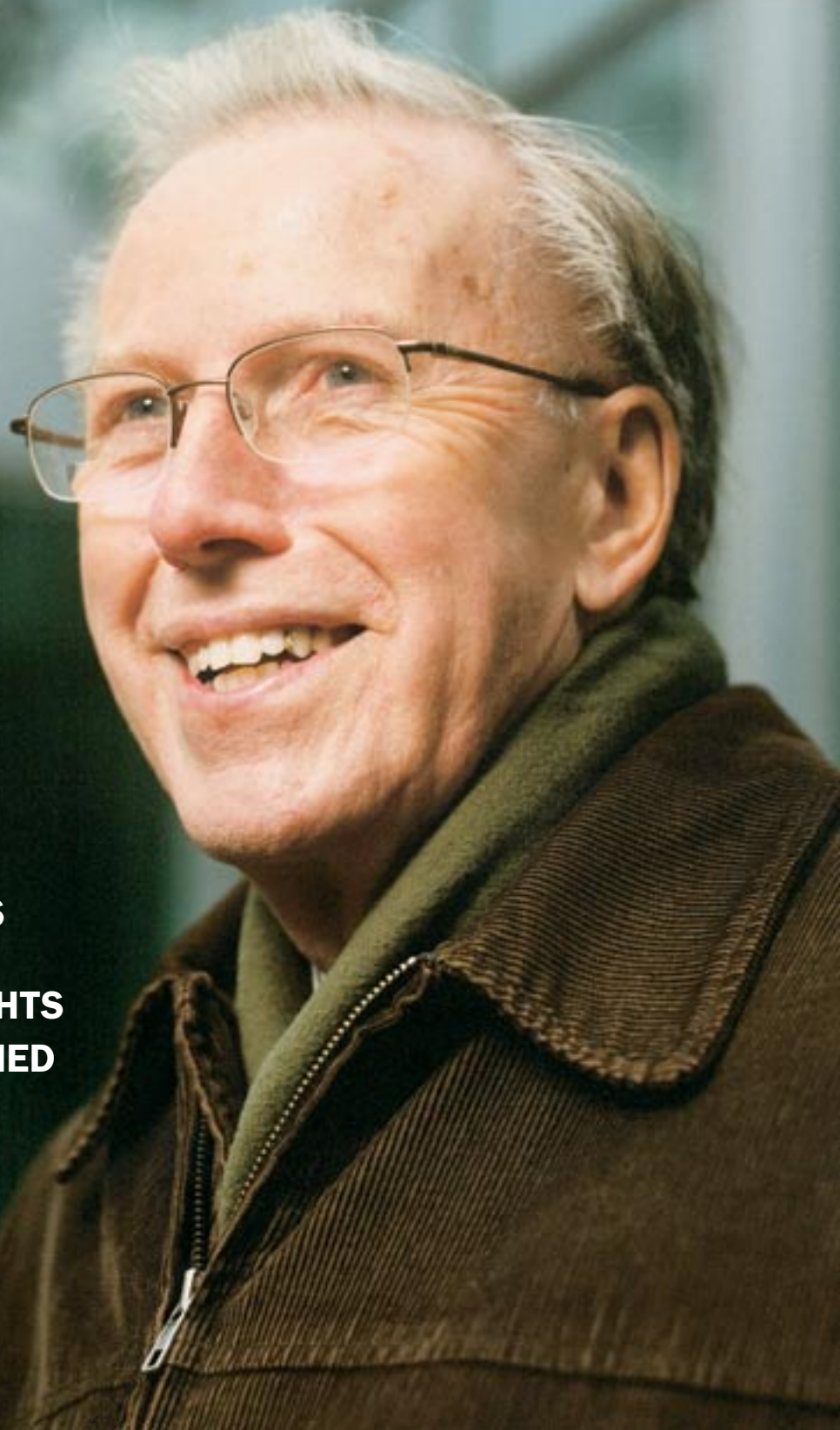


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Dear Editor,

I am currently doing a double-major PhD at Indiana University in Central Eurasian Studies and Political Science. The former is a unique

department in North America, the only Title VI funded area studies for Central Asia in the United States. I am in the advanced level of the Uzbek language which is taught here. That would only be of interest to you because there are certainly only a very few non-Uzbek Canadians who speak Uzbek—perhaps no more than twenty. I am here thanks to the University of Manitoba. Under Prof. George MacLean in Political Studies, I was able to write a Masters thesis on nationalism in Uzbekistan. This led to my application and acceptance at Indiana University. Without Manitoba there would have been no possibility for me to continue my studies in Central Eurasian Studies.

Sincerely,
Nick Corbett, MA/05

Dear Editor:

I thought it was time I wrote you to express my appreciation for the general thrust of *OnManitoba*. It is really great to get something that is filled with so many positive and inspirational stories that we may not hear elsewhere. Keep telling us what Manitoba alumni are doing as well as what's happening on campus.

Thank you.
Lorne Brandt, MD/76
Richmond, BC

Dear Editor:

In your August issue, Phil Fontaine states that climate change is increasingly recognized as the most serious environmental issue facing humanity. As a member of "Friends of Science Society" (www.friendsofscience.org) that is raising environmental issues with the federal government, I don't agree with this statement. However, his article draws attention to what I believe is a far more important issue—global toxic pollution of our air, land and water.

One thing we cannot do is control global climate. We have been told by the United Nations and our government that anthropogenic CO2 emissions are responsible for 20th century global warming. There is no solid scientific research to support this contention. In fact, natural climate variations have existed throughout geological time.

Rather than follow policies to control man-made CO2 emissions, our society believes that these resources would be more effective if directed towards the cleanup of toxic pollutants such as nitrous oxides and sulphur compounds, which the Kyoto Accord does not effectively deal with.

One area where we agree is that dealing with global climate change requires adapting to ever-changing conditions.

Eric Loughead, BSc(Hons)/56
Calgary, AB

Dear Sirs,

I was a graduate from the University of Manitoba in 1988 and I still receive the *Alumni Journal* every year in Hong Kong. Thank you very much. I always think that the University of Manitoba is my second home. I hope in future I can visit the University.

Ping Chiu Lee, BA/88
Hong Kong

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1: Alumni Association Past-President **Brian Macpherson** (BSc/60, MSc/63, PhD) leading a campus tour. **2:** Dean of Arts **Richard Sigurdson** (BA/80, MA/83, PhD), far right, at Arts Celebrating Arts with award recipients (from left to right): **Roger Léveillé** (BALatPh/66, MA/68), **Danny Finkleman** (BA/64, LLB/67) and **Constance Backhouse** (BA/72, LLB, LLM, LLD). **3:** At the media football challenge during the Bison Homecoming Game. Back row (l-r): **Russ Hobson** (Global), **Bob Baker** (Shaw), **Dave Wheeler** (Power 97), Team Captain **David Bastl** (City TV), **Scott Mennie**, **Steve Thompson** (Bob-FM), University President **Emőke Szathmáry**, University Director of Public Affairs **John Danakas** (BA(Hons)/85, MA/94), Team Captain **Ace Burpee** (Hot 103), **Beau** (Q94-FM), **Chrissy Troy** (Hot-103) and **Ashley Prest** (Winnipeg Free Press). Front row (l-r): **Andrea Slobodian** (City TV), **Joanne Kelly** (Shaw), **Adam Wazny** (Winnipeg Sun), **Harry Callaghan** (Bob-FM), **Tyler Calver** (Global), **Tom Brodbeck** (BA/93) (Winnipeg Sun) and **Frankie Hollywood** (Hot 103).

4: Engineering band Class of 1980 at Homecoming Game. **5:** **Dr. Szathmáry** at the game. **6,7:** Homecoming Game with Bisons defeating the Simon Fraser Clan, 35-30. **8:** Grads at Homecoming banquet. **9:** St. Paul's College alumni and friends at Homecoming banquet. **10:** **Paul Vogt** (BA(Hons)/83) with Dean of Arts **Richard Sigurdson**. **11:** **Ian Thomson** (BScEE/80) leading engineering band at the banquet. **12:** University Board of Governors Chair **Wayne Anderson** (BSA/63, MBA) and wife **Lee** (BScHEC/63, CertEd/64, BEd/80). **13:** Homecoming sponsor **Leo Ledohowski** and University President **Emőke Szathmáry**. **14:** **Emőke Szathmáry** (centre) at President's Luncheon with **Freda Katz** (BA/35, CertEd/36), at left, and **Ruby Bell** (BA/35) at right. **15:** Also at President's Luncheon (l-r): **Virginia Tate** (HomeEc/45, CertEd/68, BEd/72), **Johanna Wilson** (HomeEc/45, BPed/53, BEd/54, MEd/66), **Rosemary Joan Boyce** (HomeEc/45) and **Doris Badir** (HomeEc/45, LLD/05).

FALL CONVOCATION

In October, 1,214 students graduated at the 38th fall Convocation. An honorary degree was conferred on the **Hon. John Harvard**, former broadcast journalist, Member of Parliament and currently Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba. The Dr. John M. Bowman Memorial Winnipeg Rh Institute Foundation Medal was presented to **Lesley F. Degner** (BN/69, PhD), nursing, who is an internationally recognized scholar and researcher in patient involvement in medical decision making. **Janice** (BScHEc/63) and **Gary Filmon** (BScCE/64, MSc/67), who are both graduates of the University of Manitoba and former Alumni Association presidents, were co-recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award for their outstanding record of community and public service. Emeritus appointments recognized the scholarly careers of three people: **Nathan Mendelsohn** (PhD), mathematics was appointed distinguished professor emeritus. **Chhajju Bector** (PhD), I. H. Asper School of Business, and **Juliette E. Cooper** (BOT/79, MSc/82, PhD/87), School of Medical Rehabilitation, were appointed professors emeriti.

RECORD ENROLMENT FOR 2005–06

First-day-of-classes for the 2005–06 academic session set a record. There were 28,013 students, an increase of 1.8 per cent over the previous year, which was also a record. Total first-day undergraduate enrolment increased 1.9 per cent to 24,542; graduate enrolment increased 1.1 per cent to 3,021, and international student enrolment rose by 14.7 per cent to 2,638 students.

TUITION DRAW WINNER



In partnership with the University of Manitoba Students' Union during Orientation Week, the Alumni Association sponsored a tuition draw, valued at \$1,000. Pictured (left-right) are: Bruce Miller (BRS/99), Alumni Association President; Evelyn Williams-Chan, third-year Human Ecology student and tuition draw winner; Cathy Van De Kerckhove (BSc(Maj)/01, BA/03), UMSU Vice-President; and Amanda Aziz, UMSU President.

UKRAINIAN CANADIAN STUDIES CENTRE TO CELEBRATE 25TH IN 2006



Professor Roman Yereniuk (left) with Denis Hlynka.

The Centre for Ukrainian Canadian Studies will celebrate its 25th in 2006. In January 1981 the University of Manitoba and St. Andrew's College in Winnipeg officially signed an agreement of affiliation to form the Centre for Ukrainian Canadian Studies. By that agreement the

College's humanities courses were transferred to the University. These courses were in the area of language, fine arts, history, geography, religion, literature, folklore and political studies. These became the basis of the Centre for Ukrainian Canadian Studies, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2006.

