Show your Bison pride

The Bison Football squad is taking a perfect record into the playoffs for a second year in a row. The #3 ranked Manitoba Bisons football team completed the 2007 regular season by extending the longest current streak in CIS football and establishing a new team record – 17 consecutive regular season conference wins – and will host the Calgary Dinos (4-4) at Canad Inns Stadium 6 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 3. The game can be seen live locally on SHAW TV Manitoba and listened to on Campus Radio UMFM (101.5 FM).

Bison Football playoff tickets are available at Frank Kennedy Centre Customer Service Desk and at all Ticketmaster locations and local Boston Pizza locations. Ticket prices remain the same as the regular season: $10 adults, $5 students and seniors, and kids 12 & under free. Proceeds of $2 from adult tickets and $1 from student/senior tickets will be directed to KidSport.

Manitoba enters the Canada West Semi-Final with its second consecutive Canada West regular season title. It is the first CIS team to have back-to-back unbeaten seasons since Laurier (2004, ’05). See DUCKWORTH/P 2.
In The News

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 drove U of M faculty and staff impact the world around them.

Alum gives Star performance

Oct. 18, 2007

The Toronto Star

A dancer who graduated from the Faculty of Arts in 1994 was profiled in a story about a show in Toronto called Recipes for Curry. The story gives a flavourful description of a four-dance performance choreographed and performed by Hari Krishnan, who began training in Indian classical dance when he was growing up in Singapore. The article noted that Krishnan came to Winnipeg in 1991 to study linguistics and Asian studies at the U of M.

Prof. gets Grey Cup ring

Oct. 19, 2007

The Winnipeg Free Press

Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management professor Henry Janzen was quoted in a sports story in the Free Press for his days as a Winnipeg Blue Bomber. Janzen played for the team when it won the Grey Cup in 1959, 1961 and 1962 but never received a ring because it was not presented at that time. He joined more than 30 former players from that era recently for a dinner in honour of the former champions.

President assists study

Oct. 23, 2007

CBC.ca

University of Manitoba president Emile Seitham was mentioned in an online CBC News story for her involvement in a steering committee that will guide a project that will look at the struggles First Nations face when they come to the city. The project is being coordinated by the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs.

Superbugs super scary

Oct. 26, 2007

The Winnipeg Free Press, The Edmonton Journal

World-renowned superbug expert George Zhanel, professor in medical microbiology, was referenced in two articles on how Winnipeg hospitals have much higher rates of antibiotic-resistant superbugs as compared to other Canadian hospitals. Zhanel warned reporters that infection rates by superbugs such as C. difficile and E. coli are on the rise. The Bulletin has identified this as a particular interest to the university as well as events that are of public interest to the university of Manitoba or events that are of particular interest to the university and building communities.

U of M to lead million dollar study on aging

A new partnership led by researchers at the University of Manitoba’s Centre on Aging will receive $1 million in funding over the next five years from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).

The Age-Friendly Communities, Active Aging Alliance brings together university researchers, community organizations, government agencies and service providers to make communities in Manitoba more age-friendly.

The University of Manitoba-led partnership is one of 13 projects across Canada awarded new funding under SSHRC’s Community-University Research Alliances (CURA) program, designed to strengthen collaboration among various sectors of society and bring together researchers from a wide range of disciplines. The funding was announced in Ottawa on Oct. 15.

“We are proud to support these valuable projects from across the country, each of which brings together top minds from community groups, universities and colleges,” said Chad Gaiffin, president of SSHRC. “The results of these 13 projects will advance our understanding of important issues and make a strong contribution to Canadian academics, policymakers and society at large.”

The new partnership is led by Verena Menez, Canada Research Chair in Healthy Aging and Director of the Centre on Aging. On Oct. 24, Gaiffin was on hand to congratulate Menez and her team at a special event at the University of Manitoba held to coincide with the Centre on Aging’s 25th anniversary conference.

“Over the last 25 years, the Centre on Aging has earned an international reputation for its innovative work in the field of aging,” said Joanne Keselman, vice-president (research) at the University of Manitoba.

“We are very proud of this ambitious initiative to make Manitoba the most age-friendly province in Canada, and we congratulate Dr. Menez, her team at the Centre on Aging, and all of the community groups and agencies that are part of the Centre,” she added.

The Age-Friendly Communities, Active Aging Alliance will focus on finding ways to adapt to an aging population. Seniors currently comprise 15 per cent of today’s population, but this number is expected to increase to 25 per cent by 2046.

