Bison
talent

At the end of another successful 2006-07 season – one CIS bronze medal team, two teams winning conference regular season titles and five out of eight teams making playoffs – the Manitoba Bisons handed out their year-end hardware at the annual Brown and Gold Year End Banquet held at Canad Inns - Fort Garry on Saturday, March 31.

Bisons Stacey Corfield and Cory Huclack were named as Bison Sports Female and Male Athletes of the Year for the 2006-07 season. Women’s hockey head coach Jon Rempel was selected as Bison Sports Coach of the Year.

Corfield’s selection is the first-ever for a women’s hockey player during the 44-year history of the award. The sophomore Bison had an impressive second season.

• In the regular season, the second year player was third in Canada West with a 2.17 goals against average and was fourth with a .907 save percentage.
• Corfield was a Canada West First Team All-Star selection.
• She started in all eight playoff games during their run to a CIS bronze medal and earned a shutout in the deciding game against Regina to clinch a CIS berth.
• She was selected as team MVP.
• Corfield had a regular season record of 11-8-0 with two shutouts in over 1100 minutes of play.
• The Winnipeg native received the Mike Ridley Award for superior athletic ability, good academic standing and high level of leadership as a full-time student.
• She started the first five games of the season and played in 12 of the first 15 games in the 2006-07 season.
• Corfield backstopped the team to a CIS bronze medal and only gave up seven goals during three games during the championship.

Huclack’s selection means that athletes involved with football have been selected nine times in the 48-year history of the award. This ranks the sport third behind men’s volleyball and hockey which both have 14 Bison Male Athletes of the Year.

Huclack completed his university career with a memorable year during the 2006-07 season.

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Marketing to the world

For students in Sergio Carvalho’s international marketing class, the cultural lesson will linger long after the scent of food and sound of music has cleared out of the Asper School of Business.

The students and Carvalho hosted the first annual Cultural Awareness Days on Tuesday, March 27 and Thursday, March 29 at the Asper School with groups focusing on countries ranging from Japan and Russia to Brazil and Mexico.

“The goal for the students is to immerse themselves in a different culture, get a better understanding and then give a presentation so that their classmates and the rest of the business school can have the same experience,” Carvalho said. The goal is to get students thinking outside the cultural box.

“When I’ve been teaching I’ve found most of the students do not have international experience. They do not know much about cultures beyond North America,” Carvalho said. But they’re going to need to because phrases such as the global market are more than just buzzwords. They’re reality for students expecting to work in the business field.

Carvalho purposely kept the list of instructions light when he handed out the assignment. Students needed to prepare a written submission and do a presentation on what they learned – but what they included as part of that presentation was entirely up to them.

The result, spelled out through 19 different cultures over two days, was a smorgasbord of food, entertainment and dress.

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One University. Many Futures.
Corfield and Huclack are top Bison athletes

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• Huclack, a Winnipeg native, had another outstanding season as he led the conference’s top defensive team, picking up a team-high 47 tackles with two sacks, two interceptions, a forced fumble and a pass breakup during the regular season.

• Huclack was named Canada West Top Defensive Player of the Year for the 2006 campaign, only the third Bison to earn this honour.

• The fifth year veteran earned his first CIS All-Canadian Second Team selection and second consecutive season as a Canada West All-Stars.

• He registered a season team high ten tackles in a regular season game and notched eight tackles during the 2006 playoffs.

• Huclack was selected as the team MVP.

• He was a team captain for the second consecutive season.

• The CFL’s Winnipeg Blue Bombers recently signed him as a free agent for the 2007 season.

• The 6’0”, 210 lbs linebacker made an impact on the Bison record book as he finished second in Bison history with 168 career tackles and placed sixth all-time with 10 interceptions.

The Manitoba Bisons have presented the Female Athlete of the Year award since the 1963-64 season. Corfield is the first women’s hockey athlete selected. This ranks behind volleyball (18), basketball (14), track and field (8) and gymnastics (5). Bison Male Athletes of the Year have been selected since the 1959-60 season with men’s hockey players chosen 14 times, tied for first with volleyball (14) and followed by football (9), basketball (6) and track and field (5).

Along with the Athletes of the Year, Jon Rempel was selected for the first time as Bison Sports Coach of the Year in the four year history of the award. He had a tremendous season as he coached the women’s hockey team to the CIS National Championship and a bronze medal finish. Some of his highlights included:

• Rempel was named the Canada West Female Hockey Coach of the Year for 2006-07 season. This is the second time he has earned the award (2004-05).

• The 2006-07 season was another successful season for the Bisons as Rempel guided the squad to a 15-9-0 regular season record and a berth into the CIS Championship with a win over Regina in the Canada West Semi-Final.

• In his third season as head coach, he guided the team to their second CIS Championship berth and second bronze medal finish in the program’s history.

The inaugural Student-Athlete Leadership and Community Development Award was handed out to one female and one male recipient. Fifth year basketball player Sarah Holder and fifth year football player Terry Watson were the first winners of this award which highlights their leadership skills, community involvement and also academics and athletics. Both winners were heavily involved in the Athletes Council, Bisons Against Bullying Program, Siloam Mission volunteering and were captains of their respective teams.
Kusin makes an art of serendipity

BY DALE BARBOUR

The Bulletin

It takes brains and tenacity to succeed in business and while TPQ partner Gary Kusin has that in fair supply, there’s no question he credits the tenacity end with helping him get ahead.

Case in point: Kusin helped pioneer the idea of a stand alone store focused on consumer software. The result was Babbage’s Inc., which Kusin co-founded in 1983. But before they could open their first store, Kusin said they needed a developer that would rent them a location. The idea was so new that developers wouldn’t even bother to return their phone calls.

