Richardson Centre is open!

Looking to learn about food? Here’s one more reason to make the University of Manitoba your first stop.

The university opened the Richardson Centre for Functional Foods and Nutraceuticals (RCFFN) on May 16. The $31-million facility will enable researchers to identify and enhance health-promoting compounds in prairie crops and develop them into marketable food products.

“The Richardson Centre for Functional Foods and Nutraceuticals is the most advanced centre of its kind in the country,” said president Emőke Szathmáry, at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

“The research that is going to be and is already being conducted here will certainly confirm that the University of Manitoba is a national and international leader in the agricultural-life sciences,” Szathmáry added.

“In 2001, the university, the province, the agri-food industry and the federal government had a vision that a research centre like this would help support the development of nutraceuticals and functional foods,” Premier Gary Doer said. “Nutraceuticals, and value-added foods which benefit our health, are the wave of the future and this centre places Manitoba at the leading edge.”

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The new centre, located in the U of M’s Smartpark, focuses on several steps in the research and development of food supplements extracted from crops grown in the prairie region – from identifying useful compounds in plants, enhancing these compounds, developing ways to process and incorporate them into food products and considering the consumer acceptability of the final products.

Researchers from different disciplines will work in partnership with scientists from the Faculties of Agriculture and Food Sciences, Human Ecology, Medicine and Pharmacy to develop functional foods based on scientific evidence that will test their efficiency and safety for consumer consumption.

“Functional foods and nutraceuticals are growing in popularity with consumers, so it is essential that claims regarding their health value be based on evidence. Research is necessary to test these claims, and development of new products that work is also necessary,” Szathmáry said.

“This new centre is a testament to what can happen when scientific research is married to technology transfer and business development. The bioprocessing facilities here will complement applied research to assist small and medium size enterprises in product development and marketing, ultimately benefiting Canadian consumers.”

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Spring Convocation

There will be a total of 2,966 students receiving their parchments at the University of Manitoba’s 127th annual Spring Convocation, which includes seven ceremonies this year.

The U of M’s medical students received their parchments on May 12 at the Bannantine campus. Ceremonies will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., May 30, 10 a.m., May 31 and 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., June 1 at the Investor’s Group Athletic Centre on the Fort Garry campus. The final ceremony will be held 2 p.m., Monday, June 5 at 2 p.m. at St. Boniface Cathedral for graduates of Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface.

Honorary degrees will be awarded to Lois Wilson, a U of M graduate, is a promoter and defender of human rights and religious understanding. Tuesday, May 30, morning session.

Les Wardrop founded one of Manitoba’s first engineering consulting firms in 1955 and then guided that firm’s growth. He is an engineering graduate of the University of Manitoba. Tuesday, May 30, afternoon session.

Yvade Henteleff, graduated from the University of Manitoba in law in 1951 and has used his legal expertise to advance the rights of people with disabilities. Wednesday, May 31, morning session.

Peter Herrndorf, graduated with his Arts degree from the University of Manitoba in 1962, and since then his career in journalism, broadcasting and education established him as a leader in Canada’s cultural community. Thursday, June 1, morning session.

Robert Ledingham, a U of M graduate, heads the Vancouver-based firm of Ledingham Design Consultants and is one of Canada’s most celebrated interior designers. Thursday, June 1, afternoon session.

More information on the university’s award winners and some of the students receiving their degrees at this year’s convocation can be found throughout this edition of the Bulletin.
Convocation celebrates the university experience

BY EMIŐKE SZATMÁRY
University of Manitoba President

I wondered whether professors attended their own graduation exercises to receive their degrees? I attended only one of mine, to receive my undergraduate honours degree, and I stayed away from the ceremony where I would have received my doctoral degree. The motivation for going to that first convocation was provided by my parents. I had no good reason for deciding to attend the second ceremony, but to this day I recall the disappointment in the voice of my doctoral supervisor when I told him I would not be there. As I look back on those days I realize that I was a product of my world, one that had been successful in my studies, but it was not fashionable to acknowledge such privilege in the student culture of those days. So I blamed my parents for my attending the first ceremony, and in the case of the second, I pretended a sophistication that required neither a rite of passage nor loved ones’ affirmation. How wrong I was in both instances.

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PRESIDENTIAL PERSPECTIVE

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Schultz gives his support to St. John's project

Businessman Robert B. Schultz likes what St. John's College has in mind with its plan to build a 250-seat lecture theatre – in fact he likes the plan so much he's willing to donate $500,000, after orchestrating the merger of Midland Walwyn with Merrill Lynch. On May 1, 2000, Schultz retired as chairman and CEO. He is currently executive chairman of Rockwater Capital Corporation, a financial services holding company listed on the TSX.

When I was here, my world was the Isbister Building, (then home of the commerce program), the library and UMSU,” Schultz said. “The increased need for the facilities of the college, coupled with its reputation for warmth and openness to all, has put it under some degree of strain. I am delighted that Mr. Robert Schultz has made an extraordinary gift in support of the lecture theatre. As a graduate and successful business leader, Mr. Schultz knows well the difference a quality education can make."

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Robert B. Schultz Lecture Theatre
St. John’s College, University of Manitoba

As a founding college of the University of Manitoba, St. John’s College is a little bit like a parent to the university. It was only appropriate then, that when Robert Schultz made a $500,000 donation to the university – funding which will be used by St. John’s College for its new lecture theatre – it turned into a family affair with Schultz being joined by his wife Mary, left, and his mother, Lillian.

Five university women honoured by YMCA-YWCA

Five women from the University of Manitoba community have been awarded as Women of Distinction by the YMCA-YWCA.

Jennifer MacTavish, professor, Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation Studies, Illise Gold, professor, Faculty of Arts, Reeni Soni, Faculty of Medicine, Hope McIntyre, instructor, Faculty of Arts, and Fauna Kingdon, president of the U of M’s Association of Aboriginal Students were honoured – along with five of their peers, at the YMCA-YWCA’s 30th annual ceremony at the Winnipeg Schultz Lecture Theatre.

A native of Winnipeg, Schultz received a bachelor of commerce degree from the University of Manitoba in 1965.

He developed the Special Olympics Manitoba Medallion Program providing athletes the opportunity to train three times a week, and has developed eligibility criteria acceptable to the International Paralympics Committee, resulting in the reinstatement of athletes.

ELLEN JUDD
Research and Innovation

A groundbreaking researcher in the study of women’s lives in societies in transition, Judd has been a University of Manitoba Faculty of Arts member for 16 years, including a stint as head of the department of anthropology and a director of global service in the field of women’s studies.

She has conducted field research in China for fully three decades, and created a distinctive body of research in the anthropology of gender and political economy.

Her most influential work is the book Gender and Power in Rural North China, published by Stanford University Press and Cambridge University Press.

REINI SONI
Health and Wellness

The ranking provincial expert on fetal echocardiograms and a pediatric cardiologist in Manitoba, Northwestern Ontario, and Nunavut who performs fetal cardiac ultrasounds, Soni has become a key player in the important study “Sonographic Fetal Heart Screening in Manitoba,” the results of which will help improve physicians’ abilities to spot cardiac disease before babies are even born.

As section head for pediatric cardiology in the Variety Children’s Heart Centre at Winnipeg Children’s Hospital since 2000, she has worked tirelessly to improve and expand children’s cardiac services in the province. She is a contributing member of the Western Canadian Children’s Health Network and serves as an advisor or member on many additional committees and organizations, locally and nationally.

HOPE MCINTYRE
Arts and Culture

A highly-respected playwright, actor, teacher, and director in Winnipeg’s theatre community, McIntyre has taught at the universities of Winnipeg and Manitoba and at Prairie Theatre Exchange. She is the founder of Sarazart Productions, a Manitoba not-for-profit theatre company that produces FemFest, an annual festival of plays written by women.

The theatre company has also raised money for organizations like Amnesty International and the Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council Inc., which support marginalized groups.

FAUNA LEE KINGDON
Young Woman of Distinction

The University of Manitoba’s 2005 Rhodes Scholarship finalist, Fauna Lee Kingdon has been named to the Dean’s Honour List for three consecutive years, maintains a cumulative GPA of 4.5, and has received numerous scholarship awards.

That academic achievement forms the background to her commitment to stand as an example and mentor to other indigenous students.

Originally from Nunavut, she is now president of the University of Manitoba’s Association of Aboriginal Commerce Students, is deeply involved in cultural exchanges and visits sponsored by the Aboriginal business education program, and has been volunteering since the age of 15 in diverse locations ranging from Iqaluit, where she worked with the Nunavut Inuit Help Line, to Ecuador, as a teen missionary.

Other recipients of the 2006 Women of Distinction Awards include: Patti Sullivan, business and the professions, Susan Swan, community voluntarism, Matthew McCormick, education and training, Mary Burrows, Media and public relations, Emily Rose, The Geree Hammond Memorial Award of Promise.
BY DALE BARBOUR

The Bulletin

Like many people, animal systems student Bryce Fisher came to the University of Manitoba to sort out what he wanted to do for a career. And along the way, he also sorted out what he didn't want to do.

