Building a future

BY DALE BARBOUR
The Bulletin

It’s an interesting time for Marla Wirasinghe, Fernanda Rubin and Indrajit (Bobby) Mitra to be working on the Sir Sam Steele Habitat for Humanity project at the corner of Nairn Avenue and Chester Street. All three are members of Architects Without Borders, a group that draws together students and architects who have already established themselves in the workplace to work on worldwide humanitarian causes.

Wirasinghe, a masters (architecture) student and Rubin, a bachelor of environmental design (architecture stream) student, are set to graduate this spring while Mitra, a masters (landscape architecture) student will graduate in the fall.

So for all three students the build, which will construct 11 affordable homes for families in Winnipeg, represents a moment between school and work. They’re hoping to carry the spirit of that moment forward, even as they head into the workforce.

“I wanted to get involved with Architects Without Borders because I could see continuing to participate after graduation,” Mitra said.

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Celebrate Spring Grad

The University of Manitoba will confer degrees, diplomas and certificates on 2,743 graduates during its 2009 Spring Convocation. Ceremonies kicked off on the Bannatyne campus on May 15 with Martin Brotman, president of the California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco, David Naylor, president, University of Toronto, Mark Greene, professor of pathology, University of Pennsylvania, John Herbert Dirks, president, Gairdner Foundation, Toronto, and Sister Elizabeth Davis, healthcare educator, receiving honorary degrees.

Past president Emőke Szathmáry was also granted title of president emeritus at the Bannatyne ceremony.

Fort Garry campus ceremonies will run from May 26 to 28 as follows:

Tuesday, May 26, 10 a.m.
Investors Group Athletic Centre
Jim Derksen, disability policy consultant, will receive an honorary doctor of laws.

Tuesday, May 26, 3 p.m.
Investors Group Athletic Centre
Kenneth Standing, professor emeritus and noted physicist, will receive an honorary doctor of science.

Wednesday, May 27, 10 a.m.
Investors Group Athletic Centre
Muriel Smith, former MLA and women’s advocate, will receive an honorary doctor of laws.

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Freda Ahenakew, Aboriginal scholar and educator, will receive an honorary doctor of laws.

Thursday, May 28, 10 a.m.
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Arni Thorsteinson, president, Shelter Canadian Properties Ltd., will receive an honorary doctor of laws.

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Wanda Koop, noted Canadian artist, will receive an honorary doctor of laws.

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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.

I, Robot Baby Seal

May 15, 2009

Winnipeg Sun, Winnipeg Free Press, CityTV

When researchers at the Faculty of Nursing decided to show off their new “toy,” a robotic baby seal named Paro that aids therapy for those with cognitive difficulties, the media came out to look. The realistic-looking, Japanese-manufactured computerized animal is one of two acquired by the university in conjunction with Deer Lodge Centre.

Prof changes baggage policy

May 17, 2009

Financial Post, Montreal Gazette, Globe and Mail, CTV, CBC, Winnipeg Free Press, Ottawa Citizen and dozens more

Gabor Lukács, an assistant professor of mathematics at the University of Manitoba, made headlines this week after he won a ruling from the Canadian Transport Agency (CTA) that found that Air Canada’s policy of not being responsible for delayed or damaged baggage violates international conventions and Canadian law. Lukács took it upon himself to challenge Air Canada’s policy of zero responsibility for delayed or damaged baggage, making him an instant hero to travelers.

Mosquito fretting

May 10, 2009

CTV, Globe and Mail, Winnipeg Free Press, CBC, Edmonton Sun

Mosquito season will soon be upon us, and experts are saying that the standing water left from the receding Red River may mean more mosquitoes than usual. That’s the word from Terry Galloway, entomologist, who often talks to the media about our ‘provincial bird’ at this time of year.

Marathon runners, take heart

May 18, 2009

Los Angeles Times, Toronto Star, Lethbridge Herald, Toronto Sun, CBC and dozens more

A University of Manitoba led study on 14 marathon runners who took part in the Manitoba Marathon showed that although the heart doesn’t pump as efficiently immediately after a marathon, it recovers fully with no damage within a week.

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:

• “The re-wired generation,” Toronto Sun, May 10, 2009, cited Carrie Lionberg, psychologist at the University of Manitoba, who says that using Facebook may prolong a person’s lifespan.
• “When does a robust leader become a bully?” Winnipeg Free Press, May 16, 2009, with the byline, “How to spot a bully.”
• “The great thing is that all the participants are finding it so fulfilling and we’re all having such a good time,” Wirasinghe said.

Watch Convocation online

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I’d like to work in the field for about a year volunteering my design skills and abilities, and just helping people. I really love people and I think that would be great as opposed to jumping straight into a career,” Murra said.

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But part of Architects Without Borders mandate is also to take on projects within the local community, which means building homes in Winnipeg is every bit as important as building a school in Uganda.

Jim Balsillie

Co-CEO at Research In Motion (RIM), the maker of the world renowned BlackBerry wireless solution, will be in Winnipeg on June 2 to receive the 2009 International Distinguished Entrepreneur Award (I.D.E.A.).

Balsillie will speak to students, faculty and guests and participate in a plaque unveiling at the Asper School of Business at the University of Manitoba starting at 10 a.m. and lasting approximately 45 minutes.

Later that evening, a black-tie dinner hosted by the Asper School will be held in Balsillie’s honour at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. The gala will begin at 6 p.m.

The annual I.D.E.A. dinner, established in 1983, is widely known for honouring internationally-renowned entrepreneurs such as Israel Asper, Richard Branson, award founder, rober Albert de Crecen, Paul Desmarais, Aiko Morita, Ross Perot, Heather Reisman, Dame Anita Roddick, Gerald Schwarz, Martha Stewart, W Galen Weston and Peter Munk.

The Associates is an organization of senior business leaders dedicated to making the Asper School of Business a top Canadian business school. Every year the Associates support and promote interaction between business executives, faculty and students, culminating with the I.D.E.A. award presentation in June.

Graduates want a career that includes community support

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Monday, June 1, 2 p.m.

Collège universitaire de Saint Boniface

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A striking addition to campus

New Pembina Hall residence will allow Project Domino to begin

BY DAVE BARBOUR

The University of Manitoba is about to get a new spark in its skyline.

Senate approved the site plan for a new 360-bed residence at its May 13 regular meeting. The residence will boldly transform the southern side of the university campus by putting a 10-story glass encased tower atop of Pembina Hall.

“This will be the first phase of our Project Domino,” associate vice-president (administration) Alan Simms told Senate members. “With the School of Art and Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music set to move into Tache Hall we need to find a new home for our residence students.”

Originally, the university had been looking at constructing a new residence in Parking Lot D, just south of the university’s power plant. But the space needed to house 360 people made that location a poor match because of the height limitations imposed by the power plant’s smoke stacks.

“The cost of building a clear span structure over Pembina Hall is less than building a dining hall in the new residence, or even having to build a link to the existing dining hall,” Simms said.

The building will be anchored with pillars on one side of Pembina Hall, protecting the architectural integrity of that building, while allowing the site to serve a double purpose. The new building will have a glass curtain wall on its northern and southern sides, exposing the inner frame of the building while providing residents with a spectacular view of the campus to the north or the Red River to the south. Meanwhile, the glass wall will be triple-paned to conserve energy and the architects are being consulted on everything from saving energy to limiting bird strikes.

The building design received positive reviews from Senate members and from the Board of Governors when it was presented to that body on May 19.

“I want to complement Alan (Simms) and his team for this site plan. It is bold,” architecture professor and Senate member Edward Epp said. He also pointed to the new clear Span building that is being built in a unique position over a retention pond in Smartpark.

“It is evidence of a renewed vigour and a confidence in putting our best foot forward on campus,” Epp said.

Simms said they’re hoping to create a residential area on campus with the new building.

“With Arthur Mauro Residence and Mary Speechly Hall, it will create a residence corridor along Maclean Crescent with the potential for a graduate building in Lot D,” Simms said.

The building is expected to cost about $37 million. As the Board of Governors heard this week, the university is going to be getting some help with that price tag. The Board of College Housing Holdings, which had operated a student co-operative on Dalhousie Drive has recently sold the property. While the project will continue to operated as a co-operative, the proceeds from the sale—a total of $6.9 million—are being donated to the new residence project.

