You’re on your way!

BY DALE BARBOUR
The Bulletin
The 2006/07 academic year has begun.
Thousands of University 1 students streamed onto campus on Sept. 5 and found over 100 brightly clad meeters and greeters ready and more than willing to help them find their way to orientation classes.

School of Agriculture instructor Lorrie Koroscil said she’s been taking part in the opening of University 1 for six years and can’t imagine a better way to start off the school year.

“It’s fun to meet the new students. I know how nervous they can be and at Agriculture we like to be a friendly group,” Koroscil said. “Making them feel welcome is so important if we want them to stay and come back.”

University 1 student Alicia Pedersen was getting some help from fourth-year engineering student/orientation leader Michael Shaw on her way to orientation. But finding her way was still a nerve wracking experience.

“It’s scary,” she said, with a grin. “I’m very nervous.”


“You get to see all kinds of different students. Some of them come out and they want to look so cool – they don’t want to ask for help, they want to do it on their own,” registrar Neil Marnoch said. He was taking a break from the daily grind of ensuring that students are properly registered for their classes to come out and meet the new crew.

“It’s great to see staff from across the university taking part,” Marnoch said. “You get support staff and faculty coming out to greet the students and help them find their buildings.”

“I like the student contact,” assistant to the registrar Diane Benoit added. “I don’t usually get to work directly with students, so it’s nice to have that bit of contact.”

“A lot of the students have been on campus before for orientation sessions during the summer, Info Days when they’re in high school or even Mini University. So by the time they get here they do have a pretty good idea where they’re going,” Marnoch noted.

Jason Hopkins and Brent Ballantyne were already starting to settle in as they trekked around campus.

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Medical class grows

With family and friends looking on, 101 first-year medical students celebrated their first official day at the Faculty of Medicine by reciting the Hippocratic Oath and accepting their official white coats.

The event, which was held on Aug. 23, was part of the inaugural exercises designed to welcome the Class of 2010 into the faculty and into the medical profession.

“Beginnings are so important, and I couldn’t imagine a better beginning than this,” said Dean Sandham, dean of the Faculty of Medicine, to the assembled crowd.

This year marks the first year where 101 medical students are enrolled in Medicine. As part of the agreement between the province of Manitoba and the university – class sizes have been gradually increasing over the past four years.

Since 2001, the Government of Manitoba and the Faculty of Medicine have been working to increase the number of medical students in its program. In 2002 the number of spots increased from 70 to 85 spaces and expanded to 93 spaces in 2005 and now offers 101 spaces in order to help meet the health care needs of Manitobans.

“The Class of 2010 represents several years of effort to restore medical school enrolment from decreases in the early 1990s. Today’s graduates will revitalize and help to sustain the province’s supply of health care professionals,” said Healthy Living Minister Theresa Oswald.

“I also want to take the opportunity to acknowledge all of the medical students who have worked so hard to graduate from medical school in order to dedicate their lives to caring for others.”

“We in Canada must increase our creation of new physicians to meet our national needs. Today, we celebrate the admission of the largest class of new medical students in Manitoba in the past 25 years. I wish to acknowledge and thank faculty and staff who have worked hard to be prepared,” added Sandham.
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In The News

University of Manitoba members are always making news – demonstrating the university's impact on the community. Here's a look at the stories and deadlines that show how U of M faculty and staff impact the world around them.

AIDS 2006

Internationally-acclaimed researchers from the University of Manitoba participated and presented their research at the XVI International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2006) in Toronto which ran Aug. 13 to 18.

An estimated 20,000 people attended the biennial conference; major speakers included former US President Bill Clinton, UN Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa Stephen Lewis, and Bill and Melinda Gates.

The conference featured pivotal new HIV/AIDS research from around the world as well as new trends in basic and clinical research, epidemiology, social science, and policy. More information can be found on the conference web site: www.aids2006.org.

The conference and its participants, including the University of Manitoba researchers listed below, made news around the country. The following is just a partial list of many of the stories that mention our university and researchers:

- "In quest for vaccine, failure becomes an effective teacher," Globe and Mail, Aug. 12.
- "Canadian wins in the fight against AIDS," National Post editorial, Aug. 9.
- "Dying of ignorance," National Post, Aug. 5.
- "Canadian face of HIV changing, study shows," Globe and Mail, Aug. 1.

Headline news

Where else has the U of M been making news? Here’s a look at just a few of our headlines over the past few weeks.

- "Herd's hopes rest on offensive line," Winnipeg Sun, Aug. 31.
- "'U of M ticked off at Macleans,' Lance, Aug. 31.
- "He is salvation army's top soldier," Winnipeg Free Press, Aug. 31.
- "Finger takes step forward," Winnipeg Sun, Aug. 30.

