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Many futures.

A home for students.

The Practice House will be coming down this summer to make way for the new ART Lab.

BY DALE BARBOUR
The Bulletin

Sixty years ago Home Economics students moving into the Practice House - what is now the University of Manitoba’s Alumni House – were handed a list of ten jobs that they were expected to share over the next 30 days. It was a list that included everything from doing laundry, to preparing a full meal to looking after a child.

But as you might expect, some of the best lessons they learned had nothing to do with the duties that were assigned to them.

“What I took away from the Practice House was a sense of accomplishment, and being responsible for a group other than your family,” Mary Lou (Enkine) Vail said. “It was life long learning. You might not think it would change your life a lot but it did. It set me up for carrying on in life and long learning. You might not think it would change your life but it did. It set me up for carrying on in life and long learning.

“I made lifelong friends,” Ruth (McKitrick) Careless added. “It was a very special time.”

The university held a reunion on July 23 for students who had spent time in the Practice House in the 1940s and 1950s. It was also a farewell gathering for the structure, which is set to be torn down this summer to make way for the new ART Lab.

Built in 1939, the Practice House was intended to be just that for Home Economic students, a place to practice the skills needed to maintain a household and, as one might expect in a university, to study and improve those skills. Students moved into the house in groups of a 10 to 14 and would spend a month living together and sharing duties.

“There was no going home,” Joan (Alexander) Boyce recalled. “They kept you busy, you were still going to classes and doing the jobs involved here. If you were the housekeeper, that was a big responsibility, if you were the nurse looking after the baby you had a big responsibility and if you had to go to class you had to get someone else to look after the baby while you were in class.”

The Practice House baby was supplied by city’s child welfare system. Carol Shield’s immortalized the unique training system in her novel The Republic of Love.

The hero of the novel is a former “practice baby” and is introduced to readers this way: “As a baby, Tom Avery had 27 mothers.”

In reality a Home Economics faculty member played the role of den mother in the Practice House and was the primary caregiver for the resident baby, ensuring that the child had a mother figure in the midst of the many students.

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CFL worthy

The 2009 Canadian Football League season started on July 1 with the Manitoba Bisons football team contributing alumni throughout the league.

There were eight former Bisons on CFL rosters and two former Bisons as CFL coaches at the beginning of the 2009 season.

Overall, there are former Bisons players in five of the eight teams in the league. The Winnipeg Blue Bombers have the most Bison alumni with three players (plus one former Bison coach) while the Calgary Stampeders have two former Bisons on their 46 person lineup.

The newest Bisons addition to an active CFL roster was defensive lineman Don Oranamionwu who made the Blue Bombers roster. He was selected as a 2008 CIS Second Team All-Canadian plus 2008 Canada West All-Star with the Bisons and also chosen by Winnipeg in the fifth round (56th overall) in the 2008 CFL Canadian Draft.

In addition, defensive back Brady Browne made the Blue Bombers active roster after starting last season on the B.C. Lions practice roster. Browne earned 2007 CIS All-Canadian Second Team status and was 2007 Canada West All-Star.

“We are always proud and thrilled to see so many former Bisons make the CFL active roster and especially that three Bisons made the Winnipeg Blue Bombers this season,” said Bison football head coach Brian Dobie. “It is always exciting when new Bisons make their first active roster and we congratulate both Donny and Brady in their accomplishment and this shows the impact and strong connection with the Bisons program and the CFL.”

Former Bisons who kicked off this season in professional football include: (WR) Markus Howell, Calgary Stampeders; (DB) Wes Lysock, Calgary Stampeders; (DE) Justin Cooper, Edmonton Eskimos. (LB) Cory Huclack, Montreal Alouettes. (K) Jamie Boreham, Saskatchewan Roughriders, (DB) Brady Browne, Winnipeg Blue Bombers; (OL) Lorne Plante, Winnipeg Blue Bombers; (DL) Don Oranamionwu, Winnipeg Blue Bombers; Bobby Dyce, Winnipeg Blue Bombers (coach). Dave Easley, Hamilton Tiger-Cats (coach) and, of course, Israel Idonije, Chicago Bears (NFL).
Welcome Centre is open

Security services and parking & shuttle services have taken up their new homes in the Welcome Centre at 425 University Crescent. The move to the Welcome Centre provides parking & shuttle services with an integration of the department’s areas of responsibility. All guest and visitor services will be available from this location, as well as all customer services related to campus parking, parking ticket services, parkade services and reciprocal parking. Security services has settled into the Welcome Centre but can still be reached 24 hours a day by using the phone located at the front desk of the Services Building. Non-emergency general enquiries can be made by calling 474-9312.