“When I came to the university, I didn’t think I would be going back to the farm. I thought I would be heading to old desk job,” Fisher said. “I find I would much rather work 14 hour-days and get dirty and sweaty than work eight hours a day inside.”

This is a common situation. Fisher and his brother Brock, who is in the middle of a two-year School of Agriculture diploma, are the fourth generation of the Fisher family to head to the University of Manitoba to study agriculture. The family of Manitoba was one of the better directions on their paternal side. “It wasn’t forced upon me,” Fisher said. “But it was always in the back of my mind that if you wanted to farm you headed to school and the University of Manitoba was one of the better agriculture schools.”

“Our plans have not been set in stone,” Fisher said. “Every year you would get home and start to miss your grandfather winning awards when he was at the University of Manitoba or pictures of your great grandfather in U of M groups.”

Probably the bigger tradition that Fisher will share with his family is making an effort to keep in touch with all the fellow students he met at the university. “The big thing I’ll miss is my classmates. Coming from Wawanesa, I had my old set of friends and you come to university and make a totally new set of friends,” Fisher said. “Every year you would get home and start to miss your classmates that have been bolted on to fill functional gaps when required. As the system goes live, this work will continue.”

In addition to tasks that have been planned for phase B (post go-live), some functionality remains under development. Although staff may not see the finished product in some cases at the time that system training commences, the fact that the entire system is not complete at this time is to be expected. Development will continue throughout the ‘going-live’ period.

The development of Aurora Student is the result of just over two years of work by the implementation team. This work has involved developing in depth knowledge of the functionality of the Aurora student information system on which Aurora is based, setting up validation and control tables and operational reports to meet the needs of the University of Manitoba and development of programs that have been bolted on to fill functional gaps when required. As the system goes live, this work will continue.

Updates will be provided on the Aurora Student website at umbc.ca/computing/renewal/aurora/student/index.html.

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The Manitoba Bison women’s volleyball club teams had a successful season in 2006, as they swept the Volleyball Canada - Canadian Open 17 & Under and 18 & Under championship matches in the May 5 to 7 weekend. Both the 17 year old and 18 year old teams were victorious at the Abbotsford, BC, championship and this was the first time that both Bison women’s volleyball clubs won the championship in the same year.

On May 7, the Bison women’s volleyball 17 & Under club were led by head coach Jon Hykawy and defeated the Brandon Storm in the National Final match in a two set sweep (25-20, 25-21). The 18 & Under division, head coach Ken Bentley led the squad to the championship and earned his 14th national title in 22 years. Bentley’s squad defeated Club West from Virden in the gold medal match by a straight set victory (25-16, 25-19).

These victories come on the heels of the Bison men’s volleyball club team winning the Volleyball Canada-Canadian Open 20 & Under championship with a 2-0 victory over the Strike of University of Winnipeg at the Hamilton tournament on April 28 to 30.
McDonnell’s love of higher education continues

BY DALE BARBOUR
The Bulletin

Diane McDonnell will collect her masters in family social science on June 1, adding it to a bachelor of social work and a bachelor of arts in Native studies. And the member of the Grand Rapids First Nation band is more than willing to tell the world how happy she is to be getting the latest degree.

“I want it to be known that I was able to come out of my Northern community and to adjust to living in Winnipeg and make the changes needed to go to university,” McDonnell said. “I’m the first person in my family to get a masters degree so my family really wants me to go to convocation.” She’s also been told she’s the first person from her band to receive a masters degree – that’s a position that carries certain responsibilities.

“I want to be a role model for the younger people,” McDonnell said. To that end, she’s written her chief, Ovide Mercredi, to say thanks for all the support the band has given her over the years and to let him and the council know that she’s willing to work with youth in Grand Rapids.

McDonnell’s own relationship with higher education began in the 1980s when a teacher approached her and her husband, Howard, and told them about the University of Manitoba’s Access Program. McDonnell was 24 at the time and she and her husband had two daughters to think about. But the idea of going to university appealed to both of them.

“We were one of the first couples to be accepted into the Access Program as a couple,” McDonnell said. The Access Program is designed to provide Aboriginal students and residents of Northern Manitoba with the support they need to succeed at university.

“It was a real growing experience,” McDonnell said. “We had to move into Winnipeg with two young daughters. It took about a year to get adjusted to the city and the lifestyle and to really find our way around the university.”

Ultimately, it was family that made the difference. They received a steady stream of care packages from home and Howard’s mother even dropped by during the busy periods to help mind the kids while Howard and Diane focused on their studies.

Howard would graduate with a bachelor of arts degree while Diane transitioned from arts into social work and graduated with a bachelor of social work in 1987.

“I went to work for Child and Family Services after graduation,” McDonnell said. “I had always been interested in working with families and children.”

The family moved to Dauphin and her job took her to the surrounding Aboriginal communities. But she still had the urge to learn, and after a few years in Dauphin, was back studying at the University of Manitoba, this time focusing on a bachelor of arts degree in Native Studies.

“I would live in Winnipeg during the week and then commute back to Dauphin every weekend to be with my husband,” McDonnell said. Fortunately, she had a daughter living in Winnipeg to bunk with during the week.

The Access Program is designed to provide Aboriginal graduates and their families to celebrate with traditional dancing and a feast.

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Library campaign to be launched

The University of Manitoba Rubinstein Lecture and the HIP Campaign: Supporting Our Health are celebrating ten years of excellence and marks the launch of the “HIP Campaign: Supporting Our Health Information Place,” which promises to complete the unfinished 9,160 square feet in the library.

Distinguished Lecturer

Short-Course Antibiotic Therapy

public lecture

Dr. Ethan Rubinstein

M.D. LLB
Professor of Medicine
Head, Section of Infectious Diseases
H.E. Sellers Research Chair
University of Manitoba
World renowned leader in the field of infectious diseases.

Tuesday, June 20, 2006, 8:00 a.m.

Theatre A, Basic Medical Sciences Building, 730 William Ave., Bannatyne Campus

The University of Manitoba’s Aboriginal Pow Wow on May 9 was a chance for Aboriginal graduates and their families to celebrate with traditional dancing and a feast.
Lois Wilson is a promoter and defender of human rights and religious understanding. She has been president of the World Council of Churches, vice-president of the World Federalist Movement and chair of the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development.

Born and raised in Winnipeg, Wilson graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1947 as a student of United College. She and her husband, Roy Wilson, entered the ministry in the United Church of Canada. She became the first woman president of the Canadian Council of Churches before being elected moderator of the United Church (1980). This was followed with a nine-year term as president from North America on the six-person presidium of the World Council of Churches.

Wilson travelled the world to meet and work with partner churches as much as global politics, oppression, feminism, human rights and energy resources. She was appointed to the Canadian Senate in 1998 and as an independent senator, she headed delegations to China and North Korea and was Canada’s special envoy to the Sudan Peace Process from 1999 to 2002.

A strong advocate of religious co-operation and the interface of religion with public policy, she chaired the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development, and served President George H. W. Bush on the board of the American Friends Service Committee and Security and Amnesty International. She was chancellor of Lakehead University from 1990 to 2000 and a longtime board member of University of Toronto’s Victoria College and University of Victoria’s Centre for Study of Religions and Society. She has served as president of the International World Federalist Movement, and has been active in the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, and the multi-faith journal, Across Boundaries, among other affiliations. She has written six books, as well as many articles.

Wilson was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1984 and in 2003 was one of the few Canadians promoted to the top rank of Companion. She is also a Member of the Order of Ontario. In addition to several honorary degrees, Wilson was awarded the World Federalist Peace Prize and Canada’s Pearson Peace Medal.

Tuesday, May 30, morning session.

W.L. (Les) Wardrop

W.L. (Les) Wardrop established one of Manitoba’s first engineering consulting firms in 1955 and then guided that firm’s growth so that today it is one of Canada’s leaders in engineering with a network of 16 offices in North America and abroad. Wardrop was born in Whitemouth and graduated with degrees in electrical engineering (1939) and civil engineering (1947). He started his career with the City of Winnipeg. Recognizing an opportunity to establish a consulting engineering firm, he founded W.L. Wardrop & Associates.

Wardrop’s aim was to establish a national reputation for his firm. By the 1960s, W.L. Wardrop & Associates established offices in other Canadian cities and was offering services in civil, electrical, mechanical, and structural engineering. Today the firm’s services include pulp and paper, solar energy, and nuclear engineering. More recently, the firm created its international division to support its projects around the globe.

Wardrop was legendary for his attention to detail. Before hiring specialists, he would personally research the area, learning the technology, determining user-sector needs, and formulating a business plan. It is his extraordinary vision, intellect, and passion for new knowledge that earned Wardrop the respect of his colleagues.

