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Feedback

Dear Editor,

I really appreciate your magazine, which provides me with updates on former classmates and touches of “home.” I was particularly interested in this last issue, and found it pertinent to many aspects of my life. I would have been a year behind Miriam Toews in junior high school in Steinbach. I worked with Dr. Jaroslaw Barwinsky as new graduate nurse on the CVT unit at St. Boniface Hospital. Finally, Ed Rea was the father of two of the highland dancers that I played for at numerous competitions over the years, as well as knowing him from the Pavilion of Scotland at Folklorama.

Thanks for the memories...

Heather Wiens, BSc/86, BN/90

Dear Editor,

It is so good to be kept in touch! The music section had a terrific profile of Jack Cohan by Wayne Drury... so interesting as the personality that came through was the way I remember him from the late 1950's!

Thank you.

Marilyn Fields (nee Gershfield), CertEd/62



Dear Editor,

In response to the last issue on creating and performing: (I believe) there is an innate sense of creativity in all of us, though some will deny it. You cannot teach creativity per se but you can most certainly foster it. In the hands of a good facilitator who will encourage and assist, anyone can produce to their own satisfaction and beyond.

In any endeavour in the arts, one needs to have a sense of where they are heading but the final outcome will not be determined until all aspects have been explored. Often the result will come by accident but it would never have been achieved without going through the creative process, consciously or not. Leroy Nemon once said “creativity is ninety per cent lack of fear.” Take it from there, add a touch of divergent thinking and bravado, and anyone can be creative.

Arnold Ross, CertEd/66, BPed/67



Dear Editor,

Enclosed for your consideration is a tribute—Remembering Vic Cowie—to a well-known local actor and longtime University of Manitoba English professor. A photograph of Vic is included as well.

John Parr, BA/51, CertEd/60

Dear John,

Thank you for your submission. While we have already noted the passing of Vic Cowie in the last issue, we appreciate your tribute and have posted it on our web site, www.umanitoba.ca/alumni. Thank you for the photo (above).



Dear Editor,

I understand that at Homecoming, some alumni will be celebrating the 55th anniversary of the Class of '49. The photograph may be of interest—it pictures the 1949 graduates of the Commerce Actuarial Science Option taken after they had written their final examination.

Most of the graduates were veterans. The class was a small, close-knit group... Success in their university studies was due, in large part, to the interest taken by Professor Lloyd A. H. Warren. Unfortunately Dr. Warren died in October 1948 before he could see his veterans graduate.

J. D. Finlayson, BComm/49

Standing (l-r): J. A. W. Trist, W. J. Rowell, R. A. Cumming, J. Harack, C. J. Staford, W. J. Perkins, G. E. Gould, W. S. Dewar and J. D. Finlayson
Kneeling (l-r): L. V. Hack, A. E. Stanton, a specializing student.
Missing are R. Bregman and R. F. Cholavchuck.

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

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Through a continuing partnership with the University of Manitoba Students' Union, the Alumni Association again sponsored a tuition draw to a current University of Manitoba student, valued at \$1,000. "We're pleased to work with UMSU to provide this support for a current student. It's one of the many activities we participate in on campus to help increase the awareness of the Alumni Association to students, staff and alumni," said **Melissa Weselake** (BHEcol/93), chair, Student Relations Committee. Pictured (l-r) is Melissa Weselake with this year's winner Catherine Urbanik and Cathy Van De Kerckhove, vice-president, UMSU. In addition, during the same draw, UMSU selected names of students to receive three computers for Bannatyne and Fort Garry campuses.

BURSARY CLARIFICATION

In the last issue of *On Manitoba* we incorrectly noted that the Alumni Association bursary was offered to a "Manitoba-born" undergraduate student entering University 1 when the correct criteria is to a "student who attended a Manitoba high-school and entering University 1." For more details, please contact the University Financial Aid & Awards office.

ALUMNI HOUSE PROVIDES SHOWCASE FOR ART



Many graduates may not know that the Alumni Association receives art as a donation or on loan to place in Alumni House where visiting alumni and friends can appreciate them. A couple of 1952 grads have loaned five ceramic figures by artist Anna Wiechec. "We appreciate these being on display, and hope the staff and students and visitors enjoy seeing the work of an up-and-coming Winnipeg artist," said the graduates. Currently, the dolls are being displayed at Alumni House. They will also be displayed at other areas on campus.

MANITOBA MOOSE ALUMNI DRAW

Thank you to the Manitoba Moose for donating prizes for our recent web-draw. The original prize was an autographed Moose hockey stick, but they also added two autographed/framed pictures. There was a tremendous response to this draw! Thanks for your interest.

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BA/77

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Beth Proven (BA/91) (at left) and Kimberly McRuer (at right) from the university with Robert Nix (BComm(Hons)/48).



Tim Klein (BES/79, BID/82) and Frances Freund (BID/65)

Alumni Association President **Brian Macpherson** (BSc/60, MSc/63, PhD), and University President and Vice-Chancellor **Emőke Szathmáry** (PhD) welcomed guests. In addition to great food, guests enjoyed Jackson Triggs wine, in support of alumnus **Don Triggs** (BSA(Hons)/66), president of Vincor Winery, who was also in attendance.

Alumni from all faculties attended and many had the chance to meet the current dean from their faculty. Deans in attendance were: **Doug Ruth** (BScME/70, MSc/72), engineering; **Dennis Hrycaiko** (BPE/71, CertEd/72, PhD), physical education and recreation studies; **Glen Feltham** (PhD), IH Asper School of Business; **Richard Sigurdson** (BA/80, MA/83, PhD), arts; and Mark Whitmore (PhD), science. Also attending were Warden **Janet Hoskins** (BES/75, MSc/82, PhD/85), St. Johns College, Vice-President (External) **Elaine Goldie** (BA) and other university representatives.



GOLDEYES V GAME

Can West Global Stadium was packed on September 2, 2004. The University of Manitoba, together with the Alumni Association sponsored the game. Billy the Bison was in attendance, and the stands were filled with alumni and students showing their pride and wearing university clothing. Anyone caught wearing U of M gear had a chance of winning a prize!

Brian Macpherson, president, Alumni Association Inc. threw the opening pitch and Kristin Suffield who also works at University 1, sang the national anthems. The UMSAE Association from the Faculty of Engineering displayed one of their custom built vehicles prior to the game and the School of Music was well represented through a 45 minute free concert put on by jazz students. Over 300 staff joined in the fun. Thanks for the support!



Andrew Collier (BComm)Hons/92), General Manager Winnipeg Goldeyes with Goldie.



Brian Macpherson, President, Alumni Association Inc.

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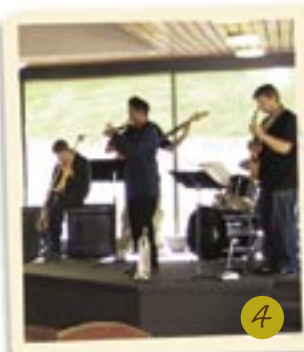


Homecoming 2004 Highlights

HOMECOMING 2004 WAS A SUCCESS WITH 33 CLASSES representing 13 faculties and schools attending activities from September 30 to October 3. The weekend kicked off on Thursday evening with a Gala Homecoming Concert held at the Eva Clare Hall. Events over the weekend included a lecture, campus tours, faculty and school activities on both campuses and a student event in University Centre

– held for the first time in partnership with UMSU. On Saturday, more than 500 alumni and friends attended the Homecoming banquet.

“We’re thrilled that Homecoming is getting bigger and better,” said Tracy Kozar, chair, Homecoming 2004. “And personally, I’ve appreciated the special opportunity as chair to attend many class reunions and share in their celebrations.”



ON BEHALF OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STAFF, THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING HOMECOMING 2004!

For more photos from 2004 and information on Homecoming 2005, check our Homecoming web site: www.umanitoba.ca/alumni/reunions_and_events/homecoming/index.php

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR HOMECOMING 2005, SEPTEMBER 22-25.

photos

1 Engineers gathered at the banquet, sang class songs, and rekindled old memories.

2 Graduates from the Commerce Class of 1954 were showing off their custom made t-shirts featuring their classmates pictures from the *Brown and Gold*.

3 Current university student **Matt Watt** stops by Alumni House to visit with grandparents **Murray** (BSA/49) and **Pamela Jenkins** from Shoal Lake, MB.

4 For the first time, the Alumni Association Inc. organized entertainment for students during Homecoming weekend. On Friday, October 1, 2004, students gathered to hear fellow students from the U of M jazz program.

5 Singing of *The Brown and Gold*. Can you recognize who is in the picture? Chancellor **Bill Norrie** (BA/50, LLB/55, LLD/93), leading the way in his Manitoba Bison hat!,

M—**Janice Filmon** (BScHEc/63),

A—**Simma Holt** (BA/44),

N—**Al Prochuk** (BScCE/64),

I—**Lila Goodspeed** (BScHEc/64, CertEd/68, BEd/69), Home Economics, Class of 1964,

T—**Dale Lonis**, Director, School of Music,

O—**John Alho** Director, Government Relations,

B—**Wayne Anderson** (BSA/63, MBA/68), Chair, Board of Governors,

A—**Elaine Goldie**, Vice President (External)

6 Alumni Board members **Adam Lister** (BEEd/01) and **Rennie Zegalski** (BComm (Hons)/95) with **Allison Zegalski** (nee Hrymak) (BEEd/97)

7 Dean **Doug Ruth** with earliest and most recent grad in attendance at Dean's Wine & Cheese event at University Centre.

8 The UM Swing Club entertained the Homecoming guests as they danced to old songs including Hound Dog!

9 University President **Emőke Szathmáry** presented graduates from 1934 and 1944 a certificate recognizing the 60th and 70th anniversary of their graduation. Pictured is **Simma Holt** and **Emőke Szathmáry**, both who are also recipients of the Order of Canada.

10 Alumni Association Staff with Alumni President **Brian Macpherson** (seated).

11 The Class of 1934 and 1944 celebrated their anniversary together at the President's Lunch. Pictured are classmates from the class of 1944.



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The following are excerpts from Marshall Gysi's upcoming second book, *U of M Prairie Chickens*, which describes his life in university. His first book, *Prairie Chickens Live Longer—A Decade in Darlingford*, shared stories of growing up in a small Manitoba town.

OK, WHERE WAS I? I WAS WALKING EAST ON

the road into the University of Manitoba, about to begin a new phase in my life. It was the fall of 1954, and I was 17 years old, soon to be 18. I had spent the past 13 years at Darlingford, Manitoba, surrounded by the Law family. Mom had taken me, and my two sisters, Frances and Pat, to Darlingford in 1941 when

my father had left her to join the Canadian Army. ...

By now I had reached the campus, and was directed to the men's dormitory. At that time, the men's dormitory was on the west side of the dormitory building, and the women's dormitory on the east side, and never the twain should meet. The only occasions for a meeting of the sexes would be the mealtimes in the cafeteria that separated the main floor of the dormitories, and a large room above, where the Friday Night Dances were held. Never, under the penalty of death or banishment, would one consider trying to visit the other side. Two guardians were posted permanently, one to each dormitory, to see that no breach of this rule ever took place.

I was directed to my new guardian for the following two years. Her name was Clara Unwin. She was tough as nails and looked at you with a look that said, "don't you ever mess with me." Mrs. Unwin gave me the joyous news that I was assigned to a room in the dormitory immediately below her office...