There will be a public open house for the Welcome Centre on Tuesday, Sept. 1, from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

University concludes academic fraud investigation

The University has conducted and concluded an investigation into an allegation of academic fraud relating to an article retracted from a journal publication. This investigation was conducted pursuant to the University’s Policy on Academic Fraud.

This Policy is consistent with the Tri-Council Policy Statement; this consistency is a condition of eligibility to receive research funds from any of three federal granting agencies making up the Tri-Council.

Pursuant to this Policy and under the direction of the Vice-President (Academic) and Provost, an initial inquiry was conducted by an Associate-Vice-President (Research) and the Dean of Graduate Studies, which determined that the allegation warranted further investigation. Accordingly, an investigation committee was struck by the Vice-President (Academic) and Provost, consisting of three impartial faculty members as per this Policy. The committee conducted an intensive, months-long review of all relevant information. The committee interviewed more than a dozen witnesses, including the individual suspected of the scientific misconduct, the individuals who made the allegation and other relevant individuals, including outside experts. The investigation committee concluded that, on the balance of probabilities, academic fraud had occurred. Specifically, the committee concluded that certain experiments claimed to have been conducted, in fact, were not, and that results were fabricated.

Dr. Fawzi Razem, the individual found to have committed academic fraud, resigned his employment at the University concurrent with the timing of the investigation of academic fraud. At this time, he has no active association with the University. Notwithstanding this, the University has implemented sanctions against him, based on the findings of this investigation. Dr. Razem will never be recommended for an academic appointment of any kind at the University, and any formal requests for interaction of any kind between him and the University of Manitoba will be denied.

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U of M projects are ‘shovel ready’
Knowledge Infrastructure Program helps build university

The Governments of Canada and Manitoba announced major funding for four projects at the University of Manitoba on Thursday.

The university will use the funding for renovations and enhancements to its Biological Science Building; Neil John Maclean Health Sciences Library, Eureka Incubator and Buller Building science labs.

“This funding directly supports our long-term development and infrastructure goals, especially Project Domino, which will see a reshaping of the University of Manitoba landscape,” said president David Barnard. “This will give us a real number of faculty and research areas, including medicine, fine arts, libraries, science and Smartpark, assisting with deferred maintenance to several buildings, and making a real difference on both of our campuses.”

Rod Bruijnooge, Member of Parliament for Winnipeg South, and the Peter Bjornson, Manitoba Minister of Education, Citizenship and Youth, announced the $159 million announcement today is part of the second round of investments under the Knowledge Infrastructure Program and builds on the more than $159 million announced for projects in Manitoba under the first round of funding last month.

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Juggling classes, housework and children ended up being one of the primary lessons the Practice House students took away from their stay, even more so than the strict rules about how to set a table and clean a house that were drilled into them during the experience.

For many, it was the first taste of life outside of the home, which allowed students a little taste of freedom in the midst of the other lessons.

Boyce said some of the students that came into the house with her in the early 1940s had come from affluent backgrounds and were used to having a maid take care of the household chores. For them, making a meal turned out to be a major event.

She said she got very close to the girls that were in the group with us, there were lots of fun times,” Boyce said. There were hijinks, of course. She brought her own scrapbook of clippings and memories to the event, and the pictures included two of her classmates hamming it up in a bathtub for the camera – a snap that would only be taken in the all-female Practice House.

Similarly, Careless said students shunning up the milk chute after their evening curfew to ensure they made it into the house for the night. But it was the relationships among the group inside the house that really mattered.

“There were wonderful friendships and a sense of knowing and accepting responsibility. Those are really the Practice House memories and in my mind we had accomplished what we had set to do and had good basic training for the rest of our lives, whether as a wife or teaching or any other area of the home economics field,” Careless said.

The approach of having a child live directly in the house was discontinued in the mid 1950s and by the late 1950s the program had moved into the Home Economics building with three apartments created to mimic, low income, middle income and upper income households.

In 1957 the house became a private residence for university vice-presidents and administrative personnel and then in 1970 it was converted into an office facility for the university’s Employee Relations Division. Another renovation was completed in 1980 when it became the home of the Alumni Association.

Senate approved the demolition of the Alumni House at its June 24 meeting to make way for the 70,000 sq ft Art Research Technology Lab. The Board of Governors gave similar approval in June.

The location will allow the three to four-home ART Lab to sit adjacent to Taché Hall, which is being renovated into a home for the School of Art and Faculty of Music. It will also give the building, which was not seen as a prominent location on the southeast corner of the Duckworth Quadrangle and 580 Portage Avenue home to kick off Project Domino this summer.

The renovation of Taché Hall will wait until a new student residence – set to be built over Pembina Hall – is completed.

The Alumni Association will eventually be settled into Chancellor’s Hall, but in the meantime has taken up temporary residence in a set of trailers located next to the new Welcome Centre at the corner of University Crescent and Dafoe Road West.

