In 2011 the University of Manitoba took possession of the former Southwood Golf Course lands. The land comprises 120 acres on both sides of University Crescent and holds enormous potential for the university to build on a tradition of excellence, best practices and innovation. Over time, the U of M will create a transformative, sustainable, multi-use community space that will be a jewel in Winnipeg’s landscape.

In February, the university began working with stakeholders to build an understanding of how this unique 120-acre landscape can be planned for over time. The ideas garnered from the community will guide an International Urban Design Competition, for which urban planners, architects and landscape architects from around the world will be creating visionary design proposals based on this community-inspired blueprint.

The International Urban Design Competition will be held over the course of several months. However, actual physical development of the lands will not begin for at least two to three years, by which time the comprehensive Master Plan will be complete. In the interim, the university will make the lands available for passive recreational use.

Signage will be posted at all entrances with hours of use and restrictions listed. The lands can be used for recreational use, but not for organized events.

“After over 130 years the University of Manitoba has enjoyed being a part of this community. We are an institution with global but also local influence, and so we strive to be good neighbours. Through on-going dialogue with the area residents, the idea of sharing the property on an interim basis was strongly endorsed,” says Michelle Richard, director, Campus Planning Office.

The maintenance of the space will respect the university’s sustainability model of best practices so no pesticides, chemicals, irrigation, or fertilizers will be used on the land during this interim period.

Much of this project is being overseen by the Campus Planning Office (CPO), which was created last year by President David Barnard. The CPO guides the development of university properties, ensuring any development adheres to the university’s established vision of creating livable communities.

“We have an unprecedented opportunity to develop our properties to make the University of Manitoba and surrounding neighbourhoods even better places to live, to work and to study,” says Barnard. “The Campus Planning Office works with our partners to ensure we are leaders in quality, sustainable urban development.”

For more information about the various initiatives at the Campus Planning Office, please visitumanitoba.ca/campusplanning. A dedicated competition website will be launched in June 2012.
The president, the poet and the university

It's a lucky thing, to have a university president who loves poetry and is willing to share it with me. For me, as a writer and lover of poetry teaching in the department of computer science, it's particularly remarkable that our president (a computer scientist) models how poetry enhances not just his personal life, but also his professional goals. On Thursday, May 10, President David Barnard hosted the second “The President and the Poet.” Two years ago he hosted Irish poet Michael O'Siadhail and this year he hosted esteemed Canadian poet Jan Zwicky. Both evenings were steeped in the challenging beauty of poetry, and I feel glad that President Barnard is willing describe how poetry shapes his life and his vision of the life of the university.

Held in the Pembina Hall Student Lounge (formerly University Club), the room was wrapped in silver and black. A string quartet played in homage of Jan Zwicky's deep love and study of classical music; not only does Zwicky respect and love the music in her poetry, she is also a concert violinist. The tables were adorned with fresh flowers, when Zwicky isn’t thinking, writing or practicing music she gardens.

President Barnard began the evening with a talk on why he loves poetry, and why he uses it in his work at the university.

“Poetry was a thread from a small world into a bigger world,” he said, crediting his parents for introducing him to poems that were “exceptionally meaningful,” citing Browning, Eliot, Shakespeare, Tennyson and Milton. Why does he use poetry in his role as the president? People respond to it, he says simply. When he uses poetry in his speeches people thank him and tell him it meant something to them.

Barnard told the audience about “Northwest Life,” his inaugural address and Michael O’Siadhail’s “Largesse,” which he uses when meeting with new faculty members. According to Barnard, “Largesse” illustrates the possibility of the university creating an environment where people are generous to each other, an environment that will be remembered in people’s lives.

Barnard read Zwicky’s poem “Musicians,” the same poem he cited on the day his presidency was announced. It’s a poem about a group of musicians, standing on the street after a rehearsal; “you can see, they’re still breathing almost in unison... even the gravel dust stirring at their feet is coherent.” His voice full of emotion, President Barnard explained that this poem makes him imagine a university experience that is so deeply meaningful we never want to let go of it.

When Jan Zwicky started reading, she first thanked Barnard for sharing poetry with more than its usual audience of other poets. Then she read poems about the prairies. Although Zwicky now lives in the Quadra islands of the BC coast, she grew up in the Alberta prairies, and told the audience “although the place I live is very beautiful... it is more beautiful here.”

Zwicky read from her third of six books of poetry including Songs for Reinquiring the Earth which won a Governor General award in 1999 and her latest fork, which is currently up for the Griffin Award for Poetry. For those of you who think poetry is too esoteric, Zwicky’s poems show otherwise.

“Small song in praise of baths.”

Bath, don’t be jealous! The shower’s just a show-off.

A crowd favourite was “Bone song” from Robinson’s Crossing: Bones, my thanks for your support, your efforts to convince the world that I can stand up for myself.

Zwicky whose PhD is in the philosophy of logic and science, also read from poems that use lyricism to respond to our human capacity for technology. After reading from her prose, Zwicky ended by reading from Forge, her newest book of poetry and also the darkest and most political selections of the evening.

When the reading ended, people lined up to buy Zwicky’s books and to eat more chevre stuffed mushrooms, which I happen to be a huge fan of. Poetry is not just my passion, it is a deep understand of the world, and this was a beautiful evening that left me feeling part of that world.

Christina Penner

Christina Penner teaches computer science at the U of M. Her research interests include new media texts and the interplay between creative and technical writing. Widows of Hamilton House, her first novel, was shortlisted for three Manitoba book awards, and she currently at work on a new novel about an engineer compelled to build a secret room in the Salk Institute, a research centre renowned for its architectural beauty and world-class biological research.
Staff excellence celebrated with annual awards

BY MARK O’RILEY

The nominees and nominators for the 2012 Support Staff Awards of Excellence were honoured at a luncheon on April 30th. This is the seventh year of these awards, celebrating the contributions of support staff with four separate awards — the President’s, Service, Leadership, and Team Awards.

The prestigious President’s Award recognizes exceptional contributions throughout the support staff member’s career at the U of M. This year’s nominees are: Marcia Bryson, financial services/ROSE; Nancy Kios, office of research services; and Kali Storm, Aboriginal Student Centre.

The Leadership Award celebrates individuals who have led their teams in achieving exceptional results and maintaining positive morale. This year’s nominees are: Charles Burchill, Manitoba Centre for Health Policy; Karen Friesen, Faculty of Education; Terry Hnatuk, office of research services; Angel Kwan, School of Human Ecology; and Brigitte Wiebe, dean’s office, Faculty of Human Ecology.

The Service Award celebrates support staff members who have exhibited a high level of initiative, dedication, and cooperation in their service to students, faculty, staff, and the general public. This award category received the largest number of nominations, including the following: Barb Blackner, administrative services, physical plant; Norma Brown, Faculty of Nursing; Christine Cyr, enrollment services; Linda Blik, dean’s office, Faculty of Kinesiology & Recreation Management; Debbie Gajadhur, facilities department, Faculty of Kinesiology & Recreation Management; Crystal Jorgenson, dean’s office; Faculty of Agricultural & Food Sciences; Thyalen Karthigesu, Faculty of Law; Trudy Lyttle, department of mathematics; Crystal Jorgenson, dean’s office, Faculty of Community Health Sciences; Carla Loewen, University 1; Michelle Lopes, department of mathematics; Trudy Lyttle, department of psychology; Andrea Macintosh, pediatrics & child health; Scott McCulloch, dean’s office.

