Our own field of dreams
Asper signs letter of intent to build stadium at U of M

Construction of a new stadium and multi-sport complex took a tangible step forward at the Homecoming football game on Saturday following the announcement that a letter of intent (LOI) has been inked between Creswin Properties Ltd. and the University of Manitoba designating a site at the intersection of Chancellor Matheson Drive and University Crescent for development.

The LOI allows planning to proceed and features a commitment to construct a trio of world-class athletic and active living venues including a new home for the Blue Bombers and the Bisons. It is supported by a term sheet, signed by the city and subject to council approval, which will enable Creswin to purchase and convert the current stadium site into a strong, economic engine for the athletic complex.

To bring this community project to a successful conclusion, Creswin Properties chair David Asper has committed up to $100 million in private sector funding and has asked the provincial and federal governments to contribute a minimum of $20 million and $15 million respectively through re-investment of tax revenue generated from construction. This represents a 50 per cent reduction in requested funding from governments.

Building on the strengths of the Max Bell Centre, Investors Group Athletic Centre and new indoor soccer complex, the development will enhance the university’s reputation as a year-round sport and community recreation destination and position it as a leader in active living across Canada.

“Though this has been a long and winding path, we are just a stone’s throw away from creating not only a new home for the Bisons and the Bombers, but a massive new active living development for students and the community that will help take the university to the top of the class in this country,” Asper said. “Given the priorities of both our federal and provincial governments, these facilities will provide endless opportunities for Manitobans to integrate physical activity into their daily lives.”

President David Barnard said the world-class complex will benefit the institution and community in many different ways.

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Stadium details
Key components of the 25 acre development, located in the designated sports precinct, include:

• Premium Stadium, including an Amateur Sport ‘Bubble’ & Bomber/Bison Elite Training Centre, 30,000 spacious seats (expandable to 45,000), 25 foot deep in-ground bowl, Blue Bomber Hall of Fame, a new 700 stall parkade, ‘fan-tram’ to connect to 7,000 existing parking spaces plus on site food service, restaurant & sports lounge facilities.

• Ground-up renovation of University Stadium – preservation of track & field oval, installation of seasonal ‘bubble’ and refurbishment of seating, washrooms & lockers.

• World-class Fitness Centre – a new fitness facility to replace the ‘Gritty Grotto.’

Creswin Properties chair David Asper, left, and president David Barnard celebrate a new letter of intent that has been signed between Creswin and the university designating the Fort Garry campus as the location of choice for a new 30,000-seat football stadium, illustrated at top.
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**In The News**

**Bison/students benefit from new stadium**

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“Our mandate is to serve our community as a multi-faceted resource,” Barnard said. “This development will be transformational in terms of significantly expanding public access to our main campus. It will also allow us to maximize potential synergies between our football, sport, active living and related programs.”

Barnard said a long-term land lease was offered to Creswin enlivening the University’s notion of the community as a leader in athletics and active living.

To that end, a university review committee has been formed to advance discussions and prepare a recommendation to ultimately present to the Board of Governors for review and approval. The complex would be built with no cost to the university.

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**Markers for HIV immunity found**

An international team of researchers have identified more than 15 proteins in Kenyan sex workers that appear to be markers for natural immunity to HIV infection.

The research partnership between the University of Manitoba and the University of Nairobi in Kenya, collected and analyzed samples of vaginal fluids from women in the sex trade who had been exposed to HIV. Some of those women appear to be resistant to HIV infection and have been active in sex work for several years but had not shown any sign of infection. Samples from ten resistant women were compared with those from ten other female sex workers who were infected, as well as samples from a control group of women not involved in prostitution.

The researchers found eight proteins to be much more abundant in the women apparently resistant to HIV infection. These proteins have been noted to have anti-viral properties or anti-inflammatory abilities to help prevent infection by the virus. Additional proteins were identified in Kenyan sex workers.

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Asper School grows downtown
Space in heritage building will house executive program

Academics, administrators and members of the Winnipeg business community gathered last week around marble columns and peeling plaster on a vacant floor in a downtown heritage building and were asked to envision what Great-West Life Assurance Company’s former headquarters would look like transformed into new class and office space for the University of Manitoba’s Asper School of Business.

Come spring 2009, that’s exactly what will happen.

President David Barnard announced that the second floor of 177 Lombard Avenue – a designated heritage building in the heart of Winnipeg’s business and financial district – will become an additional location for the Asper School of Business. This new space joins the University of Manitoba’s vibrant downtown campus which includes the Bannatyne campus, the new Asper Centre, the William Norrie Centre, the Elizabeth Hill Counseling Centre, and others.

