Hitting the high note
Philanthropist helps music program with latest gift

Thoughts of a $20 million gift didn’t enter Edmund Dawe’s mind when University of Manitoba president Emöke Szathmáry invited him to dine with her and graduate Marcel A. Desautels in Toronto.

The historic donation came as a surprise to Dawe, especially since his conversation with Desautels never touched upon dollars and cents. Instead, the music dean recalls how he and his businessman-turned-philanthropist host spent the evening talking about their shared passion: music.

Dawe laid out his vision to transform his faculty into a primary destination for Canadian and international students. Desautels, who has sung for most of his life and even once considered a career in the opera, listened with interest.

Forty-eight hours later, Dawe is back on campus in Winnipeg and gets a call from Elaine Goldie, the university’s vice-president (external).

“She said to me; ‘Edmund, I hope you’re sitting down,’” he recalls. Coincidentally, a massive redevelopment called Project Domino at the University of Manitoba includes a new, larger home on campus for the music faculty – one with sufficient space to house Dawe’s vision.

Dawe’s message had struck the right chord with Desautels and the eight-figure gift that resulted was unprecedented. Donations of this magnitude are rare among music faculties in Canada.

Dawe describes the donation as “historical and transformational.” It will be used to usher in a new era for the university’s music program under a new name: The Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music. No longer grounded due to lack of funds, Dawe’s vision for the faculty will take flight as soon as possible. “My first priority will be to continue to attract outstanding faculty members and students to our programs,” he says.

Desautels’ gift will flow into the Faculty of Music during the next five years and create a significant endowment fund for the music faculty. It will also support the renovations of the east wing and Auditorium of Taché Hall, the new home for the music program under Project Domino. See DESAUTELS/P. 3
Law or health care? St. Croix tries both careers

BY DALE BARBOUR
The Bulletin

Law student Courtney St. Croix really has had the best of both worlds.

“When I was in high school I wanted to be a physiotherapist or a lawyer,” St. Croix said. In the end, she’s ended up being both.

She graduated with a degree from the School of Medical Rehabilitation in 2003 and worked in the field for two years before being accepted into the Faculty of Law, from which she’ll be graduating next year.

“They are very different. They match different sides of my personality,” St. Croix says of her two career paths. “Physiotherapy is very hands-on helping people and my family has always been very involved in sports, so it influenced me to go into physiotherapy.

“Law is logical, it’s about forming an argument and debating people. It’s a totally different way of using my mind that appealed to me as well,” St. Croix said.

St. Croix had settled nicely into a position as a physiotherapist with St. Boniface Hospital when she decided to go to Law School. Fortunately though, she had a friendly and open-minded employer.

“They were willing to hold my position for a year while I went to Law School,” St. Croix said. It was a big decision. She was working at a job she loved and making a good salary doing it. Throwing away that opportunity to chase a dream could have been a big mistake. But with a safety net like that, she couldn’t turn down the opportunity.

“It was challenging,” St. Croix said. “You’re required to take a number of different courses, and not all of the mandatory courses are in areas you’re really interested in.”

The atmosphere was also different from what she had experienced while taking medical rehabilitation.

“You always hear about law schools being very competitive,” St. Croix said. Robson Hall graduates aren’t out to get each other but the climate was different from the more collaborative culture fostered in Medical Rehabilitation.

“It was a bit more competitive than what I was used to and the field is adversarial by nature because you’re looking at issues from both sides. So it creates a different climate in the classroom,” St. Croix said.

“Through medical school time helped keep her on track. She can look out at both professions, because she is one of a growing number of young people who are inspired to start playing real instruments after playing popular music-based video games, such as Guitar Hero and Rock Star.

Underrated ammonia

May 2, 2008 Wired

An article in popular geek publication Wired about fertilizer technology and the monumental impact the underrated chemical ammonia has had on the world’s food production included comments from University of Manitoba environment and geography professor Vaclav Smil. Smil estimates that 40 percent of the world’s dietary protein, “originates in the Haber-Bosch synthesis of ammonia,” which was discovered in 1909.

Headline News

Where else has the U of M been making news? Here’s a look at just a few of our headlines over the past few weeks.

• “Government gag orders multiplying,” Halifax Chronicle Herald, May 10, 2008, included comments from Paul Thomas, a long-time political science professor at the University of Manitoba.

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Desautels sees the value of music

Meet the new Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music. Music dean Edmund Dawe, not pictured, philanthropist Marcel Desautels and president Emike Szathmáry unveiled the faculty’s new name on May 20.

"Every student should have the opportunity to be exposed to music in one way or another – by either learning to play an instrument, in the area of dance, by singing solo or in a choir." – Marcel Desautels

Nursing opens its doors

The Faculty of Nursing at the University of Manitoba opened its doors on May 15 with its second annual open house. This year the event featured tours of the labs within the faculty, including a lab where computerized mannequins simulate illness and injury, that nursing students attend to as part of their training. ‘Noelle,’ one of the lab’s best-known ‘patients,’ was in labour during the morning of the open house. A video of Noelle in labour and staff assisting in an earlier delivery can be viewed by scrolling to the bottom of this story.

Other highlights included an interactive wellness centre, where students can provide health information and assessments; a skills lab; an art display; and a public presentation on cancer and sexuality.

A ceremony honoured Kathleen Ruane, a nurse who in 1944 entered the University of Manitoba’s School of Nursing administration program and went on to head the front lines of health care in Canada and the U.S. In addition, the Simulated Clinical Learning Centre where ‘patients’ Noelle, SuperJake and SuperJimmy reside was officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Diane McGifford, Minister of Advanced Education and Literacy, brought greetings on behalf of the Province of Manitoba.

The open house day concurrently with National Nursing Week, an annual event organized by the Canadian Nurses Association. This year the CNA is celebrating its 100 years with the theme, “Think you know nursing? Take a closer look” by showcasing the achievements of nursing and its future during the week.

So long Visitor Centre

Construction has begun on a new University of Manitoba Welcome Centre to replace the existing Visitor Centre on University Crescent. To be built on the site of the Visitor Centre, the new facility will be the home for Parking & Shuttle Services and Security Services.

Campus information services previously offered at the Visitor Centre will be temporarily relocated to the Services Building at 97 Dalroe Road.

These services include:

- Way-finding and directions
- Guest parking permits and information
- Find usual accessible person
- Pick up of temporary staff and student parking permits

The first phase of the Welcome Centre construction will include a temporary roadway off University Crescent. Once the access road is created – scheduled for completion over the next few weeks – visitors will be able to drive up to view a large campus map and, if required, contact staff in the Services Building via an intercom system.

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Academic life in caps and gowns
Convocation showcases academic history and the promise of the future

President’s Perspective by Emőke Szathmány

The end of May is the period in which the University of Manitoba holds its annual Spring Convocation. I have written about it before, never tiring of its significance for an academic community, or its meaning for the graduates and their families and friends. There is something special about the coming together of the ancient company of scholars who choose to honour their traditions by bearing witness to the achievements of its students.

There are multiple layers of meaning in these ceremonies, not the least of which is signaled by the multiple hues and shapes of the robes worn by the professors. Each gown and hood mark the institution from which one earned one’s final degree, and most robes and hoods denote its wearer as having earned a doctorate from a particular university. At any convocation there are at least a dozen different distinctive gowns and hoods, some from universities located on different continents, yet they all signal allegiance to academic values held by a worldwide community of scholars. Each member of that community is connected directly, like links in a chain, to one’s thesis supervisor, all the way back to the first set of learned scholars who established the universities of the 11th and 12th centuries.

Universities everywhere value intellectual achievement. Members of the academy everywhere know how difficult it is to abide by reason, and to let reason be the guide to decisions made, rather than pride, or dogma, or political or social convenience. To articulate what one thinks is true is one of the great privileges and simultaneously one of the great challenges of the academy. To let others speak, to defend their right to speak when one disagrees with what is said – that is the test of a civil society. It becomes more difficult as each member of that community is accustomed to speaking without restraint, when the subject matter is in the domain of one’s academic expertise, and yet other learned scholars disagree.