One evening, late in the semester, word got around that there was going to be a raid on the women's dorm. This was exciting business. Soon a bunch of guys were gathered at the

far end of the basement hall, beside the elevator shaft. We had a very old fashioned elevator, with a grill at every floor that had to be opened in order to access the elevator. It did not have a good lock, so it could be opened even when the elevator cage was at another level. Our leader pried the grill open, eased over the edge, and dropped down to the sub-basement level. We all followed, one at a time, with the last one in closing the grill on the elevator shaft opening...

We soon found the tunnel leading under the cafeteria towards the east side of the dormitory... We finally arrived at the elevator shaft of the basement of the girl's dorm. We gathered around the grill, trembling with excitement. Soon we heard some girls... When the girls went into their rooms, we pried open the grill, and climbed up and into the basement level. Mission accomplished! Suddenly, around the corner came a girl who gave a loud scream and ran for her room. Many doors opened, and some guys disappeared. The rest of us scrambled out the rear exit, and tore back to the men's dorm. We were breathless, and sweating with nervous excitement. Most of us headed back for the washroom, where we tried to clean up, to cover any evidence of crawling

through the dusty basement. Then we quickly retired to our bedrooms.

The next day, the "Dorm Raid of 1955" was on everyone's lips... For me, it had been a tremendous success, providing me with all the spring excitement that one could ever want.

For more information about these books, contact Marshall at mgysi@sympatico.ca



Marshall Gysi standing outside his residence, 49 years after moving in.



BY T. ABAYOMI OSHIN (BPT/69, PHD)

I wish to thank the Alumni Association for sending copies of magazines to me over the years. Through them, I have been kept up-to-date about the happenings in my alma mater. There were times when I felt like being on campus again.

I STILL REMEMBER THE MANY NICE, helpful and kind people I met at the university. They included my classmates, lecturers and fellow Nigerian students A. O. Okubanjo, M. O. Olomu, A. I. Akinwande and E. O. Aina. I cannot also forget my landlady, Mrs. C. Johnson of 500 Sherburn Street, who looked after me like a member of her family.

I graduated with a Bachelor of Physical Therapy degree in 1969 at the University of Manitoba. Before then, I studied in London from 1950–54 thereby becoming a member of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (M.C.S.P.) and the first ever African to be so qualified. This year, 2004, marks my 50th anniversary as a physiotherapist.

In 1958, I was sponsored by the United States government as exchange physiotherapist. I spent four useful and very educative months over there. I was a teacher of physiotherapy at King's College Hospital in London where I trained from 1963 to 1965 before obtaining a teacher's diploma. In Nigeria, I was responsible for the initiation of the B. Sc (Physiotherapy) degree course at the University of Ibadan. I remained a faculty member and founding Head until I retired in 1990 after over 300 physiotherapists had graduated with the degree.

In my retirement, I engaged in the activities of voluntary organizations. Among others is the Boy Scouts Association of Nigeria as a commissioner. I had been in the Scout movement since 1941 (in secondary school) as tenderfoot scout.

I also keep myself busy and fit by looking after my large backyard orchard of orange, lemon, tangelo, shaddock,

mango, pawpaw, guava and coconut trees. There are bananas and plantains as well. The fruits, which appear at varying times, are for home consumption and for charitable purpose. In the rainy seasons from May to August, I often take care of the planted edible vegetables.

Aside from all of the above, I read, write articles and participate in radio and television programmes on the management and prevention



T. Abayomi Oshin as a student in 1969 (top left) and in 2003 (above)

of physical disabilities and on other topics. I play flute, harmonica and listen to soft music. There is no end to learning says the old adage. I have therefore embarked on computer studies and wish to be computer literate in my life's time. I watch video films; in particular those of our children's weddings, our (my wife and I) 70th birthday anniversaries and many others. I also take part in church activities.



Professor Spence (centre) with faculty and students at University of Ibadan

I was shocked and grieved to read about the death of Professor Marjorie B. Spence.

My first contact with her was in 1968 when she was invited to be the first external examiner in physiotherapy for the newly established B.Sc. (Physiotherapy) degree course at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. I was then in charge of the physiotherapy department at the University College Hospital (U.C.H.) at Ibadan.

Professor Spence encouraged my enrolment to the University of Manitoba. She also assisted many Nigerian U.K.-trained physiotherapists in like manner.

Throughout the period from 1968 to 1975 that Professor Spencer was external examiner at Ibadan University, she was much concerned about the progress and advancement of the course. As a result of the many good pieces of advice she gave, the programme has, presently, accommodated candidates for the master's and doctoral degrees.

Professor Spence was, indeed, a pleasant, hardworking, generous, and kindhearted person who influenced the profession of physiotherapy worldwide in no small measure.

IMPACTING ITS COMMUNITY

More than \$1.2 billion in province-wide economic activity is stimulated by the University of Manitoba, according to a study released on October 26. The Regional Economic Impact Analysis, produced by PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP and commissioned by the University of Manitoba.

Including planned capital expenditures over the next five years, the study found that 13,546 jobs have been or will be created in the province by the University of Manitoba, resulting in \$299 million in labour force income alone. Taxes generated by the university produce \$158 million in annual revenue, and value-added impact from spin-off

firms and other business expenditures amounts to more than \$643 million. Operating, research and capital expenditures totaled \$511 million in 2003–04 alone, with planned capital expenditures of \$271 million by 2007.

The University of Manitoba brings approximately 114,000 casual visitors to Winnipeg each year, who contribute more than \$27 million to the provincial economy. Out-of-town students contribute more than \$46 million in spending. Benefits generated from 17 spin-off companies are estimated at \$35 million.

ENROLMENT REACHES RECORD

First-day-of-class figures show enrolment at an all-time high of 27,518 students. This is a 4.3 per cent jump over last year's record-setting enrolment of 26,378, and marks the high point of a recent trend in student growth.

WEBSITE HONOURS GREAT GRADS

The University of Manitoba launched a new website in December to pay tribute to some of its most influential and highest achieving alumni. The site (www.umanitoba.ca/honours) highlights graduates who have received the Order of Canada and the Order of Manitoba, the most prestigious honours in the country and the province.

SOD TURNED ON NEW SELKIRK AVENUE BUILDING

A new facility was launched on August 25 which will provide upgraded space for two degree programs for students who have not traditionally considered post-secondary education: a social work degree, offered through the faculty of social work at the University of Manitoba, and an education degree, through the University of Winnipeg. Since 1981, the two programs have been located at the Winnipeg Education Centre. The facility is expected to be open in summer 2005.

FALL CONVOCATION 2004

Approximately 1,100 students graduated during Fall Convocation in October. Honorary degrees were conferred on leading Manitoba business executives **David G. Friesen** (BA/69) and **Hartley T. Richardson** (BComm(Hons)/77). Friesen also received the Distinguished Alumni Award during Convocation. A third honorary degree was conferred on **Anne Smigel** (BA/52, BEd/58) a Winnipeg educator and graduate, a leader in projects related to Ukrainian heritage and culture. The Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award of the Graduate Students' Association was presented to **Digvir Jayas** (PhD), Canada Research Chair in Stored-Grain Ecosystems and associate vice-president (research). The Winnipeg Rh Institute Foundation Medal was presented to **Gerald A. Friesen** (PhD), history.





REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

Celebrating Diversity

Every now and then some people have observed that there is no architectural integrity to the university's campuses. Building styles vary and to some this is a flaw. I do not see it that way. To me our campuses' architectural diversity is a metaphor for the diversity that has marked the population of Winnipeg since its foundation. The university community reflects our city, province, and nation, so it should surprise no one that the identity of our students is heterogeneous.

There was a time in the history of Canadian universities when university enrolment was restricted primarily to males, primarily of European heritage, and drawn primarily from higher socioeconomic strata. That changed in Canada by the mid 1980s as the proportion of female students surpassed males and as diversity increased, especially by age, ancestry and socioeconomic status. It is no different at the University of Manitoba, except that changes began earlier.

Diversity is the underlying theme of this issue of *On Manitoba*, which focuses on one segment of our university community—our graduates of Aboriginal ancestry. Their numbers increase every year and this year 1,600 of our students declared Aboriginal status: First Nations, non-status Indian, Inuit or Métis. The majority of these students enter university directly from high school, as do the majority of non-Aboriginal students. Their programs of study range from the arts and sciences to professions such as engineering, medicine and pharmacy.

I take pleasure in what I see on our campuses, as would Alexander Kennedy Isbister, the Métis educator who was the university's first benefactor. His will stipulated not only that his gift of \$83,000 was to be used for scholarships and prizes to students seeking entry to the University of Manitoba, but also that these awards should go to those who merited them, regardless of sex, race, creed, language or nationality. Many of our graduates would know of the Isbister scholarships, but few among them would know that one of Isbister's grandmothers was Cree, that he earned degrees from Edinburgh and London, and that he died in 1883. That he would link academic accomplishment with a conviction that it is demonstrable in all sectors of humanity is astonishing for a man of his time, and not all of the world has yet caught up in knowing what he did.

Alexander Kennedy Isbister's conviction has been the guiding compass of the University of Manitoba. He would be proud of the principles manifest in our campus diversity, and most certainly he would share our pride in our Aboriginal graduates.

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



THE CANADIAN WARTIME EXPERIENCE

The Documentary Legacy of Canada at War. This Remembrance Day, the University of Manitoba Archives & Special

Collections is launching a 10,000 image website documenting Canada's Wartime participation covering the Red River Resistance, the Boer War, World Wars I and II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. The digitized documents, photos and publications comprising. Also included is an educational site consisting of interactive teachers' guides and student activities for Grades 4, 6, 9, and 11. To view this valuable educational research tool, visit: http://www.umanitoba.ca/libraries/units/archives/canada_war/



FACULTY HONOURED

On September 30, a special evening in honour of **Helen Glass** (NursCT&S/58, PhD),

was held to celebrate her lifetime of achievement to the nursing profession and to the University of Manitoba. The fundraising dinner yielded \$10,000 in support of the Distinguished Researcher in Residence Program. In addition to these funds, the Faculty of Nursing will contribute \$20,000 as a matching contribution. With Glass's donation, the endowment fund now stands at \$40,000.

Benjamin Levin (BA(Hons)/74, PhD), education, was presented with the Lieutenant Governor's Medal For Excellence in Public Administration. **Robert Kroetsch** (PhD), distinguished professor emeritus, was recently named an officer of the Order of Canada. **Noralou Roos** (PhD), professor, medicine, was named a member of the Order of Canada.

IN THE TOP 100

University president **Emőke Szathmáry** was recognized as one of Canada's 100 most powerful women by the Women's Executive Network. She was honoured in the Trailblazer category in which winners were identified as the first in their field and had made valuable contributions to Canadian society.

PROGRESS REPORT ON ASBESTOS

The University of Manitoba has been taking steps to ensure that everyone who attends and works at the university is protected against potential exposure to asbestos fibres

The university has asbestos containing materials in many of its older buildings and has developed a comprehensive and documented Asbestos Management Program (AMP) to ensure a safe workplace is maintained for all employees, students and the visiting public. The AMP document takes into consideration all existing provincial regulations and guidelines pursuant to the removal or management of asbestos.