The Team Award recognizes significant work done by effective, collaborative teams, exceeding the expectations of the stakeholders, and leading to improvements in productivity, or service levels. To qualify for this award at least half of the team needs to be support staff. Teams being recognized with a nomination are: Active Living directors team; architectural services team for the Active Living Centre & recreational infrastructure Canada project; Bison athletic facilities team; design engineering office staff team; graduate orthodontic clinic & graduate orthodontic department support staff team; internationally Educated Engineers Qualification team (IEEQ); marketing communications office (MCO); department of physics & astronomy office team; purchasing services team; U of M Libraries, serials team, technical services.

Congratulations to all the nominees and thanks to the nominators and supporters. The awards were presented at the President’s reception on May 22. For more information, go to the learning and development services (LDS) website, recognition programs.

And the winners are ...

President’s Award: Kali Storm, director, Aboriginal Student Centre

Leadership Award: Terry Hnatuk, research information systems manager, office of research services

Service Award: Trudy Lyttle, technician, department of psychology; Bob Milne, plumber/steamfitter, physical plant; Amber Skrabek, external communications coordinator, Faculty of Engineering; Tom Millar, database/web master, Faculty of Education; Christine Cyr, Aboriginal recruitment officer, enrolment services.

Team Excellence Award: architectural services team, physical plant; graduate orthodontic clinic team, Faculty of Dentistry; serials team, Libraries.

A summer of ROSE (and roses)

BY LINDSAY STEWART GLOR

SUMMER SESSIONS

This year’s annual Campus Beautification Day, happening on May 24, will see a number of Morden roses planted on the Fort Garry campus. As part of its partnership agreement with the U of M, Xerox will be donating close to 1500 Morden roses bushes over the next seven years. While the exact location for the roses hasn’t been confirmed, it is thought that the first bushes will be planted near the Biological Sciences Building. Throughout May and June, 400 people will be attending one of 20 training sessions on the upgrade, which has a new look and feel, and offers a number of enhancements. For those who don’t know, the VIP system encompasses many modules used in administering the human resources, benefits and payroll functions at the university.

To view the training schedule and register, visit the Learning and Development Services page located at: http://umanito.ca/admin/human_resources/lds/ Select “sessions” from the left hand menu; scroll down the list to “HRIS” and select “VIP 7G”.

For questions about VIP training, contact Trina Kajtar, HRIS Supervisor, 474-7930, Trina.Kajtar@ad.umanitoba.ca

Concur Training Wraps Up

The Concur travel and expense system went live last October, and training has been rolling out over the past eight months. The final four group training sessions for the system happen on May 30 and 31 at the Bannatyne Campus and as of June 15, Concur will be the sole way to book travel and claim expenses.

The best resource for those who have questions about booking a trip or filing a claim is their unit expert. To find out who your unit expert is, call or email the Travel Services customer service helpline or find a list of unit experts on the Travel Services web page at: umanitoba.ca/admin/financial_services/travel

The customer service helpline can be accessed by phoning 474-7944 or emailing travelassistant@umanitoba.ca.

May 30-31 Training: Find the exact times and locations here: umanitoba.ca/admin/financial_services/new2012_concur_training_schedule_updated_April.pdf

For more on ROSE, see the website at: >> umanitoba.ca/admin/rose
BY SEAN MOORE
The Bulletin

On May 3, a group of University of Manitoba graduands gathered in University Centre and, after reflecting upon their academic careers, each professed their adoration and appreciation for their favourite teachers.

It was part of the Teacher Recognition Awards, an annual event wherein graduate students invite a professor, and a high school or elementary school teacher, to simultaneously stand in front of a crowd while their greatness is extolled. It’s the kind of event where a box of tissue papers lay at the ready by the podium.

“This is one of the best events of the university year," Mark Torchia, director of University Teaching Services, said prior to the event. “Each year, graduating students give personal and touching tributes to certain men and women who made such a difference in their lives and inspired them to become the trailblazers and champions they are today.

Emotional though it got, surprisingly, elocution did not suffer from sobs or mumbles; perhaps thanks to past oration teachers, or perhaps thanks to the excitement of the day, which gave levity to the speeches.

Coming into the auditorium a young woman remarked to her companion, “This is exciting.”

“So exciting,” the other woman, Mary Hall, said.

“My son Thomas is being recognized but I’m also a teacher and I also teach at the university and that’s why I’m so excited,” Hall explained when asked why she was excited. “I really think it’s wonderful for the university to recognize the people that have made such an impact on the learning of young people through their dedication and their outstanding teaching and their commitment and their care.”

In the event’s 20-year history, over 800 teachers have been honoured. Some teachers come from around the world to attend; this year a teacher came from Dubai. And this year’s event saw, for the first time, a father and son get recognized for their teaching.

Among many of these great teachers were trained by the University of Manitoba’s Faculty of Education, an innovative faculty that challenges its students, amplifying their passion and honing their natural teaching talent.

“The Faculty of Education is dedicated to the development and support of teachers, because these individuals are critical for the wellbeing of our province,” Robert B. Macmillan, Dean of the Faculty of Education said. “For this reason, we are thrilled that so many of the teachers being recognized today are alumni of our Faculty and we are very proud to have participated in their development as influential and inspiring educators.”

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Students’ Teacher Recognition Awards

Student-presenters and recipients, listed in order of faculty and student, K-12 teacher recognized, professor recognized.

Agriculture & Food Sciences: Student Sally Parsonage, Agronomy, honouring Susan Kentner, Baldur School; Mario Tenuta, soil science
Architecture: Student Vajra (Jessyca) Fan, honouring Richard Scarpneck, Pinkham School; Deb Scott, interior design
Arts: Student Kae Sasaki, honouring Hiroyuki Kondo, Takefu Higashi St. High, Gordon Reeve, sculpture
Asper: Student Gretchen Denge, English, film and theatre, honouring Charles McKenna, Meadow West Elementary; Adam Muller, English
Education: Teacher Deondra Taylor, early years stream, honouring Heidi Littig, St. Paul’s High; Ian Hearson, civil engineering
Engineering: Student Mark Heaton, civil engineering, honouring Greg Edwards, Westwood Collegiate; Jeannette Montufar, civil engineering
Human Ecology: Student Ian Montalbo, honouring Lisa Yung, Siler High School; Connie Magalhaes, food & nutritional sciences
Inkineology & Recreation Management: Student Thomas Hall, kinesiology, honouring Larry Franz, St. Paul’s High School; Marion Alexander, human anatomy
Law: Student Brandon Trask, honouring Mary Neely, St. John’s Ravenscourt; Darcy MacPherson, corporations

