President’s town hall focuses on OWI action plan

President David Barnard discussed the Outstanding Workplace Initiative in detail before a good-sized crowd during the President’s Town Hall at the Fort Garry campus on March 31.

The president gave an overview of the initiative and how it will be carried out, saying that it extended from the university’s mission, vision and values, “We work with great people,” said Dr. Barnard. “It’s a great cause and great company. Faculty, staff, students — there are wonderful people who are here with a shared project to do something better for the future. It’s an exciting environment to work in.”

“When I think about an outstanding workplace, I think about respect, leadership, and about generating results,” said Dr. Barnard. “Working together is part about learning how to be partners within and outside of the university, recognizing and building on our strengths — working together beyond ego for our collective good and a common purpose.”

He pointed out that the university initiative, in addition to the information-gathering through ongoing survey and focus groups taking place, would be looking to best practices of other institutions.

The Outstanding Workplace Initiative was launched in late 2010 and is currently wrapping up months of one-on-one interviews and focus groups with faculty and staff. From that extensive process, five themes have emerged: leadership and management; people and community; professional and career development; contribution; and appreciation of benefits.

The next phase of the initiative is to construct a framework based on feedback received around these themes. Staff and faculty will be invited to provide input into that framework and to recommend initiatives that support the identified themes; the recommendations will guide an action plan, which is scheduled to be in place by the end of the year.

Find out more about the initiative at: >>>umanitoba.ca/admin/human_resources/lds/outstanding_workplace/Twitter: @UMOutstanding

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Photo by Chris Reid

Many in attendance asked questions of the President during the town hall.

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In the News

Save My Lake
Nature of Things (CBC)
April 3, 2011
A CBC television documentary recently told the story of algal blooms in Lake Winnipeg, the 10th largest freshwater lake in the world. The shores of the lake that once sparkled in the sunlight now often churn with a thick green sludge reminiscent of pureed spinach chums. University of Manitoba professors have been studying aspects of the lake for years and they shared their views with the David Suzuki. Greg McCullough from the Centre for Earth Observation Science talked about the size of the blooms. Biological sciences’ Brenda Fannin spoke about the shift in microorganisms found in the lake. Gordon Goldsborough, also from biological sciences, explained, among other things, how important marshes are to a lake and what has happened to the marshes that surround Lake Winnipeg. And soil science’s Don Flaten explained his unique study that is testing levels of nutrient runoff from different soil types, and what it all means for the lake.

Political games
Winnipeg Free Press
March 30, 2011
With election season upon us, political studies professor Jared Wesley has been frequently interviewed by the media. In the Winnipeg Free Press he provided his thoughts on the election's concrete and new media. One incident he commented on involved Tory MP Shelly Glover saying Liberal MP Anita Neville is past her expiration date. “This is a story that would not have happened 15 years ago,” Wesley said. “It’s just another example of how this campaign isn’t about policy, it’s about personality. We can be dismayed all we want, but it’s fact.” The professor has also spoken on numerous programs on CJOB, and he is co-leading a series of public forums on democracy, called U2011, throughout the province.

War games
Globe and Mail, CBC, Canadian Press, Calgary Herald, Montreal Gazette, Hamilton Spectator, Cape Breton Post, New Brunswick Telegraph Journal
March 26, 2011
Political Studies professor James Ferguson, who is also the director of the U of M’s Centre for Defence and Security Studies, was interviewed about Lieutenant-General Charles Bouchard, a Canadian air force general who will command most of the NATO’s air in Libya. Gen. Bouchard studied at the University of Manitoba and, as Ferguson said, “among the senior military officers I’ve known over all my years he’s one of the nicest guys I’ve ever met.”

A fight to end the pothole plague
Winnipeg Free Press
March 28, 2011
Potholes, spring’s perennial plague, is again in the news. This article focuses on the work University of Manitoba engineering researchers, who are testing the robustness of different types of concrete pavement on a section of Portage Avenue between Garry and Hargrave Streets. Civil engineering professor Ahmed Shalaby said six different types of concrete pave were installed side by side in the westbound middle lane last year so researchers can monitor and compare signs of deterioration. That’s in addition to lab tests that are stressing the same fillers with water, heat and cold to simulate the seasonal thaw and freeze cycles. Shalaby said the idea is to determine which filler holds up best, the city and province can do a better job of making roads smoother, safer, and with fewer potholes.

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Lunch with the President
On March 31, the University of Manitoba’s president and vice-chancellor talked with students at the “Lunch With the President” event. In the photo, clockwise from left, are: Susan Gotthelf, vice-provost (students), second-year Arts student John Kraemer, President David Barnard, fourth-year Arts student Christopher Schilling (honours religion), third-year Arts student Matt Carvel (double honours in politics and history), second-year Arts student Alex Tothep (psychology, political science), Joanne Keselman, vice-president (academic) and provost, and second-year student Debbie Siroti (Faculty of Social Work, inner city campus).

‘Go-to’ resource on health policy issues
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Headlines

“Local institute to combat anti-Semitism,” Winnipeg Free Press, Mar. 26, 2011, story about Catherine Chatterley who is devoting her career to the study of what is widely regarded as the oldest hatred in the world. Chatterley, who has a background in international studies, has been researching how to create an accessible and reliable resource on anti-Semitism. Chatterley, who is the director of the Local Institute to combat anti-Semitism, said the idea is to determine which filler holds up best, so the city and province can do a better job of building roads, safer, and with fewer potholes.