The new project will examine eight “domains” identified by the World Health Organization as essential for building age-friendly communities: outdoor spaces and buildings, transportation, housing, respect and inclusion, social participation, civic participation and employment, communication, and community supports and health services.

“Assisting communities to become more age-friendly is one of the best ways to optimize not only the health of our older citizens, but also their continued participation in society,” Menez said. “There are many communities in Manitoba committed to becoming more age-friendly, and by working together we can develop the framework to make that happen.”

The Age-Friendly Communities, Active Aging Alliance was one of three Manitoba-based projects to receive new CURA grants announced by SSHRC on Oct. 15.

The Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, also awarded CURA funding for a partnership focused on finding ways to address poverty and social exclusion in Manitoba’s inner city and Aboriginal communities. It involves 27 researchers from community-based organizations in Winnipeg, along with researchers from the University of the Manitoba, the University of Winnipeg, and the University of Guelph. The project’s principal investigator is University of Manitoba economics professor John Loebley.

Another CURA grant went to the Collège Universitaire de Saint Boniface for a project studying the diversity of francophone and Métis identities in Saskatchewan. This partnership involves 27 researchers from across the country, as well as 37 community groups, and is led by Léonard Rivard, dean of education and director of research at the college.

“The fact that three of the 13 CURA grants were awarded to projects in Manitoba says a great deal about the collaborative spirit that exists in this province,” Keselman said. “Clearly, Manitobans know the value of teamwork.”

Duckworth Challenge runs this week

From Page 1.

Meanwhile, the women’s soccer team is in British Columbia this week to play in the Canada West finals. The first game goes today against UBC.

If that wasn’t enough, the Duckworth Challenge will bring the University of Manitoba and University of Winnipeg into head to head competition this week.

The basketball teams will square off at the University of Winnipeg’s Duckworth Centre at 6 p.m. today in the first round of the competition. The second round will take place when the volleyball matches tangle at the Investors Group Athletic Centre at 6 and 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 2.

The Duckworth Challenge was started by Henry E. Duckworth (president of the University of Winnipeg from 1971-81 and Chancellor of the University of Manitoba from 1986-92) in an effort to profile the universities’ intense but friendly cross-town rivalry.

Events

The Bulletin publishes notices on events taking place at 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: barbourd@ms.umanitoba.ca

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Creating a place for trading stories

Centre for Creative Writing and Oral Culture is set for U of M

We have the talent. Now that talent has a new place to call home.

The University of Manitoba is set to begin construction on the Centre for Creative Writing and Oral Culture (CCWOC) in University College. The centre will be the first in Canada to bring together oral culture and creative writing under one roof.

“There are several people at the University of Manitoba with expertise in creative writing, oral history and other aspects of storytelling,” said Warren Cariou, an associate professor in English, an expert on Aboriginal literature and creative writing and the new director of the CCWOC. “So we have the strength here already. We just need to find a way to take advantage of that strength.”

The CCWOC will let the university do that. It will be a home to scholars, students and visiting artists who wish to collaborate, create new works of verbal art, and study the relationships between oral and written culture.

It’s an idea that has been in Cariou’s mind for some time and it’s one that caught fire with both Arts dean Richard Sigurdson and president Emilee Seidlmayer.

“I am delighted that the University of Manitoba will soon open its doors to the country’s first Centre for Creative Writing and Oral Culture,” Seidlmayer said. “In many nations oral literature long preceded the establishment of a written tradition. Here each will have the opportunity to nourish the other, become richer for it, and be far better understood.”

CCWOC will administer several programs at the University of Manitoba, including a writer/storyteller in residence, a series of lectures and workshops and public events designed to bring oral stories and literature into Manitoba communities. The centre’s research-based programs will complement the University of Manitoba’s highly-regarded graduate and undergraduate offerings in creative writing, oral history and cultural studies.

“I cannot say how excited and proud we are in the creation and study of poetry, short-story and novel writing, film writing and dramaturgy, and oral storytelling. As home for many First Nations and Métis communities and various immigrant communities, Manitoba is rich in its storytelling heritage. These traditions deserve to be nurtured and celebrated with such a centre.”

Physically, the centre will have office space to house Cariou, as director, a writer/storyteller in residence, an administrator, and additional room for a community affiliate. The rest of the centre will be devoted to space for people to work and meet. This will be a place where people can go to work collaboratively,” Cariou said. “That’s important for storytelling, but it’s also critical for creative writing. We tend to think of writers isolated in their garrets, but they really work better when they’re in a community.”