“We couldn’t have found a more befiting site for the Asper School of Business expansion than 177 Lombard Avenue,” Barnard said. “Aside from the grandeur of the building, and the benefits of a business school with downtown offices, there is an unmistakable pedigree within these walls. As one of Winnipeg’s and Western Canada’s earliest economic anchors, Great-West Life Assurance Company boomed for the entire half century it called this building home.”

As part of a major overhaul and preservation project, the entire floor will be transformed into state-of-the-art executive offices, classroom and breakout spaces, and a large reception and event area. GWL’s stately boardroom, complete with mahogany walls and ornamental Florentine ceiling, remains virtually untouched and will be used for meetings and special functions.

“This expansion project is the perfect blend of innovation and tradition, and networking opportunities and collaboration,” explained Asper School of Business dean Glenn Feltham. “I can’t think of a better location for a topnotch business school than in the center of a 130-year-old financial and business zone.”

The building was constructed using some of the finest Canadian and European materials of the day, and was officially opened to critical acclaim in 1911.

The 7,000-plus sq. ft space on the second floor will be renovated and upgraded to become the Asper School of Business’s downtown home.

Creative writing centre opens

The Centre for Creative Writing and Oral Culture (CCWOC) is up and running. The CCWOC held its grand opening on Sept. 10 – and introduced the university community to its 2008 writer-in-residence, Rody Gorman, an award-winning poet, editor, lyricist, reviewer, essayist and translator from Scotland.

The centre is the first of its kind in Canada and president David Barnard said it’s an example of the sort of innovative thinking that the university needs to be striving for.

“It’s always exciting to be doing something that nobody else has done, risky, but exciting,” Barnard said. “I think it’s significant to recognize this approach and embed it in our activities here at the University of Manitoba.”

As its name implies, the CCWOC is dedicated to creative arts.

“This is a place that values creativity in the verbal arts, story telling, poetry, prose writing and experimental work such performance. It is also a research centre that sponsors work on oral cultures around the world and strives to bring new awareness of the value of tradition knowledge that resides in stories,” CCWOC director Warren Cariou said. Cariou is an award-winning writer and associate professor in English and holds a Canada Research Chair in Narrative, Community and Indigenous Cultures.

The centre was developed to give a space for scholars, students and creative artists to collaborate, create works of verbal art, and study the relationships between oral and written culture.

“Writing thrives when you have a sense of exile and alienation. It stimulates creativity which is really the purpose of this centre,” Gorman said. Not that he hasn’t been made welcome, but he’s taking his four-month term as part of the Faculty of Arts.

The Centre for Creative Writing and Oral Culture has been bolstered by a new scholarship established by The C.D. Howe Memorial Foundation. The Foundation’s $250,000 grant, has been matched by the Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative, to provide scholarship funding each year for two graduate students. The awards will help attract students engaged in critical studies of oral culture – storytelling, oral history and sound poetry.

“Many students find that the fellowships can mean they are afforded precious time to focus intensely on their creative work. Such time and focus is getting more and more rare these days,” Cariou said.

The 100 people on hand for the opening had a chance to listen to Gorman read from his own work. Ideally, creative writing students on campus and people interested in the creative arts will be heading to the CCWOC to meet him in person over the next few months.

For Gorman the writer-in-residence program is a chance to meet creative people and spread his own creative passions.

“Come spring 2009, that’s exactly what will happen.”

First day enrolment

The student enrolment figures for the first day of classes show a slight decline at the University of Manitoba, but overall attendance is still holding strong at over 26,000 students.

First day numbers declined 2 per cent, from 26,662 in fall 2007 to 26,162 in fall 2008. Of the total enrollment of 26,162, the full-time component decreased by 1 per cent, from 21,922 to 21,854.

Graduate enrolment has increased slightly, up 0.5 per cent, to 2,973 students from 2,957 students.

Undergraduate enrolment decreased by 2.4 per cent overall, with varying levels of change among faculties and schools who either admit directly from high school, and/or on the basis of University 1.

The programs showing increases from that group were: Agriculture Diploma, Architecture, Business, Environment, and Kinesiology & Recreation Management. Architecture enrolment, for example, was up 5.9 per cent while enrolment in the Faculty of Medicine was up 5 per cent.

Enrolment in University 1 remained above 6,000 students, with 6,182.

Credit hours in Fall Term have decreased 2.1 per cent, to 270,166 from 276,076 in Fall Term 2007.
Brydon elected to Royal Society of Canada

University of Manitoba English professor Ghana Brydon has been elected to the Royal Society of Canada (RSC), the nation’s oldest and most prestigious association of scholars and scientists.