Enrolment not expected to increase

It’s lighter than it looks

The Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources, with the help of Manitoba Hydro, packed up and sent a buoy to the Nelson River mouth earlier this summer.

The buoy is part of the ArcticNet project looking at global change in Canada’s north, Centre for Earth Observation Science operations manager David Mosepp showed.

The buoy is packed with equipment to track details ranging from wind speed and solar radiation to water temperature in the Nelson River.

The data will be relayed to the Arcticnet, Network of Centres of Excellence of Canada’s partners and a record will also be stored onboard the buoy.

The information gathered at the Nelson River location will work in tandem with information gathered at hundreds of sites across the north to give a better picture of how global change impacts the northern climate.

Bison alumni scholarship dinner will honour Idonije

The Annual Bison Football Alumni Scholarship Dinner is set for Friday, Oct. 20 in the Multi Purpose Room at the University of Manitoba.

This year's dinner will honour former Bison and current NFL Chicago Bears player, Jesse 'Izzy' Idonije. Idonije, a former CIS First Team All-Canadian and J.P. Metras Trophy winner, begins his third season in the NFL during the upcoming 2006 campaign.

Tickets are $150 with a taxable receipt (parking vouchers will be available). For more information contact Jason Rauhaus, at 488-0625 or at rauhausj@medca.in or call Jennifer Everard, events coordinator for Bison Sports, at 474-8146 or e-mail at everard@cc.umanitoba.ca.

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Helping our students feel welcome

BY DALE BARBOUR
The Bulletin

How do you create a welcoming and supportive environment for students at the University of Manitoba?

One step at time.

The Welcoming and Supportive Environment Task Force, created in June, 2005, wrapped up its efforts this summer after a year spent listening to hundreds of students and faculty members about what people expect out of the university environment.

We really put the emphasis on talking to students to get a sense of the issues they’re facing,” vice president (academic) Robert Kerr said. “The task force heard included keeping the libraries open 24 hours a day/seven days a week and meeting to provide better signage throughout the campus grounds and the underground malls.

The staff and administrative response to the task force focused on how creating a welcoming and supportive environment could be worked into the culture of the university – suggestions ranged from factoring it into job performance to putting the idea into practice.

“We wanted to develop a site that recognizes that a student’s personal development is not separate from his or her academic development, that informal learning plays a crucial role in academic development, and that learning is a process of social participation,” explains Peter Tittenberger, the acting director of the Learning Technologies Centre and one of the partners in the project.

Although the VLC has many of the cool features of popular social networking websites such as MySpace or Facebook, the new site is much more than just a MySpace wannabe. It has been designed with U of M students in mind, bringing together university student resources, enabling connections, and promoting community building.

Students have choices in how they move through the site. Besides traditional navigation, a unique feature is a ‘to-do cloud’ where students move through the site. Besides traditional navigation, a unique feature is a ‘to-do cloud’ where students move through the site.

“Called the Virtual Learning Commons (or VLC), the new University of Manitoba website will allow students to meet other U of M students, access online academic resources, talk about the latest season of Lost, and get advice from an online writing tutor, to name just a few examples.

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The Virtual Learning Commons is only one component of a larger campaign to create a learning commons at the University of Manitoba.

Virtual world could be perfect study aid

Welcome new faculty

Richard Johnson, centre, a retired vice-provost with the University of Manitoba, played tour guide for some of the university’s new faculty members on Thursday, Aug. 31. In all there are some 117 new faculty members at the university this year.

Summer numbers dip slightly

For the first time in many years, the combined total enrollment in day, evening and inter session dipped 1.7 per cent from 11,127 to 10,942 students. Excluding distance education, credit enrolment by 2.2 per cent.

60,408 as compared to 62,161 for 2005. Excluding distance education, credit enrolment dipped 6.9 per cent to 53,529 from 57,273 in 2005.

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Welcome back! Welcome to all those who are new! The arrival of students and the onset of classes in the fall is for me, one of the most exciting times of the academic year. I suspect that my adrenaline rush has its roots in childhood, in the beginning when the prospect of starting school had little to do with what I might learn. The excitement had more to do with seeing classmates of old again along with much-like teachers, anticipating access to sports, and I loved the task of outfitting myself by purchasing the paraphernalia of school, first from my mother gave me, and later in high school, through my summer earnings. By then my newly purchased textbooks had an appeal of their own, ranging from those whose subject matter I considered irresistible — that is, why wait for classes to read them — to those that I knew I would master eventually, but which I did not want to confront alone. The headiness of good things anticipated was always stronger than the inevitable anxiety about things unknown, and to this day the expectation of great happenings ahead defines my emotions of early September.

