Annual Meeting
President Emőke Szathmáry made her annual address to the university on Sept. 18.

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Helping students
Admissions officers are the university’s first contact when it comes to welcoming students.

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Into Africa
University of Manitoba students are helping an African AIDS clinic raise funds.

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Pulling for the United Way

The University of Manitoba Bison football team tugged an 86,000-kilogram Boeing 727 as part of the Winnipeg United Way’s 2007 campaign launch on Sept. 21. The university will launch its campaign on Thursday, Oct. 18 at the Bannatyne campus and Friday, Oct. 19 at the Fort Garry campus.

Biomedical research in Manitoba received a lift on Sept. 28 with a $3.2 million investment under the Winnipeg Partnership Agreement (WPA).

The University of Manitoba’s Faculty of Engineering will acquire state of the art biomedical imaging and biosensing equipment to create an enhanced Bio-Engineering facility that will train students and industry, as well as participate in pre-commercial research.

Steve Ashton, Manitoba Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Steven Fletcher, MP for Charleswood-St. James-Assiniboia, and city councillor Jeff Brown, on behalf of Mayor Sam Katz, made the announcement on Sept. 28.

“Biomedical imaging at the organ, tissue, cellular, and molecular level plays an increasingly important role in clinical practice and basic life sciences research,” said Ashton. “As a recognized hub for biotech excellence, Manitoba is proud to fund research tools that will result in a better quality of life for provincial residents.”

“Canada’s new government recognizes that innovation is key to a region’s prosperity and improving quality of life for all Canadians,” said Fletcher. “This investment will strengthen Manitoba’s existing life sciences sector and assist the University of Manitoba’s Faculty of Engineering in becoming a focal point for this rapidly expanding industry, particularly in the field of biomedical engineering.”

“Medical research equipment will increase Winnipeg’s capacity as a leader in biotech and health research,” said Brown. “As a city of opportunity, we welcome this investment which will enhance the University of Manitoba’s research capability and hopefully lead to future business development in our city.”

The University of Manitoba’s acquisition of new biomedical imaging and biosensing equipment will enhance its current capabilities in biomedical engineering research.

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Time for Fall Convocation

Fall Convocation will be held over two days again this year on Wednesday, Oct. 17, and Thursday, Oct. 18, at 3:30 p.m. in the Investors Group Athletic Centre.

Honorary Degrees will be conferred on Louis Fortier, Wednesday, Oct. 17, and Don Robertson, Thursday, Oct. 18.

Fortier is one of Canada’s leading environmental researchers in climate change. He holds the Canada Research chair in Polar Marine Ecosystems at Laval University and is scientific director of ArcticNet, one of Canada’s Network of Centres of Excellence that is leading an international examination of the impacts of climate change in Canada’s Arctic.

Robertson, a Cree from Norway House, former chair of the Council for Post-Secondary Education and formerly executive director of the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre, is an educator whose career commitment was to the welfare of his people and their access to education.

Robert Hill, department of plant science, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, and who is one of Canada’s most respected researchers in plant biochemistry and molecular biology, will be presented with the Dr. John M. Bowman Memorial Winnipeg Rh Institute Foundation Award on Wednesday, Oct. 17.

The distinguished Alumni Award will be presented on Wednesday, Oct. 17, to Ian C.P. Smith, director general of the National Research Council Institute for Biodiagnostics in Winnipeg and one of Canada’s foremost authorities on magnetic resonance spectroscopy.

Raed Joundi, who graduated with his bachelor of science degree at spring Convocation, will be presented with the Armatage Award for participation in student affairs and student governance on Wednesday, Oct. 17.

Look for a full review of the award winners in the Oct. 18 Bulletin.
University of Manitoba members are always making news – demonstrating the university’s impact on the community. Here’s a look at the stories and headlines that show how U of M faculty and staff impact the world around them.

Boom, bust and below
September 19, 2007
The Winnipeg Sun

Asper School of Business professor Robert Warren was featured in a Winnipeg Sun story on how the real estate boom could be creating too much debt for some Canadians already struggling with a high debtload. Warren commented on interest rates. The story was in response to a Statistics Canada report on rising home prices and families with mortgages. That same day, Ecology professor Ruth Berry was also quoted in a related story about credit cards and minimum monthly payments.

Montreal loves us!
Week of Sept. 18th, 2007
The Montreal Gazette

A seven-day series called On Thin Ice in the Montreal Gazette recently focused on the ArcticNet 2007 Expedition, aboard the icebreaker Amundsen. The series frequently cited University of Manitoba researchers Dave Barber, director of the university’s Centre for Earth Observation Science (CEOS) and leader of the icebreaker project; Helen Czerski, science communicator at CEOS; and Greg McCullough, CEOS post-doctoral fellow.

Sarcastic response
Sept. 23, 2007
KCBS Radio, All News 740 AM, in San Francisco, San Antonio Express-News

Psychology professor Melanie Glennwright was again featured in news stories for her research on children and sarcasm. This time San Francisco station KCBS Radio, in San Francisco, and the San Antonio Express-News spoke with Glennwright about how and when children learn to be sarcastic.

Special Olympics competitor
Sept. 6, 2007
The Winnipeg Free Press

University of Manitoba staff member was featured in a Winnipeg Free Press sports article as one of eight Manitobans off to Shanghai to compete in the Special Olympics. The story detailed staff member Brita Hall’s many athletic accomplishments, including a gold medal in Nangano, Japan in 2005. Hall was 20 years old and has been competing internationally for 26 years.

The green and the blues
Oct. 1, 2007
The Winnipeg Free Press

University of Manitoba graduate Murray Waldman was profiled in a large story with photography for his light therapy invention called GreenRiGHT. His desk lamp emits a soft green light instead of the more popular bright white light used in the treatment of seasonal affective disorder and other mood disorders.

### New equipment will have a direct impact on research

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The equipment will also facilitate the exploration of commercialization and product development with a number of public and private sector organizations.

“Investment in high-tech biomedical imaging and biosensing equipment will provide our students and faculty with the state-of-the-art facilities they require to do the research work that will lead to improvements in the lives of Canadians,” said president Emile Stahnke. “It will also support collaborations between the University of Manitoba and the province’s burgeoning biotechnology industry which will, no doubt, result in valuable life sciences tools and technologies. These components will also build the necessary infrastructure to promote growth in knowledge-based sectors such as aerospace, life sciences and alternative energy.