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“I didn’t even think. I just said ‘Count me in’,” Wolfe-Ulrich said.

You may be familiar with Habitat for Humanity without the “Women Build” part. The Women Build program is an extension of the renowned charity. The focus is more on including women than it is about excluding men.

The Women Build program has built 1,400 homes to date, with six in Winnipeg. This year the women are building on the site where Sir Sam Steel School once stood.

“This is the first time I’ve volunteered for anything and it seemed natural that I tried this because I like building things,” said Sandrine Zaleski, an information technology technologist who joined the University of Manitoba staff six months ago.

“This is a faculty where everyone is really tight and they do community outreach in a lot of ways – this is not the only place they help out, but of all the things they do, this one is what appealed to me the most.”

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Bisons will host 2012 CIS Track and Field Championship

Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) announced the successful bids to host 13 national championships in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013. The University of Manitoba was one of the successful bids and will host the 2012 CIS Track and Field Championship. It will be the sixth time the U of M has hosted a CIS Track and Field Championship, following efforts in 1988, 1990, 1992, 1995 and recently in 2005. The event will be run in March 2012 at the Max Bell Fieldhouse.

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Public service and the university

How can we bring our unique talents into the public square?

Research universities often conceive of themselves as having three fundamental roles. In our teaching role we bring what we know to bear on the realities we know; this is a radical role. In our public service role we preserve and pass on the intellectual heritage of our society. In our teaching role we participate in, and contribute to, the public conversation. As a result of these interests we participate in activities, informal gatherings and discussions, and sometimes even in formally organized bodies. For example, members of the university work to support organizations like the Canadian Cancer Society, perhaps because their families or their friends have been touched by this disease, or perhaps simply because of a concern for the suffering of others. As another example, members of the university are active in all parts of the political spectrum and in all orders of government. And members of the university participate as volunteers in organizations that are not directly connected to the university as the Royal Winnipeg Ballet. Others coach soccer or hockey or some other sport. Others serve on boards of Crown or public or private corporations. All of this is good. It is, in fact, good citizenship. But it is not the fulfillment of the university's public service mission.

The President's View

with David Barnard

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Hundreds of University of Manitoba students and staff strapped on their sneakers and got active during Sneakers in Motion day on June 10. Counter-clockwise from left, the Pirates of Engineering hammed it up on the Fort Garry campus; people stretched their legs in the Brodie Centre on the Bannatyne campus during the warm up session before taking a walk around the block; and costumes of all sorts were out in full force in the Max Bell Centre.

Photos by Bob Talbot and Wayne Foster

We’re just sneakering around

A heartfelt thank you from our heart to yours.

Thank you for your generosity during the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Manitoba’s (HSFM) University of Manitoba Campus Campaign in June 2009.

Your donation enables HSFM to continue its fight against cardiovascular disease, the number one threat to the health of Manitobans.

Funds raised in the 2009 U of M campaign will help support research, health promotion and advocacy efforts right here in Manitoba.

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.

This year, HSFM awarded 20 U of M researchers with $865,500 in grants to aid in their quest to identify, treat and prevent heart disease and stroke.

Dr. Elissavet Kardami (pictured right), is a Heart and Stroke-funded researcher.

When a heart attack occurs, heart muscle cells die until blood flow is re-established. Proper re-growth (regeneration) of the lost tissue requires that the remaining viable muscle cells can regenerate. Dr. Kardami has discovered that the potential to regenerate may be inhibited by a particular cardiac protein called Connexin43. This protein was previously known for its ability to connect cells together and allow them to communicate so that they can function in a coordinated fashion.

Dr. Kardami is studying how to manipulate the properties of Connexin43 so that it can no longer prevent cell division (regeneration) while still maintaining its desirable functions in cell communication. This could lead to new or alternative therapies aimed at improving the ability of the heart to repair itself, and thus prevent heart failure.

For more information on the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Manitoba and its funded researchers, visit www.heartandstroke.mb.ca.
Finding a better way to build

Alternative Village is a hotbed for innovative construction ideas

A Day in the Life of an alternative village director

BY DAVE BARBOUR - THE BULLETIN

Officially biosystems engineering professor Kris Dick is the director of the University of Manitoba’s Alternative Village, a community-sized lab built on the Fort Garry campus to, as the name says, look at alternative ways of building.

But as one might expect in a village, Dick’s position is really closer to that of a mayor.

He’s one part organizer and one part promoter when it comes to drawing researchers, students, investors and the general public into the project.

The first part of that job involves setting a vision for the Alternative Village. Not a hard task for Dick considering he’s been with the project since day one.

