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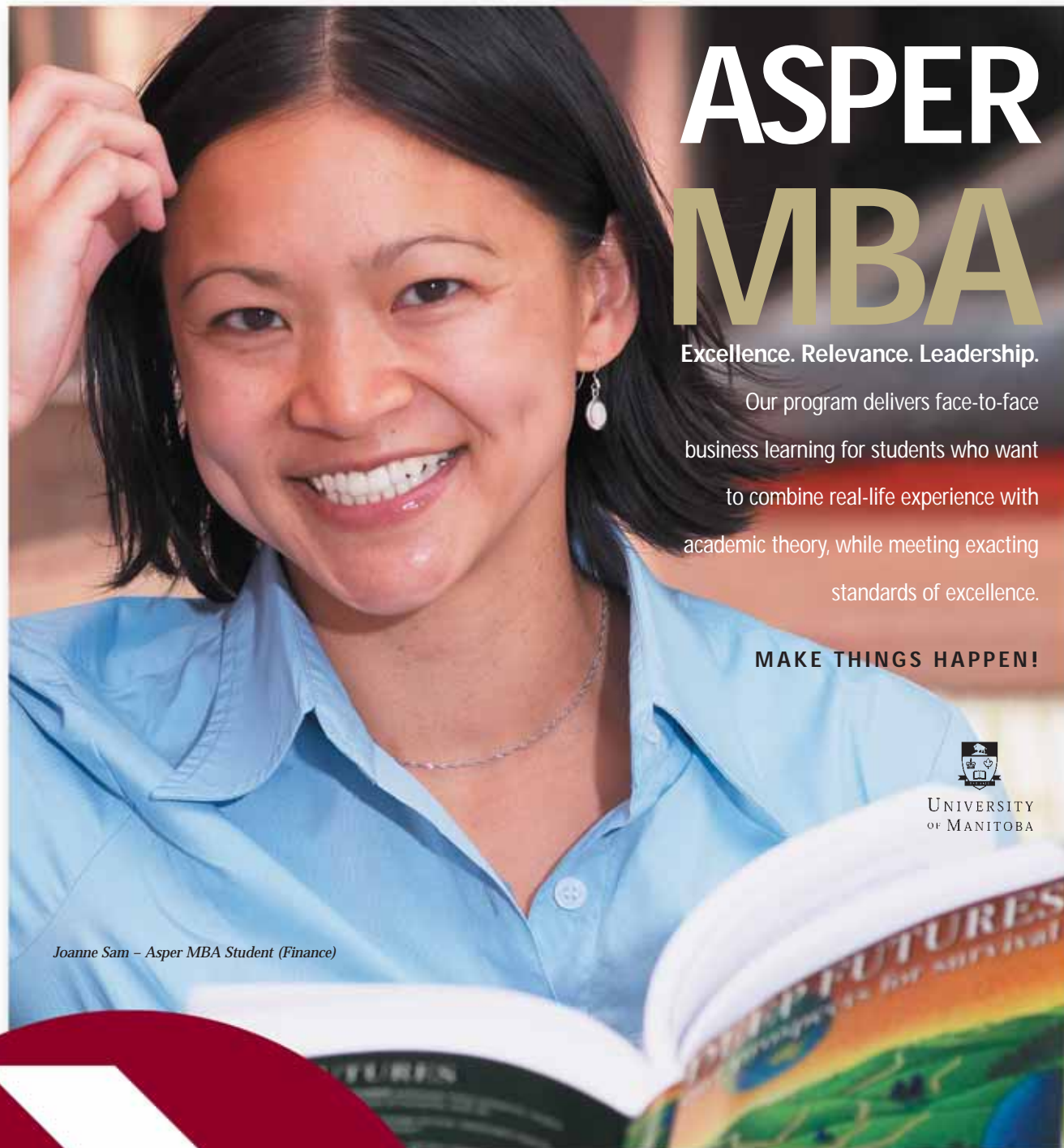
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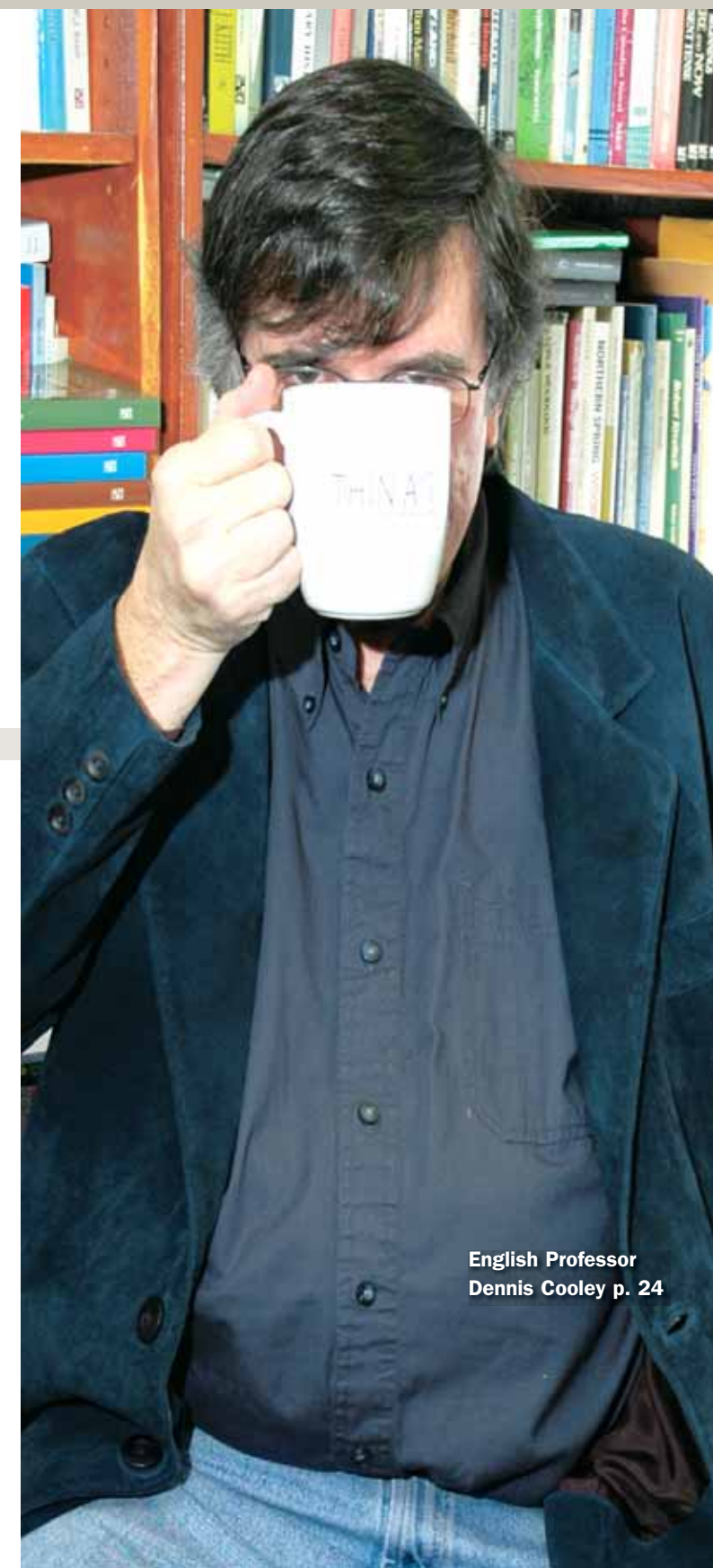
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## Tell us what you think

As part of the evolution of the magazine, we are introducing Campus Life on page 36. Rather than concluding the magazine with an article, we are aiming to leave readers with a final photo, which provides insight into campus life today and which we hope will bring back memories. We welcome your thoughts.

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# Feedback



Dear Editor,  
As a graduate, I was an interested attendee at the recent Homecoming celebrations. With my twenty years of experience on both the Broadway and Fort Garry campuses, I lived through the lengthy and painful move from

one campus to the other as a student and professor, culminating in the disastrous flood when a large part of the campus was under several feet of water including my basement research lab which was in what used to be the Science building and is now, I believe, the Armes. At least two of the chemistry faculty rose to become Presidents of the University: Drs. Armes and Saunderson.

Few alumni will be familiar with events such as the flood and there are now no signs of them. Now we have a mature, sprawling campus which is home to much intellectual endeavour. Much precious history is associated with the names of the buildings and the roads.

The alumni group with which I was most closely associated consisted of less than a dozen who had taken the five-year Honours course. Only two of this group were present at Homecoming; Dr. John Linford and myself. He is now 93 and I am pushing 92. We are still good friends and I look him up whenever I visit Winnipeg. The highlight of the weekend for Jack and me was, of course, the luncheon given for the graduates of 1935 and graciously hosted by President Szathmáry. It was a lovely affair and provided a fitting closing activity to Homecoming 2005.

Sincerely,  
**Norman O. Smith**, PhD/39  
Arlington Heights, Illinois

Dear Alumni Staff:

I credit my studies at the U of M (1986-1990) and in particular my professors in German and French with providing me with a solid framework for my graduate studies and a research career. I think the small class sizes and the high quality of instruction allowed me and my fellow students to engage with our professors and the material at a deeper level than is normally possible. In particular, Professors Sandy Gordon, Chris Jensen and Eric Annandale in French and Professor Bob Glendinning in German made a lasting impression on me. I have very fond memories of U of M and want to extend my gratitude for those formative experiences with the whole community. There are a lot of great things to be said for this university.

I'll never forget the day I went into the office of the Faculty of Arts and said I wanted to do a double honours degree in German and French. The seasoned administrator in charge of helping me organize this told me that this hadn't been done for some time. She also reprimanded me for coming at the last minute (I had been working in France for the summer and couldn't register until September). I'd like to thank her, if I could remember her name, for not giving up and for making this "unusual" degree program work. I now work as the undergraduate chair in the department of German at Queen's University and know that it can be a headache trying to get students the programs they want. But I think it's worthwhile accommodating their individual needs where possible. I know I benefited.

Best wishes,  
**H. Jill Scott**, BA(Hons)/90, PhD  
Kingston, Ontario

Dear Editor:

We are very grateful for your generosity over the years for sending us the alumni magazine since we left Canada in 1987. On behalf of my husband, (Mr. Tsietsi Motsoela, BScEE/87) I would like to thank you! We really have appreciated it. Your magazine has kept us in touch with events over the years.

Kindest regards,  
**Cynthia Motsoela**, BSc(Maj)/86  
Mogoditshane, Botswana

Dear Editor:

I graduated from the University of Manitoba in February 1987 and I highly appreciate the alumni journals I continue receiving. Many thanks. Manitoba is my second home and I look forward to visiting the University in future. Currently I teach Chemistry and Biology in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12. In addition, I am a high school administrator. Thanks to the University of Manitoba.

**Seth Ambale**, BEd/87  
Maragoli, Kenya

## Thank You

The Association would like to thank Ed Unrau for his contributions to *On Manitoba*. After 36 years of service at the university, Ed retired in February. Best wishes Ed with your new projects!

In March, Jocelyn Advent left the Alumni Association to assume another position on campus as a trainer for the new Aurora student information system. Jocelyn will be missed and we wish her well in her role.



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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2006

- ❖ Annual General Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Reception for Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient immediately following AGM.

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# Events

## Bison Minor Hockey Day



On February 4, Bison Sports hosted a day for minor hockey teams including free admission for the Bison women and men's games. Thanks to Dave Wheeler of Power 97 for organizing the media players for the hockey game, pictured above.

## WSO Night

The University of Manitoba and the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra partnered for performances in January featuring Henry Engbrecht as conductor. In addition, the Faculty of Medicine hosted a reception prior to the Friday night performance to thank alumni and friends for their support. Both events were a success. Ted Cuddy (MD/54, MSc/58) said that "the reception before the concert was a great opportunity to meet friends, many not seen in a long time. The concert itself was truly outstanding."

## Hockey Night with the MOOSE



On March 18, the Alumni Association and Public Affairs again sponsored University of Manitoba Night with the Manitoba Moose. Pictured at the game are: Dennis Hrycaiko, Dean, Physical Education and Recreation Studies; Karen Gamey, Executive Director, Alumni Association; John Danakas, Director, Public Affairs; Billy the Bison; and Rennie Zegalski, Vice-President, Alumni Association.

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For more information about the Board, check: <http://www.umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/bog/index.shtml> or call, (204) 474-9593.

This year, five alumni have put their names forward to run for the one vacancy. Each graduate of the University of Manitoba is entitled to one (1) vote. **Please select one (1) candidate of your choice and submit your selection no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 2, 2006.**

## HOW TO VOTE

Please fill in the ballot on the facing page or access one on our web site. Please don't forget to include your **alumni number**, which can be found on the label of this magazine or call the Alumni Association at (204) 474-9946 or 1-800-668-4908. If more than one graduate resides at your residence, please photocopy this ballot or access another from the web site. Ballots will be counted at the Alumni Association on Thursday, June 8, 2006. Results will be forwarded to the University Secretary and also appear on the Alumni Association web site and in the August issue of *On Manitoba*.

❖ You can vote **in person**, by bringing your ballot in a sealed envelope to Alumni House, 180 Dafoe Road, Fort Garry campus (with business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

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### Anne Bolton,

Q.C., BA/71, LLB/74, LLM 78 (Lond.)