Dental Hygiene: Student Marissa Dick, honouring Maureen Ferley, Robert Andrews School; Sheryl Sloshower, dental hygiene
Dentistry: Student Phong Tran Luong, honouring Anne Pudavick, Oak Park High School; Frank J. Hechter, orthodontics
Education: Student Deondra Taylor, early years stream, honouring Cathy Letbathridge, Fort Richmond Collegiate; Karen Boyd, language & literacy
Engineering: Student Mark Heaton, civil engineering, honouring Greg Edwards, Westwood Collegiate; Jeannette Montufar, civil engineering
Human Ecology: Student Ian Montalbo, honouring Lisa Yung, Siler High School; Connie Magalhaes, food & nutritional sciences
Kinesiology & Recreation Management: Student Thomas Hall, kinesiology, honouring Larry Franz, St. Paul’s High School; Marion Alexander, human anatomy
Law: Student Brandon Trask, honouring Mary Neely, St. John’s Ravenscourt; Darcy MacPherson, corporations

Teachers deserve to be celebrated for innumerable reasons but one reason seemed prevalent in most speeches, and it was something the Province’s Minister of Advanced Education and Literacy, Erin Selby, noted at the beginning of the event: Great, impactful teachers have the ability to see a student’s potential and nurture it, even before the student knew that potential was there.

Many of these great teachers were trained by the University of Manitoba’s Faculty of Education, an innovative faculty that challenges its students, amplifying their passion and honing their natural teaching talent.

“Professor Gordon Reeve/ You’re the wind beneath our wings/ Flap flap flap flap flap’
I am most inspired when our students display their ability to challenge us, to create, to discover and to lead.

We refer to students as future leaders because they represent potential that has yet to be fully realized. They are capable of great things and have promising futures ahead of them. This gives us much reason for hope and anticipation.

We often can attribute this sense of optimism to the fact that many students are already making their mark as leaders and have already embarked on life-changing, if not world-changing, adventures.

Among this year’s exceptional graduates are a rural Manitoban community after completing family medicine residency in Dauphin; a former nurse and flight attendant who will serve communities across the province. We are proud of the achievement of the 103 MDs graduating today. They represent the future of medicine,” said Health Minister Theresa Oswald. “At the University of Manitoba, education has no borders.

‘At the University of Manitoba, education has no borders’

Matthew Stewart has finished his first year at the I.H. Asper School of Business. He has already used his entrepreneurial skills to bring clean water to the other side of the globe. Matthew has raised $180,000 to build four rainwater harvesting tanks in Tanzania.

Tyra Cox is an Arts student majoring in Native studies who wants to study law. She teaches other young people about pipe ceremonies and traditional teachings. As well, she volunteers at Siloam Mission and with other community organizations. In 2011, Tyra won a Manitoba Aboriginal Youth Award.

Dario Shor is an outstanding award-winning master’s student in electrical and computer engineering. He is project leader of the T-Sat project. The goal of T-Sat is to put a University of Manitoba satellite in space.

Jaysa Nachtigall is president of the Commerce Students’ Association. This spring, she helped organize 5 Days For the Homeless. In addition to raising funds to help homeless Winnipeggers, this event created awareness about an issue that undermines the health, safety and well-being of far too many Manitobans.

Chloe Verie just concluded University 1 and hopes to enter the Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management this fall. A goalkeeper with the Bison’s Women’s Soccer Team, Chloe was named most valuable player in her first season. Like other Bison athletes, she participates in Bisons Against Bullying, a celebrated initiative where our students reach out to prevent bullying in Manitoba schools.

Jacqueline Richelle is a Science student who aspires to study medicine. Last year, she travelled to India with a team led by Dr. Judy Anderson. While there, the team shared muscle fibre isolation techniques with researchers at the Institute for Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine. This research may help future treatment of Muscular Dystrophy or muscle atrophy.

Tyra won a Manitoba Aboriginal Youth Award. She and other students have reached out to prevent bullying in Manitoba schools.

The University of Manitoba held a Convocation Ceremony for medical graduates on May 10 at the Manitoba Brodie Centre Atrium, 727 McDermot Avenue.

Degrees were conferred on 103 medical school graduates: 50 females and 53 males, including three Aboriginal students and 23 with rural backgrounds.

We are also providing opportunities for students to work, visit and study abroad and make the world their classroom.

While I am proud to share these six stories, we could just as easily tell at least 27,000 more — one for each of our students.

They embrace the unexpected, defy convention and carve new paths.

I want to congratulate the 2,900 graduates who will receive their diplomas at Spring Convocation. They will continue to be part of our community of learning, discovery and engagement as they make their transition to valued members of our alumni family.

I am sure we will soon learn of the great success of our alumni as they emerge as the leaders of tomorrow and serve in new roles as the University of Manitoba’s best ambassadors and advocates.

I am most inspired when our students display their ability to challenge us, to create, to discover and to lead.

Huzzah!!

Hats off to our Faculty of Medicine graduates
Dr. George E. Yee

M.D.

A celebrated physician and philanthropist, Dr. George E. Yee is recognized for his commitment to medicine, to his community and to the support of young doctors. Dr. Yee grew up in one of Winnipeg’s poorest neighbourhoods and despite his family’s financial woes, his parents supported and encouraged his pursuit of a university education. In 1960, he graduated from the University of Manitoba’s Faculty of Medicine. A pivotal moment in his career occurred when the faculty’s dean, noticing Dr. Yee’s financial needs, offered him a bursary. Grateful for this help, Dr. Yee vowed to himself that if he were ever fortunate enough to do so, he would give back to the University of Manitoba. Despite his busy schedule as a world-renowned pathologist and a father of four, Dr. Yee has never forgotten his vow. Dr. Yee challenged his classmates to donate funds which he would match dollar for dollar, to assist medical students. The result: the University of Manitoba Class of 1960 Entrance Scholarship in Medicine. What is more, to honour his mother’s memory, Dr. Yee established the Pauline Yee Harrison Medical Student Bursary at the University of Manitoba. He is also a sustaining member of the Ontario Medical Student Bursary Fund.

In 2001, Dr. Yee received the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Life Membership Award. In 2002, he received the Canadian Medical Association’s Senior Membership Award. And, in 2007, he received the OMA’s Advocate for Student Awards. Today, Dr. Yee is awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Sciences from the University of Manitoba. He is also a sustaining member of the Ontario Medical Student Bursary Fund.

Lloyd Robertson

O.C., L.L.D. (Royal Roads)

Admired as one of the most trusted journalists in Canada, Lloyd Robertson is recognized for his dedication to informing and educating Canadian citizens through comprehensive and objective reporting. For over 60 years he reported to Canadians on events that mattered to them. He covered the election of nearly half of Canada’s Prime Ministers, and the death of four of them. He was there when the Berlin Wall rose, and he reported back to us when it fell. He covered the moon landing and the Gulf War. He informed us during Royal weddings, and equanimity, Mr. Robertson has shaped the way generations of Canadians understood their country and its place in the world.

Tannis Richardson

B.Sc. H.Ec., O.C.

A dedicated philanthropist and volunteer, Tannis Richardson is an enthusiastic champion of her community and its people. Her lifelong commitment to local and international charitable causes is why her name is so well loved in Winnipeg and why she is being awarded an honourary degree today.