“This all stemmed out of the major renovation project to the Engineering Building,” Dick said. That project kicked off in 2005 and saw the Engineering Building transformed into the Engineering and Information Technology Complex, but it also meant that biosystems engineering needed to find new space to do research.

“So we approached us about building a straw bale building to house the equipment,” Dick said. He’s been working with straw as a building material for years, but the Fort Garry campus of the University of Manitoba is special. Located at the eastern end of Smartpark, the building has a standard post/frame structure with straw bale walls sandwiching the infill. Its interior walls are 42-feet wide by 107-feet long with an 18-foot high ceiling, making it one of the largest straw bale buildings in Manitoba.

“It’s a researchable building, we can do research in the building but we can also do research on the building,” Dick said. Sensors are threaded throughout the structure to track how the straw reacts under different heat and moisture conditions. The stucco skin of the building also has several open panels that can be removed or changed to test how the straw bales behave under different conditions. Wind and snow loads are also monitored through the post-frame building system.

“So the straw bale building formed the anchor for the Alternative Village,” Dick said. Since then the site has grown to include a wind turbine, a bank of solar energy cells and a solar-heated water system. The next step will happen this fall when the another part of the village starts to take form.

“We’ll be putting up four smaller structures – about 16-by-16 – to look at different building envelope systems,” Dick said. The structures will be used to evaluate the performance of various wall systems with respect to thermal, moisture and energy performance.

U of M receives award for safety standards

The University of Manitoba has been honoured with a national award for its high standards of safety and health programs. The university’s physical plant obtained the Certification of Recognition (COR) from the Construction Safety Association of Manitoba (CSAM).

“We have been working on this for about four years,” notes Rudy Meja, associate director for the health, safety and environment department. “We’re very proud of our accomplishment, since safety and health are fundamental values of the University of Manitoba.”

To achieve the high standard and certification, Meja and his team developed and implemented a comprehensive safety program. This included the creation of a safety manual with 14 chapters covering: rule; personal protective equipment; preventive maintenance; training and communication (developing about 300 workshops); inspections (buildings, grounds and shops); investigations and reporting of accident and incidents; emergency preparedness; statistics and records, and legislation, and a COR supplement.

Sean Scott, executive director, CSAM, says: “Not only did the team implement COR requirements, mandatory safety training and hazard identification, communication and control obligations for contractors, they decided to exceed legislated general duties and set their aim on achieving COR certification themselves – a clear example of ‘walking the talk.’”

The University of Manitoba is the first post-secondary institution in Canada to achieve this nationally recognized safety program accreditation.

Become a part of Orientation 2009

Do you remember your first day in a new school? Want to help ease the transition for 3,500 new U of M students? Then become part of University 1 Orientation 2009.

The Meeter and Greeter program is popular amongst staff with over 100 volunteers each year. “This is my first year doing this and I am very excited to see the turn out. I remember getting directions from a Meeter and Greeter my first day of university so it will be fun to be on the other side and get to know all of them,” said Liam Higginson, University 1 Orientation volunteer and new student coordinator.

This year U1 Orientation will be held on Sept. 8 and 9. The Meeter and Greeters meet in the University 1 Student Help Centre in 205 Tier Building between 7:30 and 8 a.m. on Sept. 8. The early morning is perk up with a free travel coffee mug and coffee. Donuts are provided too, as the perfect morning treat! Meeters and Greeters then spend an hour of their time in their assigned locations, helping new University 1 students find their way around during their first morning on campus. As an added bonus, a prize draw is held after orientation and two winners are drawn from all Meeter and Greeter volunteers.

U1 Orientation is a time for new students to meet friends – new and old, learn about university life, and introduce them to the campus and Greeters!

The Meeter and Greeter program is a great entry point and is an ideal way to get familiarized with the campus before classes begin. Students take part in information sessions, a ‘Welcome to the Herd’ ceremony where they hear from president David Barnard and UMSU, a campus tour, the student resource festival, and they receive many freebies, including the coveted U1 clipboard and a free BBQ lunch.

Though Meeters and Greeters are only a small part of the volunteer team that makes University 1 Orientation possible, they are very important. Along with almost 300 student volunteers, Meeters and Greeters help make the first few hours of new students’ university careers enjoyable and memorable, and help make orientation a good experience for everyone.

To register as a Meeter and Greeter, contact Liam Higginson at 474-8802 or Liam_Higginson@umanitoba.ca with your name, faculty or department, e-mail address, desired location on campus, and t-shirt size (if you do not have one from a previous year). New recruits and retired are also welcome so contact your friends and encourage them to sign up. Registrations will be accepted until the end of August, but the earlier you sign up, the better.
Families key to graduates’ success

BY SANDRA STECHSEN

For The Bulletin

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Time is precious when work and family responsibilities compete for study time. No one knows that better than the graduates of Extended Education who celebrated their hard work, dedication and achievement at their graduation ceremony on June 12. Lori Wallace, dean of Extended Education, acknowledged the challenge for an adult learner to pursue education, "Much coffee has been consumed, much computer equipment cursed and the slow food movement lost you a few years ago."