The room will include the standard computer equipment, but Cariou said they’re hoping to take it a step further and bring in the latest in multimedia equipment to help people push the envelope when it comes to storytelling.

The CCWOC’s inaugural writer/storyteller in residence is already active in his role. Renowned Métis poet and memoirist Gregory Scofield is author of seven books, including Singing Home the Boxer. This term, Scofield is offering mentorship and critiques to the University of Manitoba’s developing writers and storytellers, and he plans to visit several classrooms to give readings and discuss the craft of poetry. In addition, he will spend a significant portion of his time working on his own writing. Other writers and storytellers from around the world will be invited to apply for the writer/storyteller in residence position in future years.

Other programs to be sponsored by the Centre include:

- The Words in Motion program, which will bring the work of creative writers and storytellers into places where it might not normally be available, such as community centres, literacy and ESL programs, and rural and Aboriginal communities in Manitoba.
- Collaborative creation seed grants, which will offer funding for faculty and students to work on creative and critical projects with a collaborative emphasis.
- Workshops and lectures. The centre will fund short, intensive workshops on the craft of creative writing and storytelling, as well as lectures on issues connected to orality and literacy.

The centre will also dovetail with projects such as the Winnipeg International Storytelling Festival presented by the Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice.
Education in the midst of conflict

Cpl. Anderson was serving his country, planning for his future

On Oct. 18 I received an e-mail from Kabul, Afghanistan. It was sent by Col. Michael Latosche (Canadian Forces), director of the Air Liaison Element of the International Security Assistance Force. He identified himself as a graduate of the University of Manitoba (class of 1996), and said that he was very proud that his university was awarding Cpl. Jordan Anderson a degree posthumously. He added also that he wanted to thank his alma mater for honouring this young man who "paid the ultimate price doing what his country asked him to do and for helping the people of Afghanistan."

Jordan Anderson was just 25 years old when a roadside bomb ended his life and the lives of six others near Kandahar City this past July 4. One of four brothers, he was born in Iqaluit, growing up in Pelly Bay, Tuktoyaktuk and Inuvik in the Northwest Territories. His wife Amanda, who accepted her husband's degree, said her husband worked hard on his courses, and hoped to become an intelligence officer. According to Dr. George Maclean, the acting head of political studies, Cpl. Anderson had completed all major degree requirements, with only some electives unfinished. He was a good student, showing considerable promise. His widow and his buddies from Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry described him as having a hunger for education, as indicated by having his "nose in a book" as often as he could, by a curiosity that constantly led him to search on the internet for topics that interested him, and by the papers he wrote for his courses that remain still, piled neatly on his desk today.

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Many others worldwide have been awarded degrees posthumously, but in Canada, Jordan Anderson was among the first to do on active duty since the Korean War to have a degree conferred in such circumstances. The media focussed much attention on his story, but one had to be present at Convocation to appreciate fully the emotion that occurred when Mrs. Anderson came forward to receive her husband's degree. She is an articulate, lovely young woman, and had been fighting back tears before and during the ceremony as it unfolded. She gripped a photograph of her husband in her hand as she received her husband's parchment from Dean Richard Sgurisdon, whose usual cheerful and utterly unforced congrualatory comments to every Arts graduate turned quiet and serious. It was not possible to hear what she said because every member of the audience of 1,900 people at Convocation stood up spontaneously and broke into thunderous applause. Were we applauding the young widow, to let her know that we empathize with her sorrow? Were we applauding Jordan Anderson's self-discipline, his devotion to his studies, and his focus on establishing his future through formal learning? Were we applauding the Canadian soldiers, including our troops fighting the Taliban, to let them know that we are proud of the contribution our troops are doing to protect the rights of all to attain an education. To my mind, to be able to learn is a precious thing, and protecting everyone's opportunity to learn is a worthy cause. Over 6 million students enrolled in Afghan schools at all levels this year, and 2 million of them were girls. I am profoundly grateful for the Canadian forces and other forces fighting those who would limit learning to a few, and would deny it to girls and women completely. And I am grateful to Cpl. Jordan Anderson who put his life on the line and lost it, to do something that his country asked him to do.

Please see the related picture on Page 6 for a look at the Convocation ceremony.

Where the Grid Meets the Road

The Plug-in Highway Network is hosting the PHEV2007 conference Nov. 1 to 2, in Winnipeg.

The conference will focus on the range of opportunities and challenges that Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV) present for sustainable transportation. It will provide a forum for collaboration amongst industry, academia, utilities, governments and institutions to understand how PHEV technologies integrate into current and future transportation systems and the electrical power grid.

