Bolstering research

Eleven health research projects at the University of Manitoba have received close to $3.4 million in new funding from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).

A total of $3 million was awarded to nine projects focused on a range of health research topics, while almost $400,000 was awarded to two new projects aimed at preparing for a possible flu pandemic.

The announcement was made at the Bannatyne Campus on April 5, by Steven Fletcher, MP for Charleswood-St. James-Assiniboia, and Parliamentary Secretary for Health, on behalf of the Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Health.

“Promoting ground-breaking health research is a crucial component of our government’s plan to build a healthy, prosperous and innovative Canada,” Fletcher said. “The funding highlighted today is helping to enhance the health research capabilities of the University of Manitoba, which will benefit all Canadians.”

The nine new projects that received $3 million in new CIHR funding will be carried out over periods of one to five years, and will be conducted at the University of Manitoba and partner research institutions, including CancerCare Manitoba, St. Boniface General Hospital, and the Health Sciences Centre.

“These nine projects encompass a broad range of specialized health research, from investigations at the molecular level, to comprehensive studies of population health,” said University of Manitoba president Emőke Szathmáry.

“This latest CIHR support is a welcome recognition of both the very high calibre of our health researchers and the importance of their leading-edge work.”

The CIHR funded researchers include:

• Sarah Bowen, community health sciences, will address major challenges surrounding the communication of research evidence within the health system, and incorporating it into health planning.

• Judith Chipperfield, psychology/Physical Education and Recreation Studies, will look at the relationship between everyday physical activity, such as table-setting and stair-climbing, and short and long-term health.

• Michael Czubryt, physiology, will examine how genes involved in fuel consumption are controlled, focusing on a family of proteins called MEF2. The study will look at a specific gene involved in fat consumption in the heart, how it is controlled by MEF2, and how this control mechanism is affected by gender.

• Shyamala Dakshinamurti, pediatrics and child health/physiology, will examine the effect of low oxygen on the lungs in newborn babies.

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United Way success

The University of Manitoba United Way campaign had a record breaking year in 2006. In total the campaign raised $411,816, up nearly 5 per cent over the previous year.

That total includes $204,648 from the Fort Garry campus, up 3.6 per cent, $129,973 from the Bannatyne campus, a 5.4 per cent increase, and $77,195 from retirees, a 7.8 per cent increase.

“We’re really happy with the way things went,” Physical Education and Recreation Studies dean Dennis Hrycaiko said. Hrycaiko chaired the Fort Garry campaign with Roselyn Howard, director, learning and development services, while Janice Dodd, physiology, chaired the Bannatyne campaign and Irv Gusdal chaired the retirees campaign. Howard will be back next year with new co-chair Education dean John Wiens.

Hrycaiko said the strong core of support for the United Way – from consistent leadership to volunteers willing to pitch in year after year – helps account for the campaign’s success.

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The University of Manitoba joins the academic community in expressing its support to Virginia Tech University following the tragic events of April 16.

Message of Condolence
On behalf of the University of Manitoba I would like to express our deepest condolences to the students, faculty and staff of Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia and to the families of the victims of the tragedy that occurred on April 16. The people of the University of Manitoba community have you in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. To have a learning community violated in this way is a tragedy none of us can imagine. I can only hope as the days go on that time will help heal your sorrow.

President Emeritus
University of Manitoba

Security and Counseling note
In light of the tragedy which took place at Virginia Tech yesterday, the University of Manitoba wishes to assure students, parents, staff and faculty that their safety and security is a top priority.

The University has in place an emergency response plan, including a communications component, which is continuously tested and improved to assure the safety of the University community. It is important that students, staff and visitors feel safe and comfortable when on campus. The University of Manitoba enjoys a strong relationship with the Winnipeg Police Service which is immediately available to respond to issues which arise on campus.

The university also has its own security officers who patrol the campus 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Those same officers are also available at any time to escort students or staff to their cars or on-campus residences through our SafeWalk program.

Additionally, there are red phones located in every building on campus which provide a direct link to security services. Code Blue emergency stations are located outdoors around campus and also provide an immediate link to security personnel.

Students who feel the need to speak to someone regarding the Virginia Tech incident are encouraged to take advantage of the student counseling services available on the 4th floor of University Centre. These services are available to all registered students. The counseling office is open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday.

SafeWalk 474-9312
SafeWalk (from any on-campus phones) #555
SafeWalk (from any MTS or Rogers cel phones) #555
Student Counseling and Career Centre 474-7093

CIHR helps diverse projects
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• John Gartner, pathology/immunology; Cindy Ellison, pathology, and Kent HayGlass, immunology, are studying the effect of both naturally occurring keratinocyte growth (KGF) and its synthetic form, recombinant human KGF (rHuKGF, also known as palifermin) in mouse models of GVHD. In addition to protecting mice from developing graft-versus-host disease, palifermin, which was developed by Angen Inc., can also regulate immune responses.

• Wayne Lautt, pharmacology and therapeutics, will examine the progression of insulin resistance to determine which metabolic disorders represent the highest risk factors in order to develop effective treatment options.

• Josee Lavoie, community health sciences, will study health services of First Nation communities and use the findings to develop and propose a program of improved primary health services for reserves.

• Susan McClement, Nursing, will study the experiences of health care aides caring for dying seniors to learn how to better support important members of the health care team as they care for dying patients.

• Jitendra Sareen, psychiatry, and Brenda Elias, community health sciences, are working to develop culturally sensitive suicide prevention strategies for Aboriginal people, especially those living on reserves.

Two additional projects received close to $400,000 in new funding under the CIHR Pandemic Preparedness Strategic Research Initiative. They will be carried out over two years in collaboration with the Public Health Agency of Canada National Microbiology Laboratory in Winnipeg. They are:

• Developing an effective Avian Flu vaccine strategy; Gary Kohlberger, medical microbiology, is leading a three-pronged research program aimed at testing a new conventional flu vaccine against different Avian influenza viruses; testing experimental immunization strategies, including vaccines based on DNA or Adenoviruses; and studying which components of the immune response provide the highest levels of protection against the disease.

