We’re the U of More

When it comes to getting an education, bigger is better if it means having access to more academic programs, more resources and support for students, more student groups and more research opportunities.

The University of Manitoba is going to be talking a lot about having more over the next year as we roll out our 2008/09 marketing campaign.

“With access to more, we can offer students a broader range of opportunities, more courses, more groups to become involved with, more scholarships and bursaries, more faculty expertise, more career opportunities for great careers, more futures to explore,” says Lori Yarchuk, public affairs marketing manager. “We often hear from first year students that they enjoy the large campus experience. We want to celebrate this strength and demonstrate how it’s a benefit to our various audience groups.”

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Over 310 students and teachers from 86 high schools across Manitoba spent their day sampling career options at the 8th annual Pfizer Canada Discovery Day in Health Sciences on Friday, Nov. 7. The event is offered by The Canadian Medical Hall of Fame in partnership with the Faculty of Medicine.

This year featured a record number of participants from Aboriginal schools and for the first time, francophone youth learning about health-related career opportunities in their first language.

“Discovery Days offers rural and urban high school students from across the province an unparalleled introduction to career options within medicine and the other health sciences.

It is one of the most effective ways for the university to expose the health professions to youth and ultimately will lead to more Manitobans pursuing careers in medicine, nursing, medical rehabilitation and research,” said J. Dean Sandham, dean of Medicine.

To ensure this unique program is inclusive, the Faculty of Medicine contributes towards costs, including transportation for students and teachers from rural and remote communities to participate in Discovery Day – some from as far away as Churchill.

Keynote speakers from the Faculty of Medicine, Marcia Anderson, department of community health sciences and Pamela Weiner, School of Medical Rehabilitation kicked the day off at the Brodie Centre with their respective lectures “Medicine’s Open Doors” and “The Health Care Team in the 21st Century.” From there, the students dispersed to hands-on workshops.

“Results show that Discovery Day participants are more interested, excited and informed about a career in health sciences after attending these one-day events. It’s rewarding to know we are offering a program that is helping to address some of the issues related to Canada’s critical shortage of health professionals,” says Janet Tufts, executive director of The Canadian Medical Hall of Fame.
In The News

University of Manitoba members are always making news – demonstrating the university’s impact on the community. Here’s a look at the stories and headlines that drew big U of M faculty and staff impact the world around them.

Paralympic plight probed November 7, 2008 Toronto Sun Jennifer MacAvish, a researcher and professor at the University of Manitoba’s Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management, was cited in a recent article that explored some of the growing pains being experienced by the Paralympics. MacAvish is on the international working group tasked with coming up with classification guidelines for athletes with an intellectual disability.

Convocation time October 28, 2008 Winnipeg Sun, Portage Daily Graphic The University of Manitoba’s 2008 Fall Convocation was featured prominently in local media. Highlights were the installation of Dr. David Barnard, the University of Manitoba’s 11th president, and honorary degree recipients Gail Asper and Nahlah Ayed. Convocation was complemented by a leadership symposium earlier in the week which also made the news.

Asper students get chilly November 6, 2008 Winnipeg Free Press, Winnipeg Sun A group of Asper students made headlines with their attempt to raise $10,000 for the United Way. The team of about 50 students, called JDC West, dove into an outdoor pool of icy water on Nov. 6 for the annual Chillin’ for Charity event.

Energy policy and Obama November 5, 2008 New York Times University of Manitoba professor Vaclav Smil, who the New York Times dubs an “energy thinker,” was one of four experts to be questioned by the Times in a feature that explores possible shifts in energy policy under Barack Obama’s presidency.

Eat grass, more gas October 30, 2008 Vancouver Sun, Ottawa Citizen, CJOB, Edmonton Journal, Winnipeg Sun Professor Ermias Kebreab got nationwide attention recently for his study that showed that, contrary to popular belief, grain-fed cows produce less methane than cattle that feast on grass.

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.

• “Generous offers to confess,” Vancouver Province, November 6, 2008 looks at the legality of police sting operations and includes comments by criminologist David Deutscher.

From Page 1 The U of More site also provides an opportunity for faculties and schools on campus to talk about how they offer ‘more’ by sharing their latest news and success stories.

“We’re hoping that our faculties will see the U of More theme as an opportunity to talk directly to prospective students,” public affairs director John Danukas said. “It’s a chance for them to learn about the university before they even set foot on campus.”

Student Recruitment’s 2009 Admission Handbook has already taken up the ‘more’ theme and proudly points out that the benefit of being the largest post-secondary institution in Manitoba is that the University of Manitoba attracts the brightest and best teachers and researchers from across the country, and that translates into some of the best programs in Canada.

Ideally, the U of More theme is something that every faculty can personalize to suit its own needs. For example, we know we have the most Rhodes Scholars in Western Canada at 87 and counting but where else can we think about more?

We know we have more campus grounds to work and play on than most other universities in Canada.

Looking for coffee? We have more Tim Hortons outlets than any other university in Western Canada.

We also offer more sustainability: the University of Manitoba was the first university to meet the green standard for cafeterias in Canada.

We have more children’s programs, with over 150,000 children having attended Mini-University since its inception.

And heck, we’ve even got more trees with over 8,000 deciduous and coniferous trees scattered around campus.

“So what does ‘more’ mean for you?” Yarchuk asks. “We’re hoping the university community will take up the theme and have some fun with it. We know we’ve got ‘more’ at the University of Manitoba. We should be proud to say so. That’s what students want to hear.”