Asbestos is a naturally occurring product that was used extensively as an insulating product. It was used as a sprayed-on-product in boiler and furnace rooms and used on pipes throughout the industrial world. Because of its fire resistance, it was also used in products such as ceiling or floor tiles, and roofing products. Asbestos was used very commonly in construction throughout the industrial world until the 1960s. Due to a number of health effects, primarily in the lung, asbestos is no longer used as a construction material in North America.

A reference publication *Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM) Reference Guide* was published in January 2004. This document is illustrated and includes a summary of the common forms of ACM found at the university. Included is information on where these materials are generally located on campus, their friability classification and the level of precautions required when working with such materials. The Guide may be found on the Environmental Health and Safety Office (EHSO) web site at www.umanitoba.ca/campus/health_and_safety/asbestos/index.shtml.

University maintenance staff meeting the criteria established in the AMP undergo regular bi-annual medical surveillance under the supervision of an occupational health physician specialist, Dr. A. Kraut, in accordance with Provincial guidelines. Medical surveillance has been conducted in 2002 and 2004 for maintenance staff, as well as any staff member at the university who wished to be tested. Dr. Kraut's reports to the university on the results of the medical surveillance have concluded that there is no clear evidence of asbestos-related diseases identified in the survey population.

Former staff and alumni members who are concerned about possible asbestos exposure during the 1960s may wish to contact their family physician for further information and advice on follow-up. The EHSO may also be contacted at 204-474-6633 for further information or check our web site, www.umanitoba.ca/campus/health_and_safety/asbestos/index.shtml.



FROM A BISON TO A BEAR

While watching NFL Football, you may have noticed a familiar name in the Chicago Bears lineup. Former Bison **Israel Idonije**, a 290-pound, 6-foot-7 defensive end/tackle has become a regular on the Bears defense.

"We're proud but not surprised of what Israel has accomplished," said Brian Dobie, Bison head coach. "He's an outstanding athlete with an incredible work ethic but what makes Izzy special is his character which gives him his will to succeed."

Born in Nigeria and raised in Brandon, he has enjoyed a stellar career that was capped off in 2002 when named university male athlete of the year, named a CIS All-Canadian and received the J. P. Metras Trophy for outstanding lineman in Canada. Before joining Chicago, he played with the Berlin Thunder of NFL Europe and spent some time with the Cleveland Browns.

Idonije is the only Bison football player to reach the NFL and only one of two former Canadian college players on an NFL roster. The Bisons also rank in the top two among Canadian college football teams for the number of players in the CFL which include: Wade Miller (BPE/95), Matt Sheridan, Wes Lysack and Boyd Barrett in Winnipeg, Scott Coe and Travis Arnold (BESS/03) in Calgary, Devin Rodger in Edmonton, Darnell Edwards and Wayne Weathers (BA/99) in Saskatchewan, Jamie Boreham and Frantz Clarkson in Hamilton, Chris Hardy in Toronto, Demitris Scouras (BMR/99) and Dave Donaldson in Ottawa and William Loftus in Montreal. Also in the CFL are coaches Bobby Dyce and Ron Lancaster Jr. in Winnipeg. For more Bison info, check: www.umanitoba.ca/bisons.

RESEARCHERS JOIN FORCES TO IMPROVE END-OF-LIFE CARE FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE

A unique team of researchers will receive a total of \$1.4 million to participate in groundbreaking research that will change the way palliative care addresses the needs of people who need it the most—the frail elderly, people with terminal illnesses facing a long and progressive decline, and those with longstanding disabilities.

The team, from eight disciplines, will provide concrete models and guidelines that will inform public policy and clinical practice which will ensure greater access for vulnerable populations.

Over the next five years, the funding from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research will assist the End of Life Care and Vulnerable Persons New Emerging Team (VP-NET) in exploring and addressing the availability and accessibility of end of life care. Under the joint leadership of **Harvey Max Chochinov** (MD/83, PhD/98), psychiatry, and director of the Manitoba Palliative Care Research Unit at CancerCare Manitoba, and **Deborah Stienstra**, director of disability studies at the University of Manitoba, the team, which includes theme leaders **Joseph Kaufert** (PhD), community health sciences, and **Zana Lutfiyya** (BA/76, EdD), education, will examine these populations and how their various physical, psychological and intellectual impairments affect access to end-of-life care.

RESEARCHERS LOOKING TO LOCALS FOR ANSWERS TO COMPLEX RESOURCE ISSUES



Graduate student Ramona Neckoway at Cross Lake, MB

A researcher has translated his love of the North into a study designed to discover a way of preserving Aboriginal traditions through improved natural resource stewardship. “It is a life or death issue for the hunting element in the community. Natural resources are the basis of survival,” said **Peter Kulchyski** (PhD), native studies.

Kulchyski and his team of two graduate students, Jocelyn Cheechoo and Ramona Neckoway (BA(Adv)/04), are working with four Aboriginal communities, Fort Good Hope, NWT, Pimicikamak, MB, Poplar River, MB, and Grassy Narrows, ON, to learn more about the different approaches these four communities are using to govern their populations and how decisions will be made regarding natural resource use in traditional territories.

The project is funded by a three-year Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council grant worth \$144,125.



The University of Manitoba celebrated the start of construction on the Richardson Centre for Functional Foods and Nutraceuticals (RCFFN), a \$25-million facility which will enable researchers to identify and enhance health-promoting compounds in prairie crops and develop them into marketable food supplements and products.

The 55,000 square-foot centre will house up to 40 full-time researchers from the faculties of agricultural and food sciences, human ecology,

CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY

medicine, pharmacy as well as from outside collaborating agencies.

Researchers will focus on several areas in the research and development of food supplements extracted from crops grown in the prairie region—from identifying useful compounds in plants, enhancing these compounds, developing ways to process and incorporate them into food products and considering the consumer acceptability of the final products.

The Richardson Centre has received major support from Winnipeg’s Richardson family and their group of companies, CIBC and Agricore United. Additional funding for the facility is being provided from the Government of

Canada, the Province of Manitoba and other private-sector donors.

More than 120 people attended the ‘start of construction ceremony’ held October 8 at Smartpark, the university’s research and technology park, including Manitoba Advanced Education and Training Minister **Diane McGifford** (MA/74, PhD/79), **Derryl Millar** (BA/71, BComm(Hons)/73), director general of operations, Western Economic Diversification Canada, **Hartley Richardson** (BComm(Hons)/77), president and CEO of James Richardson & Sons, Limited, **Curt Vossen**, president of James Richardson International, and **Emőke Szathmáry** (PhD), university president.

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES

The University of Manitoba is recognized nationally for providing opportunity for students. Over the past few decades, one priority has been to become a leader in Aboriginal education. The following stories provide examples of this success.



Mike Robertson
on site at new facility
on Selkirk Avenue.



new Breaking ground

MICHAEL ROBERTSON'S (BA/98, MARCH/04)

optimism not only shapes his personal and professional life but it's contagious.

One reason for this attitude is his background. Robertson is Métis, of half Cree and Scottish background, as his father's home community is the Norway House Cree Nation located at the northern end of Lake Winnipeg. He believes that if you take time to meet with people and openly and honestly communicate with them, understanding and sharing of ideas will follow as a matter of course.

Robertson grew up in the River Heights area of Winnipeg and attended Kelvin High School before enrolling at the University of Manitoba where he obtained an undergraduate degree with a major in anthropology. After one year in the fine arts program, he transferred into the pre-masters program

around helping the Aboriginal youth of Norway House to develop an idea for a community project. One, he hoped, which would lead to the eventual creation of a youth centre. This central theme of his thesis, focusing on that community involvement, entitled "Oskatishak Oski Meskanaw," means "A new path for youth."

His idea right from the start was to listen to people's needs as he spoke with the members of the community, both youth and Elders alike. This allowed him to develop ideas that would lead to what he calls "a truly consultative design." To achieve this, he showed up in Norway House armed with a workbook that the youth used to develop ideas based on their likes and dislikes. This procedure appears to have been quite fruitful since no less than 250 youths participated in the process. This resulted in an actual design (the thesis), but

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in architecture, and just recently completed a graduate degree, convocating in October. Currently, he works at Prairie Architects where he is an associate and also an intern—new graduates are required by the Manitoba Association of Architects to complete a series of exams in order to be able to register as an architect in Manitoba. Robertson is the only Aboriginal or Métis in the province currently enrolled in the Internship in Architecture Program and is believed to be the first.

When asked why he chose architecture, he replies with a laugh, "Every Wednesday evening in fine arts, they would show us the life of a contemporary artist, and I saw the struggles involved in leading such an existence. It was then that I decided to look for a vocation that was mainstream but still remain in a creative field. That's what brought me into architecture."

For his thesis, which is a comprehensive exam and includes a design component, Robertson returned to his roots in Norway House to speak with members of the Cree Nation. His thirst for creativity and projects that are socially meaningful furnished him with a motivational theme built

true to form, Robertson says that it is up to the people who "own" the project to see if it will be built or not.

He believes that one of the main challenges for him as an architect will be to keep in contact, since he will continue to channel some of his creative efforts to these communities. He thinks that consultation is the key, that people must have the opportunity to be heard, something that he thinks is just as important for inner city Aboriginal youth as it is for those who live in isolated northern communities.

Robertson says that the University of Manitoba can play an important part in that process. Recently the university and the Faculty of Architecture have increased efforts to be more accessible to students of Aboriginal background. There are more recruitment efforts as funds have been made available for a newsletter as well as for travel to the northern communities to encourage youths to pursue their education and career goals. Robertson hopes that these young people will look up to him and others like him, and be just as uncompromising and honest in their own pursuit of something meaningful to them.

MICHEL FOREST (BA(ADV)/85)

Following her father's advice



PRISCILLA MCIVOR (LLB/01) WAS EIGHT YEARS OLD WHEN SHE realized how she would make a difference. She loved visiting her extended family on Sandy Bay First Nation, located two hours north west of Winnipeg. But the curious little girl hungered to know why life was so difficult on the Lake Manitoba reserve where she spent the first years of her life.

“I’d come to the city—I lived in Crescentwood—and then I’d go out to Sandy Bay and there would be poverty, bad roads and no running water. I wondered why Sandy Bay so different (than life in Winnipeg). Life was so much harder out there,” says McIvor.

Always inquisitive, the young McIvor often asked her father and grandfather how they could make life better for the community she grew up with on Sandy Bay. “My dad said, ‘One day you’ll change everything when you become a lawyer,’” recalls McIvor.

Those words were prophetic. McIvor went on to complete her law degree and articulated at Legal Aid, often working with protection cases.

Today, McIvor works for the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC), a 16-year-old organization that coordinates the province’s First Nations communities. Initially, she was hesitant to take the job because she felt her role at legal aid was an important one. But she made the move to AMC when she realized her work there would impact Aboriginal people across the province—and even across the country. One of her key roles at AMC is working on an Aboriginal self-government agreement

with Ottawa—an agreement with the aim of improving life on reserves.

While she is one of four lawyers working on the project, she is the youngest. Lorne Cochrane, AMC special projects director, says he hired McIvor because he could see her rare passion for her profession. “She is very committed, eager and she brings a different perspective,” said Cochrane.