“Art installation speaks to state of Tuxedo,” Winnipeg Free Press, Mar. 31, 2011, story about the community art project of University of Manitoba Fine Arts student Lasha Mowchun: years ago she tossed about 20 pairs of brightly spray painted shoes over a wire that stretches across a section of Wellington Crescent.

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ROSE UPDATE

Finance initiatives offer one-stop shopping

**Procurement initiative**
As part of the ROSE project, financial services has been exploring ways to improve the university’s goods and services in an effort to improve the purchasing experience on campus. In working with various faculties and departments, it was discovered that current procurement practices are often frustrating and unclear. Some of the key areas of concern for users were:

- Too many forms and options on how to buy, which were causing confusion for end users
- Too many manual processes, which were causing delays between ordering and receiving

In an effort to resolve all of these issues, possible solutions were looked at in terms of functionality and practicability for the university community. In the end, the solution was clear: eProcurement.

**eWhat?**
Basically, eProcurement is an online tool for purchasing goods and services. Think of it as an Amazon.ca type of webpage for the U of M. It provides online access for both users, using automated processes from end to end. So instead of faxing, calling or visiting supplier websites to place an order, everything is done in one place, with one sign-in, using one procurement method. Additionally, an eProcurement solution provides comprehensive buying statistics, empowering financial services to negotiate better pricing for users. The bottom line? An eProcurement solution will make purchasing easier, faster, cost-effective and transparent.

**Travel and Expense initiative**
For most universities, the time and cost of managing travel are significant. Conferences, visiting professors and research trips all require plane tickets, rental cars and hotel rooms. Then, of course, there are the per diems, the taxi receipts and the meal expenditures. For the user, it can mean hours spent researching flights, booking tickets and submitting receipts. To streamline this process, the University of Manitoba is implementing a new integrated online booking tool (OBT) and expense management tool (EMT). From booking travel to reimbursement, these tools will save users, and the university, both time and money.

To begin, the new tool will supply users with a sign-in, allowing them to access the system from any internet connection. From there they can book flights, trains, rental cars and hotel rooms. The tool will allow users to compare all available web fares and flights from different sources. By highlighting the university’s preferred vendors. Instead of calling Carlson Wagonlitt after doing all of the initial research on flights, you can book right on the dedicated U of M site. Users will continue to receive support from the university’s official travel agency, Carlson Wagonlitt, for fulfillment of the online tickets and for intricate international trips or northern bookings.

**Academic ‘top gun’ II**

In December of 2010, the U of M and the Air Force announced the creation of Canada’s first Masters in Public Administration with a defence administration specialty.

With the signing of this MOU, the Air Force and university have also established the position of executive director (ED) of the program, funded by the Air Force but administered by the university; this position will find further opportunities for collaboration between the two institutions.

These new programs are separate from the university’s Military Support Office (MSO), the oldest military support office, and the only one in English-Canada, and helps Canadian Forces personnel pursue university education.

**Delta Marsh field station evacuated**

The Delta Marsh Field Station, operated by the University of Manitoba’s Faculty of Science, has been evacuated temporarily because of flooding concerns.

Mark Whitmore, dean of science, said, “To protect the safety of our employees, we officially evacuated the station on April 1. The action was based on provincial predictions that we could lose our access road to the station.”

The Delta Marsh field station is a research and teaching facility located on the south shore of Lake Manitoba. It borders Delta Marsh, a “Wetland of International Significance” under the Ramsar Convention, and is one of the largest lacustrine marshes in North America. The field station property is part of a designated game bird refuge and wildlife protection area, most of which was designated in 1987 as an ecologically significant area.

Staff at the facility have begun making flood preparations. It is expected the road to the site will be washed out and the station to be surrounded by icy water. Based on their past experience with floods, staff will evacuate major buildings which are susceptible to flooding, raise equipment in low-lying storage and workshop areas where water has previously been a problem, and move them to higher ground elsewhere on the site. All research groups and other organizations that have booked the facility will be contacted to reschedule arrangements during April and May.

Despite the evacuation, a level of security will be maintained at the site. The station will be re-opened as soon as it is safe and possible to do so.

**Thank you, and let the games begin**

BY ROBERT WARREN
For the Bulletin

The Stu Clark Investment Competition, Canada’s premier graduate level business competition, was launched on March 31, and its namesake was awarded by the Air Force and celebrated for his recent $3 million donation.

Stu Clark graduated with a B.Comm (Hons) from the U of M in 1976 and over the years has donated millions to the school to establish the Stu Clark Centre for Entrepreneurship. His recent $3 million donation will establish a Chair in Entrepreneurship, build capacity for the Stu Clark Centre in the M. As President of the School of Business and establish a Distinguished Speaker Series.

Clark presented a cheque to Dr. D. D. Barnard, President and Vice-Chancellor of the U of M.

“My university experience helped create the opportunities that I’ve taken advantage of in my life,” Clark told the university. “I have a passion for entrepreneurship. I’ve started a number of my own businesses, sold them, profited from them and now it’s time to give back.”

“The University of Manitoba is immediately grateful for Stu’s generosity, both past and present, which support the pioneering spirit of entrepreneurship among our students,” Dr. Barnard said.

This year’s Stu Clark Investment Competition will see 16 teams vie for the top prizes in the third year competition that tests teams on their elevator pitches, as well as their tradeshow and formal pitches to investors. The prize pool is over $80,000, with first place winning $20,000. Previous winners of the competition have raised in excess of $10 million in private equity.

The U of M team consists of MBA candidates Alex Varricchio and Reba Cacatian. Their company, Northright Diagnostics, is pitching a new system for detecting caries in teeth using light rather than the traditional X-ray and dental tool option. The technology was developed by the National Research Council’s Institute for Biodiagnostics in Winnipeg.

