Stadium project moves forward

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Premier Greg Selinger and Mayor Sam Katz joined Ken Hildahl, co-chair of the Board of Directors of the Winnipeg Football Club, Mayor Sam Katz, Premier Greg Selinger, David Asper, Executive Chairman of Creswin Properties Inc. and University of Manitoba President, Dr. David Barnard.

“Access Procedure Agreement to ensure community ownership. The financing will be secured through property taxes generated from the new retail development on the site of the existing stadium. The Winnipeg Football Club will support the bridge financing through capital revenue sources at the new stadium such as naming rights and suite licenses.

The bridge financing plan supports community and university student use of the new stadium.

“Building the stadium now significantly reduces the long term cost, creates immediate stimulus for our economy, and provides a lasting asset for the university and the community.”

As originally proposed, the new stadium will include 33,000 seats (expandable to 40,000+), 21” seats with significantly improved leg room, overhead protection for 80% of fans, enhanced concessions and washrooms, 40 private suites, a permanent Hall of Fame and an inflatable bubble for use in winter months.

“Bomber fans have let us know loud and clear that it’s time this project be brought to fruition,” said Mayor Katz.

“Our mission from day one,” said David Asper, “has been to create a new stadium that deals directly and completely with the fans’ concerns.”

Asper expressed confidence that construction on the new stadium could begin as early as May this year.

The University of Manitoba also continues with its original plan to construct a new fitness centre on campus, supported by $15 million from the Government of Canada and $5 million from the province. Subject to city Council approval, the city will provide $2.5 million for the fitness centre, which will be available to students and the general public.

“The new stadium development continues to be an important and exciting development at the University of Manitoba,” Dr. Barnard said. “I look forward to opening kickoff of the first Bison and Bomber games there in 2012. This project will be a source of pride for us, for our faculty, for our students and for the community at large.

“We are also very excited that this project includes a new, world-class fitness facility to serve the university and wider community. This facility will further enhance the University of Manitoba as a focal point for community activities. The recently constructed indoor soccer complex at our Fort Garry campus has attracted many new visitors to our campus. We anticipate this new stadium will have the same effect and we look forward to the day we can welcome stadium users to the University of Manitoba where they will see what a valuable and beautiful resource the university is to the community.”

The project at the university will create an estimated 2,425 person-years of employment and $19.6 million in provincial tax revenues from construction.
In the News

Spreading the News

March 25, 2010

Globe and Mail

Margarine has undergone a major transformation in recent years and today it contains essential fatty acids — particularly omega-3s — while formerly only traces of them. So far, the health-conscious shopper is left to wonder, is margarine on par with butter? Peter Jones, director of the Richmond Centre for Functional Foods and Nutraceuticals and Canada Research Chair in nutrition and functional foods, notes that omega-3 fatty acids "cure just about everything that ails us," although the omega-3s in margarine is derived from plant sources (as opposed to fish) and so its chemical wardrobe is of a style not easily or efficiently unzipped by the body, which limits their health benefit.

What Came First, the Ethics or the Egg?

April 3, 2010


Canada’s first embryo donation service is offering to match tens of thousands of fertilized eggs with would-be parents wanting to start a family. The eggs, stored in medical centers across the country, are surplus from successful in-vitro fertilization, Trail Daily Times, New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal, St John’s Telegram

"How to Make the Most of Supergrains," Mar. 31, 2010, story about a joint venture by the University of Manitoba and WestJet

And how University of Manitoba researchers have found buckwheat to be beneficial to managing diabetes.

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Early-bird cleanup on campus

By CHRIS REID

The Bulletin

If cleaning dust and grime collected from the winter months were a race, employees at the University of Manitoba’s Physical Plant would be well ahead of the pack.

For 12 years, every two weeks ahead of schedule, campus clean-up consists of tidying up sand, gravel and litter left behind from mounds of snow and clumps of ice. Thanks to an already-crested Red River, crews have been hard at work — and it’s only the start of April.

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"We haven’t been this ahead of schedule in years," said Michele Rogalsky, manager of Air and Ground Services. "Flood levels have been a concern in the past, but so much earlier this year, Groundkeepers are out and picking up branches and litter. Our tractor operators have been out for two weeks sweeping the sand. It’s a real treat to be this ahead of schedule."