The Winnipeg Partnership Agreement was signed in May 2004 and represents a five-year, $75 million commitment by the governments of Canada (through Western Economic Diversification Canada), Manitoba and the City of Winnipeg to strengthen our neighbourhoods, promote economic development and enable Aboriginal citizens to fully enjoy Winnipeg’s economic and social opportunities.

### Considering Diabetes and First Nations people

Diabetes in Manitoba affects around 20 per cent of First Nations adults compared to around 5 per cent of non-First Nations adults. Amputation rates are very high amongst First Nations people, at 18 times the rate compared to other Manitobans. What affects these rates? Does where you live and your income play a role? A new study published in the September issue of the Canadian Journal of Diabetes finds that both these factors are contributors to health outcomes of First Nations people in Manitoba.

“This study is a ‘first look’ at variations among First Nations living on-reserve and the underlying relationships to determinants of health,” says lead author Patricia Martens, director and senior researcher with the University of Manitoba or events that are of particular interest to the university community. There is no charge for running notices in the events column. Send events notices to: barbord@ms.umanitoba.ca

### 3M National Teaching Fellowship Nominations Invited

The Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE) and 3M Canada have joined to reward exceptional contributions to teaching and learning at Canadian universities. The community of 3M Teaching Fellows embodies the highest ideals of teaching excellence and scholarly work with a commitment to enhance the educational experience of every learner. To obtain a nomination package and guide for preparing a nomination as well as award criteria and eligibility information, go to the 3M Fellowship website at:

www.mcmaster.ca/3Mteachingfellowships/index2.html

Please note that the deadline for submitting 3M National Teaching Fellowships nominations to the STLHE is Friday, November 16, 2007. Therefore, internal nominations must be forwarded to Dr. Karen R. Grant, Vice-Provost (Academic Affairs), University of Manitoba, Room 208 Administration Building by Tuesday, November 6, 2007.

### The Bulletin

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**Java is a sign of change in the library**

Students mix coffee and books with meeting and talking

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**BY DALE BARBOUR**

*The Bulletin*

A Starbucks in Elizabeth Dafoe Library?

You betcha.

But this is about more than just coffee. It’s a sign that people are rethinking how they spend their time in the library.

“Over the past several years it’s become clear that our circulation of print material is dropping off and yet the turnstile counts from people coming into the library are going up,” University of Manitoba Libraries director Carolyne Presser said. “More people are coming to the library because they see it as a third place—between school and home—to spend their time. It’s become a place to meet friends, work in groups and social network.”

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**Program helps international engineers earn local credentials**

Advanced Education and Literacy Minister Diane McGifford and Labour and Immigration Minister Nancy Allan dropped by the University of Manitoba on Oct. 1 to announce funding of just over $1 million by the University of Manitoba on Oct. 1 to help Graduates and the University of Manitoba to help immigrants overcome barriers to working in the engineering field.

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**St. Paul’s welcomes Bracken**

Newly appointed rector Denis C. Bracken signs the St. Paul’s College rectors register as Archbishop Weisgerber, Chancellor of St. Paul’s College, looks on. Bracken was installed as the college’s 16th rector on Sept. 23.

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Students reach out to Nicaragua
Hurricane Felix damages partner university in Central America

In the early hours of Sept. 4, Hurricane Felix roared ashore, devastating the Caribbean coastal region of Nicaragua and prompting the University of Manitoba Women’s Studies department into action.

Since 1996, the women’s studies department has offered a travel study program in conjunction with the University of the Autonomous Regions of the Caribbean Coast of Nicaragua (URACCAN). Every two years, a group of between 12 and 25 students travel to the isolated area for the month of July to live and learn alongside their Nicaraguan counterparts.

When Susan Heald, acting coordinator of women’s studies and founder of the Women in Nicaragua/Women in Canada program, heard about the almost complete devastation of the URACCAN campus, she began to look for ways to help.

“It’s an area for which we have a lot of affection,” Heald explained. “So many people have lost everything.”

Heald said information she has received from contacts at the university have told her 80 per cent of the campus has been damaged. The surrounding area, including roads and a regional hospital, has also been devastated.

The University of the Autonomous Regions of the Caribbean Coast of Nicaragua is a central hub of services and support for the isolated communities which surround it, said Heald. If the university is not functioning, area residents will suffer, too.

The university’s garden filled with traditional medicines was decimated, for example, as were crops used to feed surrounding communities.

Since the hurricane, Heald has heard from numerous University of Manitoba students anxious to find a way to help. Over the last number of weeks, Heald has worked with advancement services which has agreed to accept donations directed at supporting the rebuilding of the URACCAN campus.

Anyone wishing to support the campaign is encouraged to send their donations directed at supporting the rebuilding of the URACCAN campus.

CENTRE FOR PROFESSIONAL AND APPLIED ETHICS
UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

2008 ETHICS RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

The Centre for Professional and Applied Ethics invites applications for Research Fellowships for the 2008-2009 academic year from University of Manitoba faculty members holding tenured or probationary appointments. The Centre is housed within the Department of Philosophy and has a mandate to promote interdisciplinary research on applied ethics in all areas of practical and professional life. Funding for these Research Fellowships is provided by: the Mary Catherine Cartwright Endowment of the Department of Philosophy and the Imperial Oil Ethics Endowment Fund.

Successful applicants will be appointed as Research Associates of the Centre and will be granted release time stipends for 3 hours of teaching or the equivalent. Recipients will be required to present their research findings at a public seminar/lecture sponsored by the Centre. A final written report describing the outcome of the research must be submitted within two months of the end of the term of the fellowship.

Two Research Fellowships are available. One is open to all University of Manitoba faculty members, and the Centre wishes to encourage applications from researchers in all areas of inquiry. The other is open only to members of the Faculty of Arts.

The Executive Committee of the Centre will act as the selection committee. Prospective applicants are encouraged to visit the Centre’s Web Site for further information: umanitoba.ca/centres/ethics/scholar2.html. You may also wish to contact the Director for additional assistance.

Applications, and all supporting material, must be submitted not later than December 14th, 2007, to:

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For more information visit our website
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Marks of Achievement

Earned some recognition or an award? The Bulletin wants to celebrate with you. Please e-mail information about your Marks of Achievement to barboard@ms.umanitoba.ca. Feel free to include a picture of yourself. We’ll need a 200 dpi jpeg image. If you would like to chat about the details or picture, please call 474 8111.

Guy Maddin

Maddin is tops at TIFF
One of Canada’s best-known filmmakers got a giant nod from the industry last month.