One has to admire people who choose to live an academic life. It is surely an odd life in a world in which silence – the silence necessary for contemplation – is increasingly rare. To be comfortable with the silence in which understanding can arise is the mark of a cultivated mind shaped by self-discipline. At the same time, advancement of understanding can barely be done silently and never in isolation. There is enormous pressure on the academy – or in today’s electronic equivalent of a pen – but words on a page have no impact if they are not read by others. In our electronic age when the world seems to thrive on instantaneous judgments and 30 second analyses, the more measured pace that thinking requires takes on an old-fashioned air. But those who value thinking, who know it is foolish to rush to judgment, are few and far between. Regardless, advancing knowledge and understanding requires patience, a willingness to be set apart from the world around us so that engagement in discourse, using the written word as well as its oral equivalent. And when learned scholars disagree, sometimes that engagement can be heated, and on occasion even uncomfortable.

The academic robes of Convocation serve as reminders that a dualism exists within the academy; the right to think and to follow reason also imposes an obligation to defend what reason will reveal. It is not a life that suits everybody, but it is a necessary life for knowledge to permeate our society. It has been a privilege to be at the helm of the University of Manitoba over the past 12 years, to be a part of a community in which understanding can arise is the mark of a civil society; a life that suits everybody, but it is a necessary life for knowledge to permeate our society.

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New funding for health research

Sixteen health researchers at the University of Manitoba have received a total of $7,772,000 in new funding from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).

The funding was announced on May 7 in Ottawa by the Tony Clement, Minister of Health.

“Canada’s Government is committed to investing in knowledge, science and innovation,” said Clement.

“In Budget 2008, we increased CIHR’s budget by $34 million and we are making a number of other strategic investments designed to further strengthen Canada’s research capacity. The research being supported with the funding announced today will help us address important health issues affecting Canadians, such as cancer, heart disease and HIV/AIDS.”

The new funds will support 764 research projects across the country, with 16 being conducted at the University of Manitoba and with partner institutions. The studies will be carried out over periods of one to five years and cover a wide gamut of health research.

Three projects that exemplify CIHR’s comprehensive, problem-based approach to funding health research are:

- Charles Bernstein, internal medicine, received $1.5 million to continue the University Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Cohort Study. The original funding for five years was granted in 2002 and now his group has received an extension of another five years. In total Bernstein’s group has received $8.2 million in CIHR funding for this project. This is a population-based cohort study where subjects have been interviewed annually and surveyed semi annually exploring a variety of outcome issues. The basis for this research program is the high degree of variability in the health outcomes of persons with IBD, and the researchers are exploring the psychosocial, biological, and health care utilization determinants of these outcomes.

- John Wylie, medical microbiology, received $538,590 to look at the behavioural, social and cultural factors affecting the epidemiology of sexually transmitted and blood borne pathogens, like Chlamydia or HIV, in high-risk populations. Wylie will analyze the social context of behaviours, to develop new strategies and help develop a better understanding of what types of relationships are most likely to result in disease spread.

- Jingxin Cao, medical microbiology, received $90,000 to examine the roles the bird flu virus protein NS1 plays in determining whether or not humans become infected with avian influenza. The study aims to learn how this protein can suppress a person’s innate immune system. Humans have about 15 different interferons – the immune system’s chemical messenger, which gets produced by a virus-infected cell and can help other cells resist the virus – and this study will see if Bird flu can inhibit all of them. This study will also see if NS1 contributes to the virus’s virulence, and how it affects adaptive immunity. The information garnered from these studies is extremely valuable for containing and preventing such emerging infectious diseases.

“These sixteen projects represent a very broad range of specialized knowledge,” said Joanne Kieselstein, vice-president (research). “This new funding from CIHR is a welcome recognition of the high quality collaborative health research conducted at the University of Manitoba.”

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Women of distinction

Wittenberg was the first woman to be appointed as the head of the department of animal science at the University of Manitoba at the age of 36 in 2007.

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Doug Ruth, dean of the Faculty of Engineering, has been named a Fellow in the Canadian Academy of Engineering. The Canadian Academy of Engineering's membership comprises a small number of distinguished engineers from all disciplines who have undertaken to serve the country and the profession in matters of broad concern.

The academy has close ties with other similar academies throughout the world, via its membership in the International Council of Academies of Engineering and Technological Sciences. Also, it is one of the three Member Academies of the Council of Canadian Academies, the other being the Royal Society of Canada, and the Canadian Academies of Health Sciences.

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Beaverford received the Business and Professional Positions Award, which is given to the woman who best exemplifies leadership and a consistent commitment to excellence by way of using her achievements and management skills to facilitate and create opportunities in either the for-profit or non-profit sectors.

Beaverford is an assistant professor of interior design working in the Faculty of Architecture. She is the founder of Architects Without Borders (AWB), an organization that develops humanitarian-friendly buildings while simultaneously improving existing socially displaced environments. It is currently involved in 25 projects in 10 countries.

The five recipients from the University of Manitoba Faculty of Engineering, was the winner of the Young Woman of Distinction Award. Jane Scowcroft was also chosen for this award as one of Canada’s most powerful women: Top 100 in the leader’s category.

She has been an integral member of the Manitoba Chapter of Engineers Without Borders, working in Tanzania for four months on a development project. Originally from Australia, Scowcroft is also part of the University of Manitoba’s Engineering Leadership Program.

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**HUGH C. SMITH**

Hugh C. Smith is a renowned cardiovascular researcher, educator and practitioner who played a leading role in the development of the prestigious Mayo Clinic. Smith has also helped improve the lives of countless patients and students in the areas of internal medicine and cardiology.

Graduating with his MD from the University of Manitoba in 1965, Smith moved on to the University of Washington and the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine to undertake cardiovascular research and clinical training. Today, he is board certified in both internal medicine and cardiology and is professor of internal medicine and cardiology at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine.

Smith joined the Mayo Clinic, one of the world’s most influential medical organizations, in 1970. There he has held a series of positions, most notably chair of the Mayo Clinic Rochester Board of Governors, serving as chief executive officer from 1999 to 2005. He has also served as the chair of the Division of Cardiovascular Diseases, vice-president of the Mayo Foundation and has been a member of the Mayo Clinic Board of Trustees. Smith was instrumental in ensuring the expertise of physicians and researchers at the Mayo Clinic is within reach of as many patients as possible by helping found the Mayo Health System, the Mayo Clinic’s regional system of clinics and hospitals in 64 communities in Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota.

Smith also established the Mayo Clinic’s first international practice site, the Mayo Clinic Cardiology Clinic in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Prompted by a desire to improve the quality and safety of health care throughout the world, Smith helped found two Minnesota organizations: the Institute of Clinical Systems Integration and Safest in America, through standardized care and reporting, Smith helped found two Minnesota organizations: the Institute of Clinical Systems Integration and Safest in America, through standardized care and reporting, Smith helped found two Minnesota organizations: the Institute of Clinical Systems Integration and Safest in America, through standardized care and reporting, Smith helped found two Minnesota organizations: the Institute of Clinical Systems Integration and Safest in America, through standardized care and reporting, Smith helped found two Minnesota organizations: the Institute of Clinical Systems Integration and Safest in America, through standardized care and reporting.

Smith also joined a number of national and international organizations and in 2013, he was elected as a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology. He has also served on the board of directors of the American Heart Association and the American College of Cardiology Foundation.

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**IVAN EYRE**

One of Canada’s most respected and influential artists, Ivan Eyre has spent over 50 years creating a body of work immediately recognizable by its distinctive iconography and complex juxtapositions of land, figure and light. In his paintings, Eyre combines myth with reality to create evocative, compelling and sometimes disturbing images that are realistic and abstract at the same time.

