],” recalls Kuzyk, a grandfather of eight. “The seniors were at the back.” But it was the juniors—his classmates and fellow pranksters—who would become his lifelong friends.

Sixty-five years later, the Engineering Class of 1946 still meets on a regular basis. To date, there have been 12 reunions. Sure, there are only a dozen alumni left from the original 50, and Kuzyk, 89, is the only one who still calls Winnipeg home, but the spirit of the group continues to breathe life into an unbreakable camaraderie built over four years of study at the University of Manitoba.

The first member of his family—and the only one of eight siblings—to attend university, Kuzyk left his home in Poplar Point, Man., for a boarding house near the Broadway campus, today the site of Winnipeg’s Memorial Park. Prompted by a desire to serve as technical experts in the war, 100 students joined the U of M’s Faculty of Engineering in 1942. But most would not wait until graduation day. “By Christmas, half had joined the army,” recalls Kuzyk.

The remaining students were drafted into the Canadian Officers’ Training Corps. Two to three times a week, Kuzyk and his fellow students attended Minto Street Barracks for training. After final exams, they were shipped out to Shilo, Man., where they lived in close quarters for several weeks.

When the students returned in 1943, it was to the Fort Garry Campus, where the Faculty of Engineering had relocated. The bonus for a faculty that only counted one female: proximity to the women’s residence in Taché Hall. (There was also a men’s residence, but that fact prompted less excitement.) Naturally, the engineers found a way to break into the girl’s dorm for an impromptu visit—all in good fun of course.

But what Kuzyk remembers most vividly about Taché Hall were the skit nights. Once a year, each class from every faculty would put on a show in the old auditorium. Kuzyk fondly recalls a skit headlined by science student Monty Hall. As the future game show host entertained the crowd, someone placed a toilet on the stage. Then, from behind came a young student in ill-fitting shorts. Laughs Kuzyk: “He ran at the toilet and it exploded!”

The engineers, of course, put on their own skits as well, many just as hilarious. They also played soccer together on the grounds. “We would beat the hell out of each other,” says Kuzyk. Nonetheless, he was awarded the Crest and Colors (sic) from the University of Manitoba’s Engineering Society for participation in the games.

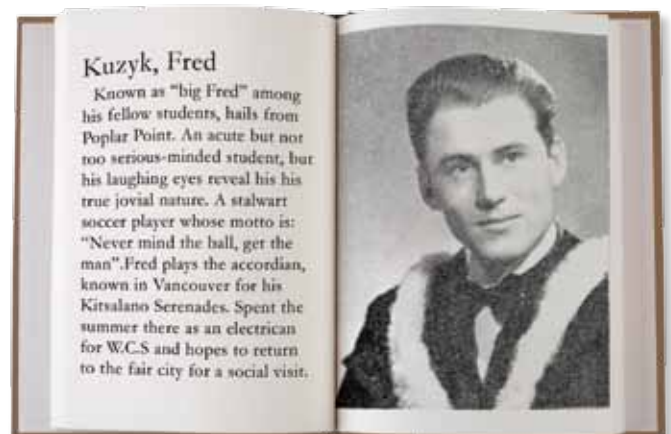
Kuzyk also enjoyed being a spectator, taking advantage of tickets included in his membership package to the University of Manitoba Student Union (UMSU). In those days, an annual subscription to the *Manitoban* cost \$2. But Kuzyk’s biggest expense was his slide rule—something he’s kept all these years—which set him back \$14. “Back then, that was a lot of money,” he admits, “but you couldn’t do without it.”

In fact, it cost him almost half a month’s board and room at the East Gate boarding house where he ate breakfast and supper. Other expenses included the seven cent fare for the streetcar to the Fort Garry campus and “two bits” for every paper he had typed for his courses.

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Brown and Gold, 1946

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Seeing





through the mist

Wayne Stranger BFA(Hons)/06, BEd/08] says an **unusual gift** came to him even before he uttered his first words. “I can remember laying in the crib, not being able to speak, but I could see things,” recalls Stranger. These visions of animals, of nature, wafted into his room on a nightly basis in perfect detail, leaving the young Stranger scared of the dark.

But special visitors weren’t restricted to bedtime. Within the solitude of the forests surrounding his childhood home on Peguis First Nation, Stranger would explore the woods alone with his thoughts but never completely alone. “It always felt like there was someone right here, talking to me right here,” he says, raising his hand up and behind the top of his head.