Winnipegger Guy Maddin’s documentary My Winnipeg took home the grand prize above all the other Canadian feature films this year for the prestigious Toronto City Award for Best Canadian Feature Film at the Toronto International Film Festival.

Maddin recently started a three-year term as filmmaker in residence at the University of Manitoba, where he teaches courses in film for one term per year as part of a joint appointment between the film studies program and the Icelandic and English departments.

President Emoke Szathmary congratulated Maddin, and said the university is delighted that he is on this campus sharing his expertise.

My Winnipeg is a personal portrait of the city, Maddin’s hometown. He has called the film a “docu-fantasia” – a combination of Winnipeg’s history and his own childhood.

“In a year when many masters of Canadian cinema have made new and exciting movies, one film stands above all as a work of remarkable ingenuity, originality and that, within its specific, personal vision finds a universal appeal,” the TIFF jury said in a statement.

My Winnipeg was co-written with George Toles, whom Maddin would like to chat about the details or picture, please call 474 8111.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

The Bulletin is proud to welcome the university’s new faculty members. The Bulletin is profiling our new professors, looking at where they come from and where their teaching and research projects will take the university in the future.

KERSTIN STEIBER ROGER
Assistant Professor
Department of Family Social Sciences
Faculty of Human Ecology

Kerstin Roger holds a masters in education (applied psychology) from the Ontario Institute of Studies in Education, and, a PhD in sociology and equity studies in education from the University of Toronto. She recently completed a two year Post Doctoral Health Science Centre Foundation Fellowship under the supervision of H.M. Jochochina. Roger’s research interests include social aspects of health with a focus on family and care provision; dementia, aging and end-of-life; health care and applied ethics, and qualitative research methods.

ARKADY MAJOR
Assistant Professor
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Faculty of Engineering

Arkady Major is originally from Lithuania where he received his BSc degree in electrical engineer-
ing from Vilnius Gediminas Technical University in 1997, and the M.Sc. degree in laser physics and nonlinear optics from Vilnius University in 1999. He continued his postgraduate studies at the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, United Kingdom, and in 2002 received the Ph.D. degree in laser physics. Arkady Major joined the University of Manitoba in July 2007 after five years of research in photonics and biophotonics at the University of Toronto (ECE and Physics) where he was a Postdoctoral Fellow and later a Research Associate.

His current research interests continue to expand the frontiers of ultrashort photonics and biophotonics and are focused on development of advanced optical laser technologies for studies of biological systems at cellular and molecular levels. Such investigations are vital for understanding of live cell functioning and can be applied, for example, in medical diagnostics. For more information about the current innovative research projects at the interface of engineering, physical and biological sciences please visit his Bio-

medical Photonics research group website at www.
e.umanitoba.ca/~amajor.

SONG LUI
Assistant Professor
Department of Textiles Sciences
Faculty of Human Ecology

Song Liu completed his PhD in fiber and poly-
erm physics at the University of California, Davis in 2007. His doctoral research, funded by National Science Foundation and National Textile Center of U.S.A., studied antibacterial functional modification of textile polymers as cotton cellulose and poly-

er via radical grafting polym-

izer. This work has led to a U.S. patent. His scholar-

ly interests range widely from surface modification of textile materials for durable antistatic, antibacterial and skin care functions, to production of smart textiles, and to nano-scale textile materials for health/ medical or biological appli-
cations.

“Education is the kin-
dling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel.” Song Liu believes that the most important component of teach-
ing is to inspire. His goals in teaching are to continue to have empathy for his students, find new ways to connect with them, and to get them interested in the complex questions associated with textiles.
A look at where Hinduism fits in

Books
by University Staff

BY DALE BARBOUR
The Bulletin

It’s a good time to be thinking about religion.
If the destruction of the World Trade Centre on Sept. 11, 2001 did nothing else, it knocks Westerners out of their complacent view that the world was happily marching towards social and economic globalization.

Instead, what has emerged is a more complex picture that shows, whether as lens or cause, culture and religion are alive, well and active on the world stage.

It’s a situation that is reflected in the third edition of distinguished professor emeritus Klaus Klostermaier’s A Survey of Hinduism, published recently by State of New York University Press. The goal of the book is to explain Hinduism, one of the world’s major religions with almost a billion adherents, to people in the West.

First published in 1989, and updated in 1994, the third edition expands its treatment of Hinduism to look at the religion’s relationship with science and ecology and how Hinduism has rubbed shoulders with other religions throughout the centuries.

“It’s important to understand how traditional religions interact with others,” Klostermaier said. Religious differences between Hindus and Muslims and Christians and Hindus occasionally burst into world headlines. Little wonder, says Klostermaier given the long history of contact between these religions.

“Gandhi tried to suggest that all religions are the same and that they could live together, but the Indian reality has been quite different,” Klostermaier said.

Islam entered India as a conquering religion over one thousand years ago and maintained control of most of the subcontinent into the early 19th century. As a result, some Hindus welcomed the British when they were establishing their Indian Empire. The animosity between Hindus and Muslims can occasionally flare into violence even today. But at the same time, the Muslim influence has shaped India’s culture and some of its greatest tourist attractions, such as the Taj Mahal, draw their inspiration from Islam.

Despite the occasionally strained relations between Muslims and Hindus, many of the 120 million Muslims in India have been able to rise to political and economic top positions.

“Quite a few of the presidents of India in the last 60 years came from a Muslim background,” Klostermaier said.

There are also about 30 million Christians in India – a number that seems small in comparison to the 1.3 billion inhabitants of the country.

“The main complaint that Hindus have is that Christianity de-nationalizes people and takes them away from their own native culture,” Klostermaier said. “It is still a fairly tense situation and conversion to Christianity is officially punishable in some states.

Time does mellow relationships, however. At one time there used to be extensive polemics between Hindus and Buddhists. Today educated Hindus consider Buddhism as part of their own tradition.

“I also try to give some sense of the present tension between secularism and Hinduism in India today,” Klostermaier added.

The book touches on recent debates in the area of Hindu studies, such as whether or not Hinduism was born in India or brought into the country by one of the successive waves of people that moved into the sub-continent. Klostermaier’s own view, expressed more strongly in this edition than in the earlier editions, is that Hinduism is indigenous to India.

The Survey of Hinduism also looks at how religion interacts with the environment and how it faces the increasing industrialization of India – important issues, as India is in a period of explosive economic growth.

The consequences of that growth include everything from deforestation along the Himalayas to the pollution of the Ganges River, which has to bear the effluent of the more than 400 million people who live along its banks.