Wardrop retired from active participation in the company in 1980 but continues on its board of directors. Wardrop is a long-standing friend of the Faculty of Engineering. He was principal organizer of the homecoming events for his two graduation classes, and was one of the first volunteers to join the unofficial campaign for the new Engineering and Information Technology Centre. He became an honorary, but very active, member of the office committee, key to the successful fundraising drive. In 1977, Wardrop received the Meritorious Service Award from the Association of Professional Engineers of Manitoba for his extraordinary engineering achievements and community involvement.

In 1990, the Faculty of Engineering named a reading room in his honour. And in 2002, the Consulting Engineers of Manitoba paid tribute by naming him the first honorary presenter of its prestigious Keystone Award.

Tuesday, May 30, afternoon session.

Yude Henteleff

Yude Henteleff graduated from the University of Manitoba in agriculture (1947) and then in law (1951). Over the past four decades he has used his legal expertise to advance the rights of people with disabilities. Specifically, has sought changes in the law, services and in the attitude of the public so that the most vulnerable persons of our society, namely special needs children, receive services appropriate to their needs. His efforts in this area are reflected in public policy not only in Manitoba but also across Canada and abroad. His advocacy has extended itself to include those with mental and physical disabilities, and to women, particularly in sexual harassment and discrimination in employment.

A senior and founding partner in Pribilado LLP and a former member of the Canadian Human Rights Commission, Henteleff has adjudicated human rights complaints and provided counsel to cases around the world. He also has written books and articles on the legal rights of special needs children. Henteleff was part of the Learning Disabilities Association of Canada in 1963 and later served as its president; he is currently the association’s honorary solicitor. Henteleff serves on the advisory councils and boards of many local and national organizations including the Canadian Centre on Disability Studies, Manitoba Association of Rights and Liberties, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, Manitoba Eco-Network Inc., Manitoba Theatre Centre and Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada Inc.

In 1997, the Colombian Corporation for Learning Disabilities named the resource centre it had established in Bogotá in his honour. Other honours include a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Learning Disabilities Association of Canada, the 2002 Commemorative Medal for Queen Elizabeth II’s Golden Jubilee, 2002 Distinguished Services Award by the Manitoba Association for the Education of the Handicapped and the Manitoba Theatre Centre’s President’s Award of Merit. Henteleff was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada in 1997 in recognition of his advocacy on behalf of people with learning disabilities.

Wednesday, May 31, morning session.

Peter Herrndorf

Peter Herrndorf, who is president of the National Arts Centre, has made contributions to journalism, broadcasting, education and the arts over the past 40 years that have earned him recognition as a leader in Canadian cultural community.

Born in Amsterdam, he emigrated with his family to the United States and then to Canada, settling in Winnipeg. At the University of Manitoba he studied political science and English, and graduated with his bachelor of arts degree in 1962. He then graduated in law from Dalhousie University and business administration the Harvard Business School. Herrndorf began his journalism career as a reporter with the CBC, where he ultimately became vice-president and general manager of the English network. He moved to the print medium in 1983 as the publisher of Toronto Life and after a decade returned to television as a journalist.

As president of the National Arts Centre, he plays a leading role in fostering artistic excellence in the performing arts in Canada. The NAC is the only multidisciplinary, bilingual performing arts centre in North America. It co-produces English and French language productions, and it is the only arts centre in the world with a professional company based in both English and French.

Herrndorf’s many awards include an appointment as an Officer of the Order of Canada, the John Drainie Award from the Canadian Association of Broadcasters, the Outstanding Achievement Award from the Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, the World Federation of UNESCO Centres Award, the World Association of Radio and Television Program Directors Award, the World Cinema Award of Merit from the Canadian Academy of Television, Film and Recording Arts, the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Canadian Council for the Arts, and more.

Thursday, June 1, morning session.
Convocation 2006 — Honorary Degree recipients

ROBERT LEDINGHAM

Robert Ledingham, who heads the Vancouver-based firm of Ledingham Design Consultants, is one of Canada’s most celebrated interior designers. He graduated from the University of Manitoba with his bachelor of interior design degree in 1964.

Ledingham is widely recognized by his peers and by the community for an extraordinary career, distinguished by excellence and service. His projects range from extraordinary residential development to large commercial projects. His 25 awards for excellence in local, national and international design attest to his sustained leadership in interior design practice in North America. In 1998 he was the first Canadian recipient of the International Interior Design Association Leadership Award, an honour that recognizes his contribution to the Foundation of Interior Design Research. Of particular interest was his involvement in the professional accreditation of university programs. In 2003, he received three design awards; one from the International Interior Design Association and two from the American Society of Interior Designers. More recently he was named the second inductee into Western Living magazine’s Hall of Fame, an award that described his work as ‘brilliant’ and ‘timeless.’ In Canada he is a fellow and past president of the Interior Designers of Canada. He has also received City of Vancouver awards for his contribution to heritage design. He is the single most published interior designer in Canada with his work represented in 20 publications. That profile has not only celebrated his own work, but also the influence of the University of Manitoba on his work.

Ledingham has consistently been involved with the arts community and charitable institutions as a board member and benefactor. Beneficiaries have included the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, the Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, Vancouver Opera and Seattle Opera. On behalf of the Dr. Peter Centre in Vancouver, he co-chaired the capital campaign to raise $1.7 million for a new AIDS facility. As project chair of the Diamond Centre for Living, he spearheaded the rehabilitation of the historic Vancouver Weeks House serving clients living with life-threatening illnesses. In 1996, he was the recipient of the Friend in Deed Award, given by the Vancouver Friends for Life Society to an individual who demonstrates extraordinary compassion. Ledingham has been a friend of the Faculty of Architecture by serving on advisory committees, mentoring graduate students and supporting its capital campaign.

Thursday, June 1, afternoon session.

WILLIAM J. MILLS

William J. Mills, an orthopedic surgeon who has practiced medicine for the past 50 years. In that time, he distinguished himself as a world expert in the treatment of cold injuries including frostbite and hypothermia. His clinical contributions changed the treatment of hypothermia and frostbite throughout the world. In 1998 he was the University of Manitoba Distinguished Lecturer.

Throughout a long career in medicine, Mills embraced adventure, service to others, and a profound love of the outdoors. He worked on a nautical project to support his undergraduate studies at the University of California, Berkeley, graduating in 1942. Following Second World War service in the U.S. Navy, he enrolled in the Stanford University medical school and on graduation accepted an orthopedic residency at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. He began his surgical practice in Anchorage, Alaska, in 1955. It was during his long tenure at Providence Hospital in Anchorage where he gained unprecedented experience in the treatment of frostbite and hypothermia. Mills single-handedly changed the standard of care for treatment of frostbite from slow thawing to rapid re-warming — a practice that greatly improves prognosis and saves many limbs from amputation. This is no small accomplishment given that the accepted standard of care for frostbite during much of the past 200 years was to actively cool frostbitten tissue (by applying snow or ice, for example). Mills also developed a technique to restore blood circulation to frost-bitten limbs.

Mills has written more than 100 scientific/medical publications. As a testimony to his reputation, an entire issue of the journal Alaska Medicine was dedicated to his work. A former president of the Anchorage Medical Society and the Alaska State Medical Association, Mills was also one of the founding members of the Alaska State Medical Journal and its first editor-in-chief.

Mills was scheduled to attend convocation in October, 2005, to receive an honorary degree, but unforeseen circumstances caused the cancellation of his visit to Winnipeg. He was honoured at a special Convocation held March 8 at the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Dr. and Mrs. H.H. Saunderson Award for Teaching Excellence

BRENDA CANTELO

Department of Religion

Faculty of Arts

Brenda Cantelo is described as a “rare and lucky find. Her inspiring teaching manner is encouraging to students from all backgrounds.” Another observation described her as a teacher who “listens to students and who motivates them to want to come to her classes.” A doctoral graduate of the University of Manitoba, Cantelo earned early recognition as an instructor when she earned the faculty award for excellence in graduate teaching. Her teaching and research interests include religion and dance, the sacred art and architecture of India, and religion and art performance.

Tuesday, May 30, morning session.

ROBERT EMMETT FINNEGAN

Department of English

Faculty of Arts

One of the nomination comments said Robert Finnegan “acts as if excellence were part of his job description.” Another student changed academic majors to English because Finnegan “awakened a love of literature.” Well-known as an engaging teacher, still another wrote that he “peppers his presentations with puns and chants limericks.” In 1974 he was the recipient of the Graduate Students’ Association award for excellence in graduate teaching. He is a graduate of St. Peter’s and Notre Dame universities whose scholarly interests include Old and Middle English literature.

Tuesday, May 30, afternoon session.

DONALD TRIM

Department of Mathematics

Faculty of Science

One measure of Donald Trim’s teaching ability is the fact that this is the third time he has earned all of the university’s highest teaching award. He was the recipient of the Saunderson award in 1976 and the Stanton award in 1988 (recipients of the award must wait 10 years before becoming eligible again). In 1997 the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education chose him for the 3M teaching fellowship, a national honour that recognizes outstanding university-level teaching. One of the students nominating him said Trim “can take something boring like line integrals and keep you awake.” Another observed that “in one class he summarized the entire course and showed us how the topics fit together.” Trim is a graduate of the University of Manitoba and his research interests include mathematical education, calculus, complex variable theory, and partial differential equations.

