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#### Correction

In the August issue, Peter Loewen was incorrectly noted to have an AgDip. He is a graduate of the University of Alberta with a BSc and PhD.



Dear Editor:

As a former colleague and student of hers—she was one of my profs in my Master’s English program in the early 1990s—I was naturally pleased to see the tribute to her that appeared in *On Manitoba*, August 2003. Indeed, she was everything her three former students said she was. And then some.

My biggest concern was the lack of context for the tribute, for the non-Hinz students who have never heard of her, who she was, or knew of her contributions to the University which were significant. If there was a common theme to the

piece which might pull in the engineer, lawyer or phys ed grad, it was that Evelyn was a great teacher. I like to think that no matter what one’s area of study, everyone had a great teacher or two and that her tribute might have brought back those pleasant memories.

**Laird Rankin** (BA/62, BComm/64)

Dear Editor:

The photo article “How Campus is Changing” was extremely interesting for individuals like myself who have not toured campus for some time.

**Philip Ronald** (BSA/94, MSc/97, PhD)

## Editor’s Note:

Since the last issue, we have received many calls about Tom Casey from classmates and friends who wanted to mention his many contributions. In addition to his career as a physician, they wanted to add that he was also an all-star football player for the Blue Bombers in the 1950s, an exceptional role model for the younger generation, and most notably, a gentleman. Thank you all for your feedback.

Photo: Tom Casey (back row, second from the right) as a member of the University of Manitoba Six-Man Football Champions 1956 with teammates (back row, l-r): David Brown, Arnold Naimark, Robert Hoeschen, Colin Sinclair, Earl Herschfield, Gordon Watters, Monty Hart, Tom Casey, Larry Kussin and (front row, l-r): Sherman Hershfield, George Yee (see page 35 for story), Martin Hollenberg, Gerald Goldenberg, Rod McPherson.



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## STUDENT AMBASSADORS KICK OFF BUSY YEAR

The Student Ambassador volunteer program provides current students with the opportunity to volunteer for a registered not-for-profit organization on campus. This year, there are 13 ambassadors representing seven faculties from both campuses.

Through a variety of leadership, skill-building, and teamwork opportunities, ambassadors build a network of peers on campus, become familiar with the University, and learn more about the Alumni Association. Examples of ambassador activities include the development and coordination of the Loonie Lines for Food Hampers program and a Leadership Development Retreat.

“The Student Ambassadors program allowed me to get involved in different aspects of campus,” said Ashley Tolton, current Student Ambassador President. “It has strengthened my pride in the University and has given me the personal sense of belonging to a community. While volunteering at Homecoming, for example, I met graduates who shared their campus experiences and spoke about the friendships that had been made during university and still exist today.”

Over the past five years, the program has been recognized with provincial youth service bursaries, the Premier’s Volunteer Service Award, CASE awards, a Commonwealth Youth

Service Award, and other individual scholarships and prizes. For more information on the program, please contact Sandra Woloschuk at (204) 474-7116 or e-mail, [swolosc@ms.umanitoba.ca](mailto:swolosc@ms.umanitoba.ca).

Above: Student Ambassadors at their planning retreat in October. Front row (left-right): Lindusia, Melanie, Ashley (President), Shannon, and Kim. Back Row: Sandra (Manager), Sean, Somer, Pamela, Shane, Tanya, Melissa, Jo-Anne (Coordinator), Dan, and Chris.

Below: Somer Kenny, Past-President, with Ashley Tolton, current Student Ambassador President





## E-NEWSLETTER LAUNCHED

In October, the Alumni Association launched its first e-newsletter to all alumni with open and click-through rates well above the industry average. *On Manitoba On Line* included up-to-date news about campus, interesting items about alumni, and invitations to special events to network or just visit with other graduates. We plan to send it about 4–6 times per year. To receive your copy, please e-mail Jana at [jana\\_thorsteinson@umanitoba.ca](mailto:jana_thorsteinson@umanitoba.ca).

## HALL OF DISTINCTION

As part of celebrating the University's rich 126-year history, the Alumni Association has created a Hall of Distinction on its web site to recognize the contributions of its Presidents, its DAA recipients, University Presidents, and University Chancellors. Check it out!

## ANNUAL FIRST-TERM TUITION DRAW WINNER



Through a new and creative partnership between UMSU and the Alumni Association, an electronic e-mail entry for our annual First-Term Tuition Draw was offered to students when they picked up their student handbook. Over 5,000 students entered the draw with UMSU offering two computers as second and third prizes. "This is a very exciting partnership," says Melissa Weselake (BHEcol/93), Chair, Student Relations Committee, "which has resulted in a significant increase in students becoming aware of our draw and submitting ballots." Pictured above is Melissa, draw winner Trisha Sveistrup and Shawn Alwis, President, UMSU.

## CALLING ALUMNI TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS

In 2004, two departments will be celebrating their 100th anniversary. Chemistry is planning events for May. For more information, check the website at [www.umanitoba.ca/chemistry](http://www.umanitoba.ca/chemistry) or call Alex Janzen at (204) 474-9731. On June 16 & 17, 2004, Physics and Astronomy will be hosting various events. For further information, please contact Wanda Klassen at (204) 474-9817, [klassen@physics.umanitoba.ca](mailto:klassen@physics.umanitoba.ca) or visit [www.umanitoba.ca/physics](http://www.umanitoba.ca/physics)



## MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

### Board of Governor CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Three members of the Board of Governors of the University of Manitoba are elected by graduates of the University to serve a three-year term. In addition to re-elected representative Ian C.P. Smith, the other alumni representatives, with the year of their term expiry in brackets, are Doug Ward (2005) and Wayne Anderson (2004).

Nominations are accepted annually. To nominate a candidate for a position on the Board of Governors, please submit to the Alumni Association the signatures of 25 graduates and the written consent of the nominee.

**CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS IS JANUARY 5, 2004.** Voting ballots are distributed to all graduates through the April issue of *On Manitoba* magazine.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
please call the Alumni Association., 204-474-9946



# Events



## OUR ICELAND ADVENTURE



This past June I had the pleasure to visit Iceland with my mother-in-law Thelma Martin, my wife Heather and our three children. During our eight-day whirlwind trip, we stayed in three different cities (Reykjavik, Skagafjordur and Akureyri), which provided us with an excellent opportunity to experience the island's diversity.

Reykjavik has many interesting sites such as the National Gallery, Einar Jonsson's Sculpture Gallery and Garden, and the House of Parliament. The history and culture of Reykjavik are complemented by nearby Skogarfoss Waterfalls, Solheimajokull Glacier's edge and the Icelandic Saga Centre in Vik, which we visited during a day trip to the island's southeast.

The following day, we visited Thingvellir, Gullfoss and Geysir. We arrived at Geysir just in time to see a spectacular geyser display, before heading off to see the powerful and dramatic Gullfoss. From there, we took the Kjolur Mountain Road over to the North where we had an opportunity to visit my family's homestead near Blonduos.

When I last visited Iceland with my brother David, cousin Derek, and grandfather, Dr. P. H. T. Thorlakson, I was only 15 years old. It was interesting to take the same trip with my own children, and see my 15-year-old son, Thor, track his family's history with great interest and enthusiasm. He became a real Icelander when he ate the local delicacy ... rotten shark meat!

In the north, Lake Myvatn is a must to visit. Near Akureyri, which experiences 24-hour daylight in June, we had an opportunity to play midnight golf just before the start of the International Arctic Golf Championship. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity!

On our last day, we made a final stop at the Blue Lagoon where we enjoyed a swim in one of the country's many beautiful hot springs. Iceland is a spectacular country, with fascinating history and culture. It provides visitors with a unique opportunity to experience glaciers, volcanoes, hot springs, spectacular countryside and 24-hour sunshine, all in the same trip! If you get an opportunity to visit this distinctive country, you will not be disappointed.

**HARTLEY T. RICHARDSON** (BCOMM(HON)/77)

## ALUMNI NIGHT WITH THE MANITOBA MOOSE



Top: Mick E. Moose with Billy the Bison Above: Robert Chipman (fourth from left), father of Moose owner Mark Chipman, Karen Gamey, Executive Director of the Alumni Association (third from right), with alumna Caroline Hunter (BA/93) (centre), and friends



The Manitoba Moose opened their season to a near sell-out crowd at the Winnipeg Arena on October 11. More than 350 University of Manitoba alumni, students, staff, Mini University hockey participants, and friends took advantage of an offer from the Moose for discounted tickets. Many attended the pre-game party hosted by the Alumni Association, where alumni had the chance to mingle and win prizes. The Student Ambassadors staffed a University booth, answered questions about the Alumni Association and oversaw a free draw for 2 free mini packs from the Manitoba Moose. Thanks to all who attended and to the Manitoba Moose for their support.

## Toronto Alumni Gather

On November 21, 2003 the Alumni Association hosted a reception for alumni living in the Greater Toronto Area. Many deans were in attendance meeting and sharing information with alumni. Because of the printing deadline, we couldn't include photos so for more information and pictures, visit the Alumni web site at [www.umanitoba.ca/alumni](http://www.umanitoba.ca/alumni)

## Travel To Iceland

Travel with other alumni to Iceland in August 2004. For more information, please visit our web site at [www.umanitoba.ca/alumni/travel](http://www.umanitoba.ca/alumni/travel) or call Jana at (204) 474-8932 or 1-800-668-4908.





## Collection offers glimpse of student life 80 years ago

The Riley family fonds at the University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections provides a fascinating glimpse of student life in the early 1920s. While most of the notes, exams, essays, sorority journals, and textbooks belonged to Josephine Riley who convocated from Varsity Arts in 1925, a few of the items belonged to Josephine's sister, Evelyn Riley, who convocated 10 years earlier.

In many ways, the Riley sisters experience at the University of Manitoba was very different to that of students today. They did not have the convenience of document delivery service at the library or fast food service in University Centre. They had to carefully write out all of their assignments by hand instead of drafting and spell-checking their work in a campus computer lab. Upon graduation, their options were limited as the career opportunities for educated women were few.

Despite these obvious differences, the records of both sisters reveal that, in many ways, student life has remained the same. The detail and frequency of Josephine's notes and exams indicate that she was familiar with the rigors of university life experienced by students today. Although her course options would not have been as varied as those available to students today, she clearly enjoyed a diverse program of study. French, physics, history, botany, and English literature were just some of the subjects explored. While

the careful notes demonstrate her clear focus and purpose during most lectures, there are a few indications, such as scribbles in notebook margins, that her mind sometimes wandered.



Above: Evelyn Riley, Top Right: Josephine Riley

Josephine's records indicate that another staple of student life that has stood the test of time is the trepidation felt by newcomers to campus. Her essay *First Impressions of My Sophomore Year* provides a very personal and candid recollection. "On that first day of registration how well do we remember that unnecessary feeling we experienced on entering the halls of the University thronged with excited students who all seemed to know each other so well. Would we ever know the half of them? Would we ever lose that feeling that we knew nothing, that feeling of smallness, augmented by the gentle 'jibes' of the upper classmen and that well-known yell, 'they are, they are the Freshie kids.'"

The Riley sisters participation in campus life indicates that the opportunities for student involvement today are not new. Evelyn was a member of her class executive, played on the women's basketball team, and had a major role in a University play. Josephine also became involved outside of the classroom by joining the UMSU Women's Committee and a campus sorority. The 1925 *Brown and Gold* hints at her fun-loving nature. "Curling, tennis, basketball, stunts, and much dancing are only a few of her activities – her one worry in an otherwise happy life is trying to squeeze an occasional essay into the day's work." Thus, while the faculty, students and surroundings may have changed over the years, the spirit of student life has remained much the same as when Evelyn and Josephine Riley graced the halls of the University of Manitoba eight decades ago.

*Christa Bradley is a graduate student in Archival studies*

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# On Manitoba In Celebration!

**A CELEBRATION OF SCHOOL SPIRIT AND PRIDE IS WHAT** the members of our Homecoming planning committee had in mind when they selected the theme for Homecoming 2003 and, a short year later, the result was a party atmosphere that welcomed alumni to visit, reminisce and have a great time coming home. For four days in September the Fort Garry and Bannatyne campuses were buzzing as over 1,500 alumni and friends participated in the Alumni Association's 16th annual Homecoming.

The weekend kicked off with a full house at the Gala Homecoming Concert held at the Eva Claire Hall. Guests were thrilled with the performances and the opportunity to meet the musicians. **Barbara Luckhurst** (DipPT/68) said, "It was outstanding! We came away so impressed with the quality and eclectic nature of the music. It was a thrill to be able to meet the performers after the show at the open reception."

The next day, Alumni House was home base for alumni and friends who visited campus as part of the University's "open house". Throughout the day and into the evening, twelve faculties and schools hosted receptions and open houses at both campuses inviting graduates to see changes that have taken place since they were students as well as to share new developments in their field.