"What is most important is the Canadian context in the work of the Centre. We are not a centre of Ukrainian studies, but of Ukrainian Canadian studies. In that sense the Centre was unique in Canada when it was founded, and remains so today," said **Denis Hlynka** (BSc, BEd, MA, PhD), Acting Director of the Centre.

Plans are tentatively underway for a choral celebration in March 2006. The program will include participation of the Faculty of Music and the Olexander Koshetz Choir. For more details on these celebrations or Centre activities see the web site at http://www.umanitoba.ca/centres/ukrainian_canadian/.

TWO NEW BUILDINGS!



The William Norrie Centre

The official opening of the new home of the inner city social work Access program at 485 Selkirk Avenue took place on September 15. This facility will be the new home of the University of Manitoba social work program and the education program of the University of Winnipeg, which were previously housed in Elmwood.

In October 2005, the facility was dedicated as the William Norrie Centre, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to education, public life and the voluntary sector.



EITC

Two weeks later, several hundred people gathered for the official opening for the largest construction project in the university's history—the Engineering and Information Technology Complex (EITC). This building represents the first phase of an approximately \$50 million new construction and renovation of the Engineering building. The new building will be home to the Department of Computer Science as well as the Faculty of Engineering. The next phase which is the overhaul and renovation to the original red-brick Engineering section, is well underway and is expected to be complete by 2007.

GIVING BACK TO ORTHODONTICS



Professor Billy Wiltshire (left) receives gift of appreciation from Dan Stuart.

my thanks to Billy Wiltshire and Bob Baker for the excellent education I received.”

Meanwhile, **Kris Row** (MSc/88) has pledged \$2,000 per year for the next 10 years for similar reasons. Many of the upgrades have already begun, with the

Several Alumni have made pledges as a way of saying thanks.

Dan Stuart (MSc/04), is donating \$5,000 per year for five years to help maintain and upgrade the Graduate Orthodontic Clinic. “I just wanted to express

recent installation of 14 new dental units. The total cost of upgrading the clinical facilities is estimated at \$500,000. **Peter Gold** (MSc/80) also made a pledge of \$25,000 during the last fiscal year to the Graduate Orthodontic Clinic Fund.

These recent donations come on the heels of another commitment from members of the Classes of 1997 and 1998, who to date have jointly pledged \$125,000 to support the purchase of state-of-the-art digital x-ray equipment for Graduate Orthodontics. The group, known as the Fantastic Five, includes **Kent Goldade** (MSc/97), **Mark Ziedenberg** (MSc/97), **Jeff Bales** (MSc/98), **Zvi Kennet** (MSc/98) and **Ken Danyluk** (DMD/88, MSc/98), who each pledged \$25,000 to the Graduate Orthodontic Clinic Fund.

NEW DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT SERVICES



Karen Woloschuk

Karen Woloschuk (BHEcol/93) is no stranger to campus. After graduation she held a succession of positions in the former Department of Private Funding from 1994 to 2001, ending as Senior Development Officer—Special Projects. More recently, she was an indepen-

dent consultant and campaign director for the Arts in the Exchange Campaign and served as Campaign Manager for the Asper Jewish Community Campus.

In addition, Woloschuk is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals—Manitoba Chapter, and is Chairperson of the Board of Manitoba A.L.I.V.E., a volunteer organization that provides youth with an opportunity for self-awareness and personal development through a focus on volunteering.



What Did You Get Out of Your University Experience?

How do alumni of the University of Manitoba remember their educational experience? Constancy of purpose characterizes the University of Manitoba over the generations, as summarized in the expression, “One University. Many futures,” and the university takes pride in its graduates and the contributions they have made to their society. Nevertheless, in today’s world what matters more is how the graduates feel about their alma mater, and whether or not their actions show that they are pleased to be known as its graduates.

In her book, *My Freshman Year*, Rebekah Nathan¹ addresses the realities of modern student life, and concludes that an increasingly greater divide is looming between student culture and broader university culture. Among the reasons for this is the difference in expectations students and professors have of each other. For example, the university is structured to teach, but most students do not appreciate that in a research university, teaching is not the only thing professors are expected to do. In turn, many professors are unaware of the difficulties imposed by students’ juggling part-time jobs and course requirements, not only associated with one’s own course, but with the many courses that constitute a full-time load.

The dichotomy that increasingly characterizes campus communities today begins early. Nathan noted that in orientation sessions organized for first year students in American colleges, the segments that most appeal are those with a veneer of “fun-party-independence-youth.” One might expect this in a group of 18-year olds, and may overlook it, especially if the associated message with its focus on hard work, good grades, and getting to know one’s profs is about positioning oneself “for a good job and affluent future.” But Nathan also observed that less appealing to first year students, and therefore more at risk for not getting learned at all, are the messages embedded in class discussions and opening readings—about the “importance of humility, tolerance, self-criticism, and the wise use of power.” Such themes, however, are important to many professors, and they constitute essential learning in university because they address the social glue that holds society together.

It is not easy to be a student, and grapple with themes that at first glance not only appear contradictory, but some are also decidedly less appealing on the “fun” scale. All of us who have had to resolve such differences, sympathize. And yet we expect resolution because we know that, there is a poverty of learning in a university if all that is learned is what gets one ahead; we expect more of an educated person. The good news is accord-

ing to Nathan that, in the upper years students do tend to ask more questions in class, though they may study no more than before. The disappointing thing for a professor is hearing that in spite of greater classroom engagement in the upper years, much is forgotten by students from week-to-week, let alone years after graduation. The fact is, alumni are known for saying that, overall they learned a great deal “more about themselves, their abilities and their relationships” than their subjects. On the basis of such attitudinal differences, one would not predict a positive assessment by alumni of their educational experience, yet 87% rate their U.S. college experience as “good” or “excellent.”

The only recent data available about the Canadian university experience is that collected in 2004 by *Maclean’s*. The magazine found that 90% or more of university students rate their experience as “very good” and “good.” It is little different at the University of Manitoba, where 93% thought highly of their educational experience overall (good + very good), and 55% thought it was very good indeed. The percentage regarding their experience as very good, put our University smack in the middle of the western medical-doctoral universities, with more Saskatchewan (69%) and Alberta students (59%) regarding their experience as “very good” compared to our students, but fewer University of British Columbia (46%) and Calgary students (43%) than our students expressing similar sentiments. In large universities fewer students rate their experiences in outstanding terms, though combined “good” and “very good” ratings of 90% and more show that they are overwhelmingly positive regardless. To me this says something about the attitudes of the educated persons students have become by virtue of their university experience. They do not gild the lily, but they know that the places where they acquired their learning experience merit recognition and understanding, just the same.

Reciprocity of respect and affirmation constitute the baseline in what universities crave from their graduates. Whatever the ups and downs of the learning experience, 93% of Manitoba graduates think theirs was good or better. I thank our new alumni for that generous assessment. May it translate into a conscious pride in their alma mater, and may they always speak out in her defense about the fundamental role she played in their intellectual and emotional development. For if our alumni remain reticent, the rest of the world will never know.

¹ Rebekah Nathan (2005) *My Freshman Year*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.



Meet the Fowlers

Sandy, Judy, Andrea and Katherine Fowler

An eager high school graduate moves to Winnipeg from the family farm to study agriculture at the University of Manitoba. Although the story can refer to a student beginning classes in September 2005, it also refers to **Thomas James Harrison** (BSA/11, MSc, NDD, LLD/52) nearly one hundred years ago. What makes the Harrison story unique is how his enrolment started a legacy that has continued for four generations.

While at university, Harrison met his bride, **Ethel Mary Playfair**, who graduated with a diploma in Home Economics in 1910. Harrison also taught in the Faculty of Agriculture and Home Economics, served as Director of the Barley Improvement Institute, served as Acting Dean of the faculty, was named Professor Emeritus and, in 1952, received a honorary degree. He was also inducted into the Manitoba Agriculture Hall of Fame.

“Most of the family has attended the University of Manitoba and, coincidentally, most have graduated from either agriculture or human ecology,” says **Judy Fowler** (BHEc/72, BEd), who lectures at the Faculty of Human Ecology and is Harrison’s granddaughter.

Thomas and Ethel’s children, **Archibald** (BSA/36) and **Meryl** (BScHEc/42) are U of M grads while **Alan**

and **Page** studied Ag Engineering at the University of Saskatchewan. Fowler is the daughter of **Meryl** and her husband **Herb Malcolmson** (BSA/40). Fowler’s brother **Alan** (BSA/84) and two sisters **Karen Stepaniuk** (BHEc/73, CertEd/74, BEd/78) and **Linda** (BHEc/74, MSc/78, PhD/91) are also grads. Fowler’s husband **Alexander** (Sandy) (BA/73, MBA/77) is a graduate. Daughter **Andrea** (BA/04) graduated last year while **Katherine** is enrolled in Arts. Karen’s daughter, **Ashley Stepaniuk** is currently a Pharmacy student.



Thomas James Harrison receiving an honorary degree

The Harrison connection continues on Fowler’s mother’s side of the family. Fowler’s cousins **Dossie**

Misener (CertEd/65, BEd/69), **Thomas** (BA/69, BSW/75) and **Jane Edwards** (BA/81, BEd/92, PBCertEd/00) are grads. Of their children, **Michael Edwards** (BA/05) is a grad. **Anna** and **Zara Harrison** are current University of Manitoba students.

“We’re proud of the University of Manitoba and our grandfather’s success makes it extra special,” says Fowler. While the family stays close to its roots at the University of Manitoba, they also maintain their connection to the Carmen area where they still spend summers at the family farm.

AT THE FOREFRONT OF GENETIC RESEARCH



Geoff Hicks (BSc(Maj)/85, PhD/91), Canada Research Chair in Functional Genomics, is on the leading edge of a worldwide effort to better understand genetically-based diseases.

Hicks, biochemistry and medical genetics, is director of the Mammalian Functional Genomics Centre at the Manitoba Institute of Cell Biology, a joint institute of the

University of Manitoba and CancerCare Manitoba. He is a leader in the field of “knockout” mice, specially-bred animals in which one gene is missing, or knocked-out.

On August 25, Genome Canada announced a total of \$22.6 million in new funding for the North American Conditional Mouse Mutagenesis Project, led by Hicks and developmental biologist Janet Rossant from the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. The new project is a major component of the International Knockout Mouse Project.

Since humans and mice are genetically very similar, the project will provide important new information about the role of genetic changes in the development of human diseases.

SUPPORTING INDIGENOUS HEALTH WORKERS



A research collaboration between Canada and New Zealand is examining Indigenous health networks and the career support they might provide for health workers.

Judith Bartlett (MD/87, MSc/04), a Métis physician and researcher at the Centre for Aboriginal Health Research, is

the project’s international principal investigator. She also leads the Canadian research team, which includes University of Manitoba researchers John O’Neil (PhD), community health sciences, and Yoshitaka Iwasaki (PhD), physical education, as well as researchers from Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia.