Adding to campus beautification this spring will be new vegetation at Curry Place. The revitalization of the pedes trian mall continues this spring with the addition of large plants, bringing an extra green touch to the Fort Garry Campus.

“Large plants will be home to shrubs and perennials,” said Lyle Morin, assistant manager of General Services. “Thanks to a late winter and mild fall in 2009 we were able to get a lot of work done on Curry Place. Now it continues, and things are coming along nicely.”

Beautifying the University of Manitoba’s campus has been an annual tradition not only for employees of Physical Plant, but for the entire university community.

The 13th annual Campus Beautification Day takes place May 27.

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disadvantaged communities of inner-Winnipeg. The idea emerged to create a legal resource and information centre. A Working Advisory Group established to guide development of the centre included representatives from the University of Manitoba, the University of Winnipeg, the Community Legal Education Association, the Manitoba Bar Association, The Law Society of Manitoba and the Native Women's Association of Canada.

The Centre plans to provide legal information and resources, referral services and a free legal clinic when it opens to the public in 2011. Top priority is to conduct a community resource and needs assessment to determine where gaps are. He estimates some 10,000 economically disadvantaged members of the community, including Aboriginal peoples, newcomers, persons with disabilities and those living in poverty. This work is ongoing with the assistance of a grant provided by The Manitoba Law Foundation.

The Legal Help Centre will also seek funding from private donors, communities and private foundations and through appropriate provincial, federal and government programs. Students from the University of Manitoba's Faculties of Law and Social Work and University of Winnipeg's Global College and criminal justice department are assisting in the Centre's development and will work at the centre, to be staffed largely by volunteers.

Here at the U of M Faculty of Law, efforts are underway to make a legal education more accessible as well. A debt-relief program rewards students who choose to practice in Manitoba.

The objective of the Fillmore Riley LLP Endowment Fund is to provide students with debt relief on personal bank loans or lines of credit incurred to support their legal studies at Robson Hall. The awards are intended for students graduating from the Faculty of Law who remain in Manitoba to practice law.

Managing Partner of Fillmore Riley LLP Glen Peters commented on why Fillmore Riley felt it was worth investing in such a program. "In addition to the altruistic goals, as a Manitoba-based firm we saw value in a program that assists in keeping the best people practising law here in Manitoba regardless of financial circumstances," he said.

Another program, set to begin in fall, will seek to recruit students from underserviced communities and help them with loans.

Allan Fineblit, CEO of the Manitoba Law Society, which is partnering with the Faculty of Law for the forgivable loan program said, "There is a real shortage of lawyers in many communities, particularly in Northern Manitoba. The Law Society and The Faculty of Law are partnering to encourage students from underserviced communities to attend law school."

According to Fineblit, students' living expenses and tuition will be covered and part of the loan forgiven for each year they spend in their home community so that, after five years, nothing will need to be repaid. "We believe that students from under-serviced communities are the ones who deserve the best chance of returning there to practice," he said.

The Law Society will administer the loans.

The many sides of access
Graduating Law students share their stories

BY MARIJANNE MAYS WEBBE
The Bulletin

Three University of Manitoba students recently told their personal stories about accessibility and the Faculty of Law.

Before he came to Robson Hall, Philippe Richer, originally from Montreal and now 42, had long-term careers in the military and in sales. After his marriage fell apart in 2005, he was faced with the prospect of starting over. He consulted a psychologist for an aptitude test and found he had capacities for law and architecture. He started to look into financing a return to school, and after a year in Arts, applied to both Architecture and Law at the University of Manitoba. He was accepted by both.

Research and his gut told him that, for him, Law was the way to go. But it was an expensive proposition. Richer had worked part-time to offset his expenses while studying, and he thought he'd be able to do the same while attending law school. He was soon found out that the expectations of law school exceeded his available time. With joint custody of his children and school expenses, Richer realized he would need to seek funding in addition to his $13,000 student loan.

When he went to see Lorna Turnbull, now acting dean of the Faculty of Law, about his problem, she dismissed him as not eligible for a bursary. He had assumed he wouldn't qualify.