The celebrating reached its highest pitch at the Banquet Saturday evening. **Tracy Kozar** (BA(Hons)/96, MA), Chair of Homecoming 2003, welcomed over 500 graduates, guests, faculty and even a few current students to the fourth consecutive sold-out banquet saying, "I know that the

University of Manitoba has a special meaning for all of us and it was wonderful that everyone joined together, to celebrate the university that truly is the centre of excellence." Following dinner, remarks were heard from **Albert Friesen** (BSc/69, MSc/71, PhD/82), 2003 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient. In addition, each class celebrating an anniversary reunion was recognized.

Several classes entertained the guests by singing their class song or sharing an anecdote of their school days. In speaking about the history and continued growth of Homecoming weekend, **Nick Pizzi** (BSc(Hons)/81, MA/86,

MSc/87, PhD/97), Alumni Association President,

remarked that, "Homecoming is about traditions. Its success is a coordinated effort between alumni, faculties, schools and the University". A highlight of the evening was the singing of the Brown and Gold led by alumni from the School of Music and with the participation of a special team of volunteers, led by

**Wayne Anderson** (BSA/63, MBA/68), Board of Governors Chair, who guided guests through the M-A-N-I-T-O-B-A cheer section of our school song.

The next morning, a quieter celebration was held at the University Club honouring the graduates of 1943 and 1933. **Emőke Szathmáry**, PhD, University of Manitoba President and Vice-Chancellor, and Nick Pizzi welcomed almost 80 alumni and friends to a special luncheon to visit and share stories. Afterwards, each graduate was presented with a commemorative certificate honouring their participation in the anniversary celebrations.

**SANDRA WOLOSCHUK** (BA/91, CONTED/99)



## HOMECOMING 2003



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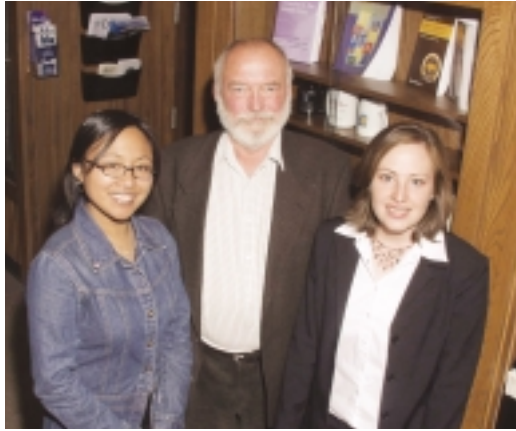


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- A) Student Ambassadors of the Alumni Association (from l to r) Ashley Tolton, Sean Winslow and Lundusia Chmieluk welcome guests to Alumni House for the continental breakfast.
- B) Graduates gather on the steps of Alumni House for a group photo before departing for the guided campus walking tours.
- C) Jon Nordland, University Archives and Special Collections, labels the photo retrospective *Campus Life: A History Through Pictures* which features the years 1940 to 1960 and was a gathering point for guests at the pre-banquet reception.
- D) Tracy Kozar, Chair, Homecoming 2003, thanks this year's Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient Albert Friesen for his remarks.
- E) Led by Associate Dean, Brian Stimpson, and including members of the 1948 and 1953 class reunions, all engineers at the banquet entertained the guests by performing their faculty song.
- F) Volunteers assist the banquet guests in the singing of *The Brown and Gold*.
- G) Emőke Szathmáry, President and Vice Chancellor of the University of Manitoba, welcomes Elwood Caldwell (BSc/43) organizer of the Science 1943 class reunion to The President's Luncheon on Sunday.



## CONFERENCE CELEBRATES 20 YEARS



Jhoanne Gonzales, Paul Buteux and Amanda Lieverse

This year marks the 20th anniversary of a conference that is unique in Canada. “What really sets the Political Studies Students’ Conference apart is that it is organized and run by students,” said **Paul Buteux**, Director, Centre for Defense and Security Studies, and advisor to the conference. Running from February 5–7, 2004, the conference will focus on the transformation of war in the 21st century and will bring academics, political figures, and officials from around the world to Winnipeg.

“With recent global developments, especially in the Middle East, the conference will give insight into how conflict and conflict resolution is changing,” said **Jhoanne Gonzales**, a fourth-year political studies student and conference co-chair. Her co-chair **Amanda Lieverse** (BA(Hons)03) adds that the conference provides an invaluable opportunity to discuss issues with experts and will help define the focus of her thesis. For more information on the conference, please call (204) 275-0179 or e-mail [pssc2004@hotmail.com](mailto:pssc2004@hotmail.com).

### UNIVERSITY ENROLMENT REACHES ALL-TIME HIGH

September enrolment totaled 27,132 students, the largest in history, with 23,663 undergraduate students (a 6.5 per cent increase from last year) and 3,041 graduate students (an 8.2 per cent increase). International enrolment increased 40.9 per cent.

### FALL CONVOCATION 2003

The 36th Fall Convocation was held October 22 and 23. Honorary degrees were conferred on **Harry Walsh** (BA/32, LLB/37), a Winnipeg lawyer, and **Paul M. Soubry**, former Chair of the Board of Governors. **Fikret Berkes**, Natural Resources Institute, was named as a University Distinguished Professor. The Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to **Albert Friesen** (BSc/69, MSc/71, PhD/82), a leader in the biotechnology industry in Manitoba. **Naranjan Dhalla**, Director, Institute of Cardio-vascular Sciences, received the Winnipeg Rh Institute Foundation Medal.

### PHARMACY TOPS RANKINGS

The class of 2003 achieved the top pass rate on the national examinations of the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada. The class also scored first place in the newly introduced Objective Structure Clinical Examination section.

### NEW RESIDENCE OPENS

On August 25, the new Arthur V. Mauro Student Residence was officially opened. The apartment-style facility houses 316 students and is targeted to mature students.

### STRATEGIC PLAN

*Building for a Bright Future*, a strategic academic plan for the University of Manitoba, was approved in June and will be the focus of an implementation process over the next few years. The plan can be found at: [www.umanitoba.ca/admin/president](http://www.umanitoba.ca/admin/president).

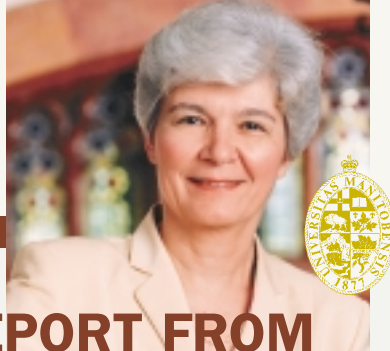
### MOVIES AND TELEVISION NEWS

This summer, the motion picture feature *Shall We Dance* was filmed in Winnipeg with several of the dance scenes filmed in Tache Hall. The gymnasium was converted to a ballroom for stars Richard Gere and Jennifer Lopez.

In August, **Anne Katz** (BN/94, MN/96, PhD/00), Nursing, was featured on the ABC-TV newsmagazine 20/20 discussing the psychological and physiological changes for women after a hysterectomy.



Anne Katz



## REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

### A Plan For the Future

Before the student population first blossomed in the late 1950s, the University of Manitoba was a relatively small community. Its compactness allowed a measure of familiarity on campus and provided a shared sense of purpose. Student experience emphasized participation in all aspects of the life of the university: academic, athletic, creative and social.

Such a look back may give us an idealized version of what an academic community can be, but does not provide the road map to reach that destination. For that, we need to set our own direction, specific to the context of the world we live in.

We have begun our journey from the premise that academic success is encouraged when it is pursued in a welcoming environment. As stated in the university's new strategic plan, *Building for a Bright Future*, the university aims to create "a welcoming, inclusive and safe environment, where respect and civility are the norm."

One aspect of this plan is creating an active, 24-hour campus community. In August, the university opened the new Arthur V. Mauro Student Residence, which provides a model for future development of housing and student life at the university.

Other parts of the plan recommend aggressively redressing infrastructure issues to provide modern facilities and technology for students and staff; supporting events programming to bring the university to the community and the community to the university; and continuing actions that will make the university of Manitoba the first choice of Aboriginal students in Manitoba and from across Canada.

This year, we have achieved enrolment levels never before seen at the University of Manitoba. The growing student body may not bear resemblance to community of yesteryear. But we are planning for and working to create a strong, interconnected community that individuals will have reason to choose as the centre of their intellectual life, and which will educate them to meet the challenges of a similarly diverse and interconnected world.

I invite you to watch our progress—and indeed participate—as we continue to meet the challenges of providing access to an exceptional education, vigorously pursue innovative research, and be at the centre of our community in both education and research.

**EMŐKE J.E. SZATHMÁRY, PhD**  
PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR

### DINOS ON DISPLAY

The Ed Leith Cretaceous Menagerie opened in September. Named after a former professor of Geology, the facility features the complete skeletal replicas of four dinosaurs and is open free of charge to the general public.



### AWARDS AND HONORS

The Faculty of Arts Award in Internationalization was given to **Jim Dean**, Economics, in recognition of his efforts to increase student awareness of international cultures, perspectives, and issues. **Louise Renée** (BA(Hons)/73, MA/74, PhD/84), French, Spanish and Italian, was named as the Faculty's Professor of the Year who combines an outstanding record of service with teaching and research. **Emőke Szathmáry**, President, was appointed to the Order of Canada by the Governor General in August. In October, she received an honorary doctor of science degree from the University of Western Ontario. **Bill Norrie** (BA/50, LLB/55, LLD/93), Chancellor, was made an honorary fellow of St. John's College at its annual Convocation this fall. **Jack Bumsted**, History, and **Julia Kwong**, Sociology, were elected fellows of the Royal Society of Canada. The were among the 64 people admitted to the fellowship this year. **Arnold Naimark** (MD/57, BScMed/57, MSc), former President, was named a member of the Order of Manitoba in recognition of his contributions to Manitoba.

### APPOINTMENTS

**Anthony Secco**, Chemistry and Associate Dean, Graduate Studies, was appointed Dean. **Robert Mullaly** is the new Dean of the Faculty of Social Work. **Celia Rabinovitch** is the new Director of the School of Art. **Leslie King** is the new Dean of the Faculty of Environment.

# UNIVERSITY TO HOST MAJOR CONFERENCE IN 2004

**WHAT HAS 6,000 PEOPLE, 70 ACADEMIC SOCIETIES** and has been held more times at the University of Manitoba since 1930 than any other Canadian university?

It's the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences and it's coming back to campus next spring. The Congress, formerly known as the Learned's, is organized every year by the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences through its Congress Secretariat and in partnership with a host Canadian university. In addition to offering opportunities for senior and junior scholars to share their research, it also features a major book fair, special events, highly acclaimed speakers and scholars and public discussion. The event also attracts major media attention. The book fair hosts 55 exhibitors representing some 150 publishers each year from Canada and the United States.

"This is a great opportunity for the University to showcase its campus and academic strengths," says Ed Boldt, Academic Convenor for the event. "We expect to host over 6,000 delegates from Canada, the US and abroad from May 29 to June 6, 2004.

They range from graduate students to senior academics." He adds that many delegates have a connection to Winnipeg,

either as graduates of the University of Manitoba or as former residents. The Congress was last held at the University in 1986, and Boldt adds that those who attended have fond memories of their visit to Manitoba.

Each Congress features an overall theme intended to provide focus and coherence to the multi-disciplinary proceedings. In 2004, the theme is **Confluence: Ideas, Identities and Place**. Special events, such as Breakfasts on Campus and multi-disciplinary colloquia, feature topics that focus on the Congress theme. Societies are also encouraged to incorporate some aspect of the theme in their sessions.

**"This is a great opportunity for the University to showcase its campus and academic strengths"**



(L-R): Laura Mikuska, Congress Administrative Coordinator; Marianne Fizet, Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences; Ed Boldt, Congress Academic Convenor; Paul Ledwell, Federation Executive Director; Denis Guertin, Federation Manager; and Kristin Backhouse, Congress Assistant.

"The Congress is, in effect, an umbrella that hosts 70 association conferences over the course of the 9 days," explains Boldt. "Society membership ranges from fewer than 50 to over 700. Each society has a call for papers, which are presented at their meetings. Many associations hold their annual business meetings at Congress as well."

"While the prospect of organizing such a large event may be daunting, we feel quite comfortable hosting it because of our positive experience hosting the largest Athletes' village during the Pan Am Games in 1999." He adds that a Congress office has been established in University Centre, and Laura Mikuska has been contracted as the administrative coordinator. Kristin Backhouse rounds out the office team as congress assistant.

"This event will affect many areas of the campus, but we have found nothing but enthusiasm and cooperation from every unit we have contacted," says Boldt. "We have plans in place to accommodate requests for audio-visual services, room allocation, catering, parking and residence rooms. For the first time ever, the University cancelled spring session classes for the week of Congress to have enough space to meet the needs of each society."

More information can be found on the Congress website at [umanitoba.ca/congress2004](http://umanitoba.ca/congress2004).