• Virus to Vaccine – Hasbeen Hijacked; Kevin Coombs, medical microbiology, leads a team studying how flu viruses alter the process by which cells make proteins.

“The University of Manitoba is internationally recognized as a leader in infectious diseases research, and the success of our scientists in this rigorous competition underlines that fact,” said Joanne Keselman, vice-president (research) at the University of Manitoba. “By addressing issues at the heart of this global health challenge – how viruses work, and effective vaccine development – these projects will play a key role in Canada’s national pandemic preparedness initiative.”

Norrie re-elected as Chancellor
Chancellor William Norrie has been elected to a third three-year term as Chancellor of the University of Manitoba.

A former school trustee, mayor, and a community leader, Norrie has built lasting relationships with various ethnic groups, government officials, professional groups, the private sector and voluntary agencies. As the titular head of the university, the Chancellor confers all degrees and is a member of the Board of Governors and the Senate. In accordance with past practice, the Chancellor also assists with the advancement of the university and when appropriate acts as a university ambassador.

Norrie’s re-election as Chancellor was confirmed at the April 4 Senate meeting to a round of applause from Senators.

“I am honoured to receive your acknowledgment and will do my very best for the university for the next term,” Norrie said.
The Associates have helped the Asper School soar

BY TAMARA BODI
For The Bulletin

This month one of Winnipeg’s most prominent business groups celebrated a quarter century as a model for success, innovation and unwavering commitment to the future of business education in Manitoba.

In 1982 a group of about a dozen prominent local businessmen were approached by dean Roland Grandpre of what was then the Faculty of Management at the University of Manitoba. Grandpre’s vision was to form a group of high-profile leaders who could assist in the growth and visibility of the business school, to make the school more of a presence in Canada, and to develop a much-needed bond between the school and the local business community.

“He explained what a good business school could mean to the economic and social wellbeing of Manitoba,” recalls Gary T. Steiman, chairman & CEO, Gemini Fashions of Canada Ltd. “He asked us to help enlist 100 local business and professional individuals who would each pledge $1,000 a year for five years to provide the dean with a fund to supplement educational programs and provide resources the university could not cover.”

Grandpre’s proposal had a corporate structure similar to what would be CEO of the Associates and members would be “shareholders.”

The Associates would have an elected board of directors and the dean would be totally accountable to the directors. Grandpre wanted 150 members to the fund and $25 an annual report to each member.

In addition, Grandpre offered a forum for monthly meetings to feature future leaders, update the members on activities of the business school and to dialogue and network with each other, Steiman recalls.

With a boardroom full of visionaries including Jack Fraser, George Richardson, Arni Thorsteinson, Albert Cohen, Joseph Harper, Kevin Kavanagh, James Piblado and Del Crescento, Grandpre didn’t need to do much convincing.

“He characterized it as giving us something more than a warm feeling for our annual $1,000 donation to his cause,” says Steiman. “Dean Grandpre made us an offer that made eminent sense and it had instant appeal and support. The dean was clearly giving us an opportunity that had greater value to us and to our community than the cost. Indeed this was the slickest bit of marketing I had encountered. I later learned that dean Grandpre was not an academic, but rather a master marketer.”

Not only did Grandpre’s vision have instant appeal, but in 25 years the Associates have gone on to innovate the world with initiatives and honours of red-carpet proportions. Membership has grown to 220 members and a companion group, the Young Associates, was started in 1993 and now also has over 200 members. But perhaps the group’s most widely known initiative is the annual International Distinguished Entrepreneur Award Dinner (IDEA), widely publicized for honouring internationally-renowned entrepreneurs. Every year the gala sells out due to the high profile of the honorees and attendees.

In addition to all the global accolades of the Associates of the Asper School of Business, they have never stopped keeping their eye on the real prize: supporting business education,” said Jack Fraser, O.C., a founding father of the Associates and current member of the advisory council. “Today, they are arguably the most effective business community support group of any business school in Canada.”

“Beyond the intangibles of the networking and speaking engagements, there is that immediate pride that comes from directly helping students get the best business education opportunities out there,” says Barry Reynolds, past president of the Associates and president & CEO of Winnipeg Airports Authority Inc.

The Associates see it that membership fees and pledges go toward an endowment gift to the University of Manitoba, with $1 million paid in annual contributions. The Associates have either contributed or been instrumental in leveraging over $40 million in financial contributions to the school. The group led the first campaign to raise funds in 1985 to build the Drake Centre. Money also goes toward student awards and attracting top level faculty.

“Since becoming dean of the Asper School of Business in 2004, I have continuously observed incredible generosity and support from the Associates,” says dean Glenn Feltham. “They have been vital to our achieving excellence and relevance. I could not possibly capture the depth of gratitude our faculty, staff, students and I feel toward the Associates.”

In 1999, the school achieved international accreditation, establishing it as one of the top one-third of all business schools in North America and of only five Canadian schools to have achieved this status at that time.

Today, the Associates are a major asset to the Asper School of Business. The program allows the business community the opportunity to make a large and direct contribution to the business school’s direction, preparing the business leaders of tomorrow.

Province throws its support behind Glenlea

The province will contribute $900,000 to the University of Manitoba to help build a state-of-the-art farm education centre that will attract up to 30,000 visitors per year. Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives Minister Rosann Wowchuk announced on April 17.

“The Glenlea Farm Education Centre will bolster Manitoba’s position as a centre of excellence in food science education and environmental research,” said Wowchuk. “This unique facility will be an interactive, interpretive showcase of modern livestock production with a focus on sustainable agriculture. When completed, there will be nothing else quite like it in Canada.”

The centre will be constructed at the site of the National Centre for Livestock and the Environment located at the university’s Glenlea research and teaching facility just south of Winnipeg.

“The centre will feature interactive, hands-on displays for the public to learn about every aspect of livestock and food production, from farming practices to retail sales. “The University of Manitoba plays a vital role as a community educator,” said Ted Bailey, chair of the centre’s fundraising campaign committee.

“This commitment highlights the partnership between government, the university and private donors in raising funds for this important project, which will be the first hands-on educational centre in Canada to highlight sustainable farming practices in animal agriculture.”

