Look, up in the atrium!

BY DALE BARBOUR
The Bulletin

Who says you can’t teach old technology new tricks? The University of Manitoba is doing just that by adding an aerostat – the technical name for a tethered helium-filled airship – to its fleet of vehicles and equipment.

For geotechnical engineering professor James Blatz, adding an aerostat to his research program will give him some much-needed ‘lift’ when it comes to tracking riverbank erosion.

“We can use this device to monitor riverbank failure right after it happens,” Blatz said. “We can take it up at a moment’s notice and get photos of the riverbank right after the bank has failed.”

Up until now if the university or the City of Winnipeg wanted to get a bird’s eye view of the riverbanks in the city, they had to rent a plane or a helicopter.

“The problem when it comes to monitoring something like riverbank erosion is that by the time they could get the plane in the air the collapsed riverbank would have likely washed away.”

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Aerostat gives bird’s eye view

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Plus there’s the cost factor. The 25-foot-long aerostat has a one-time cost of $1,500 – a deal compared to having to charter a plane or helicopter every time the university wants to get into the air.

“We can go up anytime to get the information we want and it’s here when we need it,” Blatz said. He and his crew gave the aerostat a test flight in the Engineering and Information Technology Area on Nov. 28 – learning everything from how long it would take to fill the airship to how well the camera equipment will work. At the end of the session, a camera full of pictures shot from about 40 feet up watching the test run with a more experienced eye than most was supply chain management professor Barry Prentice.

To him, this is exactly the novel use that people should be making of airship technology and he sees the technology as a natural fit for Manitoba and the Arctic, where fuel costs can be a barrier and environmental price for carrying cargo over long distances.

“We’ve established ISO Polar as a not-for-profit company in Smartpark to undertake research with airships and on airships,” Prentice said. In other words, they’re looking at everything from building a better airship to looking at what the ships can do.

Prentice said there are 12 companies in 10 different countries building and designing the ships, making it serious business. But the problem is that when people see airships now, which have been around for over 100 years in one form or another, they still think of the Good Year blimp and don’t see other possibilities.

The aerostat the university has enough lift to get a camera in the air and can be reeled in by hand. But larger airships can have their own means of propulsion, be piloted and carry passengers or cargo.

Prentice said they are raising funds to bring a full grown airship to the university next summer to demonstrate the technology.

The obvious upside is in the reduction of green house gasses – the helium filled envelope provides the lift for an airship, which means propulsion is only needed to give it direction.

“There’s no technical barriers to building large cargo carrying airships,” said Prentice. “We hope the ISO Polar demonstration will give Manitoba businesses confidence to begin investing in this promising transport technology for the North.”

Asper School adds co-op program

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Students are currently being interviewed for the program’s inaugural term which will run between May and August of 2007. Two additional work terms will coincide with the university study schedule from September to December and January to April.

A provincial tax incentive of up to $1,000 per student, per work term is available to eligible employers. The Asper School provides professional development training sessions for the students, coordinates advertising and conducts a stringent selection process for candidates and employers.

By Kimberly Cornicelli

For The Bulletin

In honour of Ruth Grahame’s dedication to teaching human anatomy and cell science at the Faculty of Medicine and School of Medical Rehabilitation for 27 years, on Nov. 14, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held to open the Dr. Ruth Grahame Tutorial Room. Grahame and members of her family, support staff and faculty were in attendance as she cut the ribbon and welcomed everyone inside for a tour.

The room, a cost of $25,000 in donations, will support small group tutorial sessions and seminars. The room offers a two sided mirror to another tutorial room where students can observe sessions such as simulated group therapy or practice communication skills. The room offers a white board, computer connected camera and sound system to the adjacent seminar classroom.

The tutorial room was made possible because of the significant sacrifices made by Ruth Grahame and her family.

Getting around Campus

Heads up when you’re driving down Chancellor Matheson Road. The new set of lights installed at the intersection of Chancellor Matheson and Research Way are expected to be operational this week. The new lights will provide controlled access to Smartpark.

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 headlines that drew focus to U of M faculty and staff impact world the around.

On the ground in Paraguay

The University of Manitoba was making news in Paraguay when Reginald H. Riddell, Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources associate dean Richard Bayldack and U of M PhD candidate Juan José Aveiro, a native Paraguayan, traveled to the South American country to sign exchange agreements with Paraguayan universities and to lend their support to a research project in the Neembucu wetlands.

As covered in the Paraguayan news source www.abc.com.py/ Baydack met with officials from the UNP (Universidad Nacional de Pilar).

Aveiro is conducting a research project in the Neembucu wetlands and Baydack used the visit to Paraguay as a chance to look in on the project.

Bisons vs. Huskies

Football fans joined local and national media to sit on the edges of their seats the week of Nov. 6 when the undefeated and #1 ranked Manitoba Bisons were gearing up to host the Hardy Cup at the Canada West Championship at the Canada West Final against the #4 Saskatchewan Huskies. Then, for the second time, the Bisons were in attendance as she cut the ribbon and welcomed everyone inside for a tour.

The room offers a two sided mirror to another tutorial room

NDP tuition rebates

Before, during and after the provincial government’s throne speech Nov. 15, much speculation and comment about tuition rebate policies made headlines in local media. Many staff, administrators, students, graduates and faculty were consulted about the plan, which will offer a $500,000 donation to the Manitoba Bisons’ football program to improve the facility with their second game of the season.

Aspers give $500,000

Local and national media closely followed the announcement that David and Ruth Asper, graduates of the University of Manitoba, donated a total of half a million dollars to break their own previous record of giving the largest-ever single donation to the Manitoba Bisons’ football program and masters program in Physical Education.

Correction

In the Nov. 16 Bulletin article entitled Kids get to work at university for a day, Natasha and Sandra Woloschuk were misidentified in the picture cutline. I regret any confusion caused by this mistake.

Dale Barbour

Bulletin editor
President takes message to chamber
Speech focuses on the university’s accountability efforts

BY MICHAEL MARSHALL
For The Bulletin
University of Manitoba president Emőke Szathmáry addressed over 300 members of Winnipeg’s business community at the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce luncheon on Nov. 16 and used the opportunity to highlight the university’s record of excellence, in spite of fiscal challenges.

In my view, the University of Manitoba is doing amazing things on the education and research fronts, given that it is an accountable institution and has been doing within its means for more than 25 years,” said the president who was the keynote speaker at the luncheon held at the Royal Crown.

As a comparison, Szathmáry pointed to the University of Saskatchewan – the nearest medical-doctoral university to the University of Manitoba which receives better government grants per student than the U of M and charges a higher tuition.

“The difference is so great that, were we to charge the same amount, we would have $28 million more in our budget annually,” she said.

The president used this example, in part, to illustrate why university rankings from third party for-profit sources, such as Maclean’s magazine, do not effectively and validly compare universities because they do not take into consideration significant factors such as the different funding and regulatory schemes under which universities operate.

The University of Manitoba and a growing number of other Canadian universities chose not to participate in the Maclean’s rankings exercise this year.

