We haven’t found a cure for HIV/AIDS yet, but when it comes to fighting the disease nobody does it better than the University of Manitoba – and that’s because the U of M isn’t afraid to take the fight to the people.

In recognition of the U of M’s track record against HIV/AIDS in Africa and India, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has awarded the university US $22 million to develop a comprehensive HIV/AIDS prevention and support program in southern India.

The five-year project is focused on enhancing HIV and AIDS prevention, care, support and treatment services for vulnerable and affected populations in 12 high-prevalence districts in the state of Karnataka, and in four coastal districts in the neighbouring state of Andhra Pradesh.

“‘This initiative, supported by the U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, will build local capacity to deliver care and support services and extend prevention activities to rural areas, thus providing a comprehensive prevention to care program,’” says Beth Hogan, deputy mission director of USAID in India.

The University of Manitoba team is led by Stephen Moses, professor of medical microbiology; community health sciences and internal medicine, and James Blanchard, associate professor of community health sciences and medical microbiology; and Canada Research Chair in epidemiology and global public health.

Both have extensive field experience in implementing HIV/AIDS programs in India and Africa.

The new project will build on the University of Manitoba’s international reputation as a leader in designing innovative programs to slow the spread of HIV/AIDS in developing countries.

“Our overall goal is to build a comprehensive program that will provide effective HIV and AIDS prevention, care, support and treatment services for the people who need them most,” says Moses.

“We’ll be working from the ground up, not only to reduce the spread of the infection, but also to empower people to improve their own health and the health of their communities through enhanced HIV/AIDS care and treatment.”

The University of Manitoba is responsible for the overall technical design, management and administration of the project, which brings together a variety of organizations to work closely with the Karnataka State AIDS Prevention Society, the state government, district administrations and community groups.

These include EngenderHealth, an international nonprofit organization that will provide support in the area of HIV care, and treatment, and Population Services International, a nonprofit organization with expertise in developing effective health communications strategies.

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Bisons look towards next year

The Manitoba Bisons’ drive to the Vanier Cup came to a heartbreaking end on Nov. 11 when the team went down 32-15 to the Saskatchewan Huskies at Canad Inns Stadium.

The Huskies led 23-15 at the half and added two single-punts and a touchdown to seal the game in the last half.

The Bisons had gone into the match ranked #1 against a #4 ranking for the Huskies. But the Huskies have had plenty of success in the playoffs lately. Saskatchewan has won the Hardy Cup, for the Canada West championship, the last three years running and four times out of the last five years.

The Huskies move on to play the Ottawa Gee Gees in the Mitchell Bowl next Saturday, Nov. 18.

Despite the loss, the Bisons have a lot to be proud of this year and a lot to cheer about.

The program was recognized for its unbeaten 8-0 regular season record during the 2006 season with seven selections to the Canada West Conference All-Star Team.

The Bison All-Stars were split on both sides of the ball with three on the offense and four on defense: on offense, centre Terry Watson, running back Karim Lowen and inside receiver Terry Firr and on defense, interior lineman Simon Patrick, defensive end Justin Shaw and Justin Cooper plus linebacker Cory Hulack.

And in the run up to Saturday’s game, David and Ruth Asper stunned the university by announcing a $500,000 donation to the Bison football program and the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation Services. For the full story on the Aspers’ donation see the story on page 2.
Program focuses on rural areas

Shiva Halli and John O’Neil, both with the university’s department of community health sciences, are preparing technical support to the programs.

With this grant, we can take education to the rural areas where the epidemic can be controlled,” said O’Neil.

Shiva Halli said many of the people who are working with are seasonal workers – they have to leave home to find work and the isolation that results leaves them more vulnerable to infection. They need to understand AIDS to avoid it, but the reason the U of M has had success is because its programs recognize that understanding can’t be dropped on people from above.

“We need to recognize that people can do it themselves,” Halli said. Established in 1961, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is an independent agency that provides economic, development and humanitarian assistance around the world.
Kids get to work at university for a day

BY DALE BARBOUR

The Bulletin

Take your Kid to Work Day means a lot of something extra at the University of Manitoba – because along with giving kids the opportunity to see what their parents do, the day also gives the university a chance to show off what it does.

“We saw this as a great chance to celebrate our family and community connections,” continuing education program administrator Sandra Woloschuk said. Woloschuk’s daughter Natasha was one of dozens of Grade 9 students to drop into the university on Nov. 1.

Extended Education took the opportunity of Take Your Kids to Work day to stage a bit of an open house, saying that friends of co-workers were welcome to visit the university and held a coffee break party for the children who did arrive.

Woloschuk said the day provided a great behind the scenes look at the university.

“With technology and registering online people might think there’s no one left to talk to at the university. But there is. We have people who spend all their time making connections with students,” Woloschuk said.

It was a good lesson for Emily Forrest who was able to hang out with her mom Maureen, the staffing and administrative services manager.

“It’s exciting to learn what my mom does. I’ve never really understood it but now I get to see what it’s like for a full day,” Emily said.

From the back, Extended Education dean Lori Wallace put out the welcome mat on Take Your Kids to Work day, with her are Natasha and Sandra Woloschuk, Emily and Maureen Forrest, and Bryna and Debbie Link. Access Programs director Peter Nunoda and his daughter Erin Nunoda missed the photo but also enjoyed a day at the university together. (Jordan Clayton and Tess Hamilton appear on the front.)

The day even provided a few lessons for the parents.