This competition is part of the prestigious Venture Labs Investment Competition, and is one of the top 100 events around the world. The teams will showcase their technology to judges, including the likes of some of the biggest names in venture capital. This year’s judges, who are potential investors, are coming in from as far away as London, England.

Because the chosen system is integrated, the user seamlessly transitions from the online booking system to starting an expense claim with prepopulated information. The tool also allows users to upload and submit any additional receipts as jpg files. You could, for example, take a photo of your taxi receipt with your cell phone and instantly attach it to your next travel claim. Users can also review their bookings and submissions online.

To engage staff, the travel and expense team opened their vendor demos to the U of M faculty members and unit staff. In late February, the travel team found themselves with standing room only for demonstrations presented by four potential vendors. The feedback was positive, with comments such as: “Can we have this now?” and “This would make my life so much easier.” Thankfully, what’s easier for the user will also be more efficient for the university. The new system is expected to save the university with each booking, due to the visibility of all purchase options. There will also be untold savings in man-hours previously lost doing things like chasing down signatures or correcting account errors.

Vendor selection was announced on April 1, and the travel and expense team will now be working with CONCUR Technologies to establish an implementation plan. The next steps are the system upload and subsequent training and testing. The system will then be piloted with selected faculties and units.

Find a detailed FAQ on this initiative, plus information on all other ROSE project streams: > > umanitoba.ca/admin/rose

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**Head to the ROSE website, or contact Kristine Head to the ROSE website, or contact Kristine**
New office treats respect as a human right

BY MARIJANNE MAYS WIEBE
The Bulletin

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Anitra Squires and Jackie Gruber of the new human rights and equity office.

Photo by Mariianne Mays Wiebe

Previously some of these duties were housed within human resources. Both Gruber and Squires note that often people don’t know what to do or where to go with matters of possible disrespect, personal or sexual harassment, or discrimination. People may feel uncertain or intimidated by the thought of speaking out, they say. “We deal with everything from students who feel they have received an unfair grade based on perceived discrimination to situations where a work environment has become toxic or someone is feeling ostracized.”

As confidential intake officer, Squires is the first point of contact for students, faculty or staff who come through the door. She records any information or incidents that were reported. Her work is often to help the person who comes into the office to figure out where to go next. “We listen,” she says. “We help them to sort out their complaint and can direct them from there.”

Gruber, the human rights and equity advisor, can provide information and assistance for any concern regarding discrimination or harassment in the human rights area, and will assist in resolving a concern informally.

“We see what can be done informally to resolve the situation via coordination, mediation or mediation and if it is not successful, the individual can proceed to a formal complaint. Everything in the informal process remains confidential,” she says. If informal resolution is not possible, an investigation officer can be designated to work in cooperation with the complaint and can direct them to do so, says Gruber. “Human rights and advisory services believes that individuals need to be able to discuss their concerns and to seek advice and assistance in a safe and private environment. We are here as a neutral point of support, to help people sort through and understand what their options are.”

There is a proactive and educational component of this office as well, says Gruber. “The office functions as an advocate of the RWLE policy rather than for any individual per se. We want people to understand the policy, in order for them to know what their own rights are, and for people to understand that the Director means to be part of a respectful working and learning environment. “Our door is always open. We want people to know we exist, and we are here to help. We see this as a service provided to the university community.”

The office is located on the fourth floor of University Centre. The officer and advisor can also visit Bannatyne Campus on request.

For more on the RWLE policy and human rights and advisory services, go to: > umanitoba.ca/admin/wp/admin/op/hrs/index.html

Seeing blue, getting green

Waste prevention office expands recycling program

BY MICHAEL MARSHALL
The Bulletin

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Don’t be surprised if you notice a new blue recycling bin lurking in your office area or notice the next meetingBag for your blue bin. As of March 2011, the University of Manitoba Waste Prevention Office has taken over the blue bin recycling program previously run by UMSU, and plans on broadening the program to touch nearly every part of your day.

Waste prevention coordinator Ophelia Morris says the Herculean task adopted by her office is exciting, a tad overwhelming and completely necessary. “If just one example, University Centre has several events and meetings every day served by Conference and Catering Services, but previously there was no recycling available to them. Now we will attempt to capture that waste and get it recycled,” she says.

“This is a big step in our campus recycling effort. It’s huge.”

What it means in numbers is that the waste prevention office will now be responsible for approximately 2,000 blue bins and their contents, about 1,500 more than were previously present on campus.

With so many new blue bins in their arsenal, the Waste Prevention Office will be able to accomplish their goal of having a much higher recycling presence on campus and increasing the recycling diversion rate. “We hope this will push our annual beverage container recycling rate from 40 tonnes per year to over 50 tonnes per year,” says Morris.

“The reality is that people won’t recycle if no recycle bins are present,” says Morris.

The other part of the program expansion is the frequency of pickup, which Morris hopes will also inspire people to recycle. “People are discouraged from recycling when the bin smells bad, or if there are fruit flies flying around, or it’s overflowing. So, we’ll be picking up more frequently on a set schedule,” she adds.

Additionally, the waste prevention office has set up a hotline that people can call for information, leave comments, concerns and complaints about any operation on campus, or to request a bin.