Eventually the bursary and loan worked out for Richer, and now it all seems worthwhile. Upon graduation in June 2010, he is about to practise criminal law. "I have been treated fairly — but in the beginning she felt somewhat intimidated by the formal atmosphere and by her relatively older colleagues.

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OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN

The University Ombudsman is a designated neutral who provides confidential and informal assistance for resolving University-related complaints concerning treatment that are not being adequately addressed through usual procedures. The Ombudsman is available to all members of the University community at both the Fort Garry and Bannatyne campuses.

The Ombudsman provides information about University policies and procedures, fairness, and conflict resolution. The Ombudsman will mediate disputes and work as an advocate for internal processes that are fair and effective.

The Ombudsman is also available on a confidential basis to provide input on handling a complaint.

The Ombudsman has the authority to conduct investigations and make recommendations with regard to resolving problems or improving University policies or procedures.

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wasn’t a happy one. She didn’t care for the system. She searched for another option. She went through all the LSAT and scored respectably. Overwater recognizes that Faculty of Law fees are an issue in places such as Osoyoos Hall, and her early offer from the U of M faculty included an entrance scholarship, but it wasn’t enough. Eventually she found work at the Law Library but she was “still scrapping.” She faced other pressures she didn’t anticipate. “Many undergrads [coming into law school] are aware of the networking and other expectations within the program. But as a former waitress, the only job I had in my closet were black and white clothing and beat-up shoes. I was very nervous to sign up for, but if they want to make it more accessible.”

She is quick to acknowledge, however, the tremendous pressure to make education accessible to a broader segment of the population, then they need to be aware that there could be other problems.”

“Some of these things for me as an older student weren’t a big deal, but I see the pressure for the younger ones,” she said.

Overwater now works in Morden, where the slower pace and variety that comes with being part of a smaller firm in a small town suits her. She and her partner “absolutely love it. There’s tonnes of work (in rural areas), no parking to pay for, lower housing costs and the people are great.”

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BY MARIANNE MAYS WEBBE

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Emma LaRocque suggests that her curiosity and thirst for knowledge were part of what allowed her to overcome what she calls the “profound discrimination against Native people” she faced in the education system throughout her life. As a young person, her thirst for knowledge, she maintains, was unquenchable. She was “born asking.”

Originally from the small Plains Cree/Metis community of Big Bay in northern Alberta, LaRocque has been a professor in the University of Manitoba’s Native Studies program for more than three decades. LaRocque’s love of knowledge and longstanding commitment in education secured her a National Aboriginal Achievement Award in the education category in 2005.

A scholar, author, poet, social and literary critic and author of the groundbreaking  Debating the Indian in 1975, LaRocque has written extensively on contemporary Aboriginal literatures, Canadian historiographies and images of Aboriginal people in the media and marketplace.

Now LaRocque has published a new book with the U of M Press, When the Other is Me: Native Resistance to Racist Imagery in the Marketplace.

The title was launched March 25 at McNally Robinson Booksellers before a standing-room only audience that included many of LaRocque’s colleagues and friends, family, students and former students. After the reading, event attendees were treated to homemade bannock and cranberry jam made by the Prairie Ink kitchen with LaRocque’s mother’s family recipe, a surprise arranged by LaRocque’s longtime partner Ruthie.

The warmth of the evening was undercut by the serious message of the book. In his introduction, Native Studies colleague Chris Trott called LaRocque “one of the first of major authors to speak out about racism and the experience of colonialism.”

“Colonization is not abstract; it is an experience,” the author writes in When the Other is Me. LaRocque spoke about the racism within both residential and public school systems in Canada. She read three brief narratives to exemplify the general attitude of the educational system towards Aboriginal and Metis peoples. The first narrative begins, “Get ‘em, Daniel Boonel!” and ends with her and her Metis classmate cheering and laughing as the “gallant frontiersman,” using a cast-iron frying pan, “gets the hideously painted Indians.”

It seems there were “many hideously painted Indians,” said LaRocque wryly.

In her book Larocque examines the language employed in the “epic myth” of the “savage, both noble and ignoble.” According to LaRocque, it meant that Native men were described as “bucks” or warriors, and women were “squaws.”