Brydon, a Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Globalization and Cultural Studies and director of the university’s Centre for Globalization and Cultural Studies, was elected on Sept. 5.

The RSC, now known as the RSC: Academies of Arts, Humanities and Sciences of Canada, was founded in 1882. It is the highest academic accolade available to Canadians and only those, in the words of the society, whose intellectual achievements have been exceptional through a body of publications, intellectual endeavours or creative activities exhibiting original contributions in the arts, humanities or sciences, as well as in public life, shall be let in.

Brydon has written four books, edited three others, has authored nearly 40 papers in refereed journals and has written dozens of chapters for various books. As a CRC, her research draws on humanities and social sciences methods and perspectives to examine globalization and what it means for Canadian culture. On the international scale, she’s known for her comprehensive and novel contributions to postcolonial literary and cultural studies, as well as Australian and Canadian literary studies.

Brydon’s goal is to assess and develop ways in which research into globalization and the analysis of cultural practices can contribute to furthering trans-cultural understanding and interdisciplinary collaboration, both within Canada and abroad. As globalization increases, her work gains ever more importance. The election of Brydon brings the university’s total to 40 RSC fellows.

Kebreab honoured for early career achievements

Ermias Kebreab, University of Manitoba Canada Research Chair in Modeling Sustainable Agriculture Systems, received the Early Career Achievement Award from the American Society of Animal Science (ASAS) at the group’s annual conference in Indianapolis, this summer.

Kebreab received his BSc degree in Asmara, Eritrea, and his MSc and PhD degrees from University of Reading, United Kingdom. In his brief career, he has already established himself among the few top modelers in the animal sciences. His research in modeling biological systems including nitrogen, energy and mineral flows in ruminants has led to development of whole-animal mechanistic models used by researchers and policy makers. He played an essential role in the development of the new British nutrient requirement system (Feed-into-Milk) by suggesting an alternative method of analysing energy utilization in dairy cows.

Kebreab has an outstanding publication record. He has authored 70 refereed journal articles, 80 abstracts, 15 book chapters, and three books, with a fourth expected to come out in 2008. His appointment to the distinguished Canada Research Chair position is a testament to what he has already achieved and his potential to become a world leader in his field.

Kebreab has previously received the Young Scientist award from the Canadian Society of Animal Science.

At the University of Manitoba, the role staff and faculty play in shaping the future of our community doesn’t end when the lectures do. In fact, that just might be where it begins. Perhaps that’s why there’s such support for United Way.

United Way’s promise to the community is to create opportunities for a better life for everyone. We are committed to ensure that all Winnipeggers have access to things we need for a good life: a quality education that leads to opportunities for a better life for everyone. It works to maintain the laudable distinction of having 94 leadership donors (those who give at least $1200). That’s more than any other workplace in the city. But that might be about to change. Other workplaces are so inspired by this achievement that they’re in the hunt for the number one spot.

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Norm Hunter is head of the chemistry department and a 15-year veteran of the campaign. As leadership co-chair, these will be factors in determining his approach. But he’s not focused on numbers.

“This campaign is about people and the impact United Way has on lives,” he says. “For many of us it’s also an opportunity to build social connections within the broader community. And a strong social structure is important to overall stability.”

Structure, stability ... sounds like chemistry. And whether it’s pulling planes or canvassing for the campaign, there’s definitely some great chemistry between the U of M and United Way – connected, interdependent, united as a community.

So when a volunteer drops a pledge form on your desk, please give and demonstrate your commitment to community and excellence beyond academia.
Currie explores his life in new book

By Dale Barbour

The Bulletin

It began with love remembered.

Currie's, where one of his two brothers was a priest and his sister was a nun.

Don't know where to turn?

Senate reviews programs, discipline bylaw passes

At its Sept. 3 regular meeting, Senate received a report on major gifts and pledges received during the 2007-08 fiscal year. The list includes a $10 million gift from Marcel Desautels, which is one half of the $20 million donation he has made to the newly named Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music.

Currie will give a reading of Secure and Uncertain at the Elizabeth Dafoe Library, 12:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 27.

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For students, it shouldn't mean a major change given that over the past 10 years 22 of the 25 entering students here come from Manitoba. Quotas are fairly common in dental schools. The University of Manitoba tends to stay in Manitoba after they graduate, and thereby will help ensure that Manitobans have increased access to dental care. The 25-student quota to ensure that a minimum of 25 students from Manitoba are admitted to the faculty each year, beginning with next fall's entering class. The move was approved by Senate at its Sept. 3 meeting.