**BY LAURA MIKUSKA**



## U OF M RESEARCHERS TACKLE SARS

University of Manitoba researchers teamed up with Health Canada to examine and characterize two proteins associated with SARS and determine the role they play in the progression of the disease. The 16-member team published its study “Mass Spectrometric Characterization of Proteins from the SARS Virus: A Preliminary Report” in the on-line version of the journal *Molecular and Cellular Proteomics* in May. This was the first study published regarding SARS coronavirus proteins.

**Frank Plummer** (MD/76), Scientific Director General of the National Microbiology Laboratory (NML), and his team isolated select proteins associated with severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) from samples obtained from infected people, and approached researchers at the Manitoba Centre for Proteomics to identify the amino acid sequence of the proteins. Using samples prepared and purified by the NML, the team used the university’s time-of-flight mass spectrometry laboratory to analyze the proteins.

**Ken Standing** (BSc(Hons)/48, PhD), Professor Emeritus, Physics and Astronomy, and one of the study’s co-authors, said the findings help understand the structure of SARS and could help explain how SARS hooks into a cell, presenting a possible target for therapeutic intervention.

During a class project at Hastings School to learn more about small business, student-run companies rang up candy sales. The Grade four class donated their \$21.30 cheque to scientists at the University of Manitoba involved with SARS-related research to help other people in Canada and around the world. **John Wilkins** (PhD/79), Internal Medicine/Immunology, visited the class in late June to accept the cheque and to talk about his research.

**Abba Gumel**, Mathematics, joined a unique national team of researchers consisting of virologists, infectious disease specialists and mathematicians studying the transmission of SARS and other infectious diseases. One of the goals of the team is to use mathematical and statistical modelling as a quick and cost-effective tool for evaluating proposed control strategies prior to their implementation.

## CANADA RESEARCH CHAIR COUNT RISES

A driving force in the field of semiconductor technology and an award-winning author have each received a prestigious Canada Research Chair recognizing their achievements and ability to lead innovative research programs.



As a Canada Research Chair in Micro-electronic Materials, **Douglas Buchanan** (BScEE/81, MSc/82, PhD), Electrical and Computer Engineering, will examine the electronic properties of new, high-quality materials that can be introduced during the silicon chip fabrication process. Buchanan also received \$166,100 in infrastructure funding from the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) to establish a facility to perform material analysis for materials used in microand nanotechnologies.

As a Canada Research Chair in Western Canadian Social History, **Adele Perry**, History, will examine the changing definitions of Canadian citizenship during a critical period of nation-building and westward expansion.

Both Buchanan and Perry hold Tier 2 Chairs that are worth \$500,000 each over the next five years.



## NEW LAB SEEKS TO UNLOCK ATOMIC-LEVEL SECRETS

Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) is becoming a key technique for characterizing atomic-level structures in solids. With the installation of a powerful new NMR spectrometer at the University of Manitoba, researchers here will be able to engage in more detailed work to facilitate the design of novel materials for use in areas including nuclear waste disposal and microelectronic devices.

Funded by the CFI through its Innovation Fund, the provincial government’s Manitoba Innovations Fund, Varian Inc., and the University, the \$2.1 million 600 MHz NMR Laboratory for Solids and Liquids will support research in materials science with a long-term goal of using improved structural insight to design advanced materials with specific properties.

Officially opened on June 10 by representatives of CFI, the province and the university, the lab will be under the direction of **Scott Kroeker** (MSc/95), Chemistry.





Emma Drury with her father Wayne

# Welcome to University

**NINE O’CLOCK ON A CRISP MID-SEPTEMBER MORNING** and I am surrounded by bodies. Hundreds of bodies in every direction. I feel like I have slipped inside an atom with electrons bouncing from orbit to orbit. Occasionally a few bodies cluster around the tables lining the perimeter of the hall. Adrenaline pulses through my body, my internal chemistry mirrors the external chaos.

I am embarking on an adventure that is as exhilarating and almost as dangerous as stepping onto the track in the middle of the Indianapolis 500. This is University registration as I remember it in the 1960s.

I am in the middle of the Bison Gym, standing in a line that stretches across the floor, waiting to register for Psychology 120. I am reveling in the freedom of being able to choose exactly what I want to learn for the first time in my life. And the freedom to wear blue jeans to class for the first time.

But my freedom is temporarily on hold until I liberate myself from the Psych 120 line and the four other lines that I have to endure before having to pay my tuition and student fees.

Fast-forward 35 years. It is three o’clock on a hot July afternoon, 2003. That mid-60s experience is half a lifetime ago for me, more than two lifetimes for my 17-year-old daughter

**Adrenaline pulses through my body, my internal chemistry mirrors the external chaos.**

Emma. The two of us are at home, seated at the computer. It is her assigned “Initial Access Time” to UMREG, the University’s registration system. Even though she claims to hate computers, she has chosen to register by web rather than by telephone.

She logs on to [umanitoba.ca/u1](http://umanitoba.ca/u1), clicks into the web registration link, enters her student number and PIN number, and starts selecting her courses. She has her choices prioritized from one to six. She starts with her number one choice, a couple of strokes on the keyboard, a couple of clicks on the mouse, and thirty seconds later her choice is confirmed. “Nice!” she whispers.

And so it goes through her next three courses—all confirmed in less than a minute each. The only snag is her Introduction to University choice. The first two slots she tries are full but the third one is available.

In the end, she has registered for four full courses, two half courses, got her first choice in five of the six, and spent 11 minutes to register. Printing her book list and timetable takes another four minutes. I glance at my watch. It is 3:15 p.m.

What took me a whole day and caused me frustration and sore feet, Emma has completed from the comfort of our home in a quarter of an hour. She has avoided the lines and the stresses. But she has also missed the buzz and the bustle, the rush and the crush, the excitement and air of discovery, the chance encounter with a high school friend and the opportunity to compare notes on courses and professors. She has missed my one-day total immersion crash course in campus life—my unofficial Introduction to University.

## TECHNOLOGY MEANS LESS WAITING

Well, as it turns out, the University has filled that void with a thorough preparatory process that began long before she ever set foot on campus. There was the information evening that her high school guidance counselors scheduled in October. There was her Advanced Early Admission application in November, then her conditional acceptance in December. Then the information session in May when the University visited her high school to meet with the students who had been accepted.

In June, she had her Start @ U1 session, a two-hour session to explain the registration process, assign time slots for registration, and to review the recommended approaches to University 1. Attendance was mandatory before she was allowed to register.

Very little is left to chance, because missteps are more expensive at university in the 21st century. My first-year tuition and student fees were \$400, plus another \$100 for books and \$100 a month for food and rent. Summer jobs were plentiful and I could easily earn \$1300 in five months. Emma's first-term tuition is more than that. Her books easily average more than \$100 per course.

In late August, Emma heads out to campus to pay her student fees, get her student ID and visit the bookstore. Her three destinations are all located in University Centre and she is done in little over an hour.

It's September 2 and Emma starts two days of orientation sessions before real classes begin. She has been assigned a "homeroom" where she meets some other University 1 students, tours the campus, and is given a free lunch in the Quad. The second day, there are workshops to prepare for U1 life—Read to Succeed, Turn Stress Into Success, Hookups and Breakups.

After all the preparations, she finally has her first class—Introduction to University. Her class is small—31 other students. This doesn't sound like any of my first year courses. "I think it's meant to be a transition between high school and university," Emma explains.

Her second class is Introduction to Psychology—200 students in the Fletcher Argue Theatre. That's more like the first year I remember. Except that I don't remember the Fletcher Argue Theatre then, because it hadn't been built.

Emma's second day of classes, she is caught in the rush to get from St. John's College to the Isbister Building. She is standing in front of the Tier Building, and she is lost. She feels like she has just stepped into the middle of the track at the Indianapolis 500. This is University 1 in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. **WAYNE DRURY (BA/70)**



Registration: Then and Now

Although the Bauhaus philosophy claims "less is more" the University of Manitoba student services philosophy is the reverse. In virtually every facet of service, more technology means less waiting.

The first contact many students have with the University is through the Internet. "This has caused interest in the University to explode, especially from the Far East," says **Peter Dueck**, Director, Enrolment Services. "We handle 1500 e-mail inquiries a month." With the availability of web applications, in the near future the system will be fully integrated to allow enrolment services to transfer information directly from the application into student records.

Financial aid has also changed. Entrance scholarships have increased from \$240,000 ten years ago to \$1.4 million this year. "And in 1987 when I started, processing student loans manually often had students waiting up to six hours," said Dueck. "Now, students can do everything over the web."

**Neil Marnoch (BA/80)** became Director of Student Records in 2000, the last year of the traditional paper registration. "It took a lot of time," he recalls, "and I think we even had students sleeping in the hallways." Today 75 per cent of registrations are over the web, up from 10 per cent one year ago.

**Leta Beyak (BSc/86)**, Manager, Bookstore, has increased the store's focus on service. In addition to speedier lines, there's an information table at the front of the store, more training for staff to help first year students, the used book buy-back program, and more "custom courseware."

Increased security services makes the campus safer. Since becoming Director of Campus Security in 1996, **Jim Raftis (MPAdm/91)** has doubled his staff to 30. Officers are trained in emergency response first aid, they offer rape aggression defense courses, and are on call around the clock. Students and staff called on the "Safe Walk" service 400 times last year to provide security escorts to their cars.

With the opening of the Arthur Mauro residence, on-campus residences are now home to 1100 students, according to **Garth Wannan**, Director of Housing and Student Life. He believes that increased demand is due in part to the vigorous student life program in residence. "Student development is not just academic growth but also personal and social growth," he says.

**WAYNE DRURY (BA/70)**



# STUDENT SNAP SHOTS



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TOPICS	1953	1973	2003
<b>Hot Topics</b>	The Korean War	Women's rights, hippie generation, student rights	Balancing work, family, school, volunteering, and a social life, money for tuition and books employment after graduation
<b>Favorite Music?</b>	Frank Sinatra, Betty Page	Johnny Rivers, Crosby, Stills and Nash, Rolling Stones, The Band	Pop, Dance, Hip Hop, Alternative Johnny Cash
<b>How did you listen to music?</b>	Radio, gramophone	Radio or 45 record	CD, radio, MP3s
<b>How did you write papers?</b>	Typewriter, by hand	Typewriter	Computer
<b>How did you research?</b>	Library	Card catalogue	Netdoc and online journals
<b>What clothing did you wear?</b>	Zoot suits, parka and team jackets	Bell bottoms, super mini mini skirts, baggy sweatshirt, go-go boots, jeans tie-dye shirts, t-shirts, paisley shirts	T-shirts, jeans, hoodies, sports wear
<b>Where did you shop?</b>	Eaton's, Hudson's Bay	Eaton's Abstract Shop, Fairweather, Dalmys, The Bay 317, Black Sheep, The Wherehouse	Old Navy, American Eagle, Roots, Gap, Footlocker, East Bay, Bluenotes, Zellers, Value Village
<b>Jobs upon graduation?</b>	Construction, oil companies	Teacher, secretary, journalism and the media	Pharmacy, Business, Medicine, a job in your field, academic jobs (for graduate students)
<b>Favorite hobbies and games</b>	Pool, hockey	Jive dancing and twisting, pool, theatre productions	Board games, computer games, dancing, karaoke, intramural sports, reading, ultimate, swing dancing
<b>Favorite hangouts: For coffee</b>	Salisbury House	UMSU, Salisbury House	Stella's, Tim Hortons, Fuel on River and Osborne



TOPICS	1953	1973	2003
<b>Favorite hangouts: For restaurant</b>	Kelekis at Redwood and Main	A&W, Pizza Place, Pony Corral,	Moxies, Montanas, Boston Pizza, any sushi restaurant, Falafel Place
<b>Movies</b>	The Met, Capital, Odeon Drive Inn	The Met, Capital, Odeon Drive Inn	Silver City, The Globe Cinema
<b>Night spot</b>	Don Carlos Casino	The Stage Door (Westin Hotel), Fifth Day Club at the Marlborough Hotel, Dances at the River Heights Community Club, bands at UMSU gyms	Monty's, The Beach, Wise Guys on Campus, The Toad, Cafe 22
<b>Common summer jobs or part-time jobs during school</b>	Sales at Hudson's Bay, Manitoba Hydro	Waitress, railroad, Great West Life	Retail, many science students get jobs at labs and hospitals tree planting in BC, graduate students often teach
<b>Price of a one-way transit fare?</b>	25 cents	35 cents	\$1.75
<b>Price of a cup of coffee at restaurant?</b>	10 cents	25 cents	\$1.60
<b>Price of a burger and fries?</b>	50 cents	\$1.19	\$7.00

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### UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA QUICK FACTS

	1953	1973	2003	
<b>Total enrolment</b>	7,859	18,418	24,981	
<b>Undergraduate enrolment</b>	7,666	16,180	21,724	
<b>Graduate enrolment</b>	193	1,958	2,852	
<b>PGME (medical residents)</b>	N/A	280	405	
<b>One year tuition (first year Arts)</b>	\$155	\$425	*\$2818	*after provincial government 10% rebate

# Beating the Odds



Isobel Loutit

In the first half of the twentieth century, the odds of a woman working in industry as a statistician were next to nil. Undaunted, **Isobel Loutit** (BA/29) became Canada's first female in that profession, joining Northern Electric (now Nortel) as a quality control statistician in 1942. Her career would include many "firsts," culminating with the creation, in 2002, of the Statistical Society of Canada's first annual Isobel Loutit Invited Address in Business and Industrial Statistics.