Since graduating in 1948 from the University of Manitoba’s Home Economics Program (now the Faculty of Human Ecology), Mrs. Richardson has made a difference in countless lives through her dedication to arts, health and cultural organizations in Winnipeg and Canada.

Mrs. Richardson is also a long-time benefactor and leader of the Health Sciences Centre Foundation and in 1991 she was the first recipient of the Foundation’s Laureate of Excellence Award, which was established to recognize the contributions of individuals in the community. Mrs. Richardson is a Member of the Order of Canada and she has served on the boards of Rainbow Stage, the Manitoba Opera Association, the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra and the Canadian Association of Youth Orchestras.

She has supported and volunteered for a multitude of organizations and she is especially committed to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) of Canada, chairing the local fundraising committee and serving on the national Executive Committee and Board of Chancellors, as well as serving with JDRF International. In recognition of her dedication and tireless effort, she was honoured with the One Step Closer Award from the Juvenile Research Foundation International.

There are few communities, organizations or causes in Manitoba that have not benefited from Mrs. Richardson’s selfless generosity. Today, we welcome her back home to the University of Manitoba and honour her ability to envision a better world and to make it so.
Sir Gordon Ying Sheng Wu
B.Sc., GBS, KCMG, FICE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 30 AT 9:30 AM
A visionary entrepreneur, philanthropist and innovator, Sir Gordon Ying Sheng Wu is recognized with an Honourary Doctor of Laws for his passionate commitment to higher education and his transformative impact on East Asia and the world.

Sir Gordon was one of the first international students to come to Canada from Hong Kong, arriving at the University of Manitoba in 1953. Sir Gordon studied at the University of Manitoba for only one year before going to Princeton University to earn his civil engineering degree in 1958, but he never forgot the special opportunity the University of Manitoba first afforded him. He has given generously to the University of Manitoba, helping support the construction of the Faculty of Engineering’s new home – the Engineering Information and Technology Complex.

Upon returning home from his studies, Sir Gordon showed exquisite business acumen, expanding the family’s taxi cab business to include hospitality and infrastructure interests. This inspired Sir Gordon to create Hopewell Holdings Limited, a Hong Kong-based company that has helped modernize parts of Asia by building bridges, superhighways and power stations.

The King of Belgium, Albert II, awarded Sir Gordon the Chevalier de l’Ordre de la Couronne in 1985 and the Officer de l’Ordre de la Couronne in 2007. In 1997 the Queen of England knighted him into the Order of St. Michael and St. George. Then, in 2007, he received the Order of Croatian Danica by the Republic of Croatia. As one of the pioneering forces behind East Asia’s economic rise, Sir Gordon continues to dedicate his prodigious engineering skills and foresight to designing and building vertical axis, wind-powered turbines to help China tap clean energy. At age 73 he has not stopped trailblazing.

Douglas Cardinal
THURSDAY, MAY 31 AT 9:30 AM
As the creative mind behind some of Canada’s most iconic buildings, Douglas Cardinal is recognized for his bold vision and commitment to his Indigenous heritage.

Mr. Cardinal creates architecture marked by smooth organic lines and influenced by his Canadian and Aboriginal heritage. His visionary work has earned him accolades around the world and eight honorary doctorate degrees from Canadian universities; he earns his ninth today from the University of Manitoba.

Graduating with a degree in architecture from the University of Texas at Austin in 1963, Mr. Cardinal’s creative vision began to take shape in western Canada where he designed St. Mary’s Church in Red Deer, Alberta. The church is made of brick and every wall, even the roof, is curved.

Mr. Cardinal’s unique, pioneering style of architecture, rich in curvilinear forms, evokes the Canadian landscape and his Aboriginal ancestry. He believes that the design of buildings is a spiritual endeavor which demands collaboration and respect. And as his visionary creations grew ever-more complex, Mr. Cardinal began innovating the design process by incorporating computers into it; he was one of the first architects to do so.

In 1983 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada. In 1990 he was awarded the Order of Canada. In 2003 he was elected a Member of the Royal Society of Canada.

Mr. Cardinal is recognized today for being an innovator, a creator, a visionary and a trailblazer.

Sister M. Cyril Mooney
Ph.D., IVBM
THURSDAY, MAY 31 AT 3:00 PM
A champion of the poor and disenfranchised, Sister Cyril Mooney is recognized for her commitment to education and her work to challenge the caste system in India.

Sr. Cyril belongs to the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Loreto) and in 1979 was named Principal of Loreto Day School Sealdah in Kolkata (formerly Calcutta), India. The school was founded as an exclusively upper-class private school for girls. That changed when Sr. Cyril took the helm: the school opened itself to everyone, of any caste, class or religion. Now, of the 1,500 students, half come from families that pay full tuition fees that support the other half of the student body which pays nothing and receives high-quality education, medicine, food, books and uniforms. Bringing these two groups together into a cohesive, cooperative student body was, and remains, a revolutionary act.

Her school’s staff and resources have built five other schools in Kolkata slums, providing access to the same high-quality education for an additional 6,500 students. Going further, Sr. Cyril created the Barefoot Teaching Program, which has trained 7,000 teachers who have reached 350,000 poor children in the city who otherwise would have no access to education. The model of education she developed is now being adopted by the state system of India.

Recognized as an education innovator, Sr. Cyril received the UNESCO’s NOMA Award in 1994 for spreading literacy. In 2007, the President of India honoured her with the Padma Shri Award, the Government of India’s fourth-highest civilian honour; Mother Teresa is the only other foreign-born recipient. Sr. Cyril is recognized today for transforming the lives of thousands of others in India with her innovative approach to education.
Robert J. Elias
B.Sc. (Hons.)
(University of Manitoba);
M.S. (University of Cincinnati);
Ph.D. (University of Cincinnati)
Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Sauderson Award for Excellence in Teaching
TUESDAY, MAY 29 AT 9:30 AM

An exceptional teacher, award-winning researcher and holder of a world record for his work, Robert J. Elias is dedicated to his students and to furthering knowledge in geology. Dr. Elias began his studies at the University of Manitoba and in 1978 returned to the U of M's department of earth sciences to take a post as lecturer. The following year he became an assistant professor and since 1988 he has taught as a professor in the department of geological sciences. Despite his reputation with students for crafting difficult tests, they describe him as "awesome". Known for his humour and slideshows, Dr. Elias has received various teaching and research awards over the course of his career. In 2000, he and co-authors won the People's Choice Award at GeoCanada 2000 for their poster, "The world's biggest trilobite: a giant among arthropods". That same year Guinness World Records gave him a certificate for having the world's largest collection of trilobites. In 2001, Elias and some colleagues won the U of M's Outreach Award for their work on creating the Ed Leith Cretaceous Menagerie. In 2005 he received the Paleontological Research Institution's Gilbert Harris Award for excellence in systematic palaeontology.