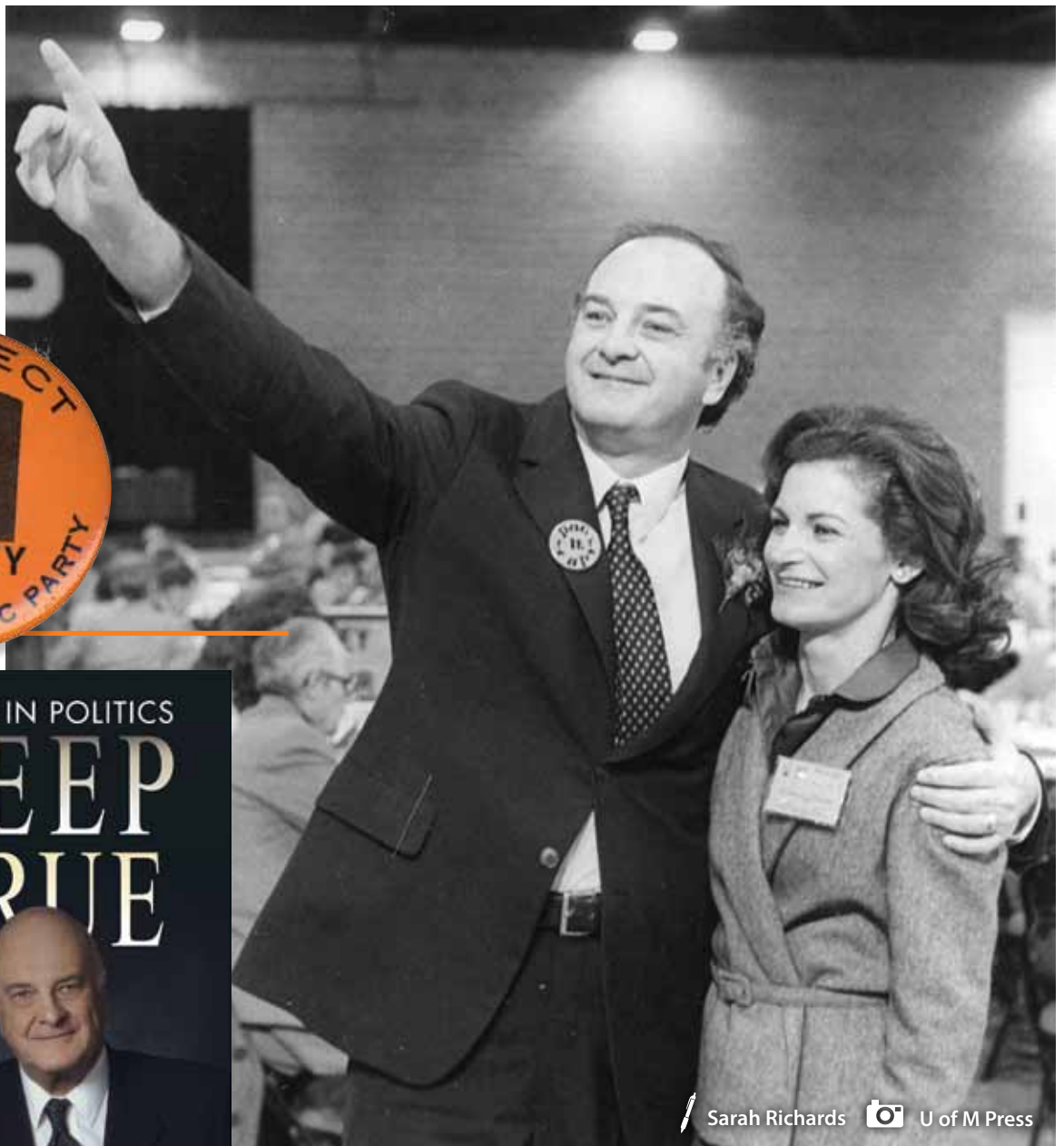
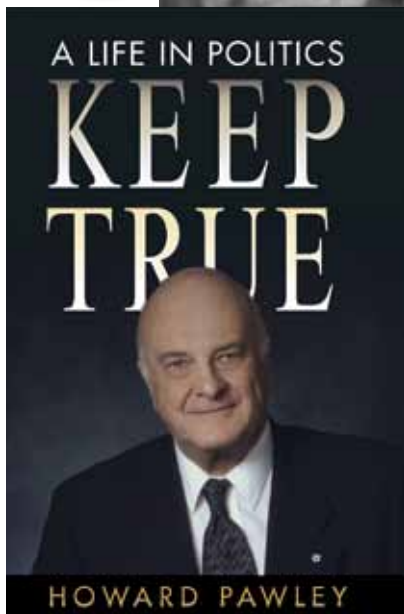
Stranger channeled this ability into art, but never questioned his uniqueness or, for that matter, how he might use his gifts in a meaningful way. He grew up in a largely Anglican community where traditional aboriginal teachings and ceremonies were not the norm and certainly not part of any dinnertime discussions. At age 24, after several years of misguided living, and on the heels of a dream that basically scared him straight, Stranger attended his first sweat lodge. In this traditional space, and in the company of elders, Stranger found community. “And I’ve never ever wanted anything else since,” he says.

A broken marriage left Stranger a single dad to three kids—Michelle, Joe and Jordan now aged 29, 27 and 22—and after several dead-end jobs in the trades, he found himself living off a stereotype too often associated with First Nations communities: welfare. Wanting better for himself, and determined to show his children that welfare would never be an option for them, Stranger decided a return to school was his best bet.

Struggling to figure out what he should study, Stranger started to see the purpose for the talents he’d had throughout his life. “This is when I started thinking back to when I was a kid,” he says. “My strength was with artwork. My abilities and gifts that the old people said I had was the ability to see; to have those visions at will, and then, to bring

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Howard Pawley tells it like it is



Sarah Richards  U of M Press

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The former Manitoba premier and 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient released his memoir, *Keep True*, in May of this year. In the spirit of that book's title, Pawley shares some **shoot-from-the-hip reflections** on his 19 years in politics.

I went through various big issues during my time as premier, but I enjoyed them because I think that if you're going to make a difference, you've got to be prepared to take on some of these major issues. Interestingly, where I think we were most successful during our time in government was how we compared so well with other provinces in dealing with the joblessness in Canada during the recession of the 1980s.

Tommy Douglas was my most important mentor. It was Tommy who persuaded me, as a young student, that the world could be changed if we had the courage.

Construction of the Limestone Generating Station [a hydro dam on the Nelson River] was a major accomplishment. It's still proving itself today. We were nicknamed 'Lemonstone' by some of our opponents at the time. The Limestone development flowed very closely with our success on the economic and jobs front during the difficult days of the 1980s.

The first minister in Canada enjoys way too much power. Everything seems to revolve around the first minister.

I think polling is essential. It is important to know how the public would respond to certain issues. But I don't think polling should be used just to tell us which direction we're going to go. Rather, I think polling should determine what the challenges that lie ahead are in order to ensure something is implemented.

I enjoyed teaching at the University of Manitoba in 1990 so much that I responded to an ad in the *Globe & Mail* for someone to teach a one-year contract at the University of Windsor. The chair of the department of political science there—he became and remains a good friend of mine—was involved in the campaign that Mulroney set up to ensure that certain candidates wouldn't be successful in the 1988 campaign. He was a conservative and a member of that committee; I was one of their chosen targets. When he received my resume, he thought that one of his friends was playing a joke on him.

A great leader has got to be one that has a vision. At the same time, the leader must be prepared from time to time to make compromises, to pace oneself—as long as you don't lose sight of the overall vision you're attempting to achieve.

I don't understand the current situation where it appears that parties of the right have made strides during the recession of the last two or three years. Union members, middle-income earners and working people are being blamed for what is taking place. Yet it's not the working class that's responsible for this situation we got ourselves into. It's certainly the banks, the CEOs, the excessive bonuses and what-not that have all contributed to the current situation.

Talking about getting out there and sharing thoughts with the public: we didn't do that at Meech Lake. It was a very secluded meeting in which 11 men in suits meeting behind closed doors made a determination. That would be bound to create cynicism.