Provincial funding will complement the University’s fundraising efforts to raise the remaining $2.5 million of the $4-million construction cost.

“This centre will be an educational hub for the public, students of all ages and researchers from a variety of fields,” said Wowchuk. “The programming will be linked to students’ science and social studies curriculum and will increase public understanding of modern food production.”

Information on the Glenlea Farm Education Centre is available online at umanitoba.ca/afs/ncle.
Wind carries student across the globe

BY MICHAEL MARSHALL
For The Bulletin

A University of Manitoba engineering grad student has been selected as one of only eight students from around the world to participate in the inaugural World Wind Energy Institute Programme.

Andrea Kraj, a 27-year-old mechanical engineering graduate of the University of Manitoba, will depart for Denmark next month to participate in the 10-month global traineeship developed by the World Wind Energy Institute (WWEI), a worldwide decentralised network of existing training and research centres specializing in wind energy and integrated renewable energy technologies.

“This is a great opportunity for me to branch out,” says Kraj, whose academic qualifications, ability to speak four languages, extensive travel experience, and passion for the progress and expansion of renewable energy makes her an ideal candidate for the inaugural programme.

“It’s exciting to be part of a group of like-minded people who come from all over the world and from all sorts of schools of knowledge.”

Kraj says the eight members of the program will meet in Denmark on May 15, upon which half the group (including Kraj) will follow an itinerary that includes travel to Brazil, China and Egypt, while the other half will travel to Cuba and Canada.

The goal of the program is to provide students with a combination of hands-on experience and practical exposure to the best renewable energy technologies and practices from around the world.

The program is unique in relation to many technology transfer and educational initiatives, which rely more heavily on lectures, but provide fewer practical opportunities for students to learn through real-life application of renewable energy technologies.

Kraj’s master’s thesis was on ‘Icing Characteristics and Mitigation Strategies for Wind Turbines in Cold Climates’ and examined experimental research on how ice forms on wind turbine blades and how it can be prevented or delayed to help ensure optimal and safe power generation.

While presenting her research around the world last year, she won “Best Paper” at the Renewable Energy Conference in Japan in October, 2006.

Kraj says she hopes to use the knowledge she acquires from her WWEI experience towards her PhD, among other things.

“I will integrate what I learn in the program into whatever I do in the future,” she says. “It’s going to open a lot of doors for me.”

For more information on the World Wind Energy Institute, visit www.windenergyinstitute.net or for information regarding Kraj’s research program, visit home. cc.umanitoba.ca/~ukrajag

Andrea Kraj will travel to Denmark, Brazil, China and Egypt as part of the World Wind Energy Institute Programme.

There’s a place for you at the University of Manitoba University Student Tripos Partnership Conference. The conference, entitled Changing Landscapes is being held at the University of Manitoba Sept. 24 to 25. The focus will be: What are the effects of Canada’s changing landscapes, and how are those changes represented?

• Topics considered may include, but are not limited to: constructions or representations of space and place; media treatments of environmental change; urbanization and the formation of new communities; preservation of remnant and heritage landscapes; impact of changing climates on key species; alternative conservation paradigms; changing relations between landscape and cultural/national identities.

Researchers in all areas of arts and geography, geology, and environmental studies/sciences are invited to submit 250 word proposals by June 30 to Alison Calder, department of English, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB.  

Faculty of Medicine
Dean of Medicine Strategic Research Fund

The Strategic Research Fund is to support the development of a Faculty wide, centrally located research infrastructure or core facility at the Bannatyne campus. The objective of the Strategic Research Fund is to build capacity and enhance the productivity of researchers in the Faculty through collaboration. The proposal for the Strategic Research Fund can be the launch of a new multi-disciplinary group project, the development of a faculty-wide infrastructure or the establishment of a centrally located research infrastructure or core facility at the Bannatyne campus. The proposal should be novel, innovative and multi-disciplinary in nature. Some of the major themes for consideration are: the molecular basis of diseases, clinical and translational research, and research in health services delivery, with an emphasis on the evaluation of changing management strategy and innovation. The value of the Fund is $425,000 per year, and only one project will be awarded each year.

Guidelines and application packages can be obtained from the Office of the Associate Dean (Research), A108 Chown Building, Bannatyne Campus. Completed applications must be received in A108 Chown Building by 4:00 pm on June 29, 2007.

Dr. Dean Sandham, Dean
Faculty of Medicine
University of Manitoba
April 19, 2007

Marks of Achievement

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Eskin honoured by American Oil Chemists’ Society

Michael Eskin, associate dean, Faculty of Human Ecology has been awarded the prestigious T.S. Mounts Award by the American Oil Chemists’ Society. This award, named in the memory of a distinguished past president, recognizes research in the science and technology of edible oils. The award will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Oil Chemists’ Society to be held this May in Quebec City, Canada. The American Oil Chemists’ Society is the premier society dealing with fats and oils and has a membership of over 5,000, of which 40 per cent come from 90 countries around the world. This year the meeting will be held jointly with the Japanese Oil Chemists’ Society. In addition to a plaque and cheque, Eskin will give a special lecture in honor of this award. This award is in recognition of Eskin’s research which ranged from his early work in establishing the properties and performance of canola oil to recent work related to the impact of minor components on the stability of edible oils. Eskin holds several patents and is the author of over 100 peer reviewed journals, 30 chapters and nine books.

New vision from Aramark

TRIVIA

Aramark Campus Services has been confirmed as the University of Manitoba’s food service provider for the next seven years. Vice-president (administration) Debbie McCallum told Senate on April 4 that as part of the new contract there will be significant renewal in both food service infrastructure and to the philosophy behind the way food is served.

A full open house will be held from 2 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 3 in Marshall McLuhan Hall to explain the upcoming changes. The initial phase of renovations will include a Starbucks in the Elizabeth Dafoe Library, a complete renewal of services in the second floor Centre Court area of University Centre, an expanded product line in the Brodie Centre at the Bannatyne campus and a new eatery for Pembina Hall that will be built and named for food science rather than the standard cafeteria style. The goal is to have the work completed over the summer.