Subramanian Sivaramakrishnan
B.Sc.
(Madras Christian College, India);
MBA
(Bharathiar University, India);
Ph.D. (Penn State University)
Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Sauderson Award for Excellence in Teaching
WEDNESDAY, MAY 30 AT 3:00 PM

Recognized for his extensive knowledge, humour and dedication to his students and community, Dr. Sivaramakrishnan is an award-winning educator and researcher. Dr. Subramanian "Subbu" Sivaramakrishnan began teaching at the University of Manitoba's Asper School of Business in 1999. He is also currently a visiting professor of marketing at the Universidad de Murcia in Spain and Baruch College in Singapore and Taiwan. His students praise his dedication to teaching and ability to make them enthusiastic about learning. His students enjoy his ability to infuse lectures with humorous anecdotes and to provide abundant examples to illustrate points. This is Dr. Sivaramakrishnan's fifth teaching award. He began receiving teaching awards in 1994 at Penn State University where he was given the university-wide Outstanding Teaching Award. In 1998, at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, he won the university-wide Award for Innovative Teaching. In 2002 the Aspen School of Business presented him with the Associates Award – Teaching, and in 2009 the school honoured him with the CMA Merit Award for Research, Teaching, and Service. Dr. Sivaramakrishnan has written two marketing textbooks and, in the last six years alone, he has authored ten refereed publications and delivered a number of conference presentations. He's involved in numerous committees and has conducted pro bono market research projects for organizations such as the Festival du Voyageur, Royal Winnipeg Ballet, Manitoba Museum and the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

Pauline Broderick
B.A. (University of Winnipeg);
Cert. in Education
(University of Manitoba);
M.Ed. (University of Manitoba)
Olive Beatrice Stanton Award for Teaching Excellence
THURSDAY, MAY 31 AT 9:30 AM

Ms. Broderick began teaching at the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Education in 2005 with a focus on arts education. She inspires her students with a passion for the arts which she has carried with her from her days as a teacher at the Prairie Theatre Exchange Theatre School. While there, she expanded the theatre's role in using drama as a means of developing life skills and social awareness through her work with the Choices Program, an anti-gang initiative, and the University of Brandon's After School Program. She has also been an active member of the Matties Theatre Movement. Since 2006 she has been a member of the Faculty of Education. Ms. Broderick is recognized for her extensive knowledge, humour and dedication to her students. Pauline Broderick instills her students with a passion for drama and knowledge she holds.

Barbara Goodwin
B.A. (University of Manitoba);
B.N. (University of Manitoba);
M.N. (University of Alberta)
Olive Beatrice Stanton Award for Teaching Excellence
THURSDAY, MAY 31 AT 3:00 PM

Recognized as an exceptional educator, Barbara Goodwin is an award-winning professor who uses humour and her extensive experience to infuse students with a passion for nursing. Ms. Goodwin re-joined the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Nursing in 2005 to resume her teaching career. Prior to that, she was a staff nurse at Winnipeg Health Sciences Centre and a clinical education facilitator in the U of M's Faculty of Nursing. In 2002, she moved to Alberta to obtain her Master's degree and while there worked as a staff nurse in the Neurosurgical Intensive Care Unit at the University of Alberta Hospital. During that time she also worked as a staff nurse in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit and Intermediate Intensive Care Unit at the Health Sciences Centre. She began receiving graduate scholarship awards in 2002, when she was awarded two. In 2004, she won another two. In 2011 she won Favourite Faculty Award in the U of M's Faculty of Nursing. Ms. Goodwin won that award again in 2012. This comes as no surprise to her students who proclaim her to be the "best prof ever". She is known for her lighthearted approach, ability to explain complex material, and for possessing a humour that can lighten the mood of a challenging course.
GOVERNOR GENERAL’S MEDALS

AWARDED FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AT THE GRADUATE LEVEL

GOLD

Prateep Kumar Nayak
AWARDED FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AT THE GRADUATE LEVEL

SILVER

Jonas Lippuner
AWARDED FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AT THE UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL

BRONZE

Garrett Mitchell Blake
AWARDED FOR HIGHEST STANDING IN THE TWO YEAR DIPLOMA PROGRAM IN AGRICULTURE

BRONZE

Carla Marie Zamrykut
AWARDED FOR HIGHEST STANDING IN THE TWO YEAR DIPLOMA PROGRAM IN ART, DENTAL HYGIENE, OR THE ABORIGINAL FOCUS PROGRAMS

PROGRAM MEDALS

Agricultural and Food Sciences

Kelvin Scott Friesen
Agriculture, Robert Andrew Gousseau
Agroecology, Lindsay Charlotte Gesiel
Food Science, Hao Yang
ART

Fine Arts Studio, Tracy Frances Tomchuk
Fine Arts Studio Honours, Lisa Renee Bedard
ARTS

General Degree, Caroline Anne Dubois
Advanced Degree, Duncan Alexander Morrison
Honours Degree, Stephanie Lynn Berrington

Asper School of Business

Aboriginal Business Studies Major, Dana Grace Kehnich
Accounting Major, Christopher Ka-Shumi Kwan
Finance Major, Gillian Dawn Purvis
Actuarial Mathematics Major, Yuchen Mu
Finance Major, Shannon Carol Jones
Human Resources Management / Industrial Relations, Matthew James Becker
International Business Major, Robyn Lynn Eaglesham
Logistics and Supply Chain Management Major, Assad Sultan Akhtar
Management Information Systems Major, Tara Lynne Tuck
Marketing Major, Josee Michaud Lepine

Dental Hygiene

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EDUCATION

Early Years Stream, Melissa Jeanette Peniuta
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Engineering

BioSystems, Stacey Renee Stedham
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SCIENCE

General Degree, Shannon Christine Yvonne Moberic
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“The university is delighted that Manitoba-born entrepreneur and I.H. Asper School alumnus Stu Clark will be recognized as the 30th IDEA recipient; a true trailblazer, he rightfully stands among the other great international entrepreneurs recognized in the past,” said President David Barnard.

Clark is a Calgary oil and gas entrepreneur, Chairman of Storm Resources and Rock Energy and lead director of Chinook Energy. Clark is also chairman of Alliance Trust Company, a private trust and shareholder services firm. Born and raised in Manitoba and educated in Brandon and Winnipeg, he started his entrepreneurial career in the oil and gas industry in Calgary. He earned his B. Comm. (Hons.) from the University of M in 1976, and in 2011 was recognized by the university with an Honourary Doctor of Laws.

A renowned entrepreneur, philanthropist and volunteer, Clark is recognized for supporting a variety of charities and educational institutions in Canada. His donation to the University of M enabled the establishment of the Stu Clark Centre for Entrepreneurship in the I.H. Asper School of Business, Clark also became a director of The Friends of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights this year.

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Asper team offered $1.7 million in business competition presentation

A team from the Asper School of Business took home the prize for Best Business Plan — and possibly a big business deal — at this year’s Global Venture Labs Investment Competition.

Students Ralf Richardson, Gary Gervais, Brady Fisher, Jeremy Muszyka and Elena Roussak presented a plan for Solvent Inc., a company that produces GeoTop, the most eco-friendly countertop on the market. It’s made from 95 per cent recycled materials and has the aesthetic diversity of laminate and the durability and appearance of granite or quartz.

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“Seeing our students perform well at what many refer to as the premier world-wide investment competition was truly a great experience for me,” says Jerrod Falk, the team’s faculty advisor and an instructor in the University of Manitoba’s Department of Accounting and Finance at the Asper School. “The group worked very hard in preparing for this event. They submitted a solid business plan and presented a fantastic pitch. They should be incredibly proud of their accomplishments.”