What is the nature of the learning community that engenders so much excitement with the onset of the autumn term? The much quoted John Henry Cardinal Newman described a university as a place where strangers from everywhere congregate, where one finds professors and students in every branch of knowledge. They come together for a purpose, awareness of which is not necessarily shared in the beginning between professors and students. Some insiders describe their work as the dispassionate pursuit of knowledge, others become quite passionate in their confrontation of ideology. Some, like me, are dispassionate in their pursuit of knowledge and are content to articulate values that are intrinsic to the character of Manitoba’s university — principles such as excellence, integrity, equity and diversity, innovation, academic freedom, accountability and responsibility to society. What the university means by them is available for everyone’s perusal, in documents such as Building for a Bright Future, the institution’s strategic academic plan. There is something splendid in our daring to articulate values that are intrinsic to the character of Manitoba’s university.

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neville receives léger award

political studies professor william neville has been named the 2006 gabrielle léger award winner by the heritage canada foundation for his contribution to built heritage conservation and education in manitoba and across canada.

the recognition was announced on july 31. neville will receive the award at the foundation's annual conference on friday, oct. 13, at the historic government conference centre (former union station) in ottawa.

through his public service as a winnipeg city councillor, chair of both the winnipeg historical buildings committee and the manitoba heritage council, as well as board member of heritage winnipeg and the manitoba representative of the historic sites and monuments board of canada, he has inspired municipal and provincial governments, heritage organizations and citizens to recognize and appreciate the importance of canada's historic building stock.

as the first chair of winnipeg's historical buildings committee, neville played an important role in developing the criteria for designating municipal heritage sites, such as the unique exchange district, while as chair of the manitoba heritage council, he contributed to the creation of the province's heritage policy. during his two-term tenure on the historic sites and monuments council of manitoba, he advocated for new commemorations, and the designation of several prominent landmarks including winnipeg's exchange district and walker theatre, and the inglis grain elevators.

the heritage canada foundation awards jury also cited neville's talent as a communicator. his intelligent, passionate and articulate arguments made public through his regular contributions to the winnipeg free press made him a persuasive voice on the road.

university of manitoba research support programs

to encourage the development of research, the university offers a number of research support programs. these programs are administered by the office of research services.

name of program

university research grants program (urgp)

umisshrc research grants program (umisshrc rgp)

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samuel weiner distinguished visitor award

by renee barclay

for the bulletin

over the past 42 years, many staff and students at the faculty of dentistry have been called upon to step for the sake of research.

colin dawes, professor emeritus oral biology, has studied the role of saliva in oral and general health since 1959, and he's approached many people over the years to obtain samples for his work. now in the height of his career, dawes has earned a shiny, brass spitoon in recognition of his contribution to salivary research.

the salivary research group of the international association for dental research (iadr) presented dawes with the 2005 salivary researcher of the year award in june, recognizing his many years of dedication and expertise in the field. the iadr, comprised of approximately 12,000 members worldwide, presented dawes with the prestigious award at the iadr meeting in brisbane, australia.

the award is an engraved spitoon, which is circulated annually from one award recipient to the next. dawes is the second canadian to receive the salivary researcher award since it was first presented in 1982.

it is a great honour to receive this award, given the very high quality of the previous recipients," dawes said.

dawes' renowned research projects have included studies of the physiological factors that affect the volume and rate of composition, the role of saliva in oral sugar clearance, the relation between the volume of saliva in the mouth and the sensation of oral dryness, and the influence of salivary film velocity on the metabolism and pH of dental plaque. his work has been presented in a variety of forums including oral presentations and articles.

in 2003, the win. wrigley jr. company featured an article by dawes in a special publication on the benifits finished back in the packaging in article in 2006 in the benefits of chewing ii. dawes is currently researching tooth decay caused by the consumption of acid beverages, such as soft drinks and juices, and the role saliva plays in the potential remineralization of teeth.

university of manitoba society of automotive engineering

u of m students race, pull and fly

university of manitoba society of automotive engineers members spend a year learning how to build a better vehicle. but going to the competition itself? that's all about learning how to roll with the punches.

the formula student competition, may 17 to 21, to lake geneva, wisconsin for the mini baja competition, may 24 to 27, and to englewood california proving grounds, june 2 to 4, for the aero design competition.

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Finding change in the age of faith

Books
by University Staff

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History professor Roisin Cossar considers the Middle Ages through the eyes of the ordinary person in her new book The Transformation of the Laity in Bergamo 1265-c.1400.

“I’ve tried to look at how lay people experienced Christianity in the Middle Ages and I’ve tried to find lay people in as many contexts as possible,” Cossar said. “I wanted to know how women experienced religious life and what other people, such as the poor, were doing in a religious context.”

The Middle Ages have been called the age of faith and lay people, those involved with the church or voluntary organizations connected to the church, were often assumed to be under the control of a monolithic church. But over the last 10 or 15 years, Cossar said scholars have started to question whether the relationship between people and the church was really that simple.