The first conference I went to as premier was the federal-provincial conference after the election of 1981. René Lévesque called me prior to the banquet saying he wasn't going to be there, and would I advise him of anything said that would involve Quebec? I said: 'Look René, why don't you call your friends? You don't know me.' He said, 'Well, that's the problem. I know the other guys, they're a bunch of crooks. But I don't know whether you are or not because I don't know you.' I thought we were joining a cooperative group of premiers. I was naïve. It was pretty feisty. The dinner was held at the Governor General's residence. Trudeau made a pretty fiery speech, and I was so shocked at the use of his language. Then on the way out, Trudeau said something to me, it was very sad—he said he once believed in cooperative federalism, but no longer did.

If Mulroney were an animal, he'd be a leopard. A leopard changes his spots. A panther knows exactly what he wants and gets it—that was more like Trudeau.

My proudest moment remains implementing public auto insurance in Manitoba.

I probably have never felt as mad as I did the morning there was the announcement by the Prime Minister's office that the CF-18 contract had been awarded to Canadair in Montreal. This stunned me greatly.

Generally, I wouldn't say politics changed me a great deal. I'm maybe a little bit more cynical. A little bit more disappointed in our inability to make progress today. Certainly when I was a young politician, I had this vision and saw the world becoming better and better and better. I was much more optimistic than I am with what we see around us today in the world of politics.

I retired officially in 2000. I have been teaching either here at the University of Windsor or at other universities. I enjoy teaching very much in the classroom and the interaction with young people. It helps you keep yourself young if you're interacting with younger people, not just people in your own age group.

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A big thank you to Stu

Stu Clark helped start up six companies during his career as an entrepreneur in Alberta's oil and gas industry. Blending his drive to succeed with a philanthropic vision, Clark now invests in the next crop of talented upstarts by enhancing entrepreneurial education at the University of Manitoba. Thanks in part to Clark's support, the U of M boasts a global record for the most first-place finishes—46—in worldwide entrepreneurship competitions.

In 2007, Clark [BComm (Hons)/76 LLD/11] gave more than \$5 million to support the Stu Clark Centre for Entrepreneurship, building on a previous gift of \$1 million to the Asper School of Business in support of entrepreneurial education and a professorship in finance. His contribution allowed the Asper School of Business to offer more programs that help young entrepreneurs get their business ideas off the ground.

Bryce North, along with fellow student and business partner Chris Thorne-Tjomsland, launched a company called FeedBAC Inc. in November 2010 to market vending breathalyzer machines that are capable of displaying advertisements to patrons checking their blood alcohol content.

North says the Stu Clark Centre “helped tremendously” in launching the company. “The information, the motivation and the mentorship available from the Stu Clark Centre was the reason we got off the ground,” says North. “Whenever we had a problem, a question or needed any help, the Stu Clark Centre was the one that helped us.”

When Clark was a student there wasn't a focus on entrepreneurial education in the



The U of M presented Clark with an honorary doctorate at Spring Convocation in recognition of his dedication to charities and educational institutions in Canada.

management faculty, he says. Clark majored in business administration and after graduation went to work in the business and banking industry. He had a dream of starting his own company, a healthy appetite for risk and the will to make it happen.

“I learned a lot at the school of hard knocks. There were pitfalls but I pursued my goals and persevered instead of settling for a safe career. If students want to [pursue entrepreneurship]—and I see them now getting involved in that earlier—I am very supportive with my time and money.”

In 2010, Clark renewed his commitment to the Asper School of Business with a gift of more than \$3 million to enhance the academic and research activities of the Centre by establishing a chair in entrepreneurship and a visiting lecture series.

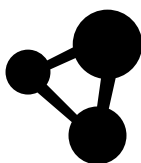
Since his earlier donations, Clark has seen the entrepreneurship program grow and is proud to be associated with it. “It made a lot of sense to further build on what the Centre could offer students and be recognized as the

best and attract students,” he says.

Rob Warren [BComm (Hons)/85], I.H. Asper Executive Director of Entrepreneurship, says Clark often comes to Winnipeg to be involved in events and talks to students or grads eager to learn from him. “Stu, through his selfless act, is having an impact not just in Manitoba but around the world,” Warren says. “He has allowed us to have a profile that no other Canadian school can match and I am really grateful that he does give his time as well. It gives us cachet south of the border and I know a lot of U.S. schools would like to have someone with his expertise be so involved.”

Charles Mossman, acting dean of the I.H. Asper School of Business, says the school is very proud to count Clark as one of their alumni. “Everything he's done has allowed the entrepreneurship program to expand and take on new projects. We appreciate his advice as well as his generosity. With him being involved it helps us do our job better.”

/Stephanie Fehr



Stu Clark Centre for Entrepreneurship students had a strong showing at the 2011 Global Venture Labs Investment Competition at the University of Texas at Austin. CalR Technologies tied for 11th place in the world and won an award for Best Presentation. Northbright Diagnostics tied for 13th place in the world and won awards for Best Product and Outstanding Market Opportunity.

Student experiences cross generations

Growing up in Hong Kong, Juliana Wong had always dreamt of going to university. But direct entry from high school wasn't in the cards. When Wong was a teenager, her mother contracted tuberculosis and the expenses associated with this illness meant her family couldn't afford to send her to university, so she opted for teachers college instead.

But after three years of teaching, Wong [BSc/70] had enough money saved to pursue university and the question became: where to go? "The University of Manitoba stood out because tuition was affordable and the quality was there," she says.

At age 24, she set off for Manitoba to earn her science degree. Along the way she met her husband, Frank Wong [MD/65]. They had three children and settled in Waterloo where Frank set up a medical practice and Juliana invested in real estate.

Almost four decades later, another 24-year-old—Caitilin Dawson—came to the U of M with a strong interest in science and a desire to be a nurse. "I was working in a credit union for four years and I always wanted to go back to school," says Dawson. "Because I didn't have a degree there was no room for advancement and I wanted more for myself."

Dawson works hard in her classes, and so, even with a six-year hiatus, is excelling.

"It was very overwhelming," says Dawson of coming back as a mature student. "Since high school I forgot what it's like to be a student. I didn't know how to study anymore. My biggest fear was to fail, but I got in, got on the honour roll and then to get this scholarship—I didn't expect it."

That \$4,125 scholarship is courtesy of an \$80,000 gift from the Wongs to set up a scholarship endowment fund. "I know the struggle people go through," says Wong, who



remembers the bitter cold of her first winter in Winnipeg contrasted against the warmth of the people she met here.


"Some students, like me, are financially not able to go to university right away," she continues. "Higher education is important for reaching goals and I'm glad that I can give some help to somebody with the same experience and that same strong desire for education and the struggle to get what they want." Through the couple's generosity, mature students studying in the Faculty of Science are eligible for the Frank and Juliana Wong Scholarship.

