President Barnard delivers statement of reconciliation

U of M first university to apologize for Indian residential schools

Students, faculty and U of M community members gathered on campus today to watch a live video feed of an emotional address by University of Manitoba President and Vice-Chancellor David Barnard to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) in Halifax. Barnard offered a statement of apology and reconciliation on the subject of the Indian residential school system.

“We feel it’s important to stand with our Aboriginal students, staff and faculty in making this statement of reconciliation,” said Barnard. “Our best opportunity for a brighter future is to build a foundation of academic success and ensure that the values of First Nations, Métis and Inuit cultures and communities infuse scholarship and research across the university.”

“Reconciliation is about real change and it involves all of us,” said Atleo. “I commend the University of Manitoba for its participation in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Steps like this can help advance mutual respect and understanding between First Nations and other Canadians and generate the action needed to create lasting change.”

>>See full statement inside and at: umanitoba.ca/about/
**THE U OF M IN THE NEWS**

**Governor General visits U of M**

On October 20, 2011, Governor General of Canada His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston joined University of Manitoba President and Vice-Chancellor David Barnard at a celebration of inner-city successes.

The Celebrating Inner-City Community Connections event provided highlights of the University of Manitoba “Connecting to Kids” report. The report demonstrates that world-class scholars, researchers and staff are working together to transform lives and ensure inner-city children and youth can reach their full potential.

“Education is a transformational force. I am proud to see the University of Manitoba and its partners working together to transform lives and make a real difference in their lives,” President Barnard said.

The event, held at the Bananyte campus, included several presentations on some of the 190 inner-city activities that are offered in partnership with the University of Manitoba and which were identified in the “Connecting to Kids” report. The report was conducted by the Faculties of Medicine, Social Work and Kinesiology and Recreation Management.

Among the programs highlighted at the celebration were a student demonstration of the Inner-City Science Centre Project, the Rec and Read Mentor program at Children of the Earth School and a presentation from students from the Inner City Social Work program.

“These programs have been developed in collaboration with our partners in the inner city,” said President Barnard. “Together, we can ensure children and youth can reach their full potential and become the next generation of visionaries, trailblazers and innovators.”

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**U of Manitoba asks: What should I say?**

October 13, 2011

On Campus, Macleans.ca

A university of a big city, a city with one million people, is a place of both excitement and opportunity. But it can also be a place where you may feel lost or overwhelmed. The University of Manitoba wants to hear from you about what it means to you.

**Why Steve Jobs was no Edison**

October 20, 2011

Canadian Business, The American

No stranger to controversy, Václav Smil, distinguished professor in the Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources, was raising eyebrows again with his assessment of Apple founder and entrepreneur, the late Steve Jobs. Smil, whose essay was published in The American a week before Jobs died, responds now the media chorus. But local researcher Randy Fransoo of the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy said that doesn’t necessarily mean the health-care system problems and did not die prematurely.

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**Overweight people don’t have bigger health problems, study finds**

October 21, 2011

Toronto Star, CBC, Vancouver Sun, Winnipeg Free Press

A study from the University of Manitoba has found that the number of overweight people in Manitoba is on the rise with one in five adults in the province classified as overweight. However, the study found that overweight people did not have a big increase in health problems and did not die prematurely.

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**Headlines**

“Caliguri gets chance to face jets,” Toronto Sun, October 11, 2011, focuses on University of Manitoba Bison goaltender Joe Caliguiuri getting the opportunity to be a replacement netminder at a recent Winnipeg Jets practice.

“Canadian-led research pushes back date of earliest life on land 2.48 billion years ago, 100 million years before previously findings that suggests that oxygen-breathing life emerged on Earth,” The Bulletin, October 20, 2011.

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University of Manitoba Statement of Apology and Reconciliation to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada

The University of Manitoba wishes to take a leadership role in helping expose the national shame of the Indian Residential Schools system and the consequences of such a system.

The University of Manitoba is committed to learning, acknowledging and affirming Aboriginal voices within the fabric of this province.

It is of fundamental importance at our university that we advance all aspects of Indigenous education, including curricula, research and in increased public awareness of one of the darker chapters of Canadian history.

We are committed to working with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and other key partners to advance research efforts related to Canada’s Indian Residential Schools, as well as supporting the commission in its truth telling and reconciliation efforts.