McIvor says she grew up without feeling discrimination, but admits that during her high school years, she knew she was different and often tried to hide it. “I would hear comments and jokes and was slightly ashamed about who I was.” It was during her years at university when she gained a strong pride about her heritage. She read about Aboriginal history and developed a rapport with her classmates and professors. “University was a great experience. The Faculty of Law was small and you really got to know people,” she recalls, noting that she still keeps in touch with her classmates. They still exchange ideas, often by e-mail.

When she’s not working, McIvor is thinking about Vohla (pronounced Olga), a 15-year-old girl from Belarus that stayed with her and her husband for two summers. The girl, from

...her work there would impact Aboriginal people across the province.

an area affected by the radioactive fallout of Chernobyl, was malnourished and underweight when she came to Winnipeg a few years ago.

“Jason and I met her and totally fell in love with her. We were totally devastated and heart wrenched when she had to leave,” says McIvor, who along with her husband and friends donated money and care packages to send to Vohla and her family. The little girl, who lived in an orphanage, was eventually reunited with her mother.

“We miss her. The whole experience made us realize how fortunate we are. It’s not the material things that are important. It’s family,” says McIvor, who has since joined the First Nation Christmas Charity Board, an organization that sends hampers to First Nations families in remote areas of the province. The charity is part of McIvor’s effort to instill a spirit of giving in others. “We need to get that sense of community back.”

SHAMONA HARNETT (BA(ADV)/96)

Finding “the perfect fit”

THE CLOSEST TO PERFECTION A PERSON EVER

comes is when she fills out a job application form. **Diane Burelle** (nee St. Jacques) (BComm (Hons)/93, ContEd/99), has found “the perfect fit” in her career without having to embellish her resume. As Senior Employment Equity and Community Relations Advisor with Manitoba Hydro, she has found a career where “the philosophies and values align exactly with who I am. It’s a very exciting area to work in and I am very fortunate for the opportunities that Manitoba Hydro has provided,” she says.

Burelle joined Manitoba Hydro right after she graduated in 1993. “When I started here, I had the opportunity to go through various human resource functions and had a lot of exposure to the employment equity function,” she says. “While I was working in employee relations, I was invited to be part of the Aboriginal employment review committee. It was the most meaningful work I had ever done and I told management I would love to do more of it.”



Participants during October 2003 mission (l-r): Kerry Single, BComm(Hons)/03, Manitoba Hydro; Gloria Hanff, SNC Lavalin; Ramon Carranza Discua, Honduras; Diane Burelle, Manitoba Hydro; Jim Melvin, Manitoba Hydro International; Evelyn Soriano de Velis, El Salvador; Jose Fernando Mendez Lopez, Guatemala; Marleny Oliva de Rodas, Guatemala; and Rich Ludwick, Manitoba Hydro

The university opens doors, it absolutely opens doors.

She has been doing more of it ever since, including two missions to Central America where she has lent her skills to projects in Guatemala and El Salvador.

Her primary function with Manitoba Hydro is to create initiatives that ensure inclusiveness in the organization’s recruitment and retention practices. “We are making sure there aren’t any systemic barriers that negatively impact any of the designated group members which are women, persons with disabilities, members of visible minorities and Aboriginal peoples,” she explains. “Our focus is to facilitate employment opportunities for those groups because they are underrepresented in organizations.”

Burelle’s international experience happened when “an unbelievable opportunity presented itself.” Manitoba Hydro International secures contracts with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) which mandates that their projects demonstrate gender equity. “The first project I was involved with was for rural electrification

in Guatemala. I had studied Spanish at university. I am a French Metis woman with a passion for language, and lo and behold, I had an opportunity where I could use Spanish in an employment context.”

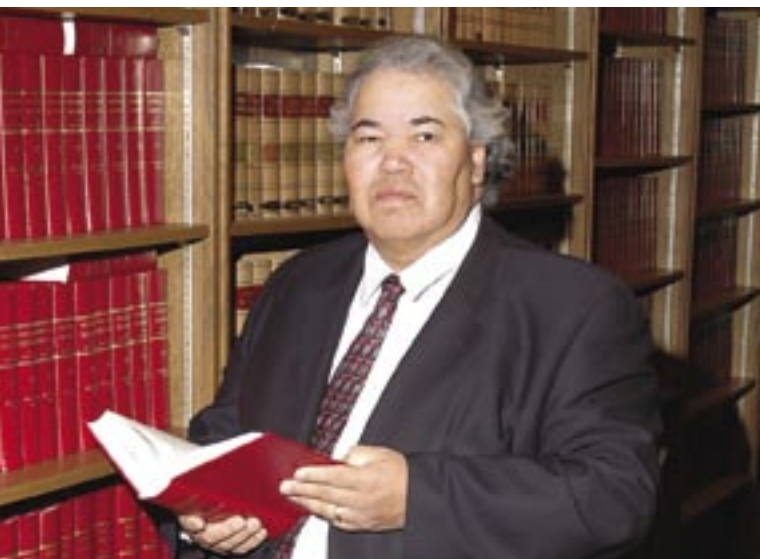
In 2002, Burelle traveled to Guatemala to provide training related to the employment systems review, identifying barriers, and how to overcome them. The following year, she was part of a CIDA mission to El Salvador, providing training related to discrimination and a harassment-free workplace. Then in the fall of 2003, Manitoba Hydro hosted a mission in Winnipeg where she provided human rights and employment equity training to guests from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras.

While Manitoba Hydro has given her some wonderful opportunities, she believes the University of Manitoba prepared her to take full advantage of those opportunities.

“Anyone who has undertaken the Bachelor of Commerce Honours degree knows its very thorough and quite a solid academic foundation,” she says. “With the human resources specialization I was very well prepared with the academic base, and Hydro has given me the experiential base. The university opens doors, it absolutely opens doors.”

WAYNE DRURY (BA/70)

Keeping his connection



FOR MOST OF HIS ADULT LIFE HE WORE HIS HAIR IN A LONG braid but, in 1999, when Justice Murray Sinclair (LLB/79, LLD/02) began to wear his hair progressively shorter, many were under the wrong impression that it was to conform to the stereotype of a judge. In fact, says Justice Sinclair, “it is a sign of mourning as each time someone close to me dies, I cut a little more off out of respect for the deceased.” This action is one hint to the connection that Justice Sinclair has kept with his heritage.

Justice Sinclair was born and raised just north of Selkirk on what was then called Old St. Peter’s Reserve. The family home was located right next to the Dynevor Indian Hospital, which today is an Aboriginal healing centre. The Sinclair family was a part of the Peguis First Nation and from a diverse cultural and ethnic background. His paternal grandmother was half-French and half Ojibway. His grandfather was a Cree from Norway House. At home, the languages spoken were Cree, Ojibway, French and English but the Sinclair family did not consider themselves to be Métis. Rather, they identified themselves primarily with the grandmother’s dominant Ojibway lineage from the Hollow Water First Nation reserve near Manigotagan on the eastern shore of Lake Winnipeg.

Justice Sinclair began his studies in the University of Manitoba’s physical education program in 1968. After his second year, he returned home upon the death of his grandfather to care for his grandmother. During the next few years, he worked at the local Friendship Centre and was vice-president of the Manitoba Métis Federation. In 1973, he

became the executive assistant to Howard Pawley, who was then MLA for Selkirk and soon to be Attorney General for the Province of Manitoba. In 1976, Justice Sinclair returned to university, entering law school, having acquired an interest for the field as he became involved with the workings of the Department of the Attorney General.

“I first went to law school with the aim of becoming a politician,” Justice Sinclair said. “I thought that it would be the best arena in which to further Aboriginal issues, and become an advocate for that community.” But he became so engrossed with the courtroom experience while still in law school, he received an award for civil litigation. He went on to practice as a trial lawyer for the next eight years. In 1988, he was appointed Associate Chief Judge of the Provincial Court and, in 2001, he became a Justice of the Court of Queen’s Bench.

Justice Sinclair has been recognized for his contributions to the legal, Aboriginal and general communities. Among them, he has received honorary doctorates from the University of Manitoba in 2002, St. John’s College in 2000 and the

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University of Ottawa in 1999. In addition, he has received honorary diplomas from Red River College and Keewatin Community College.

Upon becoming a father in 1976, Justice Sinclair decided that the time had come to learn more about his heritage in order to give his children a stronger connection to the ancestral background of the family. For example, in Ojibway culture and tradition, growing one’s hair out is a sign of respect for life and nature as well as the community and when worn in a braid, it symbolizes the “trail of life.” He has also taken up the languages of his forebears, and is taking French lessons as well as “re-learning” the Ojibway language.

Justice Sinclair’s personal philosophy is to re-evaluate his professional priorities every few years since there are many demands made on him as a public figure. As an Aboriginal person in the judiciary, he will continue to work with colleagues to improve the way the justice system treats Aboriginal people.

MICHAEL FOREST (BA(ADV)/85)

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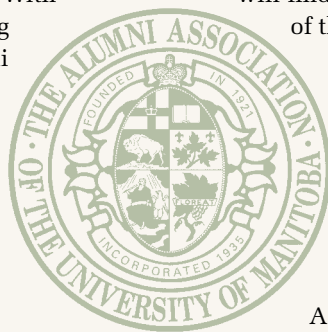
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Near the top of the class



THE GOOD NEWS IN MACLEAN'S

The 2004 annual survey of Canadian universities by *Maclean's* magazine is one source of good news, showing that we do more with and for our students than most universities. *Maclean's* provides a “value-added” measure, defined as getting top marks for going the distance with students. Essentially, the value-added measure tracks which universities achieve the highest outputs with students (awards, graduation rates, and others) relative to inputs (entering grades). “This measure is likely the one students and parents would point to as the most significant,” said **John Danakas** (BA(Hons)/85, MA/94), director, public affairs. Where does *Maclean's* rank us in the value-added category? First among all medical-doctoral universities in the country, and the only university in Western Canada in any category to break the top 12.

All other student output measures—and *Maclean's* has only three more, which they weigh bewilderingly low within the overall rankings (a mere seven out of 100 possible points)—tell the same story about the University of Manitoba: this is a school that goes the distance with its students. Our student retention (percentage of first-year students who return in second year) at 85.1 per cent, is third among all universities in Western Canada, ahead of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Calgary, Winnipeg, Regina, Brandon and others—likely a testament to the success of the University of Manitoba's innovative University 1 program.

Our ranking in the proportion of students who graduate within one year of the expected date (84.8 per cent) also places us third among all Western Canadian universities. As for the national awards measure, our 5.2 awards per 1,000 students, ranks in the top 10 among medical-doctoral universities and, once again, third in the West.



The University of Manitoba is recognized for the supports it provides students and recent studies and accolades have shown that these efforts are producing outstanding results.

Other high marks for the University of Manitoba were earned for the number of out-of-province and international students we attract, our competitive class sizes and the percentage of the university budget devoted to maintaining library services. Alumni support ranks seventh in the medical-doctoral category and tied for second in Western Canada.

THE SECRET TO SUCCESS

The University of Manitoba is successful in these categories, in large part because of the scope of services available to provide the opportunity, the tools and the encouragement for students to succeed in university. These services include: University 1, Student Aid and Awards, Student Records, Student Counselling and Career Centre, Student Advocacy, Learning Assistance Centre, Disability Services and the Food Bank. In addition, the university has developed innovative programs in response to the diversity of its student body. Some of these include English as a Second Language, the International Centre and the Aboriginal Student Centre. In addition, student groups include the Womyn's Centre and the Rainbow Pride Mosaic.