Upon graduating from mathematics, Loutit went into teaching, one of few avenues open to woman at the time. But when the government turned to women to address labour shortages during WWII, she joined the Inspection Board of the United Kingdom and Canada, verifying the accuracy of mechanical calculating devices used to aim artillery.

After joining Northern Electric, Loutit rose to become the first female in management at the company. She also became active in the American Society for Quality Control (ASQC), in Montreal where, as program chair for the Quality Control All-Day Forum, she gave her remarks in French—another first!

"When I went to Quebec, I spoke French better than many of the English-speaking people," recalls Loutit. "At the University of Manitoba, ladies from France taught us conversational classes. And we had a French club."

In 1969, Loutit became the first woman to chair the Montreal Section of the ASQC. At the end of her term, when she was invited to be a convener at a McGill's Faculty Club dinner for presidents of various societies, she started her speech with "Ladies and Gentlemen" only to realize that, once again, she was the only woman in the room.

**CHRISTINE HANLON** (BA/85, BED/89)

# Returning Home

Like many of her classmates, **Michelle McCaffrey** (BN/93) had to leave Manitoba after graduation to find a nursing job. But also like many of her classmates, she always knew she would return.

It's for family, friends, and the quality of life that I wanted to return. My friends and I did not want to leave but had to in order to find full-time employment in the early 1990s," says McCaffrey. "Living in Texas for two years gave me valuable experience working with mothers and babies in a public health setting. When friends and family saw an advertisement with the Victoria Order of Nurses for community nursing, I sent my application."

After working with VON, McCaffrey worked as a student advisor in the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Manitoba and, after taking time to get married and have two children, is working as a Public Health Nurse with the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority.

With the unique perspective of having worked in both Canada and the United States, she also has a deeper appreciation for the quality of care provided in Manitoba.

"It's ironic," she says, "that over the past few weeks I have spoken with one classmate who returned to Manitoba



Michelle and daughter Kyla

from BC in November. And while shopping in River Heights, I happened to see another classmate who returned and also noted others who have done the same. When asked why, she adds that "Winnipeg is home and it's where I feel I belong. The others must feel the same."



# Enhancing the University Experience

For **Dominika Wranik-Lohrenz** (BA(Hons)/94, MA/97) living in residence was an opportunity to adjust to the University of Manitoba as well as to a new country. Born and raised in Poland, Wranik-Lohrenz came to Canada 13 years ago on a student exchange. After completing grade 12 in Selkirk, she entered the University of Manitoba and moved into Tache Hall.

“Living in residence was a lot of fun and a learning experience,” she said. “It gave me a chance to meet close friends, a chance that I did not have in the larger first-year classes. Residence was a safe place to participate in social activities. I will encourage my children to live in residence when they go to university.”

Knowing the difficulty of socializing in first-year classes, she incorporates teaching methods in her undergraduate economics classes encouraging students to interact. In addition to academic pursuits, she found time to get married and raise two children, aged 2 and 6.



Dominika  
Wranik-Lohrenz

Currently a PhD candidate in Economics with Wayne Simpson as faculty advisor, her goal is to become a professor at a university in Canada, a country she appreciates for its rich heritage and tolerance of different cultures.

## Family Values



Paul and Louise Adams

The University of Manitoba has had a profound effect on the Adams family. Using savings from a double paper route, **Paul Adams Sr.** (BA/42, MD/52) joined St. Paul's College in downtown Winnipeg in 1939 where he was Senior Stick. Adams also trained two nights a week with the Canadian Officers Training Corps. After graduating in 1942, he left for the war in Europe.

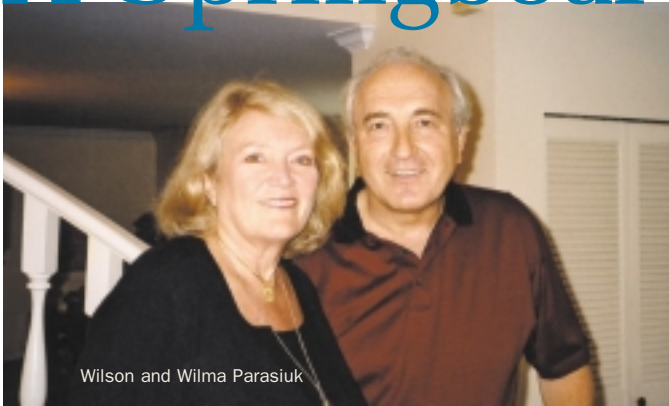
Returning in 1946, he enrolled in Medicine. “The government paid our fees that allowed me to go to university again,” he said. After completing courses in the Broadway Building across from the Legislature, he became one of 90 medical students from 900 pre-med and science graduates applying that year.

“Eighty of those medical students were veterans and many were married,” recalls Adams, who wed while in third year. **Louise Bernier**, his new bride, had been kept from university by the Great Depression. However, she had lived the university experience vicariously through her scholarly relatives. They included her father Alexandre (BA/07), a criminal lawyer and subsequently a judge; her uncle Joseph, (MA/1896, LLD/37), a judge; and, her cousin Robert (PhD/30), one of Pierre Trudeau's favorite teachers.

“I was surrounded by people who were in love with philosophy, literature and art,” notes Louise Adams, adding that she later taught at St. Boniface College, alma mater to six Berniers. The couple also passed on their passion for learning to their children: Paul Jr. (BA (Hons)/70, MLitt, MJournalism), a journalist for the CBC and Globe and Mail; David (BA/85, LLD), a lawyer and actuary; Christopher (BA(Hons)/83, MA/86, PhD); Marie (MA), a psychologist; Mark, a business man; and, Michael, an artist.

**CHRISTINE HANLON** (BA/85, BED/89)

# A Springboard to the World



Wilson and Wilma Parasiuk

Curiosity and a desire to explore have motivated **Wilson** (BA(Hons)/65, MA/66) and **Wilma Parasiuk (Hewitson)** (BA/65) since their student council days in Transcona.

At the University of Manitoba, they both continued to serve in student government. Involved in the start-up of University College, they acted as interim “Sticks” prior to the first student elections. From this point in their lives, they began to explore the wider community.

An admirer of Lester Pearson’s internationalist vision for Canada, Wilson studied International Affairs at the University of Manitoba. At the same time, Wilma studied

Education at the University of Toronto so she would be able to teach anywhere in the world.

Though their plan was to marry after graduation, Wilson called Wilma one day to say he had to postpone the wedding for a year. He had just learned that he had received the Rhodes Scholarship. While at Oxford, Wilson became friends with Wesley Clark, a West Point graduate who would become Supreme Commander of NATO forces.

After graduation in 1968, Wilson worked as a civil servant in Ottawa before returning to Manitoba as a Deputy Minister. In 1977, he was elected MLA and represented his Transcona constituency until 1988.

With a desire to again explore other worlds, the Parasiuks moved to Vancouver where Wilson set up a social responsible development company and later became Chairman of the BC Trade Development Corporation.

After starting up Interhealth Canada, a company that exports Canadian health care skills to other countries, Wilson took the past year off to spend more time with family and to explore opportunities in the Ukraine and Slovenia. In July, the Parasiuks attended the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion of Rhodes Scholars.

**JOE WIEBE**

## Making The Right Choices

Those who saw **Joe Ogoms** (BA/90) play in the Bison East Gym know why he was inducted into the Manitoba Basketball Hall of Fame on October 11, but many may not know the pivotal role that basketball played in life. Basketball was more than just a game; it was an education in itself, providing the skills necessary to lead a rewarding life. Perhaps it is fitting, then, that it was playing basketball at a post-secondary institution where Ogoms remembers all facets of his life coming together.

After a stellar high school basketball career at Daniel MacIntyre Collegiate, Ogoms turned down offers from American colleges, including Rhode Island and LSU to remain in Winnipeg and become a Bison in 1985.

In his first season playing for Coach Rick Suffield, Ogoms was named conference Rookie of the Year and All-Canadian. At the National Finals, he was named a tournament all-star. That year, he was invited to play on the Senior National Team. Joe played for two more seasons at the University of Manitoba, again being named conference All-



Joe Ogoms

Star and All-Canadian. After graduation, Ogoms played professionally in Europe and also served as Assistant Coach for a Bison women’s team that placed second in the nationals.

Perhaps more important than the accolades, it was during this time at university that Ogoms gained a focus in his life. “Playing for Bison Assistant Coach Laurie May, who had been my high school coach, provided stability. And balancing course work and basketball provided the framework and communication skills that I realized was important to succeed in life as well.”

Today, Ogoms, who lives in Winnipeg with wife **Laura Kwiatkowski** (BA/86, MBA/92) and their two children, works as a counsellor at the Manitoba

Youth Centre. He finds interacting with young people rewarding and enjoys the challenge of helping them find their focus in life. “I can relate because I had the same choices to make but was lucky to have coaches who helped me make the right choices both on and off the court.”

# Comparing Classes

For a writer there's no better way to say thanks than with a poem. Honorary degree recipient **Betty Jane Wylie** (BA(Hons)/51, MA/52, DLitt/03) put her thoughts into stanzas when she addressed the Class of 2003, May 28, during this year's Spring Convocation.

To the graduands, class of 2003:  
This day belongs to you as you set  
sail upon the ship of life ...

Had we but world enough, and  
time,  
It might be fun to pause and climb  
Past peaks of history,  
Comparing yours and mine to note  
Where we're close and where  
remote  
On basic memory.

I am old beyond belief,  
In the sere and yellow leaf,  
Perhaps less active  
Than I used to be erstwhile,  
But my thoughts were not senile,  
Just – retroactive.

So what if I'm old and full of sleep?  
I still have promises to keep  
And may be trusted,  
While you are young and full of sap;  
Think there's a way to close the gap  
And get adjusted?

I reckon so, if you'll allow  
Five minutes of your time right now  
To take a look  
At where we differ, where agree.  
You may conclude by thanking me  
For this guidebook.

Let me say first I think that you  
Are awesome. It's true:  
You have more skill  
And know far more than I do now,  
In fact, I envy your know-how,  
Though with good will.

I'll tell you why, though you're not  
asking:  
You are adept at multi-tasking –  
It leaves me numb.  
You brains have vast ability  
But what stuns is the agility  
Of your dexterous thumb.

Silent and with wild surmise  
I gaze upon your exercise  
With the cell phone;  
You hold and dial with a single digit,  
That blessed thumb, enviable widget,  
Skilled knucklebone.

I guess that in my long-gone day  
I didn't have that much to say.  
I had no need.  
But you, with so much to assimilate,  
Really have to automate.  
I do concede.

Verbal skill goes by corollary:  
You have a new vocabulary –  
An odd language.  
I'll illustrate to show you I,  
While not caught up, can qualify  
In my dotage.

I may be roadkill on the info  
highway,  
But you'll agree I did it my way,  
Hooked on the Net.  
Remember that I took the risk  
Not backing up my floppy disk.  
(How could I forget?)

Log on with me, the best is yet  
To be – or not. You can reset  
At any time.  
I love this virtual reality;  
It preserves us from banality.  
(That's a good rhyme.)

I'm a dot-com lady  
Whose past is shady  
But I am online.  
Follow the links and you will find  
Me waiting with an open mind:  
The surfing's fine.

Sounds I never knew made sense  
No longer even make me tense  
Beloved URLs.  
Never for a minute doubt  
CD-Roms slide in and out –  
Such precious pearls!

You've learned a lengthy lexicon,  
Save space with the emoticon,  
Which suits you to a T.  
I fear I'll never qualify  
For I really must confess that I  
Need ESP.

You ease with Acrobat format  
Leaves me floored as any doormat,  
Down and defeated.  
It's all I can do to file a folder.  
If I tried to be any bolder  
I'd be deleted.

Nothing succeeds, Wilde said, like  
excess,  
And though I may have random access  
To the wide world,  
It comes too late to do much good;  
I'm a babe in the cyberwood.  
You are flags unfurled.

But wait, before you flap away,  
I have a few words yet to say,  
Some free advice.  
Allow me please the latitude  
To indulge myself in platitude.  
I'll be concise.

Thou shalt keep thy powder dry,  
And also keep a peeled eye  
Upon the ball,  
And keep it rolling right along.  
Do try not to be headstrong.  
(Aren't we all?)