The next logical step in healing is telling our own story. For over 130 years, the University of Manitoba has worked to create, preserve and communicate knowledge. Moreover, our academic institution has a long history of encouraging debate, building excellence and fostering open dialogue.

In spite of this we have failed Aboriginal peoples. When we examine the University of Manitoba’s role in the residential school system, it is clear that we did not live up to our goals, our ideals, our hard-earned reputation or our mandate.

Our institution failed to recognize or challenge the forced assimilation of Aboriginal peoples and the subsequent loss of their language, culture and traditions.

That was a grave mistake. It is our responsibility. We are sorry.

The University of Manitoba has a responsibility to acknowledge the harm inflicted on First Nations, Métis and Inuit survivors, their families and their communities.

Seventeen federally funded Indian Residential Schools operated throughout Manitoba, including Winnipeg and rural and northern Manitoba. In Manitoba, the first Indian Residential School opened in 1880 and the last school closed its doors in 1982. During this time, thousands of Aboriginal children were removed from their communities and placed into full-time residency.

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We apologize to our students. They are the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Indian Residential School survivors.

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The University of Manitoba educated and mentored individuals who became clergy teachers, social workers, civil servants and politicians. They carried out assimilation policies aimed at the Aboriginal peoples of Manitoba.

The acceptance by many Manitoba institutions of this assimilationist model and the actions of the Indian Residential School system. It also led to the forced and unwilling mass adoption of First Nations, Métis and Inuit children which was initiated in the 1600s, but extended into the mid-1980s. This policy was known as the “60s Scoop” because, in many instances, children were taken from their homes, often without the consent of their biological families.

On June 11, 2008, Prime Minister Stephen Harper apologized for Canada’s role in the Indian Residential School system.

The next day, then McKenzie Ukrainian Gary Doer, along with Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Minister Eric Robinson, a former Indian Residential School survivor, formally acknowledged our province’s role in this system of forced assimilation.

Churches that operated schools — Roman Catholic, Anglican, Presbyterian and United — have also issued statements of apology and reconciliation.

The Indian Residential School survivors, leaders and Elders of First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities accepted and embraced all of these apologies.

Today the University of Manitoba adds our voice to the apologies expressed by political and religious leaders and so graciously accepted by survivors, Aboriginal leaders and Elders. We hope our words will be accepted in the spirit of generosity and reconciliation that has been the hallmark of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission process.

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We recognize that we need to build trust and fulfill our role as an open and welcoming community of learning, discovery and outreach.

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At the University of Manitoba, we have a positive story to share about Indigenous achievement.

The University of Manitoba believes that education is transformative for students, their families and communities.

We will work to ensure that the values of First Nations, Métis and Inuit cultures and communities are included in scholarship and research across the university.

In order to take the next step in advancing Indigenous scholarship and the success of Indigenous peoples, collectively as well as individually, we must acknowledge our mistakes, learn from them, apologize and move forward in a spirit of reconciliation.

The late Rita Joe was a poet laureate from the Mi’kmaq Nation.

Her experience in Indian Residential Schools is a constant reminder of why the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and our apology are necessary.

The pain inflicted on others, as well as acknowledging our role in that pain, we can begin the process of restoring trust and nurturing long-lasting healing and reconciliation. These are her words.

I lost my talk
The talk you took away.
When I was a little girl at Shubenacadie school.
You snatched it away:
I speak like you
I think like you
I create like you
The scrambled ballad, about my word.

Thank you
Migwetch
Ekiol
President and
Vice-Chancellor,
University of Manitoba

On the horizon for ROSIE

BY LINDSEY STCLAIR GLOR

Ten months after entering the implementation phase, the ROSIE program is experiencing a flurry of activity including multiple go-lives since the start of the school year.

The program now counts 26 initiatives within its eight streams, some of which are just now wrapping up the completion. Recent go-lives include the online bursary tool (August 24) in student awards and the employee self-service tool (October 5) in human resources, and there is plenty more happening over the next few months.

