Graduation powwow

The 20th Annual Traditional Graduation Powwow for Aboriginal students was held on May 2 at the University of Manitoba. Approximately 100 graduates of both the University of Manitoba and the University of Winnipeg were honoured at the event. An estimated 2,000 spectators attended. The powwow began with a pipe ceremony, followed by the grand entry. The grand entry included an honour song, where all graduates danced into the circle and the entire audience was invited to greet and congratulate the honourees. This was followed by a presentation of certificates, degrees and other gifts. The Traditional Graduation Powwow was held at the Investors Group Athletic Centre. The day-long celebration is one of the largest powwows of its kind in Canada. While the grand entry represents the formal part of the day it’s the casual meeting and informal gatherings that take place throughout the day that make the event a truly community affair.

Medical celebrates 125 years

The Faculty of Medicine will celebrate its 125th anniversary with a set of Convocation ceremonies on Friday, May 15 at the Brodie Centre. The morning ceremony will begin at 10 a.m., and see degrees being conferred to medical graduates, the presentation of an honorary degree to Martin Brotman, the title of president emeritus bestowed on Emőke Szathmáry, and the title of professor emeritus granted to James Thliveris, human anatomy & cell science, Daniel Sitar, human anatomy & cell science and Godfrey Harding, medical microbiology. The afternoon ceremony will begin at 1 p.m., and see honorary degrees presented to David Naylor, Mark Greene, John Herbert Dirks, and Sister Elizabeth Davis.

Here’s a brief look at the award recipients:

Martin Brotman
BSc (Med), MD (Manitoba); MSc (Med) (Minnesota)
A renowned gastroenterologist and internal medicine researcher, educator and practitioner, Martin Brotman has received numerous commendations for his contribution to the field of gastroenterology. A graduate of the University of Manitoba’s Faculty of Medicine, he is sought-after internationally as a speaker on subjects ranging from clinical issues to healthcare economics.

Sr. Elizabeth Davis
BA, BEd (Memorial); MA (Theology) (Notre Dame); MHlthSc, ThD (Toronto); LLD (Memorial)
Sister Elizabeth Davis has led a life of outstanding contribution to the public through her work as an educator, inspirational speaker and effective health care administrator in Newfoundland. Her expertise and dedication to the needs of patients and their families have been recognized locally, nationally and internationally.

John Herbert Dirks
CM, BSc (Med) MD (Manitoba); FRCP(C), FRSC
A distinguished doctor, educator and scientist, John Dirks is recognized internationally for his kidney research and academic leadership. Dirks is president of the Gairdner Foundation in Toronto which awards major international prizes in biomedicine. During his tenure, the Gairdner Awards have become one of the top three prizes in the world in the area of medical research.

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Provincial grant, tuition cap set budget agenda

BY DALE BARBOUR
The Bulletin

The numbers are all on the table now. It’s up to the university to decide what to do with them.

The University of Manitoba had requested a 10.9 per cent increase in funding from the province to meet its basic budget requirements for 2009-2010. It will have to make do with something less.

As president David Barnard reported at the April 27 Board of Governors meeting, the provincial operating grant was increased 4.5 per cent for the University of Manitoba. Following up on the Ben Levin led Commission on Tuition Fees and Accessibility to Post-Secondary Education in Manitoba, the province also suspended the tuition freeze and allowed the University of Manitoba to increase its tuition fees by 4.5 per cent.

The report itself was released at the beginning of April and recommended the province cap future increases at 5 per cent in an effort to maintain accessibility.

In a letter to the province, Barnard noted there are several positive recommendations in the Levin report. However, he also noted the “limitation of the commission’s work to issues of tuition fees and accessibility alone ignores broader and pressing considerations related to the overall sufficiency of operating funding for the university system.”

But the bottom line for the university is that it will have to adjust its budget to meet the revenues that have come in. “There is a distance between our revenue and our expectations and we are working to close that gap,” Barnard said. “We will have it closed when we bring the budget forward to the Board.”

Board member Arthur Black noted that 10.9 per cent had been pegged as the necessary to maintain the status quo for the university.

“It’s just not sustainable if we keep getting less than we require simply to stay even,” Illick said.

Board member and Engineering dean Doug Ruth agreed. “Every time we say we need 10.9 per cent and we get 4.5 per cent we are providing more reason for the government to give us 4.5 per cent,” Ruth noted. “At some point the Board is going to have to stand its ground.”

“What we’re doing is not sustainable. But everyone else is doing the same thing. The entire education system is in this crunch,” Barnard noted. “But (with the tuition limits) we do not have the option of testing the market.”

IN OTHER BOARD NEWS:

The University of Manitoba certainly can’t be accused of not pulling its own weight when it comes to fundraising. Earlier this spring, the province raised $44,122,060 for student supports, research, capital funds and a range of other projects.

The spectacular community support came despite the economic downturn on the latter part of 2008.

Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music students voted to kick in $1.66 per credit hour or about $8,450 over the next year to support the faculty’s endowment fund.

Convocation available online

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Mark I. Greene
MD, PhD (Manitoba); FRCPSC
A pioneering scientist, Mark I. Greene has made significant contributions to cancer research and his discoveries have led to new chemotherapy and radiation therapy treatments. His contribution to our understanding of human biology has also led to advances in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

David Naylor
BA, BSc, MD (Toronto), DPhil (Oxford)
Currently president of the University of Toronto, David Naylor is an accomplished researcher and educator who played a leading role in promoting public health in Canada. Naylor was chair of the National Advisory Committee on SARS and Public Health in 2003 which led to the creation of the Public Health Agency of Canada.

President Emeritus
Edward J. E. Schathmáry
CM, BA (Hons), PhD, LLB (Toronto); DSc (Western Ontario); DLitt (St. Michael’s College); LLD (York); FRSC 1996 – 2008 Tenth President
Emilek Schathamáry received her BA and PhD from the University of Toronto and then joined Trent University for a one-year appointment as assistant professor in anthropology. This was followed by appointments at McMaster University including department chair, dean of social sciences at the University of Western Ontario, and provost and vice-president (academic) at McMaster. During her tenure as president the University of Manitoba underwent a significant expansion with growing enrolment, the creation of Smartpark and undertook the Building on Strengths capital campaign which raised over $257 million for the university. While president, Schathamáry served as director of a number of provincial and national volunteer boards. Her research interests in indigenous peoples and their role in promoting public health in Canada and the creation of Smartpark and undertook the Building on Strengths capital campaign which raised over $257 million for the university. While president, Schathamáry served as director of a number of provincial and national volunteer boards. Her research interests in indigenous peoples and their role in promoting public health in Canada and the creation of Smartpark and undertook the Building on Strengths campaign came despite the economic downturn on the latter part of 2008.

The Bulletin will provide a full description of the award recipients in our special convocation issue on May 21.

Convocation continues at the Fort Garry campus May 26 to 28 and at the College universitaire de Saint Boniface on June 1.

Convocation ceremonies will be available via live web feed at umanitoba.ca.