Your recycling efforts make a difference:
• Recycling two aluminium cans = power a PC for one work day
• Five plastic soda bottles = the fiberfill to insulate one ski jacket
• Recycling one glass jar = energy to light a 120-watt bulb for four hours

For more information about recycling on campus, go to: > umanitoba.ca/campus/physical_plant/sustainability/

Director, University 1

The University of Manitoba invites nominations and applications for a full-time administrative position of Director of University 1 to begin July 1, 2011 or as soon thereafter.

Since 1998 University 1 has been helping first year students to transition into university life and to explore academic program options. In 2009/10 a review of University 1 was conducted that led to a re-affirmation of the importance of University 1 within the University of Manitoba. The University is now seeking an innovative and entrepreneurial leader with academic and administrative units to develop and implement a new comprehensive approach to enhancing the first year student experience.

The ideal candidate will hold an advanced degree (doctorate preferred) or an equivalent combination of education and experience commensurate with this role. Candidates should demonstrate progressively increasing leadership roles in the areas of advising, student services and/or student affairs. Applicants with post-secondary teaching experience are preferred. The successful candidate will have a strong understanding of current issues and best practices affecting first year student success, as well as evidence of creative approaches to program creation and program renewal. Candidates must have excellent interpersonal, organizational, communication, and administrative skills enabling effective and collaborative working relationships within Student Affairs and across faculties and schools. Those applicants with an understanding of diversity and issues affecting under-served and under-represented student populations are of particular interest. 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.

Applications and nominations (including a curriculum vitae and the names of three references) should be submitted by April 25, 2011 and should be sent to:

Susan M. Gottheil, Vice-Provost (Students)
208 Administration Building, 66 Chancellor’s Circle
Winnipeg, MB R3T 2N2
Email to: susan.gottheil@umanitoba.ca

Application materials, including letters of reference, will be handled in accordance with Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Manitoba). Please note that curriculum vitae may be provided to participating members of the search process. For further information please visit the website at: www.umanitoba.ca/employment. Vacancy Number 802-004-11.
Leaders of tomorrow meet their matches

BY MICHAEL MARSHALL
The Bulletin

On Monday, April 4, 12 outstanding students participated in all-day interviews with a selection committee to join current members of the Leaders of Tomorrow Society at the University of Manitoba.

The members of the society are individuals who have received prestigious entrance scholarships valued at $10,000 apiece. The recipients are chosen annually on the basis of their leadership qualities and exceptional academic performance in high school, and their involvement in student affairs, intramural activities and their communities.

This year's top six receive the Leaders of Tomorrow Award valued at $10,000; the remaining six will receive Leadership Entrance Scholarships.

The inspiration for her scholarship winner, Alana Poon said that she felt like she became part of a university family this year. "After I found out I had received the award, and met university officials and award holders from previous years, I felt very welcome as part of the Leaders of Tomorrow Society. It's been exciting. They are there to help and see you succeed; they offer support as well as keeping you on track to be and do your best. Many other opportunities have come to me through the scholarship and program." Leaders of Tomorrow students are eligible to renew their scholarships every year and often continue to participate in the program as unofficial university ambassadors. Subsequent scholarships are worth $2,000 per year.

Poon found out about the scholarships online when she was applying to the university. "The application process is somewhat daunting," said Poon. "There are one-on-one interviews and individual candidates are also interviewed by the entire committee." Applicants respond to questions about their leadership qualities and experiences, their contributions to their schools and communities, and their interests, skills and hobbies.

In addition to her academic success, Poon started a violin scholarship program on Grosvenor School in Winnipeg for students interested in learning how to play. For the past four years, she has been offering private lessons there as a volunteer; she's received financial support from organizations such as Long & McQuade to help pay for the students' violins. Poon is also involved in dance, and teaches tap and hip-hop. In the summers, she volunteers at Children's Hospital.

So where did her drive for volunteerism and community work come from? Her family is active in the community, she said, and she was also required to put in 10 hours per week of service learning while attending St. Mary's Academy. "That involvement made service become part of my value system," she said. "And the university supports that as well."

Alexa Yakubovich became a Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship recipient in 2009. She is currently in the second year of her honours psychology program with a minor in philosophy. She plans to go on to study human rights law.

The inspiration for her service work started when she turned 12. "You are required to do charity work as part of your bat mitzvah," she said. "Because a close friend of the family had just died of breast cancer, I decided to start 'Beads for the Cure.'"

"Beads for the Cure raises money through the sales of her hand-beaded bracelets for the Guardian Angels Benefit For Women's Cancer, a committee of CancerCare Manitoba Foundation. "It was a small thing I could do, and years later, I am still doing it and it's grown," she said.

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Students experience ‘eye-opening’ El Salvador

BY MARIANNE MAVS WEEBE

The Bulletin

Now that spring has arrived and is more than just a distant, hopeful possibility, think back to February. Can you recall what you did during reading week? Did you get a lot of studying or marking done? Relax, see some friends? Maybe you even went someplace with sunshine and Oceanside, if you were lucky?

Ten students from the University of Manitoba remember precisely how they spent their 2011 spring break. Their memorable experience included plenty of sun and a lot of warmth, but not in the way one might expect. They volunteered as part of a U of M service learning experience in El Salvador.

‘What amazed me was the dedication the teachers and children show for their school by walking there each day.’

By Chris Rutkowski

On Friday, October 13, 1972, Uruguayan Flight 571, carrying five crew and 40 passengers crashed into the Andes. Survivors, many members of the Old Christians Rugby Football Club, had to bear, among other things, an unforgiving mountain range, -30°C weather and profound hunger.

After 10 days, they heard on a battered radio that the search for them had been abandoned. From that moment on, the chance of leaving the mountain alive depended solely on them.