Many of this year’s 352 graduates from 23 Extended Education programs attended the graduation ceremony which follows the university’s regular convocation where degree students studying through Extended Education maintain their graduation status. Guest speaker, Judith Hayes, director of employee services and organizational development for Manitoba Lotteries Corporation, knows first-hand how education can help achieve a dream. Her own educational journey was enriched by individuals who inspired her to continue learning and obtain a masters degree and PhD. She urged graduates to "recognize those people who have contributed to your success."

The graduation ceremony was also an opportunity to honour families for their contribution to the success of "their" graduate. As graduands were presented with their certificates, family members, young and old, urged on by Wallace not to "hold back," applauded enthusiastically or shouted out their support.

After the certificates were presented to the graduates, Karen Holden, vice-president of the Alumni Association, welcomed them as University of Manitoba alumni. Wallace reminded those in attendance that this major achievement of the graduates is the culmination of the cooperative efforts and support of not only their families, instructors, and classmates, but also employers, community organizations, professional associations and faculties on campus.

Award winners share their stories

BY SANDRA STECHSEN

For The Bulletin

Extended Education presented a number of awards before and during its graduation ceremony on June 11.

CMA MANITOBA AWARD OF EXCELLENCE (CERTIFIED MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANTS)

Being selected as the recipient of the CMA Award in the certificate in financial and accounts responsibilities was a pleasant surprise. "Everything I learned was relevant to my work at Palliser and in the quality management program. "Receiving the award was a much needed to freshen up my skills in that area." Receiving the ASQ award was a pleasant surprise. "Everything I learned was relevant to my work at Palliser and in the quality management program."

IPAC PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT AWARD (INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN CANADA)

Employed in the urban development branch of intergovernmental affairs, Irene Kamchen manages the social economy and community development program of the tripartite Winnipeg Partnership Agreement. She was honoured to be recognized with the IPAC Award. Her 29 years in the public sector required a new set of skills and knowledge. "The certificate in public sector management gave her the opportunity to explore managerial and public policy issues within the context of government. "It was a very positive experience. Learning in a cohort allowed us to speak frankly about the challenges we face as public servants."

As a bonus, the "incredibly knowledgeable instructors and prominent guest speakers" made her feel she was on the "cutting-edge of public management."

THE DR. RON KRISTJANSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Deborah Hatton and Stephanie Ross were this year’s recipients of the Dr. Ronald Kristjansson Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship was established in 1992 to commemorate the life and work of Ronald Kristjansson, adult educator and professor in Extended Education. Awarded to students in their final year of study, the scholarship is based on grade point average and community service.

"The instructors are always so enthusiastic and professional when working with clients." Stephanie has even integrated her old career with the new—counseling specific to HIV positive women. "It was an honour to receive the scholarship", says Ross. The IPAC award "honored my counseling skills. I became more efficient and professional when working with clients."

The CIM Winnipeg Branch’s Outstanding Academic Performance Award (Gold, Silver or Bronze) was presented to the top three graduates:

• Gold Award Winner: Mary Bartman
• Silver Award Winner: Carolyn Murray Harris
• Bronze Award Winner: Jennie Hildebrand

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July 30, 2009
The Summer Night Jazz Fest returns this year for an evening of great music by some of the best players the North American jazz scene has to offer. The concert takes place on Thursday, Aug. 20 at 8 pm at Max Bell Centre on the Fort Garry campus.

The culmination of the annual U of M Summer Jazz Camp program, the Summer Night Jazz Fest is a highly-anticipated annual event in the Winnipeg jazz scene. After a week of playing, strategizing, and teaching together at the camp, the program’s faculty, made up of international artists and their local counterparts, reach their peak in cohesiveness by the night of the concert. The performance represents a perfect storm of artistry, inspiration, and opportunity. This year’s performers include Marcus Printup, who was last in Winnipeg as a trumpeter with the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra. Printup has performed with the likes of Betty Carter and Dianne Reeves and has recorded several records as a leader, including his latest, London Lullaby.

Also on the bill is saxophonist Jimmy Greene. Besides leading his own stellar quartet, Greene has performed with Horace Silver, Freddie Hubbard and the Harry Connick, Jr. Big Band, among others. He has been a faculty member of the Hart School and the Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts. He recently joined the faculty of the University of Manitoba’s Jazz Studies Program.