“We were going to have cake for our party,” Woloschuk noted. “But when we asked the students what they’d like they said they’d prefer fruit. They’ve definitely learned to be health conscious.”

Down the hall from Extended Education, call centre manager Kelly Teixeira was joined by Tess Hamilton and Jordan Clayton for part of the day – Hamilton’s mother Margo works as director of development for the university and Clayton tagged along to check out the university.

Teixeira was happy to have two helpers for part of the tour.

“It’s been great. They’ve been getting a lot of stuff done and they’re asking good questions about what’s going on,” Teixeira said.

“It’s been fun,” Tess Hamilton said. “You get to see what they do and how they spend their day.”

And they learned a little bit about the people, with Teixeira explaining how her own education background fits in with what she’s doing at the university now.

And, as the experience in Extended Education showed, there’s a lot to see at the university. So along with checking out the call centre, Clayton and Hamilton also headed down to get a tour of the Bison Sports area and find out about the university’s athletic programs.

Discovery Day draws record numbers

On Friday, Nov. 3, over 370 students and teachers from almost 100 high schools across Manitoba gathered at the University of Manitoba’s Bananarmye Campus to participate in the Pfizer Canada Discovery Day in Health Sciences.

The day-long event gave students the opportunity to explore some of the many career options available to them in the health sciences, through direct exposure to research and pre-clinical labs. Discovery Days are offered nationwide through The Canadian Medical Hall of Fame, located in London, Ontario.

“This is the sixth year we’ve held Discovery Day at the University of Manitoba and the response has been phenomenal,” said Janet Tufts, executive director of the CMHF. “There was a record-breaking number of schools participating this year and some from as far north as Lac Bouchette. This is great news for the province’s health care system because Discovery Day can sometimes be the spark that a young person needs to pursue a career in medicine or the health sciences.”

“There can be no more worthy or rewarding career than to serve your community by working in the health sciences,” said J. Dean Sandham, dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

Three workshops brought back by popular demand included:

• HIV Research – Studying the Immune System: students solved a research mystery by visiting three lab stations in an HIV laboratory
• Life Support and Resuscitation in Anesthesia: using the Sim-Man model, students learned valuable airway management skills and resuscitative techniques
• Dentistry and Dental Hygiene: after a question and answer period about oral health professions, students participated in a hands-on session in a pre-clinical lab

“The Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene were very pleased to be able to showcase our profession to our young guests,” said Randall Manzer, acting dean of the Faculty of Dentistry. “We were able to provide an interesting and interactive program that the students enjoyed.”

Twenty-nine workshops were offered, and the day wrapped-up with lively career panel discussions.

The Discovery Days in Health Sciences program is offered at no cost to students and teachers thanks to the generous support of national sponsors including Pfizer Canada, Great-West Life, London Life and Canada Life and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, as well as the significant contribution of the University of Manitoba.

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Dr. Arnetha F. Ball is an associate professor of education at Stanford University, where she has taught for the past seven years. Prior to that, she taught at the University of Michigan (1992 -1999) where she received an Outstanding Teaching Award in 1998. Her research interests focus on the oral and written literacies of culturally and linguistically diverse populations in the United States and South Africa, and the preparation of teachers to teach these students effectively. In particular, she focuses on research in writing and writing instruction and the preparation of teachers to work with poor, marginalized, and underachieving students.

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Capturing the post Cold War moment

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So. You’re the United States. You’ve spent the last 50 years waging an ideological and economic Cold War against the Soviet Union. It influenced military conflicts around the world. Now the Soviet Union is breaking up and the war is over. Congratulations, you’ve won.

Now what?

Political Studies professor George MacLean looks at the answers to that question in his new book Clinton’s Foreign Policy in Russia: From Deterrence and Isolation to Democratization and Engagement.

“It’s a look at what I think was one of the most positive program arrangements coming out of the 1990s between Russia and the United States,” MacLean said.

The focal point of MacLean’s book is the U.S.-Russian Highly Enriched Uranium Purchase Agreement. Under the deal inked in 1994, the United States agreed to purchase processed weapons grade uranium from the Russian Federation. The United States would pay Russian workers to process the Uranium so that it could be burned in American nuclear reactors.

The real goal of the deal was to get rid of Russian nuclear weapons.

“It eliminated 40 per cent of the total Russian uranium holdings,” MacLean said. To put it another way, the agreement covered 500 metric tonnes of processed uranium. To understand that figure keep in mind that it only takes 10 kilograms of processed uranium to make a nuclear weapon. With the Cold War over the highly radioactive material was simply being warehoused.

The upside for Russia was that it was being paid for its uranium, kept the jobs needed to process the material and – while Russian politicians might have made noise about keeping Russia strong and independent – the deal built a closer relationship with the United States.

“As positive as the deal was for Russia, it was seen as a negative for the United States,” MacLean said.

It sent money and jobs to Russia, cost traditional American politicians such as Canada business and some American politicians argued it didn’t deal with enough of Russia’s nuclear arsenal.

Clinton’s Foreign Policy in Russia

“Clinton was very careful about how he announced these agreements,” MacLean said. Yeltsin and Clinton would meet for their summits and talk generally about the need for democratic and economic partnerships during the press conferences afterwards. The details of agreements such as the uranium purchase agreement were quietly released a week or two later by the commerce department.

The way Clinton rationalized the agreement to American politicians was by focusing on the need to engage Russia, rather than isolating it as the Western World had after it had turned to communism – a scenario that helped lead to the Cold War.