“Whites explore, Indians wander; Whites have battles or victories, Indians massacre and murder; Whites go westward, Indians lurk; Whites go bloodthirsty; Whites defend themselves, Indians seek revenge,” noted LaRocque.

Indians are primitive; Whites may be “brutes,” but Indians remain savage and barbaric in their “heathen” lands.

“In effect,” noted LaRocque, “Indians could not win.”

Besides casting a critical eye on stereotypical Aboriginal and Metis representations in cultural, literary and educational materials, the author also highlights Native self-definition in political and literary writings and culture. In fact, the book’s strength is its focus on stories and literature to demonstrate the breadth and depth of Native identity, voice and experience.

Telling stories, claims LaRocque in When the Other is Me, moves beyond the conception that postcolonial criticism and deconstruction. Through their writing, Native writers “de-normalize[e] the ‘savage’ view and “humanize” Native peoples, which she sees as our “principle task.”

Human Wrongs: Making Things Right
Public forum tackles sex, politics and religion

BY KATIE CHALMERS-BROOKS

The Bulletin

With little emotion, David Matas recounts the horrific details of a major human rights injustice in China that he helped to expose.

The Winnipegger, recently co-nominated for a 2010 Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts, reveals how individuals were thrown behind bars for doing exercises similar to yoga and then as prisoners killed for their organs. To die on the operating table, their heart, lungs or liver were sold to transplant tourists.

Matas is a U of M grad and was the keynote speaker at a recent human rights forum on campus. He says it is important to keep emotion at bay to be his most effective. It’s not always an easy task, given the sometimes immigration and human rights lawyer hears shocking tales of abuse from his refugee clients on a daily basis.

“I don’t think I’m helping people by just getting upset. In fact, that would hamper my work,” said Matas.

In the case of the organ-harvesting victims, it meant Matas and co-investigator David Kwong, a former New York lawyer, to take on the Government of China — a “mammoth” job.

Matas said. “These people are subject to torture, beating. Their families are victimized.”

Conflicts between religious rights and sexuality rights.

Law professor Karen Busby, one of three U of M faculty members who also spoke at the forum, said there is a long way to go when it comes to combating discrimination against gays and lesbians, noting sexual relations with someone of the same sex is still a criminal offence in 85 countries.

“These laws are not historical artifacts,” Busby said. “They’re still enforced today.”

Closer to home, a local faith-based social services agency well-respected by the public, requires its participants be celibate outside of heterosexual marriage, said Busby. And some Manitoba school divisions still prohibit teachers from revealing to their students they have a same-sex partner.

Genocide and storytelling

Forum speaker and sociology professor Andrew Woolford discussed genocide and Aboriginal Peoples in Canada.

He spoke of the need to take a broader view of the meaning of genocide than is currently in the United Nations Convention, to include attacks on a group’s environment. Woolford said Canadians should be open to hearing the facts of what went on in the colonization of Aboriginal Peoples.

Peace and conflict studies professor Jessica Seneci explored the relationship between human rights and storytelling. She called the community anger and sharing personal stories for social movement. It helps a human face on a movement,” said Seneci.

She encouraged audience members to become storytellers, insisting it takes just one person willing to share their experiences to bring awareness to a human rights injustice.

Matas reminded the audience that crimes against humanity affect us all. “We are all in this together and we have to fight it together,” he said.

The forum, entitled Human Wrongs: Making Things Right, was co-sponsored by the Office of the Vice-President (Research) and the Royal Society of Canada (RSC: The Academies of Arts, Humanities and Sciences of Canada) as part of its series of Taboo Topic Fora. The discussions are intended to provoke informed debate about matters of national urgency. A synthesis of the event written by English professor Warren Carlou will be posted on the research page of the university’s website and the RSC’s website.
2012 underscore Y2K @ déjà vu dot com

By Michael Marshall

Remember Y2K? Remember how the world’s entire banking system was going to collapse, power grids were going to shut down, and airplanes were going to fall out of the sky? Turns out, the only catastrophe Y2K “survivors” had to contend with was the embarrassment of hype.

Which brings us to December 21, 2012, the next entrant on a never-ending list of apocalyptic doomsdays. That date marks the end of the 5,125 year Mayan Long Count calendar and, according to some, the beginning of a cataclysmic event that will bring about the end of the world.