“But I knew who he was. We called one developer and then we sat and waited on his car until he came out,” Kusin said. (The wait was made even longer because the developer had decided to have lunch in house.)

“He couldn’t believe that we had waited outside all day. It’s perseverance. You just have to make that. That’s what it takes,” Kusin said. They did get their first store and the company went on to become the leading consumer specialty store in the United States – eventually being turned into a public company and merging with Software Etc. Stores, Inc. to form NeoStar Retail Group.

For his part, Kusin launched the company into success and went on to do other things – a lot of other things. Kusin, the self-described Forest Gump of the business world, was at the Asper School of Business to talk to students on Tuesday, March 13.

Kusin cut his teeth running a small family business, worked his way through Harvard business school and kicked off his career in department store retailing before going on to be involved with a string of businesses. He co-founded Laura Mercier Cosmetics, and then ran and helped expand both HQ Global Workplaces and Keiko’s, the world’s largest document solutions provider.

“My friends tell me, ‘You know, Gary, you can’t hold a can to an exciting way to go through a career. Too often people think they have to have a plan laid out in front of them but it does not have to be like that,” Kusin said. But if his career path has changed, Kusin’s leadership principles have been rock steady.

“You need alignment, if everyone isn’t aligned on a common goal you’ll go into failure,” Kusin said. During one of his business ventures Kusin called the employees in for a meeting and laid out the new business plan. He gave them time to provide feedback and said if anyone couldn’t accept the plan after the feedback was taken into account, all they had to do was say so and he’d find them another job – at least in the first month, after that the gloves were off.

“I told them if you’re not on track after that I will hunt you down and weed you out,” Kusin said. Within six months a quarter of the employees were gone – but the business succeeded.

Kusin said the other key points are honesty and accountability.

“You need to hold yourself accountable to others for what you planned to deliver and when you mess up, you need to say it. It’s important to be able to say, ‘I made a mistake’,” Kusin said. Kusin fielded questions from the Asper students and even went so far as to give out his e-mail address to those who might want to further the discussion later.

The notion of work/life balance was one of the points that came up – Kusin said it’s something that people have to be prepared to work at.

“One thing I did was I said I’d be home at 6 p.m. every evening – if I was in town – and I was. Now when a consequence I’d have to go to work at 3 a.m., but that’s what you do when you have a family,” Kusin said. The kids also came on business trips and now that they’re growing up, Kusin said he and his wife travel together.

Networking is always considered a critical business skill, but Kusin said he’s not a fan of networking for the sake of networking – he doesn’t like cold calling people to “network with them” and isn’t thrilled about getting those type of calls from other people.

“But he does like people and in the end that goes a long way.

“When you get a job you develop a set of friends and peers and you just need to stay up with them,” Kusin said.

The standard question when it comes to getting ahead is: Is it who you know or what you know that lands you a job? But Kusin had a different take on the question.

“I’m not sure that it’s either,” Kusin said. “I am most impressed when I’m interviewing people if I can say to them, ‘Run through this wall’ and they’ll do it.’”

“Show me a guy at the bottom of the class who’s pawning at the ground to work and that’s what I want,” Kusin said. “I look into people’s eyes and ask, ‘Do they have an edge? Do they really want it?’ because I can teach them the rest.”

$10,000 for speedy sales pitch

Two University of Minnesota Asper School of Business undergraduate students were a well-oiled pitching machine on March 23 when they won Ball State University’s inaugural Nascent 500 Business Plan Challenge on one of the world’s most famous speedways.

Male-female power duo Julian Klymochko and Lindsey Redding had only 500 seconds in a limousine traveling on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway to pitch their business plan to a panel of venture capitalists. The competition also included a formal presentation, a Q & A, and another 500-second pitch in the speedway’s pit.

Klymochko and Redding beat out 11 teams, all from American universities. Their prize included $10,000, a quart of milk, trophies, and a 100-mph victory lap in the Indy 500 pace car.

Klymochko and Redding pitched new technology product Nutralease, a drug delivery technology designed to improve the solubility of certain drugs in the body. The students presented as Effiventa Corp., a company they co-founded last term with other students in a course with Prof. Robert Warren, Asper Centre for Entrepreneurship. The course involves real entrepreneurial initiatives where students create business plans and build a company around a technology created by researchers and development.

Entrepreneurial students usually compete in one to two minute elevator pitches. The Nascent 500 Business Plan Challenge presented Klymochko and Redding with a fresh challenge in a fast-paced setting.

“The limousine ride teaches students the importance of being able to pitch anytime, anywhere, with limited props, and to be able to adjust on the fly in a moving environment,” Warren said. The concept is to enact what budding entrepreneurs might be able to accomplish as they should unexpectedly share a limo with a venture capitalist during the ride from airport to hotel, he explained.

In further news, the Asper School of Business hosted the annual Stuart Clark Venture Challenge from March 29 to 31.

The winner of the 2007 Stuart Clark Venture Challenge was Anson Innovations from Loyola Marymount University. In addition to the $15,000 cash prize, each member of the team received a personalized Manitoba Moose jersey and a certificate or a pair Silver jeans. Second place, and a cash award of $5,000, went to Luci/CLEAR from the University of Texas at Austin.

The other teams in the finals were: Terraview, University of California - Berkeley, Flow Diagnostics, University of Illinois - Chicago and PWR, University of Michigan.