We’ve got more, and we’re ready to talk about it

The University of Manitoba was the place to be on Take Your Kids to Work Day, Nov. 5. The university hosted over 50 Grade 9 students in a program that let them try everything from wall climbing, learning about the world of snakes to touring facilities, such as the BookStore. Students also had a chance to hang out with their family and friends to see just what it is they do at the university.

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Photo by Bob Talbot
The St John’s College community celebrated the opening of the state-of-the-art Robert B. Schultz Lecture Theatre at St John’s College on Nov. 4. It becomes the third largest theatre on campus. The theatre’s lead donor, graduate and successful business leader Robert B. Schultz, was joined by St John’s College and university administration, staff students and many other faculty donors to bring greetings and celebrate this major addition to the Fort Garry campus.

“After 10 years of planning, the University of Winnipeg is so pleased that we could partner with St John’s College to achieve their vision for this lecture theatre. It just goes to show that together we can do great things,”

Now retired, Robert B. Schultz’s career includes serving as chairman of Rockwater Capital Corporation, a financial services holding company, and chairman and chief executive officer of Merrill Lynch Canada, a role he assumed in 1998 after orchestrating the merger of Midland Walwyn with Merrill Lynch. Schultz is a native of Winnipeg, and received a bachelor of commerce degree from the University of Manitoba in 1965 and obtained his CA in 1969 while articling at Deloitte, Haskins & Sells.

“I have been fortunate to have had a very successful career in the financial industry and I appreciate the role that the University of Manitoba played in providing me with a first class education,” Schultz said of his pledge to the university in 2006. “I saw the opportunity to make a tangible contribution to my alma mater for this important initiative and I am very pleased to provide this support to St John’s College for its new lecture theatre.”

From left, Janet A. Hoskins, Warden, St John’s College, Deborah J. McCallum, vice-president (administration), Robert B. Schultz take part in the opening cutting ceremony at the opening of the Robert B. Schultz Lecture Theatre.

“Taking a dip for the United Way”

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Students raise funds with bears and races

University of Manitoba business students have organized a regional event that raised $20,000 as part of two projects for Robert Warren’s New Venture Analysis course. For their final leg of their philanthropic projects, the fourth-year students raced in karts against each other and found investors for the kart race, including title sponsor Enterprise Rent-A-Car once again this year. About $20,000 of the funds will go to Curry B.Camp in Entrepreneurship, a popular summer camp of Stu Clark Centre for Entrepreneurship where youth who might not otherwise pursue careers in entrepreneurship learn business principles.

After crossing the finish line at about 1:30 p.m., students donated the stuffed toys they created to the Manitoba Moose Yearling Foundation, a charitable arm of the Manitoba Moose Hockey Club. In December, some students will join the hockey players as they will hand over the toys to the Children’s Hospital of Winnipeg.

“University of Manitoba research funding tops $150 million”

The University of Manitoba moved up a rung, grabbing 12th place among Canada’s top 50 research universities, according to Research Infosource Inc.’s latest report.

The University of Manitoba received $159.9 million in research funding in 2007, up 11 per cent from the previous year’s $139.6 million.

In a new “spotlight” report by Research Infosource Inc. on research income growth, the University of Manitoba placed 8th among Canada’s 16 medical/doctoral universities, with a 5.1 per cent increase in sponsored research income from 2002 to 2007.

“Our faculty continue to aggressively seek out external research support,” said Joanne Keselman, vice-president (research) for the University of Manitoba. “Their ability to secure funding in an increasingly competitive landscape speaks to the quality and significance of their work.”

Overall, Canada’s top 50 universities received $5.7 billion in research funding in fiscal 2007, up from $5.5 billion in 2006. Thirty institutions increased their income in 2007 and 20 reported declines, the report notes. The 2.6 per cent drop in support from the corporate sector and only small increases (2.7 per cent) from government were mainly responsible for the slowdown in growth, the report said.

Research Infosource Inc. is a division of The Impact Group, a consulting firm specializing in such things as research and evaluation.

Student give a hands-on experience to children

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Marks of Achievement

Chochinov receives O. Harold Warwick Prize

Distinguished professor Harvey Chochinov received the O. Harold Warwick Prize on Nov. 4 at an event being held at CancerCare Manitoba. The award honours exceptional men and women who have made a significant contribution in some area of cancer research. The award is part of the National Cancer Institute of Canada’s annual awards of excellence in cancer research program. The award is sponsored by the Canadian Cancer Society (CCS).

Chochinov is a distinguished professor of psychiatry, community health sciences and family medicine and a Canada Research Chair in Palliative Care. He directs the Manitoba Palliative Care Research Unit at CancerCare Manitoba.

Chochinov has made significant contributions in the area of palliative care research with a particular interest in researching ways to preserve patient dignity at the end of their lives. This research has made a difference for thousands across Canada.

Since 1990, Chochinov has been conducting palliative care research and is now acknowledged as one of the world’s leading experts and investigators in end-of-life care. He has garnered over $10 million in research funding over the past 17 years. In 2004 he was named the top researcher by the (American) Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine. In 2006, he received the Canadian equivalent from the Canadian Psychiatric Association, winning the J.M. Cleghorn Award for Excellence and Leadership in Research in Clinical Research. Chochinov has also been honored with awards such as the Queen’s Golden Jubilee Medal and the Order of Manitoba.