“When the students on the board saw the project they wanted to support it,” vice-president (administration) Debbie McCallum said.

The project is expected to begin this year.

“We’re looking at a fairly aggressive construction schedule. We’re looking to start in late summer and early fall,” Simms said.

Residents in Tache and Mary Speechly will be consulted during the construction process to minimize disruptions as much as possible.

A $20 million federal investment

On Thursday, May 21, Rod Bruinooge, Member of Parliament for Winnipeg South, joined by Steven Fletcher, Member of Parliament for Charleswood St. James-Assiniboia and Minister of State for Democratic Reform, and Diane McCord, Minister of Advanced Education, was at the University of Manitoba to announce a $20 million federal Knowledge Infrastructure Program investment specifically for projects at the University of Manitoba. This builds upon previously announced investment specifically for projects at the University of Manitoba.

This investment is part of the federal government’s two-year, $2-billion plan to repair and expand research and educational facilities at Canadian colleges and universities. The program will provide economic stimulus by creating jobs for engineers, architects, tradespeople and technicians, generating the advanced technological infrastructure needed to keep Canada’s colleges and universities at the forefront of scientific advancement.

ART RESEARCH TECHNOLOGY (ART) LAB, FORT GARRY CAMPUS

The largest of the three investments announced today is the Art Research Technology (ART) Lab, a multidisciplinary art and technology centre that will be the first “tile” of the much-anticipated Domino Project that will reshape and reframe the University of Manitoba. This Centre of Excellence for Regenerative Medicine will position the University as a leader in this emerging research area.

The federal government is contributing $35 million towards the new 60,000 sq. ft. facility that will give undergraduate and graduate students and faculty access to the latest technologies and upgraded space for collaboration, experimentation and research, including animation and advanced computer-aided expression. The ART Lab will be located near the centrepiece of the Domino Project, the redevelopment of Tache Residence into a new home for the Faculty of Music and the School of Art. The $150 million Domino Project will create more than 900 jobs, and generate more than $9 million in tax revenue.

The new ART Lab will also nurture an environment and culture that will allow the growth and development of Phase Two of the park. Canada’s fastest growing university technology park, Smartpark is a jewel in Winnipeg’s crown as a hub of business and research innovation partnerships. During its first five years, Smartpark has stimulated over $100 million in capital developments. Today, 1,000 people are employed by 20 technology-based companies and organizations fully occupying seven

research commercialization facilities in Smartpark. The Phase Two expansion will lead to enhanced university-industry research and technology collaborations and innovations, the retention in the park of successful companies that have outgrown their existing spaces, the attraction to the park by other companies (local, national and international) who wish to be part of this high-tech productive cluster. Expansion in Smartpark will also nurture an environment and culture that assists in attracting and retaining highly skilled students, researchers and employees region instead of moving elsewhere for opportunities.

REGENERATIVE MEDICINE LABORATORY, BANNATYNE CAMPUS

At the Bannatyne Campus, $2.5 million will be invested in the new Regenerative Medicine Laboratory, allowing the University of Manitoba to hire six new internationally-renowned researchers. This 9,000 sq. ft. facility builds upon the storied, 125-year Faculty of Medicine history of excellence in medical research and service to the community. Regenerative medicine is an emerging field of medicine focused on repairing and replacing damaged cells and tissues. Often, this involves harnessing the power of stem cells which can renew themselves and differentiate into many other cell types. The research done here will provide the basis for the development of new medical procedures for the regeneration of muscles, heart tissues, nerve tissues and brain tissues in various diseases.

This investment is in addition to $1.7 million received through Western Economic Diversification funding to purchase equipment for the laboratory. This Centre of Excellence for Regenerative Medicine will be the only such facility in the prairie region and will position the University as a leader in this emerging field. This program will initially support 7 professors, 36 graduate students, 20 new technologists and 10 new postdoctoral fellows within the first five years.
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 talk about the details or picture, please call 474-8111.

Shatmáry joins Trudeau Foundation

University of Manitoba president emeritus Emőke Szatmáry has been named a director with the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation. She was officially appointed at a special meeting on April 21 and the foundation noted, “her background and qualifications will make her a strong asset for our board.”

Shatmáry's administrative appointments include serving 12 years as the president and vice-chancellor of the University of Manitoba (1978-90); Chair of the Manitoba Royal Commission on Social Services (1980-83); Chair of the University of Western Ontario (1989-94); and chairman of the department of sociology at McMaster University (1985 - 1988). She had joined McMaster University in 1975 as a probationary assistant professor after a term as an instructor at the University of Toronto.

Shatmáry has served on many public and private committees and boards at provincial, national, and international levels.

Independent and non-partisan, the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation promotes outstanding research in the humanities and social sciences, and fosters a fruitful dialogue between scholars and policymakers in the arts community and is a positive influence on her peers. She is respected and admired for her achievements and commitment to her school, workplace and/or community. She has allowed her to establish herself as a highly successful and productive scientist and academic.

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Women of Distinction have U of M connection

By JANINE HARASYMCHUK

Two professors, two graduates and one student from the University of Manitoba were honoured at the 33rd Annual YWCA/WYCA Women of Distinction Awards ceremony held at the Winnipeg Convention Centre on May 6. The YWCA/WYCA of Winnipeg presents the awards every year to recognize the achievements and contributions made by local women, here at home and around the world.

Four women were nominated in nine categories and another 18 were nominated for the Gerry Hammond Memorial Award of Promise.

Professor Eliassavet Kardami, human anatomy and cell science, Faculty of Medicine; and principal investigator at the Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences, St. Boniface General Hospital Research Centre, is the recipient of the Research and Innovation Award. The award recognizes achievement in discovery and/or development in all fields of research, science, technology and/or environment.

Kardami's work has brought her to the forefront of cardiac cell and molecular biology on issues of repair, regeneration, control of proliferation and cardio-protection. She lends her time liberally to the scientific community as well as to other social, cultural and volunteer health organizations. She has been previously honoured by the University of Manitoba with both graduate teaching and mentoring awards of excellence. Her tenacity, strength and determination have allowed her to establish herself as a highly successful and productive scientist and academic.

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Wanda Wuttunee, department of Native studies, left, received the Education and Training Award while Eliassavet Kardami, human anatomy and cell science, received the Gerry Hammond Memorial Award at the 33rd Annual YWCA/WYCA Women of Distinction Awards ceremony on May 6.

Order of Manitoba honours

Twelve new members of the Order of Manitoba have been announced, nine of which are University of Manitoba graduates, staff members or are closely connected with the university.

These are:

Abdo (Albert) El Tassi, member of the advisory board to the Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace & Justice at St. Paul's College, is the recipient of the Peace and Social Justice Award. He has been a long time human rights defender, a community activist and a mentor to university students.

Yhettia Miriam Gold, advocate for women in policing, is the recipient of the Women of Distinction Award. She has worked tirelessly to advocate for women in the realm of policing and is an advocate for women's issues.

Kim Le, a student in St. John's College, was the recipient of the People with Disabilities Award. She has a long history of community involvement and is a strong advocate for the rights of people with disabilities.

Kevin Kupich, administrator and philanthropist (graduate of the U of M), is the recipient of the Education and Training Award. He has been a long time supporter of the University of Manitoba and has made significant contributions to the university.

Guy Maddin, filmmaker, is the recipient of the Arts Award. He is a renowned filmmaker and his work has been recognized internationally.

Roland Mahe, French language promoter (graduate of the U of M), is the recipient of the Language Award. He has been a long time supporter of the French language and has made significant contributions to the promotion of the French language.

Sylvia Ostry, economist and first woman to hold the position of advocate for the disabled (graduate of the U of M), is the recipient of the Social Impact Award. She has been a long time advocate for the rights of people with disabilities and has made significant contributions to the field.

Corrine Scott, advocate for women in policing (graduate of the U of M), is the recipient of the People with Disabilities Award. She has been a long time advocate for women in policing and has made significant contributions to the field.

Emőke Szatmáry, president emeritus of the University of Manitoba.