Anne's career has been devoted to public service. Prior to her appointment as Public Trustee of Manitoba in April 2000, she was employed as a Master and Registrar in Bankruptcy, Court of Queen's Bench, Manitoba; Crown Counsel, (Legislation) and Attorney, Legal Aid Manitoba. Anne has served as a sessional lecturer for the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Law and Brandon University. She has held board memberships with The Manitoba Community Services Council, CMHA, DASCH Inc., Planned Parenthood and Popular Theatre Alliance of Manitoba. Anne conducts private practice in alternate dispute resolution. She is a Chartered Arbitrator (Arbitration Institute of Canada) and a Certified Family Mediator and a Certified Comprehensive Mediation Assessor (FMC). Anne looks forward to the opportunity to give back to the University of Manitoba which provided her with a good education and many happy years as a student.

### Tom Carson,

BA/71



Following graduation, Tom embarked on a 31 year career with the Province of Manitoba, the last 14 of which were as Deputy Minister of Culture, Heritage and Citizenship, Deputy Minister of Training and Continuing Education and Deputy Minister of Health. While Deputy Minister of Training, he served on the Council of Ministers of Education of Canada and was involved in the development of the Council on Post Secondary Education Act. Tom now pursues a consulting career focused on the determinants of health and healthy workplaces and serves on five non-profit boards in the areas of the arts and health care. At the university, he chairs the Advisory Board for the Manitoba Centre on Aging, serves on the Advisory Board for the Manitoba Health, Leisure and Human Performance Research Institute, and serves as an Associate to the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy. He would like to offer his experience with policy development and government relations to the Board of Governors.

### Romel Dhalla,

BA/99, BComm(Hons)/04



Romel is an Investment Advisor with BMO Nesbitt Burns and a passionate advocate for the University. Romel served many University committees, notably the Academic Senate and Board of Governors. As a member of the Board, Romel became known as one of the most active. Romel created University One Student Council while Arts Student President, and set fundraising records and established a significant award as Student Director in the Asper School. He was later elected Vice-President of the Canadian Business Schools Council. For his service, Romel was awarded the RC Armitage Award for University Governance. Romel serves as Vice-President of the Network of Indian Professionals of North America, a 5,000-member organization, and supports a long list of non-profit organizations. Romel endeavours to create opportunities for alumni to be more involved and supports initiatives that enhance the value and quality of the University of Manitoba. For complete information visit [www.romeldhalla.com](http://www.romeldhalla.com).

### Leona Herzog,

BFA(Hons)/75, CertEd/76, ContEd/94



Leona served as President of the Alumni Association of the University of Manitoba and continues to volunteer on committees. A Fine Arts graduate, she is hoping to bring a voice for the Arts and a different perspective to the Board. The university has contributed to her personal and professional success, and she would like to commit her skills to ensuring the university remains a top choice for students. She has a strong business background. As Manager of Business Communications at Manitoba Hydro and managing a staff of 25 creative individuals, she is responsible for the promotion and advertising of Power Smart programs, as well as retail, safety and educational initiatives. Leona currently sits on the Executive of the Manitoba Electrical League and the Heating Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Contractors of Manitoba. She is also on the Board of the Manitoba Opera Association and two committees of the Manitoba Home Builders Association.

### Christine Johnston,

BSc/98, OD (Waterloo)



Christine began her post-secondary education at the University of Manitoba in September 1995 in the Faculty of Science. During her first year, in addition to studies, she was a lifeguard and swim instructor at the Frank Kennedy pool. Christine graduated in 1998 with a Bachelor of Science General (with distinction). In September 1998, she began the second half of her university education at the University of Waterloo in the School of Optometry and graduated as a Doctor of Optometry (with honors) in June 2002. She is presently a council member for the Manitoba Association of Optometrists. Her husband is currently a graduate student in the Department of Computer Science at the University of Manitoba. Christine would be honoured to contribute her knowledge, skills, and academic experience along with others who wish to ensure the continued success of the University of Manitoba on the Board of Governors.

*The biographies and photos were submitted by the candidates for publication. Any statements or opinions contained therein are not necessarily those of the Alumni Association or the University of Manitoba.*

# BALLOT

Election of Alumni Association Representative to the University of Manitoba Board of Governors

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- Anne Bolton
- Tom Carson
- Romel Dhalla
- Leona Herzog
- Christine Johnston

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## PHARMACY LAB TO BE NAMED AFTER GRAD

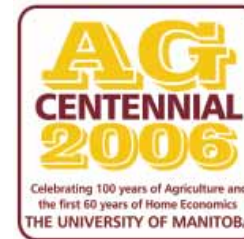


The undergraduate laboratory in the new Faculty of Pharmacy building under development at the Bannatyne campus will be named the Thorkelson Undergraduate Laboratory following a gift of \$500,000 from Kristjan Thorkelson (BA/96, BPharm/91), chairman/CEO of CanadaDrugs.com, in appreciation for the education that facilitated his current success. Pictured at the announcement on January 20 are (l-r): Emőke Szathmáry, University President, Maryanne Thorkelson (BHEcol/91, BEd/93), Kristjan Thorkelson, and David Collins, Dean of Pharmacy.

## EXTERNAL RELATIONS OFFICE ON BANNATYNE OPENS



On February 10, the official opening of the External Relations Office on the Bannatyne campus was celebrated with a ribbon cutting and open house. The office houses alumni, public relations and development professionals. Pictured at the ribbon cutting are (l-r): Kimberley Corneillie, Communications Officer, Faculty of Medicine; Johann de Vries, Dean, Faculty of Dentistry; Elaine Goldie, Vice-President (External), University of Manitoba; and J. Dean Sandham, Dean, Faculty of Medicine.



## CELEBRATE THE AGCENTENNIAL IN JULY 2006

The 100th anniversary of the founding of the Manitoba Agricultural College (precursor of the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences) will be held from July 21 to 23. All Ag alumni as well as Human Ecology graduates pre 1970 are invited. For more information, check: [www.umanitoba.ca/afs/agcentennial](http://www.umanitoba.ca/afs/agcentennial).

## CHANGES TO CANADIAN FORCES UNIVERSITY PROGRAM

Effective April 1, 2006, the University of Manitoba established a Military Support Office to provide assistance to students in the Canadian Forces. In 2005, the Department of National Defence announced that it is ceasing funding for the Canadian Forces University Program as well as its French counterpart at the Téléuniversité in Quebec City. The University of Manitoba will continue to offer support services to current members of the program and will continue to encourage Canadian Forces members and their immediate family members to pursue a post-secondary education.

The University of Manitoba will continue to provide the special benefits to members of the Canadian Forces, which have existed since 1974, including: honouring and granting degree credits for currently-evaluated military training and service; providing a reduced-residency provision and; refunding full tuition to students who must withdraw from

a course (prior to the final Voluntary Withdrawal date) if unforeseen military duty interferes with their studies.

"While we're disappointed with the funding decision, we're pleased that the University has established this office to assist students," says Kenn Doerksen, retiring Co-ordinator of the CFUP. "With 862 current students and 1,400 alumni, the program has been a success."

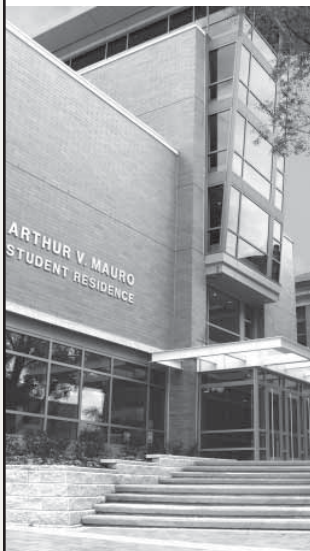
The Military Support Office includes Carol Prosk as full-time Student Advisor and Lynn Kaweck as office assistant, both of whom have many years of experience with the Canadian Forces University Program. The toll-free number will remain the same, as will other contact information. For more information, please contact the office at 1-800-850-6166, e-mail, [military@umanitoba.ca](mailto:military@umanitoba.ca), or check the web site, [www.umanitoba.ca/extended/military](http://www.umanitoba.ca/extended/military).

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## SEEKING INFORMATION ABOUT THE 1931 WORLD CHAMPION HOCKEY TEAM

A group of University of Manitoba graduates, many of whom were part of the 1928 Allan Cup winning team, were invited by the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association (now Hockey Canada) to represent Canada at the 1931 World Championships in Krynica, Poland.

They won Gold with a tournament record of five wins and one goalless tie, and they went a perfect zero goals against. The 1931 University of Manitoba Grads also played exhibition games in Europe and the United Kingdom, and were undefeated on their European tour with a record of 38 wins and 2 ties.

Hockey Canada and the University of Manitoba want to honour the 1931 University of Manitoba Grads team. We've been in touch with some family members, but we're still looking for relatives of the 1931 U of M Grads. If you're related to someone on that team, please call Siobhan Kari at (204) 474-7963 or email [Siobhan\\_Kari@umanitoba.ca](mailto:Siobhan_Kari@umanitoba.ca).

## Building Bridges with Government

Since its establishment in 2003, the Government Relations Office (GRO) at the University of Manitoba has had a measured impact on the university's relationship with governments. The mandate of the office is "to develop and further the University's relationships with the three levels of government and to promote to governments the University's perspectives, positions and priorities."

"The office has quickly found its niche on campus as it seeks to enhance the image, reputation and financial well-being of the university with government," says John Alho (BA(Hons)), Associate Vice-President (External) and the first Director of the GRO. "Before the GRO was established, university departments and units were independently communicating with government without formal coordination. One of our priorities was to coordinate these efforts. As a result, the messages are consistent and opportunities aren't missed. We found that this approach has been effective." In addition to Alho, the office includes Candice Arnold (BSc/99, LLB/02), Government Relations Associate, and Karen Inskip (BEd/01), Assistant to the Director.

As well as coordinating outreach with governments, other roles include: identifying opportunities for the university to participate in the development of policy and programs; identify non-traditional sources of government funding; coordinate visits to campus by government; and liaising with the AUCC on national legislation and policy issues.

Some recent highlights of the GRO have included: working with senior administration and government on the university's financial situation; ensuring that the university is in compliance with the new federal Lobbyists Registration Act; and coordinating a number of visits to campus by government dignitaries including ministers, ambassadors and even the Prime Minister of Iceland. The office coordinated a recent visit to Churchill by government officials to highlight University of Manitoba arctic and climate change research onboard the Amundson research ship. New government funding has also been secured for a number of infrastructure projects like Smartpark, research labs in the Engineering and Information Technology Complex, the new aboriginal student centre, among others.

For more information on the GRO, please call (204) 474-7881 or visit [www.umanitoba.ca/government\\_relations](http://www.umanitoba.ca/government_relations).

### ASSOCIATE VICE-PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL) APPOINTED

John Alho has been appointed Associate Vice-President (External), effective February 1, 2006. He was hired as the University's first Director of Government Relations in September, 2003. Since arriving on campus, Alho has significantly enhanced the University's



interactions with government by developing and maintaining a positive working relationship and network of contacts within all three levels of government. With this new role, his responsibilities will include Government Relations and Public Affairs.

Before his current position, John held a number of senior policy and communications advisory roles in the federal government.

John's community involvement includes membership on

the boards of directors of the Western Canada Aviation Museum and the Zoological Society of Manitoba. He served on the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra Year of the Veteran Fundraising Committee and is a member of the Public Affairs Association of Canada and the Young Associates of the I.H. Asper School of Business.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO GRADS ELECTED IN JANUARY

Several University of Manitoba graduates were elected or re-elected during the Federal General Election on January 23, 2006 including: **Rod Bruinooge**, BA/02 (Winnipeg South); **Stephen Fletcher**, BSc/95, MBA/02 and former UMSU President from 1999-2001 (Charlewood-St. James-Assiniboia); **James Lunney**, BSc/72 (Nanaimo-Alberni); **Inky Mark**, BEd/74 (Dauphin-Swan River-Marquette); **Anita Neville**, BA(Hons)/64 (Winnipeg South Centre); **Raymond Simard**, BA/79, BComm(Hons)/85 (Saint Boniface); **Joy Smith**, BEd/82, MEd/98 (Kildonan-St. Paul) and **Vic Toews**, LLB/76 (Provencher).

In addition, **Laurie Hawn** (Edmonton Centre) is a former student and **John McCallum** (Markham-Unionville) is a former professor in Economics. In the Senate, two sitting Senators are graduates: **Senator Mira Spivak** (BA/55) and **Senator Janis Johnson** (BA/68).

### TAKING RESEARCH TO SCHOOL

On November 25, 2005, the University unveiled a new resource package designed to show Manitoba high school students the importance of health research and its impact on the health of Canadians. Created in partnership with the Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR), the package consists of five double-sided, full-colour reference cards which highlight current work being done in: allergies and asthma, cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and infectious diseases. Each card ties into a unit of the 30S Biology curriculum and is designed to be used as supplemental resource material by teachers. The new package will be distributed to every high school in Manitoba.



## REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

The National Summit on Post-Secondary Education in Ottawa held in February 2006 is yet to release its findings. Nevertheless, the 300 who attended made one thing clear to the premiers of the provinces and territories who had organized the summit: Education, as indicated by skills training and post-secondary education matters. To this, those of us attending from the university sector added, university education matters profoundly.