Help support the Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is a University College community outreach project that provides gifts to under-privileged children in the Winnipeg area. As you can imagine, these gifts are greatly appreciated by the children. The gifts will be distributed to Anne Ross Nursery, W.I.S.H. Inc. and Alpha House Outreach Project Inc. Last year the college wrapped and sent out 93 gifts.

University College will be setting up Giving Trees next week in its canteen and the general office. The hope is that donors will take a name and purchase a gift for that child. Alternatively, there are general suggestions for gift purchases or donors may simply purchase anything that they feel would be appropriate for a child of a particular age. Please donate only new, unused gifts to the program.

If you are unable to purchase a gift and would still like to participate, please feel free to make a cash donation and the college will purchase something for you.

Unwrapped gifts and donations can be handed into the general office, 203 University College by Wednesday, Dec. 10. If you have any questions please call the general office at 474-9751.

International students create cohort in Canada

They might all be from China, but it took coming to Canada to bring them together, The Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences held a luncheon on Sunday, Oct. 19 in the food science department for a group of 24 international students from China.

“We have a student transfer agreement with Nanjing University of Finance and Economics (NUFE),” food science department professor Anni Hydamaka said. “But of course China is a big place and most of our international students don’t know each other when they come. So we like to host some events that allow them to meet each other.”

The events help the international students to form a cohort as they go about earning their degree at the University of Manitoba. The agreement with NUFE allows students to take their first two years at NUFE and then complete their last two years at the University of Manitoba.

“In the early 2000 enrolment in the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences was low in terms of undergraduate students. So we really saw a need for recruitment,” Hydamaka said. China was a natural partner both because its students were looking beyond the boundaries of Europe and because a number of faculty members had already built up a relationship with universities in that country.

Hydamaka said since 2003 he and a number of faculty members have been visiting Nanjing on a regular basis to recruit students and deliver lectures.

In May, three of the international students graduated and have gone on to find work in Canada. In September a fresh group of eight arrived in Canada.

Donors value their links with U of M

For The Bulletin

What gives, or better yet, who? People who are closest to the University of Manitoba are among its most ardent supporters. According to the 2007-2008 Annual Report to Donors, alumni, friends, students and parents gave 44 per cent of the total funds raised last year.

This January the university will set out to increase its donations from another closely affiliated group - faculty and staff.

“Faculty and staff are our primary advocates,” says Maretta Emery, director of development. “Their daily activities are aimed at improving the education and research environment of the university.

“Their gifts are a testament to their commitment to the university because people give as an expression of their values, ideals and goals,” she says, adding that if education is important to people it becomes natural to support the university philanthropically as well.

And gifts to the University of Manitoba make a real difference.

“The generosity of our donors allows us to offer more scholarships and bursaries to students, to do more research, build more labs and libraries, and to grow at a much faster rate than without these donations,” Emery explains.

The faculty and staff campaign kickoff in the new year and will aim to increase support for graduate fellowships – an important tool for recruiting outstanding students.

“Master’s and doctoral students make decisions on where to pursue their research, in part, based on the support available to them,” Emery says, adding that every gift helps transform the university.

Nov. 15 is National Philanthropy Day, which celebrates the generosity of people who care about their community. “It’s a day to celebrate individuals and organizations that have dedicated themselves to philanthropy, and the university is fortunate to have many such people committed to supporting our institution,” Emery says.
Silver makes pitch to U of M senate

United Way 2008 campaign chairperson Bob Silver has done pretty well. He’s a successful businessman, part owner of the Winnipeg Free Press and has a nice house in the south end of city.

But as Silver crosses the Assiniboine River and drives into the heart of Winnipeg he says he’s constantly reminded that not everybody has it so good.

“When I get to the Maryland Bridge it’s like I enter another community,” Silver told Senate, in a message intended for everybody at the university.

At a lot of places at the University of Manitoba there have been doing that. Last year the U of M had 94 leaders, people who give $100 or more a month to the United Way. No other organization as the United Way does, thanks to the 100s of organizations that it helps support.”

Silver said he understands that most people have their own commitments to keep and are often supporting other charities. He’s not asking them to give that up.

“I’m here to say give in addition to those charities,” Silver told Senate, in a message intended for everybody at the university.

The University of Manitoba’s endowment fund has been bruised by the turmoil in the world’s money markets, but vice-president (administration) Debbie McCallum said the university will not cut back its academic support allocations in January.

The university typically allocates 4.5 per cent of the three-year average of its endowment fund to faculties for scholarships and bursaries.

“Some other universities have been forced to cut back on their disbursements, but we have decided not to change our allocation,” McCallum said. Over the past five years, the fund has grown at an average of per cent a year, meaning the university can hold the line on allocations despite taking a hit this year. But McCallum said if the market doesn’t bounce back the university will have to review its allocations in 2010.

Vice-president (external) Elaine Goldie said the university has had a successful fundraising year with $31 million raised by the end of October towards a goal of $45 million.

“We’re doing exceedingly well, but we’re concerned about the impact at year end,” Goldie said. Typically, donations come in at the end of the year as donors assess their market portfolios and look to park some of their profits in a charitable organization. But with the turmoil in the money market, Goldie said donors will likely be facing some tough choices at year end.

BIOTECHNOLOGY

The Council on Post-Secondary Education has given the university the go-ahead to pursue developing a proposal for a four-year major in biotechnology. COPSE’s approval to proceed with a full program proposal does not mean that the program will be approved.