“The people that I look at are doing a lot to shape their religious experience,” Cossar said. Lay people would approach their bishop if they felt their local priest wasn’t behaving appropriately. And of course, the activities that lay people took part in and the groups they chose to join spoke volumes about their efforts to mediate their religious experiences.

“Women would often join hospitals, which were religious organizations, because they were seen as female friendly institutions,” Cossar said. But as much as people attempted to shape their experiences, the world was also changing and reshaping their opportunities. A trend across the Middle Ages was for society to become more hierarchical as more powerful political blocks emerged.

“Over the period of about 135 years there were increasingly fewer opportunities for women and the poor to participate in public culture,” Cossar said. “They had a less-important role to play in the religious institutions set up by lay people.”

But again, while the people of the time probably weren’t aware of the breadth of changes happening around them, they still mediated their individual experiences.

“People who were somewhat marginalized tried to fight their marginalization.” Cossar said. “In one case we have a group known as the shamfaced poor – people who are of high station but don’t have enough money to live on. Groups of these people became quite good at manipulating religious institutions to satisfy a lot of their needs.”

Bergamo, the focal point of Cossar’s research, is located in northern Italy and can trace its roots back to Roman times. During the period in question, it was under the control of nearby Milan.

But the charm of the city, from a historian’s point of view, is that a substantial amount of written material from the Middle Ages has survived intact.

Much of Cossar’s source material is in the form of notarial documents. “They’re amazing resources, but they can also be frustrating,” Cossar said. The documents include everything from wills and transfers of property to donations, and dowry agreements. A notary would keep all his – at the time it was given that the notary would be a man – records in books [or registers] as a resource for any clients who needed the information.

“When the notary died the material would be passed down to other notaries so there’s a wonderful survival rate for these types of documents,” Cossar said. Barring their destruction through war, the notarial documents generally ended up in the hands of archivists who promptly filed them away in the back of the archives.

“They’re difficult to work with, they’re always in Latin and they can be a little hard to read because they’re all hand written,” Cossar said. Traditionally, historians shunned the documents, but over the last 20 years that trend has changed and people like Cossar have been cracking open the notarial registers. It’s that opportunity to see something new that drew Cossar to the Middle Ages in the first place.

“The documents within the registers are not catalogued so you have to sit down and turn pages for hours,” Cossar said. “You have to read and decipher everything. But it does make what you get out of it very satisfying. You’re seeing things that have not been seen for 600 years.”

Find time to flex yourself

Regular stretching is one of the easiest and quickest ways to counter daily stress. It helps flush out the build up of lactic acid and other toxins in the body and can be done any time throughout your work day. But the key to stretching is doing it properly. Here are a few simple techniques you can do at your desk:

1. Neck Stretch
   First, slowly tuck your chin into your chest and hold for 15-20 seconds. Repeat the stretch for one minute. Next, slowly turn your head to look over your right shoulder and hold for 15-20 seconds. Turn to the left and repeat. Slowly alternate from side to side for one minute.

2. Shoulder Stretch
   Push yourself away from your desk and link your fingers together. Extend your hands as far away as possible directly in front of you and hold for 15-20 seconds.

3. Get Moving
   Even if it is as little as 15 minutes of exercise a day, it can go a long way to help the body’s stress response.

Recreation Services helps to inspire and facilitate students and staff of the University of Manitoba in engaging in active healthy lifestyles through involvement in a diverse assortment of enjoyable and educational recreational activities that will contribute to improved quality of life. Visit them online at www.recreation.services.ca or call 474-6100 (Fort Garry Campus) or 789-3858 (Bannatyne Campus).

Retirees to get U of M update

The University of Manitoba Retirees Association (UMRA) will hold its annual general meeting and the 21st President’s Reception for retirees at the Fort Garry campus on Saturday, Oct. 14.

The annual general meeting will be held in 205-207, University Centre, starting at 12:30 p.m. At the meeting, there will be an election of members to the executive to fill vacant positions, approval of changes to the constitution, reports on activities of the association since the last AGM, happenings at the national level with the College and University Retiree Associations of Canada (CURAC) and other matters of interest to retirees. All retirees are invited to attend this meeting.

The 21st President’s Reception for Retirees will be held in the Marshall McLuhan Hall, University Centre starting at 2 p.m. The guest speaker is Alex Segall who will be speaking on what retirees can do on a regular basis in order to experience healthy aging.

Following his presentation, President Emile Saithmary will bring retirees up to day on happenings at the University. A reception follows these presentations. Spouses/partners of retirees and survivors of retirees are welcome to attend.