Klostermaier, who has spent ten years of his life living in India, looks to Indian activists to frame the discussion; balancing Anil Agarwal, an engineer turned journalist, who blames the individualism of Hinduism against people such as Veer Bhadra Mishra, also a former engineer, who says that India’s traditional religion is as important as modern science in saving the environment of the country.
President’s Remarks
Annual General Meeting September 18, 2007

Good morning colleagues, students and friends of the University of Manitoba! It is a pleasure, as always, to welcome the Minister of Advanced Education and Literacy, Dr. Diane McCaffrey, who has done so much to advance the post-secondary enterprise in Manitoba over the years that she has held this portfolio.

The goal of today’s presentations is to draw your attention to areas of critical importance to the University and to document achievements over the past fiscal year. These matters have been well presented by the University’s vice-presidents. Accordingly, I will keep my own remarks on the state of affairs of 2006-07 brief and will direct most of my comments to addressing the University of Manitoba’s academic future.

As you have heard from Vice-President (Academic) & Provost, Dr. Kerr, 2006-07 held significant challenges, not the least of which was the overall decline in student numbers, a decline that we had predicted based on the shrinking pool of students graduating from Manitoba high schools. The good news is that there are exceptions to this decline in some categories - for example, the part-time undergraduate student number increased slightly, and our full-time graduate student number increased by 11% to 2,455 students.

The latter group is especially important to Manitoba’s and Canada’s future because it contains a significant proportion of the highly qualified personnel - the H-26s - so much in demand by public and private corporations. Though several factors are responsible for the growth in full-time graduate students, four are likely more important than others: the significant increase in research and scholarly strength of the professoriate, which is demonstrable through several quantitative measures as the Vice-President (Research), Dr. Keddie, has indicated; the enormous sums directed toward renovation, technological upgrades and new buildings as detailed by the Vice-President (Administration), Mr. MacCallum; greater enhancement of public awareness directed to our researchers’ and funders’ successes through stories carried by electronic and print media, including national media as noted by the Vice-President (External), Mrs. Goldie; and the growth in the number of graduate awards, not the least of which are the Manitoba Graduate Scholarships provided by our government.

I have drawn attention to the growth in full-time graduate students last year because it illustrates that opportunity arises from the convergence of different factors. Each, at its onset, represents a particular initiative. Like a sum that is greater than its parts, however, the intersection of different initiatives yields more than any could achieve alone. These initiatives, such as Dr. Kerr outlined, is a manifestation of a strong university. They may not be able to state that our researchers obtained $109.1 million of research funds last year, as you just heard. Dr. Keselman relates, but they are aware of the research strengths of the professoriate in areas as different as medicine, engineering and agriculture among others, and some have cited this as a particular index of quality that influenced their choice to come here.

The renewal of our campus infrastructure matters to our students, came through loud and clear also in last year’s survey. Indeed, if anything, our students opine that there should be more renovations and upgrades, more state-of-the-art learning, living and playing facilities.
Though Mrs. McCallum observed this morning that our capital expenditures in 2006-07 were in excess of $101 million, and one of the images she showed featured the Butler Building undergoing renovation, students in the Faculty of Science as well as in the Faculty of Arts feel that the University should be providing them with as good a set of facilities as their counterparts have in the Engineering and Information Technology Complex.

With this view, I think we all agree — but at the same time we know that to garner public and political support that translates into funds for more infrastructure renewal, Vice-President (External), Mrs. Goldie, must keep the University’s stories — the achievements of faculty, staff and students — in the public eye, knowledge of which last year alone comprised a significant sum, but only 14 percent of it — $3.5 million — was directed towards capital expenses, including equipment. Giving our students in Science and in Arts a better physical infrastructure is certainly our goal, but we also need more capital revenues than we have currently to attain a thorough renewal of all sectors of the University’s physical infrastructure.

The good news for 2006-07 remains that 20 percent of our graduating students last year were satisfied with their choice of university compared to the 85 percent elsewhere at institutions comparable to the University of Manitoba. Technology transfer arising from our research, scholarship and creative works enterprise reached new highs in the number of licenses, disclosures and start-ups attained, setting a new standard of success. But, in the innovation of ideas into innovation that can fuel the economy. The University’s financial challenges are engendered through painful responses that commit to a great opportunity to invest one-time revenue into research and future proceeds. We anticipate that these funds will be used in new ways and to keep the university in the forefront of new scientific and technological developments.

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Landscape architecture students on a design/build project at the Japanese Garden in Minnedosa.

New land purchased adjacent to the Fort Garry Campus will be key to generating projects in keeping with the university’s campus planning principles that will stabilize the University’s financial future.
The University is leading the way in research in the Arctic Ocean.
The task is not a difficult one because we have so much research expertise already available here, involving every domain of knowledge, and many of our existing courses offer a ready stream of currently available knowledge. Stay tuned then – we want a north that remains strong and free, and the University of Manitoba is ready to do its part in putting its knowledge to use in the service of our province and country, as we advance our scholarship and science.

This is the last time I have the privilege of addressing the annual general meeting of the Board of Governors. My presentation has focused on what is yet to come, as it must. The University of Manitoba is committed to delivering an outstanding education to its students, to maximize the research capacity of its professors, to optimize the opportunities for its support staff to assist with its work. To that end we have undertaken initiatives that will assist with securing our university’s financial future, as Mrs. McCallum detailed earlier. But no university works in a vacuum. One of our strategic directions calls for us to focus first on Manitoba, and our mission includes advancing knowledge in Canada and the world. We will do so, establishing new programs, undertaking new research ventures, serving new communities needs across the province as ideas emanate from the professoriate, as demands seize opportunities for new initiatives and the research and scholarly community comes together for a purpose that is greater than the purpose of individual research and scholarly agendas allow. This is the dynamic essence of a university – always changing as it anticipates the future, and always preserving its character, knowing that it is its depth and breadth that give the means to create a meaningful future.

I close by thanking the four vice-presidents, Dr. Kerr, Dr. Beselmann, Mrs. McCallum and Mrs. Godlie, who have done so much in moving our university forward during the past year. I want also to express my thanks to the members of our academic Senate, for ensuring the quality of our academic programs, both current and future. I thank the Board of Governors for being ever watchful of its fiduciary responsibility for the University, which makes the Board an effective steward of Manitoba’s most valuable organization of higher learning, and I am very grateful to Chancellor William Norrie and Mr. Terry Sergeant, Chair of the Board of Governors, for their wise counsel during the past year. It has been a good year, and 2007-08 will be even better.