Tuesday, May 30, afternoon session.
Distinguished Professors

The title, Distinguished Professor, is conferred by the University of Manitoba on academic staff members who have demonstrated outstanding distinction in research, scholarship, creative endeavours, professional service and teaching. Up to three people may receive this honour each year, and not more than 20 professors may hold the title at one time.

**JULIA KWONG**
Department of Sociology
Faculty of Arts
Julia Kwong is an internationally recognized figure in Chinese education. Her research and writing on education, minorities, women, equality, corruption, and privatization coming out at a time when there was growing interest but little information on Chinese education laid the foundation of the field in the West. Her book, *Cultural Revolution in China's Schools* (1988), received the Book of the Year Award from the American Educational Studies Association. She was the first to deliver a comprehensive course in education sociology when China re-introduced sociology into the curriculum. Her work influenced the development of the field in China, contributions where strikingly acknowledged when she was appointed as the only foreign member of China’s sociology education committee. In addition, Kwong is active at the national and provincial levels in Canada in chronicling the contributions of Chinese Canadians, and in preserving their memorials for coming generations. In 2003 she was elected a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, the nation’s leading academy for scholarship in the arts, humanities and sciences.

Tuesday, May 30, morning session.

**GARRY L. MARTIN**
Department of Psychology
Faculty of Arts
Garry Martin is an internationally recognized specialist in developmental disabilities and autism, applied behaviour analysis, and sport psychology. Cited as an “amazing and inspiring” professor by undergraduate and graduate students, he has had a profound and lasting influence on improving the quality of life of persons living with disabilities nationally and internationally. In Manitoba, for example, he has made important contributions to programs at the St. Amant Centre and established the applied behaviour analysis specialty in psychology in his department. In addition to more than 100 articles and book chapters, Martin is author or co-author of seven books, one of which is a textbook on behavioural modification (now in its seventh edition) that is a primary text at more than 200 universities in 12 countries. He is the holder of major national research grants and is a past recipient of the Winnipeg Health Institute award, the Campbell Outreach Award. He is a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and a leading academy for scholarship in the arts, humanities and the sciences, and was recipient of the Distinguished Service Award of the Canadian Psychological Association.

Tuesday, May 30, morning session.

**LESLIE ROOS**
Department of Community Health Sciences
Faculty of Medicine
Leslie Roos was appointed to the Faculty of Administrative Studies (now the J.H. Asper School of Business) before joining the department of community health sciences in the Faculty of Medicine in 1990 where he is a leading researcher in exploring the determinants of health in populations and communities. As director of the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy’s database, Roos led the development of an information environment to facilitate the study of Manitobans’ health and health care use. He developed the centre’s internet-based Concept Dictionary, a resource that was accessed in a recent month by more than 4,000 people from 30 countries. Roos has published 165 peer-reviewed papers and chapters on topics such as the use of administrative data to measure health status, comparisons of health care outcomes between the United States and Canada, population-based health trends, and outcomes of care. He was identified as a “highly cited investigator” by the Institute of Scientific Information and is a fellow of the Association for Health Services Research.

Tuesday, May 30, afternoon session.

Peter D. Curry Chancellor’s Award

This award is given to:

Recipients receive a certificate and medal, and have the privilege of directing $2,000 to support a university program of personal interest.

**ELAINE GOLDIE**
Vice-President (External)

Since joining the University of Manitoba in 1985, Elaine Goldie has made significant contributions to university development. She has advanced the University’s provincial and national fundraising efforts by serving as the architect and driving force behind the university’s most successful fundraising campaign. Building on Strengths: Campaign for the University of Manitoba. At the conclusion of the five year campaign on March 31, 2004, the total raised was more than $237 million, easily exceeding the ambitious goal of $200 million, the largest fundraising total in the province’s history. Her role in the success of the campaign included her constant and dedicated support of the president and the campaign volunteer leadership. Goldie understands that building relationships with donors is key to the success of fundraising, and her efforts in stewardship resulted in many major gifts.

Before embarking on Building on Strengths, Goldie was instrumental in building the university’s fundraising operation as it made the transition from the previous capital campaign, the Drive for Excellence, into a mature department consisting of the annual giving and planned giving programs, and a sustained focus on major and legacy gifts. Her leadership role in the Drive for Excellence contributed to the campaign reaching $55 million in new commitments, a goal of $400 million.

Goldie has also concentrated her efforts on enhancing public affairs, resulting in an increased focus on marketing and national awareness, on enhancing alumni relations and the Alumni Association, which.

In 2000, Goldie received the Distinguished Service Award from the Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education, that organization’s highest honour. She received a University of Manitoba Outreach Award in 1997, and was honoured by the University of Manitoba Students’ Union in 2004. It is now appropriate that the university recognize, formally, Goldie’s significant contributions to university development by awarding her the Peter D. Curry Chancellor’s Award.

Tuesday, May 30, afternoon session.

The Dr. and Mrs. D.R. Campbell Outreach Award

The Dr. and Mrs. D.R. Campbell Outreach Award is given to university staff members who consistently spend countless hours of their own time in community service. This service

**GORDON GIESBRECHT**
Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation Studies

Gordon Giesbrecht has conducted hundreds of cold water immersion studies that has generated valuable information about cold stress physiology and pre-hospital care for human hypothermia. In particular, he has demonstrated survival, rescue, and treatment techniques for workers in extremely cold environments, for search and rescue personnel, and for emergency medical personnel. Giesbrecht has participated in his own laboratory experiments and has also exposed himself to extreme winter conditions; for example, he has trekked the length of Lake Winnipeg three times during the coldest part of the winter.

Giesbrecht takes advantage of every opportunity to tell the public that it is possible to survive cold weather accidents and weather-induced hypothermia. The titles of a series of survival videos that he made together with the Discovery Channel illustrate this best: *Cold Water Survival - Strategies for Survival If You Fall through the Ice and You’re Out*, *Now What? How to survive a night in the forest after losing your snowmobile through the ice*. His research and his public education projects have earned him the nickname “Dr. Popsicle,” a sobriquet that does not undermine the importance of his work.

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Wednesday, May 31, morning session.
President’s Award for Excellence

The President’s Award celebrates the exceptional contributions of support staff during their career at the University of Manitoba. The recipient is someone who has achieved distinction, serves as an example to other employees, demonstrates a high level of professionalism, consistently goes beyond the call of duty, shows remarkable commitment and dedication, and has rendered distinguished service to the university and who have significant records in teaching, research, and scholarship. The title, President Emeritus or Professor Emeritus is an honour that is conferred by the Board of Governors after retirement on individuals who have rendered distinguished service to the university and who have significant records in teaching, research, and scholarship.

Emeritus Appointments

Sunday, May 1, afternoon session.

RALPH BAKER
Professor Emeritus

Over more than six decades as a member of the University of Manitoba, Ralph Baker has demonstrated exceptional teaching ability, broad knowledge of the field and a deep commitment to the University's students, faculty and staff.

LINDA CHARTIER
Professor Emeritus

Linda Chartier has served as the director of the Centre for Advancement of Medicine and dean emeritus. Chartier earned her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Guelph. During her years at the University of Manitoba, Chartier also completed the university management course and the certificate in university management.

Thursday, June 1, afternoon session.

OLIVE BEATRICE STANTON
Olive Beatrice Stanton Award

For teaching excellence.

MARY ANN STEGGLES
School of Art

A student observed that Mary Steggles’ “interest and excitement about art history, which I had previously considered boring, was infectious.” Another student said: “I learned how to be open to other people and their cultures, and how to really look at art.”

TUESDAY, MAY 29, MORNING SESSION.

STEVE ONYSHKO
Professor Emeritus

Steve Onyshko joined the department of electrical and computer engineering in 1972. His 1980 paper describing a mathematical model of the dynamics of human locomotion was a pioneering research contribution to biomechanical engineering. In addition, Onyshko was primarily responsible for developing courses in controls and control theory.

TUESDAY, MAY 30, MORNING SESSION.

DR. JAMES REID
Professor Emeritus

James Reid joined the department of botany in 1966 after a decade with the Canadian Forestry Service. He is an international authority on forest tree fungi and their impact on the forest environment. Reid played a leading role in plant protection, giving advice to the province and the city on Dutch elm disease control. He served as department head and was active on committees in the Faculty of Science.

Thursday, June 1, afternoon session.

DILANTHA FERNANDO
Department of Plant Science

Graduate Teaching Excellence

This award is sponsored by the Graduate Students’ Association in conjunction with the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

DILANTHA FERNANDO
Department of Plant Science

Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences

Graduate students of Dilantha Fernando describe him as an “exceptional teacher who has impressed me with an exceptional work-ethic. His students praise his genuine interest in their welfare, making himself available to discuss both academic and personal issues at length. Indeed, many of Fernando’s students credit his self-sacrifice and support for their academic and professional success.” Fernando graduated from the University Peradeniya, University of Kelaniya, and Oregon State University before joining the University of Manitoba in 1998.