Established by the Order of Manitoba Act in 1999, this is the province’s highest honour. It recognizes individuals who have demonstrated excellence and achievement in any field of endeavour, benefiting in an outstanding manner the social, cultural or economic well-being of Manitoba and its residents.

As we mark Manitoba Day, it is truly a pleasure to announce the names of the six women and six men who will be invested into the Order of Manitoba this July,” Lieutenant-Governor John Harvard said. Each has made a unique mark on this province and in so doing, have made a positive and lasting impact.

Recipients are selected by an independent advisory council which evaluates all nominations received and then recommends up to 12 candidates each year to the chancellor. Once inducted into the order, members may use the volutes O.M. after their name to reflect the accomplishments and achievements.
Convocation speaks to potential
Honorees illustrate current success while graduates represent the future

One of the most attractive aspects of our annual cycle of activities is the convocation ceremonies that take place in the fall and in the spring (or whatever it is we’re having at the moment). As I write this, the convocation for the Faculty of Medicine has already taken place, and the several sessions to be held on the Fort Garry campus are still to come.

Convocation is a wonderful blend of tradition on the one hand and the particularities of current individual experience on the other. Members of the University community – graduands, staff and faculty – don the traditional robes that now are worn only on this ceremonial occasion. These robes remind us of the origins of our current institutions in the medieval European universities, and the roots of advanced learning that go even further back in time and in many countries. Yet while by wearing the robes we step into that stream of tradition, we take part in the ceremony to celebrate the present – and to anticipate the future. Our focus is on success and possibility. There is typically an honorary graduate being recognized for important contributions to scholarship or to community life, a few members of the internal community being awarded prizes or titles, and the many students who have achieved success in their programs of study. All of this both recognizes accomplishment and points forward by also making us think about potential.

The collection in Medicine this year was a particularly significant one because in its two parts (morning and afternoon) it combined the usual pattern I have already described – honorary graduate, awards, conferring of degrees – and a special ceremony with four honorary degree recipients, to celebrate the 125th anniversary. The honorary graduates spoke about some of the most important developments in medicine in the quarter century since the Faculty’s centennial celebration. Dean Sandham and president emeritus Naimark and their team brought together an impressive group in both the morning and the afternoon whose speeches stretched the cognitive horizons of all of us who listened to them.

And, of course, we can expect similar things in the ceremonies to be held on the Fort Garry campus – stimulating addresses, recognition of accomplishments and the recognition of tremendous potential as graduating classes move from the university into the larger community.

It’s this potential that is perhaps the most wonderful aspect of the convocation season. When I see the juxtaposition on the same stage and in the same ceremony of students, about to begin their careers in many cases, and honorary graduands, who are being recognized for their contributions, I wonder about the possibilities. I wonder what each person crossing the stage in front of me is likely to do – what their personal experiences will be, what contributions they will make, what recognitions and honours they will eventually receive from families, friends, colleagues or the larger community. It’s both a source of pride for me to be working at a university and thus engaged in the large societal project of helping young people recognize and then realize their own potential, and at the same time it’s a humbling thing to think that we hold a huge responsibility in trust for the larger community as we do this work. And, of course, it’s fascinating to think that many people crossing the stage will reach for and accomplish more than I have myself, and that too is humbling.

So, as I said at the beginning of this column, this is one of the most attractive aspects of our annual cycle of activities. I encourage you to attend one or more convocation ceremonies this spring and to share in the celebration of success and in the anticipation of great things to be achieved.

The President’s View
with David Barnard

Ten Manitobans die each day from heart disease and stroke. It is the number one cause of death in Manitoba and across Canada. With obesity at epidemic proportions, experts believe our current generation of children will not live as long as their parents.

The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Manitoba (HSFM) is investing in a future without heart disease and stroke for Manitobans through research, health promotion and advocacy efforts.

Research
Since 1957, HSFM has provided over $50 million in funding to Manitoba researchers and in that time the number of deaths caused by cardiovascular disease has been reduced by 50 percent.

HSFM has far surpassed the provincial government in funding heart disease and stroke research and U of M researchers have benefited greatly by receiving an average of $580,000 each year for the past decade to support their quest to identify, prevent, and treat heart disease and stroke.

Health Promotion
Our health promotion experts answer over 11,000 inquires and HSFM provides over 200,000 free health information resources to Manitobans each year.

HSFM works aggressively with the media to provide Manitobans with the latest healthy living information, based on the most current, evidence-based research.

Advocacy
We’re the driving force behind the provincial Coordinated Stroke Strategy - ensuring all Manitobans – rural and urban - have access to the very best stroke care possible.

We set the guidelines and provide support to nearly 600 CPR instructors and instructor trainers each year and we’re currently advocating for the placement of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in public places throughout Manitoba. AEDs, used in conjunction with CPR can increase a cardiac arrest victim’s chance of survival by 75% or more.

Give from the heart
As a non-profit charitable organization, HSFM receives no direct funding from the government or United Way. We depend solely on the generous support of Manitobans like you.

Please give to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Manitoba through the University of Manitoba (U of M) Campus Campaign. Watch for a volunteer campus canvasser this June.

Your donation will help the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Manitoba continue to fight cardiovascular disease, the number one threat to the health of Manitobans.

For more information, visit www.heartandstroke.mb.ca

More lives are lost each year to heart disease and stroke than to any other disease in Canada.
Spring Convocation
Recognizing students, staff and members of the community

Honorary Degree recipients

Honorary degrees are awarded for distinguished achievement in scholarship, the arts, or public service. Candidates for honorary degrees are nominated by members of the University and the public.

Martin Brotman
B.Sc.(Med.), M.D. (Manitoba); M.Sc. (Minnesota), F.A.C.P.; A.G.A.

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 Faculty of Medicine, he completed his post-doctoral training in internal medicine and gastroenterology at the prestigious Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Sought-after internationally as a speaker on subjects ranging from clinical issues to health care economics, Brotman is a leader recognized for his clinical expertise and dedication to his patients. He is past President of the American Gastroenterological Association (AGA) and past chairman of the American Digestive Health Foundation. Today, Brotman is president of the West Bay Region of Sutter Health in San Francisco. He is also a clinical professor of medicine at the University of California in San Francisco. In 2008, Brotman received the AGA Julius Friedenwald Medal, the highest honour the association bestows on its members.

Friday, May 15, Faculty of Medicine morning session.

John Herbert Dirks
C.M., B.Sc. (Med) M.D. (Manitoba); F.R.C.P.; F.R.S.C.

A distinguished doctor, educator and scientist, John Dirks has been recognized around the world for his kidney research and academic leadership. A graduate of the University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine, he has enjoyed a successful academic career at McGill University, the University of British Columbia, the Aga Khan University in Pakistan and the University of Toronto where he held the position of dean of medicine between 1987 and 1994. Dirks’s contributions to education, medicine and science have been widely recognized. He has received the Queen’s Jubilee Award, the Medical Award of the Kidney Foundation and the National Kidney Foundation International Medal. Dirks received the Fellowship of the Royal Society of Canada in 1982 and the Order of Canada in 2006. Since 1995, he has been president of the Gairdner Foundation in Toronto which awards major international prizes in biomedicine. During his tenure, the Gairdner Awards have received increasing international attention so that today it is one of the top three prizes in the world in the area of medical research. His effort to highlight Canada’s commitment to scientific excellence was supported by the Government of Canada in 2008 with a $20 million contribution to the Foundation’s endowment.

Friday, May 15, Faculty of Medicine afternoon session.

Sr. Elizabeth Davis
B.A., B.Ed. (Memorial); M.A. (Theology) (Notre Dame); M.Hlth.Sc., LL.D. (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. After a decade teaching high school, Davis served as assistant medical director, assistant executive director and executive director at St. Clare’s Mercy Hospital in St. John’s, Newfoundland. From 1994 to 2000, she was the president and CEO of the Health Corporation of St. John’s. Today, she is pursuing doctoral studies in Theology at the University of Toronto. She is also an instructor. She has served with distinction on a number of national and international health care bodies including the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and the National Board of Medical Examiners (USA). Davis has received numerous honours and awards including the Award for Excellence in Health Care Administration from the Canadian Healthcare Association and has been named a Member of the Order of Canada.