JOINT MASTERS PROGRAM IN RELIGION

Senate gave its approval to a revised governing document for a joint masters program in religion with the University of Winnipeg. The approval goes hand in hand with a push by both universities to revive the joint masters program, which has been moribund over the last few years.

UNIVERSITY CALENDAR REVIEW

Senate is establishing a committee to review the university calendar. The committee will be looking at the print version of the calendar to consider where there are inconsistencies between chapters, and areas where clarity could be improved. The committee will also consider how best to integrate new technology to create a revamped online version of the calendar that would be more dynamic and user friendly.

Trib’ online

Archives and special collections is bringing the Winnipeg Tribune closer to you.

Thanks to funding provided by the Council on Post-Secondary Education (COPSE), seven years of the Winnipeg Tribune covering the Second World War from Jan. 2, 1939 to Dec. 31, 1945, have been mounted on the Internet.

Microfilm of the newspaper were digitzed and then OCR’d to ensure the text is completely full-text searchable. The files can be searched for names, places or anything that appeared in the newspaper. Browsing the newspapers one by one, and even print off individual articles or the full page.

The editions are available through the Winnipeg Tribune website at: www.unilibrib.ca/libraries/units/archives/tribune/ or at the Manitoba History portal, Manitoba, where the newspaper is located at: manitobia.ca/cocoon/launch/en/newspapers

Presidential Advisory Committees

As part of the search process for a vice-president (academic) and a vice-president (research) the University of Manitoba has established two advisory committees.

The Presidential Advisory Committee for the appointment of a vice-president (academic) and provost includes:

President (as Chair)    David Barnard    President and Vice-Chancellor
One Board member    Terry Sargeant    Chair, Board of Governors
One member/Colleges    Raynondes Gagné    Rectrice, Collège universitaire
de Saint-Boniface
One member/Senate    Brenda Hann    Professor, Biological Sciences,
FACULTY OF S C I E N C E
One member/Senate    Joanne Embree    Professor and Head, Medical Microbiology, Faculty of Medicine
One member/UMFA    Brenda Austin-Smith    President, UMFA Associate Professor, English, Theatre, and Film, Faculty of Arts
One member    John Danakas    Director, Public Affairs
One member from Deans' and Directors' Council    Jay Doering    Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies, Professor, Civil Engineering
One member from Deans' and Directors' Council    John Wiens    Dean, Faculty of Education, Professor, Department of Educational Administration, Foundations and Psychology
One Board member    Jonny Sopiotuk    President, UMFA
University Secretary    Jeff Leclerc    University Secretary
Search Consultant    Gerri Woodford    Janet Wright and Associates

Presidential Advisory Committee for the Appointment of a Vice-President (Research) Committee includes:

President (as Chair)    David Barnard    President and Vice-Chancellor
One Board member    Janice Lederman    Vice-Chair, Board of Governors
One member/Humanities    Pam Perkins    Professor, English, Faculty of Arts
One member/Health Sciences    Pat Martens    Director, Manitoba Centre for Health Policy, professor, community health sciences, Faculty of Medicine
One member/Applied Sciences    James Blatz    Associate Head and Associate Professor, Civil Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, Membre de NSERC Council
One member/Social Sciences    Janice Ristock    Associate Dean (Research and Faculty Development), Faculty of Arts, Professor of Women’s Studies
One member/Natural Sciences    Frank Hawthorne    Distinguished Professor, Geological Sciences, Clayton H. Biddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources, Canada Research Chair in Crystallography and Mineralogy
One member    Tom Hay    Comptroller
One member/Deans' and Directors' Council    Dean Sandham    Dean, Faculty of Medicine
One member/GSA    Aaron Glenn    President, GSA
University Secretary    Jeff Leclerc    University Secretary
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We’re learning how to make peace

Books

BY DALE BARBOUR

The Bulletin

When it comes to peace and conflict studies, we still have a lot to learn. The University of Manitoba has the only PhD of its kind in Canada. The Handbook of Conflict Analysis and Resolution, edited by the Arthur Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice’s Sean Byrne and Jessica Senehi in partnership with Dennis J.D. Sandole and Ingrid Sandole-Staroste, is a look at what we know right now in the field and a window into where we are headed.

“The book stems from an international conference that we all attended,” Byrne said. Put on by the international studies association in 2004 in Hawaii, the conference included a peace studies section and as often happens at such conferences, Byrne and others in the field sat down and started talking.

“We talked about where are we in the field in terms of theory, practice, research and teaching,” Byrne said. “And we could see that we’re seeing these shifts in the field, with, as one example, a growth in indigenous voices and indigenous peace makers.”

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The book drew about 40 chapters with contributors from nearly as many institutions. The resulting work was organized in key parts: theories, concepts, approaches, practices, alternative voices and conflict intervention designs to create a true handbook for people in the field. The group had the opportunity to come together at the University of San Diego’s Joan B. Krock School for Peace and Justice in 2006 to deliver the chapters at a conference.

The handbook is a good snapshot of where the field is at and something that graduate students, policy makers, non-governmental organizations, aid agencies can put to use.

“Of the issues we consider is the need to include more work by women and youth peace makers, and also indigenous scholars who are working in various models of peace building and reconciliation,” Byrne said.

“Another area is what John Paul Lederach calls just peace or the human rights social justice approach. We look at where that fits in the field in terms of forgiveness, reconciliation, and trust building. This is very important, not just at the local grassroots level but we’re now seeing for example the development of truth and reconciliation commissions in Nicaragua, and North Ireland, with South Africa probably being the most famous example.”