There are three core reasons that underscore the value of university education. To the individual, the lifetime financial gain compared to those who have only a high school diploma is now estimated at a million dollars. Society gains materially from having educated individuals who are typically employed within six months of graduation, and who typically pay higher taxes than those who are without university degrees. University-educated people tend to be involved in volunteer activities that provide the social glue that holds communities together, and they are often leaders at local, provincial and national levels. The third reason that signifies the worth of a university education to individuals, however, is not measured in financial terms. Rather, it exists in the inestimable qualities that knowledge and learning bring to human understanding, including understanding of the world in all its dimensions, past, present and future.

The 21st century has been proclaimed as the age of the global economy, where having knowledge matters more ultimately than having natural resources. In the knowledge economy knowledge matters, and the creative intelligence manifested in myriad ways, but especially through innovation, is expected to reap material gains both for creative individuals and for their societies. Some nations, among them China, are acting on these facts by building new, state-of-the-art campuses. In Canada universities in provinces east and west of Manitoba are not only pouring dollars into modernizing facilities through extensive renovations and the construction of new

buildings, but their governments are also providing handsome increases to their operating grants, well in excess of the cost of living. Competition is the name of the game in the 21st century, not only among nations, but among provinces for their universities to have the best faculty, the best students, and the best staff.

Manitoba's government has recognized the costs of competition by making a three-year funding commitment to the province's universities and colleges. In the current fiscal year tuition will remain frozen at the 1999 level, but the operating grant will increase by 5.8 per cent, and in each of the subsequent two years the minimum that grants will increase is by 5 per cent per year. Were this ordinary times, news of a three-year commitment at funding levels unprecedented in the past decade would cause rejoicing. Unfortunately, these are not ordinary times, and the promised funding is both far short of the needs that exist, and far less than universities comparable to ours are receiving.

The fact is that for 2006-07 we had requested an 8.9 per cent increase in our base grant, of which 5.5 per cent is required to maintain the current level of operation and 3.4 per cent is required to replace the \$6.9 million, one-time only funding that was provided last year in lieu of ancillary fees. However, with a 5.8 per cent increase in our grant, the increase is equivalent to 2.4 per cent in new funding. At the same time, the University of Saskatchewan's grant is increasing by 7 per cent, and still higher total increases in revenue occur among medical-doctoral universities further west. Nevertheless the University of Manitoba is expected to provide the same educational quality as our sister universities can provide.

As we prepare the budget for the current fiscal year, I wonder how long the University of Manitoba can remain competitive. Throughout its history this institution has provided the graduates to serve this province's needs, and saved it from having to entice its professionals to move here from away. Our research has made an enormous difference to human

welfare locally and globally, whether in the domain of the health sciences or in agriculture and food, as just a few exemplary areas. But these days I wonder about our ability to remain competitive nationally let alone internationally. The world is changing around us, and we need a provincial dream, a national dream focussed on university education. We need a provincial and a national will to translate tomorrow's dream into action today. Universities create the future, but Manitoba will have a very different kind of future than I dream of, unless we all take university education seriously.

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

### WORKING IN INDIA



The University of Manitoba took part in the Province of Manitoba's trade mission to India from February 10 to 15. The journey gave the University a chance to meet and partner with education facilities in India. As a result of the trade mission, the university signed new agreements with five post-secondary institutions in India and with Alkem Laboratories, one of the country's leading pharmaceutical companies. Pictured above is Manitoba Premier Gary Doer, Alkem Laboratories Chairman Samprada Singh and University President Emőke Szathmáry signing a memorandum of agreement to increase collaborative research in functional foods and nutraceuticals.

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## THREE NEW CANADA RESEARCH CHAIRS



Grant Hutch

Three more researchers have been awarded prestigious Canada Research Chairs, bringing the total number at the University of Manitoba to 36. **Grant Hutch** (PhD/89), pharmacology and therapeutics/biochemistry and medical genetics, has been appointed Chair in molecular cardioprotein metabolism. Hutch's research into cardioprotein metabolism will lead to



Dean McNeill

new therapies for heart disease, cancer, diabetes, obesity, and some rare genetic disorders. **Dean McNeill** (BScCompE/90, MSc/93, PhD/99), electrical and computer engineering, has been appointed Chair in information processing for intelligent infrastructure. He is investigating more effective ways to monitor the structural health of bridges.

**Mostafa Fayek** (PhD), geological sciences, is our new Chair in isotope and environmental geochemistry. Fayek's research into fluid-solid interactions will lead to better ways to dispose of nuclear waste, explore for minerals, and characterize materials.

Five existing Canada Research Chairs have also been renewed for another five years. They are: Brian Cox, psychiatry, Canada Research Chair in mood and anxiety disorders; Hélène Perreault, chemistry, Canada Research Chair in bioanalytical mass spectrometry; Geoff Hicks, biochemistry and medical genetics, Canada Research Chair in functional genomics; Larry Hryshko, physiology, Canada Research Chair in cardiac electrophysiology; and Lorrie Kirshenbaum, physiology, Canada Research Chair in molecular cardiology.

## HEALTH RESEARCHERS WIN NATIONAL AWARD



Patricia Martens

Last November in Ottawa at the Canadian Health Research Awards gala, **Patricia Martens**, director of the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy, and her *Need to Know Team* were awarded the Canadian Institutes for Health Research Knowledge Translation Award for their outstanding contribution to the health of Canadians or to the health system through exemplary knowledge translation. Hosted by the Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR), the event honoured Canada's top health researchers. The *Need to Know Team* has produced a provincial Indicators Atlas (2003) to assist regional health authorities develop five-year strategic plans; a mental illness Report (2004) that has attracted national attention for its finding that one in four Manitobans had at least one mental illness diagnosis between 1997 and 2002; and a report on sex differences (2005) that charted male/female differences in health, use of the health care system and quality of care.

## TWO MORE SYNERGY AWARDS

In October, 2005, the University received two more national Synergy Awards for excellence in innovation, placing the University of Manitoba second in Canada with a total of eight Synergy Awards. Established by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), the awards recognize outstanding research and development partnerships between universities and industry. One award recognizes the 10-year partnership between the University of Manitoba and Vector Construction Group. Led by civil engineering distinguished professor **Aftab Mufti** (PhD), president of ISIS Canada, the collaboration has focused on the use of innovative materials to strengthen buildings and bridges. The second Synergy Award recognizes a partnership between the University of Manitoba, the Manitoba HVDC Research Centre, and RTDS Technologies. Led by electrical and computer engineering professor **Aniruddha Gole** (MSc/80, PhD/82), NSERC Industrial Research Chair in Power Systems Engineering, the partnership has resulted in powerful new simulation tools for the global power industry.

## PLANT SCIENTISTS MAKE BREAKTHROUGH DISCOVERY



Dr. Ashraf El Kereamy, Robert Hill and Fawzi Razem

A team of University researchers led by **Robert Hill** (BSc/58, MSc/63, PhD/65), plant science, is the first in the world to discover a receptor for an important plant hormone called abscisic acid (ABA). The discovery, published in the January 19, 2006 edition of the scientific journal *Nature*, represents a major leap forward in our understanding of plant growth and development. ABA is a survival hormone that regulates the timing of germination and flowering and controls the plant's response to environmental stresses. Hill and his team have discovered that a protein called FCA is a receptor for ABA. With this knowledge, scientists can potentially unlock the ability to influence a plant's response to stresses like cold, drought and excess salt. Hill, along with postdoctoral fellows Fawzi Razem and Ashraf El Kereamy, collaborated on the project with researchers in Saskatchewan and the United Kingdom.



# AT THE OLYMPICS...



Wayne Fleming



Adrian Honish

Bison women's volleyball assistant coach **Adrian Honish** (BESS/02, MSc/05) was part of the Canadian Olympic Committee's (COC) Technical Team at the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy. Honish's role involved being Performance Technology VTR Officer on the Canadian Olympic Committee's Technical Staff team for the Games. University of Manitoba grad student **Carolyn Taylor** (BESS/03) was also named to the same position.

Honish was collecting and organizing video for the Canadian Team. He was situated in Sestriere, Italy and oversaw the sports of alpine ski, bobsleigh, luge and skeleton.

Honish and Taylor were asked to submit their resumes to the COC

in the fall of 2005. They were selected to the Technical Team following an extensive cross-country search and interview process.

Former Bison men's hockey head coach **Wayne Fleming** was part of the 2006 Canadian Olympic Team as one of four associate coaches for the Canadian men's hockey team.

Fleming was head coach of the Manitoba Bisons from the 1980/81 to 1986/87 and then 1988/89 to 1989/90. The Winnipeg native was the coach for two Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) championships in 1983/84 and 1984/85. He was selected as Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) Coach of the Year in the 1984/85 season. Fleming was also part of the gold medal Canadian men's hockey team for the 2002 Winter Olympic Games and silver medal team at the 1992 Winter Olympic Games. He is currently an assistant coach for the NHL Philadelphia Flyers.

## SIRANT REACHES MILESTONE



Mike Sirant

Bison men's hockey head coach **Mike Sirant** (BA/83, BRS/85), earned his 250th career CIS win during his 13th season with the Bisons on Saturday, November 13, 2005. Sirant, who guided Manitoba to a Final Four finish at last season's CIS

TELUS University Cup tournament, ranks fifth in career Canada West Hockey coaching victories. He was also named 2004-05 Canada West Men's Hockey Coach of the Year.



Desiree Scott

## BISON HELPS SOCCER TEAM QUALIFY FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Bison women's soccer player **Desiree Scott** played with the Canadian Under-20 Women's National Team at the CONCACAF (The Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean Association

Football) qualification games and helped the team earn a berth to the FIFA U-20 Women's World Championship in Russia.

Scott played in the Bisons inaugural Canada West season in 2005 and was named as Canada West Rookie of the Year and Second Team All-Star in the striker position. Canada finished as CONCACAF U-20 runner-ups to the eventual winner USA. The FIFA U-20 Women's World Championship will run from August 16 to September 2 in Russia.

## Bright Futures...

# LANDICE YESTRAU

**Hometown:** Winnipeg

**Program of Study:** U1

**Favourite tv show:** SpongeBob SquarePants is definitely my favourite!!

**Favourite movies:** The Notebook, Zoolander

**Favourite artists:** Green Day, Switchfoot and many others including classical. I wish I could play the piano that well.

**What do you think you'll miss from university days?** I get to spend most of my time with fellow swimmers. I really like the independence.

**What do you do when you're not studying?** Swimming, of course. But I also like to read and draw in pencil, especially reptiles. I also like replicating old family photos that I sometimes give as presents.

**What's the best advice you've received?** My mom has a motto: "Common courtesy costs nothing," which I try to apply to all situations.

**Why did you select the UofM?** It has a good swimming program. During my final year of high school, I was able to train with the university swim team. This also made the transition to university much easier.

**In 10 years, I see myself...** Still in school. I plan to apply to Dentistry so there is a chance that I'll still be in school preparing to become an oral surgeon.

*Currently in her first year on the University of Manitoba swim team, Landice has already set a pool record in the 50-metre backstroke at the CanWest Championships in Vancouver in January. She also represented Canada at the Commonwealth Games in March. In April, Landice was named Bison Female Athlete of the Year, the first rookie to win the award in 22 years. (Kevin Saurette was named Male Athlete of the Year.)*



# Dr. Frank Plummer

## Home grown world leader

WAYNE DRURY (BA/70)

**I**t was supposed to be a “gap year.” Go to Kenya for eleven months or so before moving on to something else.

“I’d been on a pretty straight path – high school, pre-med, medicine, internship – and never taken any time off, never made any deviations,” **Frank Plummer** (MD/76) recalls when he first considered accepting a research project with the University of Nairobi in 1981. “I thought it would be an interesting change of pace.”

“That year essentially defined my career,” he says. “It really changed my mind about what I wanted to do and got me into research for the first time. It pointed me in the direction of studying sexually transmitted diseases and gave me a real jump start in terms of the scientific aspect of my career. I published 12 papers after 11 months of work, which is pretty amazing, and there were some prominent publications in there, some *Lancet* and *New England Journal of Medicine* articles, that set the stage for everything else.”

In the quarter century since he first landed in Nairobi, Plummer has accumulated an impressive resume: one of the world’s leading experts in infectious diseases including avian flu; internationally recognized for his research in HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, and his work in public health and science; Senior Science Advisor to the Public Health Agency of Canada; Director General of the Centre for Infectious Disease Prevention and Control in Ottawa; Scientific Director General of the National Microbiology Laboratory in Winnipeg; Distinguished Professor of Medicine and Medical Microbiology and Associate Professor of Community Health Services at the University of Manitoba; recipient of a US \$8.3 million Grand Challenges in Global Health Grant from the Gates Foundation; recipient of the St. Boniface Hospital and Research Foundation’s 2005 International Award;

and several other provincial, national and international awards.



Frank Plummer was fresh out of Shaftesbury High School in Winnipeg when he enrolled at the University of Manitoba three and a half decades ago.

“I just applied to the University of Manitoba,” he says. “It never occurred to me at that point to apply anywhere else. My goal was to go into medicine and they have a great medical school. I was expecting a world class education and that’s what I got.”

After two years of pre-med, he started medical school and graduated in 1976, along with Brian Postl, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, and Joel Kettner, Manitoba’s Chief Medical Officer of Health. “We still keep in touch, and still deal with each other,” he says.

Upon graduation, he planned to practice internal medicine for a couple of years and ultimately get into some specialty. “The discipline of internal medicine interested me. There’s a lot of inductive reasoning, trying to figure out the problem by what the patient tells you, by what you find on physical examination, lab tests, and that attracted me. I had no idea I would end up doing infectious diseases,” he says.