The president added that the University of Manitoba, instead of relying on third party sources to disseminate information about the university, is making use of a number of accountability measures available to the community.

Szathmáry pointed to the University of Manitoba’s accountability website, available at umanitoba.ca/about/accountability, as a starting point for those who wish to look more closely at the university. The website contains information about students, faculty, research and finances.

Other measures of accountability include: a five-year strategic plan which requires the president to report annually to the academic Senate and the Board of Governors on progress being made along five strategic directions defined in that plan; a report to the general public and the university community by university administration at the Annual General Meeting of the Board of Governors, where the annual report is also released; a financial report that contains a letter from the auditor general on the outcome of the annual audit is published each year, the I n s t i t u t i o n a l Measures book, which contains a large amount of facts and figures on the university, has been available online at umanitoba.ca/admin/institutional_analysis.

As well, the U of M has an agreement in place with Saskatchewan universities for a protocol on undergraduate program audits.

“We are accountable and anyone who is curious needs only to visit our accountability pages at the university’s website,” Szathmáry said.

Students can join Wave of Hope tour

BY DALE BARBOUR
The Bulletin
How are you spending reading week: taking a vacation, hanging out with friends, reading?

How about helping a family build their new home?

Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg/Canada has put out the call for 40 University of Manitoba students or staff to join the Wave of Hope Tour from Feb. 9 to 17 to help the city of New Orleans rebuild from the devastation created by Hurricane Katrina.

“Our goal is to get 40 students to help us build four houses,” Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg media coordinator Michelle Nyhof said. “They’ll be breaking up into groups of ten to work on the houses.”

The need in New Orleans is stunning.

The U of M contingent will be part of thousands of Habitat for Humanity volunteers who are working in New Orleans on an ongoing basis. Their goal is to build ten houses a week.

“Need there is so great that we could build 20,000 houses and it would still not be enough,” Nyhof said.

The Kirkich Group, owners of Subway, has kicked in $7,500 in Winnipeg to help defray the cost of the U of M’s portion of the Wave of Hope program.

How to be the Best

University of Manitoba president Emőke Szathmáry addresses over 300 members of Winnipeg’s business community at the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

Students to participate in trip.

Tour Volunteers will need to pay $500 to cover meals and accommodations in Camp Hope, a former elementary school in St. Bernard’s Parish, which has been converted into a dormitory. The $500 will count as a charitable donation for tax purposes. Participants will work from 7:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., with the rest of the day devoted to cultural events.

What to bring? A pair of workboats and a shirt you’d like to give away.

“Don’t need to be experienced,” Nyhof said. “We have experts that will guide people as they’re building the houses.” And as always the eventual owners of the house will kick in their own sweat equity to help build their future homes.

Nursing professor Linda West is helping organize the U of M effort.

Fourth year economics student Jesse Hamonic is helping and planning to participate in the trip himself.

“I’m excited to go,” Hamonic said. “I thought it would be a great cause. There’s a lot of help needed, so I’m happy to have the opportunity to participate.”

Habitat for Humanity is working on a wide variety of projects at any given time. To join the U of M group on the Wave of Hope Tour log onto www.umanitoba.ca and click on Global Village Program and then How To Apply. From there scroll down to Apply. You’ll need to enter the trip code Ca-07-006 to ensure you’re applying for the correct program.

Bisons continue their anti-bullying campaign

Bison Sports, in conjunction with University of Manitoba Athletes Council (UMAC), is set to embark on the second phase of the anti-bullying campaign called “Bisons Against Bullying.”

The expanded program began on Nov. 30 and will run until the end of May 2007.

The student-athletes will visit classrooms in local schools across Winnipeg and outside of the city over the coming months and continue to book sessions throughout the school year.

For the second consecutive year, the “Bisons Against Bullying” program has grown, as there are now over three times the amount of Bison athletes (60+) involved as there were the first year. As well, over 40 schools have already signed up for the second phase of the program.

The program has also become more streamlined with a focus on Grades 4, 5 and 6 and with groups of six to eight Bison Sports student-athletes attending schools.

The campaign consists of visiting a classroom twice, with a first visit presentation dealing with the topics such as: What is bullying? Who gets bullied? Why do some people bully? What can you do if you are being bullied? What can you do if you see someone else is being bullied?

The return visit is a follow-up session with the same group of students to reinforce the message and to monitor program progress.

UMAC is made up of representatives from each of the teams and serves as the voice of the Bison athletes at the University of Manitoba.
Think about the meaning of a degree

Students know education goes beyond disciplinary knowledge

About a year ago I asked the deans and directors what we expect of an educated person. Of those who go to university, most earn a bachelor’s degree, so what might be the hallmark of those who graduate from the University of Manitoba, or from any university for that matter? Is one whom they are prepared to act on our society’s core values, and become transformative agents in their communities.

The complexities of our era require a renewed focus to build character in our students so that they set their course for university. And the first step to that goal by a Skowman girl is to stay and to succeed in school. Closer to home, this winter Bison Sports along with the University of Manitoba Athletes’ Council is expanding its anti-bullying program, with more than 60 Bison athletes becoming involved in more than 40 schools, bringing the message to children in grades 4, 5 and 6. The recognition that we can do something for others, with others that brings out the best in us all, and makes us collectively stronger, does not occur spontaneously. It is part and parcel of the process of building character. The desire to make a positive difference – to live lives with meaning – reflects community values, and is rooted in our cultural traditions.

A fine example of this was manifest last Saturday at the ‘Cristimas Feeste” held at University College. This tradition is rooted in our cultural traditions.

May our students make the world a place where we do indeed care for each other. May that be the hallmark of Manitoba graduates. And may you find peace and joy this season in the love of your family and friends, each of us according to our own specific traditions.

Students muse about their lives

Sandra Radons and Teryl Sansom are two of the seven bloggers featured at the University of Manitoba’s new student blog website. We’ll be checking in with the bloggers regularly in the Bulletin. Below is a full story go to manitoba.ca/studentblogs.

Driving home the other day, I decided to change things up a bit and drive down Fermor instead of Bishop. It was a complete change – much of a change, other than some new scenery for me when I sat idling in traffic. My change in route turned out to be more than just a change in scenery. ene. I would think most people who drive down Fermor will agree that although the posted sign is 80 km, none of us drive it. We are parked by the time we reach Lagimodiere, and in all honesty if we can get to 90 that’s what we’re doing. Bishop isn’t any other different. There’s no leaving lights, no slowing down for anything other than reds, and there’s a sense of urgency and irritability... people don’t wave a hand but rather a finger.

But, the whole drive down Fermor, no one went over the speed limit. (The other drivers) must have been immoral or something, with what their calm faces showed. (I thought that for all the time in the world. No worries, no rush. It was strange. Like a whole other world. No one went over the speed limit. The world’s prayer is grounded. All of us at that banquet were singing the great carols of Christmas. We were joined in singing the songs that brought out the best in us all, and makes us collectively stronger, does not occur spontaneously. It is part and parcel of the process of building character. The desire to make a positive difference – to live lives with meaning – reflects community values, and is rooted in our cultural traditions.