The project has received \$2 million in funding from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, and \$1.5 million from the New Zealand Health Research Council.

A BETTER HIGH-TECH POLYMER

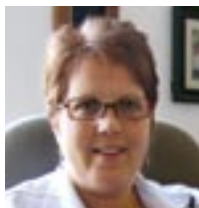


A stronger conducting polymer developed by a team of University of Manitoba chemists could have a major impact on a variety of new technologies, including micro-robotics and polymer-based electronics.

The project was led by **Michael Freund** (pictured at left) (PhD), Canada Research Chair in Conducting Polymers and Electronic Materials, and inorganic chemist **Scott Kroeker** (pictured at right) (MSc/95, PhD), an expert in solid-state nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy. Their findings were recently published in *Chemistry of Materials*, the most highly-cited journal in material science, and highlighted in the journal, *Nature*.

Freund and Kroeker are studying a particular class of polymers that conduct electricity (conducting polymers) in a process similar to that used to make silicon-based microelectronics.

LIFE AT SCHOOL FOR IMMIGRANT CHILDREN



This fall, education researcher **Sandra Kouritzin** (PhD), curriculum, teaching and learning, began a new research project aimed at documenting the experiences of immigrant school children in Winnipeg. Her study, funded by the Prairie Centre on Immigration and Integration, is examining the academic and social integration of immigrant students at both the elementary and secondary levels.

“In Winnipeg, a large proportion of the immigrants we receive come from lower socio-economic groups, including many refugees,” Kouritzin said. “I want to find out how these children, many of whom don’t have a great deal of education, are able to adjust to a new culture while trying to learn English.”

A NEW SPIN ON SPINTRONICS



Groundbreaking work by a team of theoretical physicists at the University of Manitoba led by **Tapash Chakraborty** (PhD), Canada Research Chair in Nanoscale Physics, could bring the futuristic world of spin electronics one step closer to reality. The research, published in the *American Physical Society’s* prestigious journal, *Physical Review Letters*, solves one of the major problems in this fast-growing field.

In spin electronics, or “spintronics”, scientists are looking at ways to transport information using the spin of electrons, rather than their charge. This could lead to much faster processing speeds, lower electrical power consumption, and greatly reduced size for electronic devices.



Maureen Forrest, Brita Hall and Linda Fontaine.

An Inspiration To Others

Brita Hall has been part of the Dean's Office of Extended Education since 1992 and works with an unmatched level of energy. It's no surprise to find out that she is a skilled competitor who has recently been named the female Athlete of the Year by Special Olympics Canada. Hall also lives with an intellectual disability.

Maureen Forrest (BA/79, Cont Ed/03), manager, Staffing and Administrative Services in Continuing Education, said the idea came from the community agency, Network South Enterprises, but quickly took hold in their own hearts. At the time, there was no single job that would fit, but the agency proposed a way of organizing certain duties to employ a person with intellectual disabilities.

Any accommodations for Brita are easy ones to make, says her supervisor, Linda Fontaine (ContEd/98). Forrest adds, "Brita comes to work with a smile on her face and she leaves with a smile. She's ready to take on anything and she's an inspiration to others."

"The University of Manitoba has a long standing but quiet tradition of supporting people with intellectual disabilities," said Jennifer Mactavish (MSc/91, PhD) of the Health Leisure and Human Performance Research

Institute. A number of people have found a work home in various places within the University, including places such as Health Leisure and Human Performance Research Institute, Communication Systems, and St. John's College, as well as Continuing Education.

Mactavish is also a partner in Perspectives in Change, a grassroots participatory action project that researches issues and explores opportunities in work, in life and in community for adults with intellectual disabilities. University of Manitoba partners include Mactavish, Zana Lutfiyya (BA/76, PhD), Education, and Christine Blais (PhD), University 1. Community partners include SCE Lifeworks Inc, Network South Enterprises Inc, Association for Community Living—Winnipeg, and Continuity Care Inc.

One of the group's research findings has been that large employers can be particularly difficult for people with intellectual disabilities. "But it can start with one person who has the vision to say, yes, this might work," says Mactavish. Lutfiyya agrees that this kind of vision, together with the support of the AESES union have helped clear the way.

As Brita shows, it's a formula for success.

SYLVIA JANSEN (MA/84)

DENISET SELECTED AS A TOP ACADEMIC ALL-CANADIAN

Manitoba Bisons hockey player **Paul Deniset** was one of eight Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) student-athletes honored as Top 8 Academic All-Canadians for the 2004-05 season and was the male recipient for Canada West.

In his third season of university hockey, Deniset led the Bisons to their first appearance at the CIS championship in 40 years. The 24-year-old forward finished second in Canada West scoring and fifth in the CIS with 40 points in 23 regular-season games to earn Canada West player-of-the-year honors and a place on the first All-Canadian team. "I am quite humbled by the honour. It was a privilege to be selected among the Top 8 from across Canada. This honour is equal to any on-ice award that I have earned throughout my career," said Deniset.

An exercise and sport science student, Deniset was a member of the Dean's Honor List for the second time



Paul Deniset

in 2004-05, and also earned CIS Academic All-Canadian honors for the second time. He received both the 2005 Manitoba Foundation for Sports Scholarship and the 2005 Mike Ridley Scholarship.

"Paul is an example for all of our student athletes to follow. His achievements both in the classroom and on the ice demonstrate what being a Bison and what being a CIS Student Athlete should be. Paul is very deserving of this incredible distinction," said Athletic Director Coleen Dufresne

The honour recognizes student-athletes who maintain a grade point average of 80 per cent or better over the academic year while playing on one of their university's varsity teams. In 2004-05, over 2,000 student-athletes reached this prestigious status but each year only one female and one male from each CIS regional association are selected for the Top 8 distinction.

HOCKEY NOTES

Manitoba Bison Men's Hockey Head Coach and 2004-05 Canada West Coach of the Year **Mike Sirant** (BA/83, BRS/85) attended the Nashville Predators training camp as a guest coach from September 12-20. Former Bison defenseman **Jordan Little** attended the NHL's Edmonton Oilers training camp and is now playing with the East Coast Hockey League Greenville Growl. Little was selected first overall during CBC's "Making the Cut" reality TV show last season.

ATTENTION: BISON ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

If you played or cheered for a Bison sport team anytime in the past we want to reconnect with you. The Bison Pride Foundation has been established to help reconnect with former Bison athletes and friends, celebrate the Bison's winning traditions, plan reunions and raise scholarship funds for current athletes. Help us celebrate those memories and provide today's athletes with the same great experience. For more information and to add your name to our mailing list email: pride@umanitoba.ca

BASKETBALL TEAM INDUCTED



The 1987-88 Bison Women's basketball team was inducted into the Manitoba Basketball Hall of Fame on September 15, 2005. The team won the CIAU National Championship in 1988, becoming the first women's team from any university in Manitoba to accomplish that task. Jennifer George, one of the leaders of that team and a three-time All-Canadian, was also inducted in the athlete category.

The entire team returned for the weekend of celebration. "It truly is a special group to share memories with and celebrate our accomplishments," said player Carol Ploen-Hosegood (BRS/88).



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Bright Futures...

TRACY MAPOLA

Hometown: Winnipeg

Program of Study: Computer Science

Year in Program: 4th

Favourite TV show: Smallville

Favourite movies: How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days, Love Actually

Favourite artists: Alicia Keys, The Beatles

What do you think you'll miss from university days?

During my co-op work terms I've found that I miss the atmosphere of the university—we're all here because we want to be here and learn.

What do you do when you're not studying?

I get together with friends and play poker or board games like Cranium.

What's the best advice you've received?

My high school physics teacher told us that hard work will get noticed. It may not be immediate but it will be rewarded.

Why you selected the UofM?

I wanted to study computer science and stay in Winnipeg. I thought the UofM would provide the most opportunity.

In 10 years, I see myself...

As possibly a lead in a software development company. My minor is management and I want to be able to work with clients.



A photograph of Chancellor Bill Norrie, an older man with glasses and a dark suit, smiling and looking towards the camera. He is standing outdoors next to a large, dark bronze statue of a woman's head and shoulders, which is in profile. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with trees and a field.

Chancellor Bill Norrie: A Commitment to his Community

There are few faces as familiar to Manitobans as that of the current Chancellor of the University of Manitoba. **And with good reason.**

Bill Norrie (BA/50, LLB/55, LLD/93), is a compassionate citizen who has devoted much of his life to public service, having served on countless boards, panels, commissions, committees and councils over the past five decades or so. He is probably best-known as the former mayor of Winnipeg, a position he held for some 13 years. For his outstanding service, he has received many awards, including the Order of Canada and the Order of Manitoba, the highest honours bestowed by the country and the province.

This year happens to mark Norrie's 50th anniversary as a graduate of the Faculty of Law. As well, his United College Art's class celebrated their 55th anniversary during Homecoming. "I was on the United College planning committee for the reunion and had spent a year making preparations, but I became ill in late September and was house bound for three weeks so I missed every event," says Norrie, with a note of disappointment in his voice.

The Chancellor got his degree in 1955, but never actually studied on campus because the Law school at that time was located downtown in the Law Courts Building on Broadway and United College was on Portage Avenue. (The College later became the University of Winnipeg in 1967.)

Norrie has been interested in public affairs and committee work almost as far back as he can remember. He was president of his Daniel McIntyre High School, Senior Stick at United College, and later president of the student union at the University of Manitoba. He became a Rhodes Scholar, spending a year and a half at Queen's College, Oxford, where he studied politics, philosophy and economics before returning to Manitoba to complete his final year in law. "One of my fondest memories of that period was hitchhiking all around Europe with my future wife,

Helen, something that just wasn't done at that time," says Norrie, adding that he has been invited to become a vice-president for Canada of his Oxford college.

Norrie practiced law for a number of years with the firm of Tupper, Tupper and Adams, and later with Richardson and Company, but given his many extra-curricular activities, one has to wonder where he found the time to read his briefs. He threw his first hat in the political arena when he ran as a Liberal-Progressive candidate in the 1959 provincial election—one of the few elections that he lost. In the 1960s, he became a trustee for the Winnipeg School Board, serving two years as Chairman. But it was in city politics that Norrie really hit his stride. In 1971, he was elected to City Council when the municipalities around Winnipeg were amalgamated into Unicity. With 50 councillors, it proved to be an unwieldy body, and Norrie was one of those who worked to reduce City Council to its current number.

Norrie became the mayor of Winnipeg in 1979, a position he held until he retired in 1992, becoming the second longest serving mayor in Winnipeg's history. As mayor, he was a consensus-builder who got things done through gentlemanly persuasion. He looks back on those years as a very productive period of his life. "It was a very exciting time for me because I met a lot of wonderful people, and was involved in many interesting projects. One of the biggest was the creation of the Core Area Initiative, which involved all three levels of government. It was the first time in the history of Canada that a municipal government signed on to an agreement as an equal partner with the provincial and federal governments."