IT — ITPC (IT Purchasing Centre):
The goal here is to maximize efficiencies related to acquiring new PCs as the IT office is responsible for managing the vendor is extremely competitive. The ITPC will create with Dell Consulting to design the implementation of Microsoft Exchange, Lotus Notes and the calendar system. The equipment has arrived and the system infrastructure will be ready for November. User migrations from the current systems to the Microsoft Exchange platform should be complete by early 2012.

Finance — Integrated travel:
Concur Technologies Inc. has been selected as the vendor for the online booking tool (OBT) and the automated expense management tool (EMT). Both tools will be linked with the new U.S. Bank VISA corporate credit card. Last month, more than 400 people attended brown bag presentations on the initiative, which is expected to go live October 31.

Human Resources — Recruitment:
The recruitment system (REACH-UM) is readying to go live in early November. Pilot groups have completed training and are now conducting 100 users is underway and on track to go live in mid-October. Training materials were produced, including eLearning videos for hiring managers.

Physical Plant — Work order improvements:
The single point of contact (SPOC) for each department has been entered into an SPQC database and new charging policy and procedures have been established. The self-service requirements for both summer and July and service guidelines performance monitoring reports have also been completed. The project is on-track for December 2011 completion.

Requirements gathering for Animal Ethics has been started. The historic data entry is scheduled for completion by end of October. An initial target of 60 per cent was established for adoption of electronic review across all committees, with an eventual goal of 80 per cent. Configuration analysis of the new system is ongoing, while training is being finalized for the Fort Garry Human Ethics Office, which will take over new protocol submissions into Infotek.

Students — Future students website/student recruitment:
The design and build of the content for approximately 100 new pages is almost complete, with a go-live planned for the end of October. The latter part of 2011 is proving to be a time of tremendous change and growth within the ROSIE project team. As PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) transitions to their new role, new capabilities are being brought into-house with the recent hiring of three new project managers, a project support analyst and a full-time IT liaison.

Lori Howard, ROSIE program manager, is working to review program level budgets and benefits, with a focus on financial enhancement and operational efficiencies. The University will be rolling out all new student budgets are on track, with the overall ROSIE program on track to meet projected annual cost savings of $8 million to $15 million.

Read more about ROSIE initiatives on the resource optimization website: www.umanitoba.ca/admin/ro
At the intersection of economic policy and human rights

Diane Elson, sociology professor and chair at the University of Essex (UK), delivered this year’s Knight Distinguished Visiting Lecturer address. The lecture, entitled “Human Rights and the NAFTA,” took place at the Fort Garry Hotel on October 3. Elson’s current research interest is fiscal and monetary policy and the realization of human rights, with a focus on economic development gender issues. The Robert and Elizabeth Knight Distinguished Visiting Lecture program is intended to enhance and enrich Winnipeg’s and the University of Manitoba’s academic life and discourse on a variety of topics.

BY MARIJANNE MAYS WEBBE
The Bulletin

At the Knight Lecture on October 10, economic sociologist Diane Elson called Canada “a beacon of hope” in its commitment to social justice. The imminent Canadian Museum for Human Rights, she suggested, can “treat human rights as a living area of contestation that can advance social justice — and gives us a framework for holding governments to account on human rights.”

With the “Occupy Winnipeg” campers mere blocks away, the potential irony of Elson’s optimistic view of Canada per se, her methodology could be equally applicable. Elson tracks the real-world effects and consequences of economic policy in terms of human rights.

Elson’s talk was based on the research gathered in her upcoming book, co-written with Radhika Balakrishnan, and entitled Economic Policy and Human Rights: Holding Governments to Account. The subject of the book is the effects of NAFTA in both the U.S. and in Mexico.

Framing economic policy in terms of its economic, social, political and other consequences, Elson demonstrated through her case study the dangers of a reductive approach to economics. A broader public understanding, of governmental obligations beyond reductive financial considerations, is necessary, suggested Elson in her talk. She outlined several key principles as obligatory, including: the progressive realization of human rights using maximum resources; avoidance of human rights retrogression; a minimum core obligation satisfaction of minimum essential levels; substantive rather than just formal upholding of non-discrimination practices and equality; processes that be participatory, transparent and offer accountability.

The human rights framework Elson used to collect her research on the effects of NAFTA on U.S and Mexican citizens included the right to employment under just and favourable conditions, the right to healthy, reasonably affordable and culturally-specific food, and essential civil and political rights. Through her case study, Elson provided many concrete examples of negative economic, social and other effects of NAFTA.