Not comfortable in the limelight, Eyre has chosen to let his work speak for itself throughout his long career. But despite his public reticence, Eyre’s work has been recognized and celebrated in over 65 solo and 250 group exhibitions around the world, including exhibitions at the National Gallery in Ottawa, the 49th Parallel Gallery in New York City, the Frankfurt Kunstkabinett in Frankfurt, Germany, the Canadian Cultural Centre in Paris and Canada House in London, England. Eyre’s work was also the subject of a Winnipeg Art Gallery exhibit in 2005 which surveyed his entire career. Popular among art collectors, Eyre’s paintings, drawings and sculptures are well-represented in numerous public, private and corporate collections throughout Canada and beyond.

About his work, Eyre has said he prefers to let the viewer come to their own conclusions about its meaning: ‘A complete understanding would signify that we don’t have to think about it anymore. Some mystery should remain, compelling viewers back to the paintings...possibly to reaffirm themselves.’

Born in Tullifet, Saskatchewan in 1935, Eyre arrived in Winnipeg as an art student in 1953. He received his Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Manitoba in 1957. After a year at the University of North Dakota, Eyre returned to Winnipeg and began to teach at the University of Manitoba School of Art. There, he offered guidance and mentorship to budding artists until his retirement in 1993. He remains a professor emeritus at the University of Manitoba.

When the Pavilion Gallery opened in Assiniboine Park in 1988, the entire third floor was dedicated as the Ivan Eyre Gallery. He has donated over 200 paintings, 5,000 drawings and 16 sculptures to the gallery which are shown on a rotating basis. Eyre’s personal generosity is legendary: he has donated countless pieces to galleries across the country.

Elected a member of the Royal Canadian Academy in 1974, Eyre received the Queen’s Silver Jubilee Medal in 1977 and the University of Manitoba Alumni Jubilee Award in 1982. He has also been the subject of several films and books.

**G. MICHAEL BANCROFT**

Distinguished scientist and professor emeritus, G. Michael Bancroft is best known as a pioneer in the use of synchrotron radiation to better understand the nature and structure of molecules and materials. His decades-long dream to establish the nation’s first synchrotron – a light source that probes the structure of matter and is a billion times brighter than the sun – prompted Bancroft to lead the charge to establish a synchrotron at the University of Saskatchewan. His perseverance paid off when the Canadian Light Source Project (CLSI) opened in 2004. Bancroft was the facility’s first director.

Today, the CLS is one of the largest scientific projects in Canada and one of the most sophisticated synchrotron facilities in the world. Every year, thousands of researchers from Canada and around the world visit the CLS. They are there to pursue new and more effective drugs, develop more efficient motor oils, build more powerful computer chips and find better ways to clean up mining waste, to name just a few of the synchrotron’s applications. In his synchrotron research, Bancroft works with companies such as Esso and Chevron to help develop better anti-wear coatings for engine oil additives.

Bancroft received both his BSc (Hons) and MSc from the University of Manitoba in 1963 and 1964 respectively before moving on to the University of Cambridge where he received his doctorate. Currently, Bancroft is a professor in the department of chemistry at the University of Western Ontario where he has been on staff for almost 40 years. His research activities have spanned the fields of chemistry, physics, geology and tribology.

His long career has been marked by countless professional and personal accomplishments. Bancroft has been honoured with more than 10 national and international awards for research achievement, including being named a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and as one of 33 Canadian Innovation Pioneers by the Canada Foundation for Innovation.

Bancroft was named an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2004, Canada’s highest honour for lifetime achievement. The official citation for his honours notes: “Dr. Bancroft’s continued sustained efforts, this new technology offers the potential for significant breakthroughs in medical science and engineering and increased economic benefits for our country.”

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DONALD K. JOHNSON

Investment executive Donald K. Johnson almost single-handedly changed the face of philanthropy in Canada and countless charities are now reaping the benefits of his determined efforts. Johnson’s personal crusade began in 1994 when he was asked to lead a $12 million fundraising campaign for the National Ballet of Canada. In pursuing potential donors, Johnson realized federal tax laws were deterring many Canadians from charitable giving. At the time, few Canadian donors were realizing the benefits of capital gains tax exemptions because they feared harsh capital gains taxes. Johnson spent the next 12 years tirelessly campaigning the federal government to change the law.

Johnson fought hard for the full elimination of the capital gains tax. He undertook massive letter-writing campaigns and met personally with countless government leaders including prime ministers and federal finance ministers. His efforts paid off when, in the 1997 federal budget, the government cut the capital gains tax on stock donations by 50 per cent. In 2006, the tax was eliminated completely in a change referred to as “Don’s Law.” The effect of the change has been dramatic. In the 40 years before the 1997 tax break, the United Way in Toronto had received just $44,000 in stock donations. Since then, the charity has been given $86 million in such contributions.

Johnson grew up in Candar, Manitoba and obtained his BSc in electrical engineering at the University of Manitoba in 1957. He received an MBA from the University of Western Ontario in 1963. While Johnson’s initial career was in electrical engineering, he began a career in the investment industry in 1963. Johnson has had a long and successful career which culminated in his appointment as vice chairman, Investment Banking at BMO Nesbitt Burns. In 2004 he retired as vice chairman, but continues as a senior advisor to BMO Capital Markets.

After “Don’s Law” came into effect, Johnson donated $1.3 million to the University of Western Ontario business school and $5 million to a Toronto hospital’s vision centre. He also recently donated $500,000 to the University of Manitoba Engineering Society for office space improvements, a student lounge and a generous scholarship for student leaders.

Johnson is an active volunteer for many education, arts and health care organizations. He was honoured with the Nation Builder of the Year award by the Globe and Mail in 2007 and was made a Member of the Order of Canada in 2005.

VERNA J. KIRKNESS

A lifelong champion and advocate of Aboriginal education, Verna J. Kirkness has worked tirelessly to improve learning opportunities for Canada’s Aboriginal people through her work as a teacher, counselor, consultant and professor.

A member of the Fisher River Cree Nation, Kirkness taught at Aboriginal day and residential schools around Manitoba beginning in the mid-1950s. Driven to ensure equality and cultural relevance in Aboriginal education, Kirkness was instrumental in introducing Cree and Ojibway as languages of instruction in several Manitoba schools in the late 1960s. Kirkness also assisted in developing the 1972 landmark policy called Indian Control of Indian Education which altered the course of Aboriginal education in Canada.

Kirkness joined the faculty at the University of British Columbia in 1981 and immediately undertook innovative projects to improve the accessibility and relevance of education for Aboriginal students. Under her leadership, the Native Indian Teacher Education Program became one of the most successful and longest-running centres in North America. The Kirkness Adult Learning Centre, opened in Winnipeg in 1983. In 1984, Kirkness developed Ts’kel, a graduate program in education for Aboriginal students at UBC. In 1987, Kirkness helped establish the First Nations House of Learning at UBC. She also spearheaded a $2-million public-private fundraising campaign to build the First Nations House on campus. Opened in 1993, the Longhouse reflects Aboriginal traditions and culture and serves as a “home away from home” for First Nation students today. Kirkness is an associate professor emeritus at UBC.

Kirkness received bachelor of arts, bachelor of education and master of education degrees from the University of Manitoba in 1974, 1976 and 1980 respectively. She has also received honorary degrees from Mount St. Vincent University, the University of Western, and the University of British Columbia.

Recognized as one of Canada’s most respected and recognized advocates of Aboriginal excellence in education, Kirkness was named the Canadian Educator of the Year and the British Columbia Educator of the Year in 1990 and has received the commemorative medal for the 125th anniversary of Canada. She is a member of the Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation and the Council on PhD Studies for Aboriginal Scholars at the University of Manitoba.

Kirkness was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada in 1998.

The Robert Charles Armatage Award

The Robert Charles Armatage Award is given annually by the University of Manitoba Students’ Union to a student who is exceptionally involved in student affairs and university governance.