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The Manitoba Medical Service Foundation and Manitoba Blue Cross are proud to celebrate the 2011 recipients of the personal and research grants competition.

Thank you for choosing to establish your research career in Manitoba.

http://www.mb.bluecross.ca
BY MARIANNE MAYS WEEBE

The Bulletin

From the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences to Fine Art, from Asper School of Business to the Faculty of Medicine to School of Engineering, students find very particular benefits in their programs at the University of Manitoba.

The Bulletin spoke to several graduands about where they’ve come from, where they are going, how they feel the U of M has prepared them for what’s next, and what they’ve appreciated about the time in their programs.

“Sweet little utopia”: Kae Sasaki

The Japanese immigrant since 2000 says she always wanted to study fine art. Married to a math and physics teacher and human rights activist who founded RESPECT, where she served as art director, Kae Sasaki took eight years to complete her degree while raising young children and keeping a full time job. She calls the School of Art a “sweet little utopia” for the “warm support” she felt from faculty and the opportunities afforded her by her time in the program.

The painting major has been commissioned to make a bronze sculpture for the “Sculptural Experience” through the Collaboration to Promote Art and Music (CPAM) project and to join the four other permanent sculptures by students in the plaza surrounding University Centre (one of her favourite places on campus, along with the Art Barn). Sasaki also has a solo painting show coming up at the Winnipeg Art Gallery. It will draw from her thesis work entitled “In Praise of Shadows,” which consists of 24 oil paintings depicting Grimm’s Snow White but with references to both eastern and western influences and symbolism.

“Push yourself — a safe and supportive environment to explore new ideas and initiatives”: Mark Hearson

Mark Hearson’s favourite time of year on campus is fall, not only because it’s beautiful, but because of the “sense of a fresh start.”

This fall, the 2011 Rhodes Scholar will be experiencing autumn in Oxford, where he will pursue a Master of Philosophy from the School of Geography with coursework relating to nature, society and environmental policy. “My degree at the U of M has provided me with knowledge of many of the physical systems that surround us, whether it be roads, dams, sewers or buildings,” he reflects. He’s confident in the quality of his education, he says, and thoroughly enjoyed his time at university.

Upon entering the Faculty of Engineering, he says, he was told by a previous senior nick that “university is a safe and supportive environment to explore new ideas and initiatives, and to push yourself to do things you previously might not have believed yourself to be capable of.” Hearson found those words to be true.

“A solid foundation and countless opportunities”: Sally Parsonage

Growing up on a farm outside Baldur, Manitoba was perhaps Sally Parsonage’s biggest influence in helping her choose what to pursue at university. She says that her faculty has the added bonus of boasting a “great, close-knit student body held together by a passion for agriculture.”

She has put her own passion to use as a student ambassador for the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, speaking to high school students and parents around the province about the opportunities available within the faculty, something she calls one of the highlights of her time in the program.

She has also enjoyed her master’s program in soil science at the U of M, asserting that her B.Sc. from U of M has given her “a solid foundation to build my career on, and professors and staff have provided me with countless opportunities to learn and grow within my chosen industry and in my life.”

Winnipeg home boy, and ‘proud to be a U of M graduate’: Mark Lipson

Another native Winnipegger and graduate going on to further studies is Faculty of Medicine graduate Mark Lipson. He is going on to Calgary to complete five years of training to become a general surgeon.

According to Lipson, choosing U of M for his medical education was not difficult, in spite of being offered positions at other universities. “Manitoba is my home and so it was an easy choice to attend medical school at the U of M.” Significant support in the form of an entrance scholarship also played a factor, he adds.

He calls the Bannatyne Campus “a bit of a hidden gem,” and says his favourite place on campus lately is the newly renovated Neil John Maclean Health Sciences Library in the Brodie Centre.

Reflecting on his education, he says, “Having already completed rotations across the country as a medical student, I know the strong clinical reputation of the U of M. Our graduates are well trained and competent, often functioning above their level compared to other medical students across the country.”

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“Go where you are appreciated and valued”: Emmanuel Rotimi (Timi) Ojo

After graduating with a Bachelor of Agriculture degree in 2008, this top student from Nigeria says that his choice of U of M for his postgraduate studies was simple. “My advisor and co-advisor showed genuine interest in me, even though they hadn’t met me. We had great conversations, helped me through the process of applying for scholarships and informed me about the research I would work on,” says Ojo.

But Ojo has passed on the appreciation, too. One of his first stops at the university, he says, was the International Students Centre (ISC), for which he soon became a volunteer. “The orientation program by the ISC was very insightful, the staff was welcoming and their immediate impression of the university dispelled any uncertainty,” he says.

In fact, Ojo calls this involvement a highlight. “It is exciting to see the academic and other talents kept him very busy through his program at the U of M. Involvement in the Institute of Transportation Engineers (IITE) student chapter led to him to become increasingly interested in transportation engineering. Hearson’s other activities, he says, “ranged from intramural sports to student government work with the U of M Engineering Society, from sitting on search committees for new professors to being involved with student groups and technical societies, and from working as a research assistant at the university during summer terms to simply enjoying university life.”

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“More than just an education”: Danielle Orusko

Native Winnipegger Danielle Orusko entered the Asper School of Business directly after high school and graduated from her program in December 2011. She started working in her field in January 2012.

Orusko credits the program with providing “the practical skills, life experiences and a strong foundational knowledge” she needed. Her highlights include her participation in two programs: the Arni C. Thorsteinson Exchange Program and the Co-op program.

The co-op program allowed her to work for three different companies in three very different roles before graduating. “This program has allowed me the flexibility to try different jobs and helped me to identify what I am looking for in an employer, position and career,” she says.

She feels she has proven to both her academic advisor and the Asper School of Business that one of the best business schools in Canada. “My experiences let me explore outside classroom walls, ensuring a balanced education,” she adds.

“Being at U of M provided me with more than just an education; it gave me the chance to embrace new and different opportunities.”
**RECOMMENDED READING**

*ENDLESS SUMMER OF LOVE*

**Luke Tromly.**

LUKE TROMLY: Last month my treat novel was The Pregnant Widow by Martin Amis. Most of the novel is set in a city in Italy, where a group of English university friends spend the Summer of Love drinking, sunbathing topless and making sense of their own sexual desires against the backdrop of a seemingly permissive age. Amis is a sharp writer of dialogue and really captures the tone of young people saying cruel and outrageous things.

Novels by Amis often feature intellectual young men whose shallowness emerges as they pursue elusive, exotic women, and The Pregnant Widow is no exception; here, the well-read youth is a working-class student named Keith intent on cheating on his girlfriend with a mutual friend, a wealthy and outrageous thing.

The story follows Keith as the erotic utopia that the late 1960s seem to offer fades. As he ages, the rest of his life is determined by the mishaps of that summer. The Pregnant Widow captures the feeling of being young in a young world, and then suddenly becoming older. It's also full of dark humour: Amis is the only living writer funny enough to make me enjoy reading about English class resentment.