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Mark J. Greene
M.D., Ph.D. (Manitoba); F.R.C.P.

A pioneering cancer researcher, Mark Greene has made significant discoveries that have led to new chemotherapy and radiation therapy treatments. His contribution to our understanding of human biology has also led to important practical applications in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer. Greene received his medical training and a PhD in immunology from the University of Minnesota Faculty of Medicine. From there, his career led him to Harvard University where he was professor of pathology and then to Tufts University where he held the position of professor of medicine and head of rheumatology/immunology. He was also professor of pathology at the University of Pennsylvania where he is currently director of the division of immunology, the John Eckman professor of medical sciences and vice-chair of pathology. Greene has authored or co-authored over 400 publications and has served as a reviewer and editor of the most prestigious journals in his field. His achievements have garnered many awards and honours including the Allyn Taylor Prize and the Coltov Award.

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David Naylor
B.A., B.Sc., M.D. (Toronto); D.Phil. (Oxford); F.R.C.P.C.; F.R.S.C.

Currently serving as president of the University of Toronto, David Naylor is an accomplished researcher and educator who played a leading role in creating the Public Health Agency of Canada. He received his medical degree from the University of Toronto with scholarships in medicine, surgery and paediatrics and went on to pursue studies at Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar. Naylor joined the department of medicine at the University of Toronto in 1980 and was promoted to full professor in 1996. He was the founding CEO of the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences before becoming dean of medicine and vice provost for relations with health care institutions for the University of Toronto in 1999. Naylor has extensive research expertise in the areas of public policy, epidemiology and biostatistics, health economics as well as clinical and health services. He served as chair of the national advisory committee on SARS and public health in 2003. That committee’s report sparked the creation of the Public Health Agency of Canada, major government investments in public health and the appointment of Canada’s first chief public health officer. Naylor has received numerous honours including being named an Officer of the Order of Canada.

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Jim Derksen
B.A. (Winnipeg)

A wheelchair user disabled by polio, Jim Derksen has been a champion for the rights of disabled people in Canada for decades. Through his tireless determination, Derksen has helped convince the federal government that people with disabilities should be included in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Their inclusion in the Charter resulted in Canada becoming the first country in the world to provide constitutional protection for the rights of persons with disabilities. Derksen has developed and led a number of rights and advocacy groups for persons with disabilities including the Council of Canadians with Disabilities and the Manitoba League for Persons with Disabilities. His expertise extends from disability public policy to human rights, employment, transportation and international development. He has consulted with the Canadian Human Rights Commission, the Manitoba Human Rights Commission, the United Nations and the Government of Canada on disability issues. He chaired the Manitoba Taxi-Cab board and co-chaired the Federal Minister of Transportation’s advisory committee on Transportation for the Handicapped. By social leadership, Derksen has helped put numerous policies within the provincial government including the executive director of the Disability Issues Office. He retired from public service in 2004.

Tuesday, May 26, morning session.

Muriel Smith
O.C., O.M., B.A. (Hons.), B.Ed., M.Ed. (Manitoba); Ed. Dipl. (Oxford)

A passionate advocate for human rights and gender equity, Muriel Smith was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2007 for her efforts on behalf of social justice around the world. Smith’s legacy as a trailblazer began during her years as a student at the University of Manitoba in the 1970s. After teaching and counseling at the high school level, Smith began her political career in 1974. She became the first woman president in the history of the Manitoba New Democratic Party and eventually was elected to office in 1981. She held the position of deputy premier, the first woman in Canada to hold that post. She also held the portfolio of Economic Development & Tourism, Community Services & Corrections, Minister responsible for the Status of Women, and Labour & Housing. After leaving government, Smith turned her attention to gender equity and human rights, serving as the national president of the United Nations Association of Canada. Smith has been an active member of the Winnipeg community, serving on numerous boards and committees including the Manitoba Human Rights Commission, the Council on Post-Secondary Education, the board of the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra and the board of the Reh-Fit Centre.

Wednesday, May 27, morning session.

Arni Thorsteinson
B.Comm.(Hons.) (Manitoba)

President of Shelter Canadian Properties Limited, Mr. Thorsteinson has played a leading role in building and supporting the Winnipeg business and cultural community. Mr. Thorsteinson was a founding director and past chair of the Associates of the Asper School of Business where he was recognized as a valued leader with vision and dedication. His commitment and guidance to the organization over the last 25 years have played a fundamental role in building the Associates into the pre-eminent organization supporting a business school in Canada. Today, Mr. Thorsteinson is chair of the Associates Foundation. Mr. Thorsteinson has also been recognized for his leadership role in making the Canadian Museum of Human Rights a reality. He has served as chair of the advisory committee, played a pivotal role in the fundraising activities and contributed a sizeable personal donation to the museum. He was recently appointed as chair of the museum’s board of trustees. Mr. Thorsteinson is also a recognized leader in the community. He serves on the National Council of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, as a governor of the Itanf Centre and is a former governor of the Winnipeg Art Gallery. In addition to his personal and dedicated efforts to his community, Mr. Thorsteinson has made exceptionally generous personal financial contributions to countless organizations.

Thursday, May 28, morning session.

Kenneth Standing
B.Sc. (Hons.) (Manitoba); A.M., Ph.D. (Princeton)

Internationally renowned for innovations in the field of time-of-flight mass spectrometry as it relates to biomolecules, Kenneth Standing is an accomplished researcher and educator. A professor emeritus in the department of physics and astronomy at the University of Manitoba, Standing has advanced the limits of sensitivities and the range of accessible sizes of biological macromolecules to where they have become extremely useful for real-world biomedical research. His work has led to advances in biology, chemistry, biochemistry, biomedicine and to the commercial development of several instruments using techniques developed in his laboratory. Standing’s achievements are evident in the many awards and accolades he has received throughout his career. These include the NSERC Bertram Brockhouse Prize, the NSERC Synergy Award and awards from institutions such as the University of Manitoba and the American Physical Society. Along with his innovative research, Standing is recognized as a dedicated and skilled educator and mentor. More than 10 students and post-doctoral fellows mentored by Mr. Standing have gone on to succeed in some of the most prestigious universities and companies in the world.

Tuesday, May 26, afternoon session.

Freda Ahenakew,
C.M., S.O.M., B.Ed., LL.D. (Saskatchewan); M.A. (Manitoba)

An acclaimed researcher, scholar and pioneer in Cree literacy and language teaching, Freda Ahenakew is recognized as a champion in preserving the oral traditions and heritage of her people. Her work has included transcribing and translating Cree myths, legends and other stories. Born on the Ahtahkakoop First Nation, Ahenakew had 12 children before returning to school to obtain her high school diploma. Since then, she has obtained her MA in Cree Linguistics from the University of Manitoba and taught at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan Indian Federal College, the University of Manitoba and the University of Calgary. She held the position of head of Native studies at the University of Manitoba before she retired in 1997. Ahenakew is considered one of the most distinguished Aboriginal scholars in Canada for her tireless research and dedication to the preservation of the Cree language, culture, values and history. She was named Citizen of the Year (1992) by the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations and earned a National Aboriginal Achievement Award in 2001. Ahenakew received the Saskatchewan Order of Merit, the province’s highest honour in 2005 and was named a Member of the Order of Canada in 1998.

Wednesday, May 27, afternoon session.

Wanda Koop
Dip. Art (Manitoba); B. Litt. (Winnipeg), R.C.A.

A graduate of the University of Manitoba school of art, Wanda Koop is one of Canada’s most distinguished and inventive artists. She is also recognized for her tireless efforts to give inner-city youth a creative voice in their community. Koop’s painting career spans the Anand and Chemical Society and the American Physiological Society. She was named TIME Magazine as one of our country’s best artists. Her work has been exhibited internationally and by the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations and the National Gallery of Canada. She is also a noted champion of the role art and creativity can play in community building. In 1988, she founded the successful Art City Project – an art centre in Winnipeg that provides an opportunity for people of all ages, especially inner-city youth, to work with contemporary visual artists to find their own creative vision. Koop has received numerous accolades for her work and community dedication. She has received the Canada Council “X” Grant, the Paris Studio, the Japan Fund Award and “A” Grant. In 2002, she was honoured with the Queen’s Jubilee Medal. In 2006, Koop was named a Member of the Order of Canada.