Thou shalt keep thy fingers crossed,  
Especially if thou may be lost –  
Stiff upper lip!  
When in water learn to tread  
And above it keep thy head.  
Don't take a dip.

Keep a smile upon thy face  
For the whole human race,  
Without bias.  
Always in thy faith steadfast,  
Thou hast no cause to be downcast,  
But don't be pious.

Set in this life, we must survive;  
Fact is, no one gets out alive,  
We have no choice.  
And if we cannot make the sum  
Stand still, yet we can make him  
run.  
Take time to rejoice.

You have observed I like to quote  
Great writers of the past of note  
Whose words are gold.  
One I turn to time and again  
Is the French essayist Montaigne  
For wisdom untold.

He said we're all fools if we say  
'I have not earned my keep today.'  
Have you not lived?  
That's the fundamental task  
Of people, should you care to ask:  
Lived, and outlived.

To mold your character in beauty  
Should be your most important duty,  
Not books or art;  
And to win, not battles or wars,  
But strength to keep what's yours –  
Peace in your heart.

This petty pace is creeping on.  
Make sure you keep on keeping on.  
Ring your own bell.  
To thine out self be true –  
You know the rest. It's up to you.  
And so – fare well.

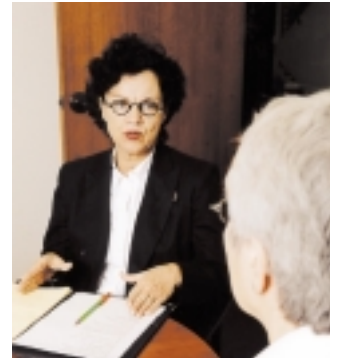
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## RESPONDING TO CHANGING STUDENT NEEDS



Lynn Smith and Bev Cameron



**IN THIS DIALOGUE, BEV CAMERON AND LYNN SMITH DISCUSS** how students have changed and how the University has adapted. **Bev Cameron** (MA/77, PhD) is Director of University 1 and a professor in Economics. University 1, a program that offers first-year students flexibility when choosing a faculty or school in second year, recently celebrated its sixth anniversary. **Lynn Smith** (BPE/71, CertEd/72, BEd/74, MPE/86, PhD/91) is Director of Student Advocacy/Student Resource Services and an associate professor in Physical Education and Recreation Studies. In addition to coordinating an office that deals with student appeals and academic integrity, she manages a set of five units which provide specialized support to students: Chaplaincy, Disability Services, English Language Centre, Learning Assistance Centre and PlayCare.

### **HOW HAVE STUDENTS CHANGED FROM 10 OR 15 YEARS AGO?**

**BC:** Ten years ago, students seemed to explore options and waited to see how events unfolded in their life. Today, most are focused with 20 per cent set on a specific profession, 60 per cent exploring two or three serious options, and 20 per cent looking for their focus.

**LS:** Students who don't have a specific goal are usually seriously looking for one. In general, students are planning one, two, or three degrees down the road. Ten years ago, rewards were more intangible but it seems for students today, the career is the reward.

**BC:** Response to our career counselling sessions, offered with the career resource center, has been overwhelming.

### **WHAT FACTORS HAVE CHANGED THIS FOCUS?**

**BC:** One factor is pressure from peers, family, or society to define a career choice early.

**LS:** Society has also changed. Twenty years ago, a degree was equated with getting a good job. Today, many professionals require specific credentials so career planning is important. Also, students today are looking for a career to sustain their

lifestyle. When you consider that this may be the first generation that, in general terms, may not exceed their parents' economic position, the pressure can be almost unbearable. This combination of ambition with a desire to balance lifestyle is curiously contradictory.

**BC:** More students are taking fewer credit hours during the regular session to maintain a higher grade point and also taking more courses during the summer or through distance education.

**LS:** We're finding that the traditional model of eight months of school complemented with four months of full-time summer employment is becoming out-dated. Many of the urban students have been working part-time since junior high and need to be extremely organized with their time and finances.

### **HAVE STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS CHANGED?**

**LS:** Yes, they are more diverse. There are more mature students, who have been away from school and require additional supports, such as study skills, while balancing a part-time job and a family.

**BC:** The student population is also changing with more international students who are often adjusting to a different culture, language, and climate.

### **ARE PRESSURES DIFFERENT ON STUDENTS TODAY?**

**LS:** It seems to depend on the level of support at home. Some have an extended family that is very supportive while others have their own family to support. The key is to have balance and at least one aspect of your life where you feel you have control.

**BC:** From my experience, one of the most difficult situations for students is having to deal with the physical and emotional impacts of an illness in the family. And students tend not to ask for help when, in fact, there are many supports at the University.

**LS:** This is another part of the contradiction. In some instances, parents are over-involved in their student's activities yet, in other cases, the student is caring for an older family member.

## WHERE ON CAMPUS CAN STUDENTS GO FOR SUPPORT?

**LS:** When you develop a reputation as being effective in one area, we find that students will come back with other concerns. With the number one stressor on students being their expectations, we see many students because their academic program is not working out according to plan.

**BC:** Our student advisors also see students in their second or third years and offer attributional retraining, or attributing events to more than just luck and then taking more control. Students are receptive because we remember their name, have listened in the past, and offer sound advice. Because of this success, we offer these concepts as part of 099.111, the first-year class that teaches university basics. The Introduction to University class sizes are kept small, at about 35 students, to build a sense of community within this large institution.

**LS:** This sense of community is important. When we talk with students who are rethinking their career path, we often refer them to advisors and associate deans within faculties and schools, who help students get back on a different track. This would not be possible without a general commitment from the University administration and various practices and policies regarding “academic forgiveness.”

**BC:** At University 1, we proactively send letters to struggling first year students recommending that they see one of our advisors. More than 50 per cent respond and return to plan a way to become more successful as a student.

## HOW HAS THE CAMPUS ADAPTED TO CHANGING STUDENT NEEDS?

**BC:** We’ve expanded Start@U1, our pre-registration sessions in the summer for new students. Once students are registered, we follow-up with a two-day orientation in September to familiarize them with the campus and help them make new friends.

**LS:** Over the past few years, you can feel a stronger sense of community on campus. Offices and computer labs are open longer and the Student Union has opened more businesses and hosts a variety of events that have generated activity. And students today, who are very aware of their local and global communities and not afraid to express their views, are using the University as a place to gather.

**BC:** We have certainly noticed this activity. Six years ago, recruiting student volunteers for orientation activities was difficult but, this year, reached 420 volunteers by the middle of August. Many were disappointed and placed on a waiting list. Students in upper years who found University 1 helpful now want to help others.

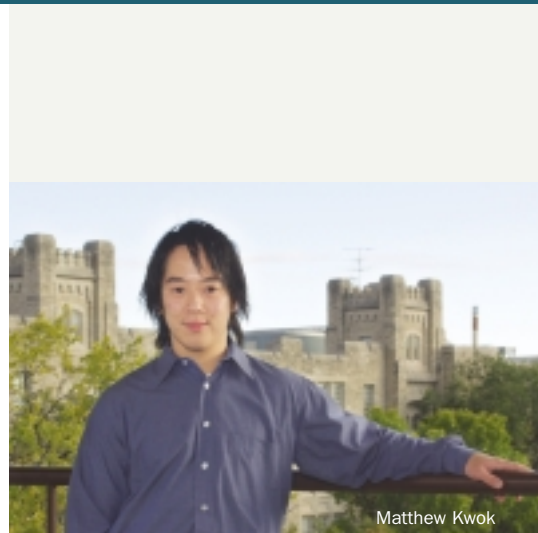
## HOW HAS TECHNOLOGY CHANGED STUDENT PROGRAMMING?

**BC:** It’s important to offer programming in ways students can understand and use. For example, 099.111 offers four workshops and then students take quizzes on line through WebCT and get feedback immediately. Often after an exam, we see students discussing answers, underscoring the learning component.

**LS:** Technology has also increased accessibility by providing new ways for students with learning disabilities to attend classes and take exams using supports such as adaptive technology and sign language interpreters.

## WHAT ARE YOUR NEW INITIATIVES?

**LS:** As an extension of University 1 programming, we are exploring the feasibility of implementing a Learning Commons, located in an area, such as near a library, that offers a one-stop centre for computer searches and tutors for learning, study and writing skills. It’s a new concept that would help us be even more student-centred.



Matthew Kwok

## APPLYING SKILLS TO THE WORKPLACE

The changing nature of work and the growth of the knowledge-based economy is making the skills acquired in university even more valuable to employers says a University of Manitoba doctoral student. **Matthew Kwok** (BComm(Hons)/93 BA/93, MA/96), a PhD candidate in Post-Secondary Education and a Research Fellow at St. Paul’s College, says research shows that, regardless of degree program, university students have developed a unique skill set.

As graduates are changing jobs more frequently, more emphasis is placed on the softer or portable skills rather than technical skills specific to one job. A 1997 survey of Manitoba graduates of colleges and universities found that the top skills that university graduates developed were: the ability to think critically, interest in life-long learning, research skills, and writing skills. One additional skill is the ability to work with others, says Kwok.

Kwok’s doctoral research is exploring the relationship between student and professor perception of skills taught within different faculties. This research should help students identify these desirable skills and should encourage faculty to develop innovative teaching practices into their curriculum. His committee consists of Stan Straw, Education, Lynn Taylor, University Teaching Services, and Wayne Simpson, Economics.

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# A Conversation With...

## DONALD TRIM (BSc, MA, PhD), PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

**Graduate Study:** Completed graduate work at the University of Waterloo

**Years Teaching at The University of Manitoba:** 32

**Areas of Expertise:** Calculus, Partial Differential Equations, Complex Variables. I have written three textbooks in these areas that have Engineering applications.

**Before Teaching:** Taught at the University of Waterloo for five years.

**Hobbies:** Squash, racquetball, windsurfing, water skiing, bridge, listening to classical music.

**Outreach Activities:** Have been involved with Shad Valley Manitoba, Mathematical workshops, and Math Camps for high school students.

**Something Others May Not Know:** Away from the University, I am very quiet and introverted—in total contrast to my classroom personality.

**What Excites You Most About the Future:** Although retirement may seem to be approaching quickly, I enjoy teaching too much to consider it seriously at this time. With technology changing so rapidly I am looking forward to the exciting possibilities of applying them to teaching. As an author, it will be a challenge to embrace technology in my writings.

**Most Rewarding Aspect of Teaching:** It is challenging and rewarding to develop ways to enhance the learning experience of students. It is gratifying to see students grasp the ideas that you present, to know that you have succeeded in initiating the learning process in your classes. Perhaps most rewarding is to have past students contact you at some future time in their lives and express their gratitude for your contribution to their education.

**Awards Received:**

- University of Manitoba H.H. Saunderson Award for Excellence in Teaching
- University of Manitoba O.B. Stanton Award for Excellence in Teaching
- 3M Teaching Fellowship
- UTS and UMSU Teaching Award for Significance and Contribution to the Education of an Outstanding Graduating Student
- University of Manitoba Outreach Award

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# What's New In Print

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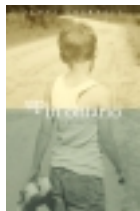


## LYALL POWERS ALIEN HEART: THE LIFE AND WORK OF MARGARET LAURENCE

2003, University of Manitoba Press

Through a sensitive interweaving of her life and work, Powers shows how Laurence found ways to bring humanity and forgiveness to an often difficult world.

As students at United College, **Lyll Powers** (BA/47, BA(Hons)/48, MA/51) and Laurence met and maintained a life-long friendship. Powers teaches at the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor).



## JAMES SHERRETT UP IN ONTARIO

2003, Turnstone Press

Sherrett's debut novel covers thirty years in the history of one family trying to carve their lives out of the Canadian shield.

**James Sherrett** (BA/03) has worked as a publisher and e-publisher and has traveled extensively. In 1996 he won the last Heaven Chapbook Award.

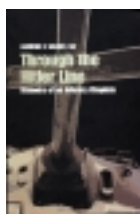


## RALPH CAMPBELL FROM FOXBORO, ONTARIO

2003, Kerry Hill Publications Inc.

This book follows the author's life from the farm in Foxboro to careers in academia, administration and international development.

**Ralph Campbell** was President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Manitoba from 1976 to 1981.

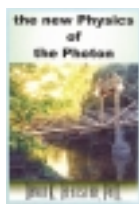


## LAURENCE F. WILMOT THROUGH THE HITLER LINE: MEMOIRS OF AN INFANTRY CHAPLAIN

2003, Wilfred Laurier University Press

This Second World War memoir is a rare story: a first-hand account of front-line battle by an army officer who is a resolute noncombatant.

**Laurence F. Wilmot** (BA/31, BD/52, MA/63, MA/79) is Warden Emeritus of St. John's College and served as a chaplain in the Canadian army from 1942–45.