“The way Clinton was able to pitch it was by using the language of democratization and security,” MacLean said. Signing the deal would give the United States a financial “in” to Russia, binding the two countries together and it would have the practical benefit of taking a lot of potential nuclear weapons off the shelf.

Even now the deal continues to fly under the radar. It’s in its 12th year and is set to run for another eight years. When Bush came into power he made no comments about canceling the agreement and there has even been some discussion with Russia about expanding it.

“Clinton was really the first post-Cold War president and he was making things up as he went along because there was no precedent for this,” MacLean noted. He made his share of mistakes – focusing on a tight relationship with then Russian president Boris Yeltsin, for example, proved a poor decision given accusations of corruption that ended up being leveled towards Yeltsin.

“And they didn’t get the sort of economic development they were hoping for in Russia despite having a huge market open up.”

The post Cold War period – almost completely encapsulated by Clinton’s presidency – was unique, and it didn’t last long.

“People knew it was a little Pollyannish at the time but there was this sense of hope and optimism and people still talked about the peace dividend,” MacLean said. When people talk about today they often refer to it as the era of globalization, or with reference to the War on Terror – no one tosses around phrases such as the post-Cold War era anymore.

Clinton’s Foreign Policy in Russia is a bit of a divergence for MacLean – his primary research is in Canadian and American international relations and foreign policy. But he learned about the uranium purchase agreement in the late 1990s while he was working on his PhD at Queen’s University focusing on security and nuclear proliferation. When he took an academic leave a year ago to research Canadian foreign policy, he found himself spending most of his time researching the impact of the uranium purchase agreement.

“It was a fun book to write,” MacLean said. He had to dabble in the field of Russian politics and tap the expertise of nuclear physicists to get the details right in the book. As a result, the book, published by Ashgate Publishing Limited, has been getting positive reviews – including earning a spot on Clinton’s bookshelf.

“The Clinton Foundation requested two copies, one for the presidential library in Arkansas and one for Clinton’s personal collection – I’m told he loves reading this sort of stuff.”

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

The Bulletin is proud to welcome the university’s new faculty members. The Bulletin is profiling the new professors, dental faculty, and professors where they come from and where their teaching and research projects will take the university in the future.

Gábor Lukács
Assistant Professor
Department of Foods & Nutraceuticals
Faculty of Science

Gábor Lukács has come a long way in a short time. Born in Budapest, Hungary, he emigrated to Israel as a child. By the time he was 11 years old, he already knew that he wanted to devote his future to studying mathematics. By the age of 14 he was 12 years old he had already started his undergraduate degree. He quickly completed his BA and MSc at the Technion (Israel Institute of Technology), and then came to Canada in 1999 to start his doctoral studies at York University, Toronto. Just 16 years old at the time, Luke Lukas received his PhD in 2003.

Lukás completed his PhD in 2003, at the age of 20, and became a Humboldt Research Fellow in Bremen, Germany, a position he held for 15 months. In 2005, Lukás won a Young Investigator Prize by York University, and a Governor General’s Academic Medal for graduate work. In January 2005, he took up a full professorship and Fellowship at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Lukás joined the University of Manitoba this summer as an assistant professor in mathematics. He is working on completing his first monograph, entitled "Compact-like topological groups." His research interests include a group of research groups as algebras, categorical topologies, operator algebras, and set theory (foundations of mathematics). Lukás's research program focuses primarily on duality theory of topological groups and algebras. He also loves teaching and working with students. This fall his course completes an introductory math course for Agriculture and Food Science students.

Peter Jones
Director
Richardson Centre for Functional Foods and Nutraceuticals

Peter Jones has joined the University of Manitoba as its new Canada Research Chair in Functional Foods and Nutrition and as the director of the Richardson Centre for Functional Foods & Nutraceuticals. He is the new Canada Research Chair in Functional Foods and Nutrition. The Richardson Centre for Functional Foods & Nutraceuticals will provide insight into the teaching and scholarly methods of another country.

Peter Jones is a world-renowned leader of one book, co-editor of two other books, and co-developer of a Grain Storage CD, and he has synthesized this research and work with an appointment in the School of Food, Agriculture, and Home Economics (FAHE) at the University of Manitoba.

Jones is the current president of the Canadian Society for Nutritional Sciences and has served as the past-president of the Dietitians of Canada. He has served on the editorial boards of the Canadian Journal of Dietetics and Human Nutrition and the International Journal of Food Sciences and Nutrition. He has also served on the editorial boards of the Canadian Journal of Dietetics and Human Nutrition and the International Journal of Food Sciences and Nutrition.

Jones has a PhD in biochemistry and a MSc in human nutrition from the University of British Columbia. From UBIC, he moved on to obtain a doctorate in nutritional biochemistry from the University of Toronto and then spent two years with the Clinical Nutrition Research Center, University of Chicago as a Medical Research Council of Canada postdoctoral fellow. Prior to joining the University of Manitoba, Jones spent several years on faculty with the Division of Human Nutrition at the University of Manitoba and was previously professor of nutrition and director of the Mary Emily Clinical Nutrition Research Center in the School of Dietetics and Human Nutrition at McGill University. Currently, Jones serves as president of the Danone Institute for Nutrition, the International Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, World Health Organization, United Nations.