One of the jewels among these services is ACCESS. ACCESS programs are open to refugees, Aboriginal people and people living north of the 53rd parallel. Since 1975, these programs have offered degree-level study to individuals facing social, economic, geographic and cultural barriers, or a lack of formal education. They offer academic and financial support (including bursaries), counseling, advocacy, instruction and tutoring for anyone who has missed out on university because of social, economic, or cultural reasons. Specific programs are also available in areas such as engineering, nursing, social work, business and medicine. More than 1,200 people have graduated from these programs since its inception.

The University's ACCESS Programs are nationally and internationally recognized. For example, ACCESS won the 2001 Conference Board of Canada's national award for fostering Aboriginal learning and achievement. Also, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, Governor General of Canada, His Excellency John Ralston Saul are two of the ACCESS program's biggest supporters.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

In 2003, the University of Manitoba mapped out its strategic priorities in *Building for a Bright Future: A Strategic Plan for the University of Manitoba*. One priority was to build on success and make the University of Manitoba the first choice of Aboriginal students. As part of this planning process, an advisory committee to the Provost prepared a report on how to achieve this goal. "We're pleased that the committee has received tremendous feedback from various constituencies on campus. Specifically, the committee is currently looking at other ways and means to reinforce the Aboriginal Recruitment Office and exploring the possibility of an Aboriginal building on campus," said **Fred Shore** (MA/83, PhD/91), committee member and director, office of university accessibility.

Compiled with assistance of Public Affairs, ACCESS Programs, and the Office of University Accessibility.

QUICK FACTS DIVERSITY AND OPPORTUNITY

Total Enrolment at University of Manitoba, 2004/05 **27,631**

Number of Students who identify themselves as Aboriginal, 2004/05 **1,605**

Aboriginal enrolment

(as % of undergraduate students)

2000/01	2.7%
2001/02	3.9%
2002/03	4.3%
2003/04*	6.0%
2004/05	6.5%

(*2003-04 data has been restated based on increased efforts to improve on the collection of declaration data.)

Percentage of graduating students of Aboriginal ancestry at University of Manitoba, 2003

Percentage of graduating students of Aboriginal ancestry at other universities, 2003

International student enrolment

1999/00	754
2000/01	826
2001/02	974
2002/03	1,232
2003/04	1,718
2004/05	*2,304

(*8.3% of student body)

Total number of ACCESS graduates from 1975 to 2003..... **App. 1,200**

ACCESS and Accessibility Programs

Professional Graduates from 1975 to 2003

MEDICINE	22
LAW	55
SOCIAL WORK	504
ENGINEERING	*43

(*represents one third of Canada's 145 professional engineers who are Aboriginal)

DENTISTRY	*5
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(*represents almost one half of Canada's dentists who are Aboriginal)

EDUCATION	330
BUSINESS	32

Sources: University of Manitoba Office of Institutional Analysis, Canadian Undergraduate Research Consortium

A Conversation With...

“I value most the persistence that students exhibit to acquire their degree.”



YVONNE POMPANA

(BA(ADV)/88, MSW/97, PHD CANDIDATE), ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, INNER CITY SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM, FACULTY OF SOCIAL WORK, WINNIPEG EDUCATION CENTRE.

Education: Currently in the dissertation phase in the doctoral program in Native Studies at Trent University.

Years Teaching at The University of Manitoba: Since 1992.

Areas of Expertise: Aboriginal peoples and government policies of assimilation/devolution and decolonization, Indigenous epistemologies and research methodologies.

Before Teaching: A large part of my time was devoted to obtaining my undergraduate and graduate degrees. While obtaining my second degree, a few colleagues and I were actively involved in student politics. In fact, we founded the Graduate Students' Association in Social Work.

Hobbies: I enjoy taking photographs, reading and skating.

Outreach Activities: I have been actively involved in establishing the Aboriginal Professional Helpers Society Incorporated—an organization that considers the specific role of Aboriginal social workers in general and other professional/natural helpers in the Aboriginal community.

Something Others May Not Know: Sailed from Hawaii on the USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD6), a warship which was sailing back to the United States from the Persian Gulf. It's one experience I won't forget—looking out at the vastness of only sky and water and contemplating our place in the universe.

What Excites You Most About the Future: I am most excited about the reclamation and revitalization that is occurring in the Aboriginal community. I think it's important, especially for students, to see how our culture can provide stability.

Most Rewarding Aspect of Teaching: I value most the persistence that students exhibit to acquire their degree. I love to watch them walk across the stage to receive their degree and I enjoy it tremendously when they come back to visit us at the Centre.

Awards Received: University of Manitoba Outreach Award, 2000

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WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO PROFILE THEM RIGHT AWAY BUT WE DO KEEP A LIST FOR FUTURE PROFILES OR STORY IDEAS.

What's New In Print



R. K. (ROB) KOSLOWSKY

A WORLD PERSPECTIVE THROUGH 21ST CENTURY EYES - THE IMPACT OF SCIENCE ON SOCIETY

2004, Trafford Publishing

In his debut book, Rob Koslowsky reviews the positive impact science and technology has on western society. Rob's writings capture the essence of the biological, cultural, and technological evolutions of humanity.



Rob Koslowsky (BSEE/1981) was born in Lexington, Missouri, raised in Winnipeg, Manitoba and worked at various locations throughout North America with Nortel Networks, Cerent Corporation and Cisco Systems.



WAYNE TEFS 4 X 4

2004, Turnstone Press

As the Dokic family leaves for Thompson, they think the worst they'll have to face is low visibility and icy roads. What rests between them in Darryl's 4 x 4, however, is much harsher than the weather, and it will force them to face what they know and what they think they know about each other and themselves.

Wayne Tefs (BA(Hons)/70, PhD/78) was gold medalist in his graduating class and is a Woodrow Wilson Fellow. Winner of the Margaret Laurence Award for Fiction for *Moon Lake*, he is the author of eight novels and one non-fiction memoir: *Rollercoaster: a Cancer Journey*.



SHELDON GOLDFARB REMEMBER, REMEMBER

2004, The UKA Press

Fourteen-year-old Aleister Lister Smith is sailing through a peaceful existence at a respectable public school in Shropshire. Perhaps too peaceful, even a bit boring at times. But all that changes one day when the mysterious brother-in-law of his schoolmaster shows up.

Sheldon Goldfarb (MA/86, PhD) grew up in Montreal and spent a year in Manchester studying history. He now lives in Vancouver, where he works at the Department of English at the University of British Columbia.



LIAM DURCAN

A SHORT JOURNEY BY CAR

2004, Vehicule Press

From a turn-of-the-century Parisien café where a waiter witnesses the birth of modern cinema to a reminiscence about swimming lessons among sisters who are struggling with bigger contingencies, the sixteen stories in *A Short Journey by Car* give us a cast of characters struggling with forces that perplex and threaten to consume them.

Liam Durcan (MD/89) was born and raised in Winnipeg and now makes his home in Montreal where he works as a neurologist. He won the 2004 QWF/CBC Quebec short story competition and has been nominated for the Journey Prize.



FRANKLIN KOBIE

PYRAMID OF GREED

2004, Brookview Publishing

Kobie's novel follows Dr. Zoltan Szabo, an unscrupulous businessman with expensive tastes who searches world wide for lucrative opportunities, including his latest deal to develop a complex of pulp and paper mills in Northern B.C. Trailing Szabo around the globe is Inspector Novak who is pulling together the threads of evidence against Szabo which he intends to weave into an airtight case.

Franklin Kobie (BComm(Hons)/71) resides in Edmonton where he is managing director with Brookview Consultants Inc. He has also worked for the RCMP as a commercial crime investigator and was CEO of Dreco Energy Services.



DEBBIE FRASER ASKIN

INFECTION IN THE NEONATE: A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO ASSESSMENT, MANAGEMENT, AND NURSING CARE

2004, NICU Ink

Winner of the American Journal of Nursing Book of the Year Award in the maternal child category, this book provides the reader with an in-depth guide to the management of and nursing care for neonatal infections.

Debbie Fraser Askin (BN/81, MN/89) is a neonatal nurse practitioner at the St. Boniface General Hospital and assistant professor at the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Manitoba.

OTHER RECENTLY RELEASED BOOKS INCLUDE:

AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 YEARS by **Beatrice Harding** (BScHEc/34), 2004.



SUPPORTING

IN THIS DIALOGUE, DONALD STEWART AND GLEN MCCABE discuss how the university is responding to challenges facing the changing student demographic. **Donald Stewart** (BA(Hons)/83, MA/86, PhD/91) is a clinical psychologist, an associate professor, and the director of the Student Counselling and Career Centre at the University of Manitoba. **Glen McCabe** (MEd/92, PhD/04) is assistant professor in the Department of Education Administration Foundations and Psychology in the Faculty of Education at the University of Manitoba. Before joining the Faculty of Education, he was a counsellor at the Student Counselling and Career Centre.

WHAT KIND OF CONCERNS DO STUDENTS HAVE TODAY?

DS: I think students have always been concerned about their success in a chosen program. That hasn't changed. What has changed is that the stakes are higher with increasing costs and there is a perception that fields are more competitive. These factors have resulted in students feeling more stress than, say, ten years ago. There is a difference when we look at groups of students. International students, for example, have different circumstances that contribute to their stress. While most simply choose to come here for an excellent education, some are among their country's academic elite and are funded by their government with the expectation that they will return and teach at home. Others may be refugees or political exiles, with all of the difficulties attendant to those circumstances. Most international students adjust successfully, but having to deal with a whole host of differences, from the food and

weather through to language and customs, can take more time and effort than anticipated. This can affect their rate of progress academically.

GM: Aboriginal students that I have counseled faced similar pressures. Many are funded by a band council or home community. And there are also adjustment issues. These adjustments are different from main stream students in a way because of the perceptions of Aboriginal people within Canadian society. There is a concern about how accepting the university is of their culture and many experience alienation when they arrive. Most students need some time to adjust to the cultural difference and to the understanding how the university works. But the university has been responding to these unique needs.

HOW HAS THE UNIVERSITY BEEN RESPONDING?

DS: The university has placed a focus on accessibility and has been successful in both the recruitment and retention of students. At Student Affairs, we're involved in both areas and I'm inspired by the energy and dedication of our staff to assist students, especially as enrolments are increasing.

GM: The university has also had success in attracting and supporting Aboriginal students over the past few decades. One reason is that the university has had a focused approach to inviting and recruiting Aboriginal students. The Aboriginal community on campus has been able to develop a voice, sometimes with the assistance of the university and sometimes

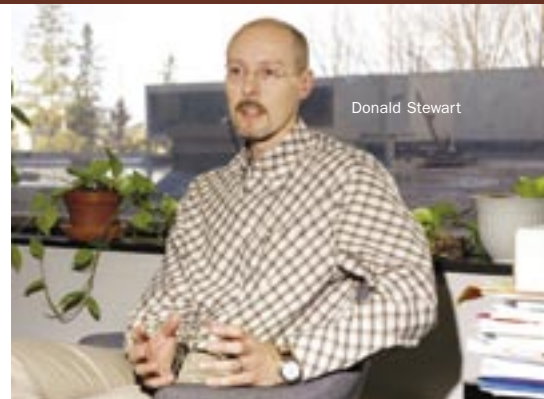
despite the university environment. Today, this voice has grown into a noticeable Aboriginal community on campus comprised of faculty, staff and students. Today, for example, the Aboriginal Student Centre provides a place where students feel welcome where they can meet, connect with peers, locate resources, and meet with an advisor. This plays a role similar to the one the International Student Centre plays with international students.