One vivid example cited was the impact on workers in both countries. In the U.S., remuneration of unskilled work suffered a slight decrease while financial compensation for skilled work increased. In Mexico, expectations of greater employment were disappointed, while subsidies withdrawn from small farmers caused substantive losses never compensated. A common thread in NAFTA consequences, Elson noted, was the lack of equal treatment of the rights of different groups: “business rights” consistently trumped “labour rights” and “corporate rights” overpowered “individual rights.” Under NAFTA, for instance, businesses can take cases (and countries) to the NAFTA free trade commission, but individuals cannot.

According to Elson’s research, NAFTA dispute settlement processes also fell short in terms of obligation of conduct with regard to transparency, participation and accountability. Since NAFTA has been put into place, every NAFTA country has been sued by companies 16 or more times. A U.S. waste management company, for instance, challenged Mexican policy on ecological reserves for the ability to dump hazardous waste, claiming they were “owed compensation” for profit loss. The company was awarded $16-million, payable by the Mexican government. NAFTA proceedings are not open to the public in any way.

Further research in the area of employment rights showed that in America, minority groups were most negatively affected (though loss of employment), with a majority of those affected being male with a high school education or less.

Elson concluded her lecture by asking, “Is it the same in Canada, and what can we do to mobilize?” She called the human rights framework for testing the effects of economic policy a “mobilizing framework, for how it utilizes evidence and encourages awareness and vigilance over human rights issues.”

“It’s only as good as what we do with it,” she cautioned, however. “Human rights begin at home.”

As for the “Occupy Winnipeg” camp, Elson had already stopped by to talk with the protesters. “We can offer support and education,” she reflected, when asked by an audience member about the relationship of academics to the larger community and the protests. “Any possibility of change will need lots of different people and ideas in different places,” she said. “Not only protest, but concrete ideas are needed, to put alternatives more strongly on the agenda.”

Critical conversations series continues discussion of CHRMM

BY MARIJANNE MAYS WEBBE
The Bulletin

As the “Critical Conversations: The Idea of a Human Rights Museum” series continues, U of M academics are addressing a wide range of issues, from modes of display to issues of representation, and from considerations of “affect” to examples of other museums in other cities.

On October 17, Struan Sinclair, English, film and theatre, and Herbert Enns, Faculty of Architecture, delivered a joint seminar that addressed the representational challenges of human rights in the modern museum context.

Entitled “Spatializing Suffering, Exhibiting Rights: Affect and Atracity in the Modern ‘Ideas Museum,’” the presentation focused in its first segment, delivered by Sinclair, on questions and complications of empathy-building through immersive story-worlds and new technologies. He cited examples of gaming and virtual- or augmented-reality softwares that “layer” the user as a telepresence onto real-world scenes or fabulated scenarios. Many of the possibilities raised larger questions about the nature of memory and social memory, ethics and “how immersive we can afford to be.”

Enns brought a further dimension to “how we internalize experience,” with a focus on what “we bring” to our experience, including the habits that condition our experience of the world — and human rights and issues of suffering. With a human rights museum, he suggested a “certain delicacy of operations” was needed, rather than merely capitulating to “fill the void.” Different conceptions and configurations of space, such as “sacred space,” and matters of “time” and “pace,” he said, as well as internalized effects (and affect) for the individual museum-goer, should also be addressed alongside more typical framed displays.

Ralph Stern, Faculty of Architecture, and Stephan Jaeger, German and Slavic studies, presented on October 24, raising other issues of representation implicated in building a Museum for Human Rights.

Stern’s “Architecture, Dystopia and Visual Culture” included a discussion of the history of Berlin, focusing on the area around the Holocaust Memorial site. The destruction of large numbers of buildings in Berlin during and after WWII, he suggested, created many gaps in the urban fabric. A site such as the Holocaust Memorial may evoke overlapping histories and memories of the city, but “what do you do for ‘cultures’ that don’t materialize themselves through the act of building?” he asked.

Presenting on “Narrative and Aesthetic Experience: Why should and how can a Museum for Human Rights represent the past?” Jaeger discussed the function of narrative in a “museum of ideas” — and historical and cultural narratives, in particular. The seminar focused on the representation of war and human rights-violation and its subsequent remembrance and representation, with a focus on World War II and the Holocaust.