The Chancellor highlights the development of the Forks as a key project arising out of the Core Area Initiative. "There were certainly some concerns back then because we were talking big dollars—the first

agreement totaled 96-million-dollars, and the second one totaled 100-million-dollars. The city had to contribute a third each time. But it was worth it—it's really become the heart of the city."

As Chairman of the Board for the North Portage Development Corporation and the Forks Renewal Corporation, both offshoots of the Core Area Initiative, Norrie is still involved in Forks development. He points to projects such as the Inn at the Forks, the Museum for Human Rights, and a new skateboard park that will help turn the Forks into a world-class site.

Another of Norrie's pet projects as mayor was the creation of the Leo Mol Sculpture Garden in Assiniboine Park. "I had real difficulty getting that one passed by Council," says

Norrie takes great pride in his city, which is not without its naysayers. He points to the controversial Esplanade Riel as an example of the short-sightedness of some citizens and long-term vision of others. "There were many complaints over the cost, but look how quickly it has become a part of our landscape and a major Winnipeg attraction and landmark."

One of Norrie's last acts as mayor was a walk through part of the aqueduct at Shoal Lake, the source of Winnipeg's water supply. In addition to getting approval for much-needed restoration work on the aqueduct, Norrie also negotiated an agreement with the Shoal Lake First Nations to limit development in the area. "The band presented me with a framed eagle



Helen and Bill Norrie in Europe, 1954

moving in, but it saddens me when I see all the condos going up in the suburbs that could be going up on the north side of Portage." Norrie also regrets the shelving of a rapid transit system for Winnipeg. "We need a rapid transit system linking the University of Manitoba and other areas of the city with the downtown—it would go a long way to improving traffic flows and increasing transit ridership."

Of the many charitable works that Norrie has been involved in

Chancellor Bill Norrie

Birthplace: Winnipeg

Favourite book: *The Last Spike* by Pierre Berton

Favourite movies: *The Sound of Music* and *Out of Africa*

Favourite places: Lake of the Woods and Maui, Hawaii

Memorable University of Manitoba moments: Elected UMSU President, awarded Rhodes Scholarship, and elected Chancellor.

Norrie. "We had earmarked one-million-dollars for the park, but we lost the first motion by two votes. Fortunately, it was just before an election and with electioneering and some new members, we were able to pass the motion when it came up again in Council."

Norrie is particularly proud of the Leo Mol garden for a couple reasons. It is one of the few sculpture gardens in the world with the work of only one artist, and the project led to a friendship between Norrie and Mol. In fact, Mol has helped 'solidify' Norrie's place in Manitoba history as it was he who cast Norrie's bust in the Citizens' Hall of Fame in Assiniboine Park.

feather, which I still treasure. It was quite an honour to be presented with such a gift."

Norrie has some strong ideas about future development for Winnipeg. He'd like to see the City's waterways developed further and a water treatment plant built. He laments urban sprawl and the demise of downtown business at the expense of big box stores in the suburbs. "One of my pet peeves is the lack of residential development in the downtown area. I think that the MTS Centre and the new Hydro Building are great projects, but what we really need downtown is more housing. I know we'll probably never get families

over the years, one of his fondest is Habitat for Humanity. He chaired the 1993 Jimmy Carter Work Project Foundation, which resulted in the construction of 18 new homes in Winnipeg for low income families. "I was very impressed with Jimmy Carter, who is such a humble man. When Helen and I were on a vacation in California, we decided to cut across country to Plains, Georgia to visit Jimmy and Rosalyn and attend a church service together."

Norrie was appointed Chancellor of the University of Manitoba in 2001, and was reappointed for another three-year term in 2004. (He was also on the Board of Regents of the University of

Winnipeg for 24 years.) He says the job involves a lot more than handing out parchments at graduation ceremonies. “As a member of the Senate and the Board of Governors, I attend a lot of meetings and chair various committees such as the one that recommends to the Senate the people selected to receive honorary degrees. I am also expected to appear at receptions and other events, and then of course there are the convocations and graduations at the University and its affiliated colleges.”

Although he was still recovering from his illness, Norrie presided at Convocation in October. “Convocation is a great day for the graduates, and I always try to say something to them as I shake their hand. You know, you can learn a lot just from a handshake. There are students with tentative handshakes who are unsure of themselves at this point in their lives and there are students with a firm handshake who are eager to go out and conquer the world. I might add that I have broken a Convocation tradition by standing instead of sitting when I greet the graduates—in days gone by, students actually knelt before the Chancellor when receiving their parchments.”

What does Norrie think of *MacLean’s* annual university rankings? “I don’t worry about it too much. We have a very strong university with the largest number of Rhodes scholars in western Canada, top quality Law and Engineering programs among others, and other attributes such as talented and committed administrators and faculty. Our children and grandchildren can rest assured that they’ll get an excellent education at the University of Manitoba.”

For relaxation, Norrie likes to spend time at his cabin at the Lake of the Woods, where he’s been doing battle with a family of beavers trying to build a den in his boathouse. He’s also a family man who’s close to his middle son Fraser, a doctor in

Vancouver, and his daughter-in-law Sheila and her three children who live in Winnipeg. The Norries have certainly had their share of tragedy. His oldest son, Duncan, an engineer and a graduate of the U of M and MIT, was killed in a plane crash in Nepal in 1992, and a decade later his youngest son, Mark, died in Bali, Indonesia where he had been working as curator of the renowned Bali Bird Park.

He plans to spend more time at the lake when he retires, but that’s not likely to happen any time soon. “When I had my recent illness, I was laid up for three weeks and by the end of it I was totally bored! A friend of mine is retiring soon and I’m trying to persuade him to get involved



At the dedication of the new William Norrie Centre on Selkirk Avenue in October, 2005.

with some boards and organizations to help him stay active.”

Rather than retire outright, Norrie is more likely to slowly wind down from his many activities. This year, he retired as a Director of the Winnipeg Foundation after 24 years, and also concluded his term as Chairman of the St. Boniface Hospital Research Foundation.

Both as a representative of Winnipeg and as a private citizen, Norrie has traveled widely around the globe. When he was mayor, Winnipeg was ‘twinned’ with about 15 cities, and as part of the cultural exchange, the mayors of the

cities exchanged visits. And just before he left office, he established the Winnipeg International Sister City Association, which included representatives of all the twinned cities—and Norrie is still active in that group.

Bill and Helen have a home in Linden Woods. Helen taught in public schools and in the Faculty of Education at the University of Manitoba and writes a column on children’s literature in the *Winnipeg Free Press*. Norrie says she used to grumble about his heavy schedule, but has learned to live with it. “Now, she’s as bad or worse than I am. She’s President of the University Women’s Club, she’s very active in Creative Retirement, and her head is always in a book.”

What drives a man like Bill Norrie? Part of it is compassion. “Apart from my life-long interest in public affairs, I’ve discovered that there are real needs out there. There’s a lot of people that need our help. That’s why I think the new educational centre on Selkirk Avenue, for instance, is such a great idea—we’ve now got a facility in a part of town where you wouldn’t normally have one, and students attending who might not normally attend, and who can complete the program over a number of years.”

Norrie was referring to the new William Norrie Centre—home to the University of Manitoba’s Inner City Social Work Access Program and the University of Winnipeg’s Bachelor of Education Access Program. It’s a fitting dedication for a man who has given so much of his time and energy for the public good.

(Author’s note: Following this interview, when asked if he would be late for supper, Norrie replied that he had another appointment. Wearing another of his many hats, Norrie just happens to be Winnipeg’s Honorary Consul-General for Japan, and he was off to prepare for a meeting in Calgary with the Consul-General.)

GUY PROKOPETZ (BA/73)

Residence Recollections

REFLECTIONS FROM 40 YEARS AGO



Leo Pettipas as a student and in 2005

Following my second year at an institution in the Maritimes in 1963, I transferred to the University of Manitoba to complete my post-secondary education. To me, attending university meant living on campus so I moved into West Taché for the 1963–64 academic year. Back then, “residence” referred to East Taché, the women’s dorm, and West Taché, the men’s dorm.

At some point during my transfer, I received a little booklet entitled *The Residence, The University of Manitoba, Winnipeg: General Announcement and Residence Rules*. It was a model of practicality and common sense, but the inside back cover contained a set of dire warnings and attendant fines that were entirely unanticipated by a newcomer such as myself. Three of them read as follows:

- For use of fire hose in any fight **\$50.00**
- For use of water in bags or other containers in any fight **\$25.00**
- Participating in any raid **\$25.00**

Fights? Raids? Since the school I had attended back East was governed by the Jesuits, fights and raids were a non-issue, at least on paper. But at the U of M, apparently, such combats had to be anticipated and summarily dealt with. Otherwise, why was this cautionary infor-

mation presented in the residence handbook? “Verily”, thought I, “this is indeed the Wild West.”

No less astounding was the magnitude of the fines. To an impecunious university student in the early ‘60s, \$25.00 was a king’s ransom. The prospect of being rendered financially destitute for engaging in something so frivolous and unscholarly as this should have been a convincing and effective deterrent.

Not so. On one occasion during my inaugural year and at the impressionable age of 19, I found myself in the middle of a nocturnal, water-soaked brouhaha in the women’s dorm. Since I was not a woman, and since the scene had all the earmarks of a raid, I must in retrospect allow that the reasons for my being there were not entirely noble. As a budding anthropologist, was I perhaps in attendance to observe the inter-group behaviour of excitable young people who lived in the same building, separated only by the porous membrane of an auditorium? Admittedly this explanation lacks merit, as I frankly do not recall conducting interviews or taking notes in the course of the *melée*. Nor do I remember having been levied any fines in the aftermath.

In the years that followed, I learned that the raid and accompanying water-fuelled skirmishes in the women’s residence were, more or less, an annual event. It was, however, one in which I indulged no further. Mary Speechly Hall opened in fall of 1964, and henceforth the women were housed there. Besides, I graduated in 1965 and it was on to graduate school so perhaps the notion of raiding the women’s dorm was something I simply grew out of after that first campaign.

With the passage of time, I find myself looking back with great pleasure and satisfaction on my four years in Taché Hall. The yearly raid turned out to be but a minor diversion within a wide spectrum of customs, routines and events that cumulatively defined residence culture. As it turned out, one of the women from Mary Speechly Hall even consented to marry me.

By the time my formal education was completed, I had attended three universities. Without a doubt, my years at Manitoba were the best, both socially and academically, and my many residence experiences were certainly among the most memorable.

Leo Pettipas (BA/65, MA/67, LLD) currently resides in St. Norbert

A Woman of Many Firsts



Mary Pankiw as a student

In June, **Mary Pankiw** (nee Hrenchuk) (BA/65, BEd/69, MEd/72, PhD) was the 2005 Honouree at the 23rd Annual Osvita Foundation Testimonial Dinner. This is one of many awards received by Pankiw, an educator for over 42 years in both the public school system and with the English-Ukrainian Bilingual Program and Saturday Ukrainian Heritage classes.

Pankiw was born in Brooklands, Manitoba and was the first from her village to take Normal School training. After teaching in Narol and Lac du Bonnet, she joined the Winnipeg School Division in 1946.