Luke Tromly is an Associate Professor in the Department of English, Film, and Theatre, where he teaches modernism and American literature.

Recommmend a book in 250 words: bulletin@umanitoba.

**BY U OF M STAFF AND FACULTY**

The dominant perspective on disability, Deborah Stienstra points out in her new book *About Canada: Disability Rights,* is the “medical model,” which says “people are disabled because they have an impairment or disease.” This model aims to identify what makes disabled individuals different from what is considered normal and to try to treat or fix that in order to maximize the individual's functioning.

Instead, what is needed is a “social model of disability” which makes a clear distinction between the impairment and the disabling effects of society in relation to the impairment. The social model recognizes a wide range of bodies and identifies the barriers and negative attitudes in society as the main factor in disabling people. Disability, in other words, is socially constructed. It is not the inability to walk that prevents a person from entering a building that is inaccessible to a wheelchair user.

The challenge then of disability rights, Stienstra writes, is to “recognize the ways in which we discriminate or exclude people with impairments and conditions, and work to change so that there can be full participation, inclusion and access for all people in Canada.” Through the stories and voices of people who face barriers as a result of their disability and an examination of employment, education, transportation, telecommunications and health care, Stienstra, a professor of disability studies at the U of M, finds that Canadians with disabilities still experience significant barriers in maintaining their human rights. Achieving disability rights for the more than 4.4 million people in Canada who live with a disability will not happen through fixing so-called disabled bodies, but with universal design and social and economic supports. “It requires all Canadians to recognize and redress attitudes, cultural images and policies that make people with disabilities invisible... It involves the simple recognition and honouring of the dignity, autonomy and rights of all people.”

About Canada: Disability Rights is published by Fernwood Publishing. Deborah Stienstra is a professor in disability studies, Faculty of Graduate Studies, through The Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice. Her areas of specialization are disability policy, gender and disability; globalization; disability and peace.
Ten Indigenous high school students from Northern Manitoba have experienced the thrill of doing exploratory research first-hand at the University of Manitoba.

It’s part of the Verna J. Kirkness Science Education Program. Students from Frontier School District, representing First Nations, Metis and Inuit communities, are working in pairs with a post-doctoral or graduate student from the U of M, experiencing trailblazing research first-hand. The students are also staying in residence to further immerse themselves in the U of M’s exciting culture and campus lifestyle.

On May 17, Jim Rondeau, Minister of Healthy Living, Seniors and Consumer Affairs, spoke at a feast held at Migizii Agamik on the Fort Garry Campus to celebrate the program. The Minister was joined by Verna Kirkness, Manitoba Health and Services Minister, and Vice-Chancellor David Barnard. “It is our honour to engage in research and experience life on campus. The students are also staying in residence to further immerse themselves in the U of M’s exciting culture and campus lifestyle.”

The students in this year’s program are coming from communities throughout Manitoba’s Frontier School Division: Rorketon school in Rorketon; West Lynn Heights in Lynn Lake; Helen Betty Osborne school in Norway House; Frontier College Institute in Cranberry Portage; Frontier Mosakahiken school in Moose Lake; Leaf Rapids Education school in Leaf Rapids; and Minegizibi Anishinabe school in Camperville.

The Office of the Vice-President, Academic and Provost is a sponsor of the event and six faculty members from the university have been assigned to host the students in their laboratories. They include: Rotimi Aluko and James Frield in Human Nutritional Sciences; Nancy Ames and Curtis Rempel in the Richardson Centre for Functional Foods and Nutraceuticals; Soil Science’s Anemieke Farenhorst, NSERC Chair for Women in Science and Engineering; and Robert Hoppa in Anthropology.

“The Frontier School District students are not the only ones who benefit from this program. The mentors (the professors, graduate students, and post-doctoral students) relish the opportunity to give back to the community and to witness the students’ excitement and wonder of doing research for the first time,” said Ron Woznow, the founder of the Verna J. Kirkness Foundation.

Participating students are photographing their experience with the Verna J. Kirkness Science Education Program. To view more photos, visit the U of M on Facebook.

The U of M will host the third annual Conference of the Canadian Engineering Education Association (CEEA) from June 17 to 20. This year’s theme is “Examining Future Directions in Engineering Education.” With more than 100 reviewed presentations, it will address the full spectrum of teaching and learning in the engineering environment.

Engineering education provides the academic base upon which graduates build their careers and involves a mix of specialized technical competence and a broad understanding of the environment, physical, social and economic, they will contribute to. The CEEA conference will provide a place for those who deliver engineering education across the country to share both research findings and in-class experience to make the process better.

The conference will feature two focused workshops on June 17: “Teaching Workplace Health and Safety” and “Responding to the new Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board Attributes.”

On June 18, a symposium addresses the conference theme. The proceedings from this session will be recorded and transcribed for distribution.

The evening of June 19 will feature the presentation “Where can an engineering education take you?” by author Terry Fallis, an engineering graduate who applied his education in a less than traditional manner. His first book The Best Laid Plans was published in 2008, and his second book, The High Road, won the 2011 Canada Reads Award for Humour and the sequel, The New Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board Attributes.

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The future of engineering education

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Leadership Award: Jeannette Montufar

Project on Chinese immigrants in Manitoba.

Manager for a digital archive and oral history of the Winnipeg Chinese Cultural and Community Friendship Association and serving on the board.

Active community volunteer, organizing and promoting publications, and Chen has also been an advocate for pedestrian safety and accessibility.

Department of History, moved to Winnipeg in 1992 and has been involved in the mobility of aging Canadians. Montufar was the first Manitoban to receive the Engineers Canada Award for Pedestrian Crossing Control.

Her groundbreaking research has focused on the accommodation of all transportation users in urban areas, which has, in turn, significantly increased the safety of pedestrians using our transportation system.

Events

University of Manitoba

LECTURES, SYMPOSIA, SEMINARS

NURSING SEMINAR

Tuesday, May 30 | 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Development and Testing of the Quality of Prenatal Care Questionnaire (QPCQ)

By Maureen Heaman. In 370 Helen Glass Centre for Nursing. Contact site scheduler to participate via Telehealth. For more information contact 975-7114 option 2.

FUNCTIONAL FOOD AND NATURAL HEALTH PRODUCTS GRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

June 4 to 6 | 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Keynote speakers and research presentation by graduate students. At St. John’s College, Robert B. Schultz Lecture Theatre. To register: (204) 474-6411, or via: functionfoods.committee@gmail.com. See more at: www.inaluelat.ca/index.php?id=17482L=1

TRANSIT OF VENUS OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, June 7

The astronomy group in the department of Physics & astronomy is planning an open house event to observe the transit of Venus on Tuesday June 5. Events start at 3:30 p.m.

SNEAKER DAY

Thursday, June 7

For more info: Bison Active Living Website

NURSING SEMINAR

Tuesday, June 21 | 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

"Photovoice as Innovative Methodology for Exploring Rural Women’s Health in Manitoba" by Lynn Scruby & Hazel Rona. In 370 Helen Glass Centre for Nursing. Contact site scheduler to participate via Telehealth.

For more information contact 975-7114 option 2.