ONE UNIVERSITY. MANY FUTURES. Celebrating 130 years UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA
There are people behind the paperwork

A Day in the Life of an Admissions Officer

BY DALE BARBOUR

In any given year, admissions officers Erin Stone and Indira Agrawal can each see between 1,500 to 2,000 applications to the University of Manitoba cross their desks.

The two are part of a team of admissions officers who are the university’s frontline in greeting students interested in attending the university and guiding them through the admissions process. Stone looks after Nursing, Education, Kinesiology and Recreation Management, and Architecture, while Agrawal handles Pharmacy, Social Work, Dental Hygiene and Agricultural and Food Sciences.

In theory, the job could be a lesson in paperwork, checking the incoming applications against the requirements for the faculties. But of course, there aren’t just applications. They’re people.

“It is challenging. I had several students who applied to Nursing in tears because they can’t get in,” Stone said. In cases where the faculty has an open admittance policy, meeting the base requirements is followed, “But sometimes you get caught between the policy and students who are desperate to get in but don’t meet the requirements,”

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They have to be accurate,” Agrawal said. “This is somebody’s future you’re talking about.”

There’s an extreme amount of pressure,” Stone agreed. “During the summer months it’s intense, but I’m the sort of person who doesn’t like to be bored at my job.”

But both for them the upside is the university atmosphere and working with students.

“I’m a people person, I enjoy the student aspect,” Stone said. “We’re their first contact at the university and I want to make sure it’s a good experience.”

New support for Bison program

Bison Sports, in conjunction with the University of Manitoba Athletics Council (UMAC), will embark on the third edition of the anti-bullying campaign called “Bisons Against Bullying” with a new infusion of support by receiving $6,500 grant from The Winning Way Foundation.

The $6,500 will be spread over the next two years and will be instrumental in increasing the profile of the program, pamphlet design, printing and distribution to the schools, continuation of training for every student-athlete involved in program.

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The University of Manitoba’s mainframe computer is going out with a New Orleans style bang. After 47 years of helping the university operate – doing everything from accounting to calculating student grade point averages – the mainframe was retired this year to make way for a new slate of computer programs.

But administrative systems director Marvin Kocay said they didn’t want to see such a versatile piece of equipment go gently into that good night. “We thought we should have an event to celebrate its service here, so we’re going to have a New Orleans style jazz funeral on Oct. 19,” Kocay said.

And they’re going all out. The funeral procession will leave the southwest corner of the Engineering and Information Technology Building at 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 19 and make its way into the Duckworth Quadrangle where they’ll hold a ceremony to commemorate the mainframe’s years of service to the university. After that the jazz instruments will come out and the party will be on as the procession heads into Marshall McLuhan Hall in University Centre for a party. There will be food, a chance to reminisce and take a swing at a mainframe-style piñata.

“We’re hoping to get people to join the procession as we go,” Kocay said. “We can’t bring the full mainframe out of the building but we’ll have a litter filled with a mock up mainframe and some of the equipment.”

When the party arrives at Marshall McLuhan Hall people will have a chance to share their memories of what working with the mainframe has been like over the years. Kocay said the event is really about sharing experiences, whether it be plugging in cartridge tapes to download memory from the mainframe – something that had to be done every night – or just working with the programming over the years.

**Fort Garry Campus**

**Events Listing University of Manitoba**

A party for our mainframe

Administrative systems director Marvin Kocay is looking to give the University of Manitoba’s mainframe computer the send off it deserves.

Now that it’s retired the mainframe will be put up for sale – while its equipment is antiquated and not suitable for the university’s needs anymore, mainframe’s are still enjoying life in the financial industry.

If you’re looking to buy, make sure you have some room to spare though. The mainframe computer alone is the size of a large freezer and the stacks of cartridges needed to download and store its memory take up enough space to fill a room.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4**

**Biological Seminar Series**, Hibernation and torpor: Nightjar: just feathered bats by Mark Braghin, biology, University of Regina, 4 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 4.

Centre for Globalization and Cultural Studies, Afghanistan: Mission Impossible by Michael Byers, chair, division of linguistics, 2:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 5.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5**

Fine Arts, An Outsiders Inside Look, 2007 Venice Biennale by Ed Bernstein, professor of art at Indiana University, Bloomington, and director of the Indiana Summer Program in Printmaking and Artists Books at the Scuola Internazionale di Gravura, Venice, 207 Fitzgerald Building, 12:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 5.

The Centre for Professional and Applied Ethics, Intent for a nation: Canada’s moral responsibilities on the world stage by Michael Byers, Canada Research Chair in Global Politics and International Law, professor of political science, UBC, and director of the Liu Institute for Global Issues, Concourse Lounge, University College, 1 p.m., Friday, Oct. 5.

Linguistics, Iconicity in the ASL Grammar by Paul Dudis, P412 Duff Roblin Building, 2:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 5.

Philosophical Friday, The Birth of Deontology by Rob Shaver, department of philosophy, 386 University College, 2:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 5.

**Mathematics Graduate Student Seminar**, Method of characteristic for linear and non-linear PDEs by Mohammad Safi, 418 Mackay Hall, 2:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 5.

**Psychology**, Self-compassion and reactions to negative life events by Mark Leary, department of psychology, Duke University, 257 University College, 3 p.m., Friday, Oct. 5.

**Physics and Astronomy**, Sugars, Silicates and Life by Joseph B. Lambert, Northwestern University, 225 Wallace Building, 3 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 4.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9**

**Entomology**, Sampling populations of Tribolium spp. in flour mills by Karen Hawkins, entomology, 220 Animal Science/Entomology Building, 10 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 9.


**Wednesday, October 10**

Thinking Out Loud Book Discussion: Dave Eggers fictionalized memoir What is the What? - the autobiography of Valentino Achak Deng with Joy Chadya, history, University of Manitoba, and Kim Sihanda, history, University of Winnipeg will discuss the book. CBC’s Terry MacLeod (Host of Information Radio 990) will moderate. McNally Robinson Booksellers, Grant Park Mall, 1120 Grant Ave., 7:50 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 10.

**Thursday, October 10**

**Entomology**, Stored Product Insects as Urban and Structural Pests by Frank Arthur, Agricultural Research Service-United States Department of Agriculture, 220 Animal Science/Entomology Building, 10 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 11.