PETER NAWROT

A graduate of the University of Manitoba, Faculty of Social Work and a member of St. Paul’s College, Peter Nawrot advocated for fellow students and worked to improve the university community during his undergraduate studies. In his time at the University of Manitoba, Nawrot was a member of the Model United Nations, where he engaged in spirited debates with his peers and students from across the country.

Throughout his studies, Nawrot promoted fairness, equality and respect within the broader fabric of university governance. He was a member of the University of Manitoba Senate, the Student Senate Caucus as well as the Social Work Students’ Association (SWSA) for two years. He participated in the Faculty Committee for Promotions and valued the importance of achieving results and success through the fostering of effective working and personal relationships. Nawrot was nominated and appointed to serve on several Senate committees including: Senate Committee for Nominations, Senate Committee for Rules and Procedures, Senate Committee for Academic Review, and Senate Committee for Academic Appeals. Mr. Nawrot used the opportunity offered by his committee membership to represent and advocate for students.

Most recently, Nawrot helped plan the annual Social Work Field Day for students by networking and collaborating with faculty, students the University of Manitoba Students’ Union and the SWSA.
Peter D. Curry Chancellor’s Award

This award is given to an individual who has made an exceptional contribution to the governance and/or development of the University of Manitoba. Recipients receive a certificate and medal, and have the privilege of directing $2,000 to support a university program of personal interest.

WAYNE ANDERSON

Wayne Anderson graduated from the University of Manitoba with a bachelor of science in Agriculture in 1963 and has been involved in supporting his alma mater through alumni and governance activities almost ever since.

Anderson and his wife, Lee, have been active members of the University of Manitoba Alumni Association for over 35 years. They have sold hundreds of tickets to campus homecoming events and have contributed their time and expertise to numerous campus activities.

Anderson has been a valued volunteer, offering his time and expertise to organize the 25th reunion of his Agriculture class and helping with the annual Bison Hockey Alumni Game. He joined the Alumni Association board of directors in 1998.

Anderson’s main contribution to the University of Manitoba has been his many years of participation in university governance. He was elected to the Board of Governors by the alumni in 1998 and was reelected in 2001 and again in 2004. He served as chair of the Board of Governors from 2003 to 2006. During his time on the board, Anderson was valued as a strong leader whose primary interest was the welfare of students and faculty and the growth and development of the University of Manitoba as a vital and important contributor to the Manitoba community. Anderson served the board with distinction and was a willing volunteer whenever called upon to support the university. This service was recognized in 2003 when he received the Queen’s Jubilee Medal.

Anderson received a masters degree in business administration from York University in 1968. Since then, he has been predominantly a self-employed business person in the Winnipeg community. He has served as president of General Window Products of Canada and as president of Bonar Plastics Western Limited. Most recently, Anderson has held the position of president of the St. Boniface Pallet Company. Since 1968, Anderson has also been actively involved with his brother in running the family cattle operation.

Anderson also has a long history of community involvement. Along with his service to the University of Manitoba, Anderson currently serves on the Board of the St. Boniface Hospital, and is chair of the Canadian Wood Pallet and Container Association. He has served as the chairman of the Manitoba Horse Racing Commission and as the director of the Horseman’s Benevolent and Protective Association. He has also served as a director for the Frontier Centre for Public Policy.

Dr. and Mrs. D.R. Campbell Outreach Award

The Dr. and Mrs. D.R. Campbell Outreach Award is given to university staff members who consistently spend countless hours of their own time in community service. This service typically combines professional and scholarly experience with their personal commitment to the people and community around them.

THOMAS G. BERRY

Department of Mathematics

Thomas Berry, a senior member of the department of mathematics, is being recognized for his dedication to providing Aboriginal students tools to shape their future and achieve their goals. Almost single-handedly, Berry developed and maintains an outreach program which offers Aboriginal high school students from outside the city a chance to experience university life and consider post-secondary education and science-based programs as options for their future.

In the summer of 2005, Berry was approached by the Peguis Band Education Authority and asked to host a group of high school students at what would become the Peguis First Nation Science, Engineering and Technology Symposium. Since then, Berry has worked tirelessly each year to make the symposium a great success. Consisting of workshops, exhibits, speakers and discussions with university representatives, the symposium also offers guided tours of the campus led by Aboriginal students.

The first symposium in 2005 attracted more than 200 senior high school students from the Peguis First Nation. By 2008, the symposium had exploded in size thanks to Berry’s determination and leadership and the assistance of dozens of University of Manitoba faculty, staff and graduate students who volunteered to help out. This year, 125 workshops were offered to over 300 students, including new visitors from northwestern Ontario. The venue was also expanded to include workshops at Red River College in addition to those held at the two University of Manitoba campuses.

Berry’s role in this significant annual event cannot be overstated. He is responsible for the development and delivery of the scientific program and for recruiting volunteers, which now number close to 100 each year. He is the driver, fund-raiser, organizer and director of this large and very successful project. In a letter of support of Berry for this award, Edwin McCorrister, superintendent of the Peguis School Board notes that: “(Dr. Berry) has shown his kindness, professionalism and his dedication to education and the education of youth, urban and rural, and sincerity to young First Nations students who hope to achieve and aspire to be good community citizens.”

Berry has been recognized for his work on the program. He has been honored with gifts from the Peguis Education Authority, including a “Chief’s Robe” and was asked to attend the Peguis Centennial Pow-Wow in July, 2007 as a special guest.

The President’s Award

The President’s Award celebrates the exceptional contributions of support staff during their career at the University of Manitoba. The award consists of a certificate of recognition and a financial prize, both of which are presented at Spring Convocation.

DALLAS J. LEGARE

Department of Pharmacology

Dallas Legare joined the University of Manitoba in July, 1984 as head research technologist with the newly formed Hepatorenal Research Unit. Over the past 23 years, he has been an active mentor and support to junior technologists, graduate students and visiting scientists. A believer in life-long learning, Legare continued to expand on his base of knowledge throughout his career by taking numerous courses related to management, new technologies and quality assurance.

Legare has earned a reputation as an excellent role model to those he interacts with in the laboratory. His work ethic, problem-solving capabilities, technical and analytical skills inspire and motivate colleagues and students alike. Legare’s service to the university community is exemplary. He regularly offers advice to faculty and students and has provided strong leadership in the laboratory. Under his guidance and management, the laboratory in which Legare works as operations manager is one of the few which can carry out studies in compliance with the good laboratory practices required for preclinical trials. He is constantly reviewing methods with an eye to improving the quality and reliability of laboratory results.

Over the course of his career, Legare has co-authored over 40 publications in peer reviewed journals and has presented his research at a number of national and international meetings and conferences. Legare has helped educate and train numerous highly skilled individuals who have gone on to promote the excellent reputation of the University of Manitoba in laboratories across Canada and the world.

Legare is recognized by the research communities in Canada, the United States, Mexico and Portugal as a full scientific collaborator on a number of major research breakthrough studies that have been the subject of numerous awards. He is currently coordinating an international collaborative research project between the University of Manitoba and the New University of Lisbon, Portugal.

Recognizing the benefits of an enjoyable work environment, Legare creates a professional culture that is conducive to knowledge-sharing and which encourages relationship-building and positive social interaction.

Celebrating our 129th Spring Convocation
Distinguished Professors

The title, Distinguished Professor, is conferred by the University of Manitoba on academic staff members who have demonstrated outstanding distinction in research, scholarship, creative endeavours, professional service and teaching. Up to three people may receive this honour each year, and not more than 20 professors may hold the title at one time.