> See more at the Centre For Human Rights Initiative at: chrinfo.ca
Visionary conversation: What makes a city ‘livable’?

BY MARIANNE MAY'S WABE

The Bulletin

On the evening of October 18, a large audience gathered at the Schultz Theatre in St. John’s College to consider “Creating Livable Cities: 21st century perspectives,” the second installment in the U of M series, “Visionary Conversations.”

After being introduced by President and Vice-Chancellor David Barnard, panelists Ralph Stern, dean, Faculty of Architecture, Richard Milgrom, head, department of city planning, Faculty of Architecture, and Michelle Richards, director, campus development and planning, presented.

Stern began the evening with the provocative question of what it means for a city to emerge from and thrive after a period of destruction. Referring to slides of Berlin and Dresden, Stern presented what makes a city ‘livable’.

Stern: ‘Density’ and ‘vibrancy’ promote a cosmopolitan, more inclusive alternative

Top photo, from left to right: panelists Ralph Stern, Richard Milgrom and Michelle Richard; U of M President David Barnard (foreground right) hosted the discussion. Photo above: Janice Ristock, AVP (research), addresses the crowd in her closing remarks.

to slides of Berlin and Dresden, Stern demonstrated an urban “vibrancy” approach taken by such urban centres, where ruined buildings and a city’s very history and identity posed seemingly insurmountable challenges. Stern focused his presentation on sites of “provisional use” — such as graffiti’d vacant buildings occupied by artists — not the ostensible championing of graffiti and postering, that, “What I like about it is that the space and its content are not overdetermined.”

A young member of the audience asked panelists to consider the efforts of urban growth outside of immediate context with his pointed question, “Are you willing to promote the possible growth of Winnipeg at the expense of the stagnation of our towns?” Other issues were also raised, including the limitations of Winnipeg’s ward council system, with Milgrom providing the example of Buffalo, NY’s short-lived hybrid system, a mix of both ward and global counselors.

Milgrom further suggested that transparency and “a more public process” would benefit all Winnepeggers, while Stern advocated development that takes account of already-existent “layers of networks” — from high density and mixed uses, to bike traffic and river and road networks — and allows these to define ‘hotspots’ with real possibilities for transparency and “a more public process.”

The panel discussion was brought to a close by Janice Ristock, AVP (research), who commended panelists for the “rich, informative presentations” that allowed the audience “to engage with things that matter to us and our world.” President Barnard concluded the evening with a two-line poem by Richard Wilbur entitled “A Short History”: “Corn planted a two-line poem by Richard Wilbur entitled “A Short History”: “Corn planted and suburban development, Milgrom focuses on issues of sustainability and quality of life. Drawing from statistical analysis and examples from Winnipeg, he built an argument for less reliance on developing new “subdivisions,” and more “good models of neighbourhoods” such as Osborne Village, whose density and mixed-use, amenity-rich character qualifies it as age-friendly with a high quality of life.

The debate was given even sharper focus by final presenter Michelle Richard, a former city planner with the city of Winnipeg who was installed as director of campus planning and development earlier this year. Winnipeg is a “slow growth city,” said Richard, in which many issues have constituted “a largely philosophical debate.” With Winnipeg’s increasing growth, however, “for the first time in our history, our concept of livability is being challenged,” she maintained.

Making Winnipeg the kind of city that allows a wide variety of options for its residents while remaining a “competitive city that is both a healthy environment and can attract and maintain a dynamic workforce” suggested Richard, will “require maturity, partnership, collaboration and the guts to take collective ownership.” Where there is a “commitment to and a particular identification with a place,” she said, “the values of the community remain in place” in spite of changes or the “rise and fall” wrought by economic conditions. Answering audience questions after the presentations, Milgrom suggested that his approach was more “cautionary,” since in his view plans and predictions forwarded by city developers were often “wildly optimistic,” and that Winnipeg’s car-dependency could only change with “a real commitment to [developing] transit.” Stern added, in response to another question about his ostensibly championing of graffiti and postering, that, “What I like about it is that [the space and its content are] not overdetermined.”