In 1950, she married Alexander Pankiw, a teacher who had been a World War II pilot, and they welcomed five children: Maureen; Rosemary; Alex; Paul and Andrew. At a time when most mothers stayed at home, Pankiw balanced motherhood with her career. Widowed suddenly in 1968, she continued to teach full-time and upgrade her education while a single mom.

As an educator, she has recognized for her leadership and contributions. She was the first woman to enroll full-time in the Faculty of Educational Administration from the University of Manitoba in 1971. She was also the first Canadian-born female to earn a Doctor of Philosophy at the Ukrainian Free University in Munich in 1978.

Locally, she has served with many organizations including as Chairperson with Winnipeg Teachers' Association committees; on advisory boards for the Human Rights Committee and in various capacities with the Manitoba Teachers' Society. In addition, she has served on committees for the Manitoba Department of Education. At the University of Manitoba, she served on the Senate in the mid-1980s.

Although she retired from the Winnipeg School Division in 1993, Pankiw remained active in the community as a past-Regional President of the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League, by serving on City of Winnipeg committees, by volunteering at the Ukrainian-Kyiv Pavilion at Folklorama, by serving as a former President of the Manitoba Society of Seniors, among other activities.

Currently, Pankiw is President of the Council of Women in Winnipeg and of the Ukrainian Canadian Women's Council (Winnipeg branch). As a voting delegate selected by the National Council of Women of Canada, she is preparing to attend the International Conference of Women taking place in September 2006 in Kyiv, Ukraine.

For her contributions to education, to the Ukrainian and to the Winnipeg community, Pankiw has been recognized with many honours including: the Canada's Centennial Medal for Outstanding Contribution to Education in 1967; the Alpha Omega Alumnae Award for Ukrainian Woman of the Year in 1998; the YM-YWCA Woman of Distinction Award in 1998; and the City of Winnipeg Appreciation Award in 2001. In 1998, she was profiled in *Chatelaine's* "Who's Who of Canadian Women."

In her spare time, she keeps involved with various community choirs, writing poetry on Canadian and Ukrainian themes, as well as visiting her eleven grandchildren.



Mary Pankiw receiving award

A Conversation With...

BRIAN DOBIE

(BPE/74, CERTED/75) FOOTBALL HEAD COACH,
MANITOBA BISONS

Years Coaching and Teaching at The University of Manitoba:
Since 1996.

Before Coaching the Bisons: Spent 21 years coaching football at Churchill High School.

Hobbies: At home we watch a lot of movies. I also enjoy watching our eleven-year-old daughter play soccer and I often take her to dance class. Of course, I also watch football on tv.

Outreach Activities: As the football program has had some success, I have been spending more time in the community responding to requests to speak at engagements, such as high school dinners, football clinics, or organizations such as the Special Olympics. Football BC even flew me out last year to speak at a dinner. A few years ago, I also served as the Honorary Chair of the Kidney Foundation in Manitoba.

Something Others May Not Know: I don't fit the stereotype of the football coach—the hard-nosed, inflexible, disciplinarian. I think I'm more like Mike Riley (the former Bomber and San Diego Charger coach). We're both the same age, he provided me much support, and we're similar in demeanor. It's this personality that helps me to recruit football players. In fact, Sports Illustrated found that the number one criteria that high school players used to choose their college team was the image of the head coach. *(Last year, Coach Dobie had 400 players on his recruitment list.)*

What Excites You Most About the Future: Two things come to mind. One is the growth of Bison Sports and the pride of the program. When I walk into a school anywhere in the country, we're viewed as a national program and kids are excited to talk to me about playing for the Bisons. The football program has also recently taken a gigantic step forward when we hired a full-time assistant coach. On a personal note, I'm excited to watch my daughter grow up. I hope I'm still on campus when she's a freshman.

Most Rewarding Aspect of Teaching: It keeps you young—I feel like I'm 32. I'm very lucky that my job is my passion. It's also satisfying to be able to watch these young men—the sons I've never had—go through trials and tribulations as they grow and work toward their goals.

Awards Received:

- **Can West Coach of the Year, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002**
- **Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) Coach of the Year, 2001**
- **Reached Vanier Cup final, 2001**
- **Won Winnipeg High School Championships, 1981, 1983, 1992**



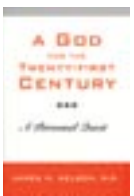


SHARON CARSTAIRS AND TIM HIGGINS
DANCING BACKWARDS

2004, Heartland Associates Inc.

This is the story of the determined and difficult assault by women on the male-dominated citadel of Canadian politics.

The Right Honourable Sharon Carstairs has had careers in education and politics and currently serves in the Canadian Senate. **Tim Higgins** (BSc/73) has lived in Winnipeg since 1952 where he has been involved in acting, directing and writing for television.



JAMES H. NELSON
A GOD FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

2005, Vantage Press Inc.

This book is a lively history of world religions and their evolving Deities, from primitive man to the present.

James H. Nelson (BA/42, MD) is retired after forty years as a physician and lives with his wife Molly in San Diego, CA.



LAIRD RANKIN
THE RETURN OF THE NONSUCH, THE SHIP THAT LAUNCHED AN EMPIRE

2005, Heartland Associates Inc.

This book updates the 1974 book, *The Nonsuch*, by offering new unpublished material, an expanded selection of visuals and most importantly it continues the ship's story to present day.

Laird Rankin (BA/62, BComm/64) was hired by the Hudson's Bay Company in 1967 to mastermind the North American travels of the Nonsuch replica. He was also Executive Director of the Alumni Association of the University of Manitoba, founding Executive Director of Canada's National History Society and publisher of its history magazine, *The Beaver*, until his retirement in 2004.



C.C. BENISON
DEATH IN COLD TYPE

2005, Signature Editions

When Michael Rossiter, scion of an old Winnipeg newspaper family is found murdered, newspaper reporter Leo Fabiani becomes embroiled in an investigation that draws in his fellow reporters at the *Winnipeg Citizen*.

C.C. Benison is the nom de plume for Winnipeg writer **Doug Whiteway** (BA/74). He has received many awards for both his journalistic work and for fiction.



PETER ST. JOHN, EDITOR
FROM THE GREAT WAR TO THE GLOBAL VILLAGE

2005, Heartland Associates Inc.

This book includes lectures from top international experts in the field of foreign policy and commemorates the seventy years of the existence of the Winnipeg

branch of the CIIA from 1928 to 2002. Proceeds of book sales will support the University of Manitoba/University of Winnipeg United Nations Chair.

Peter St. John (PhD) is an expert in terrorism.

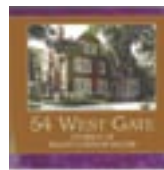


JOHN AND ANNE PACKER
SOME COMMON AND INTERESTING PLANTS OF SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE

1999, Plant Press Publications

This book is a Spanish – English field guide to the plants of this popular Mexican city.

John Packer is professor emeritus at the University of Alberta. **Anne Packer** (nee Brown) (BSA/54, MSc/55) is a retired technical editor. The Packers live in Edmonton for most of the year.



HERITAGE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
54 WEST GATE: STORIES OF RALPH CONNOR HOUSE
 2005

Members of the Heritage House Conservation Committee have researched and compiled stories about the historic house on the Assiniboine River that was built by the Rev. Charles W. Gorden (pen name Ralph Connor) and his family. Since Gorden's death in 1937, the University of Women's Club of Winnipeg has cared for the house. Proceeds from book sales will be used to help preserve the historic house.



DAVID ARNASON AND MHARI MACKINTOSH, EDITORS
THE IMAGINED CITY

2005, Turnstone Press

This book traces the literary history of Winnipeg from the Red River Settlement through two World Wars, the 1919 General Strike, and the Great Depression to today. Along the way, they examine, through excerpts and criticism, the significant works, people and places that have contributed to Winnipeg's literary life. It features the writing of Carol Shields, Guy Maddin, Margaret Laurence, Marshall MacLuhan, Dorothy Livesay, Adele Wiseman, and The Weakerthans' John K. Samson, to name but a few, as well as illustrations and maps.

David Arnason is the Head of the English Department and Acting Head of the Icelandic Studies Department at the University of Manitoba. **Mhari Mackintosh** is a Winnipeg writer and Margaret Laurence scholar.



ELAINE FROESE
PLANTING THE SEED OF HOPE
 2005

This book is a celebration of prairie life – a collection of Elaine's work that has encouraged families to be hopeful and grow stronger.

Elaine Froese (BHEc/78) lives in Boissevain, MB and is a speaker, journalist and certified coach helping people live intentional lives.



IT'S ALL GREEK TO ME!

In this dialogue, Heather Carroll, Lindsay Harris, and Gareth McVicar dispel common myths about fraternities and sororities and explore the real benefits of membership. **Heather Carroll** is in her third year at the University of Manitoba. She is currently the Vice-President of Programming and Development for the Alpha Phi female fraternity and holds the position of Greek Council President. **Gareth McVicar** is a graduate of the University of Winnipeg, an alumnus of Delta Upsilon Fraternity, and currently volunteers as the Coordinator of Fraternity & Sorority Life at the University of Manitoba. **Lindsay Harris** (BA/05) is an alumna of the University of Manitoba and of the Alpha Gamma Delta female fraternity.

What are fraternities and sororities?

HC: Fraternities and sororities are groups of young men and women who share a set of principles and work together toward common goals. As a member of the group you get to participate in initiatives that include philanthropy, scholarship programs, and social events.

How are sororities and fraternities relevant today?

LH: When I came to this university, they weren't really any other student groups that fulfilled what I was looking for. In high school, I was on student council, I was a trustee on my school board, and I had the opportunity for a lot of leadership roles. I knew I wanted to be involved in something -- but not necessarily school politics like UMSU. I became aware of sororities and realized it was exactly what I was looking for.

HC: There are also a lot of travel opportunities to participate in conferences with other chapters across Canada and the United States.

GM: What strikes me about Manitoba's fraternities and sororities is that the brothers and sisters of these groups are some of the most strong-minded and unselfish young men and women I know. When they graduate and get out into the world, they will be intent on changing it and making use of their voices. Many prominent Manitobans belonged to fraternities and sororities in their undergraduate days including Israel and David Asper, Lloyd Axworthy, Gary

Doer, William (Bill) Norrie, Gary and Janice Filmon, Jack McKeag, Susan June Glass, Kaye Elizabeth Dunlop, Susan Turner, Geraldine MacNamara and Carol Shields. Studies have shown that students in fraternities and sororities tend to do better both academically and in their chosen career paths.

LH: Also, in the high school setting you are a lot closer to the others in your class. But when you come into the university setting you are one among more than twenty-seven thousand. In a sorority or fraternity you become part of a smaller community within the larger setting.

HC: Most university students, whether they are originally from Manitoba or not, seem to come for classes and then they go home. Being a member of a sorority or fraternity gives people a chance to get more involved and to forge new friendships.

LH: It's nice to walk around campus and see a whole bunch of people that you know. When I first came from Ontario, I knew one other person in the city.