LESLEY DEGNER
Lesley Degner is internationally recognized for her work to enrich the lives of cancer patients, their families and the terminal care for terminally ill patients. As Canadian Health Services Research Foundation Canadian Institutes of Health Research Chair holder in Development of Evidence-Based Nursing Practice in Cancer Care, Palliative Care and Cancer Prevention, Degner also focuses on the role of patient involvement in medical decision-making. She has authored 71 journal articles, six book chapters and the book, "Life-Death Decisions in Health Care." Degner recognizes the importance of sharing her expertise and passion for her work. As a mentor, she has supervised 56 graduate and post-graduate students and initiated a PhD program in cancer control that brings together the faculties of Nursing and Medicine to offer an oncology nursing training program that is unique in Canada. Degner’s honours include: Distinguished Merit Award from the International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care; England; Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences; Distinguished Researcher Award from the Oncology Nursing Society; U.S.; Award of Excellence for Research from the Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology; Graduate Teaching Award from the University of Manitoba; and the Dr. John M. Bowman Winnipeg B.H. Institute Foundation Medal for Excellence in Research at the University of Manitoba.

DAWNE MCCANCE
Dawne McCance is nominated in recognition for her inspirational teaching, the breadth and depth of her scholarship and the excellence she’s shown in editing and administration. Recognized by colleagues as a scholar of great intellectual range and curiosity, McCance has influenced the studies and careers of hundreds of students. From her base in religious studies, McCance has made important contributions to the areas of feminist and post-modern literary theory, ethics, and epistemology. McCance has been instrumental in mentoring dozens of graduate students and enjoys an international reputation as a scholar and lecturer as reflected in the many invitations she receives to speak in Canada and overseas. Along with her scholarship and teaching, McCance makes an invaluable contribution as editor to the University of Manitoba’s quarterly journal, Mosaic. As a result of her efforts, McCance is helping sustain the excellent reputation of the department of religion at the University of Manitoba. Following the retirement of several distinguished colleagues in the department of religion, McCance has been active in recruiting dynamic and impressive new faculty members.

GEORGE TOLES
A professor of film and literature in the department of English since 1976, George Toles has been hailed as “one of the most gifted film critics in the English language”. His film criticism commands international attention as a result of the intensity of his scholarship and erudite writing. Toles pursues a wide-ranging interest in works, writers and directors who are definitive of our time. His creative work on screenplays, some in collaboration with celebrated filmmaker Guy Maddin, has also earned Toles international acclaim and recognition. His many publications include a collection of essays and articles on film and literature in some of the most competitive international journals. Named the Faculty of Arts Professor of the Year in 2004, Toles is an exceptional teacher who brings his passion for film and literature to each and every class. He is recognized for his ability to engage and connect with his students in a meaningful and productive way which encourages them during their studies and beyond. As noted by a colleague: “(Dr. Toles) is one of those rare teachers who inspires students, not just for an hour or two or for a term, but for a lifetime.”

Awards for Teaching Excellence

Graduate Teaching Excellence

SUSAN MCCLEMENT
Faculty of Nursing
An assistant professor in the Faculty of Nursing, Susan McClement demonstrates a passion for teaching and research which motivates students to excel in their own nursing studies. In her research, McClement focuses on the psychological, social and nutritional needs of terminally ill patients and their families. Her work helps enhance the education and training of nurses and other health care professionals who care for terminally ill patients towards the end of life. McClement’s enthusiasm and commitment to teaching is evident in her classroom and in the honours and recognitions she’s received as a member of the faculty. McClement has been the recipient of the annual Favourite Faculty Teaching Award as determined by the baccalaureate nursing graduating class three times in 1999, 2001 and 2005.

Dr. and Mrs. H.H. Sauderson Award

MALCOLM C. SMITH
Department of Marketing
Asper School of Business
Malcolm Smith is an influential professor with an infectious passion for learning which energizes his students and encourages their success. According to one student, Smith stands apart as a result of his personal approach to teaching: “(Dr. Smith) genuinely cares about all aspects of his students’ welfare.” Another student praised Smith for his ability to challenge students while offering them the support they need to achieve their goals. "He sets high standards for his students, while at the same time providing them with the tools and encouragement to meet (or exceed) those standards.”

Smith joined what is now the I.H. Asper School of Business in 1992. Since then, he has held a number of teaching and administrative positions including associate dean and associate professor. His areas of teaching and research interest include consumer behaviour, marketing and aging. Dr. Smith’s research focus is marketing to older adults, and in particular, age-related differences in memory for advertising.

Olive Beatrice Stanton Award

VANESSA K. WARNE
Department of English, Faculty of Arts
A gifted teacher with a love of learning, Vanessa K. Warne is recognized as a professor who inspires and challenges students to dedicate themselves to their education. As one student noted: “Not only do I feel like I was learning valuable information in each class, but I felt like I was being encouraged to cultivate my own passion of learning.”

Warne’s teaching excellence is matched by her research skills. Her areas of research focus include Victorian literature and the portrayal of disabilities in such works. The recipient of a Graduate Teaching Excellence Award in 2007, Warne is noted for her interdisciplinary approach and encouragement of students to take risks and come to their own conclusions. One student noted: “She opened my mind to possibilities that I hadn’t considered.”

Warne joined the Department of English in 2001. She teaches courses related to Victorian studies, disability studies, 19th century poetry and visual studies.
Students graduate with honours

University Gold Medals
Awarded for highest standing in an undergraduate faculty or school.

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Celebrating our 129th Spring Convocation
Professors receive emeritus appointments

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**R. GRANT WOODS**
R. Grant Woods’s career as a mathematics professor at the University of Manitoba spans nearly 40 years. During his tenure he has been a dedicated teacher, researcher and mentor at the university. Many of the graduate students Woods has mentored have gone on to establish their own teaching and research careers as a result of the strong example that he set for them. His book, “Calculus Mysteries and Thrillers,” has been recognized for its novel approach to teaching on the subject. Woods has served the university in numerous administrative capacities including a term as head of the department of mathematics and several years as a member of the Senate. He has also helped shape mathematic education through his involvement on provincial curriculum committees.

**COLIN BRIGGS**
Colin Briggs is a senior scholar who has taught pharmacognosy and natural products in the Faculty of Pharmacy since 1967. Since then, he has made a significant impact on the lives of his students and has helped advance research in the areas of plant breeding, toxicology, nutraceuticals and drug development. Briggs has been an active advisor for graduate students at the PhD and Master’s level and has authored or co-authored over 160 papers, conference presentations and books. Briggs has been a visiting professor at the University of Ghent where he received their toxicology research medal. He has been designated Fellow of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain and was appointed to the United States Pharmacopeial Convention.

**DANIEL JENKINSON**
David Jenkinson is well known provincially and nationally as a champion of Canadian children’s literature. He enjoyed a successful 34-year teaching career in the Faculty of Education before he retired in 2007. During his tenure, he taught courses in children’s and adolescent literature and school librarianship. Celebrated for his integrity, humour, wisdom and love of teaching, Jenkinson has been recognized numerous times for his teaching excellence. He has received the Dean J.M. Brown Award for outstanding contribution to education and the Dr. and Mrs. D.H. Campbell Outreach Award in 2005. He received the Olive Beatrice Stanton Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2004, and the Certificate of Teaching Excellence from the University Teaching Services in 1994.

**WILHELM (BILL) GUENTER**
A faculty member in the department of animal science in the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Science since 1979, Wilhelm (Bill) Guenter is an internationally-renowned poultry specialist who has distinguished himself through his research in the area of poultry nutrition and management. Guenter was inducted as a Fellow of the Poultry Science Association in 2003. Recognized as an exemplary teacher, Guenter has received the National Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture Teaching Award of Merit, the Olive Beatrice Stanton Award, three teaching merit awards from the University of Manitoba and has twice been recognized as Professor of the Year for the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences.

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Since joining the Faculty of Education in September, 1974, William Schulz has dedicated his life’s work to counselor education here and abroad. In 2004, Schulz was honoured with an Honorary Life Membership to the Manitoba School Counselors Association which also established the William E. Schulz Endowment in his name. His commitment to the field has led him to receive the Olive Beatrice Stanton Award for excellence in university teaching, an Honorary Life Membership in the Canadian Counseling Association, the R.J. Cochrane Award for Lifetime Achievement in School Counseling, and a University of Manitoba Outreach Award. Dedicated to the establishment of school counseling programs internationally, Schulz has helped develop such programs in Poland, Germany, Thailand and Zimbabwe.