Joining Printup and Greene will be U of M faculty members Terreon Gully and Steve Kirby. A native of East St. Louis, Gully has performed with the likes of Stefon Harris and Christian McBride. Kirby has been the director of jazz studies at the university since 2003, and is also the artistic director of the Izy Asper Jazz Performances and Jazz on Wheels. He is also the director of the Summer Jazz Camp. Although the concert takes place beneath the Max Bell dome, the annual concert has always had the atmosphere of an outdoor summer festival. Audience members are even encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs. Says Kirby, “The Summer Night Jazz Fest gives listeners all the benefits of an outdoor concert without any of the downsides - like mosquitoes and bad weather!”

Advance tickets for the Summer Night Jazz Fest are $17. Tickets are available online at www.jazzwinnipeg.com or by calling the Jazz Winnipeg info line at 989-4656. Tickets are available in person at both McNally Robinson locations and the Jazz Winnipeg office (007-100 Arthur St.). Tickets will be available at the door for $22.

Friday, August 7
Medical Rehabilitation MSc Thesis Defense, Perturbations of respiratory locomotor entrainment in experienced runners: The influence of vocalization and fluid ingestion by Mike McMurray, RR502 Rehabilitation Hospital, 800 Sherbrook St., 9 a.m., Friday, Aug. 7.

Friday, August 14
Medical Rehabilitation MSc Thesis Defense, The effect of the Manitoba Health, Academic and Behavioral Education (M-HABE) curriculum on fitness-related health, academic and behavioral outcomes by Peter Srdolias, RR502 Rehabilitation Hospital, 800 Sherbrook St., 1 p.m., Friday, Aug. 14.

Monday, August 10
English, Film, And Theatre Thesis Defense, Jesus and Kerygma: Retellings of the Jesus Myth in Four First Person Narratives by Sarah Freedman, Haney Memorial Reading Room 627 Fletcher Argue, 11 a.m., Monday, Aug. 10.

Supporting creative work at the U of M

The following researchers received awards in the May 1, 2009, competition of the University’s Creative Works Grants program which is administered by the Office of Research Services

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CN builds links with Asper School

The Asper School of Business, in partnership with CN, has announced Paul D. Larson as the holder of the CN Professorship in the department of supply chain management (SCM). The new CN Professorship will help strengthen excellence in transportation research and education at the University of Manitoba. CN contributed $750,000 to establish the professorship through a previously announced donation to the School.

Larson is one of Canada’s premier researchers in supply chain management (SCM). He heads the SCM department at the University of Manitoba’s Asper School of Business and is director of the university’s Transportation Institute, which focuses on transportation research, specifically economics and policy issues as well as the technical aspects of transportation.

Larson has published nearly 50 peer-reviewed articles in leading SCM, logistics and transportation journals, and has made numerous presentations at academic and practitioner conferences. His special areas of interest and contribution include supply chain relationships and information sharing, humanitar- ian logistics, and transportation - especially air, motor, and rail.

“As the holder of the CN Professorship, Larson will provide leadership in transportation and supply chain management at the Asper School of Business, as well as the broader business community in Manitoba and Canada,” said Glenn Feltham, dean of the Asper School of Business. “His focus will be to encourage and stimulate research and programming in transportation, SCM, as well as support graduate students.”

Feltham said railways play an integral role in North American transportation, so it’s fitting that CN – an industry leader – would take an active role in the academic study that will shape commerce in the future.

“CN’s generous support of our program through the CN Chair Professorship again demonstrates its commitment to Manitoba and the development of world-class education in this country,” he added.

Mike Cory, CN Senior vice-president, Western region, said Larson’s appointment reflects the growing importance of academic study of transportation issues.

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

FACULTY OF ARTS

Department of History Position: Stephen A. Jarislowsky Chair in the Modern History of the Middle East and North Africa, Tenure-Track Re-nable Faculty of Social Science, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, R3T 2N2, e-mail sim_halden@umanitoba.ca.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE Department of Internal Medicine Position: Biostatistician at the rank of Assistant Professor. Start date: Sept. 1, 2009.


FACULTY OF MEDICINE Department of Internal Medicine Position: Biostatistician at the rank of Assistant Professor. Start date: Sept. 1, 2009.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION Department of Educational Administration, Foundations and Psychology Position: Assistant professor in the area of educational administration Start date: January 1, 2010 or July 1, 2010 or as soon thereafter as possible.

Salary: Commensurate with experience and qualifications.


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The impacts of Chronic Wasting Disease

BY JANINE HARASYMCHUK

Chen-To Tai Award for Shafai

Lotfallah Shafai, Canada Research Chair in Applied Electromagnetics and professor of electrical and computer engineering in the Faculty of Engineering, was awarded the 2008 Chen-To Tai Distinguished Educator Award by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Antennas and Propagation Society.