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

Surviving a coma
April 24, 2009
Globe and Mail

The story of an eight-year-old boy who recovered from a coma after falling into the frigid waters of a culvert included comments from several members of the University of Manitoba, including Edward Boldt, a retired retired school principal who grew up among Hutterites and continues to study their culture, and Gordon Giesbrecht, professor of thermophysiology.

Cheap Manitobans
April 25, 2009
Winnipeg Free Press

A story about how frugal Manitobans are slow to feed the state’s economy included some observations from retail analyst Bob Warren, executive director of the Stu Clarke Centre for Entrepreneurship at the Asper School of Business, who noted that Manitobans can “hedge a little bit and be conservative, but that’s just the culture of the place.”

Leaders in the Arctic
April 25, 2009
Winnipeg Free Press

The University of Manitoba’s rise as an international leader in Arctic science and climate change received a boost when it was announced that the university was one step closer to receiving a Canada Excellence Research Chair in Arctic Geomicrobiology and Climate Change.

Asper School of Business, who noted that Manitobans feed the stalled economy included some observations in the recent CFL Canadian College Draft.

Sun, May 2, 2009, mentions Bison offensive whose ship is patrolling the Gulf of Aden.

HMCS Winnipeg, U of M graduate Craig Baines, CBC, April 24, 2009, profiles the captain of the

Thermophysiology
April 25, 2009
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Bingham supports research chair

Medicine graduate returns after 70 years to support his alma mater

BY ILANA SIMON
For The Bulletin

It’s been almost 70 years since John B. Bingham, MD (90) lost the handle of his medical school. But the 93-year-old University of Manitoba alumnus, who gave $1 million towards the Bingham Chair in Gastroenterology, came home last week for an announcement that will improve the lives of the 50 per cent of Canadians affected by gastrointestinal diseases and hopefully, one day, lead to a cure.

Clinical and respected gastroenterology researcher Charles Bernstein, section head of gastroenterology at the University of Manitoba Inflammatory Bowel Syndrome Clinical and Research Centre, was appointed to the Bingham Chair in Gastroenterology on Thursday, April 30 in the Buhler Atrium, Bannatyne Campus.

“Historically we’ve always taught students in silos and even in clinical settings they’ve worked within their own professions. There was simply little interaction with other students but not authentic working together relationships where you had to work out who was going to do what today.”

It can be like trying to get elementary students to work together in a group with each student bickering about whether the others are pulling their weight. But patients need all of their health providers on side.

“Health care you have to learn how to work together and learn from each other,” Dean said.

The Health Professions Education Collaborative (HPEC) facilitates that interaction both by providing a forum for representatives from the different schools to share ideas but also simply by putting the concept on the agenda.

“What you do really done is it has brought us legimacy within our institution, having HPEC, and working with a lot of these very influential people, helps me and the people I work with to have a little clout with patients and the people who run our institution,” said Marc Shalaby, program director, internal medicine/transitional residency programs, Lehigh Valley Hospital. “This isn’t just a project that a handful of people wanted to try out. This is something that has been vetted out in an international forum that gives me legitimacy with the people I work with.”

Shalaby’s situation shows how the challenge isn’t limited to universities; hospitals have to deal with getting their diverse staff to work and learn together.

Attending the meeting from Winnipeg, Karin Thorne, the resultant manager doctors development program for the Jonkoping Country Council – a close equivalent to Manitoba’s health authorities – said they are trying to coordinate health care cooperation on a regional basis by bringing together hospitals and universities.

The Health Professions Education Collaborative meeting to provide valuable information towards that goal.

The two-day event was intended to tackle everything from the big picture issues to the nuts and bolts of working changes in medical knowledge into the curricula of medicine, nursing and pharmacy to ensure that as the health sciences develop that development is integrated into all the different fields.

The event also gave the University of Manitoba the opportunity to show off its health sciences innovations and successes, a list that includes creating an inter-professional health education coordinator.

Dean said the upside of that new position is that the person answers directly to the vice-president academic, giving the coordinator the same sort of independence enjoyed by University 1, which works with faculties across the campus.

The April 21 to 22 meeting drew Representatives from 18 universities – or about 48 schools in total. It’s not a large number given that there are hundreds of health profession schools in North America alone. But that could be about to change.

“One of the things that has happened since the work has been in progress and more schools have been interested in learning about these sorts of ideas,” said Paul Batalden, Dartmouth, HPEC chair. “So we need to rethink how we are organized so that we can continue to move our organizational response to this need and we’ll be working to integrate our ability to exchange information with one another with the development of virtual communities and web based educational activities.”

Ultimately, Batalden says the goal is to grow if it wants to make changes in health care.
Marks of Achievement

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

WELCOME TO OUR NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

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

WENDY SCHULTZ
Assistant Professor
Department of Accounting and Finance
Asper School of Business

Wendy Schultz joined the Asper School of Business in 2008. She is currently completing her PhD in Accounting at the Queen’s School of Business, Queen’s University, and holds a bachelor of commerce (honours) degree from the University of Manitoba. She obtained her CA designation from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Manitoba in 2001, and has worked in public accounting, providing assurance, accounting, tax, and consulting services to small and medium-sized businesses, individuals, and not-for-profit organizations.

Schultz has received numerous academic awards, including a SSHRC doctoral fellowship. Her research interests include financial reporting and disclosure, international accounting, and the interaction between financial reporting incentives, accounting standards, and enforcement. Schultz’s teaching interests include financial accounting and taxation.

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Keselman and Jayas take up VP positions

The Board of Governors of the University of Manitoba has approved the appointment of Joanne Keselman as vice-president (academic) and provost and the appointment of Digvir Jayas as vice-president (research).

“Dr. Keselman is well known to the university community and has distinguished herself as a dynamic and transformative leader,” said president David Barnard. “I know that her energy, intellect and capacity to bring people together will serve us all exceptionally well.”

Keselman received her doctoral degree in qualitative psychology from the University of Manitoba in 1978. Her area of expertise is applied statistical analysis, and she has published extensively on such topics as the analysis of repeated measures designs, multiple comparison procedures, multivariate analysis and meta-analysis.

From 1997 until 2008, Keselman served as vice-president (research); prior to assuming this position, she served for five years as associate vice-president (research).

Keselman is a member of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) and its executive committee, the Premier of Manitoba’s Economic Advisory Council and its executive committee, and of the board of directors of ISIS Canada. She previously served on the boards of directors of ArcticNet and the International Centre for Infectious Diseases, and is the past chair of the board of directors of RESOLVE, a prairie research network on family violence, and the advisory board of the Richardson Centre for Functional Foods and Nutraceuticals. She also previously served for seven years as a member of the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council and its executive committee, including five years as its vice-president.

“I know Dr. Jayas will be an outstanding vice-president (research),” said Barnard. “His accomplishments in research are world-renowned and his willingness to enter a new phase of his career in which he devotes his prodigious energy to facilitating the work of other researchers, rather than continuing to carry on his personal research at the same level as he has done, is an indicator of his commitment to the success of the entire university community.”