**HENRY REMPEL**
One of Canada’s foremost experts in the field of economic development, Henry Rempel has been associated with the University of Manitoba for 50 years; first as an undergraduate student, then as a professor and most recently as a senior scholar in the department of economics. Rempel’s area of expertise focuses on agricultural and rural development issues in Africa and Asia. The author of numerous books, articles and research reports, Rempel is a scholar with international distinction. He has used his expertise to encourage and educate thousands of undergraduate students as well as dozens of graduate students to whom he was an advisor and mentor. He has also invested time, energy and expertise in the work of various voluntary organizations including the Mennonite Economic Development Agency and the Mennonite Central Committee.

The title Professor Emeritus is an honour that is conferred by the Board of Governors after retirement on individuals who have rendered distinguished service to the university and who have significant records in teaching, research, and scholarship.
Support staff earn recognition
Awards honour leadership, community service and team work

Learning and Development Services and the Awards of Excellence selection committee announced the winners for the 2008 Awards of Excellence this month. The contributions of support staff are celebrated with four separate awards - the President's, Service, Leadership, and Team awards. The winners were recognized at a reception with president Emile Souchonary on May 12, and the formal presentation of the President’s Award was made during convocation on May 16.

This year Dallas Legare received the President’s Award. Ellen Cianflone received the Leadership Award. Irene Hamel, Marianne Harnish, Janina Huzarski, John Rohs, and Maria Tepper received the Service Award. The team award went to the Aurora Student Implementation Team and the Bison Recreation Services Team. Congratulations to all the winners.

Correlations also to all whose contributions were recognized with a nomination. The committee found it difficult to make this year’s selections. This is a testament to the high calibre of nominations submitted and the contributions of those nominated. Listed below are brief biographies of this year’s winners. Legare is profiled on page 8.

LEADERSHIP AWARD

Ellen Cianflone

Ellen Cianflone led the payroll team as it successfully rolled out VIP to the University. As the payroll department transitioned from IMS to VIP, Cianflone was instrumental in a change in getting the payroll staff to embrace this new system, as well as gaining general acceptance for the system by providing our partners with support to the university community. By successfully building the confidence of the payroll staff, with genuine and heartfelt support, she led the team through what was a very tumultuous and strenuous time.

OFFICE AWARD WINNERS

Irene Hamel

As office manager in the Faculty of Engineering, Irene Hamel has provided exceptional service for the students, and staff. Her colleagues describe her as “always available to staff and students, no matter how large or small the issue.” She welcomes all who walk through her door, she treats each individual with respect, and she listens attentively to all issues brought before her.” As one of her colleagues observed, Hamel has been the “rock upon which these deans have built the engineering faculty.”

Marianne Harnish

Marianne Harnish has provided outstanding service in the department of English, film, and theatre as an administrative assistant. Harnish is one of the main reasons that this large and diverse department runs as smoothly as it does. The administrative responsibilities she handles are very substantial. Her handling of all these responsibilities is unfailingly professional, resourceful, efficient, proactive, and endlessly patient and good humoured. Her responsibilities associated with administering such a large and diverse department were not in themselves weighty enough, the demands on Harnish has been increased recently because of changes in office staffing and in faculty administrative positions.

Janina Huzarski

Janina Huzarski is a utility caretaker in University College. She is an exemplary member of the university community who on a daily basis goes above and beyond. Huzarski has a cheerful nature that makes her a pleasure to work with. All her work is completed to the highest standard. She maintains these high standards even in situations where she is forced to cover additional areas when staff are sick. Huzarski also tailors her services to the needs of the groups that she serves. Perhaps the most tangible example of this is the creation of the green space on the 4th floor of the college. As one colleague noted “it is a breath of fresh air in our various daily routines.”

John Rohs

As facilities manager at the libraries, John Rohs exemplifies the attributes of service excellence by providing consistently high-quality service within the libraries and the university community. His passion for his work and compassion for his co-workers, combined with a positive attitude, a unique sense of humour, and a great deal of common sense, have contributed to his continuing success in providing exceptional service. Rohs’s flexible and innovative style has been essential in keeping things working at the libraries on what is often a very limited budget.

Maria Tepper

Maria Tepper is an administrative assistant to the office of associate dean in Law. She is also the administrative assistant to the Asper Chair in International Business and Trade Law. Tepper’s position brings her into contact with numerous research, publication and course-related enquiries. In promoting the university ideals of the highest effective and efficient levels of service Tepper is constantly acting proactively and reaching out to clients rather than waiting to be asked to assist.

TEAM AWARD WINNERS

Aurora Student Implementation Team - (nominator Dave Murphy and Marvin Kocay)

The implementation of the Aurora Student System was an enormous accomplishment. The members of this team were drawn from across the university community to introduce change for a far-reaching impact both culturally and technically. Beyond the technical challenges were issues related to introducing cultural and systemic changes into the university community. The system that was implemented replaced a much appreciated legacy system that had been designed over many years to mirror a system of complex academic rules that varied from one faculty to the other. With this project an effort was made to standardize and simplify these rules and to help community members learn how to use the system effectively. Introducing change of this magnitude to a complex community like ours requires a great deal of sensitivity and dedication.

Bison Recreation Services - (nominator Gary Thompson)

The Bison Recreation Services Team is responsible for all of the recreation and active living services and programs for students, staff, alumni of the University of Manitoba and the community. This team has shown amazing dedication to enriching the quality of life of participants. Over 2.7 million visits occur annually to use the team’s services. Programs are constantly refined and developed to inspire and challenge participants to become more active in ways that are engaging and exciting.

The Bison Recreation Services team interfaces with numerous departments across campus in its role as an enabler and facilitator for individuals and groups interested in pursuing an active lifestyle.

For details call 474 8111
Medical rounds are typically targeted at university staff and professionals directly involved in the medical field.

FRIDAY, MAY 23
Community Health Sciences, Cultural Consonance and Health: Studies in Urban Brazil by William W. Dressler, professor and director of graduate studies, department of anthropology, College of Arts & Sciences Leadership Board Faculty Fellow, University of Alabama, Dr. Betty Hensens Seminar Room (R060 Medical Rehabilitation Building) 771 McDermot Ave., 12 p.m., Friday, May 23.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 28
Pathology Reseach Rounds, Testing the biomechanical properties of in vivo rabbit brain by Colin Kazina, PhD student, human anatomy & cell science, MS473 Thakolakinson Building, Health Sciences Centre, 1 p.m., Wednesday, May 28.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

Dentistry @ the Downs, Bring the whole gang for an afternoon of affordable family fun under the big top at Assiniboia Downs. Tickets are $15 with children under 12 admitted free. Afternoon activities will run 12:30 to 4 p.m. and include a BBQ lunch, Pony Rides, Face-Painting and a Petting Zoo, all under the Big Top. Each ticket purchase is an automatic entry to a draw for a one-year lease on a Pontiac G5, courtesy of Park Pontiac Buick GMC. For tickets, call Joy @ 789.5631 or email info_dent@umanitoba.ca.
A full listing of employment opportunities at the University of Manitoba can be found at umanitoba.ca. The University of Manitoba encourages applications from qualified women and men, including members of visible minorities, Aboriginal peoples, and persons with disabilities. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Please include the position number when applying for openings at the university.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE
Department of Clinical Health Psychology
Winnipeg Regional Health Authority
Position: Clinical psychologist (child) at the assistant professor level based at the Health Sciences Centre
Start date: Sept. 1
Salary: An attractive salary schedule is available and, in addition, the GFT agreement provides for on-site private practice opportunities.
Application deadline: June 30
Position number: 06995
For information: Dr. Bob McLlrwraith, Department of Clinical Health Psychology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Manitoba, PO Box 771 Bannatyne Ave., Winnipeg, MB, R3E 3N4, phone 787 3676, fax 787 3755, e-mail: bmllrwraith@bsh.mbf.ca.