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Norwegian ambassador opens Arctic exhibit

BY SEAN MOORE  
The Bulletin  
Her Excellency Else Berit Eikeland, Norwegian Ambassador to Canada, was on campus to discuss Norway’s High North Strategy and to open a photo exhibit of famed Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen.

On October 26, Her Excellency opened an exhibit featuring stunning photos from his stay with the Inuit at Gjoa Haven. The exhibition shows the strong influence of the Aboriginal people of Canada on Amundsen’s success as an explorer; he lived and learned in Goja Haven for 19 months.

The polar explorers’ work will be celebrated with original photos from Roald Amundsen’s expedition to the Canadian North and Arctic. The photos and lantern slides offer a unique view on Amundsen’s connection with the Canadian Aboriginal people, and the knowledge he gained from his stay in the Arctic.

On Oct. 27, Her Excellency was joined by David Barber, Canada Research Chair in Arctic System Science and director of the U of M’s Centre for Earth Observation Science, at a joint lecture. Amundsen, the namesake of the research icebreaker that allows Barber to explore the Arctic sea ice, was the first to sail the fabled Northwest Passage from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Where Englishman John Franklin took 129 men, Amundsen took only a crew of six and after three years of living in Canada’s North, navigating its waters, he sailed the passage in its entirety.

Five years later, on December 14, 1911, Amundsen and his four-man crew finished their 800-mile trek across unmapped terrain and arrived to the South Pole, beating the British Antarctic Expedition, headed by Captain Robert Falcon Scott. (The knowledge the Inuit shared with Amundsen was key to his victory.) Scott’s expedition arrived on January 17, 1912. Years later, in 1926, Amundsen commanded the airship Norge for the first successful crossing of the Arctic by air.

The travelling exhibit, “Cold Recall: Reflections of a Polar Explorer,” will be on display in the Thorlakson Gallery, located in the Iceland Reading Room, on the third floor of the Elizabeth Dafoe Library until January 2012. The exhibit was sent to the University of Manitoba in co-operation with the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Ottawa and the Fram Museum in Oslo.

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Evening of Excellence draws prospective students

This year’s Evening of Excellence took place at University Centre on the evening of October 25 and drew crowds of prospective students and their parents. The annual event is an open-house style event for high-achieving Grade 11 and Grade 12 students interested in exploring the many programs and scholarship opportunities available at the University of Manitoba. Each year the open event is attended by students who stand out with excellent grades, who are community and school leaders, and who are top athletes. Attendees learn about scholarship and award opportunities, are offered presentations throughout the evening and mini-tours of different buildings, and meet current U of M students, faculty, and staff. The academic fair featured more than 60 booths and exhibits, showcasing all of the university’s many faculties and programs.
The university recently released a draft version of its sustainability strategy, which is scheduled to be finalized in early 2012. Over the next number of weeks, faculty members, staff and students are being encouraged to take part in a variety of consultation opportunities being organized by the university’s sustainability committee. Its goal is to ensure that the final sustainability strategy accurately reflects the interests and ideas of both students and employees.

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The feedback gathered through this consultation process will inform the university’s sustainability strategy, which will be released in the spring. Maire McDermott, U of M sustainability coordinator, hopes the new strategy will help bring about “a culture of sustainability” on campus. “That means that sustainability is part of everything that everybody does on campus,” she explains. “That’s in part of what it means to work and study at the U of M.”

Find the draft sustainability strategy online at umanitoba.ca/campus/physical_plant/sustainability/

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You’re a cold, cold man, Gordon Giesbrecht: ‘Professor Popsicle’ honoured

BY CHRIS RUTKOWSKI
The Bulletin

He’s probably Manitoba’s best-known research scientist. He has been on The Late Show With David Letterman, the Rick Mercer Report (twice) and was tracked by anxious onlookers around the world by satellite as he walked the length of Lake Winnipeg.

To celebrate 25 years of cold research and education, Gord Giesbrecht is reminiscing and expanding wistfully on his work at a special talk on Friday, October 28, 2011, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in 239 Investors Group Athletic Centre.

Giesbrecht’s talk is part of a research seminar series in the Health, Leisure and Human Performance Research Institute within the Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management at the University of Manitoba, in which he is associate dean. The title of Giesbrecht’s talk is “You’re as cold as ice: confessions after 25 years of freezing people.”