BUDGET

Manitoba’s universities received a 7 per cent grant increase from the province of Manitoba in the spring budget, although at the time of the April 4 Senate meeting the University of Manitoba didn’t know precisely how that funding would break down. President Emile Sztathmary said it’s the second year the university has received a grant increase coming on the heels of last year’s 5.8 per cent increase.

However, thanks to a drop in enrollment this year the university has received a grant increase of $25 million by the time all of the numbers from the 2007-08 fiscal year just to stay even. Which means the cost of sorting out the budget is far from over.

“The government wants to fund us and recognizes the university has a problem and they’re looking at other ways they might be able to assist,” Sztathmary said.

Edible Oils Award

Michael Eskin

IN MEMORY

Senate paid its respects for retired Pharmacy professor Roman (Roy) Bilous and Architecture professor emeritus Jack Graham at their April 4 meeting.

Graham, 1919-2007, passed away in Winnipeg on Feb. 17. Bilous received the first gold medal in pharmacy from the University of Manitoba in 1943 and went on to earn a master of science degree in pharmacy in 1967 and a PhD from the University of Wisconsin in 1972. He served as lecturer and then professor with the faculty until his retirement in 1986 and as acting dean in 1986 and ’87. In recognition of his contributions to pharmacy education in Manitoba, Irene Lavallee, Bilous’s sister, has established a scholarship fund in his name.

Graham, 1922-2007, died peacefully on Feb. 15. He graduated from the University of Manitoba with a degree in architecture in 1943. He taught at the University of M from 1946 until his retirement in 1980 and served periods as acting dean and associate dean. Graham designed St. Paul’s Anglican Church in Fort Garry and the gates at the western entrance to the University of Manitoba. He also designed sets and costumes for the University of Manitoba Glee Club, the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, Rainbow Stage and the Playhouse Theatre. He was an art critic for the Winnipeg Free Press and was president and board member of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, along with involvement in other community boards.

Student discipline

Senate gave its approval and recommended that the Board of Governors retain the current student discipline bylaw. University discipline committee chair Ruth Berry said the principle changes will make the bylaw’s language friendlier – taking “violation” and “penalty” out and replacing them with “disciplinary matter” and “disciplinary action” – separate the bylaw and procedures to make for better organization, codify past practices, and increase the appeal time from five to ten days.

One change that had been suggested for the bylaw was that, for the disciplinary hearing process. The rationale behind the suggestion was that not all faculties have departments and in those that didn’t, students were being denied the right to keep the department heads as the level of appeal. However, after a lengthy debate, Senate voted to keep the department heads as a level of appeal.

The University of Manitoba’s 130th birthday was highlighted by Manitoba senators, Sharon Carstairs and Mira Spivak, and members of Parliament, Rod Brundage and Anita Neville, in Ottawa. In listing off some of the university’s notable graduates, Spivak pointed out that at one time Canada’s dollar bill bore the signature of two of them: Spivak graduated from the U of M Robert Beattie, senior deputy governor of the Bank of Canada and James Coyne, governor of the bank.

FUNDRAISING

The University of Manitoba expects to have raised $25 million by the time all of the numbers from the 2006-07 fiscal year are tallied. That figure is up slightly more than $1 million over last year, vice-president (external) Elaine Goldie told Senate.

BACCALAUREAT EN SERVICE SOCIAL

Senate approved the report of the senate committee on admissions concerning a proposal from the board of Education to change its admissions requirements by adding criminal records and child abuse registry check to the requirements. Vice-provost (student affairs) David Morphy said the policy will mirror similar policies in place in Pharmacy and Nursing.

APPOINTMENT

LINDA LAVALLEE

Linda Lavallee has been appointed director, security services, effective May 1.

Lavallee will be the first bachelor of arts from the University of Manitoba in 1991 and has completed specialized training in policing, law enforcement and crime prevention. She will receive a certificate in university and college administration in 2007.

Lavallee joined the university security services department in 1992 and was promoted to her current position of assistant director, security services, in April 1998. She is a member of the Manitoba Association of Police, International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, Manitoba Protective Officers Association and Campus Security Administrators (Western).

Lavallee is very involved in the university community as a co-chair of the UM workplace health & safety advisory committee, and as a member of the employee assistance program (EAP) advisory committee. She is a member of the board of directors University Club, UM United Way employee campaign, Caravan, Rainbow Stage & Stroke Employee Campaign Caravan, Winnipeg Chapter of MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) volunteer and alumni associate with the U of M Bachelor of Social Work.

Lavallee was the recipient of the University of Manitoba Outreach Award in 2006. Her office will continue to be in the Services Building, and her phone number after May 1 will be 474-8709.

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Welcome to the School of Art

The School of Art held its annual open house on Sunday, April 15, giving students a chance to display their work. Clockwise from bottom: Kert Gartner and Sarah Armistead look at a sculpture by J. Lajoie and A. Rogalski; Adele Van Gend demonstrates her final year art project, entitled Knit of Memories; Art students Chantel Mierau, left, and Stephanie Graham check out Pandage Assemblage by Chris Cabildo; Jennifer Sonnenberg serves up some chili for Joyce Nykoluk – buyers selected and kept their ceramic bowl when they purchased their chili.
Compost program helps keep us green

Sustainability on Campus

The University of Manitoba Bulletin is pleased to partner with the university’s sustainability coordinator to present a new Sustainability on Campus feature. Every month we’ll look at how the university is doing its part to help create a more sustainable world.

Last spring, the waste prevention office began its pre-consumer composting program in partnership with the University Centre food service operations and the University of Manitoba Recycling and Environmental Group – UMREG.

The program involves collecting the food waste that kitchens generate during preparation, such as banana peels, carrot tops, and broccoli stocks and the coffee grounds generated at IQ’s and Degrees. To date the program has diverted more than five tonnes of waste from the landfill.

“What’s great is that those five tonnes will be transformed into nutrient-rich compost once it’s mixed with the leaves that were collected in the fall. It will be an excellent source of mulch and soil amendment that can be used for the campus grounds in the spring,” says Lise Smith, the university’s interim waste prevention coordinator. “We’re hoping it will be cured in time for Campus Beautification Day.”