School of Medical Rehabilitation
Department of Occupational Therapy
Position: Assistant professor
Start date: July 1 or as soon thereafter as possible
Application deadline: June 25
For information: Dr. Emily Echeverry, chair, occupational therapy search committee, School of Medical Rehabilitation, University of Manitoba, R106 – 771 McDermot Ave., Winnipeg, MB, R3E 0T6, phone 789 3418, fax 789 3927, e-mail etcheverr@cc.umanitoba.ca.

Research Grant Competition Winners

UNIVERSITY RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAM (URG) COMPETITION: MARCH 1, 2008 (Established Staff)

Applicant | Department | Project Title | Awarded ($)
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A. Wright | Faculty of Social Work | Voluntary Action History Society | $1,500.00
O. Sandred | P. R.I.S.M.A. - Pedagogia e Ricerca Internazionale sui Sistemi Musicali Assistiti | Faculty of Music | $7,000.00
P. Hultin | Chemistry | Schlenk manifolds for renovated organic chemistry laboratory | $7,002.00
J. Black | Curric, Teach and Learning | The 6th International Conference on Education and Information Systems, Technologies and Applications: EISTA 2008 | $1,000.00
J. Chlip | Classics | Symposium and philanthropia in Plutarch | $1,385.00
D. Drewes | Religion | XVII Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies | $800.00
R. Lee | Business Administration | Healthcare systems, ergonomics and patient safety 2008 conference | $1,500.00
S. Milne | Anthropology | Challenging Frontiers: Mobility, Transition and Change | $1,380.00
P. Perkins | English | The Scottish Cultural Diaspora | $750.00
O. Sandred | Faculty of Music | P.R.I.S.M.A. - Pedagogia e Ricerca Internazionale sui Sistemi Musicali Assistiti | $286.00
A. Wright | Faculty of Social Work | Voluntary Action History Society | $1,500.00
TOTAL | | | $8,601.00

UM/SSHRC RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAM (RGP) COMPETITION: MARCH 1, 2008

Applicant | Department | Project Title | Awarded ($)
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B. Baader | History | German-Jewish family life: Class, Jewishness and gender in letters and diaries, 1815-1871 | $7,406.00
M. Bieringer | Chemistry | Preparation facility for nano-particle precursors for materials synthesis | $7,087.00
F. Bullock | Soil Science | Soil moisture monitoring with real-time weather data | $3,000.00
A. Chalmsouradian | Geological Sciences | The Cinder Lake igneous complex (northern Manitoba): A window into the Archean mantle | $7,200.00
T. de Kievit | Microbiology | Pseudomonas biofilms: Analysis of structure, function and gene expression | $6,500.00
F. Fernyhough | Pharmacy and Therapeutics | Field methods for determinations of trithiolomethane content of Manitoba potable water | $7,467.00
G. Gwinner | Physics and Astronomy | Search for one of the most highly-forbidden atomic transitions, the 5s-6s excitation in rubidium | $7,500.00
M. Hanson | Enviro and Geography | Microbial degradation of brominated flame retardant contaminants in aquatic ecosystems | $2,600.00
J. Hare | Biological Sciences | Inductive mate attraction in Indian Peafowl (Pavo cristatus): An acoustic tale? | $7,500.00
P. Hultin | Chemistry | Schlenk manifolds for renovated organic chemistry laboratory | $7,002.00
J. LoVerri | Electrical and Comp Eng | Development of a microwave tomography prototype for biomedical imaging | $7,000.00
S. Noghanian | Electrical and Comp Eng | Wideband indoor wireless channel test-bed | $7,500.00
H. G. Schreckenbach | Chemistry | Computational studies of dye-sensitized solar cells (Grätzels cells) | $7,500.00
N. Sephehi | Mechanical and Manu Eng | Determination of viscoelastic properties of interatrial septal tissue for occluder device-tissue interaction studies | $6,000.00
A. Wright | Social Work | Effectiveness in human service organizations | $5,445.00
TOTAL | | | $104,207.00

UM/SSHRC RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAM (RGP) COMPETITION: MARCH 1, 2008

Applicant | Department | Project Title | Awarded ($)
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B. Bapuji Bayyavarapu | Business Administration | German-Jewish family life: Class, Jewishness and gender in letters and diaries, 1815-1871 | $7,406.00
N. Bharagav | Marketing | The effect of group membership and gender on anti-smoking activism | $7,000.00
J. Cameron | Psychology | Developing paradigms for measuring goal activation and the accuracy of acceptance cue detection in novel social interactions | $6,479.00
C. Enos | EAF&W | Adapting the British sign language receptive skills test into American sign language | $6,992.00
M. Smith | Marketing | Age-related differences in knowledge transfer in a consumer context | $5,875.00
F. Wan | Marketing | Others as model worshippers, self as chameleon: The role of social cue in social comparison | $7,000.00
TOTAL | | | $40,213.00

UM/SSHRC INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TRAVEL GRANTS PROGRAM (TGP) COMPETITION: MARCH 1, 2008

Applicant | Department | Project Title | Awarded ($)
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J. Black | Curric, Teach and Learning | The 6th International Conference on Education and Information Systems, Technologies and Applications: EISTA 2008 | $1,000.00
J. Chlip | Classics | Symposium and philanthropia in Plutarch | $1,385.00
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FACULTY OF DENTISTRY
Department of Restorative Dentistry
Position: Assistant professor (three-year term) in the Fourth Year General Practice Clinic
Start date: July 1
Salary: Commensurate with experience and credentials
Application deadline: June 22
Position number: 07989
For information: Dr. Igor Pesun, head department of restorative dentistry, D2278B-780 Bannatyne Ave., Winnipeg, MB, R3E 0W2, e-mail Pesun@cc.umanitoba.ca.

CLAYTON H. RIDDELL FACULTY OF ENVIRONMENT, EARTH, AND RESOURCES
Department of Environment and Geography
Position: Assistant professor in human geography with specialty in health
Start date: Jan. 1, 2009
Salary: Commensurate with experience and qualifications
Application deadline: Aug. 29, 2008
Position number: 07732
For information: Chair, selection committee, c/o Aggie Roberecki, administrative assistant, department of environment and geography, University of Manitoba, 213 Listerb Building, 183 Dafce Road, Winnipeg, MB, R3T 2N2, phone 474 9526, fax 474 7699, e-mail aggie_roberecki@umanitoba.ca.

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Researcher receives Rising Star Award

BY SEAN MOORE
Research Promotion

“A lot of good things happen when you let other people help decide what you should be researching,” said community health science’s Randy Fransoo.

Fransoo is a researcher with the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy (MCHP) and he recently won a Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Rising Star Award, given annually to five Canadian graduate students or post-doctoral fellows for excellence in the area of health services and policy research and knowledge translation.

“I almost didn’t apply for the Rising Star Award because the very thing I’ve learned is that it’s not about stars,” Fransoo said. “It’s about teamwork.”

Fransoo was recognized for his contributions to two projects. The first used a new approach to study the impact of socioeconomic status on educational outcomes.

Grade 12 students in Manitoba have long taken standardized tests, and the MCHP team started by looking at results from the 2001/02 school year. The usual way of assessing the social gradient is to compare how well students from low income areas did compared to those from wealthier areas. Like many previous studies, they found that students from low income areas didn’t do as well.

“The big problem with that approach is that kids from low income areas are also more likely to have dropped out or been retained, so they’re not in Grade 12 to write the test. The challenge is – how do you account for those that weren’t even there?”

That’s where their population-based approach comes in.

“It’s the difference between the truth, and the whole truth,” Fransoo said. “There’s nothing incorrect about the usual way, but it’s not the full story. The population-based approach followed all children born in 1984 – the kids who should have been in Grade 12 and writing the test that year.