DS: One thing the university does extremely well is respect diversity and it has built on this strength.

mature student group as well as provide individual counselling for these students to assist with career and personal issues.

HOW HAVE STUDENT CONCERNS CHANGED OVER, SAY THE LAST DECADE?

DS: As mentioned, the level of stress has increased, not only on our campus but across North America. On the positive side, students are more willing to seek out help. Unlike, perhaps, their parents, students today grow up in a culture where they are socialized to think psychologically about their problems. In fact, they're encouraged to take control, discuss their problems and reach out



Donald Stewart

to develop relationships by being visible and welcoming. This is why we organize workshops and programs and participate in special orientation events such as the Star Lake camping program offered by the International Centre for Students. It is important for us to bridge the gap between cultures and expectations. I think we have been relatively successful. In fact, one of our staff members developed a joint program with the International Centre for Students that has been recently nominated for a Canadian Bureau of International Education award. In addition, we also conduct research to identify the factors crucial to academic success.

WHY ARE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA SUPPORT PROGRAMS HIGHLY REGARDED NATIONALLY?

GM: I believe that the university genuinely tries to be respectful of the differences between students and has been able to develop some programs that successfully support their goals. It realizes that parallel tracks can lead to the same goal.

DS: At the university, the door is open to dialogue. Units focus less on where their boundaries end and more on how to develop partnerships that respond to student needs as they arise.

GM: And this grassroots approach is consistent with Aboriginal culture. It reflects a new approach that has been able to take place as programs developed and as the student demographic has been slowly transformed.

HOW IS THE UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE DIFFERENT FOR MATURE STUDENTS?

GM: I've found that many mature students, especially those who are single parents or with families, bring the benefit of life experience and they're focused. Although the pressures for success are the same, they are sometimes more reluctant to ask for help. Many of the Aboriginal students on campus are single parents.

DS: Their needs are certainly different and motivations are different as well. Many have come to university because of a career change, a lay off, an injury, or for retraining. At the Counselling Centre, we've set up both an organized

for help. However, with this reaching out comes higher expectations and, as a counselling centre, we have had to adjust to these increased demands.

GM: It's a little different for Aboriginal students who balance two cultures. For us, we tend to turn first to our community for help even if the problem is related to education. In this healing path, we will seek guidance from Elders or from others who can share their experience. This approach also affects the way Aboriginal students view the world. While a typical student may make decisions with an individual focus with less pressures from the community, Aboriginal students are expected to take into account how their decisions will affect the health and wellness of the community.

DS: We've found this is also the case with some international students who come from a collective culture model rather than an individual focus. With international students, there is too much diversity to generalize, but we have found that it is important



Glen McCabe

Paying Tribute: A Natural Thing To Do

Michael Nesbitt (BComm/56, BA/57) hopes that by establishing a graduate scholarship and a lecture series in the department of zoology, he will help encourage students to follow in the footsteps of his grandfather and mother.

But these are no ordinary footsteps. Nesbitt's grandfather was the renowned British zoologist Major G.E.H. Barrett-Hamilton, (pictured bottom right) whose mammalogy research from the early 1900s is still used today. Barrett-Hamilton died at the age of 42 while on a whaling research expedition in the Antarctic commissioned by the British government.

No less pioneering was Nesbitt's mother, **Geraldine Margaret Barrett-Hamilton Nesbitt** (BSc/31) (pictured above), who moved to Winnipeg with her mother and siblings upon her father's untimely death. Nesbitt became the first

woman in Winnipeg to graduate with honours demonstrating both in zoology and chemistry.

"I wanted to pay tribute to my grandfather and mother and at the same time to help students succeed in their endeavours," said Nesbitt, chairman of the Montrose Mortgage Corporation. "I also wanted to give students who have the intellectual capacity and the desire, but not necessarily the financial means the opportunity to pursue higher education."

Each year, the G. E. H. Barrett-Hamilton Scholarship Fund will provide a first or second year graduate student in department of zoology with a scholarship valued at \$12,500. There are only two other zoology-dedicated scholarships currently available to graduate students in the department.



"There just aren't enough scholarships to go around," added Erwin Huebner, head, zoology. "This means that we are always competing with other institutions who can offer students more money."

In addition, each year Nesbitt will contribute \$2,500 towards the cost of attracting a world-class researcher to give a lecture on a topic in zoology or related areas. The department of zoology and graduate students will raise any additional funds required and graduate students will organize the event.

"The lecture series will help connect our students to the wider community," explained Huebner. "It will also give the University of Manitoba the opportunity to show these speakers what kind of exciting work we are doing here in the department."

SARA SCOTT

A Greater Global Commitment

The I.H. Asper School of Business will soon be attracting more students from around the globe with the new University of Manitoba Business Scholarships, courtesy of **Rick Waugh** (BComm(Hons)/70), president and chief executive officer of Scotiabank.

The scholarships are worth Cdn \$16,000 per year for four years towards a student's tuition and housing expenses and will be open to children of non-Canadian Scotiabank employees outside Canada. Waugh's hope is that the awards will encourage international students to pursue post-secondary business degrees at the university.

"There is a tremendous need for greater global commitment and leadership from citizens of leading nations like Canada and I am eager to do my part," said Waugh, a Winnipeg native. "I've taken my lead from the culture we've developed at Scotiabank. As a major international company we know that we can have the greatest impact at the local community level. And as an alumnus, I am grateful for an opportunity to give something back to the university."



The new awards are not only the biggest scholarships in terms of dollar value offered by the University of Manitoba, but they are the only undergraduate scholarships currently offered to international students. Applicants must demonstrate excellent academic standings as well as community involvement through at least 25 hours of volunteerism. Successful students will be offered paid summer internships at Scotiabank.

"Canada is a trading nation and it is absolutely imperative that as part of the education process we ensure that our students are equipped to understand and work with people who have different cultural backgrounds, languages, and experiences," said Glenn Feltham, Dean, I. H. Asper School of Business, of the new scholarships. "Having international students who are part of the classroom will go along way to encouraging different perspectives, ideas and diversity."

Waugh is an Associate of the I. H. Asper School of Business and has served as chairman of the School of Business' Ontario Division fundraising campaign.

SARA SCOTT

Bursary Made Immediate Impact

Five years ago, **Mary Page** (BSc/97, BEd/02) (pictured with students) decided it was time to go back to school to pursue her dream of becoming a teacher. With a husband and six children aged two to 15, she knew achieving her goal would be a challenge.

"I was taking my education degree full-time, had a family to take care of and was hostessing part time to help out with the bills. It was a bit crazy," says Page. "I really needed some financial aid to help me get through my degree."

Luckily, soon after, Page received a substantial bursary, which made an immediate and positive impact on her life. The bursary gave her the freedom to quit her job, concentrate on doing well in school and spend more time with her family.

"The stress level of university is high, competitive, and challenging and sometimes it is easier to give up than to keep on going—you can only take so much," said Page. "Receiving the bursaries certainly kept me in university and gave me a boost when I really needed it."

Today Page is living her dream. She not only graduated with high academic standing, but she got a job teaching high school dance, biology and science full-time at Transcona



Collegiate. She is also taking her Masters Degree in Education part-time at the University of Manitoba.

Because of the opportunity afforded to her through the bursaries she received, Page makes a point of encouraging her students to apply for financial aid and not letting the opportunity of attending university pass them by because of lack of funds. "I tell them 'if you have a dream, you can do it. Don't be afraid to apply for financial aid—I needed it and it made a big difference,'" she said.

SARA SCOTT

Helping Inner City Kids

Robert Alan Kennedy (BScEE/62) is taking a unique approach to creating opportunities for students by making gifts to support inner-city kids before they're old enough to attend university.

"I want these children to always have the university in mind as a place to find answers," said Kennedy. "I hope these programs will show children that the university exists and that it can provide a multitude of opportunities for those who attend university."



In 2004, Kennedy approached the university about ways he could help to empower young people who are in less fortunate situations to realize the educational resources available to them and to encourage students to stay in school. He didn't want to start a new program, but he wanted to build on the strengths

of an existing one. The Mini-University Summer Camp and the Faculty of Dentistry School Busing Dental Program fit the bill.

Each year at Mini-University, young people ages four to 18 flood the university to learn about entrepreneurship, music, medicine, bugs, computers and many other areas of interest. With Kennedy's gift, a group of junior-high students in the inner city will be afforded the opportunity to attend Mini-University for two weeks for up to five consecutive years, provided they keep up their marks and foot a small portion of the cost to show they are serious.

"Inner-city youth have limited choices in their future. We have to compete with the inner-city gangs," he explains. "We can offer a better choice to our youth by creating programs to show

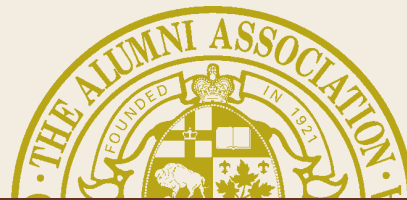
them that they're going to get more out of a university education than in a gang."

At the same time, Kennedy discovered the Faculty of Dentistry School Busing Program, which allows kids from families with low incomes to receive complete dental care from dentistry students. The program was in need of funding and was slated to be closed, but was able to remain open due to Kennedy's gift.

Kennedy has been a major donor of the University of Manitoba since 1996, when he established the Robert Alan Kennedy Bursary and Scholarship awards. Kennedy extended his commitment to the university in 2000, when he donated a large gift to the Faculty of Engineering to name a communications lab in the new Engineering and Information Technology Complex.

STEPHANIE YAMNIUK (MA/00)

Through the Years



COMPILED BY HOLLY CAMPBELL (BA/85)

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IN THE APRIL 2005 EDITION IS FEBRUARY 5, 2005

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING ALUMNI WHO RECENTLY RECEIVED THE PROVINCE'S HIGHEST HONOR, THE ORDER OF MANITOBA:

Armstrong, Jack Douglas, BA/61, MD/66.
London, Jack Reuben, LLB/66.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING ALUMNI WHO, IN JULY, WERE WELCOMED AS NEW FELLOWS TO THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA—THE CANADIAN ACADEMY OF THE SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES:

Backhouse, Constance, BA/72, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa.

Beckett, Sandra, MA/78, PhD/84, Department of French Literature, Brock University.

Dick, John E., BSc(Hons)/78, PhD/84, Senior Scientist, Toronto General Hospital Institute.

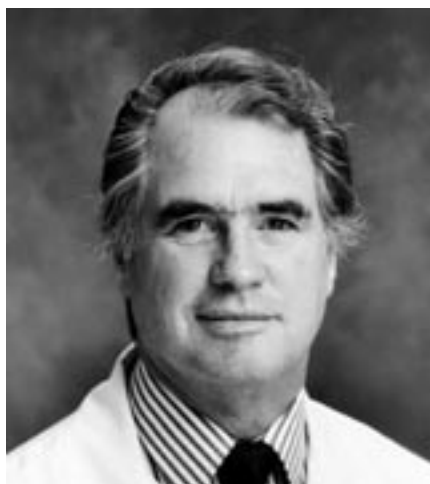
Standing, Kenneth G., BSc(Hons)/48, PhD, Department of Physics, University of Manitoba.