Although he had been on a straight path from high school to medicine, Plummer and his wife experienced a few twists and turns getting to Kenya.

“There were a few catastrophes. We had never really traveled so we took some time travelling through Europe and Egypt on the way,” he says. “We stopped in Amsterdam and we lost our briefcase with our money and papers. There was an ice storm on the day we were supposed to leave for Athens and we couldn’t get a cab to take us to the train station to get to the airport, so we

“This facility is the best of its kind in the world.”



Plummer in Africa



were overwhelming. He and his wife were suddenly living in a city where they were a racial and ethnic minority, surrounded by exotic vegetation, crazy traffic and very densely populated neighbourhoods. "The population then would have been about three million, but very concentrated, and a lot of people living in slums. There was a lot of petty crime so there were homes with bars on the windows and people living in compounds with gates and guards. The whole security thing took the most getting used to," he recalls.

After his first year in Kenya and his flurry of published papers, he returned to Winnipeg for a year and spent a year working at a lab in Atlanta. Then in 1984 he was offered a job at the University of Manitoba, but based in Kenya.

"It was supposed to be for two years but ended up being 17," he says. It was shortly after his second stint in Nairobi that he launched his ground breaking studies into HIV/AIDS.

"The first studies we did were in 1985," he recalls. "We had set up a cohort study among sex workers to study gonorrhoea. We thought it would be interesting as a sidebar to see if there was any HIV in the group because it was just beginning to be recognized as a problem in Africa. We didn't have very high expectations. In fact, we debated the wisdom of even doing it. We found out that two thirds of the women in our cohort of about 600 were infected with HIV which was a shock. That was a major turning point in my career."

"One of the things that jumped out at us was that the length of time a women had been involved in prostitution was correlated with being HIV positive, but it was back-

wards. The longer a woman had been involved in prostitution, the less likely she was to be HIV positive. It was quite a strong association. The only way that can happen is if some individuals within a group are somehow resistant to HIV infection, so that sort of idea came out of our first study," he says.

"We published that in 1988 or so and it didn't really get a lot of notice at that time. We did an observational deductive study to show that indeed some people seem to be less susceptible than others and were left with the conclusion that there is some kind of biologic resistance. We proved that case to our satisfaction around 1993. Since that time we have focused on trying to understand what's behind it, what's the mechanism, what is protecting them and why them. Basically everything that we have points to these women being immune to HIV. Understanding that will give us clues as to what we need to do to make an effective HIV vaccine. That's the current focus of my research," he says.

In 2001, his career took another major redirect when he moved back to Winnipeg to oversee the National Microbiology Laboratory (NML).

"It was kind of happenstance," he says. He knew the Canadian Science Centre for Human and Animal Health was being built in Winnipeg but didn't know much about it. He was thinking of a move back to Manitoba because he needed a strong base to keep the project in Kenya going. He had never thought about being the director until he was asked to be on the search committee. When the search didn't yield any suitable candidates, he says he dropped a few hints that he was interested and the committee relaunched their search with Plummer as the only candidate.

"The federal government has given me the scope to do what I wanted to do here," he says. "It has been very refreshing. There is a lot

of bureaucracy but you still can get a lot of stuff done. This facility is the best of its kind in the world."

As a major scientific presence in Canada and around the world, the NML is at the forefront of infectious disease research, including investigations and preparations against the threat of avian flu.

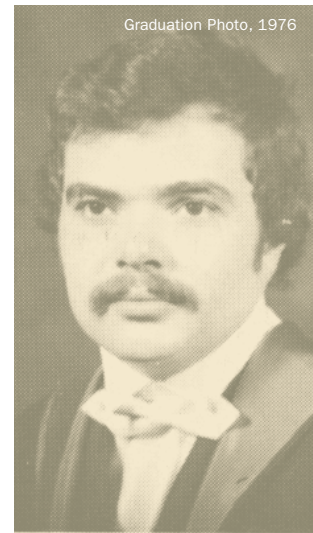
"I am confident in our preparedness at the national level, but it is a constant concern that needs continued work," Plummer says. He says the current H5N1 virus has been around since 1997, and was

and looking at making vaccines."

"Canada has pretty advanced pandemic planning compared to many parts of world," he adds, "but you're never fully prepared. If we had a flu vaccine that would work against this virus then we would be fully prepared, but since we can't have the vaccine until the virus actually emerges we are somewhat less than ready. There always will be more to do as things change."

After racking up hundreds of flights between Winnipeg and Nairobi in 17 years of transatlan-

his wife and three daughters, spend time with their "eighty-year-old project on Waterloo" as he calls the family home. The youngest daughter is still in high school at Grant Park, while the other two are at the University of Winnipeg. The middle daughter is majoring in theatre and the eldest is a history major but taking an increasing interest in public health. "A lot of her projects involve infectious diseases," he says. "She is doing a project right now on 1918 influenza from a historical point of view so she may



Graduation Photo, 1976

Dr. Frank Plummer

**Birthplace:** Winnipeg

**Favourite book:** *For Whom the Bell Tolls* by Ernest Hemingway  
"It really moved me when I read it."

**Favourite Movie:** *Rob Roy* with Liam Neeson

**Favourite Place:** The Masai Mara in Kenya, part of the Serengeti (ecosystem)  
"It's one of my favourite places on the planet, lots of rolling hills, full of wild life, big sky, very dramatic scenery, unspoiled and natural."

**Memorable University of Manitoba moments:** My first impression was being overwhelmed with the size of it.

the first example of a flu virus being directly transmitted from birds to humans without an intermediate step. Though it has spread from Asia to Eastern Europe, and many more birds are being infected and more people are being exposed, the virus has not yet been transmitted from person to person.

"Because it hasn't happened already - we've had the virus for nine years now - tells me that the genetic hurdles for it to happen are pretty high," he says. "That doesn't mean it can't happen or won't happen. I think the risk is fairly remote but we have to be ready. Here we are making sure we can diagnose all types of influenza, equipping laboratories across the country to detect new viruses, researching the H5N1 virus and other flu strains,

and countless evenings flying back and forth between Winnipeg and Ottawa with the NML, Plummer does not have a lot of time for vacations or recreational travel. "When we were in Kenya we took safaris into the game parks, and spent time on the coast at the beach. It was great."

"Since I've been on this job, it's been one event after another," he says. "My hobby basically is my research. Once the kids grow up, we might go back overseas." Though he is not anxious to repeat the grueling transatlantic commutes, he would like to do some leisure traveling, perhaps to Brazil, some of the other countries in Africa, Viet Nam and Thailand, or "the valley in Jordan where Indiana Jones was shot."

In the meantime, he, along with

end up being a history of medicine or infectious diseases scholar."

He spends what spare time he can find reading and doing puzzles. "I like the *New York Times* crosswords, particularly the Sunday one. And I am addicted to Sudoku. I do a lot of that lately. I get them eventually, depending on how many times I am willing to erase and start over," he laughs.

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Since this interview, the University of Manitoba received \$5.9 million (US) from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for a new four-year project aimed at reducing the spread of HIV/AIDS in India, led by James Blanchard, community health sciences and Canada Research Chair in epidemiology and global public health.



## CAPTURING THE WORLD ON FILM

In 2001, **Brian Aftanas** (BScCE /80) was talking in a conference room in Tengiz, Kazakhstan with a small group. Inevitably the topic moved to the weather and to how cold it could get in Tengiz. To his surprise, someone quipped that it was like winter in Winnipeg where they had grown up.

Yet another person brightened and said they were from Winnipeg. At that meeting, Ed Neubauer met Mark Rubel who met Brian Aftanas. They marveled at how three people from Winnipeg had adventured so far yet, unexpectedly, found a Manitoba community with them.

For Aftanas, it started at the Recruitment office in the UMSU building in early 1980. He took a job with Chevron Canada Resources as an oil production engineer in Alberta. So, after graduating, he filled his old 1957 Meteor with personal belongings and headed to Edmonton.



Twenty-six years later, he is still with Chevron and now lives in the San Francisco Bay Area with his wife and two teenage children. His work has taken him to Canada, the U.S.A., Angola, Nigeria and Kazakhstan.

Like adapting to his first job with Chevron, his education at the University of Manitoba has helped him to explore new things and to continue to expand skills. Thus, he has also developed from taking pictures as a hobby into becoming an accomplished photographer whose work has been exhibited internationally, including the FotoFest Biennial in Houston from March 10 to April 23, 2006.

"Winnipeg is a wonderfully cosmopolitan city," says Aftanas, "and my upbringing has 'informed' both my outlook on life and my photography. When I travel, I try to take pictures of the reality of what is there."

At the FotoFest Biennial, he will be exhibiting photographs taken in Paris, San Francisco and Lagos. "What ties them together is the common theme of 'transience and permanence'," he says. "In my travels, I have learned that people are people; the same wherever I go with the same dreams and aspirations, whether in Manitoba or Kazakhstan."

## PEER RECOGNITION

Shakespeare said it first and best. "There is a tide in the affairs of men which taken at the flood, leads on to fortune."

Substitute "service" for "fortune" to sum up the illustrious judicial career of Mr. Justice **Wallace Darichuk** (LLB/60), who retired in April 2005 after achieving 43 years as the longest serving member of the judiciary in Manitoba and possibly Canada.

Commenting on the longevity of his career, Justice Darichuk said, "I was lucky to be given the opportunity to chart a career so early in life. My grade five teacher encouraged me to consider law since, at that time, most prime ministers were lawyers. The seed was planted then."

Justice Darichuk's professional career was distinguished by a number of firsts, among them being appointed as provincial court judge at age 25, the youngest in Canada; at age 33, being one of the youngest persons to be appointed Queen's counsel and at age 38, being the first judge of the Provincial Court of Manitoba to be elevated by a Federal appointment.

Upon his retirement, Justice Darichuk received a laudatory letter from then Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, the Honourable Peter Liba, who commended the "exemplary career which has been based on your ability to balance the rights of the accused with the rights of the public and to serve justice equitably. You have set a fine example, not only for your peers, but for the generation of judges who have yet to come after you."

Justice Darichuk was honoured also with a reception by Manitoba chief justices and colleagues which he counted as "the highlight of my career. Being recognized by your peers is the greatest honour of them all."

A mere two months after retiring in April of 2005, Justice Darichuk was invited to be re-appointed judge of the Supreme Court of the Yukon and deputy judge of the Supreme Court of the North West Territories. "The wonderful part is I sit on an invitational basis, as a deputy judge. I get a call and can decide if I'll accept, but it turns out that I've done a lot of accepting!"



MARGARET ANNE FEHR, (BFA/71)

## HONOUR CAPS DISTINGUISHED CAREER

For a person who has been pushing quality over quantity for over a quarter century and received more than thirty awards, it was difficult to imagine that a day will come when someone will be vying for and competing to win an award created as a legacy and named after his name.

That day arrived for **Madhav Sinha** (PhD/74, PEng) who is Chief of Engineering and Head of the quality programs with the Manitoba Government Department of Labour and Immigration. Sinha was honoured by the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) in 2005 with the establishment of the Dr. Madhav N. Sinha Scholarship for Quality, supported by the local Vancouver Section of the American Society for Quality (ASQ) for the best student in BCIT's diploma program with a major in operations management.

"It is a great honour especially knowing that this is the first time in Canada that the achievement of any one working in the field of quality control (QC) and total quality management (TQM) has been recognized at this level by an academic institution," said Dr. Sinha. "It signifies the beginning of a very bold statement for a new discipline."

Sinha was selected in part because of his contributions in the field of QC and TQM as a teacher, mentor, pioneer, researcher, a quality activist, book author and founder/co-founder of many "first-ever" programs and community quality outreach initiatives from coast to coast.

An author, co-author and editor of ten books, including a text book, and over 50 research papers Sinha is the president of Canada's first non-profit foundation for quality, the Total Quality Research Foundation (TQRF) of Canada.

A recipient of the 2002 APEGM Leadership Award, Sinha is the first Canadian inducted as academician into the International Academy for Quality, whose membership in the organization is limited to only 50 individuals world-wide. In 2003, the world's largest organization of quality professionals, the American Society for Quality (ASQ), honoured Sinha with a Distinguished Service Gold Medal for lifetime achievement in quality.

## GOOD TIMING IN COMEDY AND CAREER!

By day, a rising star financial services vice-president; by night, a stand-up comic, delivering his personal take on the absurdity of current news events and poking gentle fun at his East Indian heritage in a circuit of local New York comedy clubs; so goes the career path of **Sheraz Shere** (BScIE/94).

Shere admits that he was always something of the class clown displaying an edgy sense of humour while growing up, so such an innate part of his character was not to be denied even in his current position as Vice-President, Business Solutions at American Express in New York City.

A ten week stand-up comedy writing course caught Shere's attention with an opportunity to perform 'live' on-stage in front of a New York comedy club crowd. "It went very well, even though it was scary, and I've been performing ever since. It's more of a hobby that I do just for fun!"

A product of the University of Manitoba, Shere achieved a Gold Medal in 1994 when he graduated from Industrial Engineering. A full scholarship to Princeton University swiftly followed with Shere graduating with a post-graduate degree in Operation Research in 1996.

Events unfolded quickly and by 1999, Shere had been recruited by American Express in New York City and has capped his rapid ascent in the company as Vice-President, Business Solutions in the company's new Marketing and Lifestyle services group, distinguishing himself at the age of 33 as one of the company's youngest VP's.