UNITS REVIEWED

Senate approved the report of the senate committee on university research regarding the Centre on Aging, the University of Manitoba Institute of Theoretical Physics. All three units had been up for their five-year review and met with approval from the senate committee.

STUDENT QUOTA

The Faculty of Dentistry is setting a quota to ensure that a minimum of 90 per cent of its students come from Ontario.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE BYLAW

Senate gave its support to the report of the university discipline committee regarding the student discipline bylaw as amended and passed it on to the Board of Governors. Student representatives and administration members have been meeting over the past few months to consider amendments regarding student representation on discipline committees and on how students are disciplined.

Starting a business? Don't know where to turn?

Get free information* from the L. Kerry Vickar Business Law Clinic at the Faculty of Law

The clinic is designed for entrepreneurs who require information regarding new business organizations: incorporation, partnership, sole proprietorship and non-profit.

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Welcome home!

At left, the Engineering Band whoops it up at the Homecoming football game on Saturday, Sept. 13, while above president David Barnard is welcomed to the city of Winnipeg on Sept. 11 and to the Bison football squad with the presentation of a jersey by athletic director Coleen Dufresne.

Tekes celebrate glory days

As part of the 2008 Homecoming celebrations at the University of Manitoba last week, the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity (TKE), better known as the “Tekes,” celebrated its 50th anniversary with a reunion dinner on Sept. 12.

Fifty years ago, when fraternities and sororities were flourishing on campuses across North America, the first Canadian TKE chapter was founded at the University of Manitoba. Former alumni association president Brian Macpherson was part of the first group of pledges, and spearheaded the 50th reunion of the U of M chapter of Tekes.

Recently retired from the department of statistics, Macpherson says that the Tekes were a very active group that didn’t condone wild, drunken parties or bizarre hazing rituals, but “weren’t teetotalling geeks,” either. Membership was determined by the “personal worth and character of the individual,” and members were into “good, clean fun.”

In the 1960s, the Tekes had their own fraternity house on Balmoral Street in downtown Winnipeg, with more than a dozen guys living there with a “house mother” who cooked and looked after them. But in the 1970s, as interest in fraternities waned, the house was eventually sold and in 1979 the U of M levee chapter went into hibernation.

Gone but not forgotten, Macpherson says there is a renaissance of interest in the fraternity experience. There’s even some talk about the construction of a new “fraternity row” as the University of Manitoba’s building boom continues to progress.
Creating an accessible university
Shore finds ways to ensure people feel welcome

A Day in the Life of university accessibility office executive director

BY DALE BARBOUR
The Bulletin

In some ways university accessibility executive director Fred Shore was hired by the University of Manitoba to be Fred Shore.

"This office has a straightforward series of things that it does: it pushes, cajoles, agitates and irritates to get things done for Aboriginal people, people with disabilities and visible minorities," Shore said. And there's no one better at doing that list of assignments than Shore.

"I don't run anything. I help other people bring their ideas to fruition. So I help people like the department of political studies create a master's program in social work in Norway House," Shore said. He has been in the position since 2002. The university has had an accessibility person for a long time, but when the position came open in 2001 they were looking to expand it to include Aboriginal people. Shore was a natural fit. He's Métis, and along with his job in the accessibility office, is a professor in the Native studies department. Previous to joining the university in 1991, he had worked for the Manitoba Métis Foundation and as a high school teacher. In that sense, university life is a second (or third) career.

The job can involve everything from helping create new university programs that service the Aboriginal community, people with disabilities or people with visibility minorities or just helping ensure that the different groups are able to get the most out of their university experience. The addition of the Aboriginal community to the portfolio of the office recognizes the potential in Manitoba's Aboriginal community.

"We're at the potential point where big things can happen," Shore said. "There's lots of potential students, we just need to go out and help them, and make sure they find this university."

Typically, Shore is building bridges on both side of a project. If it involves an Aboriginal community, like the master's program did, then he uses his contacts among Aboriginal groups to help get everyone together in one room and get the project rolling. On the university side, he'll help people understand what it takes to navigate projects through the university system and win Senate approval, as one example.

"The benefit of having me involved is I know the campus community, and how to put things together to get things done." But at the same time, Shore says his role is to play contact maker and guide.

"I don't want to take charge of it. If I find myself doing that then the players probably aren't ready to go forward."

On campus, he does everything from putting out fires to helping ensure they never start.