The quest for social justice is increasingly including a focus on the arts, culture and humanities, an approach played out at the U of M with Senehi’s blending of story telling with peace education and transformational conflict resolution.

“We also look at how you deal with trauma, which I think is a critical issue, because if you don’t you’re sewer the seeds for future conflict,” Byrne said. “You can bring in all this money, economic aid, you can start new institutions and legal structures and bureaucracy but what happens if people have been traumatized by significant violence in society as in former Yugoslavia and Rwanda, for example?”

“If you don’t address those episodes of violence you’re sewer the seeds for the next conflict or the next round of violence.”

Byrne said the handbook also considers the role of culture as both a cause of conflict and a mechanism for resolution.

“We need to think about how we process things in North America and how other cultures make peace,” Byrne said. “We need to look beyond just the Western model.”

Let’s talk politics (and policy)

The Roblin Professorship Conference – Manitoba Politics, Government and Policy into the 21st Century runs Nov. 20 to 22 at St. John’s College.

The conference will tackle subjects ranging from the political history of Manitoba to the media in politics. Speakers include Winnipeg Free Press columnist Francis Russell, and Paul Vogt, clerk of the executive council (Manitoba).

Let’s talk politics (and policy)

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Study on aging is ready to retire

BY DALE BARBOUR
The Bulletin

It’s a like saying good-bye to an old friend. In this case, more than 260 friends.

The University of Manitoba is wrapping up the Aging in Manitoba (AIM) Longitudinal Study at the end of this year, completing a project that for some participants dates back to 1971.

“Aging is the longest running population-based study on aging in Canada,” Ageing in Manitoba Study director Barbara Payne said. There are longer running research studies, such as the U of M’s own Manitoba Follow-up Study, which has been tracking the health of a cohort of Second World War airmen since 1948 and which just celebrated its 60th birthday this summer. But what made the AIM Study unique was that it randomly drew a cross-section of the population from day one, taking in men and women who were all at or approaching retirement age.

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Events Listing

University of Manitoba

What’s on Shepard’s mind

The Black Hole Theatre Company kicks off its 2008/2009 season with Sam Shepard’s, A Lie of the Mind. Jake has just beaten up his wife, Beth. He claims she is dead, but she is alive. Jake’s brother, travels north to Montana to find out the truth, leaving Jake in the care of his sister and overprotective mother. Frankie finds Beth, but she is far from physically and mentally well. Meanwhile Jake escapes from home and ends up in Montana only to be thrust into another series of familial problems.

In A Lie of the Mind, Shepard gives us a complex portrait of two dysfunctional families. As we are drawn into their tumultuous domestic spheres, we see their lives converge through scenes of violence and tenderness, death and life, fire and snow. Are these opposites compatible? Is there room for forgiveness and redemption?

Lyrical, humorous, emotionally raw, A Lie of the Mind explores the power of the heart set against the backdrop of the American dream.

A Lie of the Mind is directed by senior theatre student, Ray Strachan. Ray was seen this past summer as Alsatian in the Winnipeg Fringe Festival hit Remember the Night by Daniel Thau-Elle. He also performed the role of the Prosecutor in the Black Hole Theatre Company’s Mametfest entry, Romance. Ray’s last directing contribution to the Black Hole Theatre Company was Madly in Love for the 05/06 B.H.A.G season.

Tickets: $11 Adults, $9 Students and seniors.

Performances at the Black Hole Theatre, basement level of University College: Nov. 18 and 25, 7 p.m., and Nov 19 to 22 and 26 to 29, 8 p.m.

Thursday, November 13

Microbiology, PerfActs as a switch for oxygen tolerance in the strict anaerobe Clostridium acetobutylicum by Tom Rydkal, 527 Buller Building, 3 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 13.

Journalism, Manitoba Memories: Journalism on the Cutting Edge by Simma Holt, journalist, writer and former member of Parliament, Archives & Special Collections, 350 Elizabeth Dafoe Library, 3 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 13.

Advanced Plant Science Seminar, Of Soil and Nematodes: In Search of Oxygen Tolerance in the Strict Anaerobe Clostridium acetobutylicum by Tom Rydkal, 527 Buller Building, 3 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 13.

Friday, November 14

Elizabeth Dafoe Library Graduate Student Lectures, Relational Boredom: A Unique Challenge to Relational Maintenance and Satisfactions by Cheryl Harasymchuk, department of psychology, Iceland Board Room, 3rd Floor, Elizabeth Dafoe Library, 12:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 14.

Conversations in Women’s History: An Afternoon in Honour of Mary Kinney, Unity is Power”. Margrét Benediktsdóttir’s Campaign for Women’s Emancipation, 1893-1912 by Ryan Eyford, University of Manitoba; Forgotten Firsts: Female Politicians in the Atlantic Provinces in the Twentieth Century by Margaret Conrad, University of New Brunswick; Roundtable Discussion: Speaking of Women, Participants: Tina Chen (U of M), Rossin Cosnar (U of M), Eysilt Jones (U of M), Mary Jane McCallum (U of Winnipeg), Common Room Common, St. John’s College, 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 14.

Sociology, Let them stay? War Resisters in Canada with war resister Joshua Key, 501 Tier Building, 2:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 14.

Electrical and Computer Engineering, Bio-inspired Algorithms for Mobile Networks by Parimala Thulasiraman, computer science, E2-160 Engineering and Information Technology Centre, 1:15 p.m., Friday, Nov. 14.