“Tonight we are making merry, for we are awaiting the yearly marking of the Holy Birth of one who spoke of the possibility of justice, and that justice would be that Justice. Yet all birthing is Holy and we therefore remember the Life-givers here, and where in our world we seek neither justice nor peace. Let our merrymaking be a sign of our intent to seek justice and resist evil – that the “Cristimas Feeste” held at University College. This tradition is rooted in our cultural traditions.

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On the other hand, I find that a certain amount of distraction can increase my productivity. I find it much easier to type notes if I play a short game every 30-45 minutes, or have the TV on, or just take my time. I thought about it until two hours straight. This is why I rarely go to the library or specified study areas, preferring to study in my room. Being surrounded by so many students (in residence) I’ve noticed that there is a very wide range of study styles, and it can take a bit of trial and error to figure out not only what works for each individual, but also for each class. In case you haven’t guessed, I’ve resigned myself to this while in the middle of studying, so I should probably get back to that... or maybe a game a solitaire.

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Fernando receives lifetime achievement award
Dilantha Fernando, professor, department of plant science, received the 2006 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Sri Lanka Foundation, Los Angeles, California for his exceptional scientific contributions in teaching, research and service to agriculture, the highest honor given to a scientist by the foundation. This is the first time an agricultural scientist has been honored with this prestigious award given by the Foundation. He received the award in Los Angeles on Nov. 11. He is also the recipient of several other prestigious awards in the recent past. He is a recipient of a 2006 University of Manitoba Outstanding Teaching Award for exemplary contributions to the broader community which he received on Nov 27. At May Convocation he received the 2006 University of Manitoba Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award for excellence in graduate teaching and research. In March 2006, he received an Award of Excellence from United States Department of Agriculture for outstanding contributions to the control of white mold diseases in multiple crops. In August 2005, he received an Honorary Professorship from Inner Mongolia Academy of Agricultural Sciences, China for distinction in graduate research and training. This is the very first time the Academy gave this distinction to any scientist. In May 2005, he received a 2004 University of Manitoba Merit Award for excellence in the research and service category.

Fernando is a nationally and internationally respected plant pathologist working on canola and wheat pathogens, and is frequently an invited speaker at conferences and workshops around the world.

Kops receives distinguished service award
The North American Association of Summer Sessions has granted University of Manitoba's Bill Kops a NAASS Distinguished Service Award. This award, created in honour of Clodus Smith, first NAASS president, seeks to recognize outstanding current members of NAASS who have provided exemplary service to the association and/or enhanced the status of summer session within higher education, while administering a successful summer program at his or her own institution.

Kops, director, summer session, general studies and off-campus study and a professor in the division of extended education has been an active participant in NAASS since 1993. His roles include extensive committee work and he is the current NAASS representative to the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers. He has received the Theresa American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers award for undergraduate and graduate associate dean, extended education, effective Oct. 1, for a term of five years. He also served as associate dean, extended education from 2002 to 2006. Wallace joined the university in 1984, serving initially in the access program before becoming director of the correspondence program, a position that she held until 1991. She subsequently served as an instructional designer and director of the distance and online education unit. She also served as associate dean, extended education from 2000 to 2006. Wallace holds a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota, and M.Ed from the University of Manitoba.

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Welcome to our new faculty members
C.T. YU
Associate Professor
Faculty of Arts
C.T. Yu holds a PhD in psychology specializing in applied behavior analysis. He received his undergraduate and graduate training at the University of Washington. He was assistant professor at the Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador, graduate faculty associate member at the University of Toronto, and psychologist and researcher at Surrey Place Centre, Toronto, for a number of years before returning to Winnipeg.

In addition to his university position, he also serves as the director of the St. Amant Research Centre, where he maintains an active applied research program in developmental disabilities. He currently holds several CIHR research grants as principal or co-applicant.

JOHN SORENSEN
Assistant Professor
Department of Chemistry
Faculty of Science
John Sorensen joined the chemistry department at the University of Manitoba on Aug. 1. Sorensen moved to Winnipeg from England where he had been working as a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Oxford with professor Chris Schofield on a project examining the biosynthesis of beta-lactam antibiotics. Sorensen was awarded his Ph.D. in 2003 at the University of Alberta where he worked on the biosynthesis of the cholesterol lowering drug lovastatin in the research group of professor John Vederas. Previous to that Sorensen completed a masters degree (1998) at the University of Saskatchewan where he examined plant pathogenic fungi under the direction of professor Soledade Pedras. He had stayed on at the University of Saskatchewan after ear

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Wallace heads up extended education
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The university pays respect to the following staff members.

Electrical and computer engineering distinguished professor Nathan Mendelsohn died on Sept. 21 at the age of 73. Born in Winkler, MB, Harder joined the university in the late 1960s and spent 30 years working at the Bannatyne campus, and ensuring that what needed to get fixed, got fixed. Retirement in 1998 gave him the chance to devote more time on home improvement projects for family and friends.

Student conference puts out call for papers
The Fifth Annual Fort Garry Lectures in History Graduate Student Conference will be held 26-28 April 2007 at the University of Winnipeg. The conference aims to promote interdisciplinary dialogue and is open to graduate students from any relevant discipline.

We encourage papers from a diverse range of regional, methodological, and thematic topics. Papers and panels from an interdisciplinary perspective or utilizing diverse methodological frameworks are especially encouraged. Presenters will be organised in panels of 2-3 papers, with each presenter allocated a maximum of 20 minutes. Proposals can be sent electronically or by mail to: Garry Lecture Office, Att: Mary Jane McCallum and Krista Walters, Department of History, 401 Fletcher Argue Building, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, R3T 5V5. E-mail: hgsa_speaker@hotmail.com

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Welcome to our new faculty members
Leclerc helps the university system run

A Day in the Life of the University Secretary

BY DALE BARBOUR

The Bulletin

If University of Manitoba student Senator Jeff Leclerc had had his way his current job as University Secretary would never have been created.

Originally, the university had a Senate secretary and a Board of Governors secretary – a division of labour that followed the bicameral division of governance at the university. But in 1998 the two secretary positions were merged to create the Office of the University Secretary – an office that Leclerc now heads up.

“If you go back to the Senate minutes you find that an education student spoke strongly and consistently against the creation of the University Secretary’s position,” Leclerc says, with full appreciation of the irony of that view now. “At the time I didn’t think a merged secretary was a good idea and I voted against it. If you had told me then I would one day have the job, I would have said you were crazy.”

But as it turns out, Leclerc was already training for the position. Born in St. Adolphe, Leclerc came to the U of M to earn his bachelor of education degree. But along the way he also got involved in extra curricular activities including serving as a student member of Senate. You might say he got a bit involved in extra curricular activities of a taste for working in governance.

Municipality of Richot council from 1998 to 2001. “I was the youngest council member in Manitoba at the time,” Leclerc said. After graduating from the university in 2002 to work in the University Secretary’s office and was appointed acting university secretary in 2003 then granted the job permanently in 2004. He’s never lost the appreciation for the different roles played by Senate and the Board of Governors but what he understands better now is that both groups are working for the benefit of the university and that a single University Secretary can help facilitate communication between the two groups and within the university.

