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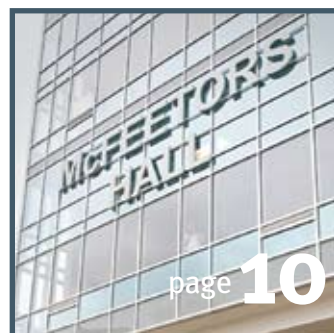
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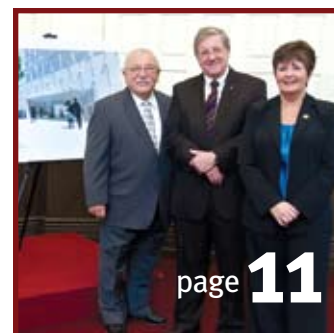
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## Editor's Note

We at The Journal are pleased to have The University of Winnipeg Alumni Magazine in mailboxes once again. Last year, in part due to cost-saving measures, we introduced an e-Newsletter, which