The Distinguished Educator Award is awarded annually to an individual for outstanding service to education in the field of antennas and propagation. Shafai is considered one of the world’s most innovative and outstanding antenna researchers and is Canada’s leading expert in the field of applied electromagnetics and radiating systems. Shafai and his team in the Applied Electromagnetics Laboratory are credited with the development of compact antennas used today in wireless and satellite communications, remote sensing, telemedicine, smart vehicles and navigation systems.

Shafai shares his expertise with students in the lab and has mentored many students along to become entrepreneurs. Companies have scoured by his students include Broadband Network Inc., Spectraworks, NTG Clarify Network Inc. to name a few. Shafai’s legacy is his students.

Workshop:
New Faculty Orientation Animal Care and Use Workshop

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Stéphane McLachlan, associate professor, environmental health and geography, is leading a first-of-its-kind study into how people are affected by chronic wasting disease (CWD), a highly-contagious, environmentally-transmitted prion disease found in wild animals, particularly moose, deer and elk in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Prion diseases are fatal and infectious diseases in humans and animals associated with a “spaghetti-like” degeneration of brain tissue. The best known example of the disease is BSE, which can be transmitted from cows to humans. CWD has not been shown to transmit from animals to humans. The World Health Organization recommends that no one knowingly consume any food containing CWD.

Regardless, CWD has serious socioeconomic implications for hunters, for those in the tourism and nature industries, and especially for Aboriginal communities,” said McLachlan.

This multidisciplinary project involves social scientists, wildlife biologists, and veterinarians from the Universities of Manitoba and Calgary, and will work in close partnership with Aboriginal communities. The team will study the biological, social and cultural implications of CWD. It will also address communication gaps among communities, experts, and other stakeholders that may have significant implications for human and environmental health.

McLachlan says the impetus for the research project came out of a decade-long relationship with Aboriginal communities in central Alberta and their concerns about wildlife health. “It’s key to have the Aboriginal communities centrally involved in the process. We all want a better understanding of what is happening and the role they can play in the communities as well as for other stakeholders. Yet, it is also important that these communities aren’t alienated from their livelihoods in any way. Part of that approach is coming up with proactive ways of addressing the issues.”

The long term trust-based relationship that exists between McLachlan and his team and the Aboriginal communities has snowballed from one community to now include upwards of twelve communities in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

“…In a holistic sense, the research is focused on examining why and how this decline in moose and deer health is happening, the implications for the communities, and how they are adapting,” said McLachlan. “The role that CWD plays in this larger decline will be explored in this study, which is beginning and ending with the community interests.”

One novel approach on the project involves the use of participatory video. Community members will voice their concerns and issues, and this footage will be compiled along with photos that will be showing what the communities will be providing. The youth will be hired as part of the research project to document hunters in their daily life. It is hoped that involving youth in the community will help affirm the positive relationships with the environments and traditions that already are in place.

An important aspect of this research is the inclusive and community-driven approach it takes to doing environmental research. The methods and approaches taken represent a case study for community involvement around wildlife health that can be applied around the world.

The $400,000 research project is funded by PrinNet Canada, one of Canada’s Networks of Centres of Excellence, which works to develop strategies to solve the food, health safety, and socioeconomic problems associated with prion diseases. The project also has an additional $153,000 funding from the Alberta Prion Research Institute, established in 2005 to support research on prion and other protein misfolding diseases.

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Aaron Marshall, immunology, biochemistry and medical genetics, and Canada Research Chair in molecular immunology, received $596,246 of new funding under the New Initiatives Fund to purchase equipment required to establish an integrated unit for cell purification and analysis. This facility will fulfill an urgent need for specific isolation and analysis of live cell populations from human blood or other potentially infectious sources. Access to these research capabilities will have immediate impact on research in many areas of biomedicine, including immunology, allergy and asthma, infectious diseases, cancer and regenerative medicine.

The Leading Edge Fund (LEF) is designed to enable institutions to build on and enhance already successful and productive initiatives supported by past CFI investment. The New Initiatives Fund (NIF) is designed to enhance Canada’s capacity in promising new areas of research and technology development.
A chance to make a difference

Breadth of opportunity helped draw Frankel into Social Work

Meet

The Dean

BY DALE BARROUR

The Bulletin

For dean Harry Frankel getting into social work was a case of finding the right fit at the right time.

"I grew up in a family that really valued education," Frankel said. A native Winnipegger, Frankel said both he and his brother Sid were drawn into social work. It probably didn’t hurt that he was growing up in the 1960s.

"Social issues and social consciousness were a very big deal for me," Frankel said. He was heavily involved in the Young Men's Hebrew Association (YMHA) as a kid. The group had a very strong group work component, exposing him to many of the values of social work before he had ever taken a class in it.