Smith will be watching the compost closely this spring as it thaws under the warmer temperatures. “The staff of general services at physical plant have been working hard at maintaining a good balance of material in the pile. Whenever possible, they’ve been monitoring the moisture and temperature of the pile to ensure the conditions are ideal for composting.”

Smith says the waste prevention office is anxious to see the results. She says if the program with the University Centre kitchens is successful, they will consider expanding the program to the Pembina Hall kitchen. “Pembina Hall produces more pre-consumer organic waste than the University Centre kitchens so we wanted to work out any glitches on a smaller scale first. So far, so good!”

Other waste reduction programs that the waste prevention office oversees include computer recycling, a small battery recycling program, a toner and printer cartridge recycling program, scrap steel recycling and of course the university’s paper recycling program. The waste prevention office also works closely with the UMREG on the container recycling program.

Shuttle buses take summer break

Just a reminder that the University of Manitoba shuttle buses are not operational during the summer months. The last day of service will be Monday, April 30. The Fort Garry Shuttle and Bannatyne-Fort Garry shuttle will return in late August.

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All proceeds go toward student athletic scholarships for Bison Basketball. We welcome you to support the Bison programs whether you attend or not, as all proceeds will be matched by the Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative.

For information on events and reservations please see umanitoba.ca/bisons.

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umanitoba.ca/bisons/

Reunite with Iceland

The Alumni Association Inc. of the University of Manitoba is hosting a reunion – with an Icelandic twist. Typically, our reunions gather alumni from specific faculties or years, but this time, Manitoba’s long-standing relationship with the Icelandic community will be the focus of attention.

Richard Sigurdson, dean, Faculty of Arts said there is a strong connection between our province and the people of Iceland. “We are very excited that the alumni association is recognizing the important relationship between the university, Iceland and the Icelandic community across Canada”, he said. Sigurdson’s faculty is home to the only department of Icelandic studies outside of Iceland.

The event is set for April 26, 5 to 9 p.m., at the Winnipeg Convention Centre and is being planned to honour and recognize Iceland’s unique relationship with the University of Manitoba. The honoured guest of the evening is Olaflur Ragnar Grimsson, President of Iceland. The alumni reunion will feature well-known entertainers Cold Front featuring Bjorn Thorodden of Iceland, and Steve Kirby and Richard Gillis of the University of Manitoba.

This event was coordinated to coincide with the timing of the INL convention. Alumna Lois Turner encouraged the alumni association to coordinate this event while many of the Icelandic alumni would be home for the convention.

Any graduate, staff, student or friend of the University of Manitoba who would like an invitation to this event is welcome to download an invitation off the website at umanitoba.ca/alumni or contact Jana Thorsteinsson, manager of alumni relations at jana@umanitoba.ca or by phone at 474 8932. Please RSVP by April 20.

A Storytelling Festival

The Arbor V Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice at St. Paul’s College, University of Manitoba presents the 2nd annual Winnipeg International Storytelling Festival: Storytelling on the Path to Peace. The festival will run May 10 to May 12.

The festival will be held at a variety of unique Icelandic landmarks such as, the Millennium Library, the Forks Market, Manitoba Legislative Building, William Norrie Centre, Thunderbird House, Living Prairie Museum, Tavern in the forks, the Winnipeg Art Gallery, the Franco-Manitobian Cultural Centre.

The festival is completely free and open to all ages of the public. The festival has active school programming as well, where schools across Winnipeg bring their classes to attend the storytelling. Each year over 15-20 K-12 school children attended the festival at the Millennium Library alone.

There are over 50 regional storytellers that will perform, as well as approximately eight featured storytellers from around the world.

There are special Outreach events to the community as part of the festival as well. This year’s outreach storytelling sessions will be held at St. Amant Centre among others. There is also a school storytelling program. The festival brings international recognized tellers who work for peace to share their experiences and practices through training workshops. The festival will include English, French, Ukrainian, and Deaf Storytelling.

If you are interested in volunteering for this exciting festival or would like more information please contact Mauro Centre at 474 6092 or via email mauro@umanitoba.ca.

Medical rounds are typically targeted at university staff and professionals directly involved in the medical field.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

Immunology, The role of Smad1 in hepatic steatohepatitis activation by Yuewen Gong, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Manitoba, Immunology Library 604-605 Basic Medical Sciences Building, 12 p.m., Thursday, April 19.

APRIL 20

PHARMACOLOGY, Why is the Incidence of Tuberculosis Still High in Manitoba and What are We Doing About It? by Pam Orr, professor, departments of medical microbiology and community health sciences, University of Manitoba, Pharmacology Library A229 Chown Building, 9 a.m., Friday, April 20.

Physiology Special Seminar, Lentiviral vectors for use in therapy and immune modulation by Sam K P Kung, assistant professor, department of immunology, University of California at San Francisco. 11 a.m., Friday, April 20.

MONDAY, APRIL 23

National Training Program in Allergy and Asthma Research, Research in Progress with Sarah Martin and Tingting Zhao, Immunology Library 604-605 Basic Medical Sciences Building, 11 a.m., Monday, April 23.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

Internal Medicine, Evolution of Amputee Care and Rehabilitation in Manitoba by Ambarat S. Arneja, MD, director amputee program, associate professor of medicine, University of Manitoba, Theatre A Basic Medical Sciences Building, linked to NG002 St. Boniface Hospital, 8 a.m., Tuesday, April 24.

Psychiatry Grand Rounds, What is New in Tobacco Cessation by Charl Els, Psychiatrist and Addiction Specialist, Capital Health and University of Alberta, Theatre A Basic Medical Sciences Building, 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 24.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

Immunology, Vitamin D: Its Role as a Regulator of Cardiovascular Function by David G. Gardner, Mount Zion Health Plan Distinguished Professor of Medicine, Chief, Division of Endocrinology, Metabolism & Osteoporosis, University of California at San Francisco. 9 a.m., Wednesday, April 25.