Jayas is an experienced and distinguished professor, was educated at the G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology in Pantnagar, India, the University of Manitoba, and the University of Saskatchewan. Before assuming the position of acting vice-president (research), he held the position of associate vice-president (research) for eight years. Prior to this he was dean of the school of agriculture and food sciences, and he was a registered professional engineer and a registered professional agrologist.

Jayas holds a Canada Research Chair in Stored-Grain Ecosystems and has conducted research in the areas of: physical properties of agricultural products; modified atmosphere storage of grains, oilseeds, potatoes and meats; mathematical modelling of biological systems; and digital image processing for grading and processing operations in the Agri-Food industry.

Jayas is the recipient of the 2008 Dr. John M. Bowman Memorial Winnipeg Police Foundation Award. He is currently serving as a member of the Manitoba Chamber of Commerce, Composite Innovation Centre, Agriculture Institute of Canada (AIC), Manitoba Institute of Agrologist (MIA), Canadian Academy of Engineering (CAE), Canadian Council of Professional Engineers, Manitoba Health Research Council and Genome Prairie.

The appointments were effective April 28, 2009 and are for five years.

Schepp is new B-ball coach

At the University of Manitoba’s Board of Governors meeting held on Monday, April 27, the Board approved the Bison Sports and the Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management recommendation to the Governors that Kirby Schepp become the new Manitoba Bison Men’s Basketball head coach. Schepp is appointed to the full-time position that started on Friday, May 1.

Schepp started after the Board of Governor approval, “It is an honour to receive this appointment and to have the opportunity to test myself at the CIS level in my hometown. The University of Manitoba men’s basketball program has a storied tradition of national champions, national team athletes and Olympians. We will do everything possible to bring the program back to this level.”

Schepp, 34, had been at Sturgeon/Silver Heights Collegiate in Winnipeg as a head coach and physical education teacher since 1994. Over the last 14 seasons, he amassed a record of 333-143 while establishing Sturgeon/Silver Heights as one of the top basketball programs in Manitoba while leading them to five provincial final fours, five league championships and a 100 per cent graduation rate of athletes. Schepp was also named both the AAAA Boys Coach of the Year and the Coaching Manitoba Excellence in Coaching Award (School System) in 2007.

Along with his role at Sturgeon/Silver Heights, Schepp’s head coaching history includes being part of Team Manitoba for seven seasons while holding a 67-19 record among teams playing in exhibition tournaments, National Championships and Canada Games. The Winnipeg native continues his role as Manitoba’s Canada Games Male Coach and the head coach of Canada Basketball’s Centre for Performance Prairie Region Boy’s Program (involved since 2001) while being Basketball Manitoba’s most active National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) course conductor (Levels 1-5).

Over 1,000 early year educators, from Canada and the northern United States are in Winnipeg for the first ever Reggio Inspired Care and Education Conference (RICE), May 6 to 9. This conference for early childhood, university and college educators, teachers, parents, administrators, superintendents, consultants and the arts community will be held at the University of Manitoba, West Kildonan Collegiate, and Red River College.

Conference on educating children

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THE MANITOBA MEDICAL SERVICE FOUNDATION

BASIC SCIENCE CAREER DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH AWARD

Faculty of Medicine and Manitoba Medical Service Foundation

The Manitoba Medical Service Foundation and the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Manitoba, invite applications from individuals as candidates for the Basic Science Career Development Research Award, to be effective October 1, 2009. The intent of the award is to support the awardee to become a strong candidate for a senior national personnel research award, such as a CIHR Investigator. Individuals who have previously held, or are currently holding, such an award will not be eligible for the MMFS award.

Candidates should have been engaged in independent research for not more than about 7 years, should have an excellent track-record in independent research, and should have a satisfactory publication record in peer reviewed journals. The Award will be limited to individuals holding an appointment in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Manitoba.

The Award is given for a period of 3 years. The Manitoba Medical Service Foundation will contribute $50,000 annually to the salary of the successful candidate. It may not be held concurrently with another personal career award and is not renewable. The candidate should have a PhD or equivalent, and demonstrated potential, or an established national/international reputation, in basic medical sciences research. At least 75% effort must be devoted to research activities. The appointment will be subject to annual renewal. A one-year term grant-in-aid to the appointee of up to $20,000 may be made during the first year of appointment.

Applicants shall use the CIHR Scholarship Application form which consists of a CV Module and a Research Module, plus the names of three referees.

Picturing monuments

A major component of community life is the landmarks, monuments and built heritage within that community. Canadian historians have often claimed that the physical and geographical heritage of Canadians has played a key role in the development of our identity as a nation.

From sod huts to towering skyscrapers, the built heritage of western Canadian communities has influenced the development of the region and the people.

The University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections, along with its partners the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg Archives, the Canadian Architectural Archives, and the Archives of Manitoba, have created a website devoted to the Canadian architectural history and the effects it has had on Canadian society.

The 7,000 textual documents, photographs, blueprints, films, and sound clips that comprise Landmarks, Monuments & Built Heritage of the West document this rich historical legacy.

Visit the Landmarks, Monuments and Built Heritage of the West website at: umanitoba.ca/libraries/archives/digital/built_heritage/.

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Rethinking faculty funding

Should every university faculty member receive a baseline grant?

Viewpoint with Richard Gordon professor Department of Radiology

We propose 50 per cent of all funds disbursed by granting agencies be for baseline grants, and 50 per cent for competitive and directed grants, which does not imply dismantling the current system.

a modest trip to a conference each year. Depending on the size of your current grants, you will regard this as a pittance, extravagant, or just right. But no matter what your current circumstances and confidence that you can maintain them throughout your productive years, like your salary such an amount would give you some degree of freedom to innovate. Voluntary pooling between you and your collaborators and/or allowing 100 per cent carryover from one fiscal year to the next could produce ambitious projects at no additional cost.

There are 1200 of us at the University of Manitoba, so baseline funding would cost society $36 million per year. Where will the money come from? We arrived at a surprising answer recently, at least in the case of those of us eligible to apply to NSERC, whose average disbursed grant is about $50,000 per year; society already spends more than that, at least $40,000, for each grant application turned down (Gordon & Poulain, 2009). This figure was arrived at by estimating cost of time spent preparing and reviewing the grant applications plus NSERC administrative costs, all of which take away from money that could have been spent on research. Might as well fund 100 per cent of us. All that is needed is reorganization and the kind of trust developed in the CIHR’s contract with us.

Why should society pay us to do what we like? Well they already do, via our salaries, though we are a well educated and well paid bunch. Down the line, our tax payers’ money for research: NSERC, MRC, (now CIHR), SSHRC, NCIC, etc. Our president, Geoffrey Hunter (physics, York University), died last fall, and other than littering the peer reviewed and other literature with articles and letters on the faults of the peer review system and how to fix them, we can’t claim to have accomplished much. This will be to the relief of those who flourish under the current system, which applauds their excellence, while defining excellence as succeeding in getting grants (Poulain & Gordon, 2001). We have mostly been ignored, occasionally ridiculed in public, and quietly applauded by colleagues who feared to join us lest it be the bait. Let us take as a round figure for this “professional development allowance” (PDA) $30,000 per year per faculty member. This would be enough to support one graduate student, a bit of operating funds, and perhaps could be funded.