Wednesday, May 31, morning session.
University Gold Medals

Awarded for highest standing in an undergraduate faculty or school.

Karl James Bergman
Agricultural and Food Sciences

Pamela Nicole Klassen
Human Ecology

Raymond Zhu
Dentistry

Jeneen Lina
Arts

Beverly Tomko
Students’ Union to a student who is exceptionally involved in student affairs and university governance.

Jennifer Gerrard

The Robert Charles Armatage Award is given annually by the University of Manitoba Students’ Union to a student who is exceptionally involved in student affairs and university governance.

JENNIFER GERRARD

Jennifer Gerrard, was the student representative on the Senate committee for instruction and evaluation, was a member of the Arts Student Body Council, served as assistant editor of Maelstrom, the council’s magazine, and was a volunteer organizer for UMSU’s annual Celebration Week. Gerrard is graduating this year with her bachelor of arts (advanced) degree with a major in English and a minor in business. Tuesday, May 30, morning session.

Governor General’s Medals

Gold Medal

ALLISON DAWN GROSETH
awarded for outstanding achievement at the undergraduate level

Silver Medal

ALEXANDRE FONTIGNY LAZAROW
awarded for outstanding achievement at the undergraduate level

Bronze Medal

ROGER NORMAN WADE WAITS
awarded for highest standing in the two-year diploma course in Agriculture

Program Medals

Agricultural and Food Sciences

Agribusiness
Brooke Erika Fridfinnson
Agriculture
Kristen Suzanne Bouchard
Agroecology
Corinne Alison McMullen
Food Science
See Wey Ngea

Arts

Fine Arts Studio
Carolyn Frieda Moesker
Fine Arts Studio Honours
Alexis Dirks

Food Science

Agribusiness
Brooke Erika Fridfinnson
Agriculture
Kristen Suzanne Bouchard
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Physics

Allison Dianne Stasiuk
Law

Jodie Jephcote
Social Work

Agricultural and Food Sciences

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Arts

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Carolyn Frieda Moesker
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Ontario College of Art and Design

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Social Work
Zealand finds dentistry is what he was looking for

BY DALE BARBOUR
The Bulletin

In 2002, Cameron Zealand had it all.

He had turned an entry level position with Schlumberger Oilfield Services Ltd. in Calgary and Grand Prairie into a senior engineering position in New Orleans. The latest twist in his career had him on a three-month training stint in France learning how the latest instrumentation involved in drilling oil wells worked.

But despite the success, something wasn’t quite right.

“I was five years into my job. It was technically challenging and I really liked it, but I didn’t have the feeling that I was giving back to people. I still felt drawn to helping people,” Zealand said.

By the time Zealand had earned a bachelor of engineering (civil engineering) and a masters in engineering from the University of Manitoba, but while he was busy earning those degrees, Zealand had also worked as a paramedic in Gimli and had even gone so far as to open his own company in Winnipeg focused on CPR and first aid training.

The work sidelines weren’t picked arbitrarily. Zealand was testing the waters in the health field even as he was earning his masters. Despite the training and success in engineering – he had earned the gold medal in civil engineering when he graduated with his bachelor’s degree – Zealand was searching for something else.

“I really liked the teaching. Working in the healthcare field was perfect because I got to pass along information that could help save a life,” Zealand explained.

He considered entering the Faculty of Medicine and even went so far as to take correspondence courses to acquire the proper prerequisites. But in the end, while Zealand would keep up his paramedic training, entering medicine didn’t feel like the right move either.

He graduated with his bachelor’s degree – Zealand was a natural fit.

“Once I graduated, I knew that I wasn’t going to become a doctor,” Zealand said. “I watched him work with children. I could see myself doing this. I saw how few and far between people with expertise in pediatric dentistry are. It’s a perfect career as an engineer, but he gave it up to follow this path. It really did just take the morning to decide.”

The appeal for Zealand was the opportunity to make a difference in children’s lives.

“You’re treating children who are three to four years old. They don’t know how to properly brush their teeth or the reasons for why they should. They’re relying completely on their parents for guidance. When I watched him work with children I could see him setting them on the right path. He was building positive dental attitudes in children that would help them take care of their teeth for the rest of their lives.”

The University of Manitoba wasn’t the only place that Zealand applied for dental school, but it seemed a natural fit.

“When I got my acceptance letter I thought, I really have to defer this for a year, things are moving too quickly,” Zealand said. “I was working in a strong industry and making a really good decision to give it all up and go in a different direction. I didn’t want to think about what would happen if it didn’t work out.”

He debated the decision during the entire drive back to Winnipeg and when he walked into the classroom for the first time.

“The first day of class I thought ‘What did I get myself into? I could be in the middle of the Gulf of Mexico looking across blue sea in every direction.’ But after the first week I knew I had made the right decision,” Zealand said.

Now four years later, Zealand will make his third trip to convocation on June 1 and receive the double degree of doctor of dental medicine: bachelor of science in dentistry.

Zealand had already been accepted into the University of Michigan where he’ll continue his research and specialty training in pediatric dentistry over the next two years. He’ll be one of less than half a dozen Canadians entering pediatric dentistry specialty training in North America this year – proof of just how few and far between people with expertise in the field are.

For someone who spent a lot of their life uncertain about where they wanted their career to take them, Zealand says he knows what he’s doing now.

“I won’t be finding a new field to dive into. I’ll join his practice in Calgary, the same place where it all started four years ago”, Zealand said.

Dentistry Class of 2006 leaves a legacy for its faculty

BY RENEE BARCLAY
For The Bulletin

They are giving back in a big way.

The Dentistry Class of 2006, comprised of just 18 students, has donated $15,000 to the Faculty of Dentistry in appreciation of the training they received.

The money is designated to upgrade four pediatric “quiet rooms” in the main dental clinic. Most of the funds will go toward the purchase and installation of two wall-mounted, digital-compatible x-ray units that will be stationed in pediatric dental rooms. The new equipment will mean that special-needs children will no longer have to change rooms to have x-rays taken.

The remaining money will fund cosmetic upgrades in the four private pediatric dental rooms, which will be repainted and equipped with DVD players and flat-screen monitors mounted on the ceiling.

Graduating students, Cameron Zealand and Milan Madhavji organized the class donation as a thank you for the superior pediatric dental training they received under Charles Leke, division head of pediatric dentistry.

“This donation is in recognition of his commitment to turning the program into what it is today,” Zealand explained.

He added that unlike most dentistry graduates from other universities in North America, students at the University of Manitoba are well exposed to working with pediatric patients who come into the clinic weekly through the Variety Children’s Charity program. The program, which was established in 1999, offers free dental care to children at 12 schools in Winnipeg’s North End and inner city, while providing students with experience in pediatric dentistry.

“Students coming out of this faculty aren’t apprehensive in treating children,” Zealand said of the training.

The Class of 2006 raised the money for the donation by holding a social every fall during the students’ four years of training. The socials were held at The Empire Cabaret, among other clubs in Winnipeg, and they steadily increased in popularity from year to year.

Zealand said the graduating class appreciates the ongoing commitment and support it received from the owner of The Empire Cabaret, who assisted greatly with the fundraising by covering half of the event costs every year.

“We are going to present a plaque to the club owner to show our appreciation,” Zealand said.

The Class of 2006 will make the official cheque presentation to the Faculty of Dentistry at the Manitoba Dental Association Graduation Breakfast, held annually for the graduating dentistry and dental hygiene classes, on June 1.
Goleski turns work experience into a future in research

BY DALE BARBOUR

The Bulletin

Vanessa Goleski is proof that what you get out of university depends entirely on what you put into it. The evidence? She’s turned her co-op work experience at the National Microbiology Laboratory into employment as a lab technician and under the leadership of medical microbiology adjunct professor Alberto Severini has developed a new procedure that will cut the standard five-day turn around time on genital human papillomavirus (HPV) test results into a two-day turn around.

Goleski, who is set to graduate at the end of the month, had originally intended to go into pharmacy when she came to the University of Manitoba. But after finding that she already have a degree when it comes to getting into pharmacy, so Goleski set about working on a science degree – and if her application for pharmacy was accepted before the science degree was complete, so much the better. But a funny thing happened on the way into pharmacy, she started loving the means more than the end.

“I went in thinking ‘Let’s work towards a degree’. But once I started to get more hands-on doing microbiology, I found I really enjoyed it and thought, ‘This is the field I want to be in’,” Goleski said.

Specifically, she was interested in viruses and bacteria – and what better place to be interested in that range of subjects than in Winnipeg, the home of the National Microbiology Laboratory.

Goleski was accepted into the faculty’s co-op program in the third year of her degree, giving her a chance to combine her studies with work in the field. If studying at the university had piqued her interest in microbiology, her first term working at the Health Sciences Centre under the supervision of Dr. George Zhanel sealed the deal.