## DAVID K. TEERTSTRA POLARIZED LIGHT OPTICS: THE NEW PHYSICS OF THE PHOTON

Euclid Geometrics, Publishing

This introductory-level book features fresh ideas and many optic experiments.

**David K. Teertstra** (MSc/92, PhD/97) is an independent researcher with numerous publications in crystallography, optical mineralogy, and solid state nuclear magnetic resonance.



## C. STUART HOUSTON STEPS ON THE ROAD TO MEDICARE

2003, McGill-Queen's University Press

In this book, Stuart Houston shows why Saskatchewan has led in the development of publicly funded health care since 1915.

**C. Stuart Houston** (MD/51) has written about the history of medicine on the prairies.



## ALLAN D. PETERKIN AND CATHY RISDON CARING FOR LESBIAN AND GAY PEOPLE: A CLINICAL GUIDE

2003, University of Toronto Press

Based on more than 20 years of experience in patient care, medical education and community development, this book serves as a resource for caregivers and for those who want to take a more active role in their own health care.

**Allan D. Peterkin** (BA/79, MD/85, BScMed/85) is an assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry and the Department of Community and Family Medicine at the University of Toronto.

**OTHER RECENTLY RELEASED BOOKS INCLUDE:** NAVIGATING A NEW WORLD ORDER by **Lloyd Axworthy** (BA/61), Knopf, 2003; THE DEVIL AND THE DISAPPEARING SEA by **Rob Ferguson** (MCP/84), Raincoast Books, 2003; POWER MARKETING OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES by **Rene F. Jones** (BES/69, PhD), Trafford Publishing, 2003; THE HAND—JESUS' WAY TO THE CROSS by **Betty Dimock** (BFA/69), Self Published, 2003; HERE IN HOPE: A NATURAL HISTORY by **Joan Bridgeman** (BA/69, CertEd/72, MA/81); and TIDES OF LIFE and HEIGHTS OF HORROR by **Patrice K. Owiafe** (MA/01), 1stBooks Library, 2003.

# Through the Years

COMPILED BY LESLIE LYMAN (BHEcol/96)



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## 1940–49

**Bateman, Leonard A.**, BScEE/42, MSc/48, received the Order of Manitoba in July. He received the Association of Professional Engineers' of Manitoba Merit Award in 1976, The Canadian Council of Professional Engineers' Gold Medal in 1994, and the Queen's Twenty-Fifth, and Fiftieth Anniversary Medals, and other awards including an Honorary Life Membership in the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of the Province of Manitoba in 2000.



**Dean (Kozak), Stella Jo Anne**, BA/43, was invested as a Member of the Order of Canada for significant contributions to the areas of

crime prevention, heritage preservation, enhancement of the environment and promotion of the arts. She was also honored, on a separate occasion, with the Queen's Golden Jubilee medal.

**Moeller, Charles H.**, BArch/49, was recognized by the Register of the Ontario Association of Architects for being a member for over fifty years.

**Standing, Kenneth G.**, BSc(Hons)/48, received the Field/Franklin award for Outstanding Achievement in Mass Spectrometry. Previous honors include the 2003 Medal in Industrial and Applied Physics from the Canadian Association of Physicists, and the 1998 "distinguished contribution" award from the Canadian Society for Mass Spectrometry. A former UMSU Treasurer (1947–48), he has been a member of the University of Manitoba Physics Department since 1953 where he currently is a Professor Emeritus. His laboratory, together with MDS Sciex, received a NSERC/Conference Board of Canada Synergy Award for university-industry cooperation in 2000.

## 1950–59

**Bott, Frank**, BComm/54, was honored with the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal at the 50th anniversary celebrations of the Canadian Hemophilia Society in Montreal. A national Past-President, the award recognized his almost 40 years of volunteer service.

**Evason, Leo**, BA/54, made his debut as the world's only bass-baritone-tenor at the RBC Senior's Jubilee at Roy Thomson Hall in Toronto. His CD, *The Three Voices of Leo Evason*, will be submitted to the Guinness Book of World Records for recognition.

**Loewen, W.H. (Bill) C.M.**, CA/54, recently retired as President of TelPay Incorporated but remains as Chairman and Systems Development Advisor. He was founder of Comcheq Services Limited (now Ceridian Canada Inc.) and the originator of telephone bill payment service in Canada in 1985. The company recently introduced the first "Pay Anyone" electronic payment service in Canada.

## 1960–69

**Janzen, John A.**, BA/66, BEd/68, MEd/82, and Ruth Janzen, BEd/84, are beginning a two-year Mennonite Central Committee assignment in Mexico with the Low German program. John will work at an addiction treatment centre while Ruth will work as an adult educator. They are members of the Winkler Mennonite Brethren Church.

**Jones, Rene F.**, BES/69, was awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Commemorative Medal.

**Kilgour, David**, BA/62, is the Member of Parliament for Edmonton Southeast and Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific). David and his wife Laura Scott spend much of their free time with their children: Eileen who is pursuing a Masters degree in Conflict Resolution at Queensland University in Australia; Hilary who started first year at Queen's; David Jr., a Commerce student at Dalhousie. David Jr. has begun a co-op with Price Waterhouse in Ho Chi Minh City where sister Margot is a building manager and realtor.

**McDole, Gerald**, BSc/60, CertBusM/69, was recently presented with a Queen's Jubilee Medal on behalf of his support of reBOOT Canada, a non-profit charity providing refurbished computer hardware, training and support to charities and non-profit organizations. He was also selected in the Who's Who in Health Care awards last year in the pharmaceutical category.

**Ross, Arnold**, CertEd/66, BPed/67, is listed in the Canadian Who's Who in recognition of his careers in teaching, curating, and painting. He is in his 14th year as Curator of the Nobile Gallery in the Centennial Concert Hall. Many of his works can be found in buildings on campus.

## 1970–79

**Arnett, John L.**, PhD/77, was elected to the 2003–2004 Canadian Psychological Association Board of Directors. Arnett is currently its President-Elect and will serve as President in 2004–2005.

**Brown, Michael R.**, BA/76, climbed Mt Kilimanjaro in October to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society.



**Bruun, Anders**, LLB/78, was awarded the Knights Cross of the Dannebrog (First Class) by Her Majesty Margrethe II, Queen of Denmark, as well as The Commemorative Medal for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Golden Jubilee. Anders recently joined Campbell, Marr, Barristers and Attorneys-at-Law as a partner.

**Cooper, Joy**, BA(Hons)/70, MA/78, LLB/81, has been appointed to the position of master for the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench. She was a Crown counsel at the Manitoba Family Law Branch following eight years of private practice.

**Longfield, Kevin**, BScME/72, contributed to a database of key theatre events found at: [www.lib.unb.ca/Texts/Theatre/Timeline/index.cgi](http://www.lib.unb.ca/Texts/Theatre/Timeline/index.cgi). The *Canadian Theatre Review* (115) contains a paper he presented to the Canadian Playwriting Conference 2002 as part of Stratford's 50th anniversary celebrations. He has also performed at the Winnipeg and Swift Current Fringe Festivals.

**McCallen, Joan**, BSc(Hons)/74, MSc/75, has been named President and CEO of ICMA Retirement Corporation. She has served as Executive Vice-President and Chief Operations Officer for the ICMA Retirement Corporation for the past six years. Prior to this, she served in numerous senior positions at Great-West Life for 21 years.



**Ratzlaff, Leonard**, CertEd/72, has been Professor of Choral Studies at University of Alberta since 1981 and has recently taken a five-year appointment

as Chair of the Department of Music. He received the Alberta Order of Excellence this past October.

**Silver, Robert**, BSc/70, was awarded the B'nai Brith Canada Award of Merit, the Canadian Jewish organization's highest honour, recognizing individuals for their exemplary contributions to the business, social, educational and communal fabric of Canada.



**Sinha, Madhav**, PhD/74, Chief of Engineering and Quality Programs at the Manitoba Government Department of Labor and Immigration, became

the first Canadian to receive the American Society for Quality's Distinguished Service Gold Medal in 2003, recognizing his work in quality control and total quality management.

## 1980-89

**Odiatu, Uche**, BA/85 DMD/89, and **Kary**, BPE/90 BEd/92, authors of *Fit for the LOVE of It!* and Certified Personal Trainers have relocated to Toronto where they will continue to host workshops and seminars on fitness.

**Sklar, Grant**, BScPharm/88, obtained a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Wayne State University in 1993. After a residency in South Carolina, he worked in Philadelphia. In 1996, he moved to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where he spent three years as a drug information pharmacist. Grant is currently a Senior Lecturer, Department of Pharmacy, National

University of Singapore, and Clinical Pharmacist, National University Hospital. He is also a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist with the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties in the United States. Grant continues to travel and has so far been to 45 countries and all 7 continents.



**Tulloch, Mitch**, BSc/77, CertEd/83, recently published his thirteenth book, the Microsoft Encyclopedia of Security (Microsoft Press). Mitch is an IT

professional based in Winnipeg and has published books with McGraw-Hill, O'Reilly, and Microsoft as well as articles for industry magazines.

**Vryenhoek, Leslie**, BA/85, was awarded a Dalton Camp Award sponsored by Friends of Canadian Broadcasting. She is a writer and communications professional in Winnipeg and has worked in public relations and media relations for several non-profit organizations, including the Canadian Red Cross.

## 1990-99

**Love, Christopher**, BA(Hons)/95, MA/98, was awarded a PhD in History on July 10, 2003 at the University of York, UK.

**Nowroski, Shelly**, BComm(Hons)/99, accepted the position of Marketing & Communications Coordinator for Celero Solutions, after four years as a Business Systems Analyst. Celero provides technology services to cooperatives, credit unions and other financial organizations across the Prairie Provinces. She moved from Winnipeg to Calgary earlier this year, where she enjoys the relatively mosquito-free summers and winter Chinooks.

**Powell, Jeff**, BA(Hons)/99, is a member of the Canadian men's rowing crew that won gold at the world championships in Italy in September.

**Ryback, Denise Lynn**, BEd/95, was awarded the Gerry Bloomfield Professional Award in recognition of the critical role played by professionals in the lives of people with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). She is a Senior Therapist for the Provincial

Intensive Behavioural program in Northwestern Ontario. She resides in Fort Frances, ON with spouse **Jeffrey Tilbury**, BSW/94, and their Husky dog Pesik.

**Schurko, Andrew**, BSc(Hons)/97, PhD/03, accepted a Post-Doctoral research position at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia last January and is continuing his research in Molecular Evolution at the University of Iowa.

**Thorkelson, Tory S.**, MEd/96, was recently elected Vice-President of the Seoul, Korea chapter of KOTESOL (Korean Organization of Teachers of English as a Second or Other Language). He has also published his second co-authored research article on Listening and Anxiety in the June 2003 volume of the ALAK Journal.

**Watkins, Christopher**, LLB/93, guided and assisted Team Everest '03 challenge trek members to create a world first for the disabled community by reaching Everest main camp at 17,500 feet. He returned to Mount Everest and climbed the notorious Mount Everest Khumba Ice fall.

## Marriages

**Cheung, Grace Sukching**, BES/90, married Royce YC Hong at the base of the Grand Canyon on May 9, 2003.

**Dong, Thomas**, BScIE/95, and Peggy Tan were married on August 10, 2003 in Palo Alto, CA. The wedding party included Victor Dong, MD/94, Cecilia Dong, DDM/96, BScDent/95, Mike Luong, BScME/95, and Minh Vuong, BScME/95. The couple resides in the San Francisco Bay area.



**Gagné, Daniel**, BComm(Hons)/96, and Lisa Posty were married on July 26, 2003 at Great Woods Park & Campground in Beausejour, Manitoba.

Daniel is a financial analyst at Assante Asset Management Ltd. and Lisa is a dental assistant at Reflections Dental Health Centre.



**Petrasko, James**, BScPharm/00, and **Kristine (nee Reynolds) Petrasko**, BScPharm/00, who met while in the Faculty of Pharmacy,



were married June 14, 2003, at the Club Regent Casino Hotel. They are both practicing in Winnipeg.

**Pham, Chau**, BSc/00, married **Michael Moon**, BSc/93, BScMed/97, MD 97, on August 2, 2003. Chau is in her third year of Medicine and Michael is completing his residency in cardiac surgery. Michael and Chau met while doing graduate studies at the St. Boniface Hospital Research Centre.

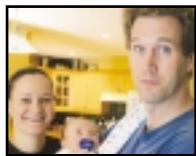
**Romuld, Michelle L.**, BComm(Hons)/98, and Michael Hance were married on August 31, 2001 in Winnipeg. They met and now reside in Japan where Michael is posted with the US Navy.

**Unger, Gina**, BHEc/97, BEd/97, and Jeffrey McMillan, BPE/95, BEd/97, were married on July 4, 2003 in Winnipeg, MB. Both are currently teaching in high schools in Winnipeg.