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Four Manitoba Bison football players have been selected to the fifth annual East-West Bowl being played on Saturday, May 12 at Laval University in Quebec City. Second year defensive end Justin Cooper, third year Terry Firr, third year linebacker Kenton Onofrychuk and third year defensive lineman Justin Shaw will be competing at the Bowl game for the West roster. Cooper, 24, had another great season as a sophomore and was named a Canada West All-Star for the first time. He had 22 tackles, tied for seventh in the conference tackles for losses (7), tied for third in Canada West sacks (6), two forced fumbles and one safety in the regular season. In the 2006 playoffs, he notched five tackles and two sacks. Cooper was also named Canada West Defensive Player of the Week (10/28/06 at Saskatchewan – five tackles and one sack).

On the offense side, Firr, 25, earned his second conference All-Star selection. He led the team and fifth in Canada West with 531 receiving yards with 4 TDs on 32 receptions on 16.6 receiving yard average during the regular season. Firr contributed a touchdown with nine catches and 97 yards in the 2006 playoffs. Onofrychuk, 23, had a strong season. The 2005-06 Academic All-Canadian was fifth on the team with 26 tackles (with two for losses). He added two sacks, one interception and one fumble recovery during the 2006 regular season. The third-year player was second on the team with 11 tackles in the 2006 playoffs. Onofrychuk was named Canada West Defensive Player of the Week (09/24/06 vs. Alberta – seven tackles and one interception).

Shaw, 24, was a Canada West All-Star this season. He had 22 tackles, tied for fifth in the conference tackles for losses (8), tied for third in Canada West sacks (6), first in conference with fumble recoveries (5), one forced fumble, one break-up and one interception in the regular season. In the 2006 playoffs, Shaw had six tackles and one sack. Bison football head coach Brian Dobie commented, “This is an excellent opportunity for all four players to be selected and to represent Manitoba at the East-West Bowl game. Each player should use this selection to showcase their talents to CFL teams.”

BISON WOMEN VS. KAZAKHSTAN
The Bisons women’s team completed its 2006-07 season with a special exhibition game against the Kazakhstan National Team on Saturday, March 24 in Steinbach at the TG Smith Centre – Centennial Arena. In an entertaining and competitive match, the #9 ranked team in the world defeated the Bisons by a 3-2 score in a shootout. The 2007 CIS bronze medalist came ready to play as they held a 2-0 lead with less than four minutes left in the game. Kazakhstan scored two goals 45 seconds apart and potted the lone goal in the shootout to end the contest. Captain Sarah Stebeleski scored for Manitoba. Stebeleski commented after the game, “It was exciting for our team to play a team from a different country. It was a good game and a nice way to end the season.”

Letters to the Editor

It may be tempting fate, for, as Yogi Berra taught us, it ain’t over ‘til it is over. Still, as a four-decade member of our university community and of the Fort Richmond neighbourhood, I express my admiration for the people at Physical Plant (in particular Michele Rogalsky, Lyle Morin and the snow-clearing crews) for the wonderful snow clearing job done over the winter months. May their next seven months be filled with balmy weather, ample sunshine, leisurely mowing and happily playing summer sports.

Jesse Vorst
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Franz Boas Award

President Emile Szathmáry is this year’s recipient of the Franz Boas Distinguished Achievement Award. The award was presented by the Human Biology Association (HBAs) at a luncheon in Philadelphia on March 29.

The Franz Boas Distinguished Achievement Award is given to a member of the association for exemplary contributions in science, scholarship and professional service. As the nomination states, you are one of the most distinguished members of our association and have served us well and association faithfully for many years. We would like to honour you with the Franz Boas Distinguished Achievement Award.

Szathmáry earned his PhD in anthropology from the University of Toronto. After a year’s appointment as assistant professor at Trent University, she joined the department of sociology and anthropology at the University of Manitoba in 1975 and went on to serve as chair of the department of anthropology. After serving as dean of the Faculty of Social Science at the University of Western Ontario, she returned to McMaster in 1994 to serve as provost and vice-president academic. Szathmáry was named president of the University of Manitoba in 1996.

Szathmáry’s research focused on the genetics of the Aboriginal peoples of North America. She has investigated the causes of type-2 diabetes in Aboriginal North Americans, the genetic relationships within and between peoples of North America and Asia, and the microevolution of the peoples of the subarctic and arctic. Her field research was conducted among the Siouan, Ojibwa and Dogrib peoples in Ontario and the Northwest Territories.

Szathmáry’s contributions to her profession include serving as the president of the Human Biology Association in the early 1990s and serving as the editor of the Annual Review of Physical Anthropology, as well as the America (Journal of) Physical Anthropology, both published by Wiley-Liss. Her most recent editorial contribution can be seen in the 2001 Handbook of New American Indians published by the Smithsonian Institution that deals with environment, origins and populations.

Emile Szathmáry

McKee co-coach of Alliance

There was a familiar face behind the bench as the Canadian Major Indoor Soccer League (CMLS) ran its “Showcase Series” season over the past weekend, with the newly minted Winnipeg Alliance playing two games against the Saskatoon Accelerators and Edmonton Drillers. One of the co-coaches for the Alliance is Bison women’s soccer head coach Walt McKee. Chick Devenny helped anchor the coaching staff.

McKee commented on how he became involved with the organization. “The owner Bill Stewart was looking for coaches who were involved in the Winnipeg soccer community and had experience with a professional team. With my involvement with the Winnipeg Fy in the past and now coaching with the Bisons, it made a good fit to join the Alliance.”

If the “Showcase Series” is a success then this week’s 2007-08 season will consist of 8-12 exhibition games (four to six home games), followed by a 20 game schedule (10 at home) for each team during the 2008-09 season. The four founding teams of the Edmonton Drillers, Calgary United FC, Saskatoon Accelerators and Winnipeg Alliance FC.