“My goal going into the co-op program was that it would be a nice break from studies and an opportunity to make some money,” Goleski said. “But the actual experience of working in a lab was fantastic – the lab experience at the university just can’t compare. I learned so much in the work term that I wouldn’t trade it for anything.”

When she went for a follow up term she was looking to work in the National Microbiology Laboratory, but unfortunately the number of openings was limited.

So, Goleski set about creating her own opening.

“I found a list of all the professors in medical microbiology and the projects they were working on,” Goleski said. From there it was a case of tracking down a person in the right field, contacting them and seeing who could take on a co-op student.

As it turned out, Severini had just the project for her – take existing Luminex technology and see if it could be adjusted to come up with an assay of the human papillomavirus (HPV) – even better to tell what type of HPV was present in the test subject’s system. That knowledge is critical in diagnosing a person’s risk of developing cervical cancer.

“It’s present in 99.9 per cent of all cases of cervical cancer,” Goleski said. “There are 100s of HPV types but only some have a high risk of developing into cervical cancer.”

Developing the test would take nearly two years, including three work-term placements with Severini.

“It didn’t start off that well and I was getting discouraged when I was coming to the end of the first work term. But then I developed a couple of steps in the procedure and once it started going well I really enjoyed it,” Goleski said.

Officially, the test Goleski developed is called a multiplex assay for genotyping mucosal human papillomavirus. She’ll have her name on the patent that is being registered for the test and her poster presentation won a prize at the Public Health Agency of Canada national conference held in March.

From a career standpoint, all of that work will be going on to her curriculum vitae. She’ll be picking up her bachelor of commerce on June 3, but she’s already been granted a term position at the National Microbiology Laboratory, one that should transition into a permanent position.

Plenty of ways to get active this summer at the U of M

BY DALE BARBOUR

The Bulletin

There’s never been more opportunity to get active at the University of Manitoba.

The university’s summer active program starts May 29 and runs until June 23 – registration for programs has already begun and runs until May 25.

“Let’s add some new activities for people,” Recreation services fitness coordinator Ulla Liljegren said. “We’re going to have one grand fitness extravaganza at noon on June 14 at the Fort Garry campus and June 21 at the Bannatyne campus.

The Fort Garry campus will again be abash in silly costumes and goofy walkers. Liljegren said they’ve changed some of the rules of competition this year to make it easier for the judges to judge costumes and easier for the competitors to know what the judges are looking for.

We’re also going to have more entertainment along the walk and Jay Oliver from 102.3 Clear FM is set to MC the event,” Liljegren said.

One change that people will need to take note of this year relates to lunch – for the first time people at the Fort Garry campus are being asked to register for their Sneaker Day lunch in advance.

“We’re doing it to avoid having extra food,” Liljegren said. “People can buy their lunch tickets at the Answers booth in University Centre or at the main desk in Frank Kennedy Centre.” The deadline for buying the lunch tickets is June 12.

As a final note, Sneaker Day is going to be one of the special events held in June.

“We’re going to have one grand fitness extravaganza at noon on June 23,” Liljegren said. “We’ll have music and hold a big fitness class outside.”

The Faculty of Dentistry’s dean Johan de Vries was among three distinctive Canadians to receive the Canadian Dental Association (CDA) Distinguished Service Award for 2006. The award recognizes dentists either an outstanding contribution in a given year, or outstanding service over a number of years. It may also recognize substantial contributions to the dental professional at the academic level, corporate level, specialty society, council, commission or committee level.

De Vries was recognized for his active and varied career in dental education, serving as Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba, and as lecturer, professor and Dean of Faculty of Dentistry at the Medical University of Southern Africa (Medunsa). He belongs to various professional and scientific organizations and societies internationally and in Canada, and is currently chair of the Council on Education and the Committee on Dental Academia at the Canadian Dental Association.

De Vries has been previously recognized for his achievements by being inducted as a fellow in the Academy of Dentistry International, the Pierre Fauchard Academy, the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentistry.

Robert Malcolm Balfour of Oakville, Ontario and Richard of Montreal, Quebec also received the CDA Distinguished Service Award. CDA President, Jack Crowell, made the presentation at the CDA Annual General Meeting in April 2006.

MARKS OF ACHIEVEMENT

Campus Beautification Day on May 25

Campus Beautification Day will be back for its ninth edition on Thursday, May 25. Once again staff, students, faculty and retirees are invited to participate in a voluntary basis to help beautify the campus.

Jobs will include picking up paper, raking leaves, pulling weeds and planting flowers.

The project will commence at 9 a.m. and continue throughout the day. Everyone is invited to participate for as much time as their schedules permit. In the event of poor weather, the rain date is Friday, May 26.

Volunteers will be organized and units through their local departments and asked to bring gloves, rakes and spades from home, although some will be provided by physical plant.

On Campus Beautification Day, a barbecue lunch sponsored by the Fort Garry Campus Centre on the Bannatyne Campus for all volunteers. Pepsi will be providing the refreshments. The BookStore, as well as various other businesses on campus, will be donating “door” prizes for the event.

Following the barbecue on the Fort Garry Campus, there will be a tree planting ceremony in the quadrangle commemorating the ninth annual Campus Beautification Day.

Sneaker Day will be back on June 14 at the Fort Garry campus and June 21 at the Bannatyne campus. Remember to purchase your lunch ticket ahead of time for the Fort Garry walk.

Photo by Dale Barbour

Graduating science student Vanessa Goleski thought the co-op program would give her a bit of experience and some paid work – instead it sealed her interest in research.
Medical rounds are typically targeted at university staff and professionals directly involved in the medical field.

THURSDAY, MAY 18

Immunology Annual Graduate Student Research Presentations, Carla Kraeger, 2:30 p.m., 510 Student Dental Flushing, Bannatyne Campus, 5 p.m., Thursday, May 18.

Medicine: The D.A. Stewart Lecture, Gerns and Genes: Historical Continuity in Modern Medicine and Bioethics by William Seidelman, emeritus professor, family and community medicine, University of Toronto, Theatre A, Basic Medical Sciences Building, Bannatyne Campus, 3:30 p.m., Thursday, May 18.

FRIDAY, MAY 19

Community Health Sciences, Disease Mapping Through Rose Colored Glasses: A Critical Analysis of Disease Mapping Technologies in Public Health by Chad Green, assistant professor, community health sciences, University of Manitoba, Theatre A, Basic Medical Sciences Building, 6:30 p.m., Friday, May 19.

The University of Manitoba's CHIR/ICID National Training Program in Emergency Medicine and Critical Care: Clinical Practice of Trauma Care and Septic Shock by Tim Caulfield, director, Health Law Institute, and Confidential Challenge by Tim Caulfield, director, Health Law Institute, Tuesday, May 23.

Echocardiography: Indications, Clinical Applications, and Management of Valvular Heart Disease by Jeanne Strutinski, CH 181/183 Basic Medical Sciences Building, 3:15 p.m., Friday, May 19.

Overview of Children's Special Services in the University of Manitoba's CIHR/ICID National Training Program in Allergy by Nariman Aghaei, 12:30 p.m., Children's Hospital, 840 Sherbrook Ave., 3:15 p.m., Friday, May 19.

Medical Genetics Academic Session, Overview of Children’s Special Services by Jeanne Strutinski, CH 181/183 Basic Medical Sciences Building, 604/605 Basic Medical Sciences Building, linked to NG002 St. Boniface Regional Hospital, 8 a.m., Thursday, May 25.

Community Health Sciences HEAL Research Conference, School of Population and Community Health, 1000 Sherbrook Street, 10 a.m., Friday, May 26.

TUESDAY, MAY 23

Internal Medicine, Update on Stress Echocardiography: Indications, Clinical Utilization, New Modalities by Ivan Barac, assistant professor, Theatre A Basic Medical Sciences Building, linked to NG002 St. Boniface Hospital, 8 a.m., Tuesday, May 23.

Community Health Sciences HEAL (Health, Ethics and Law) Rounds, Biobanks and Bioethics: The Consent and Confidentiality Challenge by Tim Caulfield, director, Health Law Institute, University of Alberta, Canada Research Chair in Health Law and Policy, associate professor, faculties of Law, Medicine and Dentistry, Theatre A Basic Medical Sciences Building, 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 23.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

Pathology Research Seminar, Epidermal Growth Factor in thyroid cancer: novel roles of the proEGF cytoplasmic domain by Thomas Klonisch, professor and department of anatomy and cell science, University of Manitoba, 500 John Buhler Research Centre, 1 p.m., Wednesday, May 24.

THURSDAY, MAY 25

Clinical Health Psychology, ADHD in Adults: Diagnostic Considerations by Jan Wilson, Clinical Psychologist, Regional Assessment and Resource Centre, Queen’s University, PX-236 PsychHealth Theatre, 771 Bannatyne Ave., 3 p.m., Thursday, May 25.