The title secretary is a bit of a misnomer for what Leclerc actually does. It implies, Leclerc sits in meetings as a notetaker. He does of course and it might be the most vital part of the job – certainly it’s a role Leclerc says he appreciates every time he looks through past minutes of university meetings. But the University Secretary is also there to ensure the smooth operation of the system of university governance – a sort of ‘director of university governance,’ as some universities have chosen to call the position.

In that sense, Leclerc is there as a facilitator, helping the Senate, Board, and administration understand how the university is governed, what the process is for initiating programs and where the division of power lies for the various groups. “It’s kind of a stewardship thing,” Leclerc said. “I’m there to support the university’s decision-making functions.” It was having a role in governance that drew him to Senate as a student, but while his role has changed Leclerc has lost none of that interest in how the system works.

“I guess one of the neatest things about the job is you get to be at the centre of everything as it’s going on. On a given day I can meet with the president, the Chancellor, the chair of the Board of Governors, meet with some of our deans,” Leclerc said. “So I get a bird’s eye view of everything, but I’m still separated from the politics of it.”

When he first started university, Leclerc had dreams of becoming a teacher. He’s still interested in teaching but along the way he fell in love with the field of education. Along with working at the university, he’s continuing his own education by working towards a masters in educational administration and finding other ways to get involved with the field.

“Last month I was elected as a school trustee in the Seine River School Division,” Leclerc said. It’s a good fit, for someone with an education background and given his own belief in the benefits of education. And apart from being a public service, serving as a school trustee has had some benefits that Leclerc didn’t anticipate. “It’s been a really interesting perspective. I find even in the month and a half I’ve been on the school board that being on a board like it helps me do my job of supporting the university and its board better,” Leclerc said. “It’s a professional development opportunity that I didn’t see when I put my name forward.”

University Secretary Jeff Leclerc served as a student Senator while working on his bachelor of education degree, but at the time he never thought it would lead to his current job as university secretary.

Exam cram

With exams kicking off, students at the University of Manitoba have only three things on their mind: studying, coffee, and sleep.

“I have one week left to learn all there is to know about physics,” said 21-year-old Jason Penner. “It’ll be a week filled with coffee and all-nighters.”

Every student is unique in how they approach studying.

“The best way for me to study is in my bed,” said 19-year-old Ashleigh Enns who is in University 1, “I find it relaxing and usually I turn on some mellow music.”

Yingge Geng, a 29-year-old architecture student at the University of Manitoba, has only slept 10 hours this past week and most of that was on the cold floor of her studio at the University.

The first thing she plans on doing after the exam period is sleeping.

It’s about community

The University of Manitoba is just a collection of buildings without people to make it run. With that in mind, the university held a series of lunches this fall honouring members who are celebrating their 40th, 35th, 30th, or tenth anniversaries as full time university employees. At the Nov. 20 lunch, president Emőke Szathmáry, left, chatted with statistics professor Brian MacPherson and history professors Michael and Mary Kimmeall, all of whom were celebrating their 40th anniversaries.

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St John’s College celebrates 140 years

By DALE BARBOUR
The Bulletin

Like its subject, the book St John’s College Faith and Education in Western Canada by University of Manitoba historian Jack Burnsted started out as a simple project.

“We’ve been talking about doing a history of the college for a long time,” Burnsted said.

The college celebrated its 140th birthday this year and the last time a substantial history of the college had been written had been for its 100th anniversary in 1966.

The thinking this time was to produce a scrapbook filled with anecdotes about college life but when the project came to Burnsted – a natural fit given his 25-year involvement with the college – he knew those anecdotes had the potential to lead to something more.

“When I worked on The University of Manitoba: An Illustrated History, published for the university’s 125th anniversary, I learned how rich the archives of St John’s College were,” Burnsted said. “I knew the archives would support a good history.”

But what they wouldn’t support was a simplistic story of positive growth and the advancement of the college. The story of St John’s is far more complicated. So much so that Burnsted’s working title when he was putting the book together was, ‘The Nine Lives of St John’s College.’

“It’s really a story of how the college had to constantly reinvent itself and usually as something less than what had preceded it,” Burnsted said.

Briefly, the college was created in 1866 by bishop Robert Machray to provide theological training for young men going into the Anglican secular church. It became one of the four founding colleges of the University of Manitoba in 1877 and along with St Boniface College, Manitoba College and Wesley College, changed with the times. The University of Manitoba didn’t begin hiring its own staff until 1904.

The First and Second World Wars had a profound impact on St John’s because its students were amongst the first to volunteer for the war effort. Financially, the college was devastated along with universities by the defalcation scandal revealed in 1932 wherein John A. Machray, the bursar and a nephew of archbishop Machray, was found guilty of embezzling $1.9 million from the institution.

The loss was felt by students and staff – tuition fees were increased to help make up for the lost funding, staff members took a pay cut and the community chipped in to try and replace the lost funding.

If the wars and the defalcation marked low points for the college and its students, the post war boom was a golden age.

“A federal money flowed directly to the college to fund education, student involvement was at its peak and the college moved to the university campus with the construction of its new building in 1958. It was part of the vision at the time of a university based squarely on its colleges with students linked directly to a college – the same sort of vision would draw St. Andrew’s and St. Paul’s to the university and lead to the creation of University College.

But in the late 1960s, the funding method for education changed – funds were given directly to the province of Manitoba and then to the University of Manitoba.

“The college lost its special reason for being. It no longer had a curriculum or faculty. So it had to reinvent itself again. The question was how it could exist as a college without these things,” Burnsted said. Even the training of Anglican priests had been removed from the college in the 1960s, making it a fully secular institution though the Anglican influence remains with a chapel and chaplain.

“It became a voluntary institution and has existed that way ever since,” Burnsted said. And it has slowly found a role, maintaining an interest in Canadian studies and acting as a home to literary presses, including the University of Manitoba Press.

“While it’s a small contribution, though it’s not the sort of contribution that the founding fathers envisioned, I guess it would be fair to say,” Burnsted said.

“One of the points I tried to make was the link between faith and education,” Burnsted said. “If a series of Anglicans hadn’t believed in the need for an Anglican college here in Manitoba the college would have died in its early phases. That belief has kept it going for 140 years.”

Harrington excels at “saxophone Olympics”

By MICHAEL MARSHALL
The Bulletin

Every four years saxophonists from all over the globe descend on the small town of Dinant, Belgium to participate in the International Adolphe Sax Competition, the most prestigious saxophone competition in the world.

“I call it the saxophone Olympics,” says Allen Harrington, a saxophone and bassoon instructor in the Faculty of Music and one of 14 saxophonists who participated in the competition.

It’s a fair enough analogy given the competition’s international scope, four-year occurrence, and ability to attract the best of the best.

“It really is the biggest and most important competition of its kind in the world for young saxophone players,” says Harrington, who, at 29-years-old, was one of the older competitors in the under-31 competition.