"I was really excited when I got the (scholarship) letter in the mail," says Dawson, who is getting married next year. "It meant encouragement and financial support. I did save to go to school, but I don't know if it covers it all. It's really nice to not have to worry about that. I feel really grateful."

Adds Wong: "There's a Chinese saying, 'When you drink the water, you think of where the water comes from.' We are happy and had lots of opportunities and those opportunities were available to us because of the University of Manitoba. I'm grateful and I want to give back."

/Stephanie Fehr



 Mike Latschislaw

Juliana and Frank Wong have helped make it possible for mature students like Caitilin Dawson (left) to return to school.



GREETINGS

From your 2011-12 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

As a proud U of M graduate, it is a privilege to serve as your Alumni Association president for the 2011-12 term. Our organization celebrated its 90th year in 2011 and that longevity is a testament to both the volunteers who, year over year, dedicate their time to the Association in the interests of their fellow U of M alumni and you, our friends and colleagues far and wide who support those efforts.

I'm excited to work with our Alumni board of directors as we continue to fulfill our strategic plan and vision of "building a dynamic community of engaged alumni that benefits both the alumni and the University of Manitoba." For now, I wish you all a wonderful summer season. I look forward to sharing Homecoming 2011—September 14 through 18—with you; see you there!

Sincerely, **Jan Coates** [BSc(Pharm)/73]

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KA-CHING

Congratulations Joseph Thompson. The Faculty of Engineering student won the \$1,000 grand prize the Alumni Association donated to DisOrientation 2011. The annual spring event, coordinated by Career Services, is an opportunity for students to participate in three days of career and employment related information sessions.



1959 CIVIL ENGINEERS SURVEY B.C. PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Emil Hain penned the clever headline that accompanied his photo submission. Hain (third from left) gathered fellow BSc(CE)/59 classmates: Terry Martin, Doug Struthers, Bob Zimmerman and Jim Thomson for a March lunch in Victoria. Describing the group, Hain says, "Doug is a snowbird escapee from Winnipeg, the others all long time Vancouver Island residents."



SWEET DEALS for Alumni



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For the MUSIC LOVER

Show details: A four piece band backed by the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra present *Live and Let Die: A Symphonic Tribute to the Music of Paul McCartney*. Concert runs **Sept. 30 through Oct. 2**.

Alumni Sweet Deal: Tickets are just \$20 (plus applicable fees) for University of Manitoba alumni. Simply call the box office (204) 949-3999 and identify yourself as a U of M grad. And if you're a U of M alumni under age 30, consider signing up for the WSO's no-fee Soundcheck program. Benefits include: \$15 regular season concert tickets (except seating in the Loges); \$15 for the purchase of an additional ticket and the ability to reserve seats ahead of time. **Visit wso.ca for more details.**

For KIDS YOUNG and OLD

MTYP 2011-12 season details: This season at MTYP's includes visits from old friends in *The House at Pooh Corner* and *The Hobbit*,

and new ones in a the debut musical production, *The Cat Came Back* featuring Fred Penner and Jay Brazeau. For the complete show listing, **visit mtyp.ca.**

Alumni Sweet Deal: University of Manitoba alumni will receive 10% off MTYP's subscription prices. To take advantage of this offer, call the MTYP box office at (204) 942-8898 and mention that you are a U of M alumni. Or, visit their online order form at **www.mtyp.ca/buy-packages.cfm**, and enter UOFM10 as your code on the "Special Seating Request" line.

When GODDEN'S BALLET and the mind of MADDIN meet...

Show details: Mark Godden, choreographer of *Dracula* fame takes an explosive new look at the original master of mind control. Godden's *Svengali* takes its inspiration from a film treatment born of the fevered imagination of international film sensation, and U of M distinguished filmmaker-in-residence, Guy Maddin.

Alumni Sweet Deal: U of M alumni can enjoy a 15% discount on adult tickets to the world premiere of *Svengali* by Canada's Royal Winnipeg Ballet (**Oct. 19 to 23**). Limited discounted seats are also available for U of M alumni in the following cities: Saskatoon (**Nov. 8**), Regina (**Nov. 9**), Vancouver (**April 20 and 21**), Victoria (**April 26 to 28**).

An RWB holiday classic for the whole family: NUTCRACKER

Show details: Enter a magical world complete with dancing mice, snowflakes and a mischievous bear named Filbert. *Nutcracker* runs **Dec. 21 to 23** as well as **Dec. 27 and 28**.

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Accomplishments

Alumna going to great heights to raise awareness about **Alzheimer's disease**



Lowery, Marian [BHEc/69] is part of a 10-member team set to summit Africa's highest peak, Mt. Kilimanjaro, as part of the annual Ascent for Alzheimer's challenge in September.

Active living has always been a part of Lowery's life as she's kayaked, skied and hiked the mountains and waterways of her B.C. home for most of her adult life. Retired from the Surrey School Board since 2006, the former French and Spanish teacher mixes her daily excursions into the great outdoors with other pursuits such as writing, reading and weaving. In 2001, she ran a half-marathon in honour of her daughter who died of leukemia. For the Kilimanjaro climb, Lowery says her mother's spirit will accompany her every step of the 19,340-foot trek.

Learn more about Lowery's journey, and the cause it supports, at alzheimerbcc.org or, follow the team's daily progress during the climb (Sept. 26 to Oct. 4) at ascentbcc.ca.

Museum curator who dedicated career to building partnerships with **Indigenous communities** retires



Pettipas, center, showing the Hudson's Bay Company Museum Collection to former Governor General Adrienne Clarkson and John Ralston Saul.

Pettipas, (Rendziak) Katherine [BA/67, MA/72, PhD/89] retired from The Manitoba Museum on March 31, 2011 after a long and distinguished career as Curator of Native Ethnology and the Hudson's Bay Company (HBC) Museum Collection. In April of this year, she was honoured with the Canadian Museums Association's (CMA) Award of Distinguished Service. This recognition is given to individuals who have made a distinctive contribution to the national museum community, and was a crowning endorsement of her commitment and dedication to her profession.

Throughout her career, Pettipas, a non-aboriginal, worked to build lasting partnerships with the aboriginal community. Perhaps the project that best illustrates this steadfast commitment to working with aboriginal people was the "Lodge of Wambdi Wicasta" tipi project, completed in 2007.