Immunology Annual Graduate Student Research Presentations, Sherry Hebert, 12 p.m., Nariman Aghaei, 12:30 p.m., Immunology Library 604/605 Basic Medical Sciences Building, Thursday, May 25.

Immunology Annual Graduate Student Research Presentations, is there a role for CTLA-4 in the regulation of peanut-specific responses? by Sherry Hebert, 12:15 p.m., and The pathological role of dendritic cell (DC) subtypes as cell-based vaccines for Chlamydia Infection and Allergy by Nariman Aghaei, 12:30 p.m., Immunology Library 604/605 Basic Medical Sciences Building, Thursday, May 25.

Manitoba Institute of Cell Biology, Liposyrpholipidic acid in carcinogenesis by Nanjan Fung, postdoctoral fellow, Virginia Commonwealth University, department of biochemistry, Richmond, Virginia, CancerCare Manitoba Building Lecture Theatre A601, 12:15 p.m., Thursday, May 25.

FRIDAY, MAY 26

Medical Genetics Academic Session, Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia (CAH) by Elizabeth Sellers, CH 181/183 Children’s Hospital, 840 Sherbrook Ave., 3:15 p.m., Friday, May 26.

Monday, May 29

Medical Microbiology, Antimicrobial Resistance in Canadian Intensive Care Units in Canada by George Atwood, 5:40 p.m., Basic Medical Sciences Building, 8 a.m., Monday, May 29. Rescheduled from May 15.

National Training Program in Allergy and Asthma, Toll-like receptor signaling mechanisms in B cells by Nyla Dil and Siglec-8/Siglec-F on TNFα vaccine in the down regulation of airway allergic inflammatory responses in mice with established asthma by Allan Guhaa Mo, Immunology Library 604/605 Basic Medical Sciences Building, 3:30 p.m., Monday, May 29.

TUESDAY, MAY 30

Internal Medicine, Physician-Assisted Suicide by Gregg Exchun, assistant professor, University of Manitoba, Theatre A Basic Medical Sciences Building, linked to NG002 St. Boniface Hospital, 8 a.m., Tuesday, May 30.

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Alec Schoen Distinguished Professorship in Allergy, Siglec-8/Siglec-F on eosinophils and mast cells: expression, ligands and inhibitory function by Bruce Bochner, director, Johns Hopkins Asthma and Allergy Center, Baltimore, Maryland, Immunology Library 604/605 Basic Medical Sciences Building, 12 p.m., Thursday, June 1.
Faculty of Architecture
Department of Interior Design

The Faculty of Architecture invites applications and nominations for a five-year appointment for the Head of the Department of Interior Design beginning January 1, 2007. The position will be tenured at the rank of Associate Professor/Professor.

EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION

The Department of Interior Design at the University of Manitoba has earned a reputation in leadership and innovation in Interior Design education since its inception in 1948 as the first Bachelor’s degree programme in Canada, and more recently with the introduction of graduate level education offered in partnership with the University of Manitoba’s professional Master’s programmes (1992) and the Professional Master’s (2001). The Interior Design Master’s programme is the first and only graduate level Interior Design education in Canada. The programme has received FIDER accreditation consecutively since 1974.

OPPORTUNITY

The Faculty of Architecture seeks an inspirational individual who will articulate and advance the mission and collective vision of the Faculty and Department. Opportunities exist to work in a collegial and dynamic environment with colleagues from four professional and allied design disciplines to pursue discipline specific and interdisciplinary teaching, scholarship and community involvement. The successful candidate will work collaboratively to consolidate the Master of Interior Design programme at the leading edge of Interior Design education in Canada and beyond. Working with the Department, the successful candidate will formulate pedagogical goals, facilitate review and development of curriculum, Departmental policies and procedures, and guide and promote existing and new scholarship and partnership agendas.

THE PERSON

The candidate must possess a professional degree in Interior Design as well as a post professional degree in Interior Design or other related field. A demonstrated record of excellence in teaching and scholarship is required, as is a strong commitment to interdisciplinary collaboration. Evidence of administrative skill in academia and/or professional practice is essential. Candidates must be eligible for membership in the Professional Interior Designers Institute of Manitoba, a member organization of Canada’s national body, Interior Designers of Canada.

The Department is seeking a facilitative leader with strong interpersonal and communication skills. The candidate must have demonstrated excellence in design studio and core course teaching, as well as practica and theses advising and supervision. The candidate must demonstrate a strong commitment to interdisciplinary undergraduate and graduate interior design education, and in professional practice. Collaborative leadership, mentorship, and sensitivity to student and faculty concerns are required.

An ability to represent the Interior Design programme and build partnerships in the context of University, professional and public venues is essential.

THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR DESIGN

The programme in Interior Design emphasizes an integration of design and scholarship in teaching interior design and promotes human-centered design and process. Students have access to a exceptional Product Catalogue Library. Design inquiry and methodology, history, environmental and cultural theory, interior design technologies, professional practice, communication and digital media comprise the principal knowledge streams of the programme. The Department is committed to expanding off-site study opportunities for students in city, regional, national and international settings. To date have included the city’s core, northern rural communities, Canadian and American urban centres, Germany and Turkey.

THE FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE AND COMMUNITY

The Faculty offers an undergraduate interdisciplinary foundation programme (Environmental Design) and four accredited professional programmes (Architecture, City Planning, Interior Design, and Landscape Architecture). At present, the Faculty’s extracurricular programme comprises a Gallery, showcasing professional and creative works by leading national and international designers and an ambitious cultural and professional visiting scholars series. The Faculty is engaged in a collaborative initiative with the School of Fine Arts, the Faculty of Music and Libraries to establish the Centre for Music and Art (CMAD). The Centre will house a new Library and offer students expanded learning opportunities in multi-disciplinary new media technologies. The University of Manitoba is located in a city with a population of 600,000 and is a major centre in the Central Prairies. The city’s reclamation and redevelopment of its turn-of-the-century Exchange District fosters many new business, housing and recreational opportunities and serves as a design laboratory for student projects at all scales of urban design. Winnipeg’s diverse multi-cultural demographic comprising many international ethnic origins and a growing aboriginal community creates a dynamic urban environment for the Faculty of Architecture, the Winnipeg professional design community and related design industries.

APPLICATION DETAILS

The University encourages applications from qualified women and men, including members of visible minorities, Aboriginal peoples, and persons with disabilities. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Additional information on the Faculty and the Department is available at http://www.umanitoba.ca/architecture/.

Applicants should submit all materials in a bound volume, in print format and contain the following:

• Curriculum Vitae
• Portfolio of recent and relevant examples of:
  • professional and creative work,
  • teaching dossier of teaching history, recent studio briefs and course outlines with associated student learning outcomes and products.
• Statement of pedagogical philosophy (2 page maximum)
• Names and contact information for three referees (include: email and telephone)

Review of applications will begin September 1, 2006. Application materials, including letters of reference, will be handled in accordance with the “Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Manitoba).”

Application and inquiries should carry the reference “Head of Interior Design Search Committee, Professor Akemi Miyahara” and be addressed to: Dr. David B. Witty, Dean Faculty of Architecture and Chair, Head of Interior Design Search Committee, Faculty of Architecture, 201 Russell Building, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, R3T 2N2, Manitoba, Canada.

Manitoba Marathon news

The Manitoba Marathon will once again be calling the University of Manitoba its homebase. The marathon runs on Sunday, June 18 and as a result traffic at the university will be impacted.

This year Chancellor Matheson will be closed on June 18 from 5:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and University Crescent will be closed from 6:20 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Manitoba Marathon will operate a free park and ride shuttle service at the university until 1 p.m.

Access to the university during the marathon will be via King’s Drive, which can be accessed from Pembina Highway via Dalhousie and Silverstone. Smartpark will be accessible via Dafoe Road.

CLASSIFIED ADS

The Bulletin welcomes Classified Ads. The rate for ads is $5 for the first 45 words.

LAKE PROPERTY, 10 Harbour Bay, Richmond West: 1,726 sq.ft 2 storey w/ 3 + 2 BRs, fmly & rec rm, FP lge eat-in kit, mn level laundry & dbl at. dev LL. Nice, New Br, 2 level decks, in-gnd pool gas/solar heat, lge pier on Bay, treed & fenced yard. Close to U of M, Bairdmore sch. $295,000. For Automated Information call 261-8877 Code # 10163 or www.comfree.com. Open House: May 19, 4-8, May 21, 1-4. Tel: 261-1630.

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ROOM FOR RENT good location for bus routes to U of M and to D.T. Kitchen bathroom and laundry all on one floor. For information call Hilde or Jeff @ 489-9860.

ACADEMIC JOB OPPORTUNITIES

A full listing of employment opportunities at the University of Manitoba can be found at www.umanitoba.ca.

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FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE

Department of Interior Design

Position: Assistant professor

Start date: July 1, 2007

Application deadline: June 9

Position number: 04343

For information: Professor Akemi Miyahara, chair, interior design search committee, department of interior design, 412 Architecture 2 Building, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, R3T 2N2, phone 474 6415, fax 474 7533.