Thursday, May 28, afternoon session.

Celebrating our 130th Spring Convocation
Honorary Degree recipients

HONORARY DEGREES ARE AWARDED FOR DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT IN SCHOLARSHIP, THE ARTS, OR PUBLIC SERVICE. CANDIDATES FOR HONORARY DEGREES ARE NOMINATED BY MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY AND THE PUBLIC.

François Ricard
M.A. (McGill); Ph.D. (Aix-Marseille)

Professor of Literature at McGill University since 1971, François Ricard is undeniably the foremost authority on Gabrielle Roy, one of Canada’s greatest and most beloved authors. Through his publications, editorial activities and collective projects, Ricard has dedicated a great part of his university career to the research and promotion of this internationally-renowned Franco-Manitoban novelist and her body of work. A founding member of the Gabrielle-Roy Research Group, director of the Cahiers Gabrielle Roy (published by Éditions Boréal) and director of the Fonds Gabrielle-Roy since the novelist’s death, he has played a major role in the publication of valuable unpublished manuscripts. Among his many published works, Gabrielle Roy: A Life (1996) is considered a model for the literary biography genre. Ricard has received numerous awards and honours including the Governor General’s Award for his essay La littérature contre elle-même and the Grande médaille de la Francophonie awarded by the Académie Française. He holds the James McGill Chair of Québec Literature and the Contemporary Novel, which was created in January 2002. The degree honoris causa D. Litt is bestowed upon Dr. Ricard in this, the 100th anniversary of Gabrielle Roy’s birth.

Monday, June 1, Collège universitaire de Saint Boniface

President Emeritus

Emőke J. E. Szathmáry
C.M., O.M., B.A.(Hons.), Ph.D., LL.D. (Toronto); D.Sc. (Western Ontario); D.Litt.S. (St. Michael’s College); LL.D. (York); LL.D. (McMaster); F.R.S.C.

Department of Anthropology
Department of Biochemistry and Medical Genetics

A distinguished scholar, teacher, researcher, administrator and leader, Emőke Szathmáry led the University of Manitoba through an unprecedented period of growth and achievement during her tenure as the 10th president and vice-chancellor of the institution. Szathmáry’s academic career began at Trent University where she was an assistant professor of anthropology. From there, she rose through the ranks at McMaster University where she ultimately held the position of chair of the department of anthropology. After a term as dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Western Ontario, Szathmáry returned to McMaster University as provost and vice-president academic. In 1996, she was named president and vice-chancellor of the University of Manitoba. Szathmáry served the University of Manitoba with distinction. She led the most successful fundraising campaign in the history of the province and under her leadership the university joined the elite group of Canadian universities that receive over $100-million in research funding each year. During her tenure, the university added 48 new academic programs and many infrastructure upgrades and new facilities and buildings were added to the two main campuses. Active on a number of boards and committees at the provincial and national level, Szathmáry is a valuable contributor to her community. Her many honours include membership in the Order of Manitoba, Order of Canada, fellows in both the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Royal Society of Canada. She holds honorary doctorates from the University of Toronto, the University of Western Ontario, University of St. Michael’s College and McMaster University.

Friday, May 15, Faculty of Medicine morning session.

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

THE DR. AND MRS. D.R. CAMPBELL OUTREACH AWARD IS GIVEN TO UNIVERSITY STAFF WHO CONSISTENTLY SPEND COUNTLESS HOURS OF THEIR OWN TIME SHARING THEIR PROFESSIONAL AND SCHOLARLY EXPERIENCE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE.

Patrick Choy
B.Sc., M.D. (Hon.) (McGill); M.Sc., Ph.D. (North Dakota)

A dedicated researcher and scholar, Patrick Choy is recognized for his commitment to building research and academic collaborations between the University of Manitoba and universities in China. To date, Choy has negotiated numerous agreements that make it possible for students and researchers to take part in valuable exchanges. Thanks to Choy’s efforts, University of Manitoba students and scientists can now participate in exchanges with Shanghai Medical University, Jilin University and Shantou University. In addition, Choy has led the University of Manitoba’s participation in the East-West Alliance, a network of 10 prestigious universities from around the world that is committed to the development of medical research and educational projects with a global impact. In addition to his international work, Choy is recognized for his commitment to the local community. He is director of the Centre for Research and Treatment of Atherosclerosis and has organized cholesterol awareness events at the Manitoba Legislature. He has organized free public clinics in the community since 1995. Choy is also very active in the Winnipeg Chinese community and has served in leadership roles at the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Manitoba.

Friday, May 15, Faculty of Medicine morning session.

Richard A. Holley
B.Sc., M.Sc. (McGill); Ph.D. (Guelph)

Department of Food Science

Considered one of the leading food safety experts in the world, Richard Holley is recognized for his outstanding outreach work with the food industry and all levels of government. Throughout his career, Holley has been committed to providing his expertise in the area of food-borne illness to food processors, the federal government, scientific organizations and consumers alike. His skills as a translator of scientific knowledge were especially evident to the Canadian public in the summer of 2008 when an outbreak of Listeria occurred. Holley was exceptionally helpful to media and government officials in his ability to clearly explain the manner in which this illness is transmitted and how it can be prevented. Holley’s efforts to educate consumers about food safety brought distinction to him and to the University of Manitoba. He clearly demonstrated that the University of Manitoba is not just committed to the education of its students, but to the betterment of the community at large. Holley’s efforts have been praised by many including officials with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Health Canada and Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives.

Thursday, May 28, morning session.

Celebrating our 130th Spring Convocation
Peter D. Curry Chancellor’s Award

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

David H. Graves

B.Sc.(M.E.) Manitoba

A graduate of the University of Manitoba, Faculty of Engineering, David Graves is an active business and community leader. Currently Graves is a director and president and chief executive officer of IMRIS, a position he has held since the company’s formation in 2005. The company is a global leader in developing advanced surgical imaging systems. Previously, Graves was president and CEO of Centara Corporation, a venture capital firm. Prior to that, Graves was the founder and CEO of Broadband Networks Inc., a leading-edge developer of wireless telecommunications systems that was acquired by Nortel Networks Corporation in 1998. A University of Manitoba Faculty of Engineering alumnus, Graves completed the executive marketing program at Queen’s University and is a registered professional engineer. He serves on numerous boards and committees including the board of directors for Great West Life/Co, the Manitoba Health Research Council and the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation. Graves has previously served on the board of directors of numerous technology companies and other civic and volunteer groups.

President’s Award for Excellence

The President’s Award celebrates the exceptional contributions of University of Manitoba support staff. Recipients are individuals who have achieved distinction at the university, serving as examples to other employees, demonstrating high levels of professionalism, consistently going beyond the requirements of their position, demonstrating leadership and creativity, and promoting respectful and positive work environments. The award consists of a certificate of recognition and a financial prize.

Joanne Dyer

Joanne Dyer has held a number of positions at the University of Manitoba since she began her career in 1978. She has served in the bookstore, in the budgets and grants office, in the Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management and, most recently, as the university budget officer and executive assistant to the vice-president (administration). During her career, Dyer has been recognized for her high level of knowledge and skillful administration of the university’s budget system. Dyer’s creativity and overall management skills have enabled the university to continue to operate within its budget and to provide a high level of excellence to students, faculty and staff despite budgetary constraints. She recently held the position of co-chair of the middle managers group and provides regular training and coaching of staff through the annual budget resource allocation process. Dyer regularly volunteers to help with events and committees that benefit the university and the community at large. These activities include acting as the volunteer registration chair for the 2008 CAUBO conference and sitting on the organizing committee of the Winnipeg Humane Society Bow Wow Ball. Recognized for her willingness to help out, her fairness and her institutional memory; Dyer is an excellent role model for all staff and students at the University of Manitoba.

Distinguished Service Awards

Mark Evans

B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D. (Manitoba)

A graduate of the University of Manitoba department of computer science, Mark Evans is recognized for his innovation and leadership in the area of computer science. Evans joined the Department of Computer Science in 1988, becoming a tenured associate professor in 1994. Beginning in 1990, Evans developed a corporation called Emerging Information Systems Inc. (EISI) which has become the largest international supplier of software solutions to financial planners. Despite the advantages associated with moving his company to a different part of Canada or elsewhere in the world, Evans has steadfastly insisted that the future of EISI remain in Manitoba. He has also continued to support the University of Manitoba by building his corporate success largely with graduates from his alma mater. Evans was co-chair of the Engineering and Information Technology Complex fundraising campaign.