U of M women of distinction

They are intelligent, giving and accomplished women and now they are officially Women of Distinction.

Winners of the Women of Distinction Career Award: Tina Chen, associate professor, department of history, moved to Winnipeg in 1999 when she was recruited by the U of M as its first historian with a research specialization in modern Chinese history. Her writings on Chinese cultural history in the fields of film, fashion, cultural politics and Chinese migration have been published in national and international publications, and Chen has also been an active community volunteer, organizing and promoting in a number of cultural and community events, including the Chinatown Street Festival, Folklorama, the Canada-China Friendship Association and serving on the board of the Winnipeg Chinese Cultural and Community Centre. With a colleague, she was the project manager for a digital archive and oral history project promoting public engagement with the database.

Winner of the Women of Distinction Leadership Award: Jeannette Montufar, department of civil engineering, has revolutionized the accommodation of all transportation users by explicitly incorporating the needs of older pedestrians and people with physical disabilities.

Winner of the Women of Distinction Community Impact Award: Pham has personally led two Canadian medical teams to Vietnam, offering clinical services and education.

Family social sciences turns 40

On April 26, over 40 alumni, graduate students and faculty members gathered to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Master of Science program in the department of family social sciences (FSS).

Celebrations began with a wine and cheese event, followed by a dinner in Marshall McCluhan Hall. The Kaleb Kirby Trio jazz ensemble contributed to the celebratory ambiance of the evening. The group includes students and graduate students to connect and reminisce with each other.

Keynote speakers from each decade (Denise Koss, Mia Eckblad, Rachel Ens and Hugh Turnbull) reflected on their career paths and the value of their graduate school experiences.

Graduates of the Master of Science program have pursued careers in a rapidly growing field, including positions in both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Undergraduate students can design their own program by combining any of the five areas of specialization within the department—aging and development, health, child and youth development, child and family, economics and health; and family violence and social development. The department has expanded its focus to include global issues such as maternal-child Indigenous health, food insecurity in indigenous peoples of Brazil and children's rights.

Graduate of FSS are equipped to conduct program planning and evaluation and can work with well-being of individuals, families and communities.

The Department offers a Summer Institute in Program Evaluation for both undergraduate and graduate students each year. FSS students can also choose to gain real world experience in the community with the Field Experience course, which offers local and global opportunities.

The department is rich in research with 10 faculty members who conduct research both locally and globally. Master of Science graduates can further their education at the doctoral level with an advisor from Family Social Sciences in the Applied Health Sciences doctoral program, the Individual Interdisciplinary Studies doctoral program or the Peace and Conflict Studies doctoral program.
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Wednesday, June 13, 2012

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St. John’s College
Fort Garry Campus

Featured speakers:
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(Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics)
Rick Holley
(Food Science)
Joyce Slater
(Human Nutritional Sciences)
Shirley Thompson
(Natural Resources Institute)

For more information, visit: umanitoba.ca/about/vc/postercompetition

The Centre on Aging's Annual Spring Research Symposium

Dialogue on Aging

Monday, May 7, 2012
8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Brodie Centre Atrium
727 McDermot Ave.
Bannatyne Campus,
University of Manitoba

To register or for more information, visit: umanitoba.ca/centres/aging/events/384.html

‘Bringing the doctor home to the kitchen table’
Nursing professor explores benefits of providing patients with audio recordings of life-changing appointments

Tom Hack, professor in the Faculty of Nursing, teaches undergraduate and graduate students about research methods. The faculty is celebrating National Nursing Week May 6 to 12.

BY KATIE CHALMERS-BROOKS
For The Bulletin

A patient’s first meeting with a cancer specialist can feel like a blur. Anxiety runs high and individuals often leave their oncologist’s office not fully understanding their prognosis or treatment options, according to research by clinical psychologist Tom Hack.

He wants to change this by arming cancer patients with a simple tool for that high-stress consultation: an audio recorder.

Typically, a patient’s initial meeting with the oncologist is when they learn what their future will hold. “They could find out if they have six months to live or six years,” Hack says.

“In very high levels of anxiety you’re unable to process information well, so you don’t learn, you don’t recall. I want to empower patients at a time when they’re very vulnerable and important decisions need to be made.”

Hack has led two randomized control studies — the largest of their kind in the world to date — that involved more than 1,000 newly diagnosed breast or prostate cancer patients across Canada. Some were provided with audio recordings of their first conversation with their specialist. They could then listen at home and also play the recording for family members.

Interviews with the patients revealed those who had a recording felt they had been adequately informed about their disease and treatment. They reported reduced anxiety, enhanced retention of information, more informed decision making, and improved communication with their families.

“We like having the recording to bringing the doctor home to the kitchen table,” Hack says, noting 29 per cent of patients indicated it helped them decide on their treatment. “Which is really really powerful.”

He counsels patients at CancerCare Manitoba and sees firsthand the devastation the disease causes. “Cancer shows no mercy, kind of like a thief. It just comes in and takes your life away from you. It doesn’t matter if you’re a good person or not.”

“Some argue audio recordings are inappropriate for those consultations that involve such dire news, but Hack believes the opposite. One patient on an advisory panel told him that listening to a recording of her doctor telling her and her husband that her cancer was no longer treatable and her care would switch to palliative, actually helped them.

Before listening, the couple compared notes based on memory and their accounting differed. When they played the recording, they realized they were both wrong.

“She said there was far more hope provided than what she remembered,” says Hack. “They hear the bad news then they tune out. They are in shock.”

Hack’s findings prompted a hospital in Calgary to record the first consultations between doctors and prostate cancer patients. He would like to see recordings offered free of charge to cancer patients worldwide, including at CancerCare Manitoba. The oncology nurses would arrange the recordings and save them to USB drives for the patients to take home.

Hack is now collaborating with researchers in Australia, studying the benefits of consultation recording for patients who don’t speak English and rely on a translator, often a family member who happens to be present. The concern is that volunteer translators may not get it right either intentionally, to protect their loved one, or unintentionally by misunderstanding. If patients had a recording they could take it to an independent translator.

Hack has also teamed up with researchers in the United Kingdom to examine the benefits of providing a recording to brain cancer patients, whose medical condition often affects their ability to remember.

Having a recording allows patients to take more of an active role in their health since they are more informed and therefore less likely to simply defer to their doctor. And ethically speaking, Hack notes, patients must be properly informed before agreeing to any treatment.

“But they’re so frightened, so scared and they don’t recall, I would argue that they can’t be fully and completely informed treatment consumers.”
SPOTLIGHT ON >> BISON ACTIVE LIVING

Summer programs kick off: Get set for Mini U children’s day camps and more

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For The Bulletin

It’s the time of year when kids start looking forward to the summer months ahead. The sun is up long before our days begin and every morning is one morning closer to the end of another school year.

It’s also the time of year when Jay Gamey, director of Bison children’s programs, and his team are preparing to welcome approximately 5,500 children to the Fort Garry campus for Mini U summer programs.

Mini U, a unique children’s day camp program has been providing experiences for young visionaries and trailblazers for more than 30 years through activities that keep them engaged and challenge them to think about living actively in everything they do.

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