Authors such as John Major Jenkins have argued that the ancient Maya, by reading the movements of the heavens, predicted long ago that the world would shed its mortal coil in 2012 and left evidence to that effect. Depending on the interpretation, the earth’s demise will be caused by a massive gravitational reversal caused by massive solar flares, or a collision with the planetary body Nibiru, AKA Planet X.

The myth has been perpetuated by hyperbolic media gurus and books, cable channel documentaries — and recently by the blockbuster movie 2012. The myth has been perpetuated by the voice of reason singing a different tune — based on their view of a couple of stelae (stone carvings) — about the Maya reading the movements of the stars and predicting the world’s end in 2012, it’s all very speculative.

To illustrate his point, Freer notes that the Maya stela (an upright pillar) that references the date in question is incomplete, and therefore subject to a lot of interpretation, and potential misinterpretation.

“Is there only one carving that we know of that makes reference to the last count day in 2012 and it’s really just because the glyphs are so badly worn that they can’t be read properly.”

So in actuality, there is no concrete evidence that the Mayans were suggesting the end of the Long Count cycle means the end of the world.

Are New Age researchers just making the pieces fit a puzzle of their own design and then capitalizing on the public’s morbid interest in Armageddon? Freer thinks so.

“Serious researchers don’t even entertain the 2012 phenomenon.”

That’s not to say that the Maya did not have a special understanding of time and the movement of the stars, as Freer discusses with his students in his popular spring evening course, Archaeology of the Maya, reading the movements of the stars and predicting the world’s end in 2012, it’s all very speculative.

But according to Stan Freer, the only thing louder and more bombastic than Hollywood’s latest disaster movie is the hype surrounding the so-called coming apocalypse. It’s Y2K all over again.

Dr. Freer is an anthropologist/archeologist working out of a small skull-filled office on the fourth floor of Fletcher Argue. He is a relaxed, unpretentious man who’s been researching Mesoamerican culture and religion for decades; a quiet voice of reason singing a different tune than the choir of New Age end-of-the-world theorists.

“Do we possibly predict the end of the world with certainty? We can’t even get the weather right.”

Mayan knowledge of the heavens may be most evident in their temples, with exhibit number one being a step pyramid at Chichen Itza in Yucatan called "El Castillo." Aside from its intricate and elegant design, the pyramid's four sets of steps add up to 365 — as in 365 days of the year — and during the Spring equinox, a snake-like shadow descends down the stairs' balustrade to line up perfectly with the feathered serpent Kukulkan, whose carved head sits at the bottom of the pyramid.

"That's pretty incredible," says Freer, "to be able to construct a light show as in 365 days, the pyramid's four sets of steps add up to 365 — as in 365 days of the year — and during the Spring equinox, a snake-like shadow descends down the stairs' balustrade to line up perfectly with the feathered serpent Kukulkan, whose carved head sits at the bottom of the pyramid."

So, given their special knowledge of the heavens, is it really too far-fetched to believe they might have some prophetic insight into December 21, 2012?

"How could they possibly predict the end of the world with certainty? I mean, today we are constantly trying to predict changes in nature, and we can't even do it. We can't even get the weather right."

If Dr. Freer is correct, the arrival of December 21, 2012 may simply produce in mankind the response that Freer had when he wandered into a movie theatre to see 2012 last year.

"I'm notorious for falling asleep during those movies. You can put me right in the front row and I'd still fall asleep," he laughs.
Events Listing
University of Manitoba
Bannatyne Campus

and St. Boniface General Hospital and Research Centre

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 8
Pediatric Grand Rounds, Melody Vale Experience, Dr. John Poplack, assistant professor, Pediatric Cardiology, Department of Pediatrics & Child Health, Theatre A, Basic Medical Science Building (linked to St. Boniface, NG02), 8:00 a.m., Thursday, April 8.

Pediatric Research Rounds, Room 500 (Boardroom), John Buhrer Research Centre, 12:00 p.m., Thursday, April 8.