The conference will focus in part on establishing a Canadian network of researchers focused on PHEV related issues, the simulation of advanced vehicles to optimize the effective use of renewable resources, reviewing on-going demonstrations PHEV project across North America, and, discussion of the possible role of Canadian government in supporting PHEV development.

For more information go to www.pluginhighway.ca/.

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Information Services and Technology will collaborate with the university to make itself more visible.

"We're going to be moving into the area adjacent to the Elizabeth Dafoe Library computer labs," IST academic client support manager Brian Goodman said. The new location will be just down from the Green House Café in the Fletcher Argue Building. The upside of the new location will be visibility, cell colour, and a support desk for students where they'll be available to answer any computer questions they might have. Whether they are about the university system or about the university system, combined help desk is an option. "When you walk in there will be two help desk people and we'll have them there for a few months," Goodman said.

IST already fields questions, but its current office space on the top floor of the Engineering and Information Technology Centre is off the beaten track of the Engineering and Information Technology Centre.

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Research Associate Positions

November 1, 2007 to April 30, 2008

The University of Manitoba anticipates research associate positions will be available over the next six months beginning November 1, 2007 and April 30, 2008 in the following fields:

- Soil science, micrometeorology, landscape ecology, nutrient management, aboriginal health, social capital, health disparities, health policy, aboriginal health, health care delivery systems, quality of care, population health, child health, epidemiology, public health, and social behaviour sciences, knowledge transfer, quantitative social sciences, health services research, social determinants of health, research project management, turbulence, computational fluid dynamics, multiphase flow with droplets and engineering and environmental calculations of fluid flow, two phase flow, pool boiling simulation, enhanced heat transfer, solid-liquid phase change, experimental and theoretical studies of critical phenomena, deformation, solidification and solidification in microgravity, phase transformation in solids, wear and protection, processing of polymer composites, durability and interfaces in polymer composites, biomimetics, solid mechanics, experimental stress analysis, vibrations and acoustics, kinematics and dynamics of linkage and mechanisms, actuators and sensors, mechanical design, information handling, healthcare, navigation, machine vision, biocomposites, bio-based materials and teleoperation, queueing, networks, scheduling, facility planning, technology transfer process, inventory planning, reliability engineering and ergonomics design, curriculum, instruction and assessment, education and aging and post secondary education, aging and health from an interdisciplinary perspective gerontology, epidemiology, public health, social and environmental sciences, exercise and environmental medicine, sport and human performance, disability, culture and diversity, health and wellness, leisure and tourism, and all approaches to health promotion and policy, applying scientific approaches to planning, health promotion and policy, applying scientific approaches to planning.

- Biological sciences, including and limited to, environmental microbiology, animal management, stochastic modeling of communication systems, markov chains, queueing theory, stochastic ordering ofQueuing, matrix-analytic methods, call admission control, capacity analysis of CDMA systems, tail probabilities, scanning probe microscopy and conducting polymer electronics and systems microelectronic materials and devices, nanotechnology, computer modelling and simulation of electronic power systems, power electronic applications in energy systems, optimization of power networks.
Helping our student athletes excel
Academic advisors are coaches in the classroom for students

BY DALE BARBOUR
The Bulletin

While James Zayshley dedicated most of his life helping others as he passionately “chased the cure” for tuberculosis, his family’s generosity will be felt by future Faculty of Dentistry students and institutionalized residents who rely on the Home Dental Care Program.

For over three years and until his death on June 21, 2007 Zayshley, like so many other institutionalized residents, was a client of the Home Dental Care Program (HDC). Following her father’s passion, Lynn Jaworski, Zayshley’s daughter is putting her money where his mouth was.

“Student athletes need to be successful with their studies and their sport,” Kwok said. Bison athletes face unique challenges – like every other student they’re often balancing the challenge of working part time to support themselves against the challenges of going to university. Athletics – and the extra time required that goes with it – adds one further challenge to the mix.

“They have two full time jobs,” MacPherson said. “When you consider the time they spend training, preparing themselves in the weight room and on the court they’re easily spending 40 hours a week on their athletic endeavor.” It’s a level of intensity that they never encountered in their high school athletic program.

MacPherson and Kwok are both volunteers with the Bison program. Kwok in his second year, and MacPherson signed on five years ago. While he works at Booth College, a U of M approved teaching centre, the U of M is familiar territory to Kwok. He earned his bachelor’s degree in commerce, master’s degree in economics and PhD in education here.Volunteering at the university now is a nice fit for an academic position that puts the focus on teaching, research and community service. Besides, he always loved volleyball and this is a good way to stay in the game.