Jones has joined the University of Manitoba as its new Canada Research Chair in Functional Foods and Nutrition and as the director of the Richardson Centre for Functional Foods & Nutraceuticals. He has a PhD in biochemistry and a MSc in human nutrition from the University of British Columbia. He is a board certified prosthodontist and maintained a private prosthodontic practice providing restorative, implant and esthetic dentistry. He is active in clinical dental research and has published both scientific and clinical articles. He is an emerging leader in the field of the Danone Institute for Nutrition, the International Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, World Health Organization, United Nations.

Jones has served on national grant committees such as Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Heart and Stroke and on editorial boards such as American Journal of Clinical Nutrition and Nutrition Reviews. Jones received the Merit and Meritorious Investigator Award for Excellence in Nutrition Research.

Trading ideas with Cuban counterparts

By Susan Parker and Kathryn Kouk
For The Bulletin

It was a busy week for professors Daisy Berdayes and Luis Garcia of the University of Havana Medical University in Cuba. Hosted by Nursing professors Judy Scanlan and Janet Beaton, Berdayes and Garcia arrived on Sept. 5 to discuss the CIDA/UPCD funded project, Strengthening the National Senate in Nursing's Ethics Committee, which links the University of Manitoba and the University of Havana, and to give Berdayes and Garcia a chance to experience Winnipeg.

The goal of this joint project is to improve health and well being at the community level by strengthening University of Havana’s community education in research, and enhancing nurses’ participation and role within the health care system.

Cuban nurses share their knowledge and expertise in other developing countries in Latin America, the Caribbean, and Africa. Therefore, the multiplier effect of this project extends beyond the borders of Cuba. The Faculty of Nursing has an excellent record of developing and delivering international nursing programs, including Cuba, and the current project provides insight into the teaching and scholarly methods of another country.

"It is satisfying now to see how much we’ve advanced the project and all we’ve completed to this date," Berdayes said.

Garcia adds the visit has been beneficial, especially given the public health university president Emilek Sztarnby. Key areas the CIDA Project seeks to work on include: bettering the master of nursing; working with curricular and educational programs in Cuba, and the training of nurse scientists to assist in furthering Cuba’s medical research.

"I can envision the possibility of the project extending to other faculties and areas in Cuba," Garcia said.

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U of M’s Hannesson podcasts to the world

BY MICHAEL MARSHALL
For The Bulletin

As a popular podcaster, Lloyd Hannesson, who spends his days as a container administrator at the University of Manitoba, has become a familiar voice on iPods across North America.

When Lloyd Hannesson, a container administrator for ancillary services at the University of Manitoba, started producing a gaming podcast in April 2005 he never imagined that his weekly show would capture the attention of so many people.

“When I started this I was happy with 200 subscriptions,” he says. “Now, I have over 6,500.”

In effect, that means 6,500 people are downloading his PGRevolution podcast each week through iTunes or some other podcast downloading service.

“I must be doing something right, because I’m getting more subscribers every week,” he says of his program which focuses on news and reviews of games and hardware for the Sony PSP portable gaming platform.

For those who haven’t had an internet connection in the last 24 months, podcasts are downloadable multimedia files, usually mp3s, created by professionals and hobbyists like Hannesson. Topics are diverse, but tech-oriented podcasts are among the most popular.

The world podcast is a hybrid of ‘Pod’ and ‘broadcast’, and in many ways podcasts are like downloadable radio programs.

Part of Hannesson’s growing popularity can be linked to his podcast twice being featured on iTunes Canada, resulting in one episode being downloaded approximately 45,000 times. And in recent months, with the help of popular American podcasters Edgar Furse and Steve Dupuy, he has started hosting a new gaming podcast called DS:Life which focuses on news about the Nintendo DS Lite platform and its games.

“People have asked me how to get started podcasting, and I tell them to find their passion,” he says. “This is my passion.”

Of course, Hannesson is too modest to suggest that his ear-pleasing baritone voice and a personable manner have also played a role in his success as a podcaster. He is not, however, reluctant to mention one of the more important though less obvious keys to his early success.

“I got my wife involved. She’s not into gaming as much as I am, but I got her doing game previews and that really helped.”

Hannesson himself is an admitted podcast junkie with subscriptions to dozens of podcasts. “They’re like magazines. You find the ones you like and you subscribe to them.”

A Moment to Remember

The University of Manitoba held its Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Bannatyne Campus on Nov. 9.

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Hope a good match for Language Centre

A Day in the Life of an Operations Manager

BY DALE BARBOUR
The Bulletin

It’s not exactly the United Nations, but tucked in the first floor of the Isbister Building the University of Manitoba’s Language Centre is bringing a slice of the world to Winnipeg.

“We’re the service providers for the spoken language study courses. The centre gives students a chance to practice their speaking and comprehension skills,” Language Centre operations manager Paul Hope said.

The centre has listening and speaking exercises for 14 languages – everything from English and French to Russian and Hebrew. Over 1,200 students make use of the lab, including English as a Second Language students drawn from around the world through the English Language Studies Program, part of Extended Education.

“The intensive ESL students come to use the centre everyday, while the regular university students usually drop into the computer labs once a week for their lessons,” Hope said.

Generally students come in for lessons in groups, but during open sessions there’s every chance students could be working in a half dozen or more languages in the centre. With the ear phones, they can focus on their own lessons and tune out the distractions around them.

“We also have quite a few students come from Quebec during the summer,” Hope added. The Quebec bursary program lets the students practice their English and soak up some of Western Canada’s culture.

Paul Hope’s job as operations manager for the university’s Language Centre marries his skills with technology, audio equipment and acting.