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Books

by University Staff

BY DALE BARROUR

The Bulletin

Scratch the surface of any ethnic conflict and you’ll probably find an economic underpinning. Arthur Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice director Sean Byrne explores that link in his latest book, Economic Assistance and the Northern Ireland Conflict: Building the Peace Dividend.

“I’m interested in the role of poverty and unemployment in the conflict and the link with young people. There’s some areas in Northern Ireland where you had 80 per cent unemployment in the inner cities for young people, so a lot of these young people got sucked into paramilitary organizations, either loyalist or republican,” Byrne said. It’s a subject that he cut his teeth on while pursuing his master’s degree at Queens University in Belfast in the 1980s. The link between economic assistance and peace building was already known at the time, with Britain and Ireland both kicking in funds towards the International Fund for Ireland.

In 1994 the European Union put together the Special Support Program for Peace and Reconciliation or Peace I. The program lasted from 1995 to 1999 and was followed by Peace II, from 2000 to 2006 and now Peace III set to run 2007 to 2013. Economic Assistance and the Northern Ireland Conflict tracks the peace process through the efforts in the 1980s and Peace I. Byrne is currently working on a book to track the impact of economic assistance programs. A third book is planned to look at Peace III. The research is funded by grants from the United States Institute of Peace and the Social Sciences and Research Council of Canada.

“It’s really a longitudinal analysis, tracking the peace process over the past 20 years,” Byrne said. It’s also a qualitative study focusing primarily on how people have perceived the impact of economic assistance on sustainable economic development and peacebuilding.

Byrne has published the quantitative information in essays before — the raw data looking at how economic resources has gone into Northern Ireland and how it has impacted everything from employment rates to living standards in targeted areas. But in Economic Assistance and the Northern Ireland Conflict he was more interested in how people felt about it.

“Peace I was intended to target people on the peripheries, marginalized people and poor people suffering from social exclusion. It was also intended to build contact across communities, in that sense peace and reconciliation is not just about economic development or the development of people but also in building contact between two deeply segregated communities in a bi-polarized society,” Byrne said.

Byrne interviewed a wide range of people: Protestant, Catholic, Unionist and Nationalist, and the leaders of community groups that were funded by both paramilitary groups. Some leaders were interested in how to build capacity in their own communities before they could work jointly with groups on the other side of the conflict, but that trend changed as the programs evolved and many of the projects stipulated that there had to be representatives from both communities to receive funding. Indeed the complicated paperwork involved in acquiring funding through the programs often made cooperation a necessity.

“It’s interesting, in one case former republican prisoners were assisting former loyalist prisoners in putting together their application to the funding agencies,” Byrne said.

So far the process seems to be working in Northern Ireland, and Byrne said that’s because economic aid has worked in tandem with cooperation between local leaders and national leaders.

“It’s a cold or frosty peace as the deep underlying causes need to be transformed over the long-term.” Indeed one comes to the situation in Northern Ireland as being in a post-violence phase because the seeds of the conflict still exist within the region.

He says that the success and lessons learned in Ireland can be exported to other conflict areas throughout the world: Cyprus, Bosnia, East Timor, Sudan, South Africa.

TheRepublic of Ireland has benefited from an economic boom over the past decade that made it one of the hottest economies in Europe and of course it’s easier to keep the peace when people have jobs. During that time the local population swelled to include workers from Eastern Europe. The world wide economic downturn has impacted the Celtic Tiger, and Byrne said there may be challenges for people again deal with rising unemployment rates and a new ethnic dynamic.

Some of the paramilitary groups have retooled themselves and they’ve evolved into drug trafficking, smuggling cigarettes and alcohol and some immigrants have broken into some of these gangs.” Byrne said. “What happens if the unemployment rate runs up in working class Protestant and Catholic communities? What does that mean for a quite large immigrant population, and for the peace process?”

Stories to reshape your worldview

The fourth Annual Winnipeg International Storytelling Festival will spin some good yarns from Wednesday, May 6 to Saturday, May 9.

The goal of the festival is to promote the use of storytelling for peacebuilding and community-building, to promote student voice as a critical skill for global citizenship and for protecting human rights, and to nurture the art of storytelling in Winnipeg. This year’s festival is dedicated to the memory of Philip Weiss, the noted Holocaust educator, who spoke at the Festival the first two years but fell ill just days before the Festival last year. This year, during the School Program, young adults from Somalia, Sierra Leone, Afghanistan, Sudan and the DRC, who like Philip Weiss survived war during their childhood will speak at the festival.

Director Jessica Senesi says the festival is presented by the Arthur Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice at St. Paul’s College because storytelling is at the heart of peacebuilding. She explains that storytelling has served as a means of education for all societies throughout time. “Storytelling is not static; it allows us to find our voice, imparts knowledge, carries on traditions and helps foster changes in listeners’ behaviours and ways of thinking.” It’s a very powerful tool for facilitating change,” she adds, “reaching young people in a way that can help them become more aware of issues in their world.”

More than 30 local storytellers as well as those from across Canada and other parts of the world are featured this year. This is the largest festival of its kind in Canada. For more information go to umanitoba.ca/storytelling.

The economics of peacebuilding

The role of economic assistance in bringing Ireland together

People saw that it was making differences in their lives and that it was creating employment opportunities,” Byrne said. “I’ve been working with the same groups so you get to see how they evolved over 20 years or so.”

Initially the groups argued that they needed to build capacity in their own communities before they could work jointly with groups on the other side of the conflict, but that trend changed as the programs evolved and many of the projects stipulated that there had to be representatives from both communities to receive funding. Indeed the complicated paperwork involved in acquiring funding through the programs often made cooperation a necessity.

It’s interesting, in one case former republican prisoners were assisting former loyalist prisoners in putting together their application to the funding agencies,” Byrne said.

So far the process seems to be working in Northern Ireland, and Byrne said that’s because economic aid has worked in tandem with cooperation between local leaders and national leaders.

“It’s a cold or frosty peace as the deep underlying causes need to be transformed over the long-term.” Indeed one comes to the situation in Northern Ireland as being in a post-violence phase because the seeds of the conflict still exist within the region.

He says that the success and lessons learned in Ireland can be exported to other conflict areas throughout the world: Cyprus, Bosnia, East Timor, Sudan, South Africa.

The Republic of Ireland has benefited from an economic boom over the past decade that made it one of the hottest economies in Europe and of course it’s easier to keep the peace when people have jobs. During that time the local population swelled to include workers from Eastern Europe. The world wide economic downturn has impacted the Celtic Tiger, and Byrne said there may be challenges for people again deal with rising unemployment rates and a new ethnic dynamic.