Harrington impressed the 13 international judges over the first two rounds of the competition – which ran from Oct. 31 to Nov. 11 – resulting in him being chosen as one of the six finalists, the first Canadian (and only second North American) to ever go so far in the competition.

In the end, Harrington was awarded fourth place. And although it wasn’t the top spot, the instructor, who is in his fifth year teaching at the Faculty of Music, says being a finalist is reward enough.

“I’ve heard from others that doing well in the competition really changed their careers. It will definitely open some doors for me,” says Harrington. “Aside from the prestige of being considered one of the young saxophonists on the planet, Harrington was also awarded a monetary prize, a sculpture, and credit for a brand new saxophone.”

Harrington says a key part of his success in the competition was working with his Faculty of Music colleague, collaborative piano professor Laura Loewen, who travelled with him to Belgium.

“It was definitely a big advantage having Laura there because we were able to get in a lot of rehearsal time,” he says. “Many of the competitors didn’t travel with their own accompanists so they had limited rehearsal time with the competition’s staff accompanists.

Loewen accompanied Harrington for the first two rounds of the competition. In the final round he played with a chamber orchestra.

In spite of doing well in such a prestigious competition and establishing himself as one of the world’s best saxophonists, Harrington says his biggest reward was waiting for him back in Winnipeg. The week before the competition, Harrington’s wife gave birth to their first child.

The International Adolphe Sax Competition is held in honour of the inventor of the saxophone, Adolphe Sax, and is held in his birthplace of Dinant, Belgium. This year’s winner was Sergey Kolesov from Russia.

Harrington’s performances at the competition, along with the other competitors, can be viewed at www.adolphesax.com.

New Arts Resource Centre opens for students

Pizza – and a Question & Answer period with Faculty of Arts Dean, Richard Sigurdson – drew a large number of students to the opening of the Arts Resource Centre on the second floor of Fletcher Argue building on Nov. 15. Dean Sigurdson spent almost an hour answering questions ranging from the advantage of an Arts degree in relation to employability, to the recent provincial government proposal concerning student tuition rebates.

The centre itself is in room 204 Fletcher Argue and besides comfortable couches, the centre has a number of computers available with internet access, a library corner, and healthy lifestyle information pamphlets from various campus student groups.

Centre director, fourth-year Political Studies student Tania Betiku, is passionate about having a place where arts students can come to when they need information or have issues and concerns that go along with student life. Betiku sees the new centre as a place accessible to all that can serve as a satellite office for some of the resources that student groups have available in University Centre and the basement of the Helen Glass building.

Betiku says the new centre will also serve to coordinate academic and social events with University Centre. Future plans for the centre include the addition of a movie library, and a book club.
Bison Sports

Men’s Basketball
Dec. 28-30 – Wesman Classic at University of Winnipeg, Time TBA.
Jan. 4 – Winnipeg at Manitoba, Investors Group Athletic Centre, 8 p.m.
Jan. 6 – Manitoba at Winnipeg, University of Winnipeg, 8 p.m.

Women’s Basketball
Jan. 4 – Winnipeg at Manitoba, Investors Group Athletic Centre, 8:15 p.m.
Jan. 6 – Manitoba at Winnipeg, University of Winnipeg, 6:15 p.m.

Men’s Hockey
Jan. 5 – NAIT at Manitoba, Max Bell, 7 p.m.
Jan. 6 – NAIT at Manitoba, Max Bell, 2:35 p.m.
Jan. 12 – Alberta at Manitoba, Max Bell, 7 p.m.
Jan. 13 – Alberta at Manitoba, Max Bell, 7 p.m.

Women’s Hockey
Jan. 13 – UBC at Manitoba, 2 p.m., Max Bell Centre.
Jan. 14 – UBC at Manitoba, 2 p.m., Max Bell Centre.

Men’s Volleyball
Jan. 19 – Brandon at Manitoba, Investors Group Athletic Centre, 8 p.m.
Jan. 20 – Brandon at Manitoba, Investors Group Athletic Centre, 8 p.m.

Women’s Volleyball
Jan. 5 – Alberta at Manitoba, Investors Group Athletic Centre, 7 p.m.
Jan. 6 – Alberta at Manitoba, Investors Group Athletic Centre, 7 p.m.

Track and Field
Dec. 7-8 – Grand Prix #1 & 2, Max Bell Centre, Time TBA.
Jan. 10 – Grand Prix #3, Max Bell Centre, Time TBA.

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.

Do your part
Cleaning out your closets before Christmas? Donate your gently used clothing and support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Winnipeg.
Collection runs until Friday. Look for the blue bin at one of the two drop-off locations: University Center, near UMSU office and main hallway. Extended Education.

Events Listing
University of Manitoba

Surviving and thriving in winter

Delta Marsh Field Station (University of Manitoba) will hold its Northern Lifestyles and Winter Survival Workshop at Delta Marsh Jan. 12 to 14 and also Jan. 19 to 21.

The course is designed for travelers and persons whose occupations expose them to winter Arctic conditions, winter camping enthusiasts and teachers of outdoor survival skills; and those wishing to become more aware of northern sociological and environmental issues.

Techniques of winter survival will be examined through field work, lectures, group discussions and slide presentations.

All participants will build their own Inuit igloos, and, time permitting, the Athabaskan Quin-zhee. As well, they will have the opportunity to try Inuit-made winter clothing. Personal survival kits for the northern travelers will also be discussed.

Instructors are Rick Biewe, zoology, and Jill Oakes, environment and geography.

Cost for the workshop includes registration, instruction, room and board: $155/person, family and student rate is $125/person.

Registration deadline: Jan. 5 or 12.

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Fort Garry Campus

Chemistry, New Developments in Chalcogen-Nitrogen Chemistry: Redox Routes to Unusual Rings and Group 16 Carbenaoids by Dr. P.J. Ragogna, University of Western Ontario, London, 538 Parker Building, 2:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 8.

Philosophical Fridays, Etchemendy and Tarskian Consequence by Brian van den Broek, philosophy, University of Manitoba, 386 University College, 2:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 8.

Physics and Astronomy, From Structure to Function: Modern Structural Biology Approaches by Joerg Stetefeld, Series in Physics and Astronomy, 5 p.m., Friday, Dec. 8.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11
Education, The Ontario Educational Context and Education Agenda by Ben Levin, Ontario Deputy Minister of Education, 560 Education Building, 11 a.m., Monday, Dec. 11.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12
Food Science M.Sc. Thesis Defense by Jeremy Spencer, 245 Ellis Building, 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 12.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13
Mathematics Graduate Students Seminar, The relationship between two parasites: Implications for biocontrol by Simon Karaku, 415 Machray Hall, 2:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 8.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11
Nursing, A Knowledge Management Approach to Intervention Research in Psychosocial Oncology: Staging the Case for Consultation Recordings by Tom Hack, C.Psych., associate professor, Nursing, 344 Helen Glass Centre for Nursing, 12:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 11.