Rounding out the complement of users, the centre serves as a TOEFL testing centre for people looking for certification of their English language proficiency. "When this job came up it married the IT and audio visual specialist at the University of Toronto and at Arctic College in the Northwest Territories," Hope said. After that he spent five years working in professional theatre – perfect training for using his voice – in Winnipeg and then another dozen or so years in Information Technology (IT) work.

“When this job came up it married the IT and audio sides of my background. It was a perfect match for me,” Hope said. “I’m pretty much a unilingual English speaker, although I can struggle by in French,” Hope said. While most of the lessons come prepackaged, the exams and tests need to be individualized to avoid repetition and Hope steps in to voice the English language instructions.

He’s actually well suited for the task. “I spent over a dozen years working as an audio visual specialist at the University of Toronto and at Arctic College in the Northwest Territories,” Hope said. After that he spent five years working in professional theatre – perfect training for using his voice – in Winnipeg and then another dozen or so years in Information Technology (IT) work.

“Given the variety of students using the centre, there’s only a week or two a year that it isn’t being accessed by one group or another. Hope’s job in all of this is to run the centre, which includes two computer rooms and a lecture room, and to either create or modify the language programs. The system itself uses a program called Can-8. Students log into the centre’s server and run through the lessons on their own. Their instructors can monitor the lessons to listen to the students’ progress and dole out advice. While the centre does put some lessons on the internet the intention is to give students a chance to practice their skills – to get feedback, students need to be in the lab.

For students using the centre, Hope probably has a familiar voice. Because along with helping run the centre for them, he’s also tapped to provide his voice for some of the lessons. Or for the lesson introductions that is, rather than the language readings themselves. “I’m pretty much a unilingual English speaker, although I can struggle by in French,” Hope said. While most of the lessons come prepackaged, the exams and tests need to be individualized to avoid repetition and Hope steps in to voice the English language instructions.

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“When this job came up it married the IT and audio sides of my background. It was a perfect match for me so I just snapped it up,” Hope said. “There’s also an artistic side to it that I really enjoy.”

Rainbow Auction helps United Way

The Rainbow Auction was held Thursday, Nov. 2 and was a big hit again this year with 16 people winning prize packages and the United Way raising $10,714.56. The auction winners can be found online at umanitoba.ca.

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Plenty of Christmas carol options

Looking to catch some Christmas spirit? There are plenty of options available at the University of Manitoba.

- At 1:30 p.m., Sunday, until Dec. 3, St. John’s College and the university’s chaplains present A Festival of Lessons & Carols in the St. John’s College Chapel. A faith-based event, there will be carol singing, Bible reading, prayers before exams and a reception with hot apple cider and cookies.
- Non-perishable food donations for Christmas hampers will be gratefully accepted.
- Dec. 8. The University Singers will present their annual Holiday Concert in the Administration Building from 12 to 1 p.m. The concert is performed at the top of the Admin Building, which has exceptional acoustics so you can hear throughout each floor. Chairs and light refreshments are available. The conductor is Eloy Friesen, director of choral studies, who sang in these concerts as a student.

Bison Sports

Men’s Basketball
Nov. 24 – Simon Fraser at Manitoba, Investors Group Athletic Centre, 8 p.m.
Nov. 25 – Trinity Western at Manitoba, Investors Group Athletic Centre, 8 p.m.
Dec. 1 – Regina at Manitoba, Investors Group Athletic Centre, 8 p.m.
Dec. 2 – Regina at Manitoba, Investors Group Athletic Centre, 6 p.m.

Women’s Basketball
Nov. 24 – Simon Fraser at Manitoba, Investors Group Athletic Centre, 6:15 p.m.
Nov. 25 – Trinity Western at Manitoba, Investors Group Athletic Centre, 6:15 p.m.
Dec. 1 – Regina at Manitoba, Investors Group Athletic Centre, 6:15 p.m.
Dec. 2 – Regina at Manitoba, Investors Group Athletic Centre, 4 p.m.

Men’s Hockey
Nov. 17 – Lethbridge at Manitoba, Max Bell, 7 p.m.
Nov. 25 – Lethbridge at Manitoba, Max Bell, 7 p.m.

Women’s Hockey
Nov 24 – Regina at Manitoba, 7 p.m., Max Bell Centre.
Nov. 25 – Regina at Manitoba, 7 p.m., Max Bell Centre.

Men’s Volleyball
Nov. 17 – Regina at Manitoba, Investors Group Athletic Centre, 8 p.m.
Nov. 18 – Regina at Manitoba, Investors Group Athletic Centre, 8 p.m.
Dec. 2 – Alberta at Manitoba, Investors Group Athletic Centre, 8 p.m.
Dec. 3 – Alberta at Manitoba, Investors Group Athletic Centre, 8 p.m.

Women’s Volleyball
Nov. 17 – Simon Fraser at Manitoba, Investors Group Athletic Centre, 6 p.m.
Nov. 18 – Simon Fraser at Manitoba, Investors Group Athletic Centre, 6 p.m.

Track and Field
Nov. 24 – Brown and Gold Intersquad, Max Bell Centre, Time TBA.
Dec. 2 – Flying M Classic, Max Bell Centre, Time TBA.
Dec. 7-8 – Grand Prix #1 & #2, Max Bell Centre, Time TBA.

Ticket Information
Single Game
Adults: $8
Students: $5
12 and under: free
Season passes
Adults: $55
Student: $30

Tickets available at all Bison home games, Frank Kennedy, Max Bell Equipment Desk.