## Births

**Crawford, David**, BA/95, ContEd/00, and **Kara Crawford**, BA/94, LLB/97, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, William Barrett Crawford, born June 13, 2003 in Winnipeg.

**Dumore, Tim**, DMD/91, BSc/94, and **Jennifer (Brown) Dumore**, BMROT/89, announce the arrival of their baby daughter Danica Jessie Dumore, born June 15. She joins brothers Thomas (age eight) and Lucas (age three). Jennifer currently works part time at the Grace hospital and as financial coordinator in Tim's orthodontic practice in Winnipeg.



**Evenson, Scott**, BScEE/90, and wife Carrie are pleased to announce the birth of their first son Tyler Aiden on May 20, 2003 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

**Howard, Robert**, BA/95, and **Angela (nee Rourke) Howard**, BA(Hons)/95, are pleased to announce the birth of their son William (Will) Christopher on May 1, 2003.

**McGunigal (nee Zettler), Mary**, LLB/93, and Flynn McGunigal are pleased to announce that they have been blessed with a daughter, Margaret Grace, born May 13th, 2003.



**Oszadzky, Ilona**, MEd/98, and **James Whiting**, MA/97, LLB(Dalhousie) were joined by little Peter on August 3, 2003. Ilona is working as a Counsellor at Mount St. Vincent University in Halifax and James as Counsel for the federal Department of Justice.

**Roseman, Ian**, BComm(Hons)/93, MAcc/94, CA/96, and **Laura (Wopnford) Roseman**, BHEc/96, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Brooke Lauryn on April 11, 2003.

**Schumacher, Erica**, LLB/93, Scott Smith and big brother Adam are pleased to announce the birth of Jacob Alexander on May 26, 2003 in Ottawa.

## In Memoriam

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



When **Israel H. Asper** (BA/53, LLB/57, LLM/64, LLD/98) passed away on October 7, 2003, the University of Manitoba lost one of its best friends. Founder and Chairman of CanWest Global Communications, his name is also associated with generous support of the arts, hospitals, and his alma mater in Winnipeg. "One of Izzy's greatest legacies is his support of this University," said Jerry Gray, Dean, I.H. Asper School of Business. "The message he always gave to students is that they should give back to the community, and he was a great role model."

## 1920-29

**Saunders, Doris**, BA/21, MA/25, LLD/94, on May 27, 2003.

## 1930-39

**Bottomley (nee Preudhomme), Delores**, MD/34, on August 23, 2003.

**Campbell (nee Watt), Helen**, BA/31, on July 24, 2003.

**Cousens, Grace**, BA/32, May 22, 2003.

**Cronmiller, Wilda**, BA/36, on June 24, 2003.

**Dillon, Thomas Henry**, DipAgric/39, on May 30, 2003.

**Fisher (nee Furman), Ruth**, BScHEc/39, on May 4, 2003.

**Galambos (nee Preudhomme), Sybil**, BA(Hons)/31, on September 17, 2003.

**Holm, Arnold**, MD/37, DipANEAS/59, on June 12, 2003.

**Hutsell, Frances Emma**, BA/31, on June 30, 2003.

**Kissack, Sigrun Anna**, BA/36, on September 6, 2003.

**Owen, Elena**, BA/37, BEd/63, on August 4, 2003.

**Prest, Victor K.**, BSc(Hons)/35, MSc/36, on September 26, 2003.

**Swindell, Gerald**, BA/37, on July 17, 2003.

**Williams, John**, BA/37, on June 28, 2003.

**Wilson, Frances**, BA/35, on August 26, 2003.

## 1940-49

**Anhalt, Arthur William**, MB/45, on June 28, 2003.

**Antenbring, Elizabeth**, BA/43, BEd/57, on August 23, 2003.

**Burko, Chilo**, BComm(Hons)/48, on June 26, 2003.

**Cott, Albert Wesley**, BSc/49, Dip/51, BEd/54, on June 10, 2003.

**Daciw, Metro R.**, BSA/45, on July 10, 2003.

**Danylkiw, Dmytro**, BScEE/46, on September 28, 2003.

**Dennehy, Gerald P.**, BSA/40, on July 27, 2003.

**Halsall, Ella Rae**, BScPharm/45, on August 29, 2003.

**Hoffart, John L.**, BComm(Hons)/41, on May 16, 2003.



In July, the University of Manitoba was saddened by the passing of a dear friend and esteemed colleague, **Carol Shields** (DLitt/03). Shields taught at the Department of for nearly two decades, from 1980 until her retirement in 1999. "She had an enormous effect on the community here and particularly on young writers, whom she championed," said David Arnason, Head of the English Department and long-time friend.

**Isreals, Lyonel G.**, MD/49, MSc/50, on September 26, 2003.

**McGall, Charles**, DipSW/47, MSW/66, on October 14, 2002.

**Patrick, F. Geoffrey**, CA/41, on June 26, 2003.

**Phaneuf, Irene Alice**, BScHons/40, MD/45, on August 17, 2003.

**Pincock, James**, MD/43, on August 27, 2003.

**Shadbolt, Charles Allan**, BSA/49, MSc/52, PhD, on May 2, 2003.

**Tosky, Julian F.**, MD/49, on June 10, 2003.

**Weber, Thomas E.**, BScCE/45, on July 16, 2003.

**Wong, Horne Richard**, BSA/47, on September 20, 2002.

## 1950–59

**Coutts, Mac**, BScME/51, on July 25, 2003.

**Evans (nee Pedlar), Florence Estelle**, BA/56, on August 10, 2003.

**Ferguson, Robert L.**, CA/57, July 9, 2003.

**Griffiths, Ronald Thomas**, BA/58, on July 10, 2003.

**Knox, Sally**, BA/57, BEd/61, on June 14, 2003.

**MacMartin, John Bryan**, BSc/58, MBA/71,

on May 20, 2003.

**Sobering, Simon Edgar**, BSc(Hons)/53, on June 1, 2003.

**St. Hilaire, Edmond**, BALatPh/52, on July 4, 2003.

**Thorne, Rica**, BA/55, BSW/57, MSW/71, on August 12, 2003.

**Watson, George M.**, BArch/50, on May 16, 2003.

**Woodall (nee Parkinson), Donna**, BA/50, on June 13, 2003.

## 1960–69

**Khan, Rae**, BSc/67, CertEd/70, BEd/71, on July 10, 2003.

**Kovacs, Sharron**, BA/69, on January 8, 2002.

**Kraft, Daryl Frank**, BSA(Hons)/68, on July 27, 2003.

**McJannet, Douglas G.**, CA/67, in May 2003.

**Miller, Douglas Allan**, DMD/65, on August 2, 2003.

**Pottruff, Maurine Hope**, BA/63, on June 26, 2003.

**Sanderson, Leonard Donald**, BScME/60, on March 3, 2003.

**Snidal, Dorothy Jane**, MA/67, on September 12, 2003

**Takasugi, Sho**, BSc/67, on January 24, 1998.

**Ting, John Kwong Tai**, BSc/68, CertEd/69, BEd/71, BComm(Hons)/81, MEd/88, on August 30, 2002.

**Webster, Kenneth E.**, MD/63, DipPsych/68, on June 28, 2003.

## 1970–79

**Bailes (nee Garnett), Alison**, BN/73, on July 21, 2003.

**Blanchard (nee Webb), Margaret**, BFA/71, on August 2, 2003.

**Colton, George Michael**, BEd/72, on July 2, 2003.

**Davies, Alfred**, MSc/70, on July 28, 2003.

**Eadie, Warren Shaver**, BEd/72, LLB/73, on June 27, 2003.

**Halprin, Tracey**, BA/79, on September 30, 2003.

**Hedley, H. Douglas**, BPE/79, on September 22, 2003.

**Kirbyson, Frederick**, BEd/70, on September 11, 2003.

**Lymych, Mike**, CertEd/76,

on August 24, 2003.

**McKinnon, J. Gary**, BScEE/72, on June 28, 2003.

**Meyer, Stephen**, BA/72, in April 2002.

**Nazarewich (nee Swystun), Mary Rose**, BPED/70, BA/72, BEd/72, on July 2, 2003.

**North, Clinton B.**, BA/73, on July 14, 2003.

**Petz (nee Gongos), Donna Lee**, BHEc/75, on December 27, 2002.

**Potter, Keith**, BA/73, BEd/79, on June 26, 2003.

**Potter (nee Broneski), Linda Joyce**, BPE/70, on August 27, 2003.

**Romanoff, Barrie William**, BComm (Hons)/73, CA/75, on September 27, 2003.

**Sanders, Patricia M.**, AssocEd/72, BPed/77, on June 28, 2003.

**Scaife, Kathleen Elizabeth**, BN/72, on August 12, 2003.

**Sgayias, David T.**, BA/72, LLB/75, on August 25, 2003.

**Subedar, Mandath**, BA/72, BEd/73, on July 26, 2003.

**Toffan, Gordon Allan**, BA/71, on December 19, 2002.



**Daryl Kraft** (BSA(Hons)/68, PhD), a longtime faculty member, died on July 27, 2003. A member of the Department of Agricultural Economics at the University of Manitoba since 1973, his expertise made him an invaluable advisor to and collaborator with farmers, government and industry. He also recognized for excellence in the classroom and for community service. (with notes from the Winnipeg Free Press)



**David T. Sgayias**, (BA/72, LLB/75), Q.C., passed away suddenly in Ottawa on August 25, 2003. At the time of his death, he was the Chief General Counsel of the Federal Department of Justice, a well-known author of legal texts on Federal Court Practice and Crown liability and a member of the Board of Directors of The Advocates Society.

(with notes from the Ottawa Citizen and the Globe and Mail)

## 1980-89

**Chodak, Randy**, BEd/86, on September 16, 2003.

**Clark, Charles**, BA/86, September 15, 2003.

**Currie (nee Serwa), Eleanor**, BEd/86, on June 24, 2003.

**DeMare, David**, BA/86, MA/94, on August 22, 2003.

**England, Robert Stephen**, BCommHons/82, on October 5, 2002.

**Fedoruk, Barbara**, MBA/83, on July 15, 2003.

**Harris, Rosamond**, MA/83, on July 17, 2003.

**Koubek, James Blair**, BComm(Hons)/89, on September 25, 2003.

**Macksey, Caroline Candace Harriet**, BID/80, on Aug 5, 2003.

## 1990-99

**Connor, Craig A.**, BScCompE/94, on June 25, 2003.

**McCutcheon, Allan Glen**, DipAgric/94, on June 28, 2003.

**Sochaski, Nadia Adelia**, BN/90, in August, 2003.

**Stoyka, Catherine**, ContEd/91, BHEc/97, on July 17, 2003.

## CORRECTIONS

In the August In Memoriam section, we incorrectly referred to **Jo-Anne Gail Buchanan as (nee Clarke)** when it should have read **(nee Clake)**.

**Keeler (nee Allen), Ethel Anita**, BScHEc/30 should have noted that she passed away in October 2002.

**UNDER BIRTHS**, the Kjernisted submission should have read:



**Kjernisted, Kevin D.**, MD/83, **Charlotte (Campbell) Kjernisted**, BA/89, BFA/92, BID/98, and big sister

Bryn Charlotte (born March 22, 1999), welcome Benjamin Kevin Kjernisted, born February 11th, 2003.

We apologize for any inconvenience these errors may have caused.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The Asper School of Business is hosting the **MANITOBA INTERNATIONAL MARKETING COMPETITION** (MIMC) from January 8-11, 2004. There are a limited number of spots available for alumni to attend the competitions and to be part of the Judging Panel. For information, call (204) 474-6598, e-mail, [mimc@cc.umanitoba.ca](mailto:mimc@cc.umanitoba.ca), or check [www.umanitoba.ca/mimc](http://www.umanitoba.ca/mimc).

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an international interdisciplinary event organized by *Mosaic*, a journal for the interdisciplinary study of literature, will be held in Winnipeg, March 11-13, 2004. The conference will include 78 presenters from around the world. For information, contact Dr. Dawne McCance, Editor, or Lisa Muirhead, Conference Assistant, at (204) 474-7151, e-mail, [mosaicjournal\\_conference@umanitoba.ca](mailto:mosaicjournal_conference@umanitoba.ca), or the web site, [www.umanitoba.ca/photograph](http://www.umanitoba.ca/photograph).

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**The Faculty of Science** is celebrating the centenary with this banquet and other events are scheduled for Botany, Chemistry and Physics.

Further information is available from:  
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# Support for Students Goes Above and Beyond



The campaign is supporting accessibility and academic excellence for students from across the university through substantial

The community has spoken. Bursaries, scholarships and student awards are a top priority. To date, the university has received commitments totaling \$33.1 million, or 32.4 per cent over the initial \$25-million goal set for *Building on Strengths: Campaign for the University of Manitoba*.

“This is wonderful news. We were pleasantly surprised with the results because we determined our original goal in a very thoughtful manner and we believed the \$25 million was very realistic,” said Elaine Goldie, Vice-President (External).