In the run up to the weekend, McKee commented, “I am excited to be involved and present a fast-paced and entertaining brand of indoor soccer to the community. Chick Devenny and I have run intense training sessions to prepare the team for these matches.”

Buffalo Hunt honours for Idonije

Former Bison football star Israel “Izzy” Idonije has received another prestigious honour to celebrate his amazing season of playing in the Super Bowl and his contribution to the province.

On Wednesday, March 14, the Province of Manitoba inducted Izzy Idonije into Manitoba’s Order of the Buffalo Hunt in his hometown of Brandon.

The Order of the Buffalo Hunt was founded in 1957 to recognize individuals who have made outstanding and distinctive contributions to society and their community. With the order, Manitoba has recognized champions of all kinds – political, business, sporting, entertainment and more — over the past 50 years.

Bison Football Head Coach Brian Dobie was in attendance and stated, “Bison Football and the University of Manitoba are proud of Izzy’s numerous accomplishments. He has been a great ambassador for the province throughout his professional career and this honour is another example of Izzy’s commitment to the community.”

Idonije has had a spectacular season with several major highlights. He signed a four-year deal with the NFL’s Chicago Bears in March 2006, played a prominent role during the playoff run by the Bears. Idonije became the first Manitoba Bison and only third CIS player to ever play in a Super Bowl game.

Izzy, 26, had a stellar career with the Bison. In four seasons with the team (one as a red-shirt), he was the third Bison to capture the J.P. Metras Trophy for outstanding lineman in Canadian university football in 2002. Idonije was also invited to the play in the 2003 East-West Shrine Bowl.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

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

Emile Szathmáry

Assistant Professor

Department of Dental Diagnostic & Surgical Sciences

Faculty of Dentistry

In 1982, with Iran involved in a war with neighbouring Iraq, Montgomery left her native country, to seek a university education in the United States. At the time she was 19 years old.

Attending Haverford College, a liberal arts institution in Pennsylvania, USA, Gibahi obtained a BA in chemistry, and a concentration in German Studies. The first and the oldest college established by the Quakers in 1833, Haverford College was based on principles of peace and respect for human values and lives. Having left a war-torn country, Gibahi found Haverford quite a haven at the time.

In 1988, he entered Harvard University and obtained a doctor of dental medicine (magna cum laude) in 1993. Gibahi then pursued a residency program in periodontics, a specialty in dentistry, and a masters degree in medical sciences.

Gibahi has been involved in numerous research projects while studying at Haverford College and Harvard University including: the biology of eosinophils in hamster oral carcinoma; the processing of Transforming Growth Factor-β by human eosinophils; and prediction of radiation sensitivity of human oral tumors using Histone messenger RNA.

He is a diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology and a Fellow of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons.

Gibahi credits the quality of education and experience he received from his professors with driving his own passion for teaching and research. His goal now is to pursue these passions at the University of Manitoba and, along the way, he hopes to become a better human being.

Edmond Gibahi

Assistant Professor

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Janine Montgomery joins the new school psychology graduate program in the department of psychology as an educator who has worked as a classroom and resource teacher in Red Deer Public School District and as a sessional lecturer and clinician in the College of Education at the University of Saskatchewan (Saskatoon). She is currently completing her doctoral work at the University of Saskatchewan. Montgomery has a reputation as a gifted clinician, particularly in working with individuals with autism spectrum disorders and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. Her classroom background provides a unique perspective that enhances both her teaching and her clinical work.

Montgomery’s primary research interest and expertise is autism spectrum disorders and related conditions. Her current research is a collaboration with researchers from the University of Calgary that investigates emotions, intelligence and resiliency in individuals with Asperger syndrome. This ongoing project has been generously funded by the Alberta Children’s Hospital Foundation, for Child, Family, and Community Research (ACCFR). Future projects and collaborations with other researchers in various disciplines will investigate the unique needs of girls with Asperger syndrome and interventions for those with autism spectrum disorders. Her classroom background provides a unique perspective that enhances both her teaching and her clinical work.

Janine Montgomery

Assistant Professor

Department of Psychology

Faculty of Arts

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Assistant Professor

Department of Psychology

University of Manitoba

More Mouling

On the morning of March 3, at the Robson Hall Negotiation Competition 2007, Jane Fendi and Gerald Maguire sent their second-year Robson Hall Negotiation Competition 2007, Jane Fendi and Gerald Maguire sent their second-year law student counsel in teams of two to hammer out their dispute, to joint executors for the late Morley Maguire’s estate.

Jane was sure that although she’d only known her elderly mother Morley for two months, he really meant her to have all his property for life. Gerald was sure her father would never have drawn such a will. It was clear that Jane’s counsel at the competition. Prizes were awarded that evening to the first place negotiating team, Vanessa Reakes and Tom Newhaim and the second place team, Jason Goser and Jordan Druezen.

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Journal moves to University of Manitoba

Journals by University Staff

BY DALE BARBOUR

The Bulletin

The Canadian Ethnic Studies journal has a new home at the University of Manitoba. The move follows the appointment of German and Slavic Studies professor Natalia Aponiuk as the latest editor of the journal.

“I became editor of the journal a little over a year ago,” Aponiuk said. “Last year was sort of a transitional year with articles still heading to Calgary – the journal’s home for almost 40 years – before being sent on to Winnipeg.”

“We decided it was easier to move the journal here because of the considerable make-up sense to have material going back and forth between Winnipeg and Calgary.

The Canadian Ethnic Studies Association – the group responsible for publishing the journal – is located at the University of Winnipeg, which makes having the journal at the U of M rather than the University of Calgary an added convenience.