Mathematics Graduate Student Seminar, A non-traditional Euclidean Plane by Eric Ens, 124 MacNayr Hall, 2:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 14.

Chemistry, Topic TBA by Ian Burgess, department of chemistry, University of Saskatchewan, 539 Parker Building, 2:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 14.

Economics, Severity of Disability by Umut Oguzoglu, University of Manitoba, 539 Parker Building, 2:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 14.

Physics and Astronomy, How memory for light helps quantum communication by Alexander Livosky, department of physics and astronomy, University of Calgary, 539 Allen Building, 3:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 14.

Institute for the Humanities, Group of Seven Awkward Moments by Diana Thorneycroft, School of Art, 409 Tier Building, 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 18.

Wednesday, November 19

Native Studies, From Truth to Reconciliation by Jonathan Dewar, Director of Research at the Aboriginal Healing Foundation, 507 Tier Building, 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 19.

Sixth Annual Sol Kane Lecture on Peace and Justice, Peacebuilding, Development, Hope… The Other Afghanistan by Fioza MacDonald, P.C., C.O.O., O.N.T., O.N.S., 2nd Floor, University Centre, 1 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 19.

Advanced Plant Science, Market Efficiency and the Canola Market in Canada by Derek Brewin, agribusiness and ag economics, Carolyn Sifton Lecture Theatre Agriculture Building, 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 19.

Winnipeg Institute of Theoretical Physics, Optical Properties of Monolayer and Bilayer Graphene by David Abergel, physics and astronomy, 530 Allen Building, 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 19.

Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management Career Expo, with keynote speaker Wade Miller, BPE Alumnus, Blue Bomber Alumnus and CEO of Pinnacle Staffing Solutions, Max Bell Field House, 8 to 5 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 19.

Bringing Research to Life Speaker Series, Tough Choices: Help for Anxiety and Depression by John Walker, professor, clinical health psychology, Robert B. Schultz Lecture Theatre, St. John’s College, 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 19

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14
Pharmacology, Studies on Biochemical Mechanisms of Carbodaran Neurotoxicity by Dr. Kambjo, Postdoctoral Fellow, Pharmacology and Therapeutics, Division of Neurodegenerative Disorders, St. Boniface Research Centre, Pharmacology Library A229 Chown Building, 9 a.m., Friday, Nov. 14. Video-link to R403 Saint Boniface Research Centre.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19
Obstetrics and Gynecology Grand Rounds. Minimally Invasive Surgery For The Treatment Of Menorrhagia by Dr. J. Thaul, obstetrics and gynecology, University Of Saskatchewan, Theatre A Basic Medical Sciences, 7:45 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 19.

Centre on Aging Research Seminar Series. Use of anemia screening in the elderly population of Manitoba by Robert Bisconti, Accounting & Finance, H1A Sherer School of Business, 405 Brodie Centre, 12 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 19.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20
Pediatric Grand Rounds, Billary Areasa: New Insights For 2008 by Orlee Gutman, research fellow, hepatology, Division of gastroenterology, Hepatology & nutrition, The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Theatre A Basic Medical Sciences Building, linked to NG002 St. Boniface Hospital, 8 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 20.

Physical Therapy Academic Rounds, ATA System and the Rehabilitation Portal by Tony Saturn by R160 School of Physical Rehabilitation, 12 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 20.

IMMUNOLOGY, PREVENTION OF EXPERIMENTAL MRENHROPHIC NEUROPATHY BY MIMOVIRUS VACCINE CONTAINING NEUTRALIZING PEPTIDES BY NEELOFFER MOOKHERJEE. Experimental membranous nephropathy, immunology, Immunology Library 604/605 Basic Medical Sciences Building, 12 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 20.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24
Infectious Diseases and Medical Microbiology. Four continents, one shared experience: International Infectious Diseases and Global Health Research Training Program – a proposal by Keith Fowke, 540 Basic Medical Sciences Building, 9 a.m., Monday, Nov. 24.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26
Pathology Teaching Rounds, The contribution of electron microscopy to diagnostic surgical pathology by Hongming Guo, assistant professor, department of pathology, MS473 Thorlakson Building, Health Sciences Centre, 1 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 26.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27
FUNCTIONAL GENOMICS OF IMMUNE RESPONSES. See immunomodulation by host defence peptides by Neeloffer Mookherjee, department of immunological medicine, Manitoba Centre for Proteomics and Systems Biology, Immunology Library 604/605 Basic Medical Sciences Building, 12 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 27.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28
COMMUNITY HEALTH SCIENCES COLLOQUIUM. Chronic Disease Prevention and Management: What’s Worked? What Hasn’t? What Next? by Sara Kreindler, assistant professor, department of community health sciences, researcher, WRHA Research & Evaluation Unit, Dr. Betty Henvery Seminar Room, R060 Medical Rehabilitation Building, 12 p.m., Friday, Nov. 28.

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• E-mail events to barbourd@ms.umanitoba.ca or fax 474 7651.
• The deadline for the Dec. 4 Bulletin is Nov. 26 at 4:30 p.m.

Art&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 TWO

November 20 to December 12
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The Black Hole Theatre

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A LIE OF THE MIND

By Sam Shepard

Nov. 18 and Nov. 25 at 7 p.m.

The University of Manitoba Singers under the direction of Elroy Friesen, Marcel A. Desaulats Faculty of Music. Brought to you by the Office of the President.