Physiology, Distinguished Scientist Lecture, The Fifth Irene Uchida Lecture, PKI: A Paradigm Shift in Medical Thinking by Charles R. Scriver, Alva Professor Emeritus of Human Genetics, McGill University. Presented at the Montreal Children’s Hospital Research Institute, Montreal, Thursday, Theatre A Basic Medical Sciences Building, 8 a.m., Thursday, April 26.

The Fifth Irene Uchida Lecture, The PKH locus is full of surprises by Charles R. Scriver, Alva Professor Emeritus of Human Genetics, McGill University. Presented at the Montreal Children’s Hospital Research Institute, Montreal, 500 John Buehler Research Centre, 12 p.m., Thursday, April 26.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

Physiology, Distinguished Scientist Lecture, Mechanisms of lipotoxicity in liver and beta cell by Adria Giacca, MD, University of Toronto. Theatre A Basic Medical Sciences Building, Bannatyne Campus 11 a.m., Friday, April 27.

Pharmacology, The SHERM Protein: A Biomarker for a Subset of Breast Cancers? by Yvonne Myal, associate professor, department of pathology, University of Manitoba, Pharmacology Library A229 Chown Building, 9 a.m., Friday, April 27.

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MONDAY, APRIL 30

National Training Program in Allergy and Asthma Research, Research in Progress by Nyla Dil, Immunology Library 604-605 Basic Medical Sciences Building, 3:30 p.m., Monday, April 30.

National Training Program in Allergy and Asthma Research, Can rhinovirus infection during early childhood initiate airway remodeling? by Richard Liegh, visiting speaker, Immunology Library 604-605 Basic Medical Sciences Building, 4:15 p.m., Monday, April 30.

THURSDAY, MAY 3

Immunology, Concurrent use of repellents and sunscreens: perspectives in transdermal penetration and absorption by Xiong Chen, Gu, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Manitoba, Immunology Library 604-605 Basic Medical Sciences Building, 12 p.m., Thursday, May 3.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

Cancer Care Manitoba, Literature, Life and Loss by Eleanor Wachtel, host of CBC Radio’s Writers & Company and The Arts Tonight, A Member of the Order of Canada, Wachtel has been praised for her outstanding contribution to arts journalism. She has co-edited two books, The Expo Story (1986) and Language in Her Eye (1990), co-authored A Feminist Guide to the Canadian Constitution (1992), and contributed to Dropped Threads and Lost Classics, Hotel Fort Garry, 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 9. All are welcome and tickets are free. Seating is limited, so please call 787-1091 for tickets or more information.
Fort Garry Campus

THURSDAY, APRIL 19
Botany: William F. Hanna Lecture Series. Back to the Future: Combining models and tree rings to predict the impact of global climate change on Canada’s Wrendale. By Frank A. Beranger. Canada research chair in forest productivity, department des sciences biologiques, Universite du Québec à Montréal, 7 p.m., Thursday, April 19. The series name commemorates one of the universities first distinguished alumni, William Fielding Hanna (1892-1972). William Hanna not only received the first doctorate degree in Botany from the University of Manitoba in 1928, but is also recognized as the first Ph.D. graduate in Western Canada. He was also the recipient of the prestigious Order of Canada as well as the Legion of Merit (US). Rosemary Hanna, daughter of the late William Hanna, will be attending and the inauguration of this event. Ms. Hanna has kindly agreed to present a brief biography on Dr. William Hanna during our evening events.

Education, Childhood After Modernity? by Joseph Dunne, principal lecturer in education and head of human development, St. Patrick’s College, University of Manitoba, 7 p.m., Thursday, April 19. In his lecture, Dunne will provide a brief history of childhood after modernity and the development of childhood. St. Patrick’s College, 7 p.m., Thursday, April 19.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20
Animal Science: PhD Oral Examination, Feed Delivery at 2100 h vs. 0900 h for Lactating Holsteins by Akbar Nikkhah, 219 Animal Science Building, 7 a.m., Friday, April 20.

Mathematics, A Piece of Cantor’s Work by Tagreed Mohamed, 415 Machray Hall, 2-30 p.m., Friday, April 20.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24
Human Ecology: Controlled Functional Modification of Cotton Cellulose via Radical Grafting Polymerization by Song Liu, University of California at Davis, 206 409 Technological Innovation Centre, 7 p.m., Thursday, April 19. The series name commemorates one of the universities first distinguished alumni, William Fielding Hanna (1892-1972). William Hanna not only received the first doctorate degree in Botany from the University of Manitoba in 1928, but is also recognized as the first Ph.D. graduate in Western Canada. He was also the recipient of the prestigious Order of Canada as well as the Legion of Merit (US). Rosemary Hanna, daughter of the late William Hanna, will be attending and the inauguration of this event. Ms. Hanna has kindly agreed to present a brief biography on Dr. William Hanna during our evening events.

Of international interest

The Canadian Bureau for International Education Western Regional Conference is back in Winnipeg.

Hosted by the College universitaire de Saint Boniface, this year’s theme is Not Just Studying Abroad: Internationalizing Canadian Universities.

The conference is returning to Manitoba after a prolonged absence and will provide us with a unique opportunity to share thoughts, ideas and best practices on internationalizing Canadian universities, unpacking its contents and exploring some of the challenges it implies.

The conference will be held on the afternoon of May 8 and all day May 9. The registration fee is $75 which includes a light lunch prior to the opening remarks, a reception and dinner at Le Vieille Gare on the evening of the 8th and a luncheon on May 9. Single day and student rates are also available for $50 and $25 respectively.

Registration details and forms are posted on-line at www.cbie.ca/conf/ or call the University of Manitoba International Centre for Students 474-8501.

Of international interest

The fifth annual Fort Garry History Lectures run April 26 to 28 in St. John’s College.

The annual event brings together graduate and senior undergraduate history students from across Canada and the United States.

The keynote lectures include Popular Movements and the State in Contemporary Latin America by Jorge Nallón, University of Manitoba, 108 St. John’s College, 7 p.m., Thursday, April 26 and Kill the Indian, Save the Man: U.S. and Canadian Residential Schools in Context by Ward Churchill, ethic studies, University of Colorado at Boulder, 118 St. John’s College, 7 p.m., Friday, April 27, and Child Labour In India: Presenting ‘New’ Histories by Emma Alexander-Mudaliar, University of Winnipeg, 12 p.m., Saturday, April 28.