Please let Linda Lassman know by Oct. 6 about your attendance by calling 474-9124 or e-mail her at linda_lassman@umanitoba.ca.
University staff build links in Ukraine

BY DALE BARBOUR
The Bulletin

For a group of Canadian high school students summer camp took on a whole new meaning this year.

Camp Zustrich – a word that means “encounter” in Ukrainian – kicked off for three weeks in July. It was the second year for the camp which brought together 21 Canadian students, 48 Ukrainian students, three students from Poland and one from the United States. The camp was based in Kosiv, Ukraine, nestled in the Carpathian Mountains, but included a weekend-tour of other sites in Ukraine including Lviv and Kyiv.

“The camp brought together a group of students from Canada to Ukraine to meet their counterparts there. It was intended as an encounter – a meeting of the two minds,” Centre for Ukrainian Canadian Studies professor Roman Yereniuk said.

The camp was coordinated by Yereniuk with the assistance of Oksana Ruda, assistant superintendent of the Ivano Frankivsk School Division in Ukraine. Apart from working at the U of M, Ruda serves as a vice president of the Winnipeg School Division making him a natural fit to organize the camp.

“Over the years, Yereniuk said, the mindsets between the two groups of kids were fairly similar.

This year 13-year-old people, 13 to 17 years old,” Yereniuk said. “In many ways they talk the same language. They know and use the same computer games and music so that gap is not there.”

Retired Physical Education and Recreational Studies professor Victor Corroll helped run the English as a second language component of Camp Zustrich and added his seminars on intergenerational relations and issues.

But that doesn’t mean they can’t learn from each other.

“The camp gave the kids in Ukraine the chance to enhance their English language skills and it gave the Canadian kids training in Ukrainian, cultural training and the chance to visit their ancestral homeland,” Yereniuk said. When possible, Yereniuk said they tracked down Ukrainian relatives of the Canadian students.

“The older Ukrainian relatives would want to know how the family was but the students were really interested in meeting other kids their own age,” Yereniuk said.

The trip brought the Canadian students in touch with their Ukrainian roots, but it also complicated the picture. Ukraine includes everything from modern skyscrapers to historic sites, cutting edge industry to horse drawn farm carts.

One of the stops included a tour of one of the geographical wonders of Ukraine – a system of caverns that extend underground for kilometers.

“The camp couldn’t bring Canadian geography to show to the Ukrainian participants but Yereniuk said they did bring over a few cultural staples.

“We guessed marshmallows were not a big thing in Ukraine so we brought the kids bring over a bag of marshmallows,” Yereniuk said. It was their first experience with marshmallows but the Ukrainian students managed to figure it out on a campfire get together.

Helping Yereniuk organize the camp was Victor Corroll, a retired Physical Education and Recreational Studies professor. Corroll helped run the English as a second language component of the camps, but also taped into his own research background to offer seminars in intergenerational relations and issues.

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“The camps and the traveling and the chance to visit their ancestral homeland,” Yereniuk said. “Behind all of this, we talk about the academic opportunities for kids at Canadian universities.” Yereniuk said. “It’s really a project in international education and we hope maybe over the next two or three years some of the Ukrainian students we worked with will maybe come to Canada to do university studies, including perhaps the 1 of M.”

University of Manitoba

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Dean

The University of Manitoba is committed to creating, preserving and communicating knowledge and, thereby, contributing to the cultural, social and economic well being of the people of Manitoba, Canada and the world. The Faculty of Music achieves these objectives by providing outstanding musical education at all levels within Manitoba through its highly talented faculty and students, innovative programming and a commitment to outreach.

The ideal candidate will be qualified to hold a tenured appointment at rank Professor in the Faculty of Music, have extensive academic and/or arts administrative experience, and have a sincere appreciation of the various disciplines represented in the Faculty. Position Numbers: CC757/0625. Additional information is available on the University’s website at www.umanitoba.ca.

The appointment as Dean is initially for a term of five years commencing January 1, 2007. The Presidential Advisory Committee will begin its review of applications in early October 2006.

The University of Manitoba encourages applications from all qualified individuals, including women, members of visible minorities, Aboriginal persons and persons with disabilities. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be considered a priority. Applications and all materials including letters of reference will be handled in accordance with The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Manitoba).

Bannatyne campus is smoke-free

The University of Manitoba has declared its Bannatyne campus a smoke-free area.

The policy, passed earlier this year, extends the university’s no-smoking restriction to cover the entire Bannatyne campus – including all buildings, grounds and parking areas.

The policy achieves the university’s goal of fostering a healthy environment for all members of its community and is consistent with a similar policy enacted by the Health Sciences Centre on its property.