Architecture, Title TBA by Peter MacCallum, photographer, Centre Space, John A. Russell Building, 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 11.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12
Elizabeth Dafoe Library Graduate Student Lectures, Traumatic Legacy of Colonization and the Role of Recognition, Resistance, Reclamation and Recovery in First Nations’ Writings/Rightings by Sheila Simonson, English, 115 Arms Building, 2:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 12.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9
Elizabeth Dafoe Library Graduate Student Lectures, Channeling Eco Tourism Profits to Community Members – Kenya’s Arabuko Sokoke Forest Reserve by Susan Collins, Natural Resources Institute, 3rd Floor, Elizabeth Dafoe Library, 12:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 9.

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• The deadline for the Jan. 11 Bulletin is Jan. 4 at 4:50 p.m.

Bannatyne Campus

AND ST. BONIFACE RESEARCH CENTRE

Medical rounds are typically targeted at university staff and professionals directly involved in the medical field.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

Immunology. To make sense of genes in pieces: Regulation of alternative pre-mRNA splicing by Jiuyong Xie, professor of physiology, University of Manitoba, in the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Library, 12 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 7.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

Pharmacology, What Regulates GABAergic Neuronal Migration And Differentiation? by David Eisenstat, associate professor, department of cell biology/pediatrics, University of Manitoba, Pharmacology Library A229 Chown Building, 9 a.m., Friday, Dec. 8.

Community Health Sciences, Medical Informatics: Supporting Quality Improvement, System Design and Developing Countries by Dean Vergens, development director, Medical Informatics, University of Manitoba, Dr. Betty Hannes Seminar RM006 Medical Rehabilitation Building, 12 p.m., Friday, Dec. 8.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

National Training Program in Allergy and Asthma Research Visiting Speaker Program, GABA: Cools the brain, get's people to turn out and supports Moose take to the ice against the Manitoba kind of night when the Manitoba Moose take to the ice against the Toronto Marlies 7:50 p.m., Saturday, March 3 at the MTS Centre.

Tuesday, January 9

Internal Medicine, Colorectal Cancer Prevention by Harmin Singh, assistant professor, University of Manitoba, Brandon General Hospital, 12 p.m., Friday, January 9.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

Human Anatomy and Cell Science, Anatomy and structural variations of the human septum. Possible Implications for Cardio: Implantable Devices such as the Amplatzer Septal Occluder by Tid Gamanag, section of biomedical engineering, University of Manitoba and Health Sciences, Conference room 131 Basic Medical Sciences Building, 10 a.m., Monday, Dec. 18.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

Internal Medicine, Fabry Disease: Clinical, Histopathological and Molecular Aspects by Karl-Gerd Reza, the University of British Columbia, Theatre A Basic Medical Sciences Building, 11 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 19.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences, Emergency Cerebral Revisited: New Data For The Old Debate by Craig Burnum, fellow, maternal / fetal medicine, University of British Columbia, Theatre A Basic Medical Sciences Building, linked to NG002 St. Boniface Hospital, 8 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 19.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

Internal Medicine, The Hospital Information System Project - A Paradigm Shift by Diamond Kassum, chief medical information officer, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, Theatre A Basic Medical Sciences Building, linked to NG002 St. Boniface Hospital, 8 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 9.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences, How the Uterus is Not Like A Fine Wine: Advanced Maternal Age Complications Of Pregnancy by Heiring Ring, resident, department of obstetrics, gynecology and reproductive sciences, Theatre A Basic Medical Sciences Building with links to NG002 Nursing Building St. Boniface Hospital, 8 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 9.

Arts & Entertainment

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

Community Health Sciences, Changes in Health Care Practice in SHDP and Use of Psychostimulants in Manitoba Children: What Happened Between 1996/97 and 2003/04 by Marni De And Architecture for Health Policy, assistant professor, community health science, 5211 Medical Services Building, 12 p.m., Friday, Dec. 15.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

Uterus Is Not Like A Fine Wine: Advanced Maternal Age Complications Of Pregnancy by Heiring Ring, resident, department of obstetrics, gynecology and reproductive sciences, Theatre A Basic Medical Sciences Building, linked to NG002 St. Boniface Hospital, 8 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 19.

Bison Men's Chorus Christmas Concert

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

St. John's College

Joe de Vivre

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

The Black Hole Theatre

TO MAKE SENSE OF GENES IN PIECES: REGULATION OF ALTERNATIVE PRE-MRNA SPLICING BY JIUYONG XIE

Thursday, December 7

It's going to be a University of Manitoba kind of night when the Manitoba Moose take to the ice against the Toronto Marlies 7:50 p.m., Saturday, March 3 at the MTS Centre. Manitoba Moose members are encouraged to turn out and support the Moose. If you buy your discounted tickets by Dec. 20 and enter to win a team autographed Moose jersey. Tickets are available at Alumni House, 180 Dafoe Road. Tickets regularly priced $19 plus service fees are only $13 total (green section) Tickets regularly priced $25 plus service fees are only $19 total (Copper section) Tickets regularly priced $40 plus service fees are only $30 total (Gold section). Tickets must be paid by Alumni Association Inc. A pick up location will be made available on the Bannatyne campus. For more information call Jana at 474 8932.
Bison named coach of the year, players earn awards

BY CHRIS ZUK
Bison Sports Information Officer

Bison football head coach Brian Dobie has been named Canada West Football Head Coach of the Year for the 2006 campaign.

Dobie has now coached Manitoba to its second undeated 8-0 mark and they finished with the No. 1 ranking in the final CIS poll of the 2006 season.

Dobie, a player for the 1973 Manitoba Bisons that won the Churchill Bowl, is in his 32nd year of coaching overall and has a career Bisons coaching record of 54-45-1, including a 2001 Hancock and an appearance at the '01 Vanier Cup, the same year he was named CIS Coach of the Year.

Dobie is in his fourth season with the Bisons, has now earned this conference award for the fifth time in the last eight seasons.

Along with a perfect regular season, the Manitoba Bisons allowed a Canada West-low 143 points during the 2006 regular season.

The team had seven Bisons named to the conference All-Star team and now two of the players have been selected as a CIS Football Defensive All-Canadians.

The fifth-year linebacker was consistent as he led or second in team tackles in seven of the eight regular season games.

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FACULTY OF AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD SCIENCES

Department of Plant Science
Position: Assistant/associate professor in horticultural plant pathology
Start date: July 1, 2007
Salary: Commensurate with experience
Application deadline: Jan 15, 2007
Position number: KZ538
For information: Dr. G.M. Ballance, head, department of plant science, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, R3T 2N2, phone 474 6086, fax 474 7528, e-mail: Murray_Ballance@umanitoba.ca.

L.H. ASPER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Position: Dr. L.A.H. Warren Chair in Actuarial Science and professor
Start date: July 1, 2007
Salary: Commensurate with experience and qualifications
Application deadline: Dec. 22
Position number: Professor (position No. 05610) and Warren Chair (position No. 05611)
For information: Dr. Glenn Feltham, chair, Warren Chair selection committee, Asper School of Business, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, R3T 2N4, e-mail to glenn_feltham@umanitoba.ca.