Elizabeth Dafoe Library Graduate Student Lecture Series 2006-
07, Environmental Change and Regina at Manitoba, 307 Tier Building, 2:40 p.m., Friday, Nov. 17.

Mathematics, First Degree Enactment: An introduction to non-classical logic by Clint Enns, graduate student, 415 Machray Hall, 2:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 17.

Biological Seminar Series, A big night out or a quiet night in: combined filed and laboratory work to learn about energy use and habitat requirements in bats and small mammals by Craig Willis, assistant professor, department of biology, University of Winnipeg, 204 Duff Roblin Building, 3 p.m., Friday, Nov. 17.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19
Animal Science, Dystokia in dairy cattle: causes and remedial measures by Naveen Gakhar, extension, and Development of Dairy Heifers derived from in vivo developed and in vitro produced embryos transferred to beef cattle recipients and reared in one of three rearing systems by Brenda Sawatzky, scientist, 219 Animal Science/ Entomology Building, 10 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 19.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21
Earth, and Resources, Iceland Board of Public-Private Partnerships by Ways to Resolve Open Questions by Philosophical Fridays, 3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 20.

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Clarence, More than a Famous Battle: Recent Archaeological Investigations at Platziai, Greece by Ronald Marchese, 257 University College, 3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 19.

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Fort Garry Campus

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NATIVE STUDIES, Across Cultures: Understanding Communities Through Design Statement: An interdisciplinary exploration of the design process and experiences gained through a cultural dialogue with the Grand Rapids First Nation Community with presenters Natalie Rogers, master’s student, interior design, Layne Arthur, master’s student, architecture, Jason Locke, master’s student, city planning, Jamie Edwarson, master’s student, architecture, Lindsey Dyck, master’s student, city planning, 125 St Johns College, 12:30-3 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 22.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23
Historical Materialist Research Network’s Fall Lecture Series, The French Revolution and the Birth of the Proletariat by Henry Heller, history, Private Dining Room, 204 University College, 12 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 23.

Nursing, Towards An Evidence-Based Approach to Curriculum Revision: Clinical Education Models for Community Health Nursing Practice by Benita Cohen, assistant professor, Nursing, University of Manitoba, 340 Helen Glass Centre for Nursing, 12 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 23.

Mathematics: Rings and Modules, Injective modules and systems of linear equations by Benita Cohen, assistant professor, Faculty of Nursing, University of Manitoba, 340 Helen Glass Centre for Nursing, 12 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 23.

Advanced Plant Science, Floral Advertising and Reproductive Investment in Animal-pollinated plants by Anne C. Weir, botany, Carolyn Stifton Lecture Theatre, 130 Agriculture Building, 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 23.

Microbiology, Distance determination by GIYFYG intron endonucleases: discrimination between repression and cleavage functions, Nuclear Acids Res. by Taylor O’Neil, 306 Buller Building, 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 23.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24
Law Distinguished Visitor, Minister of Justice Vic Toews, Moot Court Room Robson Hall, 12 p.m., Friday, Nov. 24.
Friday, November 17:

Neurosurgeons: The Eighth Annual Dr. Norman Hill Lecture, The Fast and the Not So Furious: Vintage Formula Ford Racing by Michael W. McDermott, professor in residence neurosurgery, Robert and Ruth Halperin Chair in Meninigioma Research, director of Patient Care Services, department of neurological surgery, University of California, San Francisco, Theatre C Basic Medical Sciences Building, 8 a.m., Friday, Nov. 17. For further information call Neurosurgery at 787 7286.

Pharmacology, “Molecular Regulators of Apoptosis”: Intersection Where Life Meets Death by Lorrie Kirshenbaum, professor, departments of physiology and pharmacology and therapeutics, Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences, St. Boniface Research Centre, University of Manitoba, Pharmacology Laboratory A229 Chown Building, 9 a.m., Friday, Nov. 17.

Community Health Sciences, Capacity Building in Kenya through Basic Science studies in HIV by Keith Fonke, associate professor, departments of medical microbiology and community health sciences, University of Manitoba, visiting lecturer, department of medical microbiology, University of Nairobi, Dr. Betty Havens Seminar Room (R060 Chown Building), 9 a.m., Friday, Dec. 8.

Tuesday, November 21:

Internal Medicine, False Prophets: Physicians and Myths of Prognosis by Gary Harding, oncology assistant professor, University of Manitoba, CancerCare Manitoba, Theatre A Basic Medical Sciences Building, linked to NG002 St. Boniface Hospital, 8 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 28.

This Lunch Hour has 33 Minutes, Designing a Better Egg: Research from Feed to Fork by Jim House, associate director of animal science, 405 John Guelph Research Centre, 12 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 28. Space is limited. Registration is required. Contact Kimberley, phone 474 9020, e-mail kim_stefaniski@umanitoba.ca.

Thursday, November 30:

Immunology, Pathogenesis of the 1918 pandemic influenza virus in a nonhuman primate model by Darwyn Kobasa, research scientist, respiratory viruses, viral disease division, National Microbiology Laboratory, Public Health Agency of Canada, Immunology Library, 604/605 Basic Medical Sciences Building, 12 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 30.

Pediatric Research Rounds, The Nature of Pain in Children with Intellectual Disabilities: Incidence, Assessment and Management by Lynn Brea, CIHR new investigator, associate professor, school of nursing and departments of pediatrics and psychology, Dalhousie University, 500 John Guelph Research Centre, 12 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 30.