Signs throughout the Bannatyne campus will alert people to the new policy and ask for their help in making it work. For information on the Clean Air Procedure see: umanitoba.ca/governance/ gov_docs/procedures/cleanair.shtml for assistance with smoking cessation: umanitoba.ca/admin/human_resources/ehs/media/bulletinsmoking.pdf
The Bull

Intrasquad game, Max Derrida, will focus on the writer. Upcoming issue of Mosaic, 39.3, After interdisciplinary study of literature, Derrida has defined our time. More than any other ethics, politics, religion, literature about the nature of language, speech Derrida’s texts have described and Derrida, we now “live in the Derridean Nicholas Royle puts it in Jacques Derrida and to reflect on the legacies of Derrida, we now “live in the Derridean: the nature of work on Henry James by members of the University of Manitoba community, but will feature an afternoon keynote address by internationally renowned Henry James scholar David McWherter from Texas A&M University. In keeping with the Institute for the Humanities mandate, the symposium presentations are broad in scope, encompassing several approaches to James from scholars in film, literature, philosophy, and fine arts. This symposium, in addition to celebrating the works of Henry James, is an example of the Institute for the Humanities commitment to interdisciplinarity.

Why think about Derrida? As Nicholas Royle puts it in Jacques Derrida, we now “live in the Derridean epoch. Because, more than those of any other contemporary writer or thinker, Derrida’s texts have described and transformed the ways in which we think about the nature of language, speech and writing, life and death, culture, ethics, politics, religion, literature and philosophy. More than any other contemporary writer or thinker, Jacques Derrida has defined our time.” For details on the conference check out umanitoba.ca/bisons/

Events Listing

University of Manitoba

Bison Sports

FOOTBALL
Sept. 16 ~ Calgary at Manitoba, University Stadium, 1 p.m.
Sept. 23 ~ Alberta at Manitoba, University Stadium, 2 p.m.

WOMEN’S HOCCY
Sept. 9 ~ Intrasquad game, Max Bell, 7 p.m.

WOMEN’S SOCCER
Sept. 9 ~ Trinity Western at Manitoba, 12 a.m., soccer pitch, east of University Stadium.
Sept. 10 ~ Fraser Valley at Manitoba, 12 a.m., soccer pitch, east of University Stadium.
Sept. 23 ~ Saskatchewan at Manitoba, 10 a.m., soccer pitch, east of University Stadium.

WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL

Ticket information
Single Game
Adults: $8
Students: $5
12 and under: free
Season passes
Adult: $55
Student: $30
Tickets available at all Bison home games, Frank Kennedy, Max Bell Equipment Desk.

Adams opens new season

Finally, a day for Henry James

Jamesian Relations, a symposium focused on Henry James, is set to run 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Fridays, Sept. 29, 109Tier Building. Jamesian Relations is held in honour of the late Robin Pearsall Hoople.

Hoople taught American literature in the English department at the University of Manitoba for over 50 years, and the focus of his three completed books was the work of Henry James.

At the time of his death, Hoople was working on a paper to be delivered at this fall symposium on Henry James. The symposium will be dedicated to his memory, and his paper will be presented as one of the keynote addresses of the event.

The symposium will not only showcase the interdisciplinary nature of work on Henry James by members of the University of Manitoba community, but will feature an afternoon keynote address by internationally renowned Henry James scholar David McWherter from Texas A&M University. In keeping with the Institute for the Humanities mandate, the symposium presentations are broad in scope, encompassing several approaches to James from scholars in film, literature, philosophy, and fine arts.

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Everyone is welcome to attend.

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**Faculty of Nursing University of Manitoba**

**Dean**

The University of Manitoba invites applications and nominations for the position of Dean, Faculty of Nursing (www.umanitoba.ca/faculties/nursing/).

**THE OPPORTUNITY**

The Faculty of Nursing seeks an inspiring individual who will provide leadership by articulating and advancing a collective vision that incorporates the Faculty’s best potential, developing strategic plans, mentoring and empowering staff, encouraging teamwork, and developing and maintaining good working relationships with the University’s faculties and schools and relevant stakeholders.

**The Person**

- The Dean will be a strategic, inspirational, and collaborative nursing leader with a distinguished record in teaching, scholarship and clinical practice.
- She or he must hold a PhD in Nursing or a related health sciences field, and qualify for a tenured academic appointment at the rank of Professor.
- The Dean must have extensive experience in collaborative academic and administrative leadership.
- The successful candidate should have a distinguished record of success in teaching, research, and clinical practice, and a demonstrated commitment to nursing education and research.
- In addition to sustaining a climate that supports and encourages members of the Faculty to achieve excellence in teaching, research and scholarship, the new Dean will foster partnerships within the University, with other post-secondary institutions, with regional health authorities, with government, and with community and professional organizations.