MacPherson was drawn by a similar interest.

“I like the team dynamic. I’m a big believer that being a member of a team is always more rewarding than an individual project. And having been around athletics for so long, I’ve heard from so many athletes say, ‘I’m smart on the court, but I’m not book smart.’”

Bunk, says MacPherson. “If you can excel on the court, you’re not dumb. You just need to learn how to apply it to the academic endeavor.”

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Darcy MacPherson

For the basketball team, it’s a not a voluntary program, rookies are required to take part in a two hour study hall every week to work them into their new study habits.

“Working with them like that also shows them that somebody cares about how they’re doing academically,” MacPherson said.

Arguably, the results have been showing. The basketball program has been enjoying high levels of success when it comes to having students named Academic All Canadians – which means they’ve earned at least a 5.5 GPA over the course of the academic year. But MacPherson said what’s really happened is that academic achievement has become a target for the athletes, in the same way that winning games on the court is.

Over on the volleyball court, Kwok has similar goals.

“I work with all levels and abilities, because there are different techniques that everyone can use to study more effectively,” Kwok said. “They might already be a good student, but with a little help they could be excellent.”

While I was working on my PhD at the University of Manitoba I taught an introduction to university course for first year students,” Kwok added. “As part of that I taught a half a dozen student athletes. I found them to be very good students and I decided to see if I could take it to another level by working specifically for a team.”

Kwok works directly with five or six students on the team, and broader group sessions are available for the entire team. The advising covers everything from note taking, to time management, to preparing for tests and exams.

“Students don’t always realize that you need to take a different approach to studying for different courses – you don’t take notes the same way in a calculus courses as you do in a English course and you don’t study the same way for a multiple choice exam as you would for a essay-based exam,” Kwok said.

“It’s a great service,” Kinesiology and Recreation Management athletic director Coleen Dufresne said of Kwok and MacPherson’s work. “We’re hoping it shows in the students’ grades.”

What Kwok and MacPherson are unique in offering aport-based advising at this point.

However, University student athletes can also tap into the academic advising program offered through U1. The program includes a Bison-focused version of the introduction to university course that Kwok taught while working on his PhD.

“We have a special section for Bison student athletes,” Dufresne said. “The goal of that course is to help them bridge the gap between high school and university where they are facing demands that are much higher than they have ever been before.”
Davidson makes the grade

Bison volleyball player Katie Davidson has been named to the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) Desjardins Top 8 Academic All-Canadians for the 2006-07 season.

Davidson pulled in the honours as the female recipient for Canada West.

Every year, a growing number of CIS student-athletes are recognized as Academic All-Canadians, having maintained a 3.5 grade point average or better over the academic year while competing for one of their university’s varsity teams. Once again in 2006-07, over 2,000 student-athletes reached the prestigious status.

Bison sports athletic director Coleen Dufresne stated, “Katie is a perfect example for all of our Bison student-athletes. She has worked very hard to achieve both in the classroom, in the community and on the court while showing what being a Bison student-athlete is all about. Katie is deserving of this incredible CIS recognition.”

Davidson, 21, had an exceptional year both on the court and in the classroom. She registered a perfect 4.50 GPA in Science in 2006-07 season and earned Academic All-Canadian status for the third consecutive season. The Winnipeg native has been on the Dean’s Honour List every year at school (3.11 for 2003-04 and Science for 2004-07). She received the Sport Manitoba Athletic Scholarship for the second time this year (last time was in 2004-05).

In 2006-07, Davidson was a CIS Second Team All-Canadian, Canada West First Team All-Star, University of Calgary Dino Cup Tournament All-Star, fifth in conference assists per game at 9.55 and was second on the team with 20 service aces during conference regular season play, played in 73 of 75 regular season games and helped the Bisons capture the conference regular season title with a 18-2 record and a #1 ranking heading into the playoffs.

Davidson also participated in the community through the “Bison Against Bullying” program, assisted with Bisons outreach program at Siloam Mission and worked at the Mini-University program.

One female and one male student-athlete from each of the four CIS regional association are selected annually as CIS Desjardins Top 8 Academic All-Canadians.

Meet the Day of the Dead

In the Mexican tradition of celebrating the Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), the Spanish Club of the University of Manitoba will display an altar to the dead on today and tomorrow, between 4:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., in 309 Tier Building.