Katherine may be retired from The Manitoba Museum, but she will continue to be active with her research interests in writing and publishing. She is currently and will remain an Honorary Associate Curator of Native Ethnology at the Glenbow Museum in Calgary.

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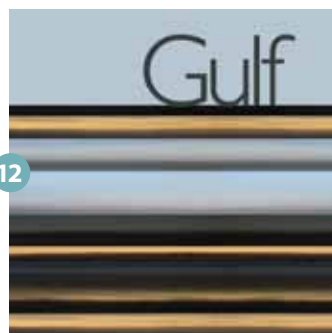
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1950-59

- 1 **Feuer, Morris** [LLB/59] recently published *An Open Mind in Search of Truth* which, in the words of the author, is "a book containing new ideas in science and psychology and the world in general."
- 2 **Goulet (de la Giroday), Terry** (BHEc/56) and her husband **Goulet, George** (BA/54, LLB/58) have published a number of books, including Canadian bestseller *The Metis – Memorable Events and Memorable Personalities*, which are available in public libraries and universities across Canada and in the U.S. The Calgary-based couple have also presented across both countries on the Metis and Louis Riel; one such presentation took place at the Manitoba Pavilion during the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver.

1960-69

- 3 **Mackintosh, Joe** [BSc/64, CertEd/65, MA/71] has released his book *Andy De Jarlis: The Life and Music of an Old-Time Fiddler*. Published by Great Plains Publications, the biography was short-listed for the Alexander Kennedy Isbister Award for non-fiction. De Jarlis was a Métis fiddler renowned for his playing, his 187 registered compositions and his 37 long-play recordings. The book is available online and through McNally Robinson Booksellers in Winnipeg and H.P. Tergesen and Sons' in Gimli, Man.
- 4 **Pankiw (Hrenchuk), Mary** [BA/65, BEd/69 Med/72] was presented the 2010 Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Manitoba Ukrainian Canadian Alumni Community. More recently, she received the Eira 'Babs' Friesen Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2011 YMCA-YWCA Women of Distinction Awards.
- 5 **Rosin, Daniel** [BEEd/69, MEd/74] recently published *Finding Balance: 101 concepts for taking better care of self*. The book is a collection of stories, insights, and concepts spanning Rosin's 40+ years as an educator, counsellor, therapist, and facilitator of hundreds of workshops and presentations. For more information on Rosin and his work visit drcounselling.com or order the book direct at mcnallyrobinson.com.

1970-79

- 6 **Danyluk, Darrel** [BSc(CE)/72] recently received Engineers Canada's Meritorious Service Award for Professional Service and was named to the Order of the University of Calgary in 2011.

- 7 **Russell, Craig** [BA/79, LLB/82] is pleased to announce the Canadian Science Fiction and Fantasy Association has picked his novel *Black Bottle Man* as a finalist for the 2011 Aurora Award for best English Novel.
- 8 **Sinha, Madhav** [PhD/74] has been chosen to represent Canada in a team of over 100 world-renowned quality management experts from around the world and participate in an ambitious research project, called The Future of Quality, sponsored by world's largest organization of quality professionals, the American Society for Quality (ASQ). In addition, Sinha is the only Canadian recipient of ASQ's highest medal of honour, the Distinguished Service Gold Medal. He is also the only Canadian who has received ASQ's other coveted awards including the Grant Medal (for leadership in developing quality management educational program at the University of Manitoba), the Edward Medal (for contributions in application of quality control methodologies) and the Lancaster Medal (for outstanding and meritorious contributions to the international fraternity of quality professionals) as well as four Golden Quill Awards for literary excellence. Sinha is president and CEO of Total Quality Research Foundation Canada.

1980-89

- 9 **Fleming, Mark** [BSc(Pharm)/80] researched, photographed, then wrote the book *Churchill, Polar Bear Capital of the World* during the six-year period he worked as director of pharmacy for the Churchill Health Centre. Since its 1988 publication, the book has gone on to sell more than 10,000 copies and spawned a follow-up, *Bird Watching in the Subarctic* in 2005. Today, Fleming works as director, federal affairs/health policy and strategic pricing for Janssen Inc.
- 10 **Lu, Steven** [BA/78, MA/83] is now Director & Head of Specialized Lending at ANZ China following his transfer from ANZ Hong Kong. Lu, who was president of the Graduate Students Association in 1982, is based in Shanghai and in his new role will cover project finance, asset finance and structured export financing for Chinese clients both on and offshore China.

Mark, Michael [BSc(EE)/86] has published his first book, a biography titled *Learning to Fall*.

- 11 **Romanowski, Ron** [ExtEd/89] published his fourth poetry collection recently. According to the author, *The Big Book of Canadian Poetry* is a modern experiment in authorship and a restatement of the contemporary lyric of winter for our northern climate.

- 12 **Vryenhoek, Leslie** [BA/85] published a new book of poetry, *Gulf*, which explores "the nature of longing and belonging in a transient culture. For more information, contact oolichan.com.

Wong, Winnie [BSc(Med)/89, MD/89] is the new assistant dean, postgraduate medical education in the University of Alberta department of medicine. Prior to this appointment, Wong was an associate professor within the department's gastroenterology division. Wong maintains a clinical practice at the University of Alberta Hospital which includes liver disease, viral hepatitis and liver transplantation.

1990-99

Fuller, Julianne [BSc(Pharm)/94] won Hockey Canada's 2010 Female Hockey Breakthrough Award for her efforts to organize women's hockey in Inuvik, NWT. Fuller, who works in Inuvik as a pharmacy manager, was the first person from the region to ever receive the national honour.

Phua, Lucy [BHEc/94] recently obtained her master of education from Penn State, earning the degree online. Her story is featured on the university's website: <http://live.psu.edu/story/53366>.

2000-09

- 13 **Barbour, Dale** [BA(Hons)/05, MA/09] takes us back to the 'Coney Island of the West' as he revisits the history of Winnipeg Beach in his book, *Winnipeg Beach: Leisure and Courtship in a Resort Town, 1900-1967*.
- 14 **Brunel, Celeste** [BEnvD/03, MID/07] won the 2011 Future Leaders of Manitoba Award in the arts category.
- 15 **Dueck, Dora** [MA/01] won the 2011 McNally Robinson Book of the Year Award for her novel *This Hidden Thing*. Dueck's book was also shortlisted for the Margaret Laurence Award for Fiction. Dueck is currently at work on her next novel.
- 16 **Rempel, Michelle** [BA/04] was recently elected as the new Member of Parliament (Conservative) for Calgary Centre North, as well as appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of the Environment. She was also named one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women by the Women's Executive Network for 2010.