Infectious Diseases & Medical Microbiology, International Nosocomial Infection Symposium, Theatre A Basic Medical Sciences Building, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 30.

Thursday, December 7:

Immunology, To the science of genes in pieces: Regulation of alternative pre-mRNA splicing by Jiuyong Xie, physiology, University of Manitoba, Immunology Library 604/605 Basic Medical Sciences Building, 12 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 7.

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In Brief

Canadian Psychiatric Association honours Harvey Chochinov

Harvey Chochinov, psychiatrist, has been named as this year’s winner of the J.M. Cleghorn Award for Excellence in Leadership and Clinical Research presented by the Canadian Psychiatric Association.

Chochinov, Canada Research Chair in Palliative Care, established the Manitoba Palliative Care Research Unit at CancerCare Manitoba and the Manitoba Palliative Care Research Chair in Palliative Care, internationally recognized by the American Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine.

Research News

Traditional knowledge is key

Zoologist working with First Nation communities

BY FRANK NOLAN

Research Promotion

For close to two decades, Terry Dick, zoology, has been studying river and lake ecosystems throughout Manitoba. He works closely with local First Nations communities in the areas he studies, and he is an outspoken advocate of incorporating local and historical knowledge into ecological research programs.

Dick, who holds a Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) Northern Research Chair in aquatic northern ecosystems, said he became convinced of the value of local knowledge while studying lake sturgeon in Manitoba.

“Historically, local First Nations communities got as much as 50 per cent of their protein from lake sturgeon, particularly in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and northern Ontario,” he said. “When I began working with the local people, I found there was a wealth of very valuable information, particularly things like sturgeon spawning sites and nursery areas, which you could only know from having lived in the area for generations.”

Dick wrote the initial status report on the lake sturgeon, which is now nearing completion. This once common fish, which can reach 300 pounds in weight and live for up to 150 years, is now scarce in Canada, and will likely be listed as an endangered species once the review of the report is completed this month. If that happens, Dick said, a detailed recovery plan will have to be put in place, and he believes local knowledge will play a key role in such a plan.

“I’ve been working with the Sagkeeng First Nation on a detailed study of traditional knowledge that would be critical for a lake sturgeon recovery plan,” he said. “This report included the Anishinabe names of all of the traditionally used sites along the Winnipeg River, as well as stories related to the history of these sites, and all of this information relating to sturgeon biology is still in the community, from a First Nations perspective.”

Dick said local knowledge can provide information that would otherwise take years to collect, including the history of rivers and lakes, and the natural barriers that have played an important historical role.

“To develop a recovery plan, you need to know exactly how the natural system has been compartmentalized over time, from natural barriers as opposed to dams and other human influences,” he said. “The local communities not only have all of this knowledge, they also have a very broad, holistic perspective of how the ecosystem works.”

This big-picture perspective is something, Dick said, that is often missing in the way the average person looks at river and lake ecosystems. Most people who live in urban areas, he said, tend to view land and water as separate, and fail to recognize the very close relationship between them.

“When we build a big house on the river, most of us cut all of the trees to the water’s edge because we want to look at the water,” he said. “We forget that what we’re doing is causing damage to the shoreline and everything else that goes on there. The land, the water, the trees, the grass and everything else are all connected. The vegetation is there for a reason, and when we remove it indiscriminately we’re de-stabilizing the ecosystem.”

Dick is also committed to building capacity in the communities he works with. He is scientific advisor to Sagkeeng First Nations Department of Natural Resources (SFNDNR) and a member of the Winnipeg River Lake Sturgeon Board, initiated by the Sagkeeng First Nation, with representatives from Sagkeeng, Whitewold First Nation, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, the Province of Manitoba Hydro and Tembec Paper.

The focus of the SFNDNR is capacity building, and a grant from Environment Canada to Sagkeeng has meant that equipment could be purchased and a study underway on the Winnipeg River that deals with traditional knowledge and fish habitat below the Pine Falls Dam, he said. “We have also had three people from Sagkeeng involved in fish management training in my lab at the University of Manitoba.”

Dick is also working with the Fox Lake Cree Nation on the Nelson River to incorporate traditional knowledge into environmental impact statements for major projects like the Conawapa Dam. He feels that long-term environmental monitoring will incorporate traditional First Nations values and perspectives. He is also working with Fox Lake on developing new economic opportunities for the community, including the possibility of setting up aquaponics operations, which would involve culturing both fish and vegetables in one location.

All of these projects, Dick said, recognize the critical role of traditional knowledge in scientific research and natural resource management.

“I strongly believe that traditional knowledge should be the foundation for all natural resource issues, whether it’s fisheries, water quality or other environmental issues,” he said. “That is the foundation, and we build the science on top of that. And that gives us a broader perspective, certainly in terms of the environment, and if we don’t, I’m not sure we’re going to be able to solve some of the bigger problems.”
Sargeant provides quiet leadership

The Board of Governors helps manage the university

Meet
the Board of Governors Chair

By Dale Barbour

The Bulletin

Terry Sargeant always knew he’d come back to the University of Manitoba, the only question was when and, as it turns out, in what fashion.

Sargeant, whose day job now is leading the Clean Environment Commission, took over as chair of the University of Manitoba’s Board of Governors this year – following in the footsteps of past chair Wayne Anderson.