"I think also the times were such that traditional professional careers were not all that appealing," Frankel said. At least not for everyone.

"So law or medicine, those weren’t terribly appealing, if you wanted to make a difference you were attracted to another route. My apologies to the dean of law and the dean of medicine," he added with a laugh.

"The other thing about social work that was so appealing and continues to be appealing to me is just the range, the vastness of social work; you can do anything from literally direct service to policy development to research, anywhere in the lifespan. You can work with prenatal issues or issues around dying or grief."

He kicked off his education close to home, completing a bachelor of social work in 1976 at the University of Manitoba and moving into family therapy.

"And I was beginning I thought I would be a practitioner for ever," Frankel said. "These were the days when the family therapy movement was growing." So when he headed to Toronto for a few years later to complete his master’s degree the goal wasn’t to get into academia but rather to specialize his skills as a practitioner in marriage and family therapy.

"But instead, I ‘sort of got the research bug,’ Frankel said. As a student he dug into questions surrounding the child welfare system – had originally anticipated working an as research associate. He also did a lot of teaching as part of the project.

"So yeah, suddenly there were two of the three fioc of an academic position – teaching and research – and I have to say I just really enjoyed the academic environment," Frankel said.

Pursuing a PhD was a more complicated question. Doctoral programs in Canada were few and far between and the University of Toronto, the primary program, was not a good match for his interests.

"I looked at the big three in the United States: Columbia, University of California, Berkeley and the University of Chicago." California did have nicer weather, he noted with a laugh, and over the years they became a good match.

There was a long tradition of Canadians heading to Berkeley to study social work, so Frankel had Canadian peers when he arrived and even ended up being joined by his brother while he was there. As with any move outside the country, half the education came simply from being in a new environment.

"It’s interesting, most Americans they assume we’re like them, because we speak the same language and share some of the same geography but the differences become clear in terms of them – and this is a gross generalization – having more of an emphasis on individualism and us on collectivism," Frankel said.

"But Berkeley is really an interesting community. It’s a lively somewhat leftwing community in an island of conservative California, like most American cities it was absolutely segregated which was our first real experience with that and that was probably the most jarring part."

The cohort of students, however, were drawn from around the world, making the classroom a lively meeting place for ideas and approaches.

"It was really a nice experience. We learned a lot from each other. We stay in touch to this day," Frankel said. But as much as he enjoyed the experience, he was also in a hurry to get on with his academic career.

"I didn’t like this sort of albatross of a dissertation looming over my head and that kind of stuff. So I worked really hard and I finished in three years, which was the record at the time, I don’t know if it’s been beaten." Frankel and his wife Sandy Loewen – she was in social work as well and is now a social work manager in the health care system – had originally anticipated going back to Montreal after graduation. But a phone call from the U of M’s Peter Hudson tilted them to Winnipeg.

"We thought we would stay two or three years," Frankel said. Instead they’ve been here over 20 and have had two children, Jessica, 16, and Julian, 20, a science undergrad at the U of M. It probably didn’t hurt that Frankel ended up being joined at the U of M by his brother Sid.

"He did his masters and bachelor here and PhD at Berkeley, we overlapped by a year," Frankel said. "His area is really more research in social policy, focused on poverty reduction. We make a really good research team. Our interests and our strengths are different enough that we complement each other so we collaborated on a number of projects. I’ve become much more interested in poverty reduction as a result of our work together and he’s become more interested in the clinical."

Frankel said coming back to the same school where he did his undergrad was a little nerve-wracking at first. But almost as soon he walked in the door, one of his old professors was there to greet him as a colleague and he quickly settled in.

"Once I was tenured I began to direct a research group for a while and acted as associate dean when various associate deans were away, and then became associate dean," Frankel said. Last year he took up the dean’s job. It was a chance to make a difference at the faculty level.

It’s a complicated faculty, teaching students at the bachelor, masters and PhD level, delivering certificate programs with the help of Extended Education, and teaching directly in rural communities through distance education and satellite programs.

"We’re also the only accredited social work program in the province. So we feel we have an obligation to serve the entire province," Frankel said.

"We’re a faculty that says both, that we have an obligation to work on social change but we also have an obligation to work with people and that is strongly reflected by the current social structure."

One of the current projects the faculty is looking at is the use of partners in the field – is creating a social work strategy to map out Manitoba’s needs. They linked up with social work to nursing strategies that the province has undertaken over the last few years that have seen the number of nurses graduating in the province expand.

"We think it is now time for a social work strategy, because a large number of social work positions are underfilled especially in the Aboriginal services," Frankel said.

Beyond that, there are the day to day tasks of running the faculty, a job that Frankel said is made easier given the University of Manitoba’s role as the only social work program in Manitoba, Frankel said they need to be balanced.

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