2) George R. D. Goulet, 2007 – shown carrying the Métis Flag and leading the Grand Entry at the Red River West Celebration – Wikipedia; 4) Mary Pankiw at the 2011 Women of Distinction Awards, photo courtesy Dan Harper; 7) Darrel Danyluk at the OUC award ceremony, photo courtesy of the University of Calgary; 12) Gulf book cover art by Flying West Across the Atlantic; 14) Celeste Brunel photo courtesy Paolo Porquez; 16) MP Michelle Rempel (Calgary Centre-North) photo courtesy House of Commons photography

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So long, Babs

Asper, Miriam Ruth (Babs)
[BA/54] July 30, 2011

1930-39

Malmaeus, Mary E. [BScHEc/36]
Feb. 12, 2011

Ruttan (McLeod), M. Isobel [BScHEc/36]
April 9, 2011

Shelford, Reginald H. [BA(Hons)/36]
April 17, 2011

Walsh, Dr. Harry [BA/32, LLB/37, LLD/03]
Feb. 23, 2011

Whitbread, Lily G. [BA/34] May 17, 2011

1940-49

Bily, Roy J. [BSc/45] March 13, 2011

Bingeman, Reesor [BHEc/41] March 31, 2011

Bowman, Dr. William D. [MD/49]
March 2, 2011

Bremaud, M. P. [DipAgric/44] Feb. 28, 2011

Clemence, Charles R. [BSc(EE)/49]
March 12, 2011

Dubienski, Jocelyn [BA/43] April 10, 2011

Glaser, Lionel T. [BA/42, DipEd/48, BSW/62, MSW/65] March 16, 2011

Hamlin, Josephine A. [BScHEc/40]
March 22, 2011

Johannesson, Dr. Thorberg
[MD/45, DipAnaes/59] April 19, 2011

Kent, Clarence [BSc/49] March 3, 2011

Lillington, Dr. Glen A. [BSc/46, MD/51]
May 7, 2011

MacDonell, Dr. John A. [MD/43] April 29, 2011

Mace, Patricia [BComm/49] Feb. 12, 2011

McDougall, Jean A. [BHEc/47] April 15, 2011

McGregor (Floyde), Mary J. [BA/46]
March 6, 2011

Neiman, Natalie [BA/48] Feb. 23, 2011

Peach, John W. [BA/48, BEd/61] March 9, 2011

Pierson (Booth), Erma [BScHEc/43] May 2011

Pratt, Rev. Donald E. [AMM/41, BA/42]
Feb. 13, 2011

Reid, David R. [BSc(EE)/49] April 18, 2011

Ringer (Moffat), Miriam D. [BA/43]
May 5, 2011

Stringer, Harold B. [BComm/40]
March 21, 2011

Thompson, Ralph L. [BArch/45]
March 11, 2011

Thorlakson, Dr. Robert H. [MD/49]
Feb. 23, 2011

Unruh, Walter [DipAgric/44] April 7, 2011

Watson, Capt. Douglas R. [LLB/48]
March 19, 2011

Wong, Dr. James Y. [BSc(EE)/48] April 27, 2011

Yaxley, E. M. [BA/42] Feb. 23, 2011

Yellowlees, John L. [BComm/49]
Feb. 15, 2011

1950-59

Bays, Rev. Canon John G. [BSc(Pharm)/55]
April 24, 2011

Brown, Warner P. [BSc(ME)/57] April 13, 2011

Cameron, James R. [BA(Hons)/50]
March 30, 2011

Cantor, Edward [CA/59] March 28, 2011

Currie (Blanchard), Beverley Ann [BFA/55]
May 1, 2011

Everall, Janet M. [BPed/52, BA/57, BEd/57]
April 27, 2011

Fitterman, Dr. Herbert N. [MD/57]
April 22, 2011

Fournier, Paul [BA(LatPh)/53] May 8, 2011

Fries (McRorie), Dr. Yvonne M. [BA/50, BSW/51] May 16, 2011

Goulding (Groves), Mary P. [BScHEc/53]
Feb. 27, 2011

Hay, George W. [BSc(Hons)/51, MSc/52]
April 25, 2011

Ives, William G H [BSA/51] April 25, 2011

Kowal, William [BComm/50]
Feb. 15, 2011

Kowalchuk, Thomas A. [BSc(CE)/53]
March 15, 2011

Kullberg-Brown, Marie I E [CertNurs(T&S)/58]
Feb. 25, 2011

Lachance (Rowan), May E.
[CertNurs(T&S)/59] April 1, 2011

Lawler, Sigrun D. [BSc/51] March 15, 2011

McArthur, R. Brock [LLB/50]
Feb. 14, 2011

McNairnay, John D. [LLB/50] April 14, 2011

McPherson, Dr. James R. [MD/54]
April 23, 2011

Northcote, Ann [BA/53] April 5, 2011

Norton, Judge Winston E. (Wynn) [LLB/51]
April 8, 2011

Olynyk, Matthew Metro [BSc(Pharm)/56]
Feb. 12, 2011

Roberts, John R. [BArch/55] May 11, 2011

Selver (Reid), P. G. Frances [BA/52, BPed/53, BEd/57] Feb. 12, 2011

Stillwater, Dr. Richard B. [MD/57]
March 17, 2011

Urie, Marjorie Joan [BA/52, BPed/53]
May 18, 2011

Wallace, Robert A. [BSA/50, MSc/53]
April 7, 2011

Yuill, Kenneth W. [DipAgric/58]
March 8, 2011

1960-69

Annell, Niels M B [BA/69, BEd/71]
May 10, 2011

Archambault, Jeannine E. [BEd/67]
Feb. 21, 2011

Chang, Philip Shen Sin [MSc/69]
May 7, 2011

Chiponski, Harold A. [DipAgric/60]
March 23, 2011

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Fortunately, with the help of classmate Frank Arnason, Kuzyk landed a lucrative summer job in Vancouver in 1945. By that time the engineering class had become a close-knit group. They spent most of their time together, alternately pulling pranks such as painting a giant letter “E” on the water tower (which formerly occupied the southeast corner of campus), and hunkering down in the old red engineering building to study for exams.

It was largely because of Eric “Bergie” Bergenstein that the class remained in touch after convocation. Senior stick for all four years of their degree, he continued in his leadership role far beyond his university years. It was Bergie who contacted the class members to reunite in Winnipeg for a 10-year reunion in 1956.