Palliative Care Educational Evening
Controversies and Compromise: Finding Common Ground, featuring guest speakers George C. Webster & Pat Murphy, Clinical Ethicist, Health Ethics Service, St. Boniface General Hospital, hosted by WRHA Palliative Care Department, St. Boniface Hospital, 8:30 a.m., Thursday, April 8. Limited space, register early. Cost: $10 (includes meal, taxes and gratuity). To RSVP, please email胡信格@vhs.mb.ca. For more information, please call 770-5834.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9
Pediatric Nephrology Rounds, JLR97A, 12:00 PM., Friday, April 9.

Research Seminar: O-NeCNA Modification in Insulin Resistance by Suresh Mishra, assistant professor, Dept of Immunology and adjacent professor, Dept of Physiology, Room A229, Chown Building (Pharmacology Library) with video-link to Samuel Cohen Auditorium, 9:00 a.m., Friday, April 9.

MONDAY, APRIL 12
Department of Immunology Research in Progress Presentation, Peanuts for lunch? Why is it safe? by Kent HayGlass, Alec Sehon Suite, 4th Floor, Apotex Centre, 12:00 p.m., Monday, April 12.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13
Department of Internal Medicine April Grand Rounds, Section of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, How do you get your big fat lip? by Christy Kalicinsky, assistant professor of Medicine and Richard Warrington, professor of Medicine & Immunology and head, Section of Allergy & Clinical Immunology, Frederic Gaspard Theatre, Basic Medical Sciences Building, linked to NG02 at St. Boniface Hospital, 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 13. Also linked by Manitoba TeleHealth to Grace Hospital (Lecture Hall B), Victoria Hospital (Main Floor - Medical Staff Office), Concordia Hospital (Lecture Room #1, Ground Floor), Riverview Health Centre, Classroom E, Deer Lodge Centre, small conference LLC CVU3 and rural sites.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14
Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences Grand Rounds, Menopause, Hormones and the Critical Therapeutic Window by Christine M. Derzko, associate professor, Dept. of Obstetric & Gynecology, University of Toronto, Frederic Gaspard Theatre A229 (Room), 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 14. Also linked by Manitoba TeleHealth to Grace Hospital (Lecture Hall B); Victoria Hospital (Main Floor, Medical Staff Office); Concordia Hospital (Lecture Room #1, Ground Floor); Riverview Health Centre, Classroom E, Deer Lodge Centre, small conference LLC CVU3, and rural sites.

MONDAY, APRIL 19
Department of Immunology Research in Progress, Pentraxin-3 in asthma: beyond inflammation by Abdellouis Gouni, Alec Sehon Suite, 4th floor, Apotex Centre, 12:00 p.m., Monday, April 19.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20
Department of Internal Medicine Grand Rounds, Section of Hepatology, HCV Infection Outcomes: host genetics and viral genotypes by Julia Rempel, Ph.D., director, Liver Research Program, Section of Hepatology, assistant professor, Departments of Internal Medicine and Immunology, Frederic Gaspard Theatre, Basic Medical Science Building, linked to NG02 at St. Boniface Hospital, 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 20. Also linked by Manitoba TeleHealth to Grace Hospital (Lecture Hall B); Victoria Hospital (Main Floor, Medical Staff Office); Concordia Hospital (Lecture Room #1, Ground Floor); Riverview Health Centre, Classroom E, Deer Lodge Centre, small conference LLC CVU3, and rural sites.

Events
• The Bulletin publishes events involving the university community at no cost.
• The deadline for the April 22 Bulletin is April 14 at 4:30 p.m.
• E-mail events to bulletin@umanitoba.ca
Academic Job Opportunities

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.

SCHOOL OF ART
Position: Instructor, Assistant Professor (Ceramics)
Start date: July 1, 2010
Salary: Salary will be commensurate with experience and qualifications.
Application Deadline: May 8, 2010
For Information: Ceramics Search Committee, School of Art, 203 FitzGerald Building, The University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3E 3N2

FACULTY OF MEDICINE
The Department of Clinical Health Psychology, New Operational Stress Injury Clinic, Winnipeg and Brandon
Position: Geographic Full-Time Clinical Psychologist at Assistant Professor level
Start date: July 1, 2010
Salary: Attractive salary schedule is available and in addition, the GFT Agreement provides for on-site private practice opportunities
Application Deadline: May 8, 2010
For Information: Dr. Bob McLerath, Department of Clinical Health Psychology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Manitoba, P3 571-771 Bannatyne Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3E 3N4, tel (204) 787-8376, fax (204) 787-3755, email: bmlerath@hsc.mb.ca

FACULTY OF ARTS
The Faculty of Music hosts recitals and performances at Eau Claire Hall, located within the Faculty of Music building on Dafte Road. Events take place at Eau Claire Hall and are free unless otherwise noted.