Some of the paramilitary groups have retooled themselves and they’ve evolved into drug trafficking, smuggling cigarettes and alcohol and some immigrants have broken into some of these gangs.” Byrne said. “What happens if the unemployment rate runs up in working class Protestant and Catholic communities? What does that mean for a quite large immigrant population, and for the peace process?”

THE R. SAMUEL MCLAUGHLIN/MMSF RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FELLOWSHIP AWARD

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The R. Samuel McLaughlin Research and Education Fellowship has a value of $25,000 (Cdn.) per year, and funding is tenable for one year only. Applicants are required to demonstrate that they would not be able to undertake fellowship training without the award.

Applications should include a letter of application, a CV, three letters of reference and a research proposal. The application deadline is June 1st, 2009.

Complete application packages must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on June 1, 2009 to:

Dr. P. Choy, Associate Dean (Research)
Faculty of Medicine, University of Manitoba
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Nominations are in for staff awards

The nominees and nominators for the 2009 Support Staff Awards of Excellence were honoured at a luncheon on April 9. This is the fourth year of these awards, celebrating the contributions of support staff with four separate awards – the President’s, Service, Leadership, and Team awards.

Nominations for the prestigious President’s Award recognize outstanding contributions throughout a career at the U of M. This year’s nominees are:
- Joanne Dyer, office of the vice-president (administration)
- Gerry Miller, department of computer science
- Tom Dekel, administrative services, physical plant
- Nancy Laxdal, administrative services, physical plant
- Henry Kunkel, department of physics & astronomy
- Margaret Smith, department of statistics
- Patricia Power, Faculty of Law
- Kimberley Wilde, department of native studies
- Patricia Power, Faculty of Law
- Jasmin Ismailovic, caretaking services, physical plant
- Guy Jonatschick, department of electrical & computer engineering
- Patricia Power, Faculty of Law
- Karen Wilson, department of computer science

The Service Award celebrates support staff members who have exhibited a high level of initiative, dedication, and cooperation in their service to students, faculty, staff, and the general public. This award category received the largest number of nominations, including the following:
- Gerri Acon, director, Architects Without Borders Canada
- Rita Courchaine, dean’s office, Faculty of Education
- Tom Dekel, administrative services, physical plant
- Guy Jonatschick, department of electrical & computer engineering
- Henry Kunkel, department of physics & astronomy
- Nancy Laxdal, administrative services, physical plant
- Keith Millan, workshop, Faculty of Architecture
- Joanna Morissette, department of electrical & computer engineering
- Donna Overwater, telecommunications group, IST

The Leadership Award celebrates individuals who have led their teams in achieving exceptional results and maintaining positive morale. This year’s nominees are:
- Jasmin Ismailovic, caretaking services, physical plant
- Grant McLaughey, environmental health and safety office
- Rudy Mejia, physical plant

The Team Award recognizes critical work done by effective, collaborative teams, exceeding the expectations of the stakeholders, and leading to improvement in procedures, productivity, or service levels. Teams being recognized with a nomination are:
- Combined laboratory inspection program work group
- Environmental health & safety office
- Department of chemistry general office staff
- Faculty of Science office staff team, dean’s office
- Faculty of Science
- Fresh Food Company Team, food services, ancillary services
- IST Computer Support Desk Team, Academic Computing & Networking

Congratulations to all the nominees; your work is appreciated. Congratulations as well to the nominators and supporters for modeling appreciation and highlighting this excellence in our community.

The Leadership, Service, and Team Awards will be presented at a reception on May 12. The President’s Award will be presented at the May convocation. For more information, including the names of all the team members, go to the LDS website, recognition programs, or call Mark O’Riley at 474-9491.

Students building houses

Architects Without Borders Canada is proud to participate in the construction of 11 Habitat homes. The build will take place this week at the Sir Sam Steele Site at the corner of Nairn Avenue and Chester Street.

“As a group of socially conscious designers, Architects Without Borders Canada continues to foster an ongoing relationship with Habitat for Humanity because we believe that affordable housing is an important issue in Canada and that it should be accessible to everyone,” says Kelley Beaverford, executive director, Architects Without Borders Canada.

She adds, “It is also in our mandate to develop sustainable environments and communities; therefore, we support Habitat in their effort to adopt the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) Green Building Rating System for these homes.”

Participants include AWB members as well as students from the University of Manitoba Faculty of Architecture and members of the local design community eager to help Habitat build and get involved with hands-on construction.

Campus as a Community

Meet Janet Sealey. The busy Faculty of Arts executive assistant to the dean is on the front lines of student and program development, juggling issues related to staff and students on a daily basis. From her vantage point she sees first-hand how donor support creates a better work and learning environment – something she’s proud to be a part of.

Q: Why do you give to the U of M?
A: As a longtime employee, I’ve seen the difference gifts make, both to students and staff, and I am pleased knowing that I may have helped make that difference.

Q: Why are you proud to be part of the U of M?
A: It’s a good place to work, plus I am proud of the significant research being done at the university and hearing of the success stories of many of our graduates.

Q: How do you see the U of M as a community?
A: Staff already give so much back to the university just through their day-to-day activities on the job, but it truly benefits us all when we donate – even a small donation can help make the university an even better place to work, and it also goes directly to our common goal of helping the students we’re here to serve in the first place.

For more information:
- Talk to your department contact
- Check the Campus Beautification Day Website: http://umanitoba.ca/campus/physical_plant/gensvcs/569.htm
- Call Wendy (474-9413) – Fort Garry Campus
- Call Ben (789-3792) – Bannatyne Campus
- E-mail compbeau@cc.umanitoba.ca

Rain Date: Friday, May 22nd, 2009
The University of Manitoba anticipates research associate positions available over the next six months beginning May 1, 2009 until October 31, 2009. Candidates must have equivalent qualifications and experience. Minimum starting salary is $33,000.00/annum (under review). We offer a full range of staff benefits for applicable appointments. The University encourages applications from qualified women and men, including members of visible minorities, Aboriginal peoples, and persons with disabilities. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply, however Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

Pending approval of grant funding, there may be positions available in the following areas:

**PLANT SCIENCE**: protein purification, protein biochemistry, cell signaling, cell biology, agronomy, plant physiology, plant biology, biochemistry, molecular biology, plant pathology, plant genetics and genomics and bioinformatics.

**CHEMISTRY**: laser ablation ICP-MS; sample preparation and method development, satellite geophysics, SAR (Synthetic Aperture Radar), SAR data from satellites; JERS-1 SAR, ENVISAT ASAR, RADARSAT, TerraSAR-X, geology and geophysics.