K. Garry Bolton

B.Sc. (M.E.) (Manitoba); P.Eng.

K. Garry Bolton is recognized for his commitment and dedication to the engineering profession and to his community. A graduate of the University of Manitoba Faculty of Engineering, Bolton has worked in the consulting engineering field all of his career, both in Manitoba and Alberta. In 1987, he returned to Manitoba to assume a position with SMS Engineering. In 1991, Bolton became a principal and now serves as president of SMS. He has served as president of the Association of Consulting Engineers of Manitoba and as chair of the Association of Consulting Engineers of Canada. Bolton has also been active with the Rotary Club of West Winnipeg, the Western Canada Aviation Museum and the Air Cadet League of Canada. Bolton was a co-chair on the Engineering and Information Technology Complex fundraising campaign.

Conrad Wyryzkowski

B.A., LLB. (Manitoba)

A skilled farmer and respected Winnipeg lawyer, Mr. Wyryzkowski is also a recognized leader who has had a significant impact on his community and its people. A graduate of the University of Manitoba, Mr. Wyryzkowski retired from his law practice in 2004. Today, Mr. Wyryzkowski focuses on his family, farming and serving his community through philanthropy and volunteerism. He serves on the board of the St. Paul’s College Foundation and sits on several committees at the St. Boniface General Hospital. For years, Mr. Wyryzkowski has offered a listening ear, prayers and communion to palliative care patients at the hospital. He has also volunteered his services to L’Arche Winnipeg, the Catholic Retreat House Inc., and Villa Marie Retreat House in St. Norbert. Mr. Wyryzkowski established the Wyryzkowski Family Bursary Fund in support of St. Paul’s College as well as the Evelyn and Conrad Wyryzkowski Fund to support cancer and cardiovascular research at the St. Boniface Hospital.

Celebrating our 130th Spring Convocation
Emeritus Appointments

The Title Professor Emeritus is an Honour that is conferred by the Board of Governors after retirement on individuals who have rendered distinguished service to the University and who have significant records in teaching, research, and scholarship.

Godfrey Harding
B.Sc., M.D. (Manitoba); FR.C.P.C.
Department of Medical Microbiology
A distinguished physician, educator and researcher, Godfrey Harding is credited with training many of the leading infectious disease specialists in Canada. He is also considered one of the world’s leaders in issues related to urinary tract infections. A graduate of the University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine, Harding has promoted the University of Manitoba’s Infectious Diseases and Microbiology programs locally, nationally and internationally. Over his 30 year career, Harding has been involved with students at the undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate levels as an instructor and valued mentor.
Friday, May 15, Faculty of Medicine morning session.

Alexander Segall
B.A., M.A. (Manitoba); Ph.D. (Toronto)
Department of Sociology
Alexander Segall has devoted his academic career to the interdisciplinary study of the social aspects of health and illness. As a result of Segall’s commitment to sociology, the University of Manitoba is home to one of the most comprehensive health sociology programs in the country. For the past decade, Segall has been the principal investigator for the Wellness Institute Services Evaluation Research Program. He has held appointments in a number of faculties and departments including the department of community health sciences, the Faculty of Medicine, and the Centre on Aging. Segall has been recognized with a National Health Research Scholar Award from Health Canada. A committed educator, Segall has also mentored dozens of graduate students since he joined the department of sociology in 1971.
Tuesday, May 26, morning session.

Gaddehosur N. Ramu
B.A., M.A. (Mysore); M.A., Ph.D. (Illinois)
Department of Sociology
A dedicated scholar, educator and university administrator, Gaddehosur Ramu is recognized for his significant contributions to the study of Canadian Sociology. Since joining the department of sociology, Ramu has played an instrumental role in Canadian sociology through his leadership in the Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association and the Western Association of Sociology and Anthropology. Specializing in the sociology of marriage and the family and the sociology of development, Ramu has dedicated himself to mentoring countless graduate students. He has also been a valuable contributor to university governance, serving as associate head and graduate chair in sociology as well as several terms on the Faculty of Arts executive, senate and senate executive. He was recognized with the distinguished service award from the Canadian Sociology Association in 2006.
Tuesday, May 26, morning session.

Barry Trute
B.A. (Saskatchewan); M.S.W. (McGill); Ph.D. (Berkeley)
Faculty of Social Work
A dedicated social work scholar, mentor and teacher, Barry Trute has made significant contributions to children and families in need. He is the founding director of the Child and Family Services Research Group in the Faculty of Social Work and his family-centred research has been recognized around the world. He has served as professor and Fisher Chair in Family Research in the School of Social Work at McGill University, visiting professor of Social Work at Wilfrid Laurier University, Canterbury Fellow at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand and ARC professor of Family Centred Care at the University of Calgary. He was also the co-founder and senior editor of the Canadian Journal of Community Mental Health and co-chair of the National Board of Social Work Accreditation.
Thursday, May 28, afternoon session.

Fernando Guijon
M.D. (Chile); F.R.C.S.C.; F.A.C.O.G.
Department of Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Reproductive Science
One of the world’s foremost experts on Human Papilloma Virus and gynaecological cancer, Fernando Guijon is also recognized as a skilled educator and mentor to medical students. His dedication to patient care has led Guijon to work in remote areas like Canada’s north and Latin and South America, bringing his knowledge to physicians and communities who otherwise would not have access to it. His work has led to numerous accolades and awards. Guijon has received the American Society of Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology Award of Merit and the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Award for services rendered to the Canadian people. He is also a founding member of the Canadian Colposcopy Society and was named associate editor of the Cervix and Lower Female Genital Tract Journal in 1993.
Friday, May 15, Faculty of Medicine morning session.

Egil Grislis
B.A. (Gettysburg); B.D. (Lutheran Theological Seminary); Ph.D. (Yale); Dr. (H.C.) (Latvia); D.D. (H.C.) (St. John’s College)
Department of Religion
A scholar of international reputation, Egil Grislis has dedicated his career to the pursuit of teaching and research excellence in the area of religious studies. Over his 31 years as a professor in the department of religion, Grislis has authored six scholarly books, numerous papers and book chapters and has advised dozens of graduate students. He has taught religion at all levels, from introductory to PhD courses. He has regularly taught as a visiting professor at the University of Riga, Latvia and was made a Fellow of Early Modern Studies by the Sixteenth Century Conference in 1998. He is a Martin Luther scholar with an international reputation whose studies of the work of Richard Hooker continue to make original contributions to sixteenth century research.
Tuesday, May 26, morning session.

Charles H. Thomsen
Department of Landscape Architecture
Professor Charles Thomsen is credited with developing the successful environmental design program in the Faculty of Architecture. During his tenure at the University of Manitoba, he has served as head of the department of landscape architecture and associate dean/coordinator of the environmental design program. He has received numerous awards for his work including the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects President’s Award in 2001. His International Peace Garden master plan was chosen as one of the most significant works in Canada in a juried competition. He has acted as president of the Manitoba Association of Landscape Architects and is a founding board member of the Friends of Assiniboine Park Conservatory.
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Emeritus Appointments

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Garry Martin

Distinguished Professor Emeritus

B.A. (Colorado); M.A., Ph.D. (Arizona)
Department of Psychology

Garry Martin is one of Canada’s most acclaimed psychologists with an international reputation as a leading researcher in developmental disabilities and sport psychology. He was instrumental in establishing the applied behavioural analysis program in the department of psychology, as well as the research and training programs at St. Amant Centre, where his work has had a profound impact on the well-being of Manitobans with developmental disabilities. Martin was one of the first applied psychologists to show that persons with severe developmental disabilities are capable of learning functional skills if provided with positive learning environments. Thanks to Martin’s pioneering research, many people with developmental disabilities lead productive lives in the community. His work has also significantly influenced sport psychology and produced new strategies for improving athletic skills and motivating athletes to excellence.