Like most journals, CES is a tightly run ship. Aponiuk has an office for the journal – set up with the help of Arts dean Richard Sigurdson and vice-president (research) Joanne Keselman – and looks after the initial selection of articles. The submissions are then sent out to specialists in the subject area for a thorough vetting before being returned to Aponiuk and prepped for presentation in the journal.

The journal itself is dedicated to the study of ethnic, national, multicultural, intercultural relations and the cultural life of ethnic groups in Canada. Given the breadth of its field the journal has always taken a multidisciplinary approach, but Aponiuk said the trend has grown over the years, reflecting similar trends in the social sciences.

The Canadian Ethnic Studies journal has joined its new editor, German and Slavic Studies professor Natalia Aponiuk, at the University of Manitoba.

“It become more varied even from when I edited a special issue a number of years ago,” Aponiuk said. At one time, the majority of submissions to the journal tended to focus on the field of sociology. But now that field rubs shoulders with everything from political studies and history to geography, literature and even the health field.

We’re trying to green the NRI,” sustainability committee chair Peter Hettinga said. “In our classes we’re taught about sustainability so we thought it would be good if the program could reflect that and become a model for other schools to follow. We’re trying to raise awareness of ways to save resources.”

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There’s practical limits to what the group can do to the Sinnott Building, the home of the NRI – changing the type of light bulbs they use is a possibility, knocking down walls probably isn’t – and they’ve been working with physical plant and sustainability coordinator Maire McDermott to sort out what their options are.

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Students look for ways to green NRI

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Kostash considers Canada

Myrna Kostash presented the 2007 Tarnawecky Distinguished Lecture on Thursday, March 22. The event was sponsored by Centre for Ukrainian Canadian Studies. Titled “How I lost my hyphen and found my groove”, the lecture was an ideal platform to examine who we are as Canadians.

Kostash, who has written for Macleans, Saturday Night, Chatelaine, and Globe and Mail, traced her odyssey from ethnicity, multiculturalism and feminism of the seventies, towards contemporary and complex postmodern trends.

For people looking to get involved with the CESA the first and easiest opportunity is just a few months away when the CESA holds its biennial conference at the Hotel Fort Garry from Sept. 27 to 30. Abstracts are still being accepted until April 30. For more information call 786 9224 or e-mail cesauwinnipeg.ca.

Photo by Dale Barbour

Heard them roar

After voting in favour of a tuition increase in a student referendum, Faculty of Engineering students took their call for more funding to the provincial legislature on March 29. From left, Katie Szailagyi, Phil Dompierre, decked out in the Red Lion costume, and Gwen Nedohin were getting warmed up for the rally in the Engineering and Information Technology Centre atrium.

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There’s practical limits to what the group can do to the Sinnott Building, the home of the NRI – changing the type of light bulbs they use is a possibility, knocking down walls probably isn’t – and they’ve been working with physical plant and sustainability coordinator Maire McDermott to sort out what their options are.

“We’ve been looking at vermicomposting (using worms to
Psychology honours staff and students

The rest of the University of Manitoba could learn a lot from the department of psychology, but in this case the lesson has everything to do with honouring students, staff and faculty rather than the study of the mind.

Psychology department head Harvey Keselman unveiled the department’s new Wall of Honour in P412 Duff Roblin to a packed room on April 2. And while the idea of listing accomplishments isn’t new what psychology has done with the concept is.

“One of my priorities when I assumed the Headship in July 2005 was to establish a Wall of Honour enumerating the many accomplishments of academic and support staff as well as students in the areas of scholarship, teaching, and service,” Keselman said. “As a member of the department for 35 years, I knew that my colleagues and our students had garnered many distinguished awards, grants, and acknowledgements for their work while here at the university.”

The result of that effort is a stylish salute to the across the board talent offered by the department of psychology. The display recognizes a variety of accomplishments, from major awards and recognition by national and international societies to post-doctoral fellowships and journal editor appointments.

The Wall of Honour is not intended to ‘brag’ about psychology but rather to share our successes with the greater university community so that we may all honour the accomplishments of our fellow staff members and the students with whom we work,” Keselman said.

President Emőke Szathmáry said efforts such as the Wall of Honour and the department’s weekly efforts to keep its members up to date on what they are accomplishing makes her job easier – because ultimately that information can be used to show how the university works and what its people are doing.

“It’s not bragging,” Szathmáry said. “But it shows that your professors, staff and students are making an effort to achieve their goals and they’re doing it extremely well.”

The Wall of Honour marks 1969 as its starting date, the year the Duff Roblin Building was built, and has included room for more accomplishments to be added as future faculty, staff and students earn their recognition.

Education students showcase their research efforts

The eighth annual Education Graduate Student Symposium 2007 took place on March 9 to 10 in the Education Building.

“The Symposium was an opportunity for Education graduate students to present their research work in front of an attentive audience and have their presentations published in an online proceedings format,” explained Jon Young, acting associate dean (graduate programs and research). “We were delighted both by the quality of the presentations and by Saturday’s ‘full-house’ attendance at the event.”

The strong research theme of the symposium was evident through the diversity of the presentations. “Our theme this year was Building Scholarly Communities: Sharing Our Research.” The 2007 Symposium proceedings will be published online in the upcoming months at: www.umanitoba.ca/education/symposium/.

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The School of Art will hold its annual open house on Sunday, April 15, noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

The tradition began in 1914 with what was then known as the Winnipeg School of Art. In 1990 the Winnipeg School of Art became part of the University of Manitoba. Over the years it has evolved into a major cultural event at the University of Manitoba.