Looking back on his university days, Shere is appreciative of the solid grounding he received in his studies while a student. "One professor, Dr. Alfa, really got me interested in the field of operations research which led me to Princeton and to where I am now. Even though I don't practice engineering, I know that the problem-solving skills I developed while at the U of M continue to serve me well today."

MARGARET ANNE FEHR (BFA/71)



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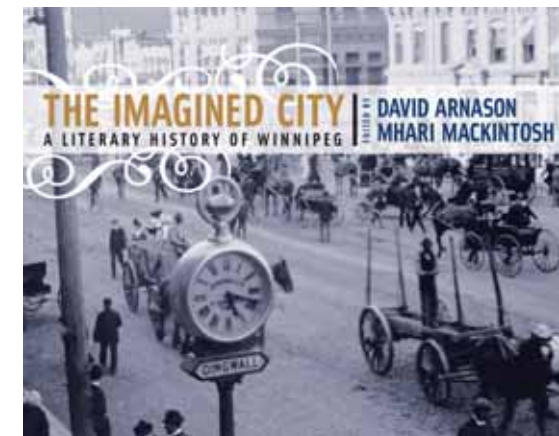
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## OUR CITY

All great cities are known more by their representation in art than by their economic or military greatness. London is forever foggy however the British clean it up, because Dickens made it foggy, and dozens of other writers, painters, and filmmakers followed suit. Rio basks in eternal sunlight. New York is brash and self-assured and hectic. But what of Winnipeg? Is it the steamy ethnic North End given us by such writers as Adele Wiseman and John Marlyn, or is it the Red River settlement? Or is it the booming raw new city with brothels and bars on every corner, or is it a vast collection of suburbs where ad executives return for their evening martini before collapsing in front of the television set?



In the book *The Imagined City: A Literary History of Winnipeg*, editors David Arnason and Mhari Mackintosh, trace the literary history of Winnipeg and explore its nature and identity through

excerpts, historical pieces and contributions by noted Winnipeggers including Ralph Connor, Douglas Durkin, Dorothy Livesay, Larry Zolf, David Williamson, Margaret Sweatman, Carol Shields, Guy Maddin, Wayne Tefs, Miriam Toews, Jon Paul Fiorentino and Dennis Cooley.

The editors note that the idea for the book came out of a course they did at the University of Manitoba. The students in that course discovered a wonderful array of writing about the city. They are grateful to these students for their enthusiasm and their discoveries. They looked at Winnipeg with a fresh eye, and saw what a fascinating place they inhabited.

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## Answering the Challenge



In the last issue, **Paul Maguet** (DipAg/50) challenged other classes to meet or beat the 60% attendance of his class at their 55th anniversary reunion. In response, **Marcel S. Fraser** (DipAg/65) sent a photo, above, of the 22 graduates who attended the 40th anniversary class reunion of the 1965 Diploma in Agriculture Graduating Class held at the farm of Don and Karen McGregor of Waskada, MB from June 23 to 26, 2005. Marcel notes that his attendance was also 60% and adds that seven of the graduates are wearing their original Aggie jackets. The class has been holding a class reunion every five years since 1975 and plans to meet again in 2010.

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## A Conversation With...

# DENNIS COOLEY

PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH  
BA(HONS), BED, MA (SASKATCHEWAN), PHD (ROCHESTER)

**Years Teaching at the University of Manitoba:** Since July 1, 1973.

**Areas of Expertise:** Canadian and American literature, especially contemporary poetry, poetics, prairie writing and theory.

**Before Teaching:** I taught upgrading in Estevan, SK, for one year then I was an Executive Assistant for a minister in the Blakeney government for one year, the hardest job I ever had.

**Hobbies:** Gardening, house repairs and general yard work.

**Outreach activities:** I have conducted writing workshops in high schools and universities across Canada and Europe. In addition, I have served on local boards for the Manitoba Writers Guild and *Border Crossings* magazine. I also edit literary manuscripts, usually for Turnstone Press, of which I was a founding member.

**Something others may not know:** When I was younger I was extremely active in sports, including football, baseball and basketball. I grew up listening to my dad and uncle talk about the ball games they'd played and so I had that baseball thing in my head from the time I was a kid. In one way or another I was into sports, in fact I even had a few school track and field records in Estevan. For many years now, a fair number of years later, I've been madly writing poetry, and there's no shaking it, it seems. It's taken over a big chunk of my life

**What excites you most about the future:** In the immediate future, I am looking forward to a trip to Spain in spring to teach a graduate course in Lleida on the Canadian writer Robert Kroetsch. While there, I'll also conduct writing workshops as well as take some time to see the sights of Spain with my family and later visit friends in Germany. Who knows about the more distant future? I really have no idea.

**Most Rewarding Aspect of Teaching:** When students get excited about something that really speaks to them, when it ignites their passion and intelligence. I'm pleased when they start to make it their own, sometimes read more by a writer, or look into other writers on their own. There's something special when they really hear a piece of writing and see a bit of what it's doing—that can be a wild and wonderful breakthrough. It's exciting too when, as often they do, they take up writing on their own.

### Some Awards received:

- ❖ University of Manitoba Olive Beatrice Stanton Award for excellence in teaching, 1979
- ❖ University of Manitoba Outreach Award, 1987
- ❖ Western Magazine Award for arts commentary, 1989
- ❖ First Guest Professor in Canadian Studies, Universität Trier, Germany, 1990
- ❖ City of Estevan Official Dennis Cooley Day on May 5, 1995
- ❖ Teacher Recognition Award in Arts, 2004

Dennis Cooley's new book, *the bentleys*, is slated to be printed by November 2006.



## InPrint



**BIRK SPROXTON**

### PHANTOM LAKE: NORTH OF 54

2005, *The University of Alberta Press*

Phantom Lake explores the stories, legends, and tall tales that make up Flin Flon, a real imaginary place perched on rocky outcrops and lakes of the Canadian Shield.

Born on the edge of a lake in Flin Flon, Manitoba, **Birk Sproxtton** (MA/68, PhD/83) currently teaches Canadian Literature and Creative Writing at Red Deer College. Editor of the best-selling *Great Stories from the Prairies*, he is the author of several books including the award-winning novel, *The Red-Headed Woman with the Black Black Heart*.



**EVELYN WALTERS**

### THE WOMEN OF BEAVER HALL: CANADIAN MODERNIST PAINTERS

2005, *Dundurn Press*

Long overlooked by critics and historians, the Beaver Hall women are today among the most sought-after Canadian painters. This book portrays the life and work of Emily Coonan, Nora Collyer, Prudence Heward, Mabel Lockerby, Henrietta Mabel May, Kathleen Morris, Liliias Torrance Newton, Sarah Robertson, Anne Savage, and Ethel Seath.

**Evelyn Walters'** (BA/61, AMM/61, CertEd/62) expertise on the Beaver Hall Group is an outgrowth of her 1990 doctoral thesis and research for a personal art collection. After teaching in France and then Montreal, she recently moved to Toronto.



**ROCHEL UDOVITCH BERMAN**

### DIGNITY BEYOND DEATH: THE JEWISH PREPARATION FOR BURIAL

2005, *Urim Publications*

This book is an uplifting illumination of the path the Jewish deceased follow in their final journey before burial. For the first time, the ritual of tahrah, purification, is told by the community volunteers who commit themselves to providing this elegant passage.

Born and educated in Winnipeg, **Rochel Udovitch Berman** (BA/56, BSW/57) is the former Executive Director of the American Society for Yad Vashem. Her articles and essays have appeared in numerous publications including *The New York Times*, *Hadassah* and *The New York Jewish Week*. She lives and works in Boca Raton, Florida.



**LUCAS SWAINE**

### THE LIBERAL CONSCIENCE

2006, *Columbia University Press*

In recent years, the battle between liberalism and theocracy has taken center stage around the globe. By opening a dialogue between theocracy and liberalism and offering strategies for interacting with politically ambitious theocrats, Swaine offers new and vital perspectives on the role of religion in liberal, multicultural societies.

**Lucas Swaine** (BA(Hons)/91, MA/92, DPhil, PhD) is Assistant Professor of government at Dartmouth College. His work has been published in numerous journals.



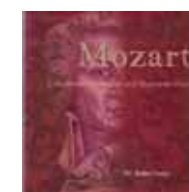
**HERB SCHULZ**

### A VIEW FROM THE LEDGE

2005, *Heartland Associates Inc.*

Schulz offers a unique view of Manitoba's first NDP government. He paints portraits of Premier Schreyer and Winnipeg Mayor Stephen Juba and others who made the politics of the era tick. It is personal, opinionated, at times abrasive and often funny.

**Herb Schulz** (BA/67, MA/69), Premier Ed Schreyer's brother-in-law, served as the Premier's Special Assistant between 1971 and 1977.



**STEFAN CARTER**

### MOZART: A MEDITATION ON HIS LIFE AND MYSTERIOUS DEATH

2005, *Heartland Associates Inc.*

Following Mozart from child prodigy to musical sensation, Carter weaves his music into his life experiences, and sheds light on his family relationships. Then, using modern medical insights and the benefit of hindsight, the author examines the reasons for his sudden death at thirty-five, and assesses his remarkable legacy.

Now retired from the University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine and as Director of the Vascular Laboratory at St. Boniface Hospital, **Stefan Carter** (MD/54, MSc/56), was born and raised in Warsaw, Poland before immigrating to Manitoba in 1948. Both parents were accomplished musicians who died in the Holocaust, but their passion for music lived on in their son.



**ARTHUR ADAMSON**

### ARTHUR ADAMSON — A CELEBRATION

2006, *J. Gordon Shillingford Publishing*

This book is a retrospective of renowned Manitoba artist Arthur Adamson's stunning visual art. It features Adamson's images as photographed by Ernest Mayer; a comprehensive look at his visual artistic position by Pat Bovey; an introduction by George Amabile; and Adamson's artist statement.

Born and educated in Winnipeg, **Arthur Adamson** (BA/49, MA/60) has spent his entire life contributing to the educational and cultural life of the province. He taught English literature and creative writing at the University of Manitoba for 37 years, retiring in 1995.



**FRANK CURRY**

### KYE AND SOOGIE WAR AT SEA

2005

These books, based on the diaries of Frank Curry, are intended to convey to wives, fathers, grandparents, and children, generations after World War Two what was experienced by the young men who volunteered to serve their country.

**Frank Curry** (BComm/49) joined the Royal Canadian Navy in May 1940 and was discharged in Winnipeg in November 1945 having served on corvettes in the North Atlantic and in the English Channel. For more information about these books, please email: frankcurry@cnf.ca.

# Dialogue

## WORKING TOGETHER FOR A BETTER WINNIPEG



University President Emőke Szathmáry and Winnipeg Mayor Sam Katz



In this dialogue, University President Emőke Szathmáry and Winnipeg Mayor Sam Katz discuss the relationship between the City and the University and how they are partnering to ensure that Winnipeg remains a great place to live and work.

**Emőke Szathmáry (PhD)** has been President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Manitoba since 1996. She is actively involved in a number of public and private committees and boards at provincial and national levels. In addition to having received several honorary degrees, she was appointed a member of the Order of Canada in 2003. In 2004, she was named to the Top 100: Canada's Most Powerful Women, by the Women's Executive Network and the Richard Ivey School of Business, and in 2005, elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

**Sam Katz (BA/73)** was elected Mayor of the City of Winnipeg in 2004. After graduating from the University of Manitoba, he began his career as an entrepreneur and promoter by opening a retail clothing store. As President and CEO of Showtime Productions Inc., he brought many high profile acts and Broadway musicals to Winnipeg. Since 1994, he has been President and CEO of the Winnipeg Goldeyes Baseball Club. In 2002, he was presented with the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal. In 2003, he received the Faculty of Arts Distinguished Alumni Award. In 2004, he was awarded the Order of Manitoba.

The University has economic and cultural impacts on the city. Why do you feel the University is important to the City of Winnipeg?

**SK:** The University plays a major role in

the vitality and growth of our city and province. It gives us the tools to make sure we keep our graduates here, which is one of my goals as mayor. I want to make sure that there are opportunities in Winnipeg. In fact, during a recent trip to the Philippines, I even tried to recruit students to the University.

**ES:** The University certainly has a strong ability to attract people from outside of the province. We have approximately 6,000 students on campus from outside of Manitoba including 2,700 from outside of Canada. The University has a tremendous economic impact on the city. A recent PriceWaterhouseCoopers study found that more than \$1.2 billion in province-wide economic activity is generated by the University. The University is also really good at its ability to commercialize research findings, which bodes well for the future. For example, in 2004 we placed third in Canada in the number of patents filed, fourth in licensing revenue and eighth in start up companies.

We also educate about 85% of the province's engineers as well most dentists, physicians, and other professionals. We expect our grads to make a living but also expect them to make a life. And in Winnipeg, they can contribute in so many other ways to their community.

Is the relationship between the University and the City unique?

**ES:** It's not uncommon to have a large university in a capital city. So in that sense, we're not different. But, the way that the campus has grown is unique. I believe that the move of the campus from downtown by the Legislature to the

Fort Garry campus in the 1920s had an impact. Despite that move, we feel it's important to maintain a strong presence downtown with our Bannatyne campus and with our Downtown Aboriginal Education Centre.

**SK:** However, I think the move was important because it had a positive impact in developing the city to the south. You may not know that I have spent quite some time at the Bannatyne campus. My mother really wanted me to become a dentist so I spent one year in Dental School at Bannatyne before completing a degree in economics at the Fort Garry campus.