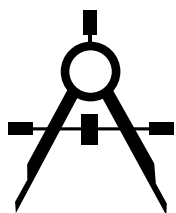
By then, Kuzyk had formed a company, Amalgamated Construction, with four of his former classmates. Together, the electrical engineers brought power to homes across much of rural Manitoba.

But the fellowship extended beyond these four friends. The reunions continued from one decade to the next, held closer and closer together as the number of participants dwindled. Montreal, Vancouver, Canmore, Niagara Falls, Alaska—these were only a few of the dozen places the Class of ’46 convened over the years.

In the late 1980s, Bergenstein and Syd Halter spearheaded the creation of two scholarships for students studying at the U of M’s Faculty of Engineering. Thanks to the generosity of the class by the time the group held its 1989 reunion in Maui, the initial \$21,104 had more than doubled.

Then in 1996, Kuzyk and his wife Kay had the honour of hosting the 50th anniversary, with the support of the Alumni Association of the University of Manitoba. Special guests were author Carole Shields and celebrity Monty Hall, who arrived in Kuzyk’s 1946 Hudson automobile. At the reunion, the Class of ’46 gave Bergie a U of M watch and his wife a gold bracelet to thank them for keeping class spirit alive over the years.

Since then, they have continued to nurture the relationships that Kuzyk made so long ago, friendships that have grown to include the wives and families of those men who spent such seminal years together, more than six decades ago. Today, their legacy lives on in a total of four scholarships awarded to University of Manitoba Engineering students in the name of the Engineering Class of 1946.



When it was first established, the Engineering Class of 1946 Scholarships were awarded to two students entering their first year of Engineering at the University of Manitoba. Since 1997, the \$1,000 scholarships have been granted to undergraduates enrolled in their second year of civil, electrical or computer engineering, with a third—the Engineering Class of 1946 Fiftieth Anniversary Award—offered to the female student with the highest academic standing. In 2001, a fourth graduate scholarship was established. The endowment fund is now generating more than \$6,200 in awards each year.

Howard Pawley continued from page 27



Howard Pawley, 1957 Brown and Gold; at the opening of the first Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Claims Centre in Winnipeg, with J.O. Dutton, General Manager, 1972; Welcoming Pope John Paul II to Manitoba, July 1984; tour of the limestone hydroelectric project with Hon. Jay Cowan and the Hon. Wilson Parasuik, September 1985.

My wife Adele has always been very supportive, beginning as a para-legal in my first law office in Stonewall, Man., then in the world of politics and then academia. We have been married 50 years, have two children and eight grand-children—including triplets.

I have congestive heart failure. I hadn’t thought about my own mortality until just recently. What you want to do is ensure you’ve left something behind for future generations. And you’re also very mindful of your grandchildren.

My fondest memories of political life were that I enjoyed very much being a people’s person. I enjoyed going in to the halls, especially the rural and working class areas, chatting and meeting people on a personal basis. I was very much energized by people and their opinions and views.

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Chu, Dr. David C. C. [BSc/64] May 4, 2011

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Gould, A. Dean [BSc(CE)/62] May 2, 2011

Grainger, Gale K. [BA/67] May 17, 2011

Kastrukoff, Lloyd B. [Cert Ed/69, BEd/74] Feb. 21, 2011

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Yarwood, Jean Elizabeth [BA/63, BEd/64] April 20, 2011

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Bush, Danny W. J. [CA/74] April 30, 2011

Dawson, Patricia A. [BEd/75, BHEc/79] April 8, 2011

Doran, Mary E. (Molly) [Cert Ed/70, BEd/79] April 2011

Graham, Derek Allen [BA/79] Feb. 22, 2011

Harder (Basiuk), Valerie Delores [BHEc/70, Assoc Ed/71, BEd/74] May 7, 2011

Kostur, Yaroslaw [BFA/70] Feb. 13, 2011

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Lebredt, Gordon D. [BFA(Hons)/76] Feb. 26, 2011

McRitchie, Margaret Mary [BSc/78] Feb. 20, 2011

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Pateman, Stuart J. [Cert Ed/71, BEd/75] May 19, 2011

Robinson, Patricia J. [BHEc/75] March 25, 2011

Schmidt, Lothar [BA/72, Cert Ed/73] April 4, 2011

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Thompson, Lyle Gordon [BSc(CE)/79] May 13, 2011

Wilde, William John [BA/74] May 13, 2011

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Wilson, R. James [BComm(Hons)/71] May 16, 2011

1980-89

Ament, Donald G. [BSW/83] April 24, 2011

Freedman, Leona [BSW/88] March 10, 2011

Gordon, Brian D. [LLB/83] May 14, 2011

Hasker, Pamela Wynne [BMR PT/85] April 8, 2011

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1990-99

Anderson, Wade Aaron [BSc/94] April 27, 2011

Burke, Edith [ExtEd/92] March 4, 2011

Chatterton, Winston Douglas [BA/99, BSW/07] May 4, 2011

Favell-Woodward, Heather L. [BFA(Hons)/90] May 8, 2011

Gowler, Sheri-Lee [ExtEd/97, BSW/01, MSW/08] March 18, 2011

Heaps, Ethel Marie [BEd/91] April 14, 2011

Henderson, D. Grant [DipArt/97] April 1, 2011

Kupchak, Joan Antoinette [BN/91] May 11, 2011

Summers, Douglas R. [ExtEd/09] Feb. 27, 2011

Swanson, Gina Maire [ExtEd/07] May 14, 2011

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Births



Kushniaryk Hansen, Lisa [BA(Adv)/90] and **Ken Hansen** would like to introduce their first child, son Ari Wynn Hansen. Ari was born on May 7, and weighed six pounds, 10 ounces. Baby, Mommy and Daddy are doing very well.



Ennis (Armstrong), Meaghen [BEd/01] and **Ennis, Sean** [BCSc (Hons)/95] are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Kelsey Trinity Ennis on Dec. 28, 2010, in Winnipeg.



Buffie, Chris [BSc (FS)/00, BEd/04] and **Buffie (Ramnawaj), Sabrina** [BA/97, BComm (Hons)/02] are excited to announce the arrival of their daughter, Elena Grace Buffie, who was born Feb. 3, 2011.

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them forward sort of thing.”