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

Department of Civil Engineering
Position: Assistant professor in project management
Start date: July 1, 2007
Application deadline: Jan. 15, 2007
Position number: 95499
For information: Dr. P. Rasmussen, head, department of civil engineering, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R3T 5V6, rasmussen@cc.umanitoba.ca.

FACULTY OF HUMAN ECOLGY

Department of Human Nutritional Sciences
Position: Assistant Professor in Sensory Evaluation of Foods
Start date: July 1, 2007
Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience
Application deadline: Jan. 18, 2007
Position number: KZ538
For information: Dr. Harold Aukema, chair of the search committee, department of human nutritional sciences, University of Manitoba, e-mail aukema@umanitoba.ca.

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

Department of Microbiology
Position: Head of the microbiology department
Start date: July 1, 2007
Application deadline: Jan. 7, 2007
Position number: AW450
For information: Dr. Mark Whitmore, dean, Faculty of Science, 250 Machray Hall.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE

Department of Clinical Health Psychology
Position: Contingent geographic full-time psychologist at the assistant professor level in the area of geriatric psychology and neuropsychology
Start date: Feb. 1, 2007
Salary: An attractive salary schedule is available and, in addition, the GFT agreement provides for on-site private practice opportunities
Application deadline: Jan. 7, 2007
Position number: AEM 422
For information: Dr. Robert McLwraith, department of clinical health psychology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Manitoba, 771 Bannatyne Ave., Winnipeg, MB, R3N 3M4, phone 787 3876, fax 787 3755, e-mail: bmcilwraith@hsc.mb.ca.

Department of Clinical Health Psychology

Burntwood Regional Health Authority

Position: Contingent geographic full-time psychologist at the assistant professor level in the area of health psychology – chronic illness prevention.
Start date: Sept. 1, 2007
Salary: An attractive salary schedule is available and, in addition, the GFT agreement provides for on-site private practice opportunities
Application deadline: Jan. 7, 2007
Position number: AEM 428
For Information: Dr. Robert McLwraith, department of clinical health psychology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Manitoba, 771 Bannatyne Ave., Winnipeg, MB, R3N 3M4, phone 787 3876, fax 787 3755, e-mail: bmcilwraith@hsc.mb.ca.

Department of Family Medicine and the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority

Position: Academic family physician
Start date: March 1, 2007
Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience
Application deadline: Dec. 15
Position number: 09175
For information: Department head, department of family medicine, E0603-409 Yancey Ave., Winnipeg, MB, R2H 2G6, phone 255 5659, fax 255 1304, e-mail Alan_Katz@cpe.umanitoba.ca.

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

The University of Manitoba has recognized as CIS Football All-Canadians since the 2002 season, when eight Manitoba players were named to either the first or second team.

Huclack ended his fifth year of eligibility in style. He was named as the 2006 Canada West Top Defensive Player of the Year. The Winnipeg native had a team-high and tied for fifth best in conference with 47 tackles, two sacks, two interceptions, a forced fumble and a pass break-down during the regular season.

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Bison Sports

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The University of Manitoba holds its annual Donors’ Night at the Book/Celebration, Nov. 16, giving community members a chance to drop by, get into the holiday mood and browse through the bookstore. Doug Allan got a head start on his Christmas shopping and some free wrapping from Bison volleyball players Sabrina Barnes, left, and Erin Nieuwenburg.

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Christmas Spirit
CFI awards $5 million to researchers

BY FRANK NOLAN
Research Promotion

On November 27, the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) announced $5 million in new funding to support two major research programs at the University of Manitoba. One project brings together researchers from across Canada as part of an advanced social sciences research network, while the other involves the use of state-of-the-art analysis tools to understand chemical processes important to a wide range of environmental issues, including the safe disposal of nuclear waste.

“The CFI’s support of cutting-edge research infrastructure has transformed Canada’s research landscape and increased the country’s international competitiveness,” said Eliot Philipson, President and CEO of the CFI. “Investments like these have allowed the University of Manitoba to become a destination of choice for some of the world’s top research talent.”

Dean Emeritus Raymond Currie, a senior scholar in the department of sociology, leads the National Research Data Centre (NRDC) Network, which has received $4 million in new funding. Originally established in 2000, the network has grown to involve close to 40 universities across Canada. The network gives social science researchers access to comprehensive Statistics Canada data sets, provides training in the analysis of complex longitudinal data, and works to strengthen the links between social scientists and the potential users of the knowledge they generate, including governments and policy makers. Research projects are organized around several major themes, including the social determinants of health, early child development, and a variety of economic issues.

The new funding will provide for upgrades to secure data transfer infrastructure, as well as supporting the Data Documentation Initiative, which aims to standardize the way data sets are maintained so that they can be more easily compared with findings from other countries.

CFI also awarded $1 million to Frank Hawthorne, Canada Research Chair in crystallography and mineralogy, to support advanced studies of Earth materials. The funding will provide for state-of-the-art X-ray diffraction and spectroscopy equipment that will allow researchers to examine the structure of minerals and complex chemical reactions at a molecular level.

Hawthorne is one of the world’s leading mineralogists, and the infrastructure will support his work in characterizing the crystal structures in complex rock-forming minerals, as well as the chemical reactions involved in a wide range of processes that have a significant impact on the environment, including the disposal of nuclear waste, and acid mine drainage.

“Am very pleased that CFI has selected these projects for support, since both of them have the potential to produce very real benefits for the people of Canada and for the health of our environment,” said Joanne Keselman, Vice-President (Research) at the University of Manitoba.

Nursing research at St. Amant

BY SUSAN PARKER
Communications Coordinator

In the Faculty of Nursing, research associate Bev Temple holds an innovative position jointly funded by the University of Manitoba and St. Amant. The pilot position is a three-year term, with the possibility of extension, and it provides a valuable opportunity for Temple’s students to participate in her research activities at St. Amant.

The goal of Temple’s program is to increase the amount of nursing research among individuals with developmental disabilities. St. Amant recently changed its name from the “St. Amant Centre” to better represent the wide range of community services it provides. St. Amant is a comprehensive resource for Manitobans with developmental disabilities and their families. Services include a large main residence, 54 community sites and homes, a research centre, a school and a daycare. St. Amant also offers an effective program for children with autism and another for families who care for a developmentally-disabled individual at home.

Currently working with Nursing instructor Elaine Morroch, the team is studying student nurses and their attitudes toward individuals with intellectual disabilities. Temple’s research is based on the idea that nursing students may not recognize their interaction with these individuals as part of their nursing role.

“I hope my research will reveal ways to influence the curriculum and educate nurses to better understand and have positive attitudes towards individuals with intellectual disabilities,” Temple said. “Can we improve the care that these individuals receive when they reach the health care system by starting with the new nurses entering the workforce?”