For more information and to register, please see umanitoba.ca/faculties/artshistory/news/index.html

Arts & Entertainment

GALLERY ONE ONE ONE

GALLERY ONE ONE ONE is located on the main floor of the FitzGerald Building. It is open Monday to Friday, noon to 4 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE: WORKS IN PROGRESS
April 15 to 20

GALLERY ONE ONE ONE will feature works by School of Art thesis students nearing the completion of their respective programs.

Faculty of Architecture

DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE: YEAR END EXHIBITION
Thursday, April 26, 6 to 10 p.m.
John A. Russell Building

Exhibits will be on display in the centre space, its surrounding classrooms, the studios upstairs and in the jury room. Cash bar.

Faculty of Music

The Faculty of Music hosts recitals and performances at Eva Clare Hall, located within the Faculty of Music building on Dafoe Road. Recitals and events are free unless otherwise noted.

FACULTY OF MUSIC AT THE DAILY BREAD CAFE
Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m.
St. John’s College

St. John’s College is partnering with the Faculty of Music to establish a series of weekly musical performances live in the Daily Bread Cafe. The performances run every Thursday throughout the academic year from 6 to 9 p.m. The performances will cover a wide range of tastes.

Music events

• Joie De Vivre Singers annual spring concert, St. John’s College Chapel, University of Manitoba, 7 p.m., Saturday, April 28. Enjoy music ranging from renaissance to contemporary jazz. Guest artists: Helga Anderson, conductor, Ross Houston, accompanist, and Dan Beaupre, trio. Free admission.

The Bison Men’s Chorus Annual Spring Concert, First Presbyterian Church, 61 Picardy Place (next to Vimy Ridge Park), 7:30 p.m., Friday, April 27. Tickets: adults: $10, students: $5, children under 12: free refreshments to follow.

Get to Know Research

AT YOUR UNIVERSITY

SPEAKER SERIES

Larry Hryshko
Canada Research Chair in Cardiac Electrophysiology
Professor, Department of Physiology

How to Plan Your First Heart Attack

When it comes to planning your first heart attack, timing is everything. Thanks to modern science, you are much better off having your heart attack today than you were 20 or 30 years ago!

During a heart attack “time is muscle,” and outcomes are largely determined by the amount of muscle lost. Dr. Hryshko will describe his research on a family of proteins called sodium-calcium exchangers, which contribute prominently to cardiac muscle injury or death during heart attacks. He will also describe how newer drugs may eventually reduce the muscle injury that occurs during heart attacks.

Wednesday, April 25, 2007 at 7:00 pm
Smartpark Lobby Boardroom
135 Innovation Drive, Fort Garry Campus

Free admission and parking, everyone welcome! For more information call 474-9020.
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Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience
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Position number: 09640
For information: Dr. Lori Wallace, dean, Extended Education Division, The University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3T 2N2, phone 474 8010, e-mail L_wallace@umanitoba.ca.

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Techonology Transfer partnership grows
IPM Partnership now includes University of Saskatchewan, University of Regina

BY FRANK NOLAN Research Promotion

A province-wide technology transfer partnership led by the University of Manitoba has now expanded into Saskatchewan, thanks to $300,000 in new funding from the Government of Canada.

Last month, the Manitoba Intellectual Property Mobilization (IPM) Partnership was awarded $300,000 in new funding from the Government of Canada’s IPM Program, a cooperative arrangement involving the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).

The new funding allows the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Regina to join the group, now known as the Prairie IPM Partnership, which also includes the University of Manitoba, the University of Winnipeg, Brandon University, Red River College, the Health Sciences Centre, St. Boniface General Hospital, and CancerCare Manitoba.

Originally established in 2001 to encourage cooperation among Manitoba’s research-intensive institutions, the partnership is designed to accelerate the transfer of knowledge and the development of new technologies to a commercialization stage. The latest funding builds on a grant of $1.2 million the Manitoba partnership received from Canada’s IPM Program in 2005.

The expanded Prairie IPM Partnership is led by the University of Manitoba’s Technology Transfer Office. “This is the first time that a Canadian intellectual property partnership has reached out across provincial boundaries,” said Gary Breit, executive director of the Technology Transfer Office. “The University of Saskatchewan and the University of Regina are both involved in cutting-edge research that is complimentary to Manitoba’s research community. And, they both have growing research parks and experienced technology transfer offices. Strategically, having these universities on board is great news for all of our partner institutions.”

Breit said the expanded partnership will open up new licensing opportunities by allowing technologies to be bundled together. Technology development, he said, adds value for customers, and it significantly reduces the associated transaction costs.

“For example, if a new compound is patented at one university, and researchers at another university discover a novel use for it, the customer could license both of those technologies as a single bundle,” he said. “Increasingly, industry and universities are working to reduce transaction costs, and this coalition can facilitate the technology development and technology bundling activities that lower those costs.”

The Prairie IPM Partnership will also create increased opportunities for research collaboration among the partner institutions, and activities like technology transfers in both provinces will showcase innovative research to more potential customers.

It is also important to consider the aggregated research mass that this collaboration offers,” Breit said. “Now, Prairie IPM Partnership institutions will conduct about $400 million of research per year. This strong research base represents the core of the prairies coming together, and it gives us a chance to do a lot more as a group.”

Surviving a heart attack: “time is muscle”

BY FRANK NOLAN Research Promotion

If you ever have a heart attack, where and when it happens can play a critical role in determining how permanent damage is done to your heart. In the words of Larry Hryshko, “time is muscle.”

“The best place to have a heart attack is in a major city during normal business hours in the proximity of a major hospital,” said Hryshko, physiology. “If you have your heart attack in the middle of nowhere, obviously you have much less chance of getting timely treatment, and time is everything. During a heart attack, heart muscle begins to die, and a patient’s outcome is largely determined by how much muscle is lost.”

Hryshko holds a Canada Research Chair in Cardiac Electrophysiology, and his lab at the St. Boniface General Hospital Research Centre is one of a few worldwide studying a molecule called the “sodium-calcium exchanger” using an unusual technique referred to as giant patch clamping.