**THE FACULTY OF NURSING**

Housed in a new, state-of-the-art 70,600 square foot facility, the Faculty of Nursing offers programs leading to a Bachelor of Nursing degree at three sites across Manitoba, and a Master of Nursing degree and PhD in Cancer Control and Applied Health Sciences at the Ft. Garry campus. The Faculty has a complement of 94 academic staff and 24 support staff, and has enrollments of 700 full-time and 550 part-time undergraduate students and 19 full-time and 67 part-time graduate students. The Faculty supports an active research environment throughout the Manitoba Nursing Research Institute, other institutes of the University and collaborative arrangements with health care agencies. A number of faculty have held clinical scientist awards, and external funding has doubled over the past three years. The Faculty has a strong commitment to the Aboriginal community, to accessibility and diversity, and to a wide range of practice environments.

**THE CITY OF WINNIPEG**

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**APPLICATION DETAILS**

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**FACULTY OF MEDICINE**

**Department of Clinical Health Psychology**

**Position:** Contingent geographic full-time (gf) psychologist at the assistant professor level, based in Thompson, Manitoba, providing psychological services to the Burntwood Regional Health Authority.

**Start date:** Dec. 1

**Salary:** An attractive salary schedule is available and, in addition, the GFT agreement provides for on-site private practice opportunities.

**Application deadline:** Oct. 1

**Position number:** AEM 422

**For information:** Dr. Robert McIlwraith, department of clinical health psychology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Manitoba, 725 - 771 Bannatyne Ave., Winnipeg, MB, R3E 3N4, phone 787-3876, fax 787-3755, e-mail: bmcilwraith@hsc.mb.ca.

**Department of Clinical Health Psychology**

**Position:** Contingent geographic full-time clinical psychologist in the area of chronic pain services

**Salary:** Salary schedule and benefits are attractive and, in addition, the GFT agreement provides for on-site private practice opportunities

**Application deadline:** Oct. 6

**Position number:** 40803

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**Position:** Section head, Eckhardt-Gramatte Library

**Start date:** Jan. 1, 2007

**Salary:** Commensurate with qualifications and experience.

**Application deadline:** Oct. 13

**Position number:** 05125

**For information:** Ms Carolyne Presser, director of libraries, The University of Manitoba Libraries, Winnipeg, MB, R3T 2N2.

**Salary:** Commensurate with qualifications and experience.

**Application deadline:** Sept. 15

**For information:** Dr. J. L. Reynolds, chair, department of family medicine, E6003-409 Tache Ave., Winnipeg, MB, R2H 2A6, phone 235-5055, fax 231-0502, e-mail to reynoldsc@cc.umanitoba.ca.

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Research program celebrates 10 years

BY SUSAN PARKER
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A homegrown research collaboration, the Deer Lodge Centre Interdisciplinary Summer Research Institute Program (ISRP) recently celebrated its tenth anniversary. It started as a pilot project in 1996, when four students from different faculties were brought together to assist Lorna Guse, Nursing, with three different research projects. Resources were limited and students worked on a part-time basis, but the experience proved to be an extremely positive one for Deer Lodge Centre, and the ISRP gained wide recognition.

Now the ISRP typically employs four or five full-time research assistants, each from a different discipline, from mid-May to mid-August. Research assistants are trained in the research process while conducting a group project.

"Many of the research assistants go on to complete graduate studies and work with older adults," Guse said. "They work in a variety of settings, such as personal care home and hospitals, and in various roles such as nurses, social workers, recreation therapists, occupational or physical therapists, and speech and language specialists."

The program provides an opportunity for students to develop research, clinical and academic knowledge, and has proven to be an excellent training ground for budding researchers and clinicians. The projects done in the past have been exceptional, and of students participating is exceptional. Projects to date have investigated staff and resident perceptions of quality of life in long term care, strength training in the frail elderly, falls in the long term care setting, and the development and use of life albums in long-term care.

Research assistants for the 2006 ISRP included: Claire Burton, Faculty of Graduate Studies – Kinesiology, Janelle Curtis, Faculty of Human Ecology, Trish Farkas, Faculty of Nursing, and Lucy Trotta, Faculty of Graduate Studies – Social Work. This year, research assistants attended several conferences and events, and participated in seminars conducted by community, clinician and academic leaders on topics such as spiritual care approach to personhood, labelling issues in dementia, new therapies for aggression, and excess disability in long-term care. The focus of this year’s ISRP was to develop a better understanding of personhood with long-term residents. The creation of a life album is a way to present the lives of residents with the expectations of contributing further research on preventing and managing aggressive behaviour.

Guse said the ISRP is an excellent example of university and community partnerships, and that Deer Lodge Centre staff members and residents have contributed greatly to the success and longevity of the program. She added that the ISRP would not have been possible without the strong support it has received from Deer Lodge Centre of the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, the Deer Lodge Foundation, Human Resources Development Canada, and the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Manitoba.