Last week, for the first time in Canada, survivors of the 1972 crash shared their story and lessons learned from their ordeal. Vivendo Alive! at the University of Manitoba was a series of events paying homage to the survivors and记 the weight of the world on their shoulders.

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“One day after school, our ride home wasn’t available so we set out to walk home. Even after 35 minutes in the scorching heat and uphill climb, we knew we weren’t going to make it. We managed to get halfway before calling for help. What amazed me was the dedication the teachers showed for their school by walking so long every day. The children also take this journey every day because they know that is the only way they can go to school.

“The children are so appreciative to have the opportunity to go to school that the walk is nothing to them. Never did I hear a complaint from a student or teacher, and that astonished me.”

Alive! survivors beat impossible odds

BY BRENT MALCOM, FIFTH-YEAR ENGINEERING, CHRYSTY RUSSELL, FOURTH-YEAR ARTS (ENGLISH), NATASHA KLAPOINSKI, FOURTH-YEAR SCIENCE (MICROBIOLOGY), CARLY MEYER, SECOND-YEAR ARTS, ESMA MNEINA, THIRD-YEAR ARTS (SPANISH), BONNIE SCHOTT, THIRD-YEAR AGRICULTURE, DEANNA MIRLYCOURTOIS, U1, GABRIEL PELLETIER, FOURTH-YEAR ARTS (POLITICAL STUDIES), JENNA TESSIER, FIFTH-YEAR MUSIC EDUCATION, AND SHELDON GARDINER. UMSU REPRESENTATIVE (AGRICULTURE AND EDUCATION GRAD) all took the trip during reading week.

This year’s project focused on the El Escalon School near the small Salvadoran community of Santa Catalina. This was the third time the U of M’s office of student life coordinated a trip to the school, which fell victim to a landslide in October 2010.

Together with local workers and parent volunteers, the students aided in cleanup and the construction of a permanent, properly-ventilated kitchen for the school, a court area for basketball and soccer and new playground equipment. Students also participated in the classroom by facilitating simple English language and health education, including dental health and the importance of hand-washing.

“God put us on the mountain,” Inciarte explained, “and He put those bodies whose souls were already deceased victims felt that the survivors honoured their families and actual newsreels of their rescue. They volunteered to tell their story, interspersed with photographs of the 1972 crash shared their story and lessons learned from their ordeal. Vivendo Alive! at the University of Manitoba was a series of events paying homage to the survivors and the weight of the world on their shoulders.

To get up, to be there over the dry season, because in the wet season, the dirt softens, making it almost impossible to walk through,” she said.

“One day after school, our ride home wasn’t available so we set out to walk home. Even after 35 minutes in the scorching heat and uphill climb, we knew we weren’t going to make it. We managed to get halfway before calling for help. What amazed me was the dedication the teachers showed for their school by walking so long every day. The children also take this journey every day because they know that is the only way they can go to school.

“The children are so appreciative to have the opportunity to go to school that the walk is nothing to them. Never did I hear a complaint from a student or teacher, and that astonished me.”

Alive! survivors beat impossible odds

BY BRENT MALCOM, FIFTH-YEAR ENGINEERING, CHRYSTY RUSSELL, FOURTH-YEAR ARTS (ENGLISH), NATASHA KLAPOINSKI, FOURTH-YEAR SCIENCE (MICROBIOLOGY), CARLY MEYER, SECOND-YEAR ARTS, ESMA MNEINA, THIRD-YEAR ARTS (SPANISH), BONNIE SCHOTT, THIRD-YEAR AGRICULTURE, DEANNA MIRLYCOURTOIS, U1, GABRIEL PELLETIER, FOURTH-YEAR ARTS (POLITICAL STUDIES), JENNA TESSIER, FIFTH-YEAR MUSIC EDUCATION, AND SHELDON GARDINER. UMSU REPRESENTATIVE (AGRICULTURE AND EDUCATION GRAD) all took the trip during reading week.

This year’s project focused on the El Escalon School near the small Salvadoran community of Santa Catalina. This was the third time the U of M’s office of student life coordinated a trip to the school, which fell victim to a landslide in October 2010.

Together with local workers and parent volunteers, the students aided in cleanup and the construction of a permanent, properly-ventilated kitchen for the school, a court area for basketball and soccer and new playground equipment. Students also participated in the classroom by facilitating simple English language and health education, including dental health and the importance of hand-washing.

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The experience opened her eyes, she professed, not only through the satisfaction of the group’s accomplishments on the work site of the playground, but also through the impact on the community itself.

“Sharing of ourselves with members of the community and learning about their personal journey was an experience in itself. The children, who have close to nothing compared to the children in Canada, are the happiest, most hard-working children I have ever met, always smiling and laughing. Something I came away with from my experience was the appreciation of the small things in life.”

Meghan Laube is assistant director of the office of student life and accompanied the students on the trip for the second time this year. She was struck by the strong volunteer support of parents at the school.

Every day she said, there was a volunteer group of parents from the community. “They gave a morning or an afternoon out of their own busy work week to contribute time, and their skills, to the project at the school. The true commitment to development comes from the community. Everyone gives of themselves to make sure the work gets done.”

According to Laube, the school is the most stable and permanent structure in the community. In times of emergency, it also acts as an emergency relief centre.

One of the hopes of the teaching staff, said Laube, was to forge stronger connections between the parents and the school so that education would become celebrated and encouraged in the community.

“This project has connected parents to the school, especially the fathers, through paid and volunteer positions,” she said. “That was an unexpected bonus.”