**MECHANICAL AND MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING**: finite element method, vibrations, acoustics, aerodynamics, multiaxial fatigue, fracture mechanics, elastoplasticity, plasticity, composite materials, nano-mechanics, mechanics of materials, nonlinear dynamics, legged locomotion robots, bioinformatics, computer assisted industrial engineering, computer integrated manufacturing, robotics, production planning, integrated CAD/CAPP/CAM systems, reverse engineering, system modeling and simulation, manufacturing process, forming and joining of metals, mechanical properties and repair of gas turbine alloys, telecommunication control systems, gravitational and non-gravitational effects in microgravity environments, astrodynamics and navigational methods, atmospheric effects on satellite orbital systems, general relativity and geodesic theory, corrosion, microstructure-mechanical properties of materials, aerospace materials, polymer and composite processing, composite joining and bonding, theromomechanical processing and microstructural characterization of metallic alloys, alternative energy and modeling of biomass energy conversion systems, high velocity kinetic Energy, icing of wind turbines, droplet and spray vaporization and combustion, turbulent flow, aerospace engineering, acoustic wave propagation, supercritical flow stability, computational fluid dynamics, complex flows, industrial multiphase flows, ice accretion measurement, steam condensers modelling, computational fluid dynamics, transport phenomena in porous media, core analysis, two-phase flow in condensers, heat transfer augmentation, experimental fluid dynamics, turbulent flows, laser doppler velocimetry, computational fluid dynamics, turbulence modeling, large-eddy simulation, direct numerical simulation, environmental fluid mechanics, transport phenomena.

**GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES**: soil science, micrometeorology, landscape ecology.

**CENTRE FOR EARTH OBSERVATION SCIENCE (CEOS)**: atmospheric science with a focus in the field areas of electromagnetic and remote sensing of climate science, sea-ice geophysics, climatology, this includes either mid-latitude or polar environments, atmospheric science with carbon dynamics in polar marine environment, air-surface carbon exchange, estuarine and tundra environments of the Canadian arctic and sub arctic coastal zones, terrestrial ecosystem modeling (soil-vegetation-atmosphere), eddy correlation systems, forest ecology, agriculture or related biological field in statistical modeling, forest biophysical modeling, invasive species biology, landscape change and spatial analysis of the agro ecosystem in remote sensing and image analysis, human geography, human environment, human ecology, or other related fields with a focus on the impact of change on people, especially aspects of subsistence lifestyles (food, clothing, health, education, informal economy) in the boreal forest, arctic, or west coast island environments, atmospheric or meteorological sciences with a focus on global to local scale modeling: atmospheric and biogeochemical processes of the northern environment, extremes in the weather and climate system, severe weather processes (mesoscale and synoptic scale forcings), surface-atmosphere coupling, boundary layer processes, environmental chemistry, environmental geochemistry, biogeochemistry, aquatic chemistry, cryospheric chemistry, long range transport of contaminants to polar and alpine regions, chemical transport across international boundaries, chemical speciation and bioavailability, interaction between climate change and global contamination.

**CHEMISTRY**: electrochemistry; materials characterization with x-ray and electron probe techniques, photoelectrochemical energy conversion, conducting polymers, environmental chemistry, environmental analytical chemistry, metallomics, inorganic chemistry, organometallic chemistry, biomaterials, catalysis, biochemistry, physical chemistry, chemical biology, biochemistry, cell biology, cell biology, plant (glyco)biology, biochemistry and molecular biology, systems biology, infrared and raman microscopy of biological samples and polymer, drug design and testing in vivo, organic chemistry, organic synthesis, investigational drug synthesis and purification and in vitro and in vivo testing, development of novel antimicrobials, peptidomimetics, gylcopharmaceuticals, medicinal chemistry.

**PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY**: high resolution microwave and infrared spectroscopy, experimental condensed matter physics, neutron scattering and hyperfine studies of rare-earth compounds, condensed matter theory and statistical physics, mathematical physics, computational modeling of point defects in insulators, graphene-structured systems, atomic and molecular physics, electronic properties of nanostructures, spin transport in quantum systems, electron conduction in the 2D, spin conduction atomic spintronics, spin measurements on stable and unstable nuclides using ion traps, time-of-flight mass spectrometry of biomolecules, experimental subatomic physics, expertise with lasers, laser trapping and cooling, ion trapping and cooling, radioactive beams, subatomic physics theory, experimental subatomic physics, high-energy astrophysics, galactic plane survey, astrophysics of compact objects and supernova remnants.

**ELECTRICAL & COMPUTER ENGINEERING**: stochastic modeling of communication systems, markov chains, queuing theory, stochastic ordering of queueing systems, matrix-analytic methods, call admission control, capacity analysis of CDMA systems, tail probabilities, channel coding, LDPC codes, Gilbert-Elliott Markov channel modeling, sensors and actuators, biosensors, computational electromagnetics, microfluidics for biomaterial analysis, and conducting polymer devices, biomedical imaging, and electromagnetic inverse problems.

**MICROBIOLOGY**: antibiotic resistance, antibacterial tolerance, antibacterial drug discovery, microbial genomics, high throughput transposon mutagenesis, database management, bioinformatics.

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**SOIL SCIENCE**: soil science, micrometeorology, landscape ecology.

**PLANT SCIENCE**: apiculture, honey bees, parasites, diseases, nutrition, viruses, resistance, immune response, defensive mechanisms, bee breeding, costs of resistance, gene-environment interactions, agricultural controls, honey bee management, colony collapse disorder, winter survival of honey bees.

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**CENTRE ON AGING**: aging and health from an interdisciplinary perspective, gerontology, epidemiology, public health, social and behavioural sciences.

Application Procedures: Applicants should submit a curriculum vitae; bibliography and names of referees. In your application package, please clearly state the heading (ex. Physiology), and the specific field or areas of specialization. All applications should be sent to:

Kathy Niziol, HRMC
Academic Advertising Coordinator, Human Resource Department, University of Manitoba
Room 309 Administration Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R3T 2N2
umanitoba.ca, e-mail: Kathy_Niziol@umanitoba.ca

Application materials, including letters of reference, will be handled in accordance with the protection of privacy provisions of “The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy” (Manitoba). Please note that curriculum vitae may be provided to participating members of the search process.

The University appreciates the interest of all applicants, however only those under consideration will be contacted.
During Doors Open

Arts &

siobhan_kari@umanitoba.ca.

renovations and a new purpose on the horizon courtesy of the university’s

making for a superb historical architecture tour. Tour participants can walk

its doors to the public as part of Doors Open Winnipeg. They’re offering a
guided tour and a day’s worth of fun activities on May 23.

A trip down memory lane

Float down the spiral staircase of Taché Hall like you’re Richard Gere in

movie Shall We Dance? Or, listen for the stories in its near-century-old walls tell if they could talk.

Taché Hall, the University of Manitoba’s oldest student residence, is opening its
doors to the public as part of Doors Open Winnipeg. They’re offering a

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A residence since 1912, ‘Taché’ Hall has hosted students from around the world. The building has retained its original structure and architectural details, making for a superb historical architecture tour. Tour participants can walk

backstage in the auditorium or peek into some of the 390 unique residence rooms. This is a rare opportunity for former Taché tenants and history buffs to experience this space, which is normally off-limits to casual visitors. With renovations and a new purpose on the horizon courtesy of the university’s $100-million redevelopment initiative Project Domino, this inside glimpse at residence life at the 11 of M is all the more timely.