Some recent successful initiatives include Smartpark and the revitalization of the Bannatyne campus. What factors have made these and other initiatives successful?

**ES:** One reason is the cooperation between the Mayor's office and the University. This cooperation has helped us to expand our presence. Last year we opened a new facility on Selkirk Avenue. We also have ten buildings at our Bannatyne campus and adding another. In fact, we would not have been able to begin construction on a new parkade if the City had not deeded a piece of land to the University. I also recall that the City was willing to close Emily Street to allow the construction of the Brodie Centre when my predecessor, Dr. Arnold Naimark, was President. We really appreciate this cooperation.

**SK:** The University is also a source of expertise for the City and has been a great resource. I know that our Department of Planning has a close working relationship with the Faculty of Architecture. On campus, I'm impressed with what's hap-

pened at Smartpark with the coming together of research, education and enterprise. The growth has been phenomenal and it will be a great catalyst for attracting more activity.

**ES:** I agree. It's a showpiece of how industry and the University can work together, especially in the areas of pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, IT and advanced materials and value-added processing. Smartpark also provides members of the business community with a sense of what the university can offer the community. In fact, community support has been solid and we've been fortunate to have had David Graves as the first Board Chair of Smartpark followed by current Chair Bob Silver. While this cooperation with the business community is important, perhaps those who most directly benefit from Smartpark are graduate students who, for example, receive financial support from Smartpark tenants and obtain research opportunities in their labs.

**SK:** This is a perfect example of what we discussed earlier about working together to provide opportunities in Winnipeg for students and recent graduates.

**ES:** This situation is also found at the Bannatyne campus which generates over 50 per cent of the University's research revenue. The National Microbiology Lab is nearby and has created even more opportunities for students and faculty. In fact, we have found that many experts would come to Winnipeg on the condition that they could also serve as adjunct professors with the University.

### IMPACTING ITS COMMUNITY

Economic impact of UM:	\$1.2 billion
Number of faculty and staff:	5,018
Total number of students:	28,049
Operating, research, and capital expenditures (2003-04):	\$511 million
Number of casual visitors to Winnipeg each year because of university:	114,000
Economic contributions of visitors:	\$27 million
Amount spent each year by out-of-town students:	\$46 million

Mayor Katz is a graduate of the University of Manitoba. What experiences do you remember? What changes have most stood out in your mind?

**SK:** I remember some profs and really enjoyed economics. I remember it as a wonderful time—car pooling with friends, having fun and hoping to make a difference in the world. I also met my best friend at university. The University of Manitoba was an important part of my life and played an integral role in making me who I am.

**ES:** Your memories are similar to those of other grads I meet who attended university at the same time. Having attended university in Ontario, I can say that those memories are not always shared at other institutions.

**SK:** One other thing I noticed was how the University seems bigger. In fact, on the way here I found myself pointing out new buildings to my assistant Brad and as we got closer to the Administration Building, I was pointing out older build-

ings, such as University College, where I used to hang out.

What can we expect from the future?

**ES:** As the Mayor mentioned, the campus is getting bigger but it's also changing. One noticeable change is the increasing number of Aboriginal students and they are playing a greater role, adding to the vibrancy of campus life. Currently we have about 1,600 students who have declared themselves as Aboriginal. I also think that expansion and revitalization will continue, especially on the Bannatyne campus with the construction of a new Pharmacy Building. With that expansion comes the need for additional housing for students.

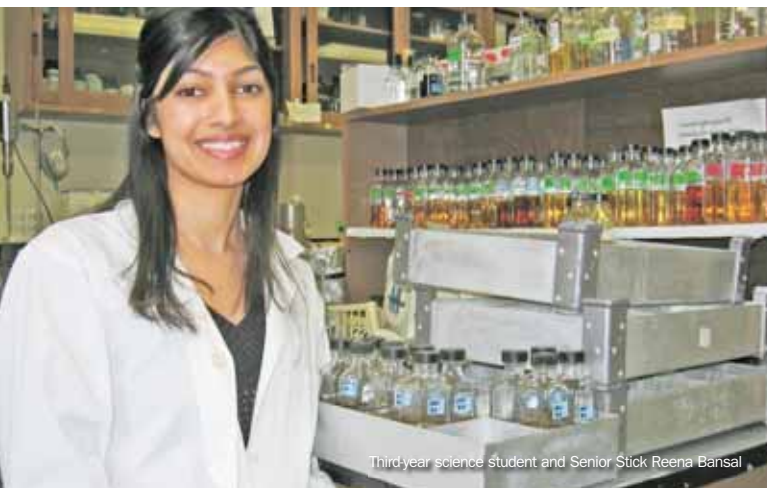
**SK:** More affordable housing is definitely needed, especially if we want to encourage students and others to live downtown.

**ES:** A rapid transit system is another possible way to give people choice and mobility between downtown and the Fort Garry campus. Is that something we'll see in the future?

**SK:** Something will have to be done but, in the interim, we're hoping to speed up traffic movement on Pembina by trying to work around a few bottlenecks.

**ES:** I would like to add that progress is being made because of cooperation between the City and the University, and this cooperation would not be possible without communication. I enjoy our regular meetings and take personal pride in maintaining this connection. Together we can make this city stronger.

## STUDENTS HELPING STUDENTS



Third-year science student and Senior Stick Reena Bansal

Manitoba prior to 1987, you likely aren't familiar with the student referendum process. It began 19 years ago, when engineering students came up with a unique initiative to raise money for their Faculty. They held a class vote on whether to make a donation to the university,

students from other universities with comparable degrees."

In the fall of 2005, Bansal and her council began a series of presentations to undergraduate science students, each one detailing the need within the Faculty of Science and the impact an annual contribution from students would have on that need. In the ensuing vote held November 24 and 25, 2005, science students voted overwhelmingly to double their contribution to \$5.00 per credit hour, a gift worth \$1,251,900 over three years. The funds will be split between the science endowment fund, equipment fund and student initiative fund.

Science isn't the only faculty to pass a vote this year in favour of increasing their contribution. Students in Agricultural and Food Sciences, Human Ecology, Nursing, Occupational Therapy and the School of Dental Hygiene have also voted in favour of boosting support. Also, students in Dentistry and Fine Arts will be voting in the spring on whether to increase the student contribution.

Incredibly, students at the University of Manitoba have given \$18,680,303.63 since the referendum process began in 1987.

It's a figure not lost on Bansal, who says she can graduate with the knowledge the students following in her footsteps will be learning on some of the best equipment available. "A gift like that is priceless," she says with a smile.

SAMANTHA ROBINSON

Deep within a laboratory in the Faculty of Science, 20-year-old Reena Bansal is peering through a microscope and seeing pure potential. Potential for improvement, that is. An avid third-year science student, Bansal was just weeks into her first year when she realized some of the laboratories were in strong need of some new equipment. "It was obvious some updating was required," recalls Bansal.

When she was elected as senior stick for the Faculty of Science last year, Bansal was finally in a position to do something about it. She knew many of her peers were also interested in improving lab equipment and boosting student support, so she turned to the student referendum as a solution.

If you attended the University of

leaving it to their student council to allocate the gift. Overwhelmingly, students voted to contribute \$50 each year for three years. Since that vote, virtually every faculty and department has adopted a similar process, renewing their agreements every three to four years. The Faculty of Science agreement expired in 2005, and for Reena Bansal, it was the opportunity she had been looking for.

"The Faculty of Science is one of the largest faculties on campus, however we had one of the lowest endowment fees prior to this referendum simply due to minimal increases over the last 17 years," explains Bansal. "This increase was needed in order to help the faculty maintain and eventually improve academic facilities, keeping our education at a competitive level with

## On the Other End of the Line



Evening shift at the University of Manitoba's student Call Centre

*If you've ever received a phone call from the University of Manitoba asking you to consider making a gift, you may have been speaking with Toyin Malumi, a full-time student studying to become a Certified Accountant. Malumi is just one of the many student callers who work in the Department of Development's call centre.*

Third year Business Management student Toyin Malumi still remembers feeling a little nervous the first time she called a graduate to ask for a gift in support of the University of Manitoba.

"When I first started, I didn't know what to expect, I didn't know how people would react to me asking them to make a donation. But, it turns out most people are surprised and excited when they hear it's the university calling – they want to know what has changed and what's new on campus," Malumi says.



forty calls an hour. As full-time students, they all share an insider's perspective on just how critical the need is for private support of the university.

"It means a lot to me when a graduate makes a donation, because it means they feel they got something valuable from their time here, and they want the next generation of students to share a similar experience," says Malumi.

And clearly, University of Manitoba graduates are great at sharing. Annual giving by alumni is the backbone of

the university's fundraising program; it increases student support and enhances programs operating under limited budgets. Further, the rate of alumni giving is often an important consideration for a corporation or organization contemplating making a large gift, and also has a direct impact on the annual ranking of Canadian universities in Maclean's magazine.

Originally from Lagos, Nigeria, Malumi is working three shifts a week in the Department of Development's student call centre. Located within the Extended Education Complex, the call centre is the backbone of Development's Annual Giving program, responsible for securing donations from alumni throughout the year.

All told, more than thirty students work in the call centre, a bustling, colourful hub filled with headset-wearing callers typing rapid-fire on their keyboards. Most of them put in four-hour shifts, two or three times a week, each making roughly

Currently, Development is boosting its efforts to highlight the need for gifts in support of the unrestricted President's Fund. The fund allows the university some flexibility in directing gifts to its most pressing priorities. It's a fundraising challenge Malumi enjoys taking on. Still five years away from becoming a Certified Accountant, Malumi says each time she calls a donor, she is reminded of why she is working so hard at her studies – so that she can one day be in the position to give back, just as she once asked others to.

SAMANTHA ROBINSON



Associate Chief Justice Jeffrey Oliphant (center) with Justice Perry Schulman (left) and Justice John Menzies (right).

## RECOGNIZING A MILESTONE

When The Honourable Associate Chief Justice **Jeffrey Oliphant** (LLB/67) celebrated his 20th year of service as a Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench in August 2005, friends were exploring ways to mark this special occasion. After thinking of Justice Oliphant's work at the University of

Manitoba, The Honourable Mr. Justices Perry Schulman (LLB/63, LLM/70) and John Menzies (LLB/80) called Dean Harvey Sexter (BComm/67, LLB/92, LLM) at the Faculty of Law to explore options, before deciding to establish a bursary fund.

This fund will provide a bursary each year for a law student from rural Manitoba. "Jeff has been a wonderful supporter of the Faculty of Law and has remained connected to his alma mater," says Sexter. "It's also appropriate because of the significant contributions he has made to the profession throughout the province."

Justice Oliphant was born in Dauphin and practiced law in his home town before being appointed to the bench in Brandon. After his appointment to Associate Chief Justice, he moved to Winnipeg in 1990.

When calling colleagues for their support, Justice Schulman adds that it wasn't a tough sell. Many were pleased to support the fund in part because of the wonderful assistance and support that Jeff has given to his colleagues on the bench, the fact that he is widely acclaimed by members of the defence bar for the 'wide strike zone' that he engages in adjudicating criminal trials, and to his commitment to continuing legal and judicial education," says Justice Schulman.

After hearing about the fund, Justice Oliphant said he was surprised but also honoured and humbled. "Anything that can be done to assist students to get a legal education is a positive step," he added.



## 1950-59

**Binks, Charles W.**, CA/57, (Calif.), CPA/65, (retired), obtained copyright for his first book "Manitou - God Leads", (Hargrave St.). In addition, his poem titled *California Visit - 1958* has been included in a book of poems entered in the U.S. Library of Congress. It also received, from the International Library of Poetry, the 2005 prestigious Editors Choice Award, for unique perspective and original creativity.

**Brodovsky, Harvey S.**, MD/55, attended his class' 50th reunion last June. Following completion of residency and fellowship training, he spent his professional career at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia where he attained the rank of Clinical Professor of Medicine. A medical oncologist, he received house staff teaching awards in 1973, 1989 and 1994. In 1997, he received the Leon A. Peris award for clinical excellence. For over 20 years he was the principal investigator at Jefferson Medical College for the Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group. Now retired, he attends to his children and grandchildren, to woodworking, to his golf game and to making custom-fitted golf clubs.

**Krentz, Hugh A.**, BScCE/57, was reappointed as Chairman of the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) for a three-year term in November 2005, and has served on the SCC since 1977. The SCC promotes efficient and effective use of voluntary standardization and reports to Parliament through the Minister of Industry. Krentz was elected a Fellow of the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering in 1984, and a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Engineering in 1998.

## 1960-69



**Ashton, Dave**, BSA/62, MSc/64, is pictured at Trail Crest, the 13,600 ft. point on the way to the 14,496 ft. summit of Mt. Whitney, the highest peak in the lower 48 states, located west of Lone Pine, CA. Three members

of a party of six made it to the top mid-June 2002 and five of six members summited on September 4, 2005. Four members of this group also crossed the Grand Canyon rim to rim in 2003.



**Render, Shirley**, BA/64, MA/84, was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award by the University of Winnipeg at the 2005 Spring Convocation. This award is presented to a graduate who has had

exceptional achievement and who has demonstrated service to the University or community.