The program was conceived in 2008 with the help of then-UMSU VP Sid Rashid who thought it would be great to do an international service learning trip over reading week. The office of student life wanted to plan something to compliment its five-week summer Bangladesh service learning program, and the El Salvador Alternative Spring Break was born.

A site visit was conducted in October 2008 with Lutheran World Federation Central America, with whom the university partnered. A project was identified based on the needs of a community and the interest and abilities of the students who would be volunteering.

Each year, the U of M students prepare for months in advance of their trip to learn about the community in El Salvador. Joe Danis, one of the program’s coordinators and the director of the office of student life, noted that students not only engage in physical labour during the project, but also focus both on their own personal development and an examination of social issues and other factors in the place where they will be working.

“Social justice plays a major role in these projects as we are typically working in areas of extreme poverty,” he said.

According to both students and staff that participated, it’s the opportunities — for reflection and for working with a community and as a community — that make the experience outstanding.

On arriving in El Salvador, it wasn’t long before the participants were interacting with community members. There were some students who had a bit of Spanish, but Laube said it was another sort of language, perhaps more universal, that really kicked in.

“Within 30 minutes of arriving in Santa Catarina, there was a futbol (soccer) game in front of our house. We played a game every day at the school, and every day there were friends waiting for us when we returned from the school to play futbol. All ages and both English and Spanish played, and on our little pitch that was a narrow street, friendships were made that will never be forgotten.”

Last year during the Chilean mining disaster, the men were thrust once again into the limelight and onto the international stage. Inciarte, Zerbin and two other 1972 survivors traveled to the San Jose mine in Copiapo to speak with the trapped miners and their families. Curiously, there is a small University of Manitoba connection with the happy ending of the Andes accident. The Chilean Ministry of Health contacted the international company Aramark because of its reputation for remote site food preparation and delivery. Aramark chefs and staff sent a constant supply of food down to the miners and each portion was heated in special containers installed at the mine and packed in plastic tubes to protect it on its way down the shaft. By the time the last miner was lifted to the surface, Aramark had provided almost 6,000 meals.

At the University of Manitoba, Aramark holds the contract for food services at the U of M and is a major sponsor of the Viven event. Inciarte and Zerbin met with Aramark representatives as well as other industry and business spokespersons while at the U of M.

Today, Inciarte is married with three children. He retired after 25 years as the general manager of a dairy farm and 10 years as director of a major dairy co-op. He is president of Fundación Viven and has spoken to audiences in over 15 countries. He was advisor for the production team of the movie Alive and was present during its filming.

Zerbin is president of the Uruguayan Rugby Union and president of the Volunteer Chamber for Pharmaceutical Products — an organization working with all of the multi-national laboratories doing business in Uruguay. He has given lectures in more than 19 countries.

Inciarte and Zerbin were invited to Canada through connections with a local rugby team and Roy Hoemsen, a former U of M staff member who was familiar with the story. His son Dylan Hoemsen is said housing and student life and realized that the crash survivors would be excellent speakers for his department’s annual Emerging Leaders Dinner for students on March 30. The two spoke at the dinner in addition to the larger public event. The Emerging Leaders Dinner brings together members of the university community to celebrate the outstanding contributions of student leaders to our campus and in our communities. Students are identified and invited by partner-departments across campus based on their involvement and commitment to their own personal development and the development of their community.

The annual event celebrates the leadership potential of students. More than 100 students are invited to the dinner, at which they will be seated with peers and mentors to encouraging dialogue among members of the larger university community.

Gustavo Zerbin and Jose “Coche” Luis Inciarte speak at the U of M.
Coffee With a Co-Worker
The Bulletin plays 10 or 20 questions with Sina Allegro-Sacco

Coffee or tea? Steeped tea with milk, especially Rooibos.

Fabulous smile, true and tough as necessary. Don’t let that smile and gracious manner fool you — Sina Allegro-Sacco has a firm backbone. As implants coordinator in the Faculty of Dentistry she often plays “roadblock.” There is a lot of paperwork because you are placing a foreign body into a patient’s mouth, so contracts have to be in place,” she says, “I tell the residents, ‘Do not pass go until all of this has been done.’”

Trained as a dental assistant, she started in the faculty 20 years ago when a research project on dental implants started. Since then, she has set up the implants program which began as an elective but has since become a mandatory part of the curriculum.

When an extended education component was rolled into the department a short time ago, her position as implants coordinator become full-time. She appreciates the recognition and respect from colleagues in the faculty. “They listen to what you have to say; you are recognized for what you have to offer. I’ve been fortunate in this position.”

She enjoys people with great teeth who go into dentistry! No, says Sacco. In fact, because she grew up poor, she had “lousy teeth” as a kid. In high school when a friend decided to go into dental assisting, Sacco and two other friends joined her. Now three of four are still in the field and stay in regular touch. “Those are your true friends,” she says, “because they know where you come from and what you’ve been through.”

What you value in a friend:
Loyness and compassion.

What you appreciate in others:
I appreciate people who are up-front and wear their heart on their sleeve.

You think is underrated:
Mental illness and its effects on the person and others.

Guiding principle: ‘Hard work, dedication and loyalty.’

Fondest childhood memory:
Being able to play hide and seek in the dark in my Winnipeg neighbourhood with friends and not ever feeling threatened or afraid. It was just good fun!

Childhood hero:
Can’t say I had one, but I do remember watching Bewitched with Elizabeth Montgomery and thinking that I want to be just like her.

Motto:
Treat people the way you would like to be treated.

Most recent memorable book you’ve read:
Sarah’s Key by Tatiana De Rosnay. I would highly recommend this book. It is a page turner, and a great lazy weekend read you won’t be able to stop reading once you start.