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Composing in the digital age

BY FRANK NOLAN
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Virtual every piece of music recorded in the last 15 years has been touched by computer technology. But while computers have become essential production tools for today’s musicians and producers, can they be used to compose the music itself?

“There is a long history of computer-aided composition,” said Orjan Sandred, Music. “In the 1950s, people were interested in probability, which was in fashion in those days. Today, we can use computers to apply other mathematical techniques to find new ways to structure our compositions.”

Earlier this summer, Sandred was awarded new funding from the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) and the Manitoba Research and Innovation Fund (MRIF) to establish a state-of-the-art computer music research studio. Tentatively named “Studio Flat,” the facility will be used to study ways in which computer technology can be applied to music composition. One of the program’s goals will be the creation of new musical compositions that will be performed at the university and community and elsewhere in the world, giving non-experts a chance to listen to the outcome.

Traditionally, Sandred said, some composers have resisted using anything other than their own intuition for creating music.

“When I was a student, I had a teacher who said we should not even use a piano when composing music, just a pen and paper. But there is no right or wrong way to create art, and the idea of how a composer should work is changing. If you want to find something unexpected that is not already in your brain, then you need some other input, and a computer can be a good tool for doing that.”

Sandred works with a branch of artificial intelligence called expert systems, in which the computer controls the evolution of specific musical parameters.

“Orjan Sandred, Faculty of Music.

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International collaboration nets results

BY DALE BARBOUR
The Bulletin

Students from the University of Manitoba and the New University of Lisbon are discovering they have a lot in common when it comes to diabetes research.

In fact, students from the two universities have teamed up to co-author 15 papers – and counting – and have received two awards for their contributions to diabetes research.

“It was very informal at first,” pharmacology and therapeutics professor Wayne Lautt said of the partnership’s evolution. “We had a graduate student, Paulo Macedo, who became interested in the work we were doing with diabetes while she was working at this lab. When she got a job as a faculty member in Portugal we continued the collaboration.”

And soon enough students started to travel back and forth. In 2001 a Canadian student traveled to Portugal to learn the biochemical techniques they were using in their labs and so far four Portuguese students – with another set to arrive this fall – have traveled to Winnipeg to conduct research in the department of pharmacology and therapeutics and take academic courses at the PhD level that aren’t available at the New University of Lisbon.

“It’s still an unofficial partnership,” Lautt added. “Professor Macedo and I field the costs through our research grants.”

In a lot of ways the unofficial partnership and the way it has evolved is typical.

“There’s almost always a personal connection at the heart of these partnerships,” Lautt said. “Even when the university administration sets out to form a partnership with another university for political reasons you’ll find that the actual set up almost always comes down to people who have had physical contact with the university and its people.”

PhD student Rita Patarrao is the current New University of Lisbon student making use of the partnership. She arrived in Winnipeg at the end of July and will be here until the end of September. She and U of M PhD student Josh Schafer have been working together on research looking at insulin sensitivity in diabetes. Patarrao said the experience is proving to be intense.

“I’m here working like a crazy girl. We want to get our round of experiments done so we can share them here and in Portugal.” Patarrao said she knew from the moment that she signed on for her PhD that she wanted international experience to be part of her education. It was a chance to broaden her horizons.

“I think it’s very important to see different countries and different ways of thinking about science,” Patarrao said. “As a grad student you only stay at your lab but there’s a huge difference between Portugal and Canada.”

Given that she has a set of goals to accomplish during her brief stay in Winnipeg, Patarrao hasn’t exactly had a lot of time to go out and soak up the local culture. But she said she’s received a warm welcome from the people she’s been working with and has been getting used to the Canadian way of doing things – a day in the lab can start at 7:30 a.m. in Canada compared to a midmorning start in Portugal, but the plus side is that they also clear out of the lab earlier. Lunch is seen as an opportunity to relax and network in Portugal – in Canada it has more often been a sandwich and eating on the go.

One of the benefits of the exchange for Patarrao is simply the opportunity to work in the English language.

“In Portugal, we take English in high school and with our research we’re required to read papers in English,” Patarrao said. “More often then not the conferences she attends in Portugal are conducted in English to give the various presenters a common language.

So, she knows the language, but working in Winnipeg helps her gain fluency in English as a working language.

Lautt said the partnership gives both universities more people to work with – at the U of M rather than Schafer trying to run the experiments by himself, there are two people working together to double the output.

“It’s extremely useful for Macedo’s lab and our lab. It’s also a benefit for the grants because our output per dollar is substantially increased,” Lautt said.

Plus the contacts being made – as with Macedo and Lautt – will spin off future collaborations as the students find their way into universities across the world.

“The graduate students in our labs learn to tackle problems together so they are learning a team approach and their becoming familiar with each other. In the end they’re going to be peers and that connection will extend throughout their lives.”