The annual event is a once a year opportunity for students, prospective students, alumni and the general public to see the School of Art facilities at the University of Manitoba. It is a great opportunity to mingle and chat with professors and students on an informal basis.

Every square foot of space in the Art Barn, FitzGerald Building, printmaking annex, sculpture building and ceramics building will be covered with student works of art. Vendors will be shown in room 104 FitzGerald and math in art projects will be exhibited in St John's College 114 & 115.

Gallery One One One will feature works by School of Art thesis students nearing the completion of their respective programs. Works in Gallery One One One will continue to be exhibited until April 20 with hours from noon to 4 p.m. daily.

The wood fired ceramics kiln will be operating and chili will be served by the Ceramics Club (for a nominal fee that includes taking home the chili bowl). Ceramics works will also be available for sale in the Ceramics Building by the student run Ceramics Club.

Maps will be available at the FitzGerald Building. Parking on Campus is free on Sunday with the exceptions of the new parkade, the handicapped spaces, and the 24 hour reserve spots.

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

**THURSDAY, APRIL 5**

**Immunology Annual Graduate Student Research Presentations**, Effect of Leishmania-encoded arginase on immune response and pathogenesis of infection by Helen Muleme, 12 p.m., and The effects of TNF-α and IL-12/IL-23p40 based vaccines in the downregulation of inflammatory bowel diseases by Qingdong Guan, 12:30 p.m., Immunology Library 604/605 Basic Medical Sciences Building, Thursday, April 5.

**MONDAY, APRIL 9**

**National Training Program in Allergy and Asthma Research**, Regulation of the IL-9 receptor in human neutrophils by Stéphane Dragon and Role of DC in the IL-9 receptor in human neutrophils and Asthma Research, National Training Program in Allergy, Monday, April 9.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 5**

**Immunology, The role of Smad1 in hepatic stellate cell activation by Yuwenn Gong, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Manitoba, Immunology Library 604/605 Basic Medical Sciences Building, 12 p.m., Thursday, April 19.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 24**

**Internal Medicine**, Evolution of Amphetamine Abuse and Rehabilitation in Manitoba by Amarjit S. Arneja, MD, director amphetamine program, associate professor of medicine, University of Manitoba, Theatre A Basic Medical Sciences Building, linked to NG002 Nursing Building 8 a.m., Thursday, April 24.

**Psychiatry Grand Rounds**, What Is New In Tobacco Cessation by Charl Els, Psychiatrist and Addiction Specialist, Capital Health and University of Alberta, Theatre A Basic Medical Sciences Building, 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 24.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 27**

**Physiology**, Distinguished Scientist Lecture: Mechanisms of IP3 receptor knockout in liver and beta cell by Adria Giacca, MD, University of Toronto. Theatre A Basic Medical Sciences Building, 10 a.m., Friday, April 27.

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**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11**

**Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences**, HPV - There Were Nice Diseases When I Was Young by Robert Lotocki, gynecologic oncologist, head, clinical gynecology, St. Boniface General Hospital, Theatre A Basic Medical Sciences Building, linked to NG002 Nursing Building 8 a.m., Wednesday, April 11.

**Pathology Teaching Rounds**, Title TBA by Vladimir Jakovlev, fellow, molecular pathology of cancer, Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto, MS473 Thorlakson Building, Health Sciences Centre, 1 p.m., Wednesday, April 11.

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**Medicine, Making Vessels with Vasculastiste, an Angiopoietin-peptide Mimetic by Daniel Dumont, director, molecular & cellular biology, head, The Centre for Proteomic Studies, Canada Research Chair in Angiogenic & Lymphangiogenic Signalling, Sunnybrook Research Institute, professor, department of medical biophysics, University of Toronto, Samuel Cohen Auditorium, St. Boniface Research Centre, linked to A229 Chown Building, 5 p.m., Wednesday, April 11.

**Medicine, Reading the Map of the Genome Using Peptide Mimetics** by Daniel Dumont, director, molecular & cellular biology, head, The Centre for Proteomic Studies, Canada Research Chair in Angiogenic & Lymphangiogenic Signalling, Sunnybrook Research Institute, professor, department of medical biophysics, University of Toronto, Samuel Cohen Auditorium, St. Boniface Research Centre, linked to A229 Chown Building, 5 p.m., Wednesday, April 11.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 12**

**Immunology Annual Graduate Student Research Presentations**, Cytokine Responses in Peanut Allergic vs Clinically Tolerant Individuals by Larisa Lotoski, 12 p.m., Molecular Regulation of High Affinity IgE Receptor ( Fc ϵRI ) in Airway Smooth Muscle cells by Naresh Redhu, 12:30 p.m., Immunology Library 604/605 Basic Medical Sciences Building, Thursday, April 12.
Fort Garry Campus

THURSDAY, APRIL 5
Reading past bodies/â€œlire les corps disparus, Interdisciplinary Conference, Colloque Interdisciplinaire, 307 Tier Building, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, April 5.

Chemistry, Controlling HIV by Studying the Exceptions to the Rule by Dr. K. Fowke, assistant professor, department of medical microbiology, Thursday, April 5.

Microbiology, Inteins: why are we so fascinated with them? by Taylor O’Neill, 306 Buller Building, 3:30 p.m., Thursday, April 5.

Physics and Astronomy, Parity-Violating Neutron Spin Rotation in Liquid â€œHe by Anna Micherdzinska, department of physics, University of Winnipeg, 330 Allen Building, 3:30 p.m., Thursday, April 5.