Tell me more about the philanthropic work you do:

GM: Last year, between September 2004 and August 2005, the groups on campus collectively raised about \$8,000 for local charities including The Heart and Stroke Foundation, The Kidney Foundation, the MS Society, the ALS society, the Boys and Girls Club of Winnipeg, Winnipeg Harvest, and Ronald McDonald House, and others.

LH: The way my female fraternity works, we have our own Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation for which we raise money and through which, in turn, we support causes in Canada and the US, such as Juvenile Diabetes. There are also scholarships that are supported through this fund, such as the Sisterhood Income Supplement Program that assists sisters in financial need because of situations such as a fire in their homes, floods, and other emergencies. I believe that some of the sisters in New Orleans affected by Hurricane Katrina would be helped out this way.



Gareth McVicar



Heather Carroll



Lindsay Harris

Dialogue

How important is 'scholarship'?

HC: Every group understands that you are going to school, and that comes first before everything else. Within our groups, we have scholarship programs; there are scholarships available locally and internationally.

LH: Also, all groups have a minimum GPA requirement that you must maintain through your university career. If you do fall below the minimum GPA, there are programs, such as the 'study-buddies' program, to help you get your marks back up.

GM: Moreover, there are brothers and sisters at varying stages of their degree and you are always going to find somebody in the same faculty as you, taking the same courses. Also, there are always alumni who are willing to come back and tutor a student, so you have access to all that help.

How are Canadian fraternities and sororities different from the American model?

LH: We are all based on the same founding principles as our American chapters, but it's not as popular in Canada. In the States the question is 'which fraternity or sorority will I join?' whereas in Canada the question is 'will I join one?'

When we think of fraternities and sororities, one of the first things to come to mind, perhaps, are the stereotypes from movies like Animal House. How do these portrayals differ from the reality?

LH: Our main priorities are scholarship, leadership and philanthropy. Of course we have social events and activities, but it's not our main focus. Also, our social gatherings are very regulated. There are several things that have to be in place before we can have a formal, including

Presently there are four fraternities at the University of Manitoba (with the year established): Zeta Psi (1921), Delta Kappa Epsilon (1925), Delta Upsilon (1929), and Phi Delta Theta (1930).

Women can join one of two 'female fraternities' on campus - Alpha Phi (1928) and Alpha Gamma Delta (1930) - or the one sorority, Alpha Delta Pi (1929).

Today, there are 150 combined members of fraternities and sororities campus-wide and over 10,000 alumni.

From the late 1920s through the 1960s, Winnipeg's Greek system was one of the largest in Western Canada.

When first established, the groups adopted the Greek alphabet to name their various chapters and the term 'Greeks' is often used to refer to members of 'fraternities' and 'sororities'.

risk management, and we abide by strict rules if there is going to be drinking at an event. And some groups, like Phi Delta Theta, for example, are 'dry houses'.

LH: And if there is drinking at an event, transportation must be made available, and no one is allowed to drive.

Are there other myths about fraternities and sororities?

GM: Another misperception I've heard about fraternities and sororities is that they are elitist and only let people in from certain faculties or schools. That's not true. We are really diverse, with men and women from all faculties, backgrounds and religions.

How do you keep in touch after graduation?

GM: There's Homecoming, our special five year anniversaries, and our alumni

are always welcome to our regular formals. We just had an event on September 22, 2005, that coincided with Homecoming called "It's Still All Greek to Me". Returning fraternity and sorority alumni from all the groups that existed here participated (that's 12 fraternities and 11 sororities), ranging from people in their twenties, to men and women in their sixties, seventies and eighties! We also have anniversaries like the recent 75th formals for Phi Delta Theta and Alpha Delta Pi.

HC: At one of the events, I heard a gentleman say that he looked around the room and saw the same people who he graduated with, the same people that were at his wedding and how they would be the same people who would carry his coffin at the end of his life.

GM: The bonds you have are enduring, and even after ten years you can see each other again and just pick up exactly where you left off. Once you're initiated into a fraternity or sorority, you're a part of it for life.

SHEILA SIMONSON (BA/04)

For more information about fraternities and sororities in Manitoba and for links to their individual web pages, check out the Greek Council web site at www.manitobagreeks.com

The next All-Greek Reunion is set for September 15, 2006.
Watch our website for more details:
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Let's Invest in Our Future



Jay Doering

To my mind, the competitiveness or attractiveness of a graduate program has two components: the quality and reputation of the program and the financial supports available. With respect to the quality of our programs, the University of Manitoba can and should hold its head high; we have a great deal to be proud about. We offer a wide range of high quality internationally recognized programs, many of

which are supported by Research Institutes or Centres and anchored by Chair Professors. If quality were the only consideration, I wouldn't have any concerns. However, fellowship incentives are a factor in a student deciding to stay to pursue studies at the University of Manitoba or be lured away by another institute

offering a more attractive financial package. Similarly, the number and value of fellowships a university can offer is critical to retaining first-class faculty members, who often look for a solid base of graduate students to carry out their research programs.

It is paramount and therefore a high priority for me to build our scholarship funds so that we improve our ability to attract and retain the best. Our ability to invest in our students is inextricably linked to the future of our city, the province and the rest of Canada.

Other universities have been able to allocate significant sums of money to graduate student support. To remain financially competitive we must follow suit. It's why new fellowships such as the William Eamer Scholarship and the Willy Wiebe Fellowship give me such great optimism, and why we must encourage more fellowships for the future.

Jay Doering, PhD

Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies

One Man's Legacy Will Harvest Potential for Years to Come



Willy Wiebe

Born in 1929 and raised amid the punishing winters and drought-ridden summers of Manitoba, **Willy Wiebe** learned early on why farming is considered by many to be a gamble. Working alongside his father at the start, Wiebe used horses to help with the backbreaking work of ploughing the fields to seed acres of golden wheat, oats, barley, and forage crops. "Willy appreciated and cherished his land.

The drudgery and monotony of farm work did not intimidate him," recalls brother David Wiebe.

Wiebe attended Amsterdam Country School for seven years and at age fourteen, he left to work full-time on the 57 hectares, which was all that remained of the 129 hectares that his father once had. Under his hard work and watchful eye, he made the farm flourish again in crop, poultry and livestock production. Wiebe replaced workhorses with modern farm machinery that could work land much more efficiently. Eventually, the 57 hectares became his and he expanded to almost 500 hectares.

Respected as a hard-working farmer who could raise good crops even in times of unfavourable growing conditions, Wiebe enjoyed a successful career in farming until his sudden death in 2001.

Although he never attended university, Wiebe's estate provided a remarkable \$450,000 to the University of Manitoba to support a graduate fellowship in breeding

and research in Canadian Western Red Spring Wheat. Interest from the endowment fund provides an annual award that can be renewed by the same recipient in a Master's or Ph.D. program within the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences.

Through the Willy Wiebe Graduate Fellowship program, PhD student Golam Rasul was awarded \$17,000 as the first recipient of this prestigious fellowship. Originally from Bangladesh, now a Canadian citizen, Rasul is studying pre-harvest sprouting resistance in red spring wheat.



(l-r) Golam Rasul, award recipient; David Wiebe, brother to Willy Wiebe; University President Emőke Szathmáry and Dean Michael Trevan.

Giving for Healthy Living

When **Sreeneeranj Kasichayanula** arrived from Nagpur, India in 2001, he learned early on that a Manitoba summer includes two common denominators: sun-screen and mosquito repellent.

As a PhD student in the Faculty of Pharmacy, Kasichayanula began researching the skin's absorption of both products when they were applied together. "What we've found is a significantly higher rate of penetration into the blood stream when both compounds are used together," says Kasichayanula.

His findings encouraged further study and currently, Kasichayanula is assessing commercially available DEET and Oxybenzone (sunscreen) and using his research to create alternative formulas. Ultimately, he hopes to deliver a safer and more effective product for the people who use them. "There is still a lot more research that needs to be done, but I do feel lucky to be at the stage where I can match ambition with my ability to explore knowledge," says Kasichayanula.



Sreeneeranj Kasichayanula working in the Faculty of Pharmacy laboratory

It's an ability helped along by the graduate fellowships Kasichayanula has received. Over the past several years, he has been awarded the University of Manitoba Graduate Fellowship for both his Doctoral and Masters programs, in addition to the Leslie Buggey Graduate Fellowship. Most recently, Kasichayanula was awarded the MPhA/William G. Eamer Graduate Fellowship.

The MPhA/William G. Eamer Graduate Fellowship was established in 2004 to provide scholarship support to graduate

students in the Faculty of Pharmacy. The award recognizes a full-time Master's or Ph.D. student who has a minimum grade point average of 3.5 and who has also made a significant contribution to their profession, university and community. "We were aiming not at someone who is exclusively a scholar, but rather someone who has a rounded life outside of the university, someone who has a bit of fun," explains **William Eamer** (BComm(Hon)/72, MBA/73, CA).

Eamer established the \$50,000 endowment fund in consultation with Ronald F. Guse (BScPharm/79), Registrar of the Manitoba Pharmaceutical Association (MPhA).

This year's recipient says the fellowship could not have come at a better time.

"It's a really busy time for me," says Kasichayanula. "I'm writing my graduate thesis, looking for a full-time position for after graduation and travelling to conferences. It's fabulous to receive a fellowship as there's no way I could do it all without the help it affords."



Gerald W. Schwartz

A Friendship Honoured

When it comes to learning the lessons of the business world, some things can't be taught in a classroom. Recognizing this, **Gerald W. Schwartz** (BComm/62, LLB/66), President of the Onex Corporation, has given \$500,000 to the

university to establish the Arni C. Thorsteinson International Exchange Program. The fund honours Schwartz's long-time friend and colleague Arni Thorsteinson, President of Shelter Canadian Properties Limited.

Each year, up to ten students from the I.H. Asper School of Business will have the opportunity to participate in an annual exchange program with business students from Tel Aviv University. The first half of the program will be taught in Israel, the second half in Canada. Students from both universities will

learn about financial modelling and preparing business plans for a technology venture – with an international flavour.

"The very fact that some of the best and most committed University of Manitoba students would have the opportunity to visit Israel and meet and interact with Israelis, was a major motivation in establishing the exchange program," says Schwartz.

The exchange program will give students a global perspective in entrepreneurship as well as providing the first building block on the road to increased cooperation and relations between the University of Manitoba and Tel Aviv University.

"This program represents a tremendous opportunity for Asper School students to experience the business culture of another country," says Robert Warren (BComm(Hons)/85, MBA), Director of the Asper Centre for Entrepreneurship. "Israel is unique in this respect because of its reputation for entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial development."

Warren adds that working with Tel Aviv University will give Manitoba students a wonderful opportunity to study at a world-class institution.

RUN FOR THE CURE



The Alumni Association worked with the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation to coordinate the University of Manitoba team in the Run for the Cure on October 2.