**Steinberg (nee Fruman), Sandra L.**, BA/62, is the Chief of Protocol for the United States at the United Nations in New York. She was appointed to her position by President George W. Bush in 2004 and currently

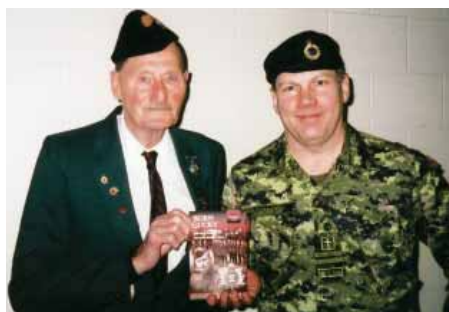
serves under the Honorable John R. Bolton, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. Prior to her current position, Sandy was Vice-President for Protocol and Event Management at J.P. Morgan Chase from 1981-2003. She is a founding and board member of The Council of Protocol Executives in New York. Sandy, pictured with United States Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, lives in New York with her husband Maurice, MD/62.



**Switzer, Paul**, BA(Hons)/61, is now at Stanford University in California where he has been idling away the last 40 years. He would love to exchange e-mails from Manitoba alumni who might

remember him at [switzer@stanford.edu](mailto:switzer@stanford.edu)

## 1970-79



**Cameron, Craig B.**, BA/75, has recently had a book published entitled, *Born Lucky: RSM Harry Fox, MBE, One D-Day Dodger's Story*, (Vanwell Publishing, St. Catharines, ON, 2005), which chronicles the experiences of Harry Fox, a Queen's Own Rifles of Canada rifleman in World War II. Cameron has served as a Reserve military chaplain for

14 years, first with The Queen's Own Rifles, an infantry regiment with an airborne tasking, and now with a medical unit, 25 (Toronto) Field Ambulance. He lives in Toronto with his wife, Donna. Padre Cameron has visited Normandy on three occasions, including the 15th anniversary of D-Day in 1994 and has helped to create a memorial kiosk for The Queen's Own Rifles at the Juno Beach Centre, Courseulles-sur-mer, France. He also runs an initiative called Remembrance Matters dedicated to preserving our past.



**Ceplis, Dinah**, PAg, BSA/75, Extended Educ/96, was awarded the Agricultural Institute of Canada (AIC) International Recognition Award. Ceplis is recognized for her outstanding contribution to improving the lives of many of Africa's rural people and in helping Canadian

youth understand the importance of global citizenship. Ceplis has worked on a horticultural project in Ghana and has volunteered with rural community development and youth microenterprise projects in Tanzania with several NGOs in partnership with the Tanzania Society of Agricultural Education and Extension. She was recently involved in a Canadian International Development Agency-funded film project with Lank/Beach Productions that captured the work of various non-profit and church organizations in Brandon and area in Tanzania over the past 15 years. She was also awarded the 2002 Marquis Project Global Citizenship Award.

**Cowan, Elizabeth (nee Boyd)**, BPE/72. After receiving a BEd in 1995 and a Masters of (Adult) Education in 2000 from Queens University she worked for two years teaching ESL in Japan and then five years as the Adult Educator for Nunavut Arctic College in the hamlet of Clyde River, NU. She moved to Arviat, NU and is now working for the Government of Nunavut, Department of Education, as the Literacy/Adult Education Coordinator. Soon to semi-retire, she will settle in Kingston, ON and hopes to continue teaching ESL overseas in Singapore or China. Her three sons Ted in Singapore, Chris in Pembroke and Scott in Ottawa are all thriving. She also has two granddaughters with two more grandchildren on the way.

**Doyle, David M.**, BSc(Hons)/75, was one of 39 teachers chosen to receive the 2005 Outstanding Biology Teacher Award, sponsored by Prentice Hall. Recipients are honoured for their teaching abilities and experi-

ence, cooperativeness in their schools and communities, inventiveness, initiative, and their student-teacher relationships. Doyle teaches at M.E. LaZerte High School in Edmonton, AB.



**Hogan, Lou**, BA/70, Vice-President of Labour Relations, announced his early retirement from Canada Safeway Ltd. after a 34-year career. His career began in Human Resources but his area of

specialty was negotiating labour agreements for Safeway's stores, supply plants and distribution facilities in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Ontario. After serving as Director of the Labour Relations office in Winnipeg, Hogan was appointed Vice-President in Safeway's corporate office in Calgary where his family has resided since 1998. Retirement has allowed Hogan to volunteer with the Red Cross, the Mustard Seed and with the Knights of Columbus. He still serves on two of Safeway's benefit plans as a trustee, but his plans are to travel and spend time in Northwest Ontario's lake country. Boating, fishing and golfing are high on the Hogan agenda during the summer.

**McFadyen, Dan**, BScME/74, was appointed by Premier Ralph Klein as the new deputy minister of Alberta Energy, effective January 3, 2006. Previously he held the position of Vice-President, Regulatory Affairs and Public Policy with the Canadian Energy Pipeline Association. McFadyen has also served as Deputy Minister of Energy in Nova Scotia and as Chair and Acting President and CEO of the Saskatchewan Research Council as well as in various executive management positions in the Saskatchewan public service.

**Tully, Glen M.**, DipAgric/72, is the recipient of the 2005 Distinguished Cooperator Award, the Manitoba Cooperative Association's highest award, recognizing individuals who have made significant contributions to the promotion of co-operative values and to the development and success of cooperatives serving Manitoba, Canada and Internationally. Tully was nominated by Marquette Consumers Co-op.

**Wadelius, Vaughn S.**, BA/71, BEd/74, MEd/78, PBCertEd/98, was elected President of the Retired Teachers Association of Manitoba (RTAM) in May, 2005. RTAM represents more than 6,100 retired teachers. In

June, 2005 he was elected to the executive of the Canadian Association of Retired Teachers, representing western Canadian associations.

## 1980-89

**Carter, Sarah Alexandra**, PhD/87, has taught history at the University of Calgary since 1992. In 2004, she was awarded a two-year Canada Council Killam Research Fellowship. In July 2006 she will join the University of Alberta as Henry Marshall Tory Chair in the Department of History and Classics, and School of Native Studies.



**Chaychuk, Patricia**, BA(Hons), MPA/88, MBA/03, was elected President of the Association of Clerks at-the-Table of Canada in August 2005. She continues as Clerk of

the Manitoba Legislative Assembly, serves on the Editorial Board for the Canadian Parliamentary Review and is a Board of Director for the Canadian Study of Parliament Group.

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## Through the Years



**Swail, Watson Scott**, BEd/86, recently moved to Virginia Beach, Virginia, where he is president and CEO of the Educational Policy Institute ([www.educationalpolicy.org](http://www.educationalpolicy.org)), an international non-profit research organization dedicated to the expansion of educational opportunity. EPI conducts policy studies on various education issues, including preparation for and access to post-secondary education, as well as the retention and persistence of students in the system. Watson, a former St. Vital school teacher, is married, and has three boys aged 7, 10, and 12. He is looking forward to seeing many of his old friends at Grey Cup 2006 in Winnipeg.

### 1990-99



**Bowman, Brian T. D.**, BA (Adv)/96, JD/99 (University of Toronto), was recently recognized in the Canadian Privacy Law Review as one of Canada's "leading privacy law authorities". He is a lawyer with Winnipeg's Pitblado LLP where he practices in the areas of corporate and commercial law with an emphasis on privacy, access to information, advertising and marketing, intellectual property and technology matters. He also serves on numerous boards including the Alumni Association, the Manitoba Naturalist Society and Canadian Bar Association's National Privacy and Access Law Section.



**Kun, Jason Michael**, BES/94, MArch/04, was recently awarded *Canadian Architect* magazine's Student Award of Excellence for his thesis project entitled AMP. These awards are given each year to architects and architectural graduates for buildings in the design stage and for architectural design excellence. Kun's project proposed a primarily underground performance, assembly, and cultural centre in the heart of Winnipeg's historical exchange district at Old Market Square.



**Oye, Steven**, BComm(Hons)/97, has been promoted to Associate Director at UBS Securities (Tokyo). He works as lead trade controller for the Japanese yen Interest Rate Derivatives trading desk. He would like to hear from old school associates: [steveo@tkm.att.ne.jp](mailto:steveo@tkm.att.ne.jp)

**Scott, Heather Jill**, BA(Hons)/90, was awarded the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Aurora Prize 2005. The award recognizes excellence, creativity and originality in research and a deep commitment to sharing knowledge that enriches Canada's intellectual and cultural life. Scott was awarded the prize for her research project entitled "A Poetics of Forgiveness: Cultural Responses to Loss and Wrongdoing." Scott plans to use the prize money to fund an interdisciplinary working group called "Creative and Conflict Resolution."

**Watkins, Christopher Charles**, LLB/93, was recently appointed by the Governor General as Chairman for the Canada Pension Plan Tribunal. He continues to mountain climb for charity. Most recently he spear-headed a fundraising effort in support of the Red Cross for Hurricane Katrina by climbing Mount Rainier. Watkins has a 17 month old son, London, and a newborn son, Tristan.

### 2000-Current

**Acht, Michael**, BEnvD/01, MArch/04, (Master Foreign Studio at the Technische Universitat Berlin in Germany, 2001), is the winner of the Canada Council for the Arts' Prix de Rome in Architecture for Emerging Practitioners.

### Marriages

**Brown, Michael**, BScCompE/01, and **Natasha Armoogum**, BEd/01, LLB/05, were married on May 21, 2005 in Winnipeg, MB at Westminster United Church.



**de Guzman, Rick**, BComm(Hons)/99 and **Debbie Purganan**, BScEE/01 were joined in wedded bliss on August 6, 2005. They look forward to celebrating their love with the arrival of their first child in April 2006.



**Reynolds, Anne**, LLB/93, married **Derek Meehan** on May 7, 2005 in Toronto, ON.

### Births



**Bartlett, Kyle**, BComm(Hons)/97, and wife **Kristy** (nee Wright), BComm(Hons)/98, welcomed their first baby into the world on May 31, 2005, a sweet baby girl. Ava Elizabeth was born at Pomerado Hospital in Poway, CA. She weighed 6 lbs., 5 oz., and was 19 1/2" long.



**Evenson, Scott**, BScEE/90, along with his wife **Carrie** and son **Tyler** are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter **Kayla Aren**, on July 13, 2005 in Vancouver, BC.



**Gamble (nee O'Hagan), Aisling**, BA/96, and her husband **Steve Gamble** are proud to announce the birth of their sons, **Keegan**, **Jefferey**, **Joshua Ciaran** and **Connolly Dennis**, on May 9, 2005 in Calgary, AB.



**Hargreaves, Jodi**, BSc/00, BComm(Hons)/03, and **Brad Hargreaves**, BPE/01, are thrilled to announce the birth of their second son, **Logan William Preston Hargreaves**. Logan was born at St. Boniface Hospital weighing 7lbs., 11 oz. A big thank you to University of Manitoba physician **Lori Buksak** for taking such good care of Jodi during her pregnancy.

### Congratulations

Order of Canada recipients:

**Stella Jo Dean**, BA/43, Member  
**Jean-Pierre L. Dubuc**, PhD/70, Member  
**James C. Hogg**, MD/62, Officer  
**Donald K. Johnson**, BScEE/57, Member  
**Bernard A. Ostry**, BA(Hons)/48, LLD(Hon)/97, promoted to Companion  
**Donald H. Penny**, CA/63, Member  
**J. Raymond Poirier**, BA/73, Member.

### FOLLOWING HIS OWN PLAN



**Brent Deere** entered the University of Manitoba to become involved in the business and production of movies, but wasn't deterred that the university didn't offer a formal program in this area. Eight years later, he has been recognized by the National Screen Institute (NSI) as one of Canada's promising filmmakers by being accepted into the NSI's Features First Program.

Along with collaborator **Adam Smoluk**, Deere is the youngest filmmaker to be selected for this program, which focuses on the training and development required to complete a successful feature film. Since its inception in 1997, nearly 50% of projects developed through this program have been produced, with many shown at major film festivals around the world. Their project, *Foodland*, was one of five selected across Canada, with Deere as producer and Smoluk as writer/director.

Currently, Deere is Training Coordinator of the Above the Line Program with Film Training Manitoba. While at university, he combined film classes in arts with finance and business courses in management to provide a solid background for his chosen career. After graduating with a Bachelor of Commerce degree in 2002, despite having other non-film opportunities he could have pursued, Deere accepted a position as Programs Analyst with Manitoba Film and Sound. Less than two years later, he left to accept an internship as an Assistant Director to learn more about the creative side of filmmaking.

In addition, Deere has been using his spare time to work on his own projects. He has just finished producing and directing a feature documentary film in Mexico, which he anticipates to release in early 2007. "It's a great field, and as well as being able to pursue my personal goals, I have also been fortunate with the many opportunities that have been afforded me," says Deere. "Thanks to the flourishing film industry in Manitoba, I haven't had to leave the province to gain valuable experience."

**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**

**Galpern, Myer**, BA/28, on November 9, 2005.  
**Laing (nee Amies), Gertrude Mary**, BA/25, LLD/80, on December 18, 2005.