"Often I'll get a call from someone who says there's a student who needs access to a certain building. We'll go over with disability services and walk through the building and say what is needed to help the students to get to their classroom," Shore said. "I'll call physical plant and they'll put it together."

The university accessibility office recently joined the Access Programs, Native Studies and the Aboriginal Student Centre in the new Aboriginal House.

"The building is culturally appropriate. Many of the walls are circular and there are many cultural aspects reinforcing who we are. It's an Aboriginal building," Shore said. "I think that's really the best thing." And by bringing all the different programs together, the university has managed to build on the links between them and offered a place that Aboriginal students can call home.

Aboriginal House will host special events throughout the day on Sept. 19, beginning at 10 a.m. The general public is welcome to drop by and check it out.
Events Listing

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Dreaming of Iceland

The Arch II Gallery will play host to Dreaming of Iceland, an exhibition by Icelandic artist Hannes Lárusson, from Sept. 19 to Oct. 24.

For years Lárusson has dealt with the connection between contemporary art and cultural heritage, the role and place of the artist in society and the connection between craftsmanship and ideology.

He is one of the major performing artists of Iceland, an instigator of vigorous polemics on art and the author of complex installations where the ideology of art is pitted against popular views and traditional values.

Hannes’ installation Door to Door shown in The Reykjavik Art Museum in 2002 is typical of this approach.

There will be an opening reception 12 p.m., Friday, Sept. 19 and an artist talk 8 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 24, 207 ForchtGard Building.

Want to find out the latest information on keeping children healthy? Then drop by the fourth Annual Child Health Research Day presented by the Manitoba Institute of Child Health.

On Oct. 1 and 2, the Manitoba Institute of Child Health will open its doors to the public to showcase some of the world-class pediatric research taking place in Manitoba.

The event begins 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 1, Theatre A Basic Medical Sciences Building, with a presentation entitled “Breathing Easier: Finding Better Ways to Treat Asthma,” by Andrew Halayko, Canada Research Chair in Airway Cell and Molecular Biology, University of Manitoba and leader, biology of breathing theme, Manitoba Institute of Child Health.

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

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Child Health Research Day, Breathing Easier: Finding Better Ways to Treat Asthma by Andrew Halayko, Canada Research Chair in Airway Cell and Molecular Biology, University of Manitoba and leader, biology of breathing theme, Manitoba Institute of Child Health, Theatre A, Second Floor, Basic Medical Sciences Building, 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 1.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

Child Health Research Day, Tackling the Complexity of Childhood Obesity: From Individuals to Populations by Diane Finegold, scientific director, CIHR Institute of Nutrition, Metabolism and Diabetes and professor, School of Kinesiology, Simon Fraser University, will give the keynote lecture for the day, “Tackling the Complexity of Childhood Obesity: From Individuals to Populations,” at 8 a.m., Theatre A, Basic Medical Sciences Building.

Child Health Research Day is free and open to the public. For complete program information and registration information visit www.mich.ca

Bison Sports

FOOTBALL

Oct. 11 – Saskatchewan at Manitoba, University Stadium, 1 p.m.

SOCCER

Oct. 4 – UBC at Manitoba, University Stadium, 12 p.m.

Oct. 5 – Victoria at Manitoba, University Stadium, 12 p.m.

WOMEN’S HOCKEY

Sept. 19 – Team Manitoba at Manitoba, Max Bell, non-conference game, 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 20 – Team Manitoba at Manitoba, Max Bell, non-conference game, 6 p.m.

Sept. 21 – Team Manitoba at Manitoba, Max Bell, non-conference game, 1 p.m.

MEN’S HOCKEY

Oct. 3 – Lethbridge at Manitoba, Max Bell, 7 p.m.

Oct. 4 – Lethbridge at Manitoba, Max Bell, 7 p.m.

WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL

Oct. 3-5 – Non-conference tournament with Winnipeg, times vary

MEN’S VOLLEYBALL

Oct. 2 – Manitoba at Winnipeg, Duckworth Centre, non-conference game, 7 p.m.

Oct. 9 – Winnipeg at Manitoba, Investors Group Athletic Centre, non-conference game, 12 p.m.

TICKET INFORMATION

Single Game

Adults: $10

Students and Seniors: $5

12 and under: free

Season pass

Packages available

Tickets available at all Bison home games, Frank Kennedy, Max Bell Equipment Desk.