Sugar skulls and other typical Mexican food will be part of the event. The general public is welcome to drop by to see what the Day of the Dead is all about.

Our top 8 line up

Previous Manitoba Bisons selected for CIS Desjardins Top 8 Academic All-Canadian

2006-07 Female: Katie Davidson – Women’s Volleyball
2004-05 Male: Paul Deniset – Men’s Hockey
2001-02 Male: Joe Mikiwak – Football (GPA)
1999-99 Female: Nadia Melon – Women’s Volleyball (GPA)
1997-98 Female: Kathy Heinrichk – Women’s Volleyball (GPA)
1996-97 Female: Amanda Mlodzinski – Women’s Swimming (GPA)
1995-96 Female: Jackie Honey – Women’s Track and Field (GPA)
1995-96 Male: Mel McNamus – Men’s Track and Field (GPA)
1994-95 Female: Benedetta Frensen – Women’s Volleyball (GPA)
1994-95 Male: Wayne Weather – Football and Wrestling (GPA)

University of Manitoba
Academic All-Canadians

The University of Manitoba extends congratulations to the following students who have been recognized by Canadian Interuniversity Sports as RBC Royal Bank Academic All-Canadians for the academic year 2006-2007. This honour is given to varsity athletes who have successfully completed a minimum of 18 credit hours and maintained a GPA of 3.5 or better.

President Szczyhirsky hosted a luncheon for the athletes at which time certificates recognizing their achievements were presented to those in attendance.

Gerry McDoel Professorship Award
Call for Applications

Gerry McDoel Professorship Award in Improved Healthcare Delivery to Rural, Remote and Underserved Populations of Manitoba

The Faculty of Medicine, University of Manitoba, invites applications for the Gerry McDoel Professorship Award. This award of $50,000 is presented annually to a deserving new academic faculty member in the Faculty of Medicine for research in health service delivery and/or health policy development. The goal of the professorship is to improve the delivery of healthcare services to rural, remote and underserved populations of Manitoba.

Funding of this award is through an endowment from AstraZeneca honouring the retirement of their President, Mr. Gerry McDoel.

Application Deadline: December 15, 2007
Guidelines and application information can be obtained from:

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Academic All-Canadians
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Join us on the dark side

Tony Porteous as Durwood, Stephanie Moroz as Betty and Clayton Gray as Bert in the Black Hole Theatre’s production of John Guare’s Landscape of the Body.

Bannatyne Campus
and St. Boniface Research Centre

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1
School of Medical Rehabilitation
Visiting Professor, Incorporating Evidence into Everyday Practice by Mary Law, professor and associate dean (health sciences) rehabilitation science, associate member, department of clinical epidemiology and biostatistics, co-founder of CanChild Centre for Childhood Disability Research, McMaster University, John and Margaret Lillie Chair in Childhood Disability Research, Theatre A Basic Medical Sciences Building, 12 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 1.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2
Neurosurgery, The Ninth Annual Norman Hill Lecture, The Many Faces of Asia: Mountains, Temples, Jungles, People by Robert G. Lee, professor emeritus, department of clinical neurosciences, University of Calgary; and former professor and chairman, department of clinical neurosciences, University of Calgary, Theatre PSXC6/238 PsychHealth Building, 8 a.m., Friday, Nov. 2.

Community Health Sciences Colloquium Series, Doctor-patient Gender Concordance and Patient Satisfaction in Interpreter-mediated Consultations: An Exploratory Study by Alexander Bischoff, lecturer and senior scientist, Institute of Nursing Science, University of Basel, Switzerland, and St. Boniface Research Centre, director, Science, University of Manitoba, Families Seminar Room, 8060 Medical Rehabilitation Building, 12 p.m., Friday, Nov. 2.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6
Infectious Diseases and Medical Microbiology, Luman and Zhangfei may regulate herpes simplex virus (HSV) latency as well as neuronal differentiation and oncogenesis by Vikram Misra, 540 Basic Medical Sciences Building, 9 a.m., Monday, Nov. 5.