Something you do better than most people you know:
I make my own grape jelly which I make from my own homegrown grapes. I make it in the fall and give it out at Christmas time to my friends and family.

Dinner with friends: At home or out? He has several groups of friends, we circulate to each other’s homes for dinner parties. One of my favourite meals that I enjoy making is spinach cannelloni and rack of lamb. I also enjoy making my homemade pesto sauce with fresh pasta! My most recent memorable evening out was dinner and a movie with friends: We saw The Fighter and went to Casa Grande — undoubtedly the best pizza in town. Nothing like good friends, good food, good wine while enjoying each other’s company!

Something you do better than most people you know: I make time every day to go to the gym at 6:00 a.m. I am committed to boot camp twice a week and a weight and a spin class twice a week. I’ve developed a real connection with friends at the gym who are as committed as I am to better health.

Guiding principle: Hard work, dedication and loyalty.

A word that you like and why: Facetious. First of all, I love the sound of it! It automatically brings a smile to my face. It is surprising how many people don’t know the meaning.

Anything else we should know about you? I make my own grape jelly which I make from my own homegrown grapes. I make it in the fall and give it out at Christmas time to my friends and family.

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Concert honours composer

Faculty and guests at the Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music will come together on April 8 to celebrate U of M success story Duncan Farthing-Nichol, who also works at the U of M in the World W.I.S.E. Resource Centre, received his acceptance letter for the prestigious institution after a lengthy application process that involved many tests and written requirements. “I was shocked,” said Farthing-Nichol. “I was so happy to get the letter in the mail, finally knowing where I would be headed after completing my Arts degree at the U of M.”

Farthing-Nichol graduates in June 2011 and will head for Harvard to study law in September.

Farthing-Nichol has also been part of Engineers Without Borders since 2007. Engineers Without Borders creates opportunities for rural Africans in Zambia, Malawi, Ghana and Burkina Faso to create positive change in their lives. Farthing-Nichol recalled a trip to Ghana, where his abilities were pushed to the limits to try and help civilians of that country.

“We were on a mission to improve farmland which would in turn improve the ability for citizens of Ghana to earn money,” he said of his internships. Farthing-Nichol made a big impact during his time at university. He helped orchestrate International Development Week 2011 — a week on campus that

University of Manitoba Employees Scholarship 2010-2011

Applications for the University of Manitoba Employees Scholarship are now available at umanitoba.ca/student/fn_awards/scholarships/index.html. Applications are also available in the Financial Aid and Awards Office, Room 422 University Centre, and in Room 5107 Medical Services Building, at the Bannatyne Campus. The 2010-2011 competition is based on course work completed between May 1, 2010 and April 30, 2011. The deadline to submit an application is Tuesday, May 31, 2011.

For additional information, visit umanitoba.ca/student/fn_awards/scholarships/index.html or contact Sharon Coyne (474-9261) or sfarthing-nichol@umanitoba.ca.

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Lecture series inspires, challenges

BY MARIANN MAYS WEIBE

The Bulletin

The entire Sol Kanee Lecture Series on International Peace and Justice is now available online for viewing on the University of Manitoba YouTube channel. The inspiring annual lecture is organized by the Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice, housed in St. Paul’s College at the University of Manitoba.

Over the years the series has hosted prominent speakers, thinkers and activists on peace and justice from around the globe. The lectures are challenging and moving, often based on real-life stories about the possibilities of peace within or following harrowing political conflict, and for understanding amidst strife.

Last year, the series featured Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela, who served on the Human Rights Violation Committee of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and Israelis was featured in 2009. Izzeldin Abuelaish is a Gazan physician and community advocate of “forgiveness and healing as engines in the peace journey,” despite the loss of three of his daughters and a niece when Israeli tank shells shattered his house in the Jabaiba camp. The passionate and eloquent proponent of peace between Palestinians and Israelis was featured in 2009.

The series began in 2002 with His Royal Highness Prince El Faisal bin Talal of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, who presented his talk entitled, “From a Culture of Participation to a Culture of Peace,” and went on to include other notable presenters such as The Honourable Flora MacDonald speaking on global citizenship in 2008, The Honourable Lloyd Axworthy on global citizenship in 2003 and Chief Oren Lyons with his 2007 lecture, “The Politics of Human Beings: The Nature of Global Warming.”

The featured presenter for the 2011 Sol Kanee Lecture on International Peace and Justice will be announced later this year.

The Arthur V. Mauro Centre at St. Paul’s College, University of Manitoba, is dedicated to the advancement of human rights, conflict resolution, global citizenship, peace and social justice through research, education and outreach. The centre is home to the university’s PhD program in peace and conflict studies, which seeks to prepare leaders in a multiplicity of contexts who make a difference locally, nationally and globally.