Nursing Research Seminar Series, Does blaming the lung cancer patient impact the helping behavior of primary support persons? by Michelle M. Labuch, assistant professor, Faculty of Nursing, 370 Helen Glass Centre, 12 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 11.

**Advanced Plant Science**, Fuzzy Canola by James K. Daun, Canadian Grain Commission, Carolyn Sifton Lecture, Theatre Agriculture Building, 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 11.

**Friday, October 12**


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**Bannatyne Campus AND ST. BONIFACE RESEARCH CENTRE**

**Medical rounds are typically targeted at post-graduate, teaching level, and residents and are not directly involved in the medical field.**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4 Centre on Aging** Embracing the Challenge of Aging: Special Senate Committee on Aging First Interim Report by Sharon Carstairs, chair Embracing the Challenge of Aging: Special Senate Committee on Aging First Interim Report. Theatre 3 Basic Medical Sciences Building, 12 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 4. For further information, please contact the Centre on Aging, phone 474-8794, e-mail: aging@umanitoba.ca.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5 Pharmacy** Preliminary Characterization of HENT1 Transgenic Mice by Fiona Parkinson, professor, pharmacology and therapeutics, University of Manitoba, Pharmacy Library A229, Chown Building, 9 a.m., Friday, Oct. 5.

**Community Health Sciences** Marginalized Evidence: Effective Knowledge Translation Strategies for ‘Low Awareness’ Issues within Health Care by Sarah Bowen, director, research and evaluation, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, assistant professor, community health sciences, Dr. Betty Havens Seminar Room 8060 Medical Rehabilitation Building, 12 p.m., Friday, Oct. 5.

**The Diabetes Education Resource for Children and Adolescents and the Winnipeg School Division** invite all Manitoba day-care/school personnel who work with children with type 1 diabetes to our annual workshop on Friday, Oct. 5. The workshop will be held in Theatre A Basic Medical Sciences Building. The fee is $55 which includes lunch and nutrition breaks. To register, call Pat Bobko at 787-1021.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9 Immunology Research Seminar** Tracking the activation of polyclonal naïve helper T cells during the differentiation of child psychiatry, Children’s Hospital, Disorders by Herbert A. Schreier, chief of child psychiatry, Children’s Hospital, Friday, Oct. 5. The workshop will be held in Theatre A Basic Medical Sciences Building. The fee is $55 which includes lunch and nutrition breaks. To register, call Pat Bobko at 787-1021.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10 Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences** Evolving Concepts: How to make your MD degree more valuable by Oct. 12.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11 Pediatrics Grand Rounds** Maternal, Infant, Child & Youth Research Network by Terry P Klassen, professor & chair, department of pediatrics, University of Alberta, director of Alberta Centre for ChildHealth Evidence, Theatre A Basic Medical Sciences Building, linked to NG002 St. Boniface General Hospital, 8 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 11.

**Immunology Research Seminar** Hypothalamic regulation of energy balance by Torni Mizuno, director of physiology, University of Manitoba, Immunology Library 604/605 Basic Medical Sciences Building, 12 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 11.

**Health Research** CIR Information Session by Nathalie Gendron, deputy director, knowledge translation programs branch, CIRHR, Ottawa, Ontario, Fifth Floor Boardroom, CR5008 Asper Clinical Research Institute, 3 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 11.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12 Community Health Sciences Colloquium Series** Marginalized Evidence: Effective Knowledge Translation Strategies for ‘Low Awareness’ Issues within Health Care by Sarah Bowen, director, research and evaluation, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, assistant professor, community health sciences, Dr. Betty Havens Seminar Room 8060 Medical Rehabilitation Building, 12 p.m., Friday, Oct. 12.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17 Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences** Cesarean Sections: Curb Your Enthusiasm by Michael Helewa, professor, University Of Manitoba, Theatre A Basic Medical Sciences Building, 7:45 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 17. Webcast available via umanitoba.ca/womens_health.

**Clinical Health Psychology** Neurocognitive Aspects of Social Dysfunction in Autism Spectrum Disorders by Herbert A. Schreier, chief of child psychiatry, Children’s Hospital, Oakland, California, Psychiatry Theatre PX206, 771 Bannatyne Ave., 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 17.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18 Immunology Research Seminar** Neuronal death in neurodegenerative diseases: the BNIP3 pathway by Jiming Neuronal death in neurodegenerative diseases: the BNIP3 pathway by Jiming Duan, PhD, Candon, 7:45 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 18. Webcast available via umanitoba.ca/womens_health.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19 Community Health Sciences** The Recognition of Indicitional Disease: Social, Economic and Political Dimensions by Richard Rennie, sessional lecturer, labour and workplace studies program, Dr. Betty Havens Seminar Room, 8060 Medical Rehabilitation Building, 12 p.m., Friday, Oct. 19.

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**Arts & Entertainment**

**ELIZABETH DAFOE LIBRARY**

Elizabeth Dafoe Library is hosting a traveling exhibit of prize-winning books, selected for the 2006 Alcuin Society Book Design Awards.

**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.

**FITZGERALD IN CONTEXT**

Opening reception on Thursday, Oct. 11, 3 to 5 p.m. Gallery One One One is located in the FitzGerald Building at the University of Manitoba School of Art, named after Lionel LeMoine FitzGerald. It houses the FitzGerald Study Collection of archival materials about and art by the artist. For this show, Marilyn Baker, a senior art historian at the University of Manitoba, will bring together photographic documentation of FitzGerald’s life with works by FitzGerald and his associates, including some student works.

**THE BLACK HOLE THEATRE**

The Black Hole Theatre is located in the lower level of University College. For tickets call 474 6880.

**THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LUNCH B.L.A.G.G. SERIES**

The University College Lunch B.l.a.g.g. Series presents a selection of short plays at noon. Admission is free and you can bring your lunch. There is one evening performance on Wednesdays at 7:30p.m ($1 admission).

**SURE THING AND ENGLISH MADE SIMPLE**

by David Ives

October 9 to 11 Two comedies about communication, courtship, and expectations. English Made Simple is a lesson in proper etiquette and dating rituals. We find Jack and Jill demonstrating, and at the same time fighting against the conventionalities of seduction and the barriers of their own language. Sure Thing puts a twist on the original boy-meets-girl story. It examines the difficulties of dating and the necessity of compromise. With a Woody Allen flare Sure Thing follows Bill and Betty as they try to connect and figure out what they have in common, and what they don’t.