MANITOBA NIGHT AT THE GOLDEYES



The Alumni Association partnered with Public Affairs to sponsor a Winnipeg Goldeyes game on August 24. Alumni Association President Bruce Miller threw the first pitch. Pictured (l-r) are: Andrew Collier (BComm(Hons)/92), General Manager Winnipeg Goldeyes; Ally, the Edu-Gator; Billy the Bison; Elaine Goldie, Vice-President (External); P.J. Connelly; Skyler, a future alumnus; Bruce Miller; and Goldie.

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1940-49

Story, Bill, BComm/48, MBA, has been volunteer Executive Director of WWII's elite, bi-national First Special Service Force for 31 years. In this year of the veteran, he joined his group of Force veterans in Calgary in mid-August to receive the U. S. Army's coveted Combat Infantryman's Badge. This was the only time in the history of the CIB since its 1943 inception that the badge has been given to anyone other than a front line American soldier. (Canadians who joined the U.S. Army for Korea or Vietnam, or those who have joined for Iraq and Afghanistan, are eligible.)

1950-59

Cook, G. Ramsay, BA(Hons)/54, MA, PhD, received the Molson Prize in the Social Sciences and Humanities. He is an Adjunct Professor of History at the University of Toronto, Professor Emeritus of History at York University in Toronto, and General Editor of the *Dictionary of Canadian Biography*. In 1986 he was made an Officer of the Order of Canada.

Doerksen, Daniel W., BA/57, BPed/59, BEd/62, retired as Professor of English, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, in 1997, but continues to hold the position of Honorary Research Professor from the same university. Last year a book he co-edited with Christopher Hodgkins was published: *Centered on the Word: Literature, Scripture, and the Tudor-Stuart Middle Way* (U. of Delaware Press).



Katz, Philip, MD/55, received the Manitoba Medical Association's prestigious Scholastic Award on May 11, 2005, for outstanding contributions in the field of adolescent psychiatry.

He is an esteemed teacher, mentor, scholar and clinician in the University of Manitoba Section of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. His post-graduate training in adolescent psychiatry was at Brooklyn State Hospital and Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York, and the University of London Institute of Psychiatry in England. Katz has worked as a consultant and is an active staff mem-

ber at Health Sciences Centre, St. Boniface Hospital and an attending staff member at Winnipeg Children's Hospital. Katz has served on numerous committees and boards for professional societies, provincial working groups and social services agencies and was President of the American Society for Adolescent Psychiatry Organization in 1989-90. Other awards include the Sisler Award for Distinguished Service (2002), Psychiatry Educator of the Year (2001), Schonfeld Award for Academic Excellence and the Richard L. Frank Award.

GEOLOGY CLASS OF 1955 REUNION



Many alumni returned from Geology '55 for a reunion dinner at Rae and Jerry's on August 27, 2005. Pictured are: Back from left: Allan Turnock (Senior Scholar, Geological Sciences, and graduate of Geology 1953), Jacquie Riley, Colin Riley (BSc/55, BSc(Hons)/60, MSc/65), Bruce Wilson (former professor, Department of Geological Sciences), Margaret Ferguson, Barbara Bannatyne, Bill Brisbin (Professor Emeritus, Geological Sciences, and graduate of Geological Engineering, 1953), Dick McCammon, Bob Ferguson (Professor Emeritus, Geological Sciences). Seated from left: Julia Davies, John Davies (BSc(Hons)/55, MSc/56), Helen (Zaborniak) McCammon (BSc(Hons)/55), Ray Price (BSc(Hons)/55), Mina Price, Barry Bannatyne (BS(Hons)/55, MSc/72).

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1960-69



Craig, Bonnie, DipDHg/65, has been awarded the 3M ESPE National Dentistry Teaching Award for her outstanding work in dental education. She was named the winner at the Association of Canadian Faculties of Dentistry (ACFD) Biennial Conference in Vancouver, B.C. on June 3.

The award honours a faculty member who, in the opinion of his or her students, alumni and/or colleagues, has displayed the qualities of an outstanding teacher. It is presented by the Dentistry Canada Fund – a Canadian charity for oral health, and by the ACFD, which represents university-based dental education, research and management in Canada. She currently teaches at the University of British Columbia. Craig developed the first baccalaureate level dental hygiene program in Canada, as well as web based courses for distance education of all students. Her leadership of national bodies dealing with education and accreditation have also gained her international recognition. Pictured is Craig, in centre, receiving her award.

Grant, Kit R., BA/68, CertEd/69, BEd/70, MEd/75, received the International Ambassador Award from the International Federation for Professional Speakers on July 11, 2005 in recognition of his service to the professional speaking industry worldwide. Kit is only the 8th recipient of this award in the past 25 years. The IFFPS is comprised of the National Speaking Associations of Australia, Canada, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa, United Kingdom and the United States of America.

Shah, Asad Ali, MSc/68, PhD/73, returned to Islamabad, Pakistan in June 2004 following completion of his tenure with the Asian Development Bank. He worked in Manila for 22 years starting as an urban development specialist in 1982 and retired as Director General in 2004. Shah now works for the Pakistan Planning

Commission as Advisor, Infrastructure. He made a substantive contribution in the Medium Term Development Framework 2005-10, which was approved by the National Economic Council, chaired by the Prime Minister and launched in July 2005. Currently Shah is involved in initiating work on Vision 2030 for Pakistan, which will be a 25-year perspective for development of Pakistan. He and his wife Nighat have three children. He has fond memories of his stay at the UofM from 1966-68 and from 1971-73, with his wife as newly-weds. While his last visit was 15 years ago, he plans to visit Winnipeg again and would be delighted to entertain anyone from the university visiting Islamabad.



Triffo, Ronald, BScCE/61, MSc (University of Illinois), PEng, Chairman of Stantec Inc., was inducted into the Alberta Business Hall of Fame on May 18, 2005. Triffo is an active committee and board member of

several profession associations. In 1997 he was honoured as Alberta Venture Magazine's inaugural Business Person of the Year, in 1998 he received an Ernst & Young Service Entrepreneur of the Year Award, in 1999 he was the recipient of the Beaubien Award for lifetime contributions to the Canadian consulting engineering industry, and in 2004 he received the APEGGA Centennial Leadership Award. Triffo is a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Engineering.

1970-79

Desrosiers, Marc Renald, BA/72, MBA, is at Brandon University providing leadership to the institution's largest and most comprehensive fundraising campaign in its history. As Associate Vice-President Foundation/Executive Director of Institutional Advancement, BU launched an \$8 Million campaign in the Spring of 2004 which is already approaching 90% of goal! He is formerly with the Canadian Red Cross Society as Manitoba Regional Director and previously, with his Alma Mater - as Executive Director of the Alumni Association of the University of Manitoba. He can be contacted at: desrosiersm@brandonu.ca

Sundell, Dawn, BEd/78, AssocEd/73, received the 2005 Alberta Excellence in Teaching Award. The award honours creative, innovative and outstanding teaching.

CLASS OF 1975 REUNION



The Phys Ed class of 1975 held their 30th reunion in September 2005 in Winnipeg



Tallman, Bruce, BA/71, graduated with distinction with a Doctor of Ministry degree in Spiritual Direction from the Graduate Theological Foundation in May 2003. Paulist Press (www.paulistpress.com) recently

published his book *Archetypes for Spiritual Direction: Discovering the Heroes Within*. He is currently working as a spiritual director in private practice in London, Ontario.

1980-89

Asper, Gail, BA/81, LLB/84, received the Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award for Voluntarism in the Arts, a Governor General's Performing Arts Award.

Cunningham, Dennis, BA/89, has joined the Manitoba Environmental Industries Association as its new Executive Director. Prior to joining MEIA, he was a project manager with the International Institute for Sustainable Development. Cunningham has worked on local, national and international sustainable development projects and has extensive experience in environmental education, communications, policy development, and project management. He also serves as the Vice-Chair on the Winnipeg International Children's Festival Board of Directors.

Diehl, Charlene, MA/87, PhD/93, won the Gold Award Best Article—Manitoba at the 23rd Annual Western Magazine Awards for her essay (from) "Coming Up for Air" which was published in *Prairie Fire*, January 2004.



Gudbjartsson, Loren Harry, BScME/80, MEng/85, PEng., (Manitoba and British Columbia), President, Kraftur Engineering Inc.,

received the Power Smart Trade Allies Excellence Award, Industrial Consultant. This award recognizes Kraftur Engineering's dedication and success in working with BC Hydro's industrial customers to be more energy efficient and reduce operating costs. Since 1988 Kraftur Engineering Inc. has operated in Winnipeg, Vancouver and more recently Gimli and continues to service operations across Canada and abroad. Pictured is Gudbjartsson receiving his award.

Jayas, Digvir S., MSc/82, PhD, PEng, PAg, was granted the CSBE/SCGAB grade of Fellow in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the Engineering profession. Jayas is world renowned for his research and expertise in the field of handling, drying and storing grains and oilseeds. He is an active educator, presenter and author and has received numerous awards both nationally and internationally in recognition of his contributions to research and teaching. He served as President of CSBE/SCGAB during 2003-2004 and he is currently the President-Elect of the Association of Professional Engineers of the Province of Manitoba. He currently holds a Canada Research Chair, Tier 1, at the University of Manitoba.

Konopski, Brian, BA/82, BSc/85, Director of Information Technology for Manitoba Family Services and Housing, was recognized as a Computerworld Honors Laureate during a medal presentation ceremony at San Francisco City Hall on April 3, 2005. Established in 1988, the Computerworld Honors Program is dedicated to identifying leaders in the global information technology revolution and recording the impact of their achievements on society.

Rogge Rehders, Helma, BFA(Hons)/87, and Sandy Driscoll, directors, WINNIPEG BEACH ART + CULTURE/WINNAC COOP Inc. accepted the 2005 Cooperative Achievement Award on behalf of the members of WINNBAC Coop's project The WAVE Artist Studio Tour, an annual self-guided artists studio tour event in the eastern Interlake and along the westshore communities of Lake Winnipeg.

A DETOUR TO HOLLYWOOD



At the time, **Rachel Shane** (BA(Adv)/95) didn't know that taking a year off from law school would dramatically change the direction of her life. After graduating from the University of Manitoba, she began law school at UBC

but took a year off to participate in a Canadian Federal Government internship in Mexico City. Living in Mexico also happened to provide the opportunities to work in television and then in movies with the production of the 1997 film *Zorro*.

Rather than return to UBC, Shane followed a connection to Los Angeles where she became an assistant to a producer. After a stint working for Imagine Entertainment, the Ron Howard/Brian Glazer company, she joined Red Wagon Entertainment five years ago where she is now Executive Vice-President of Creative Affairs.

Shane has been involved with a variety of projects including the *Stuart Little* series, *Jarhead*, *Memoirs of a Geisha*, *Spy Game* and *Peter Pan*. Working with the various artists is especially rewarding, says Shane. "It allows you to be involved with all aspects of filmmaking from script development with the writer, to the vision of the film with the director and to character development with the actor."

Shane is currently shepherding a diverse range of film projects and is developing high profile books for film adaptation. Shane is also independently producing *Cruddy*, an adaptation of the book by Lynda Barry, starring Thomas Hayden Church.