For Sargeant, who joined the board in 2001, it’s really his third time working in the university community. The first two times were as a student – earning a bachelor of arts and then a law degree. The interesting twist for Sargeant is that those two degrees came some 30 years apart.

“I loved it,” Sargeant said of his undergraduate experience. “But I’m ashamed to say I didn’t spend too much time studying. I got involved in having an active social life. In the 1960s marks didn’t count for as much as they do now.”

He graduated in 1967 with a bachelor’s degree from the U of M. But if things had worked out differently, it could just as easily been from a university in Australia. Sargeant’s father, a member of the Royal Australian Air Force, trained in Canada during the Second World War and found time to get married as well. After the war the family moved to Australia where Sargeant was born, but ended up returning to Canada and settling in Gimli – where Sargeant still has family, as well as a cottage.

Along with getting his degree at the U of M, Sargeant also dabbed in the art of politics, running in the university’s model parliament and working on Chris Wess’sd of Manitoba Students’ Union campaign. He didn’t know it at the time but he’d caught the political bug and while he headed off to work after graduation – trying his hand at teaching and working in Gillam on the Keble and Long Spruce Manitoba Hydro projects – the interest in politics stuck with him.

“By a fluke I was in Gimli during the 1977 provincial election,” Sargeant said. He got involved in the campaign between the scenes and when spring rolled around and the NDP was looking for a federal candidate Sargeant decided to go for it, winning the nod from the party, and then the election in 1979.

“I still remember the very first time I walked up the stairs at parliament hill. I had lost of butterflies in my stomach,” Sargeant said.

“It was truly an interesting and exciting job. I got involved in all kinds of different things and met a lot of different people.”

“That I was elected in the same session as Joe Clark’s minority government added an edge to the experience, because you knew the government could fall at any time. I just didn’t win by much in the election – just 65 votes – and it wasn’t a sure thing I’d win a subsequent election.”

The Clark government fell after less than seven months and Sargeant went on to win the next election handily. Life didn’t get any duller in Ottawa. Quebec held its first referendum on separation and Pierre Trudeau’s government repatriated the constitution and created the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The federal NDP was in opposition through all of this but it played a critical role in influencing policy and pressing for better protection of women and Aboriginal rights in the constitution.

Sargeant ran again in the 1984 federal election but was defeated as the Brian Mulroney tide swept over the nation – bringing the Progressive Conservatives to power with 211 seats. The NDP had its own challenges in Manitoba due to voter backlash against the provincial NDP government of Howard Pawley’srenchment of French language rights.

Sargeant tried his hand at provincial politics in 1988, but he ran just after the fall of the Howard Pawley government and lost by less than 200 votes in the Selkirk riding. Federally or provincially, it wasn’t a good time to be an NDP candidate in Manitoba.

But outside factors aside, losing still hurt.

‘After I lost the 1984 election it took a couple of years to get over it,” Sargeant said. Getting unseated in an election has been likened to losing a loved one, and Sargeant said there’s some truth to that.

But he moved on and while he retired from his own political career, Sargeant didn’t retire from politics. His time in government was the perfect lever to allow him to work at the policy level with New Democratic governments across Canada.

“It can be a very interesting job, you get to play a supporting role in getting governments elected and help develop policy without having to knock on doors,” Sargeant said.

Sargeant’s political involvement continued right up until the last few years but in 1996 he made a decision that would bring him back to the University of Manitoba: rather than one – he decided to pursue his law degree.

“Back in 1967 I wanted to go back to university and do some more,” Sargeant said. “But the stars weren’t aligned for a long time. You get out in the world and take on responsibilities, de facto assume a family. It wasn’t really until the mid 1990s that I was able to do it.”

Given his background, political studies would have been an obvious choice and he did consider graduate studies, but it was the Sargeant opted to go for his law degree.

“It’s been a great field of study and I regret not being able to do it earlier,” Sargeant said.

In some ways his time in government had been the perfect training for university study – he was well familiar with the routine of reading, researching and writing reports.

Writing exams wasn’t as much fun, but Sargeant said the one thing he had worried about when he returned to university was his age. He was 50 at the time.

“The one concern I had going into law school was that most of the rest of the class would be as young as my kids,” Sargeant said. “But it turned out it wasn’t hard at all. I had a lot of fun hanging out with the young people and some of them are still friends today.”

After articling with the Public Interest Law Centre, Sargeant was called to the bar and went on to serve as the chief appeal commissioner of the Worker’s Compensation Appeal Commission and then as chair of the Clean Environment Commission.

But along with being a lever for his career, Sargeant’s return to the U of M to earn his law degree also made him perfect suited for a role on the Board of Governors. Advanced Education Minister Diane McGifford pitched the idea to Sargeant’s family and the Board not long after he graduated.

The idea made sense to Sargeant, he knew the lay of the land on the campus, he could bring a diverse background and plenty of experience to the job, and with his studies wrapped up he was interested in taking time to give back to the community, he also signed on with the Folk Festival board and did a stint on the Manitoba Theatre Centre.

“I’m really glad I did join the Board,” Sargeant said. “I’ve always found the university really interesting from when I was doing my undergraduate degree in the 1960s to coming back over the intervening years. It’s a really vital place.”

The Board plays a critical role with the university. It has final authority over the university’s budget and plays a significant role in strategic planning for the university.

The Board’s other role is perhaps more subtle – with most of its members drawn from the community at large it helps bridge the so-called town and gown gap.

“I think the Board does bring the issues of the community to bear in decisions about the university,” Sargeant said.