Manitoba.ca/bisons/
Kamuf will speak on literature

Mosaic, the journal for the interdisciplinary study of literature, will welcome Peggy Kamuf to campus on Thursday, Oct. 2. Kamuf, the Marion Frances Chevalier Professor of French and Comparative Literature at the University of Southern California, comes to the University of Manitoba as a Distinguished Visiting Lecturer. Kamuf is a translator and/or editor of numerous works by Jacques Derrida, Jean-Luc Nancy and Hélène Cixous, and author of many books, book chapters, and essays.

Kamuf will give a public lecture entitled “Bowling to Necessity in your Idiom” on Thursday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. in 543 Drake Centre. She will also hold an open seminar on Friday, Oct. 3, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in 307 Tier Building.

Join us for the World Cup

The University of Manitoba will host a World Cup of its own on Saturday, Sept. 27. This one-day outdoor soccer tournament is a chance for U of M students and alumni from all cultures to get together and make connections through sport. International and Canadian students and alumni alike will take to the field, have fun and learn about each other in a recreational environment. Registration for this event is on an individual basis and teams will be formed after the registration deadline.

The event will run 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sept. 27, with a rain date set for Oct. 4. The registration deadline is 12 p.m., Monday, Sept. 22. For more information, please go to tinyurl.com/5qhvnb.

Arts & Entertainment

Gallery One One One

Gallery One One One is located on the main floor of the Fitzgerald Building. It is open Monday to Friday, noon to 4 p.m.

Revolver Uptown One

With events by Sarah Crawford, Sarah Anne Johnson, and Lisa Stinner
	
September 25 to October 16

The REVOLVER UPTOWN exhibition series also includes a revolving display of Art School Anatomy art and documentation on the Parsons Walls and South Wall and Windows of Gallery One One One. Look for works by Charlie Scott, Diane Whitehouse and Richard Williams this month. The opening reception will take place 5 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 24.

Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music

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

Music events

- Jazz Masterclass featuring Michal Cohen, Yemenite jazz vocalist, location TBA, 2 p.m., Friday, Sept. 19.

Architecture

Hey Mzungu! Building a library in rural Uganda

September 19 to 27

In May 2008, eleven students from the University of Manitoba Faculty of Architecture traveled to Kabeo, Uganda to collaborate with a non-profit organization. While living in a village on the shore of Lake Victoria, they worked with a local contractor to design and build a library for Kabeo’s primary school. Through photography, Hey Mzungu! shares this experience.

Mzungu is a Swahili word meaning white person in East Africa, and appears in many Bantu languages of East, central and southern Africa. Participants in the show include: Joshua Adtra, Kelley Beaverford, Izak Bridgman, Karl Burnikheim, Derrick Finch, James Frank, Rachelle Lemieux, Andrew Lovatt, Matthew Mc infantry, Laura Rempel, Kate Snyder, Jocelyn Tannen, and Marla Wirasinghe.

There will be an opening reception, 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 19.

Based on a Dream

Hannes Larusson

September 19 to October 24

Arch 2 Gallery

Hannes Larusson links contemporary art and cultural heritage, the role and place of the artist in society and the connection between craftsmanship and ideology in his *Based on a Dream exhibition.* For more details see story on Page 8. There will be an opening reception 12 p.m., Friday, Sept. 19 and an artist talk 8 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 24, 207 Fitzgerald Building.
This summer the physical plant’s general services grounds maintenance staff not only weeded flowerbeds, grassed over lawn clippings and applied compost and mulch in an effort to create a more environmentally friendly campus, they also came up with a plan to use carts powered by bicycles to transport themselves and their equipment across campus as opposed to using physical plant van. The carts allow them to transport hand mowers, weed trimmers, garden hoses, plants and other materials from one location to another. It all started when grounds maintenance staff began the season in April working in teams on various parts of the campus.

"A number of them came up with the idea to use bicycles instead of the physical plant van as it would be a faster mode of transportation and also more environmentally friendly," says general services manager, Michele Rogalsky.

Thanks to the waste prevention office and the U of M Bike Dungeon, groundskeepers have been using leg power to propel themselves around campus this summer. From left, Michele Rogalsky, manager of general services; Sandi Peilleur, groundskeeper helper; Jessie Vivanco, groundskeeper helper; Colin Kaluznick, groundskeeper; Christine Labossiere, groundskeeper; Carlos Cuevas, groundskeeper helper; Ally Leenhouts, groundskeeper helper; Vanessa Lozecznik, U of M Bike Dungeon; Anders Annell, U of M Bike Dungeon; Sophia Morris, waste prevention coordinator.

"They came to me with the idea and I called Ophelia Morris, the U of M’s waste prevention coordinator to see how we could do this and whether or not there were resources on campus that we could draw on."