MUSIC EVENTS
April 8, 8:00 p.m., XIE Hosts Jamming the Dragon, an open stage for improvised experimental music; sit in with the band at the Perrett-Roy Studio, 290 McDermot Avenue.
April 9, 8:00 p.m., Caitlin Wood, 4th year voice recital
April 10, 3:00 p.m., Kevin Curtis, 4th year composition recital
April 10, 8:00 p.m., Cassandra Chug, 4th year voice recital
April 11, 3:00 p.m., Lynlee Wolstenstrok, 3rd year voice recital
April 11, 7:00 p.m., Rayannah Kroeker, 3rd year jazz voice recital
April 11, 8:00 p.m., Shannon Kristjanson, 3rd year jazz saxophone recital, Rachel Brown Studio (Croscus Building) 204-211 Bannatyne Ave.
April 12, 8:00 p.m., Student Jazz Ensembles, The Orbit Room (Monday Night Hang)
April 12, 8:00 p.m., Jamie Pham, Post-Baccalaureate Percussion Recital
April 13, 8:00 p.m., Faye Klassen, 4th year piano recital
April 14, 8:00 p.m., Crystal Schwartz, 3rd year trumpet recital
April 14, 8:00 p.m., Samantha Chrol (jazz saxophone) and Erin Propp (jazz voice) share the stage at Centre Culturel Franco Manitoba, 340 Provencher Boulevard as they present their 3rd year recitals.
April 15, 8:00 p.m., Andrew Walton, 3rd year jazz Guitar Recital, Centre Culturel Franco Manitoba, 340 Provencher Boulevard
April 15, 8:00 p.m., Redwan Moqbel, 3rd year clarinet recital
April 16, 8:00 p.m., Nicki Kirtom, 4th year voice recital
April 17, 8:00 p.m., Andrea Bellineau, 4th year voice recital
April 20, 8:00 p.m., Renate Rosol, 3rd year piano recital
April 21, 8:00 p.m., Brendan Thompson, 4th year percussion recital, Ashley Klassen, 4th year voice recital at Young United Church, 222 Furby Street
April 22, 8:00 p.m., Reggie San Miguel, 3rd year jazz flute recital
April 23, 8:00 p.m., Rachel Stephens, 3rd year voice recital
April 24, 8:00 p.m., Nadia Chana, Post-Baccalaureate voice recital

SCHOOL OF ART OPEN HOUSE
The School of Art opens its doors April 11 from noon to 5:00 p.m. to family, friends and the general public to view art produced by students in all classes and levels. All areas, including Drawing, Painting, Sculpture, Ceramics, Printmaking, Photography Video, Graphic Design and Gallery One One One, will show work created by our students during this past academic year. Displays will be set up in the Fitzgerald Building (including the Annex), the Sculpture Ceramics building, and the Art Barn. Maps will be available at the Fitzgerald Building.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE
Departments of Immunology and Internal Medicine (Section of Gastroenterology)
Position: Tenure Track position at the rank of Assistant Professor
Start date: July 1, 2010
Salary: Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience
Application Deadline: May 8, 2010
For Information: Dr. Redwan Moqbel, Department of Immunology, 41195 11195 Provencher Boulevard, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, R2H 2A6, email: ekardan@i.dkr.ca, tel: (204) 233-3519, fax (204) 233-6723.

FACULTY OF ARTS
Departments of Human Anatomy and Cell Sciences and Physiology
Position: Postdoctoral position
Start date: June 1st, 2010 (negotiable) for one year in the first instance with potential for renewal
Salary: Starting at $36,750 or commensurate with experience and qualifications
Application Deadline: Applications accepted until May 20 or until the position is filled
For Information: Dr. Eliassad Kardami, Director of Muscle Biochemistry Laboratory, Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences, St. Boniface General Hospital Research Centre, and Professor, Departments of Human Anatomy and Cell Sciences and Physiology, University of Manitoba, 351 Tache Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, R2H 2A6, email: ekardan@i.dkr.ca, tel: (204) 233-3519, fax (204) 233-6723.