If you would like to share your stories about Taché Hall, volunteer at the event, or get more information, please contact Siobhan Kari at 474-9022 or siobhan_kari@umanitoba.ca.

Tour Taché Hall
during Doors Open

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Events Listing
University of Manitoba

• The Bulletin publishes events involving the university community.
• E-mail events to barbourd@ms.umanitoba.ca or fax, 474 7651.
• The deadline for the May 21 Bulletin is May 13 at 4:30 p.m.

Bannatyne Campus
– St. Boniface General Hospital and Research Centre

A look at Taché Hall during the first half of the 20th century.

Photo courtesy Archives and Special Collections

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

FRIDAY, MAY 8

Community Health Sciences:
Undergraduate Presentations, Recipients of the 2nd Annual Award
for Outstanding Paper in Community Health Sciences. Waiting List
management in Canada by Christopher White, fourth-year medical student; Out
of Africa: Male circumcision as a public health intervention against HIV/AIDS
in sub-Saharan Africa by Ilian Schwartz, fourth-year medical student; Calculus
Supplementation: a review of benefits and risks in post-menopausal women
by Lucy Hwi, fourth-year medical student, 12 p.m., Friday, May 8, Dr. Benny
Havens Seminar Room R060 Medical Rehabilitation Building.

MONDAY, MAY 11

Pharmacology & Therapeutics, The contribution of the somato-dendritic
accumulation of hyperphosphorylated tau to neurodegeneration by Nicole
Lecker, associate professor, pathology & cellular biology, University of Montreal.

TUESDAY, MAY 12

Internal Medicine Grand Rounds, The
Emerging Swine Influenza Outbreak by Fred Aoki, professor of medical
microbiology, internal medicine & pharmacologyFrederic Gaspard Theatre
(former Theatre A) Basic Medical Sciences Building, linked to NG002 at St.
Boniface Hospital, 8 a.m., Tuesday, May 12.

Tuesday, May 15

Geriatric Medicine, Improving the Discharge Process: Learnings from the CPSI Patient Safety in Day Hospital Discharge Project by Cornelia
(Kristel) van Ineveld, associate professor of medicine, postgraduate education director, geriatric medicine,
and Elizabeth Boustcha, professor of medicine, chief medical officer,
Riverview Health Centre, Frederic Gaspard Theatre (former Theatre A) Basic Medical Sciences Building, linked to NG002 at St.
Boniface Hospital, 8 a.m., Tuesday, May 19.

TUESDAY, MAY 16

Infection Prevention, Issues and
Controversies of C. difficile from Bench to Bedside by Thomas Louie, professor of medicine and infectious diseases, University of Calgary, medical director, infection prevention and control, Calgary Health Region.

Fort Garry Campus

Monday, May 8

English: Book Launch, Memory, and the First World War by David
Williams, English, McNally-Robinson Booksellers, Grant Park, 8 p.m.,
Monday, May 4.

Friday, May 8

Winnipeg for Theoretical Physics Colloquium, Redesigning
Electroweak Theory: Does the Higgs Particle Exist? by Dr. J. W. Moffat,
Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics and department of physics,
University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Cowper, 530 Allen Building, 3:30 p.m.,
Friday, May 8.

Friday, May 15

Social Work Thesis Defence, Cultural
Retention Among Polish Women Who Came to Canada Between 1945 and 1960 as
Displaced Persons or Immigrants by Zofia Perlikowska, 501 Tier Building, 2
p.m., Friday, May 15.

Physics and Astronomy, Magnetic
Nanoparticles for Novel Applications for Novel Applications by Dr. George C.,
Hadjipanayis RB Murray, professor and chair, physics and astronomy,
University of Delaware, 330 Allen Building, 3:30 p.m., Friday, May 15.

Tuesday, May 19

Dr. H. Glass Researcher in Residence, PROMIS: Turning Clinical
Instrumentation Upside Down by Pamela Hinds, 370 Helen Glass Centre,
2:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 19.

FRIDAY, MAY 14

Pediatric Grand Rounds: Harry
Medovy Lecture, Child Health in the 21st Century: Looking ahead At Where
We Should Go and How We Might Get There by Jonathan Kronick-Head,
department of pediatrics, Dalhousie University, IWK Health Centre, Theatre A
Basic Medical Sciences Building, 8 a.m., Thursday, May 14. The National Resident
and Fellow Research Competition will follow at 9:20 a.m. in Theatre A Basic Medical Sciences Building.

FRIDAY, MAY 15

Community Health Sciences Ph.D
Oral Examination, Palliative and Hospice Care in South Africa: The
Confluence of Context and Education by Carla D.L. Ens, 330 Allen Medical Services
Building, 8 a.m., Friday, May 15.

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Department of Community Health Sciences

Position: Faculty positions in biostatistics and epidemiology

Start date: Sept. 1, 2009

Application deadline: Aug. 1, 2009

Application number: 09686, 09687, 09688, 09689, GY771

For information: Dr. Sharon Macdonald, acting department head, Department of community health sciences, Faculty of Medicine, University of Manitoba, 113-750 Bannatyne Ave., Winnipeg, MB, R3E 0W3, e-mail: smacdonai@cc.umanitoba.ca.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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In Brief

Arctic chair recognized

The University of Manitoba has been selected from 135 proposals nationally to nominate a world leader for the new Canada Excellence Research Chair (CERC) in Arctic Geomicrobiology and Climate Change. The new federal program was created in 2008 to establish up to 20 prestigious research chairs in universities across the country. The program will dedicate $10 million over seven years to each chairholder and their research team to support the pursuit of excellence in research.

Phase 2 of the selection process will involve the CERC Selection Board nominating the final 20 candidates to the Tri-Agency Steering Committee, comprised of the three granting agency presidents. The CERC program will help Canada’s universities compete in the global market for research talent.

The CERC program will invest $28 million a year to attract and retain the world’s most accomplished and promising minds and help Canada build a critical mass of expertise in the priority research areas of environmental sciences and technologies, natural resources and energy, health and related life sciences and technologies, and information and communication technologies.

Upcoming

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Yes, you do need to move more

BY DAVID SCHMIECHEL

It’s troubling enough that most Manitobans probably aren’t too well-versed in the guidelines laid out by Canada’s Physical Activity Guide to Healthy Active Living (CPAG). But those same guidelines may be setting the collective health benchmark too low, according to the findings of a team of researchers at the University of Manitoba.

In a recent research article by Elizabeth Ready and her colleagues – prepared in conjunction with the province-wide in motion initiative on public health – it’s suggested the CPAG’s recommended activity levels are too low; since they include both specific leisure-time activities (jogging, biking or aerobics) and any activities carried out over the course of a normal day (walking, household chores, yard work, etc.).

Prior national surveys on physical activity, however, focused specifically on leisure-time endurance, resulting in a significant disconnect between the two surveys (which found 49 per cent of Canadians met recommended CPAG levels) and the in motion team’s own survey of Manitobans, which found a whopping 69.5 per cent made the CPAG grade.