CHRISTMAS AT BRODIE

12 p.m., Thursday, December 11

Brodie Centre Atrium, Bannatyne Campus

Steve Kirby & the University of Manitoba Jazz Ensemble of the Marcel A. Desaulats Faculty of Music. Brought to you by the Alumni Association.

EUREKA! MUSICAL!

Lobby 135 Innovation Drive, Smartpark

Featuring the U of M’s Marcel A. Desaulats Faculty of Music Students 7 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, December 3

Free concert! Seating is limited.

Please call 474 7975 or e-mail malcolm0@cc.umanitoba.ca to reserve your seat.

Music events

• Jamming the Dragon with the experimental Improv Ensemble, Perrett/

• Final Round of the annual Bernstein Competition, open to the public, Eva Clare Hall, free admission, Wednesday, Nov. 26.

• Wind Ensemble and Concert Band, Jubilee Place at MBC3, 180 Riverton Ave., 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 28. Tickets available at the door: $10 for adults, $5 for students.

• Choral Department Christmas Concert, St. Mary’s Cathedral, 355 St. Mary Ave., 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 29, $12 for adults, $5 for students.

• University Symphony Performs, The Great Hall in University College, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 2. Tickets available at the door.

• Mardi Jazz Concert, Franco-Manitoban Centre, 340 Provencher, 8 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 2. Tickets available at the door.

• Annual Festive Christmas, a medieval musical banquet, with the Bison Men’s Chorus serving and entertaining throughout the evening of seasonal celebration, Great Hall, University College, 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6. Advance tickets are required: Contact a member, or the director, of the Bison Men’s Chorus.
Bringing Research to LIFE

In Brief

Research in the media

Martin Nyachoti, animal science, and Dilantha Fernando, plant science, were recently featured on Farmspace, a radio segment that airs on CKLQ, CFRW and other stations. Martin was interviewed on the feeding of fusarium infected grain to pigs. Dilantha was interviewed on the 2008 situation of fusarium head blight disease in the prairies, and in particular about the toxin changes that have been identified in the prairies.

ON, with coverage on www.cbc.ca, the Globe and Mail and others.

Rance. Another worry on farm” by Laura

article “Infected wheat toxins another worry on farm” by Laura Rance.

On the anxiety treatment front, Walker notes that things have improved significantly in recent years. For instance, 20 years ago, it may have taken dozens of therapy sessions to resolve a problem. Today, six sessions can sometimes be all one needs.

“Tough choices made easier”

BY SEAN MOORE

Why, clinical health psychologist John Walker asks, can we learn from televisions from an unbiased and accurate source before buying one, but when we need medical treatment we have no comparable source to first turn to?

“When it comes to getting help for anxiety there are several different treatments,” Walker said. “They look different and have very different characteristics. But often people wind up at a treatment not having made a thoughtful decision about what they want to do, and often they don’t realize what sort of commitment a treatment comes with.”

Medical treatments – be it for anxiety or for problems pertaining to the prostate or high cholesterol – should not be decided upon in a cavalier fashion. Yet, many people do just that.

So on November 19, Walker will give a free public lecture as part of the Bringing Research to Life speaker series (details below) that will discuss what we can do to help people with treatment decisions. His presentation is titled, Tough Choices: Help for Anxiety and Depression.

For the past 25 years Walker has been working with patients experiencing levels of anxiety or depression that interfere with their daily fulfillment. One in 10 Winnipeggers experience this and it is a leading cause of work absenteeism.

Research Seminar Series

Canadian Women's Health Practices, Perceptions, and Behaviors

Period:  Results from the Maternity Experiences Survey

For more information, contact: lindsay_fagundes@umanitoba.ca

Clinical Research Project and Documentation Management Lectures

Thursday, December 4, 2008

1:30 p.m.

N3026 St. Boniface General Hospital

For more information, contact: Terry Sawicz-Hanesiak

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twicz@sbgh.mb.ca Phone: (204) 257-2226

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Tough choices made easier

BY SEAN MOORE

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Music is a perfect fit for Dawe

Thanks to Marcel A. Desautels and Project Domino, Music is set to soar

Meet The Dean

BY DALE BARBOUR

The Bulletin

Most children dream about what they want to be when they grow up. For some, they were writing ‘fire fighter’ or ‘policeman’ in their Grade 1 notebooks. Edmund Dawe was very purposefully pencilling ‘music teacher’ in his.

“My family has always gotten a kick out of that,” the Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music dean says. “Our Grade 1 printing journals had a page where we were asked, ‘What do you want to be when you grow up?’ My response was I want to be a music teacher. I think most of the other kids thought I was crazy!”

Actually, Dawe probably knew even sooner. He was playing the piano by ear when he was four-years-old and taking lessons by the time he was six.

“Growing up in a small Newfoundland town, we lived in an environment with a rich folk music tradition. Music was a central part of what we did at family, church, and social gatherings,” Dawe said. “My mother plays by ear, so I guess the musical talent comes from that side of the family.”

Home for Dawe during his childhood was Upper Gullies, a small town of about 350 near St. John’s. However, it has since grown to become part of the substantial bedroom community of Conception Bay South with a population of about 25,000.

Pursuing his grade school career aspirations, Dawe entered Memorial University to study music and education.

“One of the most exciting things to happen during that period of my life was an external seminar program where you’d choose each semester to study in London, England at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. In 1982, I was one of those students, and I spent six months living in central London. Just think of the impact of this on a 19-year-old musician – going from a small town to living in one of the world’s major cultural centres! I had the opportunity to hear renowned performers and I studied with some of the best artist-teachers. The experience changed my life and made me decide to continue my education by pursuing a graduate degree in piano performance. I was hooked,” Dawe said.