**MOTIFS AND REPETITIONS**

by C. E. Gatchalian

October 16 to 18 This plays uses a unique musical structure to reveal it’s characters and their relationships with each other.

**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.

**Music events**

• U of M Concert Band Wednesday, Glenlawn Collegiate, 770 St. Mary’s Road, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 17
• Wind Ensemble, Great Hall University College, 7:30 pm., Friday, Oct. 19
• Mozart’s Requiem, Westminster United Church, 745 Westminster Ave. 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 21

**ARCHITECTURE II GALLERY**

Main Floor, Architecture II Building. Gallery hours are Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**VAULTING:THE PROJECTIVE GEOMETRIES OF BENEDICT RIDD**

September 6 to October 9

**Retirees gather on Oct. 20**

The 25th President's Reception for retirees will be held on Saturday, Oct. 20 in Marshall McClure II Hall, 204 University Centre, Fort Garry Campus. The event begins at 2 p.m.

The guest speaker is Allan Ronald, who has recently retired from the department of medical microbiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Manitoba.

Ronald has been a leader in the fight to eradicate AIDS in Africa. He was instrumental in establishing the University of Manitoba/University of Nairobi World Health Organization Research and Training Program in 1980.

Based on his experiences, Ronald's presentation will focus on Global Health – A Role for Manitoba.

Following Ronald’s address, president Emöke Szathmáry will bring those in attendance up to date on happenings at the university. Refreshments will be served after the presentations.

Retirees, spouses and survivors of retirees are all welcome to attend this event. Attendees are asked to RSVP to Linda Lassman at 474 9124 or e-mail her at linda_lassman@umanitoba.ca by Oct. 12.
Friday, October 12

Institute for the Humanities
Roundtable Panel Discussion on the Middle East: Towards a Conversation about the Middle East with Tina Chen, history, chair, Ben Baader, history, introductory remarks, speakers. Henry Heller, history, Tami Jacoby, political studies, Dean Peachey, vice-president and provost, and Dean of Bannatyne Campus, 409 Tier Building, 2 p.m., Friday, Oct. 12.

Philosophy, Conceptualism and the Myth of the Given by Walter Hopp, Brandon University, 386 University College, 2:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 12.

Anthropology, Early Period Archaeology in Kwakiutl Nation Park Reserve and Haida Heritage Site by Martin Magne, Parks Canada, 402 Tier Building, 2:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 19.

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Sunday, October 21

T.G. Hamilton Lecture, Phone Calls from Beyond by Mark Macy, award-winning afterlife author and researcher in TUC, or Instrumental Transcommunication, the use of technical equipment to get information from the worlds of spirit in the form of voices, images and text. The Great Hall, University College, 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 21.


Monday, October 22


Hanley Memorial Lecture Series: Islam and the Challenge of Peace, Opportunities and Challenges for Islamic Peacebuilding after September 11 by Rashied Omar, Research Scholar of Islamic Studies and Peacebuilding from the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, Fr. Jensen Theatre, St. Paul's College, 7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 22.

Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of the Environment, Earth and Resources, 206 Human Ecology Building, 3 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 16.

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Tuesdays, October 16

Human Ecology, Randomized Controlled Crossover Studying Studies: Evaluating the Effects of Dietary Modification on Cancer Risk by Terry Hartman, associate professor, nutrition department, and Diane Mitchell, coordinator Diet Assessment Centre from Pennsylvania State University, 206 Human Ecology Building, 3 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 16.

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On a quest for medieval stained glass

BY SEAN MOORE  
Research Promotion

Jim Bugslag is a detective of an unusual kind.  

An associate professor in the Faculty of Art, he’s leading the Canadian arm of an international effort to hunt down and study displaced panels of Medieval and Renaissance stained glass.  

If asked to recite the names of great artists, you could likely name many who dabbled on canvas, but the name Valentin Bousch would probably not fall from your lips. He was a stained glass virtuoso in the 1500s, and one of his creations recently sold for $300,000 in an auction in British Columbia.  

Sure, it’s not the millions a Degas would fetch, but it was the most expensive stained glass work ever sold, and its purchase signals a worrying instability to Bugslag, who wants to study it before it again vanishes into the realm of private collections.  

“The pieces in museums are stable, they’re not going anywhere and we can study them,” he said. “But this one is easily the most spectacular piece of stained glass in Canada, and it came up for auction because both its owners died. It’s been bought by a dealer, and we’re still waiting to hear what its eventual fate will be.”  

An estimated 200 Medieval and Renaissance panels of stained glass currently reside in 16 public and private collections identified across Canada.  

When we began working on this Canadian material we were starting from scratch. Typically, these works are not well documented, and we had virtually no information on where they came from or what they were. So there is an awful lot of research needing to be done on a number of fronts,” he said.  

Much of this study is helped by an international network of researchers dedicated to cataloguing these rare and previously ignored works.  

In 1949 the Corpus Vitrearum Medii Aevi, an international organization charged with creating a scholarly foundation to study pre-modern stained glass, was formed and later subdivided into national divisions called the Corpus Vitrearum. We’ve got an expanded Canadian branch was formed in the 1970s.  

As more and more stained glass becomes known through the Corpus Vitrearum, we’ve got an expanded window into the past and a better idea of these splendid works of art,” Bugslag said. “There is a much more holistic approach to studying art these days, and we’re trying to reintegrate all the arts that were practiced into a more global treatment.”  

Bugslag tracks down pieces which are often, he said, left languishing in museum basements, but many are in private collections. Once he catches up to a piece and interviews its holder, he begins studying the characteristics of the glass, paint, colours, brush strokes and overall style and craftsmanship to see if it’s genuine and to learn its story.  

It’s a difficult task. Even the National Gallery in Ottawa mistakenly bought a modern window in the 1920s from an otherwise reputable dealer who told them it was from the Middle Ages, Fast-forward to Paris, 1958, where the Musée du Quebec bought exquisite Swiss secular panels that turned out to be created by a 19th century glazier who somehow obtained the original medieval cartoon (the window’s blueprint, so to speak) and copied it.  

But even after determining its period, certain intractable problems remain. Many images are simply out of context and can’t be deciphered. One perplexing work shows a bald man with a beard in a Franciscan garment. In the coteries concerned with such matters the figure is agreed to be a saint but no one, Bugslag said, knows who he is. By cataloguing all these works, however, future researchers may solve these and other riddles.  

But sometimes secrets are cracked in this age. The Musée des beaux-arts de Montréal has a piece that shows a beautiful woman’s face surrounded by a border and some English words.  