National Training Program in Allergy and Asthma Literature Review Series, The Hygiene Hypothesis by Kamran Kadkhoda, postdoctoral fellow, department of medical microbiology, trainee, national training program in allergy and asthma, and Epigenetics and allergic diseases by Barry Su, postdoctoral fellow, department of immunology, trainee, national training program in allergy and asthma, Immunology Library 606-605 Basic Medical Sciences Building, 2:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 5.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9
Infectious Diseases and Medical Microbiology, Dynamic refolding of IFN-γ mRNA enables its dual function as translation template and PKR activator by Ray Kaempfer, 540 Basic Medical Sciences Building, 9 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 6.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21
Pathology Research Seminar, Tracking disease progression and the outcome of potential treatments in the mdx mouse model of Duchenne muscular dystrophy by Jody Anderson, professor and head, department of biological sciences, Faculty of Science, University of Manitoba, MS475 Thorlakson Building, Health Sciences Centre, 1 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 21.
Universal Algebra/Lattice Theory Seminar, Representing homomorphisms of congruence lattices as restrictions of congruences of isomorphic lattices (by G. Grätzer and H. Lakser) by R. Quackenbush, 503 MacPhar Building, 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Institute for the Humanities: Representations of War research cluster, International War Film Series, The 300 Spartans (USA, 1962, dir. Rudolph Mate) moderated by Adam Muller, film screening and discussion, 4:09 Tier Building, 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 6.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Native Studies, Metis History and the Residential Schools in Alberta by Terry Lusky is a Photographer, Metis historian, provincial representative, National Residential School Survivor’s Society. 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 7.

The Faculty of Nursing Margaret Elder Hart Distinguished Visitor Series, The Struggle for ‘Real’ Engagement with Patients by Wendy J. Tsalamin, professor and Canada Research Chair. 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 7.

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Framed as a murder investigation, the play tells the story of Betty Yearn, a woman who is investigating that her obsession with celebrity that she loses touch with herself and with her neglected son, who is murdered and decapitated. By her? Possibly. Funny? Absolutely. Warning: Language, flying body parts. Directed by Jennette Heinrichs.

Take Our Kids To Work Day on Nov. 7. Students the option of taking part in job shadowing that parents or relatives registering their students. For tickets call 474 6880. For more information and details visit: manitoba.ca/takeourkidstowork/.

Take Our Kids To Work Day is a national initiative that helps students get a taste of the working world and, ideally, learn a little more about what their parents, relatives or family friends do for a living.

This year the university is giving students the option of taking part in their usual job shadowing or blending that job shadowing with a program of special events at the university.
SSHRC awards $1 million in new funding
Social sciences and humanities researchers discuss their future challenges

BY SEAN MOORE
Research Promotion

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Dr. Chad Gaffield, the president of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, recently announced $1 million in new funding for the Centre on Aging, which was celebrating its 25th anniversary. While on campus, Gaffield also took the opportunity to speak to faculty members about the changing social science and humanities research environment.

SSHRC’s grant recipients is of very high quality and relevance. And the work being done by researchers at the University of Manitoba, he added, is a perfect example of this.

That aforementioned $1 million in funding Gaffield announced was part of SSHRC’s Community-University Research Alliances (CURA) program. Across Canada, 13 CURA projects were funded, but three of those were from Manitoba.

Manitoba’s participation in three of 13 is unprecedented and the adjudication is not done to balance things out, it’s decided by quality.”

Shortly after he said that, Gaffield left the faculty luncheon to hold an open-forum meeting with researchers that focused on SSHRC’s action plan for the future.

The 90-minute meeting sparked some lively debate about both the current research climate in the social sciences and humanities and how that might change in the coming years.

One relatively heated exchange focused on proving relevance.

Why, one academic asked, are politicians choosing what research is relevant when academia is equipped to decide such matters? Surely, she noted, scholars and their peers can decide what is, or is not, important.

Gaffield responded that elected officials represent tax payers who fund the research. So to ensure future funding, researchers must better convey the importance and relevance of their work to the public, which, judging by news headlines, should not pose difficulties.

If you look at the front page of any newspaper, most stories, if not all, have a connection to the social sciences and humanities.

Gaffield stressed that most people take this for granted, and often underestimate the value and importance of research in these fields.

As an example, he noted that if you had asked the average person on September 10th, 2001, whether or not it was valuable in North America to study 15th century Middle Eastern politics, most people would have answered “no.”

Of course, the following day, you would hear a different response.

Dr. Chad Gaffield held an open-forum meeting with a variety of faculty members to discuss the future of social research and its funding.
Eleven graduate students from the University of Manitoba’s department of food science caused a stir in San Antonio, Texas recently when they went up against prestigious American universities to present their snack food to a panel of judges. Not only did the students win the prestigious international prize, they made history by becoming the first Canadian team invited to the competition, and thereby becoming the first Canadian team to win.

After eight months of hard work, we got it! First prize!” exclaimed team member Fernando Luciano.