Goldie cites the Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative (MSBI), which provides matching funds for each dollar donated towards student support, as a big incentive for donors, but believes the main reason for the tremendous response is the community’s understanding of the value of post-secondary education.

“Our alumni, corporations and foundations understand that post-secondary education enables

individuals to gain a global perspective on life, which is critical to the success of our community,” she said. “Our donors also understand the importance of rewarding excellence and promoting accessibility.”

Tom Suffield (BA/68), Assistant Director of Enrolment Services (Financial Aid and Awards), said this increase in awards is welcomed and needed because of the increasing number of students who require financial aid to meet their educational and living expenses.

“There are more and more students in need every year owing to increased living costs, increased costs of textbooks and higher enrolment,” he said.

“For example, in terms of high-need students, such as single parents, the university awarded 1,200 bursaries last year, but over 3,000 students applied. This means that two-thirds of applicants received no bursary funding.”



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Jim and Sandra Pitblado are supporting a new scholarship which will allow students to travel to Iceland to study the country's language and culture.

## Destination: Iceland

Two Icelandic pioneers, B.B. Olson and Rev. B.B. Jonsson, helped their community get established in Manitoba. Now a new travel scholarship named in their honour will allow University of Manitoba students to make the return trip to study Icelandic language and culture.

Sandra and Jim Pitblado (BComm/53) have donated \$100,000 to establish the Olson/Jonsson Travel Scholarship for Study in Iceland in memory of their Icelandic forebears. The award is named in honour of both of their grandfathers.

The couple have been widely recognized for their philanthropy, most recently as recipients of the 2003 Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award for Voluntarism in the Performing Arts, part of the Governor General's Performing Arts Awards.

"We thought we'd do something to encourage students to go to Iceland to find out about the language and the culture," said Sandra Pitblado. "We hope it helps to preserve Icelandic language and culture by encouraging students who show interest in studying there, but may not have the means to do so."

She has fond memories of spending summers in the Icelandic community of Gimli, Manitoba, visiting her grandmother and attending *Islendingadagurinn*, the local Icelandic festival.

Jim Pitblado compares the motivation behind this gift with that behind the \$1-million gift the couple made to Faculty of Law scholarships in 2001. That donation paid tribute to the Pitblado family's deep roots in the law profession in Winnipeg. On September 17, the couple personally awarded the 2003 Pitblado Scholarships to the top students in second- and third-year law.

"It's the same principle here," he said. "What we were trying to do is invest in human capital, to assist students who want to strive, excel and seek."

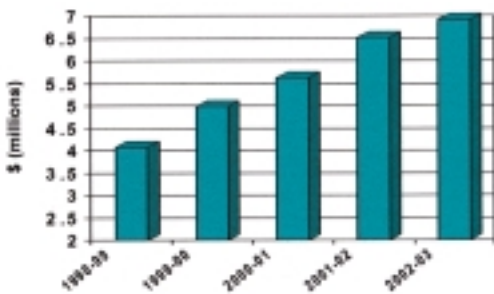
increases to bursaries, scholarships and fellowships.

Suffield said the university has emergency loan funds for high-need students, but that many of these students have a hard time repaying loans, which increases the importance of support that does not need to be repaid.

"For many, scholarships and bursaries mean the difference between staying in school and leaving," said Suffield. "For those students who do receive support, it helps to reduce the financial pressure of meeting their expenses while trying to focus on their studies."

### Undergraduate Scholarships and Bursaries

Funding available to students from endowment funds, outside agencies and non-endowed awards have increased from approximately \$4 million in 1998 to \$6.5 million in 2003.





## Donor Linked to First Classics Prof



Thomas Hart (middle row right), the university's first classics professor, with members of the 1903 Manitoba College rugby team.

Hart Clark (BA(Hons)/35) shares his name with the Hart Scholarship in Classics. He also happened to win the award in 1933. But that's only the beginning of the story.

Both Clark and the scholarship were named after Thomas Hart, the University of Manitoba's first professor of Classics. Raised in Perth, Ontario, Thomas Hart arrived in Winnipeg in 1872 to teach at Manitoba College, one of the university's founding colleges.

Hart Clark's father Frederick Clark (BA/1892) studied under Thomas Hart in the 1890s. He soon after became Hart's teaching colleague. Frederick Clark later served as head of the department of classics, a position he held until he died in 1940.

"Thomas Hart was the person my father respected most among all his acquaintances," said Clark. He adds that his father helped set up the Hart Scholarship in 1929.

These close links to the university's history have recently led Hart Clark to donate \$15,000 to the Hart Scholarship fund through the estate of his sister, Isabel Winkler. Winkler, a 1931 Arts grad, died in Ottawa in 2002.

"Because of the people connected with this scholarship, it's a material link with the department's past, the university's past and the province's past," said classics department head Mark Joyal.

"The award goes to one of our best students," said Joyal. "This gift will ensure the future of the scholarship and should enable us to enhance it in coming years."

After graduating from the university, Hart Clark taught in the Department of Mathematics and took further courses in actuarial math. He left Winnipeg for Oxford in 1937 to continue his studies. He returned to Canada after a five-year stint with the British navy during World War II.

After one year again teaching mathematics at the university, he moved to Ottawa to take a post in the federal Department of Finance. He ceased being on salary with the department in the early 1990s, but still works occasionally. At 89, Clark describes himself as semi-retired.

## First Five Molgat Scholarships Awarded

The first five scholarships established to pay tribute to the late Senator Gildas Molgat (BComm(Hons)/47, LLD/98) were awarded on September 17 at the University of Manitoba.

The \$2,000 scholarships are available to students in the fields of Canadian studies, political studies and history at the University of Manitoba and the Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface (CUSB). They are the largest undergraduate awards in these disciplines at both institutions.

Last year, family and friends set up a \$286,000 endowed scholarship fund to support students in memory of the late senator.

The Senator Gildas Molgat Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee was co-chaired by the Honourable Pearl McGonigal, former Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, and

H. Sanford Riley, President and CEO of Richardson Financial Group. Gifts to the fund were matched by the Government of Manitoba through the Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative (MSBI).

"The donors to the Gildas Molgat Scholarship fund have been motivated by their desire to pay tribute to this great Manitoba statesman. These awards will honour Senator Molgat's memory and recognize his great range of dedicated service to his province and country," said McGonigal.

Senator Gildas Molgat was born in Ste. Rose du Lac, Manitoba in 1927. He graduated with a gold medal and an Honours Commerce degree from the University of Manitoba in 1947, and in 1998 was awarded an honorary doctorate. He was elected to the Manitoba legislature in 1953, where he



Alison Molgat, wife of the late Senator Molgat, makes a presentation to Michelle Ryzd, one of the first five recipients of the Gildas Molgat Memorial Scholarship.

served until he was called to the Senate in 1970. He served as senator until his death in February 2001.

The first recipients of the scholarship are University of Manitoba students Jennifer James, Michelle Ryzd, Jeanette Mockford and Eric Wach, and CUSB student Guillaume Dragon.

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# Internal Medicine Pledges \$3 Million to Research Chairs



Dr. Ken Kasper (centre), Internal Medicine, leads rounds at the General Hospital at the Health Sciences Centre with residents and post-graduate and undergraduate medical students.

Three new research chairs are about to sprout up at the Bannatyne campus with \$3 million pledged by full-time university faculty members in the Department of Internal Medicine.

Department members make a regular contribution to cover clinical and administrative expenses they would otherwise incur in private practice. Faced with a significant

surplus in this fund, the department decided to use the money to strengthen its focus on research.

The contribution provides the first \$1 million of a total \$3 million required to fully fund each of three research chairs. The Faculty of Medicine and Department of Private Funding are looking for donors to provide the remaining \$6 million.

Dan Roberts, Head, Internal Medicine, said that three decades ago the department was considered one of the top research-oriented departments in the country. He hopes the new chairs will help it reclaim that status. "We will do this by recruiting the best clinician-scientists that we can find and by building on our existing strengths," he said. "This is a wonderful expression of leadership within the faculty," said Brian Hennen, Dean of Medicine.

Internal medicine is studied at length by most students and residents in the Faculty.

He applauded the department's intent to strengthen clinical research as a step towards enhancing its teaching.

The first proposed chair will focus on quality improvement, a research area not found at any other medical school in Canada. The chair's research will look at health care in light of modern management theories.

"While diagnostics improve, those benefits don't necessarily get carried on to patients," said Roberts. "The end-product [of the chair] will be to enhance the quality of care by improving its delivery."

The department will finalize a research focus for the two remaining chairs in the coming months.

Roberts hopes that donors will be won over by the strong departmental support for the chairs.

"Part of the strength of our campaign is that members of the department provided the money out of their own pockets," he said.

## New Medicine Bursary Values Teamwork

George Yee (MD/60) has always believed that a good education is one of the most important gifts that parents can give their children. Now the president and CEO of Medical Laboratories in Windsor, Ontario, Yee credits his success in life to his parents encouragement to pursue his education at the University of Manitoba.

"My mother and father always stressed the importance of education," Yee said. "They were both immigrants who worked very hard to make a good life for their children,

and they would do whatever they could to help us to succeed."

In 2003, Yee established an endowment fund in honour of his parents with a \$150,000 gift to the university.

"I owe my education to the University of Manitoba, and I'm now in a position to give something back to the school that gave me my profession," he said.

Yee specified that preference in selection should be given to students who have excelled in team sports.

"One of the values that my parents instilled in me from an early age was the idea of working cooperatively with other people," Yee said. "Collaborative teamwork is especially important in medicine, and when individual accomplishment is emphasized too much, it's easy to forget that it takes many people to provide good health care."

The Charles and Pauline Yee Bursary in Medicine will be available to eligible students in any year of study in the Faculty of Medicine.

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## STUDENTS: THE LIFEBLOOD OF OUR UNIVERSITY

ON APRIL 23, 2003, MANY OF OUR DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI attended the official unveiling of the University of Manitoba Students' Union (UMSU) Archival Walk, a pictorial assembly of student events at the University of Manitoba in the twentieth century. Attendees came from across the country to relive, if only for a moment, one of the most memorable experiences of their lives, their time as students at the University of Manitoba.

As Arthur Mauro (UMSU President, 1950–1951), Bill Norrie (UMSU President, 1951–1952), Harold Buchwald (UMSU Vice-President, 1951–1952) and others reminisced of their time here, they all returned to how the university and UMSU played a vital role in their individual growth towards their respective callings. For them, it was time spent outside the classroom as much as inside that gave birth to treasured lifelong friendships.

How times have changed! Fifty years ago, the university had a population of approximately 7,000 students and UMSU had an operating budget of a few thousand dollars. Today, the University of Manitoba is the third largest community in our province with a population surpassing 26,000 students, and UMSU is a multi-million dollar organization employing over 200 students. However, the development of lifelong friendships during our time as students is still very much part of the university experience.

Reflecting on my two terms as President of UMSU, I could refer to the financial successes of the UMSU in the past several years: being debt-free, posting an annual surplus, expanding all business operations, or transforming UMSU from a \$6 million to a \$10 million organization. But I would rather speak to the meaningful initiatives that have positively benefited students.

Our purpose was to ensure that UMSU would be a place where students can come together and speak in one voice on issues of mutual concern. I believe that we were successful in this respect. The signing of a new long-term

agreement with the Graduate Students' Association resolved many longstanding issues between the two student organizations. The implementation of an historic Health and Dental Plan brought affordable coverage to all students who had no insurance.

The first annual student-organized National Forum on Post-Secondary Education brought together student leaders from across Canada with the primary objective of making Post-Secondary Education a national priority. The UMSU Scholarship and Bursary Fund Dinner recognized the close to one million dollars UMSU annually allocates to students of academic merit or financial need. At the end of my tenure as president, I could not help but feel a sense of jubilation, that for two years, I had been a part of something that had positively affected the lives of thousands of students. I know that the things I learned and friends I made in the service of my fellow students will remain with me forever.

While serving my fellow students, I discovered that the opportunity to serve the community comes as a great honour and privilege, but also with tremendous responsibility. The positive feelings from effecting social change and enhancing the opportunities of others cannot be measured.

Neither can the impact on our lives of lifelong friendships forged through challenge and teamwork, conflict and resolution. My commitments to the University of Manitoba outside the traditional academic framework have provided me with opportunities few students are privileged to experience. I am extremely grateful for this, and will always remember the dedicated executive and staff whose hard work made these initiatives and so many more possible.

In closing, I encourage all of you to visit the UMSU Archival Walk in the UMSU Annex on your next visit to campus. Take a trip down memory lane, and relive some of your time as students at the University of Manitoba.

*Nicholas Louizos was UMSU President from 2001–2003.*



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The University of Manitoba’s Department of Private Funding call centre also contacts alumni about news, events and fundraising opportunities. The Alumni Association office might contact you to obtain your permission to release your personal information if a former classmate would like to reconnect.

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