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It turns out this glazier also inscribed brass plaques for burial monuments. Bugslag discovered this when he saw the same face on a tomb brass. On a recent trip to England he showed this finding to the world’s expert on Norwich glass who agreed with him and has also managed to make use of tomb brasses to attribute work to this artist.  

The detective work, Bugslag concedes, is his favourite part of this research. But the wondrous art propels him to do it. “We have this nostalgic longing for something beyond: you go to the movies to have special effects take you to another world, and they’re filled with wizards and magic and creatures beyond nature. The Middle Ages, for me, is a magical period that took, very seriously, this supernatural dimension to life. As much as anything, stained glass embodies this attitude that sees bridges between the visible and invisible worlds. Stained glass really embodies the supernatural connection to life.”  

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Jim Bugslag, Art, leads the Canadian arm of an international effort to find and study displaced panels of pre-modern stained glass.
The Little Travellers project supports Hillcrest AIDS Centre

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Ilan Schwartz, a medical student, and Kristine Christoph, a respiratory therapy student, have come a long way over the last two years. And they’ve had some Little Travellers to help them on the journey.

The Little Travellers are pinky-sized beaded dolls and are perfectly sized for pinning on your jacket or shirt. But as adorable as they are to look at, it’s the story behind them that drew Schwartz and Christoph.

“In 2005 after I finished my degree at the U of W and just after I had interviewed for the Faculty of Medicine at the U of M, I had an opportunity to go down to South Africa and spend a few months volunteering at the Hillcrest AIDS Centre,” Schwartz said.

Hillcrest patients often remain in their own homes, touching base with their clinicians via telephone. Schwartz joined the nurses as they went on their rounds throughout the community.

The experience convinced Schwartz’s interest in exploring the link between health and communities.

One of the things Schwartz spotted during her first trip to Africa were Little Travellers – beaded pins made by women who are infected or affected by HIV/AIDS in South Africa. The pins are part of the Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust income-generation project.

They were sold locally, and a few were available at specialty shops in Europe but they hadn’t really appeared on the North American scene. Schwartz bought a few and brought them back to Canada.

“I joked with them at the time that when I went home I was going to open up a shop and sell crafts instead of going to medical school,” Schwartz said.

As it turned out, she was only half kidding.

“I wore a Little Traveller for the first week of classes and people were intrigued by these little critters that kept showing up on my shirt. So I told them what they were and everyone wanted one.”

And suddenly that craft shop that Schwartz had joked about was up and running. Christoff entered the picture not long after, catching one of Schwartz’s presentations about the project.

“I was completely blown away by Ilan’s presentation. I wanted to become involved. When you look at the photos and all the information he showed us, I could see what it was, but not wanting to get involved,” Christoph said.

Since then, a lot more volunteers have joined in.

“It’s truly been a grassroots initiative with people selling directly to family and friends,” Schwartz said. “Fortunately, because of the endearing nature of the dolls, it’s been easy to attract volunteers on our behalf and as they go out into the rest of the country they’re always spreading our reach and helping us attract more people to the cause.”

Over 20,000 Little Travellers have been sold across Canada bringing in over $100,000 Canadian for the Hillcrest AIDS Centre and the over 100 crafters who make them. The funds raised through the Little Travellers project are split between the beadlers and the Hillcrest Clinic, with $50,000 going to support an AIDS respite unit at the clinic.

“The unit is chronically underfunded. We’re not for the Little Travellers the unit would not be able to operate,” Schwartz said.

The project has even won the endorsement of Stephen Lewis, the former U.N. Special Envoy for AIDS in Africa. The Stephen Lewis Foundation targets its efforts at helping people deal with AIDS on the ground in Africa – and the Hillcrest AIDS Centre is among the groups it gives support to in Africa. “Stephen Lewis’s endorsement has brought a lot more respect to our initials with a quote from one of the most respected humanitarians in the world,” Schwartz said.

Selling Little Travellers has meant learning about marketing and distribution. Fortunately, they’ve had no trouble keeping themselves grounded. Schwartz and Christoph are both volunteers at Hillcrest during the past two summers – helping out and seeing the impact of the Little Travellers project firsthand.

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SIBONGILE MCHUNU
Sibongile is a fifty-three year old caregiver who makes Little Travellers dolls at the Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust.

Sibongile cares for her 24-year-old son, her 23-year-old daughter, and a four-year-old grandson. Sibongile’s sister and her husband passed away, and she is caring for their daughter, who is 21 years old.

Sibongile is a volunteer home-based caregiver, and she has been doing this since 1989. Currently, she cares for seven clients, and she usually visits two clients a week.

Sibongile was taught to bead by other home-based caregivers, and has been making Little Travellers since last year. She can make up to twenty dolls in a single day! Through the Hillcrest AIDS Centre’s Wozu Moya income-generation project, Sibongile has learned thehelper skills of sharing the beads and making it fun. More importantly, though, being involved in the beading at the AIDS Centre has ensured that she and her family do not have to go to bed hungry.

Sibongile says that she makes approximately seventy rand a week from the Little Travellers. To relax, she goes to church on Sundays.

FRANCISCA MBEELE
Francisca Mbele is a 73 year old granny who makes Little Travellers dolls. Of her ten grandchildren that she raised from a week after birth to adulthood, all but one have passed away, and she now cares for her five grandchildren, ranging from six to 20 years in age.

Francisca (who is affectionately known as “Gogo,” a Zulu word for “Granny”) has been beading for six years, having learned at the Hillcrest AIDS Centre. She initially came to the centre when one of her granddaughters fell very ill. She explains, “Paula [the director of Wozu Moya income-generation project] taught me how to bead. So I’m happy. I didn’t do beading before, but now I’m clever. Jill [of Wozu Moya] gave me glasses and now I can do it fast.”

In fact, Gogo says that if someone brings her tea to her, she can make up to 20 Little Travellers in one day.

Gogo is very happy to be part of the beading project at the Hillcrest AIDS Centre. She describes her poverty before she started beading: “Before, I hadn’t got even shoes. Nothing before. I was too frightened to go outside. I was afraid people were going to laugh. I had nothing. Nothing to eat. No clothes.” By making Little Travellers, Gogo now earns approximately $300-400 per week, and uses it to buy food and blankets. When asked what the Little Travellers mean to her, Gogo responds, “They mean that God helps me. God helps me to do these dolls. He looks after me.” She explains that she knows this because there are “so many orders coming from Canada.” Gogo continues, “I’m happy! I’m too happy!”