Stranger studied fine art at the U of M. He excelled and lost himself in his work, which included a bronze eagle sculpture eight months and 1,000 hours in the making that won him the 2004 Cecil C. Richards Award for achievement in Life Modeling Sculpture. Stranger’s art illustrated traditional aboriginal values and reflected his desire to share this knowledge with others. Fittingly, he followed up his fine arts degree with a bachelor of education. A teaching job in his home community, some 145 kilometres north of Winnipeg, came next and meant Stranger could weave elements of traditional aboriginal knowledge into the classes he taught his senior high students.

Calling himself a byproduct of the Residential School System, Stranger, 47, wants to create a bridge between his people’s proud past and the reality aboriginal youth face today. And in spite of all that was lost during a generations-long tragedy, he sees sparks of hope in his students who express an interest in traditional learning and who, like him, are trying to understand their ability to have mysterious and powerful visions. The biggest difference being that they can talk about it now; something he couldn’t do as a kid.

Other conversations are taking place to build understanding between aboriginal and non-aboriginal people, like the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and Stranger welcomes that process as another step in a positive direction. “I think it’s educating those who are ignorant, those who are

unknowing,” he says. “It’s leaving doorways for you to go through and ask more questions, do some research, spend time with somebody like me.”

In April, Stranger unveiled a buffalo sculpture he created for Migizii Agamik/Bald Eagle Lodge (Aboriginal House) on the U of M campus. Describing the bronze piece, a large buffalo hoof morphing into two buffalo busts, Stranger says it “rises like the mists of a sweat lodge; like the stories of my parents and grandparents.” It is a symbol of respect for the education he earned at the U of M, and a proud tribute to the traditional knowledge he gains every day from within his own community. The buffalo is also a testament to Stranger’s unique artistic process, the one that hearkens back to his earliest memories as an infant: he can’t create any of his work until it comes to him in a vision. Stranger had dreamt the buffalo for years before he brought it to life. What he saw in his mind had to wait for the right opportunity, in this case the one presented by the U of M, before the purpose of the vision crystallized and he could bring it forward. Stranger summed this up as he welcomed the buffalo to its home. “This piece has found its owner.”

Accompanying Stranger’s sculpture along the walkway to Migizii Agamik/Bald Eagle Lodge are works by renowned Métis and Inuit artists Miguel Joyal (top) and Abraham Anghik Ruben (right). Together, the statues celebrate the diversity of communities that make up the U of M, and honour the traditional ways of teaching Indigenous communities contribute to the university.



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Coche says the worst moment on the mountain was the October 29 avalanche that killed eight then further robbed the group of the little comfort they had by encasing them in the airplane’s steel belly. In the next breath, he turns the story on its ear. “On the third day, we crawled out through a tunnel in the cockpit. The snow was clean while I saw my friends coming up from the hole; the mountain was giving life again.”

Zerbino and Coche, like their fellow survivors, turned a terrifying chapter of their life into a story that inspires hope.

It’s a story close to their hearts but—despite its dramatic nature—not always at the surface.

“We relive this every time someone asks me,” says Zerbino. “But I never, ever dream or think about the Andes if someone doesn’t ask me. I’m not a survivor in normal life.”



View of the Crash Memorial in February 2006 (Wikimedia Common)

A look back as we move forward

It's been a little more than a year since I returned to Canada, having spent four years working in higher-education in Australia. Several things are clear as I look back on the past 14 months.

For one, my decision to join the University of Manitoba and set up home in Winnipeg was the right move. The people of this province embody the timeless slogan, Friendly Manitoba. Since my arrival, the campus community, our alumni and donors, and the community at large have shown me tremendous warmth and hospitality. But, it's more than friendly Manitoba. It's visionary Manitoba. Innovative Manitoba. A place of pioneers. Home of trailblazers, creators and explorers.

In getting to know the people of Manitoba, I've learned of their desire to propel this province, and the institutions like the U of M that drive its success, to the next level. And we're seeing results of this momentum every day as campus development, downtown development, the new football stadium on the Fort Garry campus and, yes, the return of the Winnipeg Jets, have this province buzzing. It's also made for some exciting national news!

I've also discovered that the pride Manitobans feel for their province and people is expressed in the ways they unite during times of trouble. Whether it's aiding a flood-ravaged neighbor in our own backyard, volunteering to help grow capacity and hope in developing communities abroad, or stepping up to assist our friends impacted by the earthquake in Japan, students, staff, faculty and alumni of the U of M share the innately Manitoban desire to help others. From the perspective of someone who's lived here a short time, I am amazed how much your example has inspired the work I'm doing with the External Relations team.

Together is truly better, no matter what your pursuit. Broadening our partnerships with alumni, friends and communities in Manitoba and abroad is vital to the U of M's success, and embedded in External Relations' bold vision statement to *be acclaimed as international advancement leaders who inspire exciting, mutually beneficial relationships*

that drive the University of Manitoba's success as a global leader in teaching, learning, research and community engagement.

I began my journey with External Relations a little over a year ago by crafting that vision statement. It was a collaborative effort and a great first expression of this group's desire to work together with each other and with the audiences we serve.

I'm pleased to say that our vision is translating into fantastic results. Our fundraising efforts are going strong, we're raising the profile of annual events like Convocation and Homecoming, and we're finding new opportunities to engage with the greater community, while at the same time demonstrating the power of teamwork.

What does that mean for University of Manitoba alumni?

I firmly believe the strength of our team deepens and multiplies with every opportunity we have to engage you. And it's our intent to engage with you and continuously make the U of M relevant to your life today. We're already pursuing this goal by building new programs of life-long learning (the Visionary Conversations speaker series), student connections (alumni-student mentoring), greater recognition of alumni accomplishments (watch for the 2012 Distinguished Alumni Awards!) and stronger, more interactive ways of communicating with you.

We will regularly invite your input through alumni preference surveys then take our lead from the feedback you provide. Because you are our finest ambassadors and advocates, supporters and storytellers. You are the parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles of our future students ... and perhaps future students yourself.

I look forward to connecting with you, both in Manitoba and around the world. The University of Manitoba is a premier global, research and teaching institution and a place you can proudly call home. Speaking of which . . . the annual Homecoming celebrations happen September 14–18 and it's a wonderful opportunity to revisit your *alma mater* and *celebrate the experiences that helped define you!*

John E. Kearsey VICE-PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)

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Andes Flight 571 survivors José Luis 'Coche' Inciarte and Gustavo Zerbino take a break from media interviews to grab some fresh air outside of University Centre, March 30, 2011.

See page 20 for their story.