Giesbrecht’s research has included endurance studies involving immersing people in very cold water and has himself been immersed dozens of times in the name of science. Recently he has been doing public presentations educating the public on how to escape a submerged vehicle, often “going under” to illustrate his advice. His research earned him the moniker “Professor Popsicle” after his work received international attention in Outside Magazine.

One of the University of Manitoba’s most lauded researchers, Giesbrecht is receiving yet another honour this week. The National Search and Rescue Secretariat has selected him as the recipient of the Education and Training Award of the National Search and Rescue Program Awards of Excellence. Giesbrecht will be presented with the award at a banquet as part of SARscene, Canada’s premier search and rescue conference. The event takes place on Sunday, October 30, 2011, at the Winnipeg Convention Centre.

Gord Giesbrecht, AKA ‘Professor Popsicle’ has taken his research and education on freezing and cold-water immersion to extremes.

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Stadium send-off

BY LINDSAY STEWART GLOR
For The Bulletin

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The feedback gathered through this consultation process will inform the university’s sustainability strategy, which will be released in the spring. Maire McDermott, U of M sustainability coordinator, hopes the new strategy will help bring about “a culture of sustainability” on campus. “That means that sustainability is part of everything that everybody does on campus,” she explains. “That’s in part of what it means to work and study at the U of M.”

Find the draft sustainability strategy online at umanitoba.ca/campus/physical_plant/sustainability/
COFFEE WITH A CO-WORKER

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- Jarad Buckwold, U of M Archives & Special Collections

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OLYMPIC MINISTRY EVENTS

Tuesday, November 8 | 8:00 p.m.
Ensemble Made in Canada
University of Manitoba Recital Hall
$25/$20 at the door, Free with U of M ID

Wednesday, November 9 | 8:00 p.m.
Featuring faculty members and students from the Faculty of Music. Must be 18+ to attend.

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OPEN DOORS, OPEN KNOWLEDGE

JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION EVENT TO SHOWCASE THE COMPLETION OF SEVEN KNOWLEDGE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (KIP) PROJECTS

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Art Technology Lab (ARTLab)
Biological Sciences Building
Public open house 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Buller Building
Neil John Maclean Health Sciences Library
Public open house 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Regenerative Medicine Project
Public open house 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Eureka Project
Public open house 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Smartpark Lake 2

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BY MARIJANNA MAYS WEIBE
The Bulletin

As a mature student, Gregory Di Cresce represents a significant and growing student population who have a unique perspective and strong stake in the future of higher education in this province and elsewhere in the nation. He is part of a chorus that has much to contribute toward the evolution of Canadian universities.

The doctoral candidate in the history department at the U of M recently won the opportunity to represent the university alongside U of M President David Barnard at the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada’s (AUCC) annual membership meeting, held in Montreal on October 25 and 26.

The “Show your leadership, Share your vision” competition asked students to submit their vision for the role that the University of Manitoba will play in society a decade from now.

Di Cresce submitted a statement of his vision for the U of M as a university “that successfully integrates Aboriginal ways of living and learning with those of the West.

“It’s a vision that requires the crossing of countless bridges of understanding in a spirit of mutual respect. It’s a vision guided by painful honesty, profound humility, intellectual and moral bravery and an ability to thoroughly quash condescension,” he said.

He went on to describe the U of M’s necessary role to support such exchange in a vision of the future: “My U of M of 2021 is at the vanguard of this kind of exchange.

For more music events:
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UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS
All events at Eva Clare Hall (Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music, 65 Dafoe Road) unless otherwise noted

October 27 | 8:00 p.m. | Small Jazz Ensemble performs @ Aqua Books

October 30 | 7:30 p.m. | University of Manitoba Wind Ensemble, University Singers, Concert Choir and Renaissance Voices perform Sacred Profana, Igor Stravinsky’s Symphony of Psalms and Carl Orff’s Carmina Burana. At Jubilee Place, MBCI. Tickets $15/$10 at the Faculty of Music office, from a choir member, or at the door.