To see the lectures go to: >> http://bit.ly/USMSolKanee

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

All music events take place at Eva Clare Hall unless otherwise indicated

April 7, 8:45 p.m., Luke Sellick, 3rd year jazz bass recital, Aqua Books, 274 Garry
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April 8, 7:30 p.m., Faculty concert in celebration of the music of Michael Matthews on the event of his 60th birthday
April 9, 8:00 p.m., Christopher Kayler, graduate level recital, collaborative piano
April 10, 8:00 p.m., Aper Jazz Series, GeriShin Tribute: A celebration of the music of the great songwriter, George Gerstein, with a program of beloved melodies and stunning piano interpretations featuring the great Canadian pianist, Oliver Jones, with Stevie Kirby & friends. Winnipeg Art Gallery. Call 477-7534 for tickets
April 11, 8:00 p.m., Andrea Berg, graduate voice recital
April 11, 8:00 p.m., Samantha Chrol, 4th year jazz saxophone recital, West End Cultural Centre
April 12, 8:00 p.m., Dana Thacher, 3rd year clarinet recital
April 12, 8:30 p.m., Jazz student ensembles, Centre Culturel Franco-Manitobain, 340 Provencher
April 14, 7:00 p.m., Jazz student ensembles, Aqua Books, 274 Garry
April 14, 8:00 p.m., Conrad Siebert, 4th year voice recital
April 15, 8:00 p.m., Amanda Poole, 3rd year voice recital
April 16, 8:00 p.m., Aran Matsuda, graduating voice recital
April 17, 7:30 p.m., Oleg & Friends: “The Music of the Holocaust” featuring Oleg Pokhanovski, violin, Minna Rose Chung, cello and Laura Loewen, piano. Selections include works by Schulhoff and Shostakovich, Broadway Disciples United Church, 396 Broadway at Kennedy. Tickets 474-8637
April 18, 8:00 p.m., Rachel Stephens, 4th year voice recital
April 19, 8:00 p.m., Susanne Reimer, 4th year voice recital
April 20, 8:00 p.m., Yeze Klassen, graduate piano recital
April 21, 8:00 p.m., Gloria Wai, 3rd year piano recital

>> More music events at umanitoba.ca/faculties/music/events/index.html

From the archives: Taché Hall residence

Residence life in the 1940s differed greatly from the preceding years as the University of Manitoba campus was taken over by the Canadian Armed Forces during the Second World War.

In 1941 Taché Hall, the only residence on campus at this time, was leased by the Dominion of Canada to be used for the Commonwealth Air Training Plan. The building was restructured at a cost of $25,000 so that it could serve as a residence for up to 3,000 men at a time; students were moved into temporary accommodations.

The military constructed a number of temporary buildings on campus to be used for training purposes, including an indoor rifle range.

The university also erected a new building which would serve as a cafeteria for students — the usual dining hall was located within Taché and was inaccessible during the war years. The new building eventually became the first building used by the Faculty of Education.

Wartime scarcity of resources, as well as the presence on campus of the military, greatly reduced the social activities of residence students. However, as early as the start of the 1945-1946 academic year social events once again became prominent features of residence life.

The army removed itself from Taché and from the entire campus in August 1945. The temporary buildings remained and were quickly converted into classrooms and laboratories so they could be used during the fall term. Students were able to move back into Taché for the start of the semester. Returning veterans were accommodated with temporary housing on campus.

These photographs (PC 274) depict the wartime occupation of the University of Manitoba campus by the military in the early 1940s.

In May of 2011, Taché Hall will cease being a student residence. It will undergo renovations to become home to music and art students. Taché Hall’s history will be celebrated on May 6 and 7, 2011, in events open to all. Mark your calendars!

Top: Soldiers line up for arms inspection; bottom: Soldiers drink chocolate milk rations.
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Calling on the artistic folk

Where ART thou?

BY MELNI GHA'TTOBA

Last summer Bill Kerr had the opportunity to star in what he describes as a “mountain and a monster of a roll.” Kerr played the role of the father in bedbound, by Irish playwright Enda Walsh. The production was part of the 2010 Fringe Festival lineup; an opportunity made possible by the University of Manitoba’s Creative Works grant program.

The professor by day received $2,500 to fund the project, which also called upon his directing abilities. The original director had to drop out due to a scheduling conflict and Kerr soon found himself wearing the hat of actor and director. Fortunately good friend and local actor/director Arne MacPherson was able to sign on as co-director.

“I wish I hadn’t actually done it,” laughs Kerr, when asked about the challenges of acting in and directing the production. Although he could have easily held auditions for the role of the father, Kerr knew from the outset that a project he wanted to tackle as an actor. “When you teach acting, it’s important to continue to immerse yourself in the discipline in order to both understand it and to understand it more deeply,” says Kerr.

On a research trip to Ireland he saw a play called The Walworth Farce, a more recent play by Enda Walsh. “I was just thrilled by it, I thought what an exciting and unexpected evening of theater,” recalls Kerr. The next day he went out and bought as many Enda Walsh playwrights he was able to get his hands on. Upon reading bedbound, which he describes as an amazing ride, he immediately knew it was something he wanted to do.

Kerr, assistant professor, and theatre program coordinator, in the department of English, film and theatre, recognizes the importance of funding opportunities, specifically in the area of arts.

“As always in a creative field and I shouldn’t say just in the creative field because this is true in many fields, a little money goes a long way. People in the creative field are used to making do and to have that little bit of money can act as a real seed to create beyond what one might expect,” says Kerr.

But it also does something else. According to Kerr, it also validates what one might expect,” says Kerr. According to Kerr, it also validates funding opportunities, specifically in the area of arts.

“After I received the Creative Works grant in 2007, for his directorial project “Squirrels” & other delicious nuts: Short works by David Mamet,” which debuted at the Master Playwrights Festival in 2008.

Kerr is one of eight faculty members to receive funding through the Creative Works grants program in 2010. The program supports high quality creative works that meet peer standards of excellence and are suitable for publication, public performance or viewing. The annual May 1 deadline is fast approaching; for more information on this internal funding opportunity, please visit the Office of Research Services website: http://umanitoba.ca/researchors/internalfunding_deadlines_forms.html.

The 2010 Creative Works grant program recipients also include:

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Faculty of Arts
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