Morris helped coordinate the project by connecting the grounds maintenance teams with the U of M Bike Dungeon – a volunteer staffed bike shop right here on campus. The volunteers at the Bike Dungeon outfitted the grounds staff with refurbished reclaimed bicycles to get around campus and they also supplied materials to make bike carts. The physical plant’s welders manufactured the carts and assisted the grounds staff with the design by using some reclaimed materials and some new parts to make the carts for the bikes. "This is just an extension of what we already do on campus in an effort to lessen our impact on the environment," Rogalsky said.

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Your immune system – friend or foe?

BY ILANA SIMONS
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As the world remains on watch for the next big flu epidemic, Aaron Marshall, associate professor, immunology and Canada Research Chair in molecular immunology, is studying immune system signaling networks in diseases such as allergies, asthma and leukemia.

“Your immune system is a vital protector for you,” said Marshall, who is part of the team working on the next big flu epidemic. “The immune system serves to protect your body from foreign invaders, tissue damage and other atopic diseases.”

While the immune system can be either friend or foe, it’s important to keep the body healthy. “The immune system can sometimes go too far and make us sick,” he said. “But, Marshall notes, for patients with allergies, asthma and leukemia, the immune system is something that needs to be suppressed in all cases.”

In these autoimmune diseases, the immune system attacks the body itself, causing chronic suffering to those affected.

Similarly, the misguided immune system of allergy sufferers and asthmatics can cause symptoms that range from annoying to life-threatening.

“What is the point of having an immune response to pollen or peanuts anyway? Why is it that the immune system sometimes doesn’t do enough to keep us from getting sick, and sometimes goes too far and makes us sick needlessly?” asks Marshall, adding that these are the kinds of questions being tackled by immunologists at the University of Manitoba.

The core of our immune system is a collection of specialized cells that patrol the body via blood circulation. Experts in the Department of Immunology are studying a variety of immune cell types, including B lymphocytes, T lymphocytes, natural killer cells and neutrophils.

“Each of these cell types has an important part to play in keeping us healthy. On the other hand, unchecked activities of these same cells can have devastating consequences,” he states. “The right decisions are made when we need the immune cells to neutralize viruses (good), or antibodies that bind to pollen or even your own DNA (not so good).”

How then, do immune cells make the right decision to respond to the virus, but not the pollen?

“Immune cells are controlled by receptor proteins present on their surface membrane. These receptors allow the cells to sense the presence of foreign invaders, tissue damage and other activated cells,” Marshall explains, “and other signals from these receptors on the surface of B and T lymphocytes determine whether they divide to produce more copies of themselves, differentiate to become antibody-secreting factories or die by cell suicide.”

The goal of much immunology research is to decipher the codes of immune system signaling networks in disease. Understanding the molecular controls and how they sometimes go wrong will allow development of better medicines to treat these patients.

Researchers believe that by having a more refined understanding, medicines can be targeted more effectively, and with fewer side-effects. Indeed, a new generation of more finely targeted immunosuppressive medicines is already progressing through clinical trials and into the clinic.

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Distinguished professor Digvir Jayas, associate vice-president (research), Canada Research Chair in stored-grain ecosystems, has been conferred a fellowship, Regular High-Level Visiting Scientist at Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications (BPUT) until 2012.

Jayas travelled to Beijing in early September to accept the appointment and begin the collaboration with BPUT in the area of stored-grain ecosystems. The appointment was given to Jayas for his outstanding achievements in his field of research. He is part of the instructional management team.

Jayas sharing knowledge with China

Jayas has travelled to China on several occasions to share knowledge with Chinese scientists and scholars on various projects.
Getting to know your UMSU
Sopotiuk looks to bring students into union

The Bulletin sat down with University of Manitoba Students’ Union president Jonny Sopotiuk to talk about UMSU’s plans for the upcoming year.

Tell me about yourself. Where you’re from and what your academic interests and goals are?

I grew up in St. Vital and graduated from Dakota Collegiate in 2004. So I grew up across the river. I took a couple of years off after high school and did some travelling in Canada and then I decided that I wanted to study here in the province and at the University of Manitoba. I’m currently in my third year on campus, enrolled in the Faculty of Arts and pursuing a degree in Native studies, but the reason I came back to university was to pursue a degree in Social Work, so I’m very passionate about working in community organizing and I’m looking into either specializing in youth or within the health care system, specifically in palliative care.

So why be UMSU president?