Olive Beatrice Stanton Award for Teaching Excellence

Sergio Carvalho

B.B.A. (Brazil); M.B.A. (Northeastern); Ph.D. (BaruchCUNY)
Department of Marketing, Asper School of Business

An inspiring teacher, prolific researcher and supportive mentor, Sergio Carvalho is recognized by peers and students alike for his creative and innovative teaching style. His high energy personality encourages students to strive for excellence and to be excited by their studies. As one student noted: ‘Dr. Carvalho does not impose his ideas, but instead triggers thoughts in students by giving appropriate cues and helps channel students’ thoughts to a conclusive end.’ Carvalho’s teaching excellence is matched by his research skills. His areas of research focus on identity and consumer behavior, health marketing, international marketing and cross-cultural consumer behavior. This is not the first time Carvalho has been recognized for his teaching excellence. He was chosen ‘best professor’ at the Graduate School of the University of Fortaleza in Brazil and received a teaching award at Baruch College. In addition, he has twice received the University of Manitoba-UMFA Merit Award for teaching.

Armature Award

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

Gurpeet Chahal

A graduate of the Asper School of Business, Gurpeet Chahal is recognized as an active leader and volunteer who inspires those around her. Throughout her time on campus, Chahal has been an active participant in student government and volunteer activities. This past year, she held the position of president of the Asper School of Business Accounting Association. She has also acted as coordinator for the annual Gathering of Accounting Associates, Professionals, and Students Conference. Chahal was also involved with the Asper School of Business Faculty Student Council, the Commerce Students’ Association and the University of Manitoba Students’ Union. She is a long-standing volunteer with the annual Shinerama fundraising campaign and holds a regional director position with the National Shinerama Committee.

President Emeritus

Emilie Szathmáry, the University of Manitoba’s tenth president and vice chancellor received the title of president emeritus at the May 15 Faculty of Medicine Convocation ceremony.

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# Student success honoured

Medals represent an outstanding academic effort

## Governor General’s Medals

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## Program Medals

Awarded for highest standing in a faculty or school program.

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- **Agribusiness**: Matthew Jeremy Hink
- **Agriculture**: Jessica May English
- **Agroecology**: Jonathan Veilleux

### Arts
- **General Degree**: Rebecca Sungwook Bae
  - **Advanced Degree**: Brendan Tesleem
- **Honours Degree**: Jennifer Heather Ann Wolgronki

### Asper School of Business
- **Accounting Major**: Myles Hannon
- **Actuarial Mathematics Major**: Matthew Dalton
- **Finance Major**: Gillian Dawn Purvis
- **Human Resources Management / Industrial Relations**: Andrew Michael Evans
- **Logistics and Supply Chain Management Major**: Christopher John Mattens
- **Marketing Major**: Blair Warren Purvis

### Art
- **Art History Honours**: Crystal Dawn Beak
- **Fine Arts Studio Honours**: Curtis Leonard Wiebe
- **Dental Hygiene**: Nadine Joelle Pohl

### Education
- **Early Years Stream**: Paula Leanne Sowany
- **Middle Years Stream**: Lauren Elizabeth Norquay

### Engineering
- **Civil**: Kathryn Anne Hearson
- **Computer**: Linda Haidar
- **Electrical**: Dennis Lu
- **Manufacturing**: Aaron Michael Schoenhaut
- **Mechanical**: Tyler Andrew Brown

### Health Studies Program
- **Nutritional Sciences**: Tabitha Fay Marshall
- **Human Nutritional Sciences**: Lisa Dawn Dyck

### Kinesiology and Recreation Management
- **Kinesiology**: Lindsay Dawn Zystra
- **Recreation Management and Community Development**: Diana Catherine King

### Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources
- **General Degree**: Colton Robert Inkster
- **Honours Degree**: Ryan Daniel Kressall

### Science
- **General Degree**: Navdeep Kaur Bhusari
- **Major Degree**: Matthew Anthony Kolyhubs
- **Honours Degree**: Erin Michelle Knight

### Human Ecology
- **Family Social Sciences**: Bonnie Lynn Land
- **Health Studies Program**: Melanie Carmen Hegg

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Tours Taché Hall during Doors Open

A trip down memory lane.

Float down the spiral staircase of Taché Hall like you’re Richard Gere in the movie Shall We Dance? Or, listen for the stories its near-century-old walls would 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 guided tour and fun activities from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 23.

It’s an 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, it’s 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.

If you would like to share your stories about Taché Hall or get more information, please contact Siobhan Kari at 474-0022 or siobhan_kari@umanitoba.ca.

Bannatyne Campus

— St. Boniface General Hospital and Research Centre

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

FRIDAY, MAY 22
Community Health Sciences, A conversation with Dr. Leonard Syme with Leonard Syme, professor of epidemiology and community health (emeritus), University of California, Berkeley. 405 Brodie Centre, 12:30 p.m., Friday, May 22.

TUESDAY, MAY 26
Infectious Diseases, Issues and Controversies of C. difficile from Bench to Bedside by Thomas Louie, professor of medicine and infectious diseases, University of Calgary, medical director, infectious diseases, Horizon Health Network. 450 Administration Building, 5 p.m., Tuesday, May 26.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27
Physiology PhD Oral Examination. The Effects of Consuming Fatty Acids from Different Sources on Atherosclerotic Development by Chunlu Duan, associate professor, physiology, Samuel Cohen Auditorium, St. Boniface Research Centre, 2 p.m., Wednesday, May 27.

Monday, June 1

Saint Boniface Research Centre Neuroscience Seminar. Minoxidil Dynamics And Neuromotor Injury by Gordon Rintoul, department of biological sciences, Simon Fraser University, Theatre B, 12 p.m., Monday, June 1.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

Environment PhD Oral Examination. An Investigation of the Sustainability and Practicality of a Neurologically Based Behaviour Model of Support by Paula Pretorius, 431 Basic Medical Sciences.

Medical Rehabilitation MSc Thesis Defense. Validation of the English-Language Pelvic Floor Inventories Leiden (PelFIs) Administered Questionnaire by Kelli Berzuk, R3002 Rehabilitation Hospital, 800 Sherbrook Ave., 1 p.m., Wednesday, June 3.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

Community Health Sciences, Investigating Health Risk Concerns in Northern Aboriginal Communities using PhotoVoice by Candy Jarlind, associate professor, department of rural economy, University of Alberta, Dr. Betty Havens Seminar Room R060 Medical Rehabilitation Building, 12 p.m., Friday, June 5.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

Biochemistry & Medical Genetics PhD Oral Examination. The Role of BNIP3 in Regulating GBM Tumor Cell the Pro-cell Death Bcl-2 Family Member by Carolina Nagy-Schick, 431 Basic Medical Sciences Building, 10 a.m., Monday, June 9.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

Physiology PhD Oral Examination. Mechanisms Involved in the Effect of Heat Stress on the Rate of Decrease in Core Temperature by Dorothea Pretorius, 451 Basic Medical Sciences Building, 11 a.m., Thursday, June 11.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

Community Health Sciences, The Life Story Board: An Investigation in pictorial methods for assessment, counselling and psychosocial research by Robert Chase, Linda Difley and Mariela Arredondo, department of community health sciences, Dr. Betty Havens Seminar Room R060 Medical Rehabilitation Building, 12 p.m., Friday, June 12.

Events Listing

University of Manitoba

• The Bulletin publishes events involving the university community.

• E-mail events to bulletin@umanitoba.ca or fax, 474-7631.

• The deadline for the June 11 Bulletin is June 3 at 4:30 p.m.

Sneaker Day is coming

The University of Manitoba and Bison Recreation Services is pleased to introduce the university community to join in the 20th annual Sneakers in motion Day on Thursday, June 11. This initiative is devoted to promoting vibrant, healthy living and quality of life. It’s an opportunity for the University of Manitoba to show just how important physical activity is to employee wellness and is the kick off to summer active.

The event begins with an enthusiastic group warm up, followed by an entertaining walk around campus. After the walk, lunch is served and door prizes are awarded for attendance and costumes. Lunch ticket sales will begin in mid-May. For more information please contact:

Fort Garry Campus Sneakers in motion Day: Kerri Gregoire at 474-6470 or e-mail gregoirek@cc.umanitoba.ca.