1940-49



Sherman, Louis R., BA/49, (*above*) was appointed to the Advisory Council of the Institute for the Humanities, July 2004–June 2007.

Craig (nee McLean), Joan, BHEc/68, CertEd/69, has now retired from a career in Customer Service and is enjoying life in Calgary, AB, and spending significant time volunteering with seniors and non-profit organizations.



Duke, Peter Charles, MD/64, (*above*) is the recipient of the 2004 Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society Gold Medal award, the highest award of the Society. Duke is a professor of anesthesiology and surgery at the University of Manitoba.

Jones, Rees M., CA/68, is now Chief Financial Officer with Jory Capital Inc.

Kulshreshtha, Surenda N., PhD/65, awarded Fellow of the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society 2004.

Posner, Barry, MD/61, professor of medicine at McGill University, is a project leader for one of fourteen new large-scale applied-health genomics research projects that received funding from Genome Canada and Genome Quebec earlier this year. Posner's

project is entitled Identifying people's genetic predisposition to develop Type-2 diabetes.



Rogers, Brian J., BArch/62, (*above*) Member of Quebec Order of Architects since 1969. Rogers occupied a position with Kelly Stanley & Associates/Architects in Edmonton, worked in Switzerland for four years, was a partner in Desmarais Cousineau Yaghian St-Jean Rogers Architects in Montreal and has skied the Alps and traveled in Europe. Currently is semi-retired residing in the little town of Baie d'Urfé on the western tip of the Island of Montreal. Rogers is still politically active, was Quebec executive councilor under Preston Manning, special advisor to Quebec's Equality Party and is currently writing a book on Canadian nationalism. Rogers is married to Julia D'Errico, native of Montreal and they have three children.

Simmie, Patricia, BA/69, Executive Vice President of Camelford Graham recently received the distinguished honor, Fellow of the Professional Marketing Research Society.

Underwood, T. David, BScCE/64, was installed as director-at-large of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-conditioning Engineers in June 2004.

1950-59

McGinnis, Lloyd R., BScCE/56, DSc/00, was named an Officer, Order of Canada on May 14, 2004. McGinnis is Chief Executive Officer, ISIS Canada Research Network.

1960-69

Artibise, Alan F. J., BA/67, (PhD University of British Columbia), has relocated to Arizona State University from the University of New Orleans where he was dean of the College of Urban and Public Affairs for two years. Artibise joins the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences leadership team as a divisional dean responsible for the academic and administrative operation of the social sciences unit.

1970-79

Michon, Robert, BSc(Hons)/78, (MBA/86, Université Laval) was recently appointed Vice-President, IT Services for Taleo Corporation, the leading provider of enterprise staffing management solutions to large organizations. Michon is based in Taleo's R&D facility in Québec City.



Tregebov, Rhea B., BA/74, (*above*) recently moved from Toronto ON, to Vancouver, BC, where in January 2005 she will begin teaching in the Creative Writing Program at the University of British Columbia as an assistant professor. Her sixth collection of poetry, (*alive*): *Selected and New Poems*, has just been released by Wolsak and Wynn (Toronto).

Wood, Paul, BA(Hons)/74, LLB/84 (University of Alberta) became president-elect of the Association for Continuing Legal Education at the 40th Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado, August 2004.

1980-89

Cull (nee Weber), Wendy BPE/82, CertEd/83, (*below*) received The Pas Citizen of the Year Award, presented by the The Pas Chamber of Commerce on September 18, 2004. Cull's



many accomplishments and dedication to the Northern Community have also been recognized by her receiving the Lieutenant Governor's 2001 Make a Difference Community Award for the Norman region.

Latter, Gordon J., BComm(Hons)/86, (FSA/94), has been transferred by Merrill Lynch from Seattle to the New York office, where he is vice president of American Pensions and the Endowment Group. Gordon and his wife Jane Maxwell, BComm(Hons)/87, (FSA/98), along with their 2 children, Sean (5) and Lauren (3) will make their home in New Jersey.

Toews, Miriam, BA/89, received the Governor General's Literary Award for her novel, *A Complicated Kindness* in November.



Henault, General Ray, BA/92, LLD/04, (*above*) Canada's chief of defense staff was selected to a top military post with NATO as chair of the military committee. In this role, he will serve as chief advisor to the NATO secretary general. Currently Canada's chief of defense staff, Henault was on campus during Homecoming to receive an outstanding alumni award from the Faculty of Arts.

2000 to Current

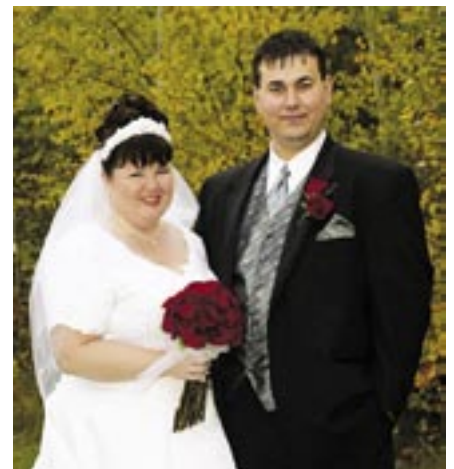
Au, Pak Man, BA/02, was awarded a Master of Public Administration 2004, and is currently in South Africa on an internship with the Federal Government.

Holness-Big Eagle, Cleo, ContEd/02, has been named the first-ever recipient of a newly established award, Management Development for Women Distinguished Alumni Award. Holness-Big Eagle is the Manitoba regional coordinator of the Aboriginal Workforce

Participation Initiative and an active volunteer in a number of activities and organizations.

Tracz, Ruslan B., BA(Hons)/04, is currently in Kyiv, Ukraine, for a 6 1/2 year internship with the Kyiv Post, an English-language newspaper. Tracz worked as a columnist with the *Manitoban*.

Marriages



Arnason, Carla J., BA/93 and Ryan W. (*above*) Desjarlais, BSc/03, were married Sept 20, 2003 on the shores of Lake Winnipeg, Gimli, MB.

Mackay, Jeannie, BN/67, married Fred Young, BScCE/55, MSc/62, in Winnipeg, on May 8th, 2004. Both are retired and presently living in Winnipeg and Brandon, MB.

Seager, Mary-Jane, MD/85, BScMed/85, and Reinhard Sprenger BScCE/74 were married on May 7, 2004 at an elegant wedding at home. They are continuing to make Fort Garry their home. Mary-Jane is an Obstetrician/Gynecologist in private practice, working at both St. Boniface Hospital and the Victoria Hospital. Reinhard is the Lead Hydraulic Engineer with UMA Engineering.

Births



Francis, Michael Nitin, BSc/93, (*above*) and Mandi are thrilled to announce the arrival of their son, Drake Lou Francis. Drake was born on August 25th at almost seven pounds. Michael and Mandi reside and teach in Toronto, ON.



Martin, Robert, BCSc(Hons)/88, (*above*) and Brigitt (nee Norlander), BA/89, are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Zena Violet Martin, on September 3, 2004 in Burnsville, Minnesota.

Prystupa, Katrina, LLB/87, and Robert Maule, are now the proud parents of three beautiful girls, the latest addition being Catherine Erica Prystupa Maule, born April 4, 2004 (04/04/04!) at Ottawa, ON, weighing in at 9 lb. 4.5 oz.



Rosnes, Allan, BEnvD/04, and Sarah Rosnes are pleased to announce the birth of Annika Jade (*above*) on May 26th 2004, born at the Victoria General Hospital, weighing 8 lbs. 10 oz. and measuring 20.5 inches long. Annika is welcomed into the family by her big sister, Madison Leigh (June 16th 2001). Allan is continuing his education in the Landscape Architecture graduate program at the University of Manitoba.

News from Abroad



Henderson, Scott (*above-left*) was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia on January 26, 2004 for services to education and the accounting profession. Henderson was a staff member in the School of Commerce in the late 1960s but moved to Australia in 1970. Henderson retired from the University of Adelaide in 2001 as dean of Business. Henderson is pictured with son Brenton who was born in Winnipeg.

In Memoriam

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

1920-29

Deacon, Alfred E., MD/29, on February 19, 2004.

Trueman, Allan Stanley, BA/23, on July 7, 2004.

1930-39

Allen (nee Orris), Ruby Eleanor, BA/32, on October 1, 2004.

Chernick, Harry, BSA/36, on July 7, 2004.

Dickey (nee Iredale), Tannis Jean, BA/30, on August 22, 2004.

Hodgson, Lorine Jean Gladys, BA/33, BEd/57, on September 27, 2004.

Humphrys, Richard, BA/37, on August 21, 2004.

Kellet (nee Smith), Norine I., BA/39, DipEd/40, BEd/69, on August 31, 2004.

Mackay, William Brydon Fraser, BScEE/38, on September 29, 2004.

Mackenzie, Lillian Gertrude, BA/33, on August 23, 2004.

Martin (nee Mackay), Evelyn Elizabeth, BA/39, on September 10, 2004.

Maureen (nee Redmond), Sister Helen Rita, BA/35, DipEd/46, BEd/55, on August 29, 2004.

Pankiw, John William, BSc/37, on September 6, 2004.

Rettie, James Robert, BScCE/35, on August 12, 2004.

Sheps, Cecil G., MD/36, DSc/85, on February 1, 2004.

Trueman (nee McIntyre), Margaret Carol, BSChEc/38, on June 6, 2004.

1940–49

Brownell, Edward Gray, MD/46,
on September 16, 2004.

Cannell, Douglas J., BArch/49,
on April 29, 2004.

Emberley, Kenneth C., DipAgric/47,
on September 12, 2003.

Ewanchuk, Michael, BA/40, BEd/41, MEd/50,
on August 26, 2004.

Hooge, Peter D., MD/41, on June 17, 2004.

Hughes, Reverend Owen Tudor, BA/49,
on August 12, 2004.

Jacques, Robert Aurel, MD/42,
on July 15, 2004.

Keelan (nee Hewitt), Mary Margaret,
BComm/46, on August 22, 2004.

Krawchuk, Theodore, BSc/49,
on October 6, 2004.

Laing (nee Kotchapaw), Betty Catherine,
BScHEc/48, on October 8, 2004.

MacNaughton, Albert Edward, BComm/48,
on June 28, 2004.

Malmgren, Edward V., BScEE/47,
on August 7, 2004.

Maloney, Justice A.W., BA/49,
on May 1, 2004.

Muirhead, J. Frank, BSA/42,
on September 17, 2004.

Muldrew, Cecil Drummond, BSc/48, BEd/59,
on September 6, 2004.

Nakauchi, Alice Aiko, AMM/46,
on September 12, 2004.

Penner, Nicholas, BSA/49, on June 10, 2004.

Plotkin (nee Goldberg), Natalie, BA/47,
BSW/49, on July 13, 2004.

Pollard, William S., MD/49,
on September 5, 2003.

Reynolds (nee McGillis), Beryl, DipID/46,
on November 2, 2000.

Swanson, Arni Ragnar, BComm/42,
on September 4, 2004.

Uhryniuk, Eugene, DipPharm/41,
on June 15, 2004.

1950–59

Anderson, Fred S., CA/57, on July 18, 2004.