**1930-39**

**Allison (nee Fremming), Gerda Elisabeth**, MD/37, BScMed/39, on January 29, 2006.  
**Bruser, David M.**, BA/31, MD/36, on December 26, 2005.  
**Coates, Kenneth J.**, MD/37, on March 16, 2005.  
**Coutts Sr., Winston Francis**, BA/33, on January 19, 2006.  
**Eustace, Reverend Andrew Elias**, BA/39, on October 23, 2005.  
**Henrikson, Gunthor J.**, BScEE/36, on August 23, 2005.  
**Homer, Geoffrey Forbes**, MD/35, on August 16, 2005.  
**Lennox Q.C., Duncan Craig**, BSc/35, LLB/40, on September 29, 2005.  
**McIntosh, Russell Taylor**, BSc/33, on October 9, 2005.  
**McKillican, Mary Elizabeth**, BSc(Hons)/33, on June 19, 2005.  
**McNeil, Donald Lauchlin**, MD/39, on January 1, 2006.  
**Moore (nee Jackson), Myra Isabel**, BA/31, on December 20, 2005.  
**Nicholas, Gordon Alfred**, BScCE/39, on October 1, 2005.  
**White, Desmond Carlile**, BA/36, BEd/51, on November 8, 2005.  
**Whitehead, R.A.**, Dip.Agric/30, on March 18, 1982.

**1940-49**

**Armstrong, Norman W.**, BA/42, on December 18, 2005.  
**Austman, Helgi Halldor**, BSA/48, on December 17, 2005.  
**Bains, John S.R.**, BA/40, Dip.SW/47, on November 23, 2005.  
**Bergenstein, Eric G.**, BScEE/46, on June 30, 2005.  
**Bevan, George H.**, BSc/44, on December 5, 2005.  
**Cameron, Alastair G.W.**, BSc(Hons)/47, on October 3, 2005.  
**Campbell, Gordon T.**, B.Arch/49, on November 27, 2005.  
**Cherewyk, Metro**, BComm/48, CA/59, on January 18, 2006.

**Ellison, Lucille Georgina**, MD/45, on April 9, 2005.  
**Fraser (nee Woodman), M. Jean**, BSc/44, on October 2, 2005.  
**Friesen, Peter H.**, BSA/44, MD/51, on October 27, 2005.  
**Gilbert, Richard D.**, BSc(Hons)/42, in June 2005.  
**Haig, Douglas Ernest**, BScEE/44, on November 28, 2005.  
**Haig, Marion T.**, BScHEc/40, BEd/63, on October 2, 2005.  
**MacFarlane, J. Douglas**, BSc/41, BEd/57, MEd/61, on June 28, 2004.  
**Mackinnon, Florence Smirle**, BA/40, on December 22, 2005.  
**Malone, Maurice C.**, MD/42, on October 14, 2005.  
**McCall, Lawrence V.**, BScEE/48, on October 20, 2005.  
**Meadows, Gloria Olive**, BA/48, DipEd/49, AMM/51, BEd/57, on November 20, 2005.  
**Oddy, Leonard C.**, BSc/49, on March 2, 2005.  
**Raven, Ruth C.**, Dip.SW/47, on December 2, 2005.  
**Swailles, George Edward**, BSA/46, on April 25, 2005.  
**Vaisey-Genser, Florence Marion**, BHEc/49, on October 22, 2005.  
**Wallace, Thomas M.**, MD/48, on October 30, 2005.  
**White, Oliver John**, MD/45, on June 1, 2005.  
**Wilson, George B.**, MD/45, on January 15, 2005.  
**Wilson, Hartley Burnett**, Dip.Agric/49, on December 21, 2005.

**1950-59**

**Albi, Raymond Oliver**, BScPharm/53, on January 3, 2006.  
**Bond, Kenneth Leon**, B.Arch/50, on October 23, 2005.  
**Brickman, Samuel Harry**, BScPharm/50, on December 1, 2005.  
**Cleghorn, Gordon Murray**, BSc/50, MD/55, on October 27, 2005.  
**Currie, Barrie Norris**, BScPharm/56, on October 7, 2005.  
**Earle, Frazer George**, BSW/55, on January 16, 2006.  
**Egan, Cecily A.**, BA/54, on January 22, 2006.  
**Gillies, D.J.**, BA/53, BPed/54, BEd/69, on May 24, 2005.  
**Heal (nee Cook), Gladys Isobel**, Nurs. C.PH/55, on December 15, 2005.  
**Hilton, Donald W.**, BA/52, on July 20, 2005.  
**Lacerte, Ghislaine L.**, BA/58, BEd/68, CertEd/68, MEd/70, on December 12, 2005.  
**Lange, Hugo Norman**, MD/56, on October 20, 2005.

**Ledger, John L.**, MD/59, Dip.Psych/64, on November 18, 2005.  
**Lee, Eric James**, BScPharm/50, on November 4, 2005.  
**Marks (nee Choslovsky), Paula**, BA/59, CertEd/60, in January 2006.  
**McConnell, Barry M.**, Dip.Agric/56, BSA(Hons)/62, MSc/64, on October 6, 2005.  
**Owen, Lloyd Evan**, BSc/54, on January 22, 2006.  
**Pearce, Harvey R.**, BSA/50, on January 18, 2006.  
**Purvis, Roy Vance**, BA/54, CertEd/61, BEd/64, MEd/78, MEd/82, on November 1, 2005.  
**Raynor, Harvey W.**, BSc/52, on September 19, 2005.  
**Richards, Robert Edmond**, BSA/50, on October 1, 2005.  
**Saunders, William J.**, BComm(Hons)/50, on October 4, 2005.  
**Simpson, Graeme Scott**, BA/51, BSW/54, MSW/59, on November 29, 2005.  
**Smelli, Lt. Col. R.G.**, LLB/50, on September 29, 2005.  
**Standing, Hudson R.**, BSc/51, BPed/55, on October 28, 2005.  
**Thorson, Stephen C.**, BScMed/52, MD/52, on February 1, 2005.  
**Torrie, Allan MacDonald**, MD/51, on August 20, 2005.  
**Webber, Verneice G.**, BA/52, BEd/59, on October 9, 2005.  
**Wiebe, Gordon Henry**, BScPharm/54, on November 22, 2005.  
**Wright (nee Mischuk), Sylvia Victoria**, BScHEc/58, CertEd/71, on November 24, 2005.

**1960-69**

**Boland (nee Pisnook), Patricia Gail**, BA/63, CertEd/64, on January 7, 2006.  
**Carriere, Leo Joseph**, BA/66, BEd/67, on December 13, 2005.  
**Dyck, Ernest R.**, LLB/63, on December 17, 2005.  
**Giesbrecht, Helen**, Nurs.C.PH/62, Nurs. C.T&S/66, on October 17, 2005.  
**Gulenchin, William Kenneth**, BSc/63, BEd/70, on December 19, 2005.  
**Kovachik, Valentine**, BA/68, BEd/69, MEd/77, on October 24, 2005.  
**McMillan, Donald Gordon**, BScCE/63, on December 14, 2005.  
**Prejet (nee Barten), Jeannine**, M.A., BA/69, BEd/72, MEd/77, on August 23, 2005.  
**Roberts (Seepish), Robert**, BScME/60, BA/66, on November 29, 2005.  
**Stanley (nee McDougall), Shelagh Joan**, BA/66, CertEd/67, BEd/70, on November 23, 2004.

**1970-79**

**Balderstone, Ada Marjorie**, BPed/73, on October 16, 2005.  
**Baylis, Douglas G.**, B.Ped/73, on January 21, 2006.  
**Brooker, Kelly John Harold**, BA/75, CertEd/76, on January 5, 2006.  
**Chimchak, Malvina**, CertEd/72, on October 24, 2005.  
**Hawkes (nee Chable), Winnifred L.**, BPed/75, MEd/82, on December 22, 2005.  
**Heuvel, John Scott**, BScCE/77, on January 3, 2006.  
**Jensen, Joseph Edmund**, BEd/76, MEd/79, on December 18, 2005.  
**Kenal, Robert Charles**, BEd/72, on December 19, 2005.  
**Kirk, Robert Cameron**, BSc/74, BComm(Hons)/76, on November 3, 2005.  
**Lazarko, David William**, BSc/76, on October 13, 2005.  
**Malcolmson, Mary Minerva Maitland**, CertEd/72, on January 4, 2006.  
**Minsky, Gerald F.**, BScCE/71, on January 5, 2006.  
**Paskewitz (nee Smith), Geraldine Catherine**, BA/72, on December 5, 2005.  
**Reimer (nee MacArthur), Marlene A.**, BN/70, on November 1, 2005.  
**Ridge, Penny**, BA/79, on December 18, 2005.  
**Woodgate, Richard Gordon John**, MD/79, on October 1, 2005.

**1980-89**

**Austman, Laurel Dene**, BEd/89, on October 19, 2005.  
**Davidson, Lonna Evelyn**, BA(Hons)/87, on November 9, 2005.  
**Guttormsson, Kristjan Armel**, BA/88, on November 30, 2005.  
**Kowbel (nee Hudson), Karen Patricia**, B.M.R.P.T./81, on October 29, 2005.  
**McCaig, Paula Elisabeth**, BA/85, on October 22, 2005.  
**Miller, Keith Gerard**, BScCE/83, on January 24, 2006.  
**Nanowin, Valerie Lorraine**, BEd/88, on October 21, 2005.  
**Wright, Campbell Greenway**, BA/81, LLB/84, on November 6, 2005.

**1990-99**

**Bennett, Elizabeth Irene**, MEnEd/95, on October 8, 2005.  
**Chitty, Paul Richard Frederick**, BA/90, on November 22, 2005.  
**Desbiolles, Francis Pierre**, BEnEd/91, B.ESA/00, on January 23, 2006.  
**Federsel, Karel (Kaja)**, BA(Hons)/95, on September 27, 2005.

**Hudson, Rosalind Faulkner**, BEd/96, on December 8, 2005.  
**Poirier, Robert John Arthur**, BSc/91, on January 1, 2006.  
**Wojciechowski, Lorise**, BFA(Hons)/93, on January 4, 2006.

**2000-Present**

**Desjardins, Melanie Nicole Marie**, BN/01, on November 20, 2005.  
**Kowalsky, Elaine Gloria**, DipArt/03, on September 17, 2005.  
**Soanes, Darryl Brian**, BSc/01, on October 20, 2005.

**Friends In Memoriam**

**Berry, Edmund Grindlay**, Professor Emeritus, University of Manitoba, on November 3, 2005.  
**Boom, Hendrik Jacobus**, former Professor of Actuarial Mathematics, University of Manitoba, on January 5, 2006.  
**Landon, Helen**, friend of the University and wife of the late Warden of and St. John's College graduate, Cecil C. Landon, on January 16, 2006.  
**Morrison, Ian**, formerly with the Department of Plant Science, University of Manitoba, on January 8, 2006.  
**Thornton-Trump, A.B. (Sandy)**, Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, University of Manitoba, on November 14, 2005.

**Upcoming Events:**

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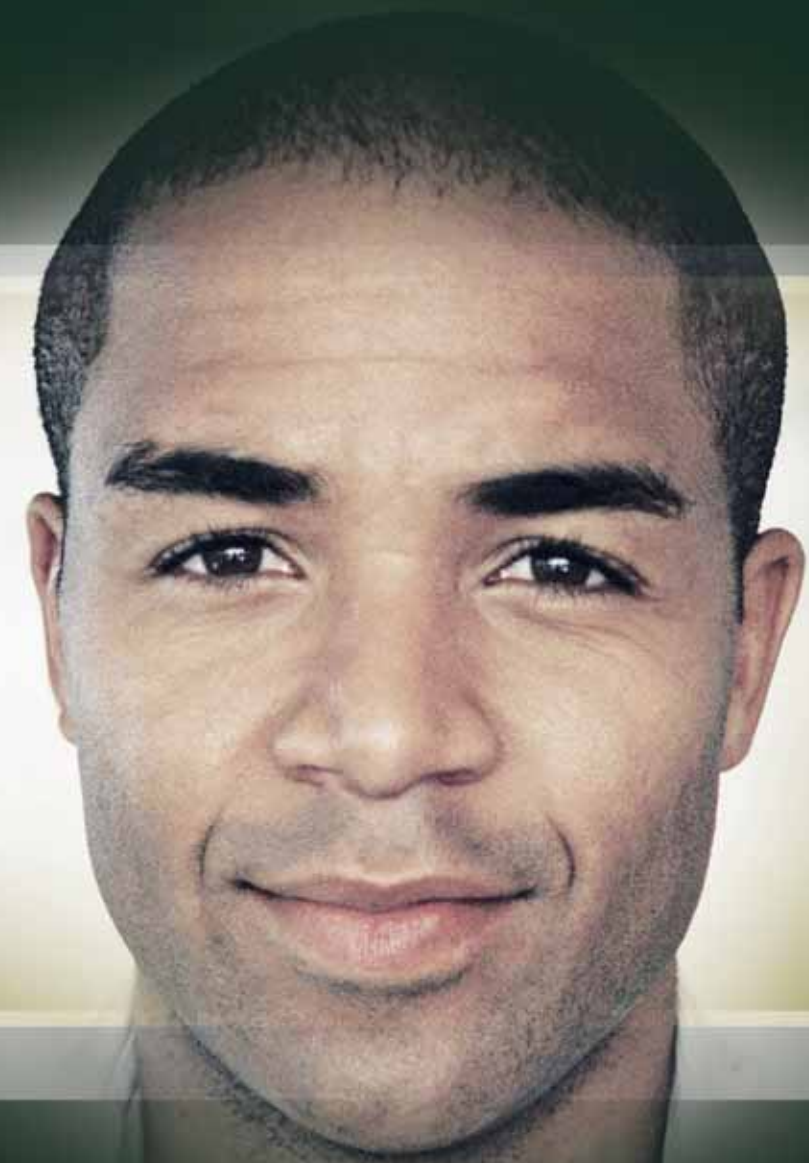
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