On January 5, 2007, Temple and her team will be describing this project and other CFI-funded initiatives as part of the Faculty of Nursing Research Seminar Series. Their presentation, “Research Opportunities/Collaboration at St. Amant,” will be held in the Helen Glass Centre for Nursing, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. for more information, please contact Susan Parker at 474-7021 or by email at susan_parker@umanitoba.ca
Working beyond the university
Staff members are honoured for their outreach efforts

By Tamara Bodi  
For The Bulletin

Thirteen faculty members of the University of Manitoba were recognized for their outstanding community involvement at a special reception on Nov. 27. This year, recipients include people who provide dental care to the elderly, mentor and teach high school students, are sought after locally and internationally for their expertise in areas of astronomy, plant and food science and who serve the Aboriginal community at large.

Dilantha Fernando, department of plant science, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, for his dedicated service to high school students as a mentor, and as an organizer and judge of high school science fairs. Through his work with local producer, industry and government organizations, he is working to develop effective management strategies to control white mold in various crops.

Richard Holley, department of food science, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, for his extensive service as an industry liaison, public consultant and media contact, and for his involvement in extending the University commitment to broader education about food safety. Holley is a regular commentator locally and nationally on issues such as food product quality and safety, food packaging, storage and handling, and pesticide residues. He has also been a resource to local industry regarding food product quality and safety.

Terry Janzen, department of linguistics, Faculty of Arts, for his significant contribution to outreach in the deaf community of Manitoba, and for his commitment to making post-secondary education more accessible to deaf people. The University has increased the number of students in post-secondary education. Dr. Janzen has raised the profile of the University in the deaf community and he has increased community members' awareness of the possibility of university education.

Elizabeth Comack, department of sociology, Faculty of Arts, for her work in the community regarding women's imprisonment in Manitoba. Dr. Comack has focused particular attention on the circumstances of aboriginal women who are incarcerated. She has contributed her expertise to a number of legal cases involving Aboriginal women.

The university handed out its Outreach awards for community involvement on Nov. 27. This year's recipients include, back row from left, Merlin Shoesmith, James Blatz, Dilantha Fernando, Maureen Rodrigue, Chris Rutkowski, Elizabeth Comack, James Dietrich, Richard Holley, Terry Janzen and, front row from left, Marilyn Seguire, Kristina Hunter, Khalida Hai-Santiago.

Wanda Wuttunee, department of Native studies, Faculty of Arts, for her extensive engagement with the Aboriginal community. Wuttunee serves on many boards and committees external to the University including the Assiniboine Credit Union, the Institute for Research on Public Policy and the Canadian Executive Service Organization, a not-for-profit community involvement organization. Wuttunee served as a member of the Powley Implementation Committee which examined the implications in Manitoba of the Supreme Court decision on Métis hunting rights.

Kristina Hunter, department of environment & geography, Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources, for her involvement on various boards and committees whose mandate is to create a more ecologically sound society. She is a founding member of the Manitoba Earth Day Committee, and she is a member of the Manitoba Roundtable on Sustainable Development. At the University, she is a member of the “Think Green” group.

Merlin Shoesmith, Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources, for his engagement with industry, non-governmental organizations and numerous government departments and agencies on environmental matters. His efforts have created networking opportunities on environmental matters for the students and the University.

Khalida Hai-Santiago, Centre for Community Oral Health, Faculty of Dentistry, for providing dental services to medically, physically and mentally and/ or financially challenged individuals in Winnipeg and the wider community. Dietrich organized and coordinated the technical aspects of the opening of the Advanced RF Systems Laboratory, the second of four $23-million National Microelectronics and Photonics Testing Collaboratory.

James Dietrich, department of electrical and computer Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, for his efforts to promote the University in general and the field of engineering in particular among young people and the wider community. Dietrich organized and coordinated the technical aspects of the opening of the Advanced RF Systems Laboratory, the second of four $23-million National Microelectronics and Photonics Testing Collaboratory.

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New program promotes scholarship in education

If we don’t encourage scholarship in the field of higher education, who will?

With that fact in mind the University of Manitoba’s Centre for Higher Education Development and Outreach (CHERD) has introduced an annual small grants program to support short-term research in areas such as the structure and function of higher education, student outcomes, and teaching and learning.

The grants fit CHERD’s mandate to promote the pursuit of scholarship and development in the field of higher education.

The grant recipients for 2006-07 include:

- Raymond T. Lee, business administration, I.H. Asper School of Business, for research entitled “Emotional Labor among Professors and Instructors in the University Classroom.” Raymond Lee’s research examines the impact of felt and displayed emotion in teaching and learning on University of Manitoba instructors and professors during classroom interactions.

- Kathryn A. Levine, Faculty of Social Work, and community partner Darrell Cole, Career Trek, Inc., for research in “Career Development and Self-efficacy in Educationally At-risk Youth.” The purpose of this study is to generate new insights about the range of personal, social, cultural, and institutional factors that facilitate post-secondary success for students categorized at-risk.

- Dieter J. Schonwetter, Faculty of Dentistry, with Joanna Assadorian, Salme Layvine, and Laura MacDonald, for research in “Perceived Competency at Graduation: A Self-Assessment of Graduating Dental Hygiene Students on their Undergraduate Educational Experience.”

- Sylvia Alessi-Severini, Faculty of Pharmacy, and Colleen Metge (Pharmacy), with collaborators Rehana Durocher (Pharmacy), Alan Kacz (Medicine), and Joanne Hamilton (Medicine), for research entitled “Reflections on Self-directed Learning: An Evaluation of the Capstone Course in the Faculty of Pharmacy,” the primary aim of the research being to improve the learning experience of future pharmacy students in a project-based, self-directed curricular offering.

- John Monroe, Faculty of Agriculture, for research entitled “Changing Models of Governance in Teacher Education: Case Studies of Texas and California.”

James Blatz, department of civil engineering, Faculty of Engineering, for his dedication to promoting the Faculty of Engineering to the community at large. Blatz serves on numerous external boards and commissions, the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Manitoba’s National Engineering Week. He coordinates tours, outreach and speaking events that promote research in engineering.

Maureen Rodrigue, Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation Studies, for her outstanding contributions focusing on persons with intellectual disability, for her continued leadership as a volunteer member of the Board and on committees at Versatech Industries and SCE LifeWorks, organizations that provide supported employment opportunities for persons with intellectual disabilities, for her prominent role in the “ Manitoba in motion” initiative which seeks to improve awareness of issues associated with physical inactivity and promote active healthy lifestyles within our province.

Chris Rutkowski, public affairs, for his efforts to share his knowledge about astronomy, science and unidentified flying objects (UFOs) with the community at large. He is well known for his visits to Winnipeg high schools where he presents creative writing workshops, and where he mentors the students interested in non-fiction writing. He is a sought-after science and UFO media commentator whose excellent relationships with media have reaped a great benefit to the University of Manitoba.

Marilyn Seguire, Faculty of Nursing, for her long-standing commitment to address health-related issues in the public sphere, system for her service on various boards and trustee committees that support children’s learning. Seguire also coordinated the Faculty’s “Books with Wings” project which involved collecting, cataloguing and shipping more than 300 health-related books to universities and institutes in Afghanistan.