Ayers, Thomas N., MD/57, on August 12, 2004.

Barkman (nee Giesbrecht), Josephine H., Nurs.
C.T&S/59, BN/71, on September 14, 2004.

Beaupre, Colonel (Ret.) Alphonse Elie, LLB/51,
on October 1, 2004.

Bockstael, Francois Joseph, CA/59,
on July 23, 2004.

Buhr (nee Troop), K. Dorothy, BScHEc/53,
on September 14, 2004.

Bull (nee Graham), Eileen, BScHEc/50,
on September 10, 2004.

Cairns, Ross Douglas, BScPharm/54,
on September 20, 2004.

Cameron, William H., BScCE/51,
on October 17, 2004.

Cantor, Norman Frank, BA/51,
in September 2004.

Dyck (nee Howey), Joyce Doreen,
BScPharm/51, BA/57, MSW/71,
on October 12, 2004.

Froese, Frank John, BPed/56, BA/56, BEd/59,
MEd/69, on September 12, 2004.

Furgale, Nettie, BSA/54,
on October 7, 2004.

Gillies, Malcom, BEd/56,
on September 6, 2004.

Johnston, Isaac Ray, LLB/52,
on July 31, 2004.

Joubert (nee Papageorgiou), Doreen Olive,
MD/53, on September 1, 2004.

Joubert, Noel Y., BALatPh/48, MD/56,
on September 1, 2004.

Kilimnik, Edward S., BPed/59, BEd/67,
on July 17, 2004.

Kolt, Leslie Leopold, BPed/52, BSc/52,
BEd/59, on June 15, 2004.

Kruselnicki, T.B., BScME/50,
on August 24, 2004.

Labies, Gerhard Hellmut, BA/57, BEd/61,
on October 6, 2004.

Lafreniere, Robert Ernest, BALatPh/51,
on July 18, 2004.

Leathers, Winston L., DipArt/56,
on July 20, 2004.

MacDonell (nee Fraser), Doris Mary,
BPed(Hons)/57, on July 21, 2004.

Marcoux, Laurent, LLB/53,
on August 6, 2004.

McBeath, Robert G., BSc/52,
on May 27, 2004.

Reid, David Allan, CA/52,
on August 20, 2004.

Robson (nee Rempel), Norma Helen, BA/51,
AMM/53, BEd/60, on September 21, 2004.

Rodway, Gordon William, BComm(Hons)/50,
in August 2004.

Ross, Lyman, BSc(Hons)/55, MSc/56,
on September 10, 2004.

Rowe, John Stanley, PhD/56,
on April 6, 2004.

Siryj, John, BScEE/50, on October 12, 2004.

Skwarok, Walter S., MD/54, in June 2003.

Tennenbaum, Martin, BScCE/57,
in December 2003.

Turnbull, John B., MD/54,
on September 8, 2004.

Wankling, Richard Alan, CA/55,
on September 4, 2004.

Watson, Ronald K., MD/53,
on August 6, 2004.

**Williams (nee Radford), Dolores Teresa
Blanche**, BSc/51, on August 30, 2004.

1960–69

Buchanan, Lynne Ellen, BA/69,
on October 17, 2004.

Coles, Lilius P., BEd/60, on July 26, 2004.

De Roo, Irene Marie Leontine, BA/65, BEd/68,
on July 8, 2004.

Ganczar, Kenneth Joseph, BSc/66, BA/88,
ContEd/00, on October 12, 2004.

Guyda, Bruce John, CertEd/68, BSc/68,
BEd/80, on July 2, 2004.

Kaushal, Gian P., BEd/67,
on September 23, 2004.

Kernatz (nee Pewarchuck), Louise,
BSc(Hons)/65, CertEd/75, BEd/79,
on August 4, 2004.

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

Mason, Robert Lawrence, BA/60,
on September 22, 2004.

McKinnon (nee Bater), Marilyn Gail, BA/68
on June 6, 2004.

Nakielny, Wladyslaw, DipPsych/62,
on July 28, 2004.

Neville, Donald Ellis, BA/68, on July 11, 2004.

Notley, Glynn R., BScEE/63, MSc/65,
on June 13, 2004.

Parker, Maxwell Addison, BA/61, BEd/63,
on September 9, 2004.

Peters, Erna Alma, BA/63, BEd/66, MEd/70, on July 23, 2004.

Protasiewicz, Bertha, BA/63, BEd/68, on July 3, 2004.

Routhier, Lucille Blanche, BALatPh/67, on August 2, 2004.

Smithen (nee Mazer), Judith Myra, BA/69, CertEd/70, on September 20, 2004.

1970-79

Anderson, Donald A., BSc/77, on May 11, 2003.

Andrejczuk, Bohdan Danilloh, CertEd/74, BA/74, on June 24, 2004.

Bobbie (nee Wallace), Donna Rae, BSc(Hons)/74, MSc/76, on August 31, 2004.

Burelle, John P., BA/70, CertEd/73, BEd/80, MEd/82, in August 2004.

Carrier (nee Campbell), Christina Ruth, BSc(Hons)/75, MSc/78, MD/82, on October 17, 2003.

Dent, C. Douglas, BA/74, on August 15, 2004.

Engstrom, Randal Charles, BSc/75, CertEd/76, on June 18, 2004.

Friesen (nee Ramsay), Deirdre R., AssocEd/72, BEd/76, on September 25, 2004.

Hancock (nee Aitken), Shirley, BEd/79, on July 24, 2004.

Hluschak, Eugene John, BA/72, on September 6, 2004.

Isfeld, Noreen O., BEd/75, on September 9, 2004.

Jenkins, Thomas Mervin McCullough, DipAgric/71, on June 20, 2004.

Koffman, Gerry Sidney, BA(Hons)/73, on September 15, 2004.

Lafreniere (nee Carmichael), Marion Elizabeth, BSA/76, on June 12, 2004.

Moss, Darryl Joseph, BA/71, CertEd/77, on July 16, 2004.

Parker, Edward Bruce, LLB/76, on July 29, 2004.

Pauls, Victor David, DipAgric/70, on December 11, 2002.

Payne, C. Harvey, BSc/73, MA/77, PhD/87, in July 2004.

Peters, Gilbert D., BA/71, BEd/73, on June 18, 2004.

Sommerfield, Colleen Patricia, BA/72, CertEd/73, BEd/78, on June 18, 2004.

Thiessen, Allen, BPed/77, on October 15, 2004.

Ward, Dennis Wayne, CA/71, on August 1, 2004.

Whitworth (nee Longley), Carol Lorraine, BEd/79, on July 26, 2004.

1980-89

Bacon, Peter John Martin, BSc/82, BMRPT/85, on September 12, 2004.

Bage (nee Simpson), Adrienne Valerie, BA/81, on October 11, 2004.

Cadigal, Salvacion, BEd/82, on June 15, 2004.

Doroschuk, Gregory V., BComm(Hons)/82, on July 7, 2004.

Dowie-Marando, Maureen LuAnn, BA/84, on June 10, 2004.

Goertzen, Anne Elaine, BEd/84, on August 12, 2004.

Harrison, Susan Catherine, BHEcol/89, on August 16, 2004.

Janzen (nee Chaly), Frieda, BA/89, on August 24, 2004.

Mann (nee Hanson), Kathryn Elizabeth, BOT/81, on June 19, 2004.

Mazur, William Franklin, BSA/80, on September 7, 2004.

Naugler, Scott Michael, BMus/89, BEd/89, on August 30, 2004.

Rowe (nee Rodeck), Jill Loree, BSW/83, on August 21, 2004.

Slator (nee Jutras), Rita Louise, BSc/82, MEd/90, on September 10, 2004.

Templeton, Carson Howard, LLD/82, on October 6, 2004.

1990-99

Carruthers, Fiona Ashlin, BFA(Hons)/97, on October 4, 2004.

Friesen, Cheryl Anne, BHEcol/97, on July 14, 2004.

Goodall, Todd Lawrence, BA/91, ContEd/99, on June 29, 2004.

Kachur, Dianna Lynn, BA/90, on September 24, 2004.

McWilliams (nee Staranchuk), Denise Mary, MEd/93, on June 14, 2004.

2000-Present

Friesen, Melanie Bettina, BEd/03, BMus/03, on July 27, 2004.

Hickling, Vinson Irvine, BScMaj/00, BEd/02, on October 10, 2004.

Lightfoot, Sandra Williamina, BEd/01, on August, 10, 2004.

OUR APOLOGY

In the August issue, we incorrectly reported that **Ching Yin Terence Chu** was deceased when, in fact, he is very much alive and living in Dayton, Ohio. We apologize and sincerely regret any inconveniences caused by this error.

CORRECTION

In the August issue we noted that the four engineering grads who received the Environmental Award of Excellence were all employed by Cochrane Engineering. In fact, three are employed by Cochrane and the fourth, Kelly Braden, is Director of Operations with the City of Portage la Prairie.

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IN SEPTEMBER, I ATTENDED HOMECOMING AND WAS OVER-whelmed by the sense of pride by our Alumni. One thing that did stand out was the dedication these professionals had to their communities. This year I am very proud to serve as vice-president of the University of Manitoba Alumni Association and am pleased that they have chosen to highlight some of our talented Aboriginal alumni's achievements and contributions in this issue of the alumni magazine, *On Manitoba*.

I remember in 1993 when I was exploring which university to attend and selected the University of Manitoba, in part because of notable faculty in phys ed and because of programs to introduce youth to sport. But when I came here in 1993, my intention was to obtain an education and then return to Ontario.

But life took its own path and the University of Manitoba had provided me endless opportunities. Now I wonder if I ever will leave? In 1995, I was given an opportunity to work as an Aboriginal student advisor for Student Affairs during the development of a its Aboriginal Student Centre. In 1999, I graduated with a Bachelor of Recreation Studies degree and am now a part-time student in their graduate program. Today, I work as an academic advisor for the ACCESS Programs within the Continuing Education Division. Here I have the wonderful opportunity to assist students who traditionally would not have the opportunity to pursue a university degree.

Like many alumni, I am also dedicated to serving my community. And Winnipeg has provided exceptional opportunities with its diversity. I have found that this city's reputation for outstanding volunteerism is justified. Today, I volunteer for various boards, committees, and attend many community events.

One of my most memorable experiences was serving as co-chair (sport and competition division) for the 2002 North American Indigenous Games. Currently, I am involved by sharing my knowledge and experience with the 2006 North American Indigenous Games Local Organizing Committee in Denver, Colorado as they prepare to host the games in 2006.



My university education has provided me a strong foundation to further learn and grow with every opportunity that comes my way. It had played such an integral part to my intellectual and human development. Upon reflection, I always dreamed of earning a university degree. I understood the personal and social value of furthering my education. Throughout my working experience, I have committed myself to helping other students by promoting the importance of education and community service. I am also committed to increasing the number of Aboriginal people participating in recreation and sport. My life at the University of Manitoba has been a very challenging experience that has reaffirmed my belief that anything is possible if you are committed to your dream. I am honored, along with the approximately 150,000 alumni in more than 120 countries that call the University of Manitoba home!

Bruce Miller, (BRS/99) is a Cree-Ojibway (Matachewan First Nation James Bay Treaty # 9). He grew up in Northern Ontario and after attending college in Ontario, moved to Winnipeg to pursue a university degree.

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