Maintaining ties with Winnipeg is still important to Shane. In fact, she still remembers fondly her first movie experiences—in Winnipeg—as an extra and then helping to paint sets for a Guy Maddin movie. She continues to visit often and keeps in contact with Prof. George Toles, who she credits as an "amazing influence" on her career.

1990-99



Gow, Kenneth William, MD/91, BScMed/91, BSc/91, has been awarded the 2005 Health-Care Heroes award in the innovations category for the successful introduction of the Minimally Invasive Thorascopic

Ultrasound procedure (MITUS). Gow sits as assistant professor of surgery and pediatrics and assistant professor of surgical oncology at the Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA.



Penner, Wes, BScCompE/99, earlier this year began a one-year Mennonite Central Committee assignment in India as a computer analyst. Penner previously served with MCC as a computer programmer/analyst in Akron, Pa.

Shere, Sheraz, (BScIE/94) recently accepted the position of Vice-President, Business Solutions in the new Marketing and Lifestyle services group with American Express in New York. He graduated in Industrial Engineering from University of Manitoba with a Gold Medal in 1994. Sheraz went on a full scholarship to Princeton University in 1994 and graduated with a post-graduate degree in Operation Research in 1996.

2000 to Current

Leb, Lea Elizabeth, BN/00, BSc, was promoted to the position of Senior Nurse Recruiter for Lucile Packard Children's Hospital (LPCCH) at Stanford in Palo Alto, CA in July 2005. She had been working on the oncology bone marrow transplant ward at LPCCH since May 2002. As a result of a broken arm which took her off the ward in May 2005, she became involved in a modified duty program and helped to establish a nurse recruitment call centre in the LPCCH and Stanford Hospital and Clinics (SHC) Human Resources Department. She is one of a team of four senior nurse recruiters working for LPCCH and SHC combined.

Births



Santos, Dinah, BScPharm/93, and **Brock Coutts**, BSc/81, MBA/90, are thrilled to announce the birth of their beautiful bundle of joy, Gordon Lucas Santos Coutts, born March 19, 2005 at St. Boniface Hospital in Winnipeg. Lucas weighed in at 7 lbs and measured 21" long.



Thorsteinson, Corey, BScAgric/99, and **Laurel Baron**, BScAgric/99 and current Faculty of Education student were married on August 14th, 1999. They added to their

family with the birth of their daughter Leah Colleen Thorsteinson, on February 28th, 2003. Leah weighed 7 lbs, 11 oz and was 20 ½ inches in length. Leah recently became a big sister to Signy Maria Thorsteinson, on June 14th, 2005. Signy was almost identical in size to her big sister, weighing 7 lbs, 12 oz and 20 ½ inches in length. Both girls were born in Winnipeg. Proud grandparents are Grant (ContEd/97) and Kathy Thorsteinson of Arborg, MB and Tom Baron (BSA/71) and Lynne Baron (nee Smith), (BHEc/70, CertEd/71), of Carberry, MB.

Marriages

DeLisle, Ken, MA/75, was married March 13, 2005 in Winnipeg to John Robertson. On July 1, 2005, Ken became full-time minister to Selkirk United Church Pastoral Charge.



Kebernik, James Richard, BA(Adv)/92, and Robyn Lynn Jakobi were married on July 31, 2004 in a candle light ceremony at the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church, Sandhill, MB, the first wedding ever held in the history of the 70-year-old country church.



Wong, Anthony, BComm(Hons)/98, and Lillian Fung (BFA(Hons), York), were married on July 9, 2005 in Toronto, ON.

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

Knelman (nee Medovy), Marion, BA/28, on June 13, 2005.

1930-39

Bill, Reverend Hugh, BA/39, BD/42, on September 5, 2005.

Curtis, James L., BSc/39, on December 27, 2004.

Gouin (nee Coyne), Sally, BA/36, on August 5, 2005.

Henrikson, Gunnthor John, BScEE/36, on August 23, 2005.

Humphrys, Edward W., BScEE/35, on July 16, 2005.

Stevens, Ernest Gordon Gerald, Dip.Pharm/34, on May 18, 2005.

Weightman, Grace, BA/34, on June 16, 2005.

Wyman, Russell A., BSc/34, on September 10, 2005.

1940-49

Adam (nee Belcher), Ann Elizabeth, BA/48, on May 19, 2005.

Bayer C.M., Mary Elizabeth, BA/46, MA/63, on September 7, 2005.

Bloomer (nee Young), Sheila Coulson, BScHEc/41, CertEd/63, BEd/66, on July 27, 2005.

Cohen, Morley, MD/48, on August 18, 2005.

Coyne, John McCreary, BA(Hons)/40, on June 27, 2005.

Harper, Hilton C., BEd/49, MEd/54, on July 20, 2005.

Maguire, Edward Marshall, BA/46, BEd/57, on June 5, 2005.

Peterkin, F. David, BSc/42, MD/52, on June 13, 2005.

Rybak, Stanley E., BSc/43, on August 15, 2005.

Stephen, Lawrence John, BSc/49, MD/55, on July 4, 2005.

1950-59

Bakun, Zane, BScCE/52, MScCP/54, on August 19, 2005.

Hayes, Denis W., LLB/51, on August 27, 2005.

Hough, Kenneth Martin, BSc(Hons)/50, on June 25, 2005.

Johnson, William I.R., BSA/51, MSc/63, on May 22, 2005.

Kessiloff, Edward C., LLB/56, on June 22, 2005.

Kristjanson C.M., Leo Friman, BA/54, MA/59, on August 21, 2005.

Soenen, Leo Desire, BScPharm/59, BComm/66, on September 1, 2005.

Tesch, Douglas G., BSc/51, on September 15, 2005.

Torrie, Allan M., MD/51, on August 20, 2005.

Trimble, Alfred W., B.Arch/50, on September 22, 2005.

Vogan, Keith W., BA/51, on September 23, 2005.

Worden, William H., BScCE/52, on June 5, 2005.

1960-69

Broadfoot, Richard Keith, BComm/66, on August 26, 2005.

Decaire, Guy, BA/66, BEd/69, on June 11, 2005.

Ferrier, Gregory R., BSc(Hons)/66, PhD/71, on August 30, 2005.

Gubernachuk, Mary, BA/69, CertEd/70, on September 24, 2005.

Isaak, Peter, CertEd/69, on June 14, 2005.

Johnson, Victor Andrew, BSc/61, CertEd/64, BEd/67, MEd/75, on June 15, 2005.

Katz, Brian Jeffrey, BA(Hons)/69, on June 14, 2005.

Lecker, Sydney A., BA/67, BEd/68, on August 28, 2005.

McKinnon, Gordon Archibald, BSc/63, MSc/68, on June 2, 2005.

O'Connell, Patrick Dennis, BA/68, on June 3, 2005.

Prejet (nee Barten), Jeannine Marie Annette, BA/69, BEd/72, MEd/77, on August 23, 2005.

Robson, Barbara A., BHEc/65, CertEd/66, BEd/80, on September 23, 2005.

Sealey, D. Bruce, BA/63, BEd/67, MEd/72, on September 3, 2005.

Siemens, Bennett A., BSA/59, MSc/62, on June 16, 2005.

1970-79

Bartlette, John David, CertEd/78, on June 10, 2005.

Blair, Thomas Mccrea, BSc/72, CertEd/73, BEd/77, PBCert/97, on June 10, 2005.

Firman, Murray Leslie, BPed/74, MEd/76, on May 19, 2005.

Gilfillan, David Wayne, BPed/77, on May 5, 2005.

Henjum, Arlene Mae, BHEc/71, on June 2, 2005.

Komus, Bruce Joseph, BComm(Hons)/71, on August 3, 2005.

Pearlman, Kerry Maxwell, BA/78, LLB/82, on September 9, 2005.

Primeau, Brian Ronald, CertEd/73, on June 5, 2005.

Shaw, Ian Vance, BA/73, BN/78, on August 20, 2005.

Thompson, Thomas Ingvar, BA/74, on May 25, 2000.

1980-89

Aitman, Marla Naomi, LLB/89, on May 25, 2005.

Cruikshank, Moira Katherine, MD/80, on June 1, 2005.

Harvey (nee Poole), Susan Lynn, BHEcol/85, on July 28, 2005.

Kelly, John Peter, MEd/80, on June 6, 2005.

Lindstrom, Eric Torrey, MBA/84, on May 2, 2005.

Olson, Jon Robert, BEd/84, on September 9, 2005.

Sargeant-Radomski, Lori Anne, BHEcol/84, on August 22, 2005.

Tolton, Charles Murray, BA/86, on April 29, 2005.



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1990-99

Jonasson, Jon David Alexander, BFA(Hons)/90, on August 16, 2005.

Maksymowycz, William Bill, BEd/94, on September 9, 2005.

Mills, Virginia Alva, BSW/94, on September 25, 2005.

Watson, James Stuart, BScME/99, on August 15, 2005.

2000-Current

Kowalsky, Elaine Gloria, DipArt/03, on September 17, 2005.

Friends In Memoriam

Stambrook, Frederick George, Dean Emeritus and Professor of History, University of Manitoba, on July 15, 2005.

Wedgwood, Dennis, Professor and Head, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, University of Manitoba 1975-1980, on August 28th, 2005 in England.

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Missing: Shayla Barr, Colleen Hurley, **On Maternity Leave:** Christine Adams (BA(Hons)/94, MEd/01), Kathy Synkiw (nee Biehl) (BA/94, BSc(Maj)/98)

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Where did the 36,000 students go? In a normal year, of those students who move on to another faculty, about 40-45 per cent transit into either the Faculty of Science or the Faculty of Arts. The rest move into the various professional faculties.

However, there has recently been a new trend where many students choose to remain in University 1 in order to apply a second time to their target faculty. Of the professional faculties, the Asper School of Business seems to have been the most popular destination, followed by Nursing and Human Ecology. The Faculty of Engineering, although

a direct-entry program itself, also accepts many students from University 1. Normally by April, about two-thirds of University 1 students have made a decision and moved on. Most students who stay in University 1 for a second year leave by the end of the year, while a few choose to work on their degree on a part-time basis.

The first year is an essential time to help students establish a solid base for life-long academic, personal, and career success. Although it may not have been obvious, University 1 was always there for the students in the form of the Help Center. In addition, there are publications designed to inform and guide students, such as One (a newsletter) and the STARTbook. Behind the scenes, academic advisors, hundred of volunteers, and many devoted faculty also work for student success. So how has University 1 affected graduation rates? The data are quite clear. Retention, student success, and graduation rates have all reflected University 1's positive influence.

Finding itself at the forefront of a constantly growing movement to improve the quality of the first-year experience, University 1 has highlighted a number of issues such as diversity, undergraduate teaching, science and technical education, the undecided student, students with disabilities, the mature student experience, and all students in transition. As University 1 broadens its focus to other significant student transitions issues, it will continue its mission to enhance the educational experiences of undergraduate students so that they also may become University of Manitoba alumni.

Christine Blais (PhD) is Director of University 1 and an associate professor in disability studies.

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