“We were surprised to find quite a lot of Manitobans seemed to be meeting the CPAG recommendations,” said Ready, who works out of the Health Leisure and Human Performance Research Institute in the Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management.

“But Manitoba still has increasing diabetes rates and obesity rates, so it seems to be a contradiction – a suggestion that maybe the activity levels aren’t high enough.”

In conducting the Manitoba survey (a random sampling of 6,536 adults, further broken down according to regional health authority catchments), researchers analyzed both leisure and non-leisure activities, since the CPAG recommends incorporating physical activity into all aspects of daily life.

And where most national surveys measured whether or not people met a global threshold of activity based on energy expenditure, the in motion team categorized their respondents’ activity by duration and intensity (light, moderate or vigorous) – a system much more closely in line with the CPAG’s current recommendations.

Given the aforementioned paradox, researchers are now recommending a revamp of those CPAG guidelines, so they instead focus on physical activities that fall outside of our daily routines.

“If there are this many people meeting the (CPAG) guidelines – yet there are still this many people who have diabetes and heart disease and are overweight – our suggestion is maybe re-looking at the guidelines to see if they’re appropriate,” Ready said.

“That’s what they’ve done in the States. They’ve said you need 30 minutes of moderate activity daily, above and beyond routine activities like walking to the fridge or brushing your teeth.”

In addition to jibing with recent changes to the CPAG’s equivalent in the U.S., Ready’s findings also coincide with an ongoing reevaluation of the CPAG already underway here in Canada.

“If and when the CPAG guidelines are updated, Ready hopes increased efforts are made to bring them to the public’s attention.

“There’s a need to promote the guidelines more,” she said. “If they are revising them, now would be a good time to bring them back out with a splash.”

To read the in motion team’s article in full, check out the National Research Council Canada website: http://pubs. nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/psq-pqs/ft/abstract.jsp?code =apnm&vol=34&is=2&lang=eng

Enabling better lives for disabled

As part of a new federal initiative, Roberta Woodgate from the Faculty of Nursing will lead a team in examining how First Nations children, and their families, experience and perceive disabilities.

Over the years researchers have examined the impact disabilities have on Canadian children and their families, but little information has been gathered on First Nations families and children. Woodgate’s study will rectify this; her project is one of five across the country that recently received funding to examine issues surrounding disabilities.

On April 24, the Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of Health, announced funding for a new program called Bright Futures for Kids with Disabilities, which supports research aimed at improving the lives of disabled children and their families.

The program, funded in part by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, will distribute $3.9 million over three years.

Canadian researchers have achieved international success in helping restore physical function to disabled children by way of the artificial limbs and mobility devices created in our nation’s laboratories.

But now our researchers want to learn how disabled children can lead fuller, higher-quality lives.

Adopting a participatory and culturally relevant approach, Woodgate and her team of academics, doctors, policy-makers, and service providers, will detail the perspectives and experiences of First Nations families of children with disabilities.

Woodgate will also examine what needs they have and what services they use; how the child’s role in everyday life is viewed by the family and community, and how the physical, individual, social, environmental, and cultural conditions contribute to how such families of children with disabilities participate in everyday life.

A variety of data collection methods will be used, including open-ended interviews, photovoice, and a policy and document review.

The team views the study as essential to advancing Jordan’s Principle, the child-first principle developed to honour the death of a disabled Norway House Cree Nation child.

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Top grads honour pivotal teachers

Event celebrates teachers who have shaped academic careers

BY DALE BARRIBOUR

The Bulletin

This year it was all about going the extra mile.

It’s a phrase that cuts to the heart of student teacher relationships but it held particular resonance this year given that many of the people honoured at the 17th annual Students’ Teacher Recognition Reception on April 30 came from across Canada and around the world.

Joanne Keselman, vice-president (academic) and provost, is a three-time University of Manitoba graduate and credited the outstanding teaching she received at the university level for allowing her to excel.

But just as important were the formative experiences she had in her K to 12 years, including her Grade 1 teacher who organized Keselman and the others into groups and helped them bond with one another.

“That Grade 1 teacher made me feel at home and safe,” Keselman said at the start of the event.

Out-going University of Manitoba Students’ Union president Jonny Sopotnik said part of growing up is realizing that teachers who at first seem like fairy tale figures are parents, partners and people with lives of their own.

"I wasn’t in that personal world that helped him work us hard, but he needed to drive me to school and through that I got to know the man behind the professor and I learned he was a great person,” Veilleux said.

Arts graduate Freda Howell honoured Elizabeth Abraham, her teacher at Mount Carmel School, New Delhi, India. Abraham was one of several teachers from around the world who was honoured at the event.

While she spent her first years in an all-girls school, Howell said Mount Carmel was a co-ed school.

“I hated sitting next to boys,” Howell said. “But Elizabeth helped me adjust and I learned that boys were not so bad.”

And for Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources graduate Jeffrey Willows it was the constructive criticism that he received from human geography professor William Norrie that he appreciated the most.

Willows said when he hit university he fell into the habit of trying to impress his teachers with long wordy submissions. With tongue firmly planted in cheek, Norrie called him to task on the habit.

“He said, ‘You are inebriated by the exuberance of your own verbosity.’ Willows recalled with a laugh. The point was made, elegantly.

Below is a list of outstanding students and teachers.

**Students honour K to 12 and university teachers**

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**Social Work**

Omar Adan

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South Hill Education Centre

**Education**

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Ralph Mazur, Curriculum Teaching & Learning

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Harriet Yarmill

Nursing (BPRN)

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Irene Henderson, Reditt School

Susan McInerney, Nursing

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Civil Engineering

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James Blatz, Civil Engineering

Join us for Campus Beautification Day on May 21

Campus Beautification Day will be held on Thursday, May 21. This is the 12th year of this highly successful event which is made possible by the great leadership of the physical plant staff.

Staff, students, faculty and retirees are invited to participate on a voluntary basis to help beautify the campus.

If you have any questions, please contact either

Michele Rogalsky at 474-6286 or e-mail rogalsky@cc.umanitoba.ca or lyle Morin at 474-6285 or e-mail _morinl@cc.umanitoba.ca_. Questions from the

Bannatyne campus can be directed to Ben Domaradzki at 7893-5792.

On Campus Beautification Day, a barbecue lunch sponsored by ARAMARK will be held at noon in the quadrangle on the Fort Garry campus and in front of the Brodie Centre on the Bannatyne campus for all volunteers. Pepsi will be providing the refreshments. The BookStore and other businesses on campus will be donating “door” prizes for the event. This year the grand prize is two airline tickets donated by West Jet. Volunteers are asked to bring gloves, rakes and spades from home although some will be provided by physical plant. Physical plant will be hiring additional grounds staff during the summer to maintain the work.

The project will commence at 9 a.m. and continue throughout the day. Everyone is invited to participate for as much time as their schedules permit. In the event of rain, the rain date is Friday, May 22 so please keep that date open as well.

Following the barbecue on the Fort Garry campus, there will be a tree planting ceremony to commemorate the 12th year of this highly successful event.