FACULTY OF ARTS

Department of German and Slavic Studies

Position: Associate professor in the area of German studies with a specialization in late 20th and early 21st century German literature and culture.

Start date: July 1

Salary: commensurate with the qualifications and experience

Application deadline: June 19

Position number: 0284109

For information: Dr. Barry Ferguson, chair, German search committee, Dean’s Office, Faculty of Arts, 306 Fletcher Argue Building, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, R3T 2N2, e-mail fbarg@cc.umanitoba.ca.
Examining the mental health needs of our armed forces

By Frank Nolan, Research Promotion Officer

Even though Canada’s armed forces have been involved in peacekeeping missions around the world for a half a century, it wasn’t until very recently that researchers began looking at how these activities affect the mental health of our military personnel.

At the University of Manitoba, a project led by Jitender Sareen, psychiatry, is looking at the prevalence of mental disorders in the armed forces and the level of need for mental health services.

“ITC’s Virtual Reality Centre is an important resource, and many of our students already at Smartpark and for the University of Manitoba,” said Joanne Cornell, ITC’s chief operating officer.

The first stage involved analyzing the data to determine the impact of peacekeeping activities on the mental health of the peacekeepers themselves.

“There’s been a lot of interest in whether or not these activities lead to increases in things like anxiety disorders, suicidal tendencies, and so on,” Sareen said. “The situation in Rwanda was one example, but there has been significant controversy over this, since Rwanda was a very specific experience, and some other studies have not found that peacekeeping in general has a negative effect on soldiers.”

The second part of Sareen’s study is examining self-perceived need for mental health services, or whether or not individuals think they need help for emotional problems. The team is also looking at the kinds of barriers that military personnel might face, including the fear of stigmatization, and whether or not people have confidence in the services available to them.

“The aim is to look at how common things like depression and post-traumatic stress disorder are, and how many of these people are actually getting the full level of service they think they need,” he said. “Our hypothesis is that there are unmet needs in this population, and if that turns out to be the case, we hope that our findings might eventually impact policy.”

Sareen plans to present his findings at a symposium in Toronto this November as part of the Canadian Psychiatric Association annual conference.

Industrial Technology Centre opens at Smartpark

By Frank Nolan, Research Promotion Officer

On May 5, the Industrial Technology Centre (ITC) officially opened its new location at Smartpark, and representatives from the Province of Manitoba, the University of Manitoba and local industry took part in an opening ceremony and tour of its state-of-the-art facilities.

Established in 1979, ITC is a Special Operating Agency of Manitoba Energy, Science and Technology that provides manufacturers, businesses and institutions with a wide range of technical services.

Its new 18,800 square foot building at 78 Innovation Drive includes a comprehensive fabrication shop, mechanical testing and calibration laboratories, a technical library, advanced document examination capabilities, and a world-class Virtual Reality Centre.

It also houses the only laboratory in Western Canada for examining lottery tickets, including the detection of forgeries and alterations, as well as quality control testing.

ITC’s chief operating officer, Trevor Cornell, said the move will allow ITC to expand the partnerships it has built with local manufacturers over the last quarter century.

“This new location gives us a new beginning and many more opportunities for closer collaboration with our partners from the University of Manitoba, Smartpark and Industry,” Cornell said.

“As a focal point for advanced manufacturing and materials, ITC will be an important resource, both for the advanced technology organizations already at Smartpark and for the University of Manitoba,” said Joanne Keselman, vice-president (research) at the University of Manitoba.

“ITC’s Virtual Reality Centre is already proving to be a valuable resource, and many of our students have had an opportunity to visit the centre to learn more about advanced simulation techniques,” she added.

The opening ceremony included an announcement by John Clarkson, Deputy Minister of Energy, Science and Technology for the Province of Manitoba, of $125,000 in new funding for a pilot project linking ITC with the Manitoba Institute of Cell Biology (MICB), a joint institute of the University of Manitoba and CancerCare Manitoba.

The pilot project will give MICB researchers remote access to ITC’s Virtual Reality Centre, allowing them to use the Centre’s advanced visualization technology to create and manipulate three-dimensional images of cells and cell structures.

ITC’s opening event included a demonstration of the Virtual Reality Centre.

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Students select K to 12 teachers and professors that made a difference

Here is the list of students and their nominated teachers/professors:

**FACULTY OF AGRICULTURAL & FOOD SCIENCES**
Sze Wey Nga, Food Science
honoured
Susan Arntfield, Food Science

**FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE**
Stewart Dutfield, Environmental Design
honoured
Tom Reid, Fort Richmond Collegiate, Jean Trottier, Landscape Architecture

**FACULTY OF ARTS**
Cameroon Zealand
honoured
Ruth Shrofel, Garden City Collegiate
Charles Lekic, Pediatric Dentistry

**FACULTY OF DENTISTRY**
Akoua Matthews
honoured
Akosua Mathews, Philosophy

**FACULTY OF EDUCATION**
Krista Ramsay, Early Years Program
honoured
Francis Bird, University of Winnipeg
Wayne Serebrin, Language & Literacy

**FACULTY OF ENGINEERING**
Shawna Boyko, Mechanical Engineering
honoured
Michael DeGroot, Vincent Massey H.S. – Brandon
Jack Cahoon, Mechanical Engineering

**FACULTY OF ENVIRONMENT, EARTH, AND RESOURCES**
Matthew Bodner, Geological Sciences
honoured
Ed Lysko, Ste. Rose School
Anton Chakhouradian, Geological Sciences

**FACULTY OF HUMAN ECOLOGY**
Erin Prokopowich, Human Nutritional Sciences
honoured
Tenley Schmidt, Ecole MacNeill
Mohammed Moghadrian, Human Nutritional Sciences

**L.H. ASPER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**
Sheilah Lee Restall, Management
honoured
Jay Buchanan, H.C Avery Middle School
Fang Wan, Management

**FACULTY OF MUSIC**
AinSliene Durnin, Music
honoured
Bill Kristjanson, Glenlawn Collegiate
Ursula M. Rempel, Music History

**FACULTY OF NURSING**
Vladan Proutadjie, Nursing
honoured
Bill Diehl-Jones, Nursing

**FACULTY OF PHARMACY**
Leann Simms, Pharmacy
honoured
Mark Sefron, Vincent Massey H.S. – Brandon
Sheryl Zelenitsky, Pharmacy

**FACULTY OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION & RECREATION STUDIES**
Nancy Maskus, Physical Education & Rec. Studies
honoured
Doug Fraser, Shaftesbury High School
Janice Butcher, Physical Education & Rec. Studies

**FACULTY OF SCIENCE**
James Requeima, Mathematics
honoured
Jim Stuparyk, Kelvin High School
Sasha Kalajdzievski, Mathematics

**SCHOOL OF ART**
Kristjanis Kaitins,Goshailine, School of Art
honoured
Michael Hill, Neelin High School
Jim Stuparyk, Kelvin High School

**SCHOOL OF DENTAL HYGIENE**
Jennelle Babee, Dental Hygiene
honoured
Jean M.G. Taylor, Minnedosa Collegiate Institute

**SCHOOL OF MEDICAL REHABILITATION**
Jennifer Blandford, Respiratory Therapy
honoured
Greg Lupal, Arborg Collegiate Institute

**SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK**
Nicole Allan, Social Work
honoured
Denise Henrik, Sider High School
Laurie Anne Johnson, Social Work

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School of Medical Rehabilitation graduating student Jennifer Blandford shares a laugh with respiratory therapy professor Elenor Haywood at the 14th annual Students’ Teacher Recognition Reception on May 4. Blandford was one of the Tier III group at her school when she was eight years old as a music instructor and I was just a way of life,” Schmidt said. “My other music students were a part of the Tier III group and it just made a difference for him. There are students who stand out no matter how much time has gone by.” Sefron said. “She was one I could remember at a moment’s notice.”

“This is a tremendous event that University Teaching Services puts on. It’s so nice to see the students again and to be able to reacquaint yourself with them,” he said.

Ecole MacNeill teacher Tenley Schmidt, and members of her own family, flew in from Dauphin for the event. She was ecstatic when she received an invitation from Prokopowich.

“I’ve taught her since she was five year’s old as a music instructor and I was also her band instructor,” Schmidt said. “Over that time, Schmidt has been there for Prokopowich and when Schmidt lost her own husband a few years ago she said Prokopowich and herself, “It’s not about where there to lend support to her.”

“It’s not a career, it’s not a job, it’s just a way of life,” Schmidt said. “My student’s really saved my life.”

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For a select group of students, the 14th annual Students’ Teacher Recognition Reception held on May 4 was a chance to look back before they move forward.

The reception is hosted by University Teaching Services and the University of Manitoba Students’ Union and gave 19 graduating students, each nominated by their faculty for their outstanding achievements at university, the chance to say thank you to the teachers and university professors who helped them get to where they are now.

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