“What we found was that the social gradient in education is much steeper. The real gradient is not about test performance – it’s about staying in school, and staying with your peers year after year,” he said.

Fransoo also co-directs the Need to Know team with Patricia Martens, the Director of MCHP. The award-winning team is a leader in knowledge translation.

“One day in 1999 we realized that dissemination was completely wrong-headed, timing-wise. The way to get research results used is to get the people who want to use the results involved before the beginning.”

This idea was a cornerstone in the second study Fransoo’s award recognizes.

After a year’s worth of meetings with partners in government and all levels of government, the team decided to examine mental health.

The data the team had, however, was not the qualitative sort usually used to study mental health issues.

Instead, they had administrative data, if a Manitoban used the health care system, they knew where, when and what for (but not, it should be noted, who).

“They learned one quarter of Manitobans age 10 or older have received a diagnosis for a mental illness, and they see doctors and get hospitalized twice as often; but only a portion of that use is for their mental illness. Overall, one in 10 hospitalizations and one in 10 medical visits in Manitoba are for a mental health problem.”

“Effective knowledge translation is much more than a publication,” Fransoo said. “It requires involving the target audience from the very start. By doing so, you ensure the results are relevant, and more likely to effect change.”

Looking at the intricacies of consumerism

BY SEAN MOORE
Research Promotion

“Do these pants make me look fat?” requires a delicate response if you want a kiss at the end of the date, but if you couch your response in lavish flattery, you’ll likely get your peck.

If you’re looking to sell pants, however, flattery is a bad approach.

Marketing professor Kelley Main and her colleagues at York University and Queen’s University recently published an article in the Journal of Consumer Psychology that reported on the deterrents of flattery in a retail setting.

One of their experiments tested consumer responses to flattery during retail transactions. Subjects were flattered either before, during or after the sale and then answered a questionnaire about their experience and how they expected the sale to play out.

“Almost every one of the advertisements, tweaking the greatest levels of distrust carried over the strongest or fastest – but such adjectives can be a backstabbing lot.

In the study Main gave participants some background on a little-known cleaning product and then asked them to try and clean out some stains.
Engaging with the world

Scowcroft balances school work with social responsibility

BY DALE BARBOUR

The Bulletin

Electrical and computer engineering student Jane Scowcroft, set to graduate at next week’s convocation, is as perfect a match for the U of M’s Engineers Without Borders Club as you could imagine. She was born in Australia and with a father employed by the United Nations toured the world as a youth living in places ranging from India, through Uganda to Columbia before her family settled in Winnipeg and she headed to Balmoral Hall to wrap up her high school education.

But when she traveled to Tanzania to work with Engineers Without Borders Canada she was seeing a different world than the one she had grown up in.

“Having traveled, helped me deal with the culture shock, but there’s a big difference between traveling with the United Nations with a private driver and living with people who are in poverty. You can’t understand the challenges they face until you’re living on $1 a day.”

Scowcroft’s goal when she was working in Africa was to help the Family Alliance develop local fixes for local challenges and the only way to do that is to come at the challenges knowing exactly what resources people in the community have, or more often than not don’t have.

“I lived with a family with seven kids, collected water every day, cooked, cleaned, and tried to live a regular life,” Scowcroft said.

That engagement with the world is only part of what EWB does, an expansion of what Scowcroft had Scowcroft and other members of the group talking about the good work that they’ve done, and the opportunities that are being presented to them.

Scowcroft has also been involved in the University of Manitoba Student Engineering Society, which also focuses on outreach and education, and a range of other outreach projects including the Centennial Homecoming Committee and the Engineering Endowment Fund Advisory Council.

“With the Top 100 Most Powerful Women, I was nominated as a future leader and it was really great to see women more established in their careers and get advice from them. There’s a built-in mentorship program with the awards and I think that’s a great attribute.”

And the sort of engagement that earned her those awards is something she takes seriously.

“It shows that when you go into engineering you don’t turn into a bookworm. There’s a good social aspect to it,” Scowcroft said. “One of my favourite quotes is ‘Don’t miss 50 per cent of your education by spending 100 per cent of your time in the classroom.”

However, what’s more tangible in the long run than the trophies handed out at these ceremonies are the links that Scowcroft has been able to make through them.

“If you don’t learn something from something you don’t do, you’re not learning from the experience,” Scowcroft said.

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“Christmas is the time of year I like to get involved, and mentorship program with Wardrop Engineering – someone you need to have a group of people to work with.”

Scowcroft is graduating, Scowcroft doesn’t have a three-minute speech prepared quite yet.

“I’m speechless. It blows my mind that five years have passed with all those projects and all the people I’ve met,” Scowcroft said. “But the student is really the life. You’re always working. It’s challenging and it’s interesting. But while we work hard we get to play hard too.”

Currently Scowcroft is developing a collaboration and mentorship program with Wardrop Engineering – her work there will keep her busy until winter. After that she’s off to Australia for six months to re-connect with family and friends. And after that? Well, we’ll see.

“That’s the big question mark. I want to explore my options and maybe see the best fit for me,” Scowcroft said.

“Now is a good time to step back and breathe before taking on the next challenge.”

Edie supports Bison volleyball program

BY CHRIST ZUK
Bison Sports Information Officer

Allan Edie has gifted $300,000 to the Bison Men’s Volleyball Program, a sum to be matched by the University of Manitoba through the Province of Manitoba’s Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative. The amount will be placed into the Bison Men’s Volleyball Scholarship Endowment Fund and create 12 scholarships for Bison Men’s volleyball players. This tremendous act of generosity is the single largest individual donation to a Bison Sports men’s team in history. The endowment fund will generate revenue to provide substantial support to men’s volleyball student-athletes in perpetuity. Allan Edie, an alumnus of the University of Manitoba (BPE ’80, Cert Ed ’81), played men’s volleyball for the University of Manitoba Bisons from 1976-81. He was part of the teams that were CIAU National Champions in 1978 and 1980, and Canadian Senior Champions in 1981 and 1982. In 1981, he was also named University of Manitoba Male Athlete of the Year.

Edie is currently in the real estate development business with projects in Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg and Campbell River, B.C. Edie’s 12 Men’s Volleyball scholarships named in honour of any of his former teammates. Beginning in the 2009-10 season, each year, there will be 12 scholarships presented under the names: Randy Anderson, Robert Eger, Terry Gagnon, Robert Glacken, Tom Graham, Phil Hudson, Rick McMillin, Paul Paquin, Jim Schreyer, Lloyd Voth, Bison Men’s Volleyball Coach Garth Pischke and Allan Edie.

The University of Manitoba appreciates Edie’s $300,000 gift and is grateful that Mr. Edie has the foresight and generosity to support top amateur volleyball players at the University of Manitoba and inspire them to reach their athletic and academic goals.”

Edie, CEO of A.B. Edie Equities in Edmonton, described his Bison experience. “My five years of being a Bison was an important part of my life. My motivation for success stems from what I learned on the courts at the University of Manitoba. In real estate, you take that level of commitment to a professional level, but it’s similar. You take that level of commitment and you become an expert in whatever you do.”

BISON BRIEFS

Five Manitoba Bison football players were selected in the 2008 Canadian Football League (CFL) Canadian College Draft on April 30. Fourth year DL Justin Shaw, third year DL Justin Cooper, fourth year WR Terry Firr, fourth year DB Brady Brown and third year LB Craig Wilson of the University of Manitoba have accounted for the most players drafted by a school in the 2000s (over the last nine years) with 25.

Three Bisons hockey stars are ready to move on to professional hockey teams. Fourth year forward Chris Fahey and fourth year defenceman Justin Falloon and fourth year defenceman Rob Smith have both signed contacts with the Fischtown Pinguins (REV Bremerhaven) of the Bundesliga league, the second division in Germany, while third year Nick Cowan signed with the Tulsa Oilers of the Central Hockey League. All three players completed graduating from the University of Manitoba.