Originally, I didn’t have big plans on getting involved. I thought I would come to university, do my degree in four years and then move on. But I was always active in student council in high school and I’ve always been very active in the community. So when I got to university I started getting involved in student groups and one thing led to another and I got involved with UMSU. I sat on council last year and really enjoyed the work we were doing. I enjoyed the direction the union was headed in. I liked the campaigns that were worked on and I wanted to get more involved and take on more of a leadership capacity. There were also some things I saw that I thought could be improved on, such as communications with students and working with administrative bodies in the university and the community. So I came here to continue the work but also make some changes.

So what were your goals?

We called our platform Vision Community and Diversity. We wanted to see a long term strategic plan for this organization. So, we wanted to look at UMSU’s direction – what are some of the long term goals that we’re working towards and what would we look like in a few years and then in ten years. We also wanted to increase communication with members and the general university population, better explain the services we provide, the campaigns we work on and just what UMSU does and what the function of this student union on campus is. We also want to bridge the gaps between different student groups and faculty councils, areas where there were some rather large divisions in the past. And through sitting on council last year we saw some things here that we thought weren’t functioning the greatest and that could be improved on.

Getting people to understand UMSU and what it is doing must always be a challenge.

Yeah, I think the strength of our organization lies in the involvement of our members so trying to get the word out, trying to get people engaged and just letting people, not only our students but faculty and staff, know what kind of services we provide. A lot of students are only here for four years and it takes them three years to find out about everything and by then they’ve almost moved on to other things and graduated. That’s a huge challenge. But we’ve been working on different ways we can do that. We just relaunched our UMSU website, made it more user friendly, more accessible for students with disabilities, and put more information on there along with an interactive events calendar and different features to create more of a community on campus. And then we have some other big projects that we’re looking at with communications, including a new listserv and a project called UMSUvision, which would be a network of closed circuit TVs. Currently, we have some of the infrastructure built within University Centre, but we’re looking at expanding that in some of the UMSU owned and operated space and then extending it across the university and using that not only as medium to increase knowledge and get the word out but also for safety reasons and security issues.

What’s your timeline?

We’re in the research and development stage. There are several other systems across Canada that have shown very promising results. We want to start it on a small basis, test out the bugs, see how it’s working and see what the feedback from our members is. Then we’ll look at putting together some proposals for some different units on campus. So it all depends how those stages of the project goes. But absolutely there is a definite need for new security measures on campus, and there’s an appetite for that so I can definitely see it being implemented hopefully by the end of our term in office.

Beyond that, we plan on doing a lot more this year to reach out. So with the different faculty councils, student groups on campus, we’ll be doing more tabling within University Centre and in different areas. We hope, as an executive and as an organization, to have a larger more visible presence in the community.

When the you and the UMSU council sit around and dream, what are some of the things you would like to see that you just can’t do right now?

One of the major visions of council and students is to have our own space and building on campus. We are the largest student organization in Manitoba and we’re one of the last remaining ones across Canada that doesn’t own and operate its own space.

It think it creates a sort of community ownership of a place on campus for students especially those who are involved. And right now we don’t have that, unlike McGill or University of Calgary or UBC, so that’s been a long term vision. I think that’s going back 10 years that students have been talking about having their own building, their own space on campus. That’s one of the long term goals that I don’t see happening tomorrow.

What have the first few months been like?

They have been very busy. I came into this role knowing I’d have to give up a lot of my personal time, that this wasn’t a 9 to 5 job and that my studies would have to be put on the back burner while I was here. So the first few months have been extremely busy. We’re usually in the office in the morning and with events in the evening we’re here until midnight sometimes. So it’s been busy. But we’ve been having a great time so far. It’s been amazing learning about the university community and being able to work with students to help improve their lives on campus.

What is it like being so visible?

I’m still getting used to that. Before my role here I was fairly visible in the community through my involvement with different organizations. So I was used to that. But I’m a very shy and very internal person so getting recognized and being visible does take some getting used to.

What’s it been like coming in at the same time as a new president?

I think it’s created a lot of optimism on the part of students. It puts everyone on a fresh slate to start new relationships. I know there have been fairly significant roadblocks between some students and some parts of the administration in the past. I think with the new president coming in with a new vision to move our university forward and with an entirely new UMSU executive, it just creates some great opportunities.

What does being the first openly gay UMSU president mean?

I think it shows how far we’ve come as a campus community and the fact that it’s talked about still means that there are issues with discrimination, racism, homophobia and sexism on our campus that as a community and that as a student union we need to tackle. We see that on an everyday basis. But it does show that for a campus within the gay or queer community that used to be viewed as a homophobic or intolerant, that that’s not the case anymore.