November 1 | 3:00 p.m. | Masterclass presentation by classical guitarist Gabriel Ayala, member of the Tapi people of southern Arizona. Free

November 1 | 8:00 p.m. | Small jazz ensemble, part of the Mardi Jazz series. At Centre cultural franc-omanitobain

November 2 | 12:30 p.m. | Faculty Concert at Noon

November 2 | 7:30 p.m. | Final round of the annual Zita Bernstein Competition, for the presentation of German Lieder

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Bringing Research to LIFE

Heart Remodeling

Dr. Davinder Jassal discusses the outcomes of a University of Manitoba study that shows signs of favourable heart remodeling in obstructive sleep apnea patients (OSA) on continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP).

BY MELNI GHATTORA

Do you or someone you know suffer from obstructive sleep apnea (OSA)? Did you know that OSA can negatively affect the heart?

"If you are diagnosed with OSA, following an overnight sleep study, you are a candidate for a continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) machine," explains Jassal, an associate professor of Medicine, Radiology and Physiology in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Manitoba and principal investigator at St-Boniface General Hospital Research Centre.

"The CPAP device basically throws a lot of air flow down into the lungs to keep them open at night, allowing you to have a restful night so that you don’t feel tired or fatigue during the daytime hours."

A study conducted by Jassal and a team of 11 researchers, including colleague and professor of Medicine at the University of Manitoba, Dr. Sat Sharma, is the first study of its kind to use blood tests, echocardiography (ultrasound of the heart) and MRI of the heart to evaluate cardiac changes in patients with OSA on CPAP therapy over a one year period. The research findings were published online in August 2011 by CHEST, the official publication of the American College of Chest Physicians.

"Sleep apnea is a sleep disorder that affects 5-10 per cent of Canadians. There exists numerous predisposing factors for developing OSA. Some of the most common risk factors include male sex, obesity, large neck circumference (>16 inches in women and >17 inches in men), use of alcohol and/or sedatives, and smoking.

"What happens in OSA patients is that in the middle of the night you stop breathing for a period of 15 to 30 seconds, you snore heavily, and the oxygen levels in your body tend to drop," explains Jassal. "With the oxygen levels dropping, there are surges of high blood pressure that cause stress on the heart, ultimately causing it to thicken over time."

"Between 2007 and 2010, the team followed 47 patients with OSA at St. Boniface General Hospital. What we wanted to do was use blood tests, echocardiography and MRI of the heart to see if people with OSA on CPAP therapy would demonstrate an improvement in the ability of the heart to relax with regression in wall thickness," says Jassal.

Patients had to comply with the study which required them to use their CPAP machine every night for a minimum of four hours over the course of a year. Each of the CPAP devices contained a chip that would record usage date, allowing Jassal to confirm that patients were compliant.

"When we followed these participants for an entire year, the ultrasound and MRI of the heart showed that as early as three months, the structure of the heart favourably remodeled, he explains. "The thinner the walls, the better the ability of the heart to relax."

What prompted the idea of using MRI? According to Jassal, most patients suffering from this specific type of sleep disorder are often quite obese. "All of the previous studies have tried to determine cardiac remodeling using echocardiography (ultrasound of the heart). The major limitation of echo, however, is poor visualization of the heart due to the increased body habitus of this patient population. MRI technology, on the other hand, does not pose any challenge, as you can obtain excellent images of the heart in any patient, regardless of age or body size.

With the findings being made available publicly, "the take home point to the patient is that we now have a study done in 2011 that shows if you are compliant with CPAP therapy, your heart will remodel favourably... and there is a lower chance that in the future you will develop heart problems from the sleep apnea," says Jassal.
URBAN MEDIA LAB IS AN INTRODUCTION to visual methods of representation and related media including drawing, photography and video. According to lab coordinator Scott Barham, the intent is to “critically engage the urban and suburban contexts as a laboratory for investigating cultural values, aesthetic issues, design principles and representational techniques, prerequisite to undertaking design studio work.” The Urban Media Lab is part of the Bachelor of Environmental Design in the Faculty of Architecture and takes place each year in the weeks leading up to the official school year; the lab concludes with an exhibition and celebration of students’ work during the intensive two-week course.

Royal Society of Canada Governor General Lecture Series

We are all Treaty People: Accepting the Queen’s Hand

Professor James Miller, FRSC

Thursday, November 10, 2:30 pm
220 University Centre,
Fort Garry Campus
Reception to follow
Free admission

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