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Resource Optimization: Team Member Profile

The University of Manitoba has undertaken two resource optimization projects (Centre of Health Policy and Resources) aimed at finding ways to improve service, reduce costs, eliminate duplication, share resources, leverage technology and apply best practices. In the coming months, the Bulletin will feature interviews with faculty and support staff involved with the projects.

John (Jay) Doering

Why is the OAR project important and how does it support the University of Manitoba Strategic Planning Framework?

Institutions evolve. People come and go. Priorities change. And therefore so do strategic plans. Some strategic plans build incrementally on pre-existing plans. Others are developed by pursuing, taking several steps backward, examining the bigger picture and reframing. The most recent strategic plan for the University of Manitoba — the Strategic Planning Framework, which has been approved by Senate and the Board of Governors last fall, does the latter. It steps backward and takes a big-picture view of the university.

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Finding the Trouble Spots

Pavement technology developed at the U of M could save lives

BY KATIE CHALMERS-BROOKS

Civil engineering professor Ahmed Shalaby cringes when he drives by “Slippery When Wet” signs posted on the side of the road. He insists streets don’t need to be slippery and potentially dangerous for motorists no matter what the weather is.

Shalaby, who is doing a free public presentation April 14 about his research into safer roads, has developed with his graduate students a device that can identify these hazardous areas, which are essentially polished areas of pavement.

He hopes this technology will one day be adopted by pavement engineers who currently identify potential trouble spots from crash statistics.

“We should be more proactive and not have to wait for an accident,” Shalaby says.

His device records images of the road’s surface under different directions of lighting and constructs a 3-D model of the texture. Shalaby then mathematically develops a correlation between the texture (how rough the surface is) and its skid resistance (how easily a vehicle can stop).

There are other methods for identifying trouble areas, but the existing technology is infrequently used – other than on airstrips – since it’s cumbersome and expensive.

Salt and sand do the trick to roughen up polished spots but are only temporary solutions. A longer lasting option is to improve the texture of the road itself to improve the contact between tires and the road surface. The result? Reduced braking distance and roads less prone to icing in the winter or becoming slippery when wet.

Shalaby says.

His device, called a photometric stereo imaging system, could provide maintenance workers with an affordable means of identifying areas that could lead to collisions – before they happen.

“You could act on it in the summer before snow hits. You would literally keep your roads at a stage where they don’t become slippery,” says Shalaby.

“It’s common sense, but we still have to convince the public and the rest of the world that this makes sense.”

A better understanding of skid resistance is particularly important in cities like Winnipeg and neighbouring municipalities where conditions are a regular occurrence.

He has worked to develop this technology for five years. There is a pending patent. Shalaby says a growing number of researchers around the world are looking for ways to assess and improve pavement texture, and ultimately reduce the number and severity of crashes.

He is collaborating with a researcher at Virginia Tech and has heard of a few other groups developing similar technology but with lasers.

“This is becoming a hot area now,” he says, noting potholes are also a popular area of study.

A motorist’s constant aggravation come spring, these gaping holes are left behind after pockets of ice that have formed in the road structure begin to thaw. Shalaby says the solution is to build “roads that are smart.”

He is working on a project that involves a highway fitted with sensors. He is trying to figure out if the tire pressure on trucks can be reduced – which means less cracking and potholes – while still allowing them to carry heavier loads. The sensors are providing a comparison of road damage at varying tire pressures across all seasons.

Potholes are a big problem in Winnipeg since, Shalaby says, there was little investment in maintenance for “a very long time” which has deteriorated the roads considerably. He encourages motorists to become part of the solution. “The public has to get involved in directing policies for road construction, and insisting that preventative maintenance be performed.”

Join Shalaby for his free public presentation The Pursuit of Better Roads: Safe, Smart and Sustainable April 14 at 7 p.m. in Room 290 of the Education Building. His talk is part of the Bringing Research to Life Speaker Series.
It's a wrap: Bison Sports Brown and Gold year-end event

BY CHRIS ZUK
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