Advanced Plant Science, Physical Mapping and Genomic Characterization of Wheat Quality Loci Glu-B1 and Ha by Rajun Varapugari, PhD student, plant science, Carolyn Sifton Lecture Theatre 130 Agriculture Building, 3:30 p.m., Thursday, April 5.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4
Nursing, Dr. Helen Glass Researcher in Residence, From Neurotransmitters to Neighbourhoods: New Frontiers in Health Behaviour Change by Joy Marotta, assistant professor, psychology, Centre on Aging’s Research Series, Winnipeg, 330 Allen Building, 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 4.

Advanced Plant Science, Stressful Life of Plants by Robert Hill, plant science, Carolyn Sifton Lecture Theatre 130 Agriculture Building, 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 4.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19
Get to Know Research at Your Place on the Bannatyne Campus, How to Plan Your First Heart Attack by Larry Hryshko, Canada Research Chair in Cardiac Electrophysiology, director, Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences, Smartpark Lobby Boardroom, 135 Innovation Drive, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 19.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25
Get to Know Research at Your University, How to Plan Your First Heart Attack by Larry Hryshko, Canada Research Chair in Cardiac Electrophysiology, director, Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences, Smartpark Lobby Boardroom, 135 Innovation Drive, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 25.

Fort Garry History Lectures
The fifth annual Fort Garry History Lectures run April 20 to 28 in St. John’s College. The annual event brings together graduate and senior undergraduate history students from across Canada and the United States.

The keynote lectures include Popular Movements and the State in Contemporary Latin America by Jorge Nállim, University of Manitoba, 108 St. John’s College, 7 p.m., Thursday, April 26 andkillTheBull, Indian, Save the Man: U.S. and Canadian Residential Schools in Context by Peter McCardall, ethic studies, University of Colorado at Boulder, 118 St. John’s College, 7 p.m., Friday, April 27, and Child Labour In India: Presenting ‘New’ Histories by Emma Alexander-Mudalali, University of Winnipeg, 12 p.m., Saturday, April 28.

For more information and to register, please seeumanitoba.ca/faculties/artshistory/news/index.html

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WestCAST draws teachers from across the country

BY KAREN CHRISTIUK
For The Bulletin

The Faculty of Education hosted WestCAST 2007 at the Delta Winnipeg from Feb. 14 to 17. WestCAST provided a unique opportunity for critical engagement among teacher candidates, classroom teachers, and experienced scholars from across Western Canada, through workshops and presentations.

‘This year’s theme, Learning to Teach, Teaching for Learning, examined the multi-dimensional and collaborative nature of becoming a teacher in a diverse and increasingly complex world,’ said David Manzuk, conference co-chair and associate dean (undergraduate programs). ‘We hope that this theme encouraged conference delegates to question, debate and explore the intellectual traditions and innovations that inform teaching and the various ways that teaching and learning are increasingly linked.’

One of the highlights of the conference was the keynote speech, delivered by Vianne Timmons, University of Prince Edward Island vice-president of academic development. Timmons presented on the topic Inclusive Education in Canada: How Far Have We Come? She explained the justification for inclusion in the Canadian school system and discussed some of the challenges that educators face in regards to this issue.

The conference also provided a rare opportunity for many of the Western deans of education to engage in scholarly discussion. On Feb. 16, four Canadian deans of education, John R. Wiens, University of Manitoba, Cecilia Reynolds, University of Saskatchewan, Fern Smart, University of Alberta, and Léonard Rivard, College universitaire de Saint-Boniface, were part of a panel presentation on The Association of Canadian Deans of Education (ACDE) Accord and its Implications for Teacher Education in Canada – Present and Future.

On the final day of the conference, University of Manitoba professor Renate Schulz presented on the topic Learning and Teaching, Lost and Found. Drawing on schooling and teacher education practices from around the world, Schulz’s presentation focused on the rich possibilities of thinking about teaching by looking at other countries, cultures and school systems.

The proceedings of the conference will be published online and in a CD format in the upcoming months.

For more information about WestCAST 2007, please see: www.umanitoba.ca/education/westcast.

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Study looks at mother-infant bed sharing

BY FRANK NOLAN
Research Promotion

A study led by Christine Ateah, Nursing, has found that many new mothers either regularly or occasionally sleep in the same bed as their infants, even though they acknowledge that bed sharing is potentially risky.

“It has become increasingly accepted in the medical community that caregiver and infant bed sharing has risks,” Ateah said. “The Canadian Paediatric Society recommends that an infant should sleep in a separate bed for the first year of life, and the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority has a policy that in the hospital, newborns cannot bed share with their mothers.”

When infants and parents share the same bed, Ateah said, the parent could roll onto the baby while sleeping or the infant’s head could be wedged between surfaces, putting the child at risk of asphyxiation. The same risk applies when parents fall asleep on the couch with their infants, where there is a chance that the baby could slip between the parent and the back of the couch. Previous research has found that risks for the infant during bed sharing are highest when the caregiver is a smoker, extremely fatigued, under the effects of alcohol or drugs, or uses heavy covers and/or pillows for sleeping.

In 2005, Ateah and co-investigator Kathy Hamelin, a clinical nurse specialist with the Health Sciences Centre, received funding from the Manitoba Institute of Child Health to conduct the study. They contacted the mothers of all of the children born in Winnipeg during a one-month period that year, and asked them to complete a questionnaire. “We contacted about 1,100 mothers, and our return rate was about 26 per cent.” Ateah said. “We asked them a number of questions, including whether they shared a bed with their infant on either a regular or occasional basis, and if they had ever had an experience of waking up after rolling onto the baby.”