He graduated from Memorial University in 1982 with the degrees of bachelor of music and bachelor of music education, winning the university medal for excellence in music. Dawe then moved on to the University of Western Ontario to complete a masters degree.

Following his graduate studies at the University of Western Ontario, he attended the University of British Columbia where he earned a doctor of musical arts degree (piano performance). Throughout his education, his work was a balance between performance and historical research on aspects of performance and piano pedagogy.

After graduating from UBC, he spent two years at the University of New England teaching at Memorial University followed by two years at Laurentian University in Sudbury.

“In 1990, I moved to Sackville, New Brunswick, where I spent 17 years at the department of music at Mount Allison University,” Dawe said. For six of those years, he served as department head.

He maintained an active performing schedule and released two solo CDs. He continues to be a regular adjudicator at music festivals and competitions including the Juno Awards, a speaker at national and international conferences, and was nominated for an East Coast Music Award (Best Classical).

In 2007, he had the opportunity to become dean of the Faculty of Music at the University of Manitoba. Dawe said there were several elements that attracted him to the position.

First and foremost, the faculty has a strong and growing reputation for offering an outstanding curriculum taught by exceptional professors, in an area of the country known for producing tremendous musical talent,” Dawe stated. He also liked the size of the faculty, small enough to maintain close interaction between professors and their students, yet large enough to offer specialized training.

“Being part of a larger research-based university opens interdisciplinary possibilities. Last year, for example, we offered a course ‘anatomy for musicians,’” Dawe said. “It was team taught by a musicologist and an occupational therapist, and allowed students to explore the musical and physical issues associated with playing an instrument.”

The faculty is also adding a business course for musicians which recognizes that musicians need business skills.

“Musicians have to be entrepreneurs,” Dawe said. “They need career management skills – organizing and advertising concerts, making and marketing recordings, maintaining financial records, dealing with tax laws, applying for grants, etc. Most of these aspects are not covered in university music programs.”

Dawe was also drawn to Winnipeg by the strength of its artistic community.

“There was a period last year when I attended 18 events in three weeks – all of them were excellent and indicative of the vibrant cultural activity in the city,” Dawe said. These strengths allow the faculty to partner with nationally respected professional arts groups in the community and enrich our students’ training. Last year, a mentorship program was established with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra. This year, the program was expanded and the assistant conductor of the WSO was appointed conductor of the University of Manitoba’s Symphony Orchestra.

But for all its strengths, there was one thing the faculty did not have: space. The current Music Building was built in the mid 1960s and designed for 60 students. Today the faculty has over 260 students and with the addition of its new bachelor of jazz studies degree, the enrolment is expected to grow to over 300 within the next three years.

“Currently, we use any available space on campus,” Dawe said. Students are using rooms in the Faculty of Education, the Music Annex, and the Great Hall in University College. Even the Great Hall’s former kitchen is being called into action by the faculty’s percussion students. The faculty also has some office and practice space in the Services Building, and will use the entire Services Building when current occupants move into the university’s new Welcome Centre next spring.

But into that mix two rather astounding things have happened for the Faculty of Music. The first was the announcement of Project Domino last April. An outstanding faculty augmentation plan that will see changes and upgrades to the locations of over a dozen faculties and departments at the university. As part of the plan, the Faculty of Music and the School of Art will be moving into a refurbished Tache Hall, which will allow the space issues that both groups have been facing.

And on the heels of the Project Domino announcement was something that was perhaps even more intriguing. Canadian Credit Management Foundation president Marcel A. Desautels donated $10 million to the Faculty of Music, with $10 million in support of Project Domino, and $10 million in an unrestricted endowment fund.

The donation followed a dinner that Dawe and past president Mike Szathmáry shared with Desautels in Toronto on Dec. 1, 2007.

“We didn’t even discuss money,” Dawe recalled. “We talked about music. He’s passionate about music, and, in particular, opera. So we shared our love of music and I talked about the exciting things happening at the faculty.”

In other words, they discussed the very strengths that had drawn Dawe to the faculty. But they also talked about Dawe’s vision for the faculty to become a primary destination for Canadian and international students.

The $20 million gift is one of the largest in Canadian history to a department, school, or faculty of music. “It’s historic and transformative. A $10 million gift for the renovation project is tremendous, but to receive an additional $10 million in an unrestricted endowment fund is practically unheard of,” Dawe stated. The donation received from this fund will enable the faculty to offer outstanding support to its students and professors, and is already inspiring others to give.

“My colleagues and I were in unanimous agreement that the Faculty should be named the Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music,” Dawe said. “This chapter in the history of music at the University of Manitoba will remain one of the main highlights of my career. Marcel Desautels is a visionary, a business leader, musician, and a grand human being. He is one of the strongest advocates of the faculty, its mission, and its vision.”

His duties as dean aside, Dawe has three children aged 16, 19 and 21. His wife Karla is an organist and is also an instructor in the faculty. While it’s his wife’s students that takealf of the lion’s share of attention in this article, Dawe is also a performing artist, juggling his teaching load with the demands of a busy performance schedule in the community.

“We joke at our house that my practicing has become the nightshift,” Dawe said. “Given the teaching activity and daily demands at the faculty, this has not been possible here. So I do that work in the evenings if I can, or on the weekends. It’s a challenge, but it’s all worth it.”