The Product Development Competition is an annual competition hosted by the AACC (American Association of Cereal Chemists International). The competition is great networking grounds for up-and-coming food scientists and food technology students. The University of Manitoba students developed a nutritious snack food that resembles a stick pretzel and is comprised of some students originally from Brazil and China, who wanted to make an impact in the food industry.

After making the shortlist, for the final round of the competition the University of Manitoba team beat out five U.S. teams to win the $3,000 first-place prize. Beyond the testability and viability of Globix, judges also took into consideration team enthusiasm, presentation, packaging and the marketing plan. The team was lead by Alex Anton, who has had a banner year. He won the 2007 Elizabeth Paterson International Student of the Year Award for a letter he wrote on his mother’s experiences as an international student at the University of Manitoba and a 2007-2008 AACC International Foundation Award for his research on the cost and nutrient contents of different flour tortillas. His teammate, Caroline Rosa, also won a 2007-2008 AACC International Foundation Award for her work using grain parts to make snack foods higher in fiber, protein and antioxidants.

But from there the material is sent out to top researchers in each field to get their opinions and additions.

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President honoured by Lieutenant Governor

University of Manitoba President Emike Szathmary has been awarded the 2007 Lieutenant Governor’s Medal for Excellence in Public Administration.

Szathmary was presented with the medal by the Honourable John Harvard, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, and the Institute of Public Administration of Canada Manitoba Regional Group on Oct. 16.

William Norrie, chancellor of the University of Manitoba, was one of many to offer his congratulations.

“An individual who has made a significant and sustained contribution to public service in our province,” said Norrie. “I cannot think of a person more deserving of this honor. On behalf of the University of Manitoba, I congratulate Dr. Szathmary.”

The Lieutenant Governor’s Medal for Excellence in Public Administration was established in 1987. The award pays tribute to public sector practitioners whose careers exhibit the highest standard of excellence, dedication and accomplishment.

Past recipients include: Ron Duhamel, former MP for Saint Boniface and Veterans Affairs minister; Paul Thomas, University of Manitoba professor of political studies and Arnold Naimark, former president and vice-chancellor of the University of Manitoba.

Baydack receives Hamerstrom award

Rick Baydack, professor and graduate chair in the department of environment and geography, Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources has been given a big honour for a lifetime of interest in hams.

Baydack received the 2007 Hamerstrom Award at the Prairie Grouse Technical Council held in Chamberlain, South Dakota, Oct. 7 to 11. He is the first Canadian researcher to receive the award which was created to recognize individual(s) and organization(s) who have made significant contributions in prairie grouse research, management or other support programs which have enhanced the welfare of one or more species of prairie grouse in a particular state or region.

Baydack has been active in prairie grouse research and management since the early 1980’s — a span of over 25 years. He holds a PhD from Colorado State University, and master’s and bachelor’s degrees from the University of Manitoba, and has been recognized as a Certified Wildlife Biologist by the Wildlife Society. As 2007 Hamerstrom Award Committee chair Scott Taylor noted in the presentation of the award: “When we think of a prairie grouse guy north of the border in the Prairie Provinces, (Rick Baydack) is the guy.”

The Hamerstrom Award was established in honor of Fred and Fran Hamersstrom, pioneers of prairie grouse research and management.

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Anatomist professor emeritus Yid Persaud, left, and surgeon professor Mark Torchia check out the latest edition of Before We Are Born and The Developing Human.

Mark Torchia, assistant professor and director of development, surgery, and director of the advanced technologies, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, has been on board as a full collaborator for the books.

Torchia was a student of Persaud’s and received his PhD in anatomy from the University of Manitoba. He says there’s a number of benefits to getting involved with the production of a textbook.

“It’s a huge honour to work with two of the originators of the textbook in embryology,” Torchia said. “And it forces me to keep up to date.

“It’s easy when you’re teaching to rely on the textbooks for your information, but as an author you’re forced to keep reassessing the information. That’s a huge bonus for me and it means I’m providing better teaching for the students, which is an upside for the university,” Torchia said.

Other U of M contributors for the textbooks include: Albert Chudley, professor of pediatrics and child health, and biochemistry and metabolism, and program director, pediatric and metabolic research Children’s Centre; Jeffrey Wish, assistant professor biochemistry and medical genetics, and senior scientist, Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences; and David Eisenstat, associate professor, pediatrics and child health. Dr. Madapathage Dona, An Da, Lini Qiao, Wangyi He, Jiqian Shi, Irena Madayen, and Karen Madayen.

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