“This technique literally allows us to count the number of sodium and calcium atoms moving across a cardiac cell membrane,” Hryshko said. “Malfunction of the sodium-calcium exchanger is central to the muscle cell damage caused by a heart attack, so it is critical to examine its behaviour accurately. Your heart beats in response to an increase in calcium inside heart cells—calcium comes into the cell, telling it to contract. However, the heart has to relax between beats and therefore calcium has to be removed after every contraction. The sodium-calcium exchanger takes the calcium out of the cell after each heart beat so that the various heart chambers can refill with blood.”

During a heart attack, however, the sodium-calcium exchanger starts to work backwards, bringing calcium into the cell rather than removing it. Ultimately, the cell becomes overloaded with calcium and literally self-destructs.

“If we can prevent the sodium-calcium exchanger from reversing its action, we can greatly reduce the damage caused by a heart attack,” he said.

Hryshko is experimenting with novel drugs that can stop this from happening while still allowing the molecule to perform its normal function of removing calcium so that the heart can relax between beats.

“We do all of our studies at the molecular level, but this is a very tough molecule to study, because the assays for it are technically very challenging and take a long time to perform. That’s why there are only two or three labs in the world using this approach.”

Larry Hryshko, physiology, Canada Research Chair in Cardiac Electrophysiology.

“We’re working very methodically to understand exactly how the drugs interact with this molecule, what their shortcomings are, and how they can be improved. I would love to see that the drugs I’ve been studying for the past 10 years are eventually perfected for use in humans. These drugs offer the genuine opportunity of providing advance protection to heart muscle in individuals at high risk for heart attacks. This would effectively buy people time until conventional treatment can be implemented.”

Hryshko will be describing his research on April 25, as part of the Get to Know Research at Your University lecture series. His presentation, ‘How to Plan Your First Heart Attack,’ begins at 7:00 pm in the Smartpark Boardroom at 135 Innovation Drive. Admission is free and everyone is invited to attend. For more information, please call Kimberley at 474-9020.
What should a university be?

President helps link U of M to the broader community

A Day in the Life of the president

BY DALE BABBOUR

The Bulletin

It would be tempting to do a literal day in the life of University of Manitoba president Emőke Szathmáry – to track her through a day of meetings, administrative work and community events.

But if there was a position that was bigger than the sum of its parts, it’s the position of president.

“I have the presidency as the public face of the university,” Szathmáry said. “In that sense, I’m representing a community and helping explain what that community does and why it exists.”

To put it even more precisely, the president is a translator helping to explain what the university does clear to the public of our value,” Szathmáry said. “The university can function as informed members of society. Frustration and need drive them to be as flexible as the external community and with the greater community – to show why they are indispensable to the larger society as well as to rethink what they should be doing as universities.

“The world is changing and universities have also changed over time, witness the rise of North American ‘multiversities’ in the 20th century, universities that serve the educational needs of undergraduates in the liberal arts, the needs for graduate programs and the needs of graduate students who must be trained in the research methods of various sciences,” Szathmáry said. “If we want to continue to create the future and serve the greater good we have to convince the public of our value.”

But it’s a balancing act.

“Employers want highly specialized graduates to serve their needs,” says Szathmáry. “The need for highly qualified people in industry sometimes gives the impression that employers regard the university as a place that should turn out widgets to meet their needs, rather than people who are both competent in their area of knowledge and who can function as informed members of society. Frustration and need drive business leaders to call on the president as the chief executive officer, wanting the university to be responsive to prevailing market demands.

“Certainly, the buck does stop at Szathmáry’s desk and the external community who have a responsible fiscal behaviour from the university as much as it wants increases of graduates with specific degrees,” Szathmáry says that it is in such instances that the president’s role as translator and facilitator is most acute.

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Along with being the public face of the University of Manitoba, president Emőke Szathmáry is also the messenger for the external community, helping bring town and gown ‘gown’ together.

Our programs are designed with their needs in mind, as they progress through their years of study.

And much as business might want a particular ‘widget,’ students have their own ideas about their future.

“But if people and reasons like that can be brought about, there is a chance to truly make a difference at the university level at an institution that had long held her interest.

“I knew about this place from the elimination of 8th disease of the newborn (erythroblastosis foetalis),” Szathmáry said. “I was in a fourth-year human genetics class. It was one of those Eureka moments when you realize that you can do something. You can do something that you never thought people would be able to do.”

She homesteaded in Manitoba and he eventually became a professor in her field. The same desire to influence the greater good was in her from the get-go.

“Perhaps the moment when you realize that it’s worth being here and you have to get them all to sing in the same tune,” said Szathmáry. “Chown and later, as a professor in her own right, many U of M researchers in graduate school, Szathmáry became even more familiar with the research needs of those who homesteaded in Manitoba and he had relatives here.

But if people and reasons like that help draw Szathmáry to the U of M, one other name sealed her appreciation for her appointment to the presidency: A Metis by descent, Ibister is renowned as the benefactor who created the University of Manitoba’s first nursing school, its requirement for the scholarship? That it be based on merit and it be given to those who deserve it, regardless of sex, race, creed, language or nationality.

As someone who had emigrated to Canada after the Second World War and worked her way through university when female students in her field were still considered a novelty, Ibister’s legacy has a particular resonance for Szathmáry.

“It was one of those discoveries I made after I had arrived here,” said Ibister. “I was always interested in the advancement of education and research, Szathmáry said. And most specifically she wanted to see her own field grow with the addition of anthropologists – the goal meshed with the department and the Faculty of Social Sciences dean’s and eventually lead to Szathmáry becoming chair of the anthropology department in 1985 and eventually the creation of PhD in biological anthropology.

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The same desire to influence the development of the university that Szathmáry had in her own field was in her from the get-go. When the University of Manitoba came into being in 1877, Szathmáry’s position seemed a natural fit.

What I wanted to do was to help people to be supportive of each other,“ Szathmáry said. “I don’t believe in turning people against each other. Everyone needs to have a stake in the enterprise to get the best out of them.”

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