The study found that about 89 per cent of the mothers agreed that there were risks associated with bed sharing. In spite of this, 72 per cent of the mothers reported sleeping in the same bed as their infant on either an occasional or regular basis.

“We also had about 15 per cent who said they did have an experience where they had rolled onto or partly onto their infant, and had been shaken up by their infant,” Ateah said. “Some of the responses indicated that the mothers thought bed sharing would lower the risk for sudden infant death syndrome, and others said they did it because it made night feeding easier.”

Ateah said the study points to a need for more public education on the subject, including public health announcements and discussions in prenatal classes.

“Right now, people are going to six weeks of prenatal classes that are primarily aimed at preparing them for the experiences of pregnancy, labour and delivery,” she said. “I’m currently preparing a pilot study on adding an additional pre-natal class that would focus on caring for a young infant, including information about the risks of bed sharing. Our recommendation is that mothers need more education, because if we have so many who acknowledge that there are risks, but the practice still continues, it suggests that simply telling them it’s risky isn’t enough.”

Focusing on language and memory

BY FRANK NOLAN
Research Promotion

At this very moment, you’re using two important cognitive abilities. Your memory is allowing you to recognize how you judge whether something makes sense to you at this moment. It’s about being true to the event you want to represent, Singer said. “For example, how do you judge whether or not a specific memory was made up on the fly so that it makes sense to you at this moment. It’s about remembering, whether or not a specific memory was made up on the fly so that it makes sense to you at this moment. It’s about the processes involved in deciding whether or not a specific memory was the one we were looking for.”

“You can think of it as that sense you get that you’ve found the right representation of what you’re trying to remember,” Leboe said. “Some details will be true to the event you want to remember, but then others will often be made up on the fly so that it makes sense to you at this moment. It’s about how you judge whether something in your mind is true to a previous experience, or if it is something you inferred from that experience.”

Other topics that will be covered at the symposium include high-dimensional memory and language models, how we construct meaning in language, the influence of memory on how we process text, and different explorations of recognition memory. “This symposium will cover some of the most exciting research in this area,” Singer said. “Anyone interested in how we understand spoken and written messages, or the mechanisms involved in remembering, is certain to find these presentations stimulating and thought-provoking.”

Registration for The (Grand) SLAMM Symposium on Language and Memory at Manitoba is free for University of Manitoba staff and students. For more information, please visit the conference Website: www.umanitoba.ca/faculties/arts/psychology/language_memory_conference

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DOUGLAS BROWNRIDGE
Douglas Brownridge, family social sciences, for his research aimed at understanding violence against women, particularly in understudied and underserved at-risk populations. He has developed a unique program of research examining the experiences of specific groups of women who are at risk for violence from an intimate partner, including immigrant women, women with disabilities, Aboriginal women, and women who are recently separated, among others. Through his research, he has established methods and definitions that have become internationally accepted and referenced, and he has been invited to collaborate with researchers across Canada and around the world.

DANA MEDORO
Dana Medoro, English, for her research on American literature and culture. She has received international recognition for her scholarly work that combines evidence drawn from medical archives, art, anthropology, religion, philosophy and literature to re-think connections between nature and culture, and biology and politics. Vice-president of the Canadian Association for American Studies, she has published extensively on the works of Emily Bronte, Edgar Allen Poe, Thomas Pynchon, William Faulkner and Toni Morrison. Major themes in her research include the symbolic, cultural, gendered and physiological meanings and functions of blood, which she explored in her widely acclaimed book, *The Bleeding of America*.

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Nazim Ciccek, biosystems engineering, for his research on the biological treatment of wastewater, and the use of waste materials for the production of biofuels. His research program is focused on creating engineering systems that support the growth of microorganisms for eliminating pollutants under different environmental conditions. He is internationally known for his work on membrane bioreactors, and he is investigating new designs aimed at treating wastewater from agricultural operations and other industrial activities. He is also working with microbiologists and biotechnologists to develop innovative bio-fermentation systems for producing hydrogen fuel from waste cellulose materials.

MAUREEN HEAMAN
Maureen Heaman, nursing, for her multidisciplinary research in the areas of maternal and perinatal health, the experience of high-risk pregnancy, and the epidemiology of pre-term birth. She was instrumental in the development of the Canadian Collaboration for Prenatal Health Research, a network of researchers and decision-makers in medicine, nursing, midwifery and epidemiology focused on collaborative, multi-site projects designed to inform clinical practice, health service delivery and policy. She has earned an international reputation for her expertise in these areas, and her work has contributed to improved health for pregnant women, mothers and infants in Canada and abroad.

GARY WANG
Gary Wang, mechanical and manufacturing engineering, for his research in the fields of virtual prototyping, quantitative design and advanced manufacturing. His work addresses one of the major challenges in modern design and manufacturing: how to integrate and optimize various design and analysis tools that are rooted in several different disciplines. He is a leader in metamodel-based design, an approach that uses simpler approximation models to integrate more complex, computation-intensive design models, and he was instrumental in establishing a unique, state-of-the-art rapid prototyping facility in the Faculty of Engineering.

JAMES BLANCHARD
James Blanchard, community health sciences, for his research on the characteristics of individuals, communities and large populations that contribute to the distribution of diseases. He has played a leading role in building effective HIV/AIDS prevention and control programs in India, first as a consultant in the development of India’s second National AIDS Control Program, and later as the leader of the five-year India-Canada Collaborative HIV/AIDS Project. A Canada Research Chair in Epidemiology and Global Public Health, he is currently involved in several large-scale projects in southern India aimed at providing effective HIV and AIDS prevention, control and treatment programs for some of that region’s most vulnerable and affected populations.