Bannatyne Campus Sneakers in motion Day: Christine Majury at 789-8866 or e-mail majury@cc.umanitoba.ca.

Alumni Association AGM

The Alumni Association Inc. of the University of Manitoba will hold its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, June 17 at the University Club (main floor of Pembina Hall), 26 Maclean Crescent, Fort Garry campus. The meeting begins at 5:15 p.m. with a reception from 6 to 7 p.m.

Parking is free in all lots after 4:30 p.m. except in restricted areas as marked.

RSVP by phone 474-9946 or e-mail alumni@umlumni.mb.ca no later than Wednesday, June 3.

Fort Garry Campus

FRIDAY, MAY 29

The Slavic Collection, Elizabeth Dafoe Library: The Voices is to join the Ukrainian Canadian Experience, University of Manitoba Archives and Special Collections, The Canadian

Ukraine Excavations and Architectural Reconstructions at Baturyn In 2008 by Volodymyr Mezentsev, Dr. Fred G. Stambrook Classroom, Archives and Special Collections, third floor Elizabeth Dafoe Library, 12 p.m., Friday, May 29.

To Remember Spain:

Curated by Graham Stinnett, History JMP student

April 1 to May 31, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

To Remember Spain attempts to portray a broad contextual account of local and international activism during the 1936-1939 Spanish Civil War. Beginning locally with the papers of Lewis St. George Stubbs, M.L.A., a founding member of the Winnipeg Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, depicting the political and ideological tensions between the burgeoning socialist/anarchist collective mode of production in Spain and the Western states’ unwillingness to address the rise of fascism. By drawing out the local Winnipeg actions that contributed to the sustained revolutionary movement in Spain, perspectives of global activism become obvious in the pre-globalization era of today. Accompanying the local is the international exhibit of the Spanish front which include records relating to collectivization of community business and industry in Barcelona, the literature published by famous socialists on the Spanish Republican cause, and the impact of the International Brigades-like the Mac-Pap Battalion from Canada. Ultimately, the exhibit attempts to promote memory as a tool for social action and cohesion across nation-states.

Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music

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

Music events

• Carolina Nagy-Schick, graduate violin recital, Eva Clare Hall, 8 p.m., Thursday, May 21.

• Henry Engbrecht Graduate Fellowship Fundraising Concert, Westminster United Church, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 21. Free admission, a collection will be taken.

• Benneet Charter, graduate piano recital, Eva Clare Hall, 8 p.m., Saturday, May 23.
Academic Job Opportunities

A full listing of employment opportunities at the University of Manitoba is available online. The University of Manitoba encourages applications from qualified women and men, including members of visible minorities, Aboriginal peoples, and persons with disabilities. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply, however Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Please include the position number when applying for openings at the university.

FACULTY OF AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD SCIENCES

Department of Biosystems Engineering

Position: Department head, five-year term

Applications or nominations are invited from persons holding tenured positions within the University of Manitoba.

Start date: July 1, 2009

Application deadline: June 21, 2009

Position number: AC715

For information: Dr. Michael Treven, dean, chair of the advisory committee, 250 Agriculture Building, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, R3T 5V6, phone 474-9380, fax 474-7525, e-mail Michael_Treven@umanitoba.ca.

I.H. ASPER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Department of Business Administration

Position: Tenure-track position in business policy/strategic management

Start date: January 1, 2010 or July 1, 2010

Salary: Will depend on qualifications and experience as well as research and teaching record

Application deadline: Sept. 15, 2009

Position number: AC719


EXTENDED EDUCATION

University of Manitoba Access Programs

Position: Academic counsellor/instructor I

Start date: July 15, 2009

Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience

Application deadline: June 22, 2009

For information: Dr. Kathleen Matheson, search committee chair, Extended Education, Room 166 Extended Education Complex, The University of Manitoba, and Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3T 2N2, e-mail matheson@cc.umanitoba.ca.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE

School of Medical Rehabilitation

Position: Endowed research chair in evidence-based child health

Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience

Application deadline: August 1, 2009

Position number: AGS 9/2

For information: Dr. Kathleen Matheson, chair, Endowed Chair, School of Medical rehabilitation, The University of Manitoba, and Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3T 2N4, e-mail matheson@cc.umanitoba.ca.

The use of former Ahtibis Consolidated Inc. lands and promote economic development in the region.

John Sinclair, professor at the University of Winnipeg's Natural Resources Institute will be leading the team that includes Alan Diduck from the University of Winnipeg and Iain Davidson-Hunt from the University of Manitoba. Partners on the project number more than twenty organizations.

Markets have been unkind to the Canadian forestry industry; between 2003 and 2007, roughly 22,000 jobs were lost in the sector when 112 mills closed. In Kenora, Ontario, where this project will focus its attention, Ahtibi-Consolidated Inc. closed its mill in 2005, putting 390 people out of work and adversely affecting hundreds more. The company had to dispose of large parcels of land, one of which called Tunnel Island, sits in the middle of the city. In response, the City of Kenora and the Grand Council Treaty No. Three began a cooperative initiative called Common Land, Common Ground to foster a relationship that would ensure mutual interests in the area were respected.

The new six-year study will ultimately learn the optimal ways cross-cultural collaboration can be achieved, and how policy and laws can promote such collaborations and sustainable regional development, among many other things. And since the project will train students in such matters, the program will become sustainable.
New centre of excellence for medicine

University of Manitoba researchers and students will benefit from a new Centre of Excellence for Regenerative Medicine thanks to a $1.7 million investment from the Government of Canada through Western Economic Diversification. Regenerative medicine is an emerging field focused on accelerating the healing process to fully restore the health of damaged tissues and organs. Regenerative therapies have been demonstrated (in trials or the laboratory) to heal broken bones, bad burns, blindness, deafness, heart damage, nerve damage, Parkinson’s and other conditions. Regenerative medicine will lead to improved patient care while eliminating the cost of treatments such as insulin injections or dialysis.

The new centre will allow the university’s regenerative medicine program to expand its research endeavors and collaborations with industry and attract the highly qualified personnel required to support the industry and attract the highly qualified personnel. It will lead to improved patient care while eliminating the cost of treatments such as insulin injections or dialysis.

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Finding a home at the U of M

Simpson finds university has been a transformative experience

BY DALE BARBOUR
The Bulletin
May 21, 2009

One of the pioneers of the University of Manitoba Gallery of Student Art (GoSA) is ready to become an art educator. Stacey Abramson, who is graduating this year from the University of Manitoba’s Faculty of Education, has a strong passion for fine arts.

Over the last few years the Gallery of Student Art has become a centre of the Faculty of Education. “I was honoured to be the GoSAs first director and curator. Being able to see something I had always wished for and worked so hard at developing, was like having a dream come true,” Abramson said. “I spent a lot of time and it was a really good place to meet mentors.

Abramson majored in video in 2004, and has a great appreciation for traditional media as well. “I love the idea of having something so easily accessible and relatable as video to work with. In today’s society, most people can relate to a moving media such as video – it’s a common component of culture around the world,” said Abramson.

Abramson also enjoys the history of video art. “It’s a unique and different,” says Elaine Mor.

Abramson became involved with the Manitoba student newspaper, where she developed her journalistic career. “I am very much looking forward to my new career as an educator in Winnipeg. I’m fresh off my second life as a student at the U of M Faculty of Education, and have had two fantastic practicum experiences in the inner city and hope to continue work in this area,” said Abramson.

I entered school and I was one person and now I’m leaving and I’m completely a different person,” Simpson said.

Robot seal helps engage elderly patients

BY CHRIS RUTKOWSKI
For The Bulletin

Her name is Paro, and she comes from Japan. Here in Winnipeg for a special project, her job is simple: to comfort and help older adults with cognitive limitations relate to their families and caregivers.

“Paro is unique and different,” says Elaine Mor.

“Paro is a robotic seal,” Mor.

Lorna Guse, also with the Faculty, is the lead researcher in a project studying how the little robot can help nursing home residents communicate and relate to others. Kerstin Roger of the Faculty of Human Ecology is the third member of the project team.

Lorna Guse, Faculty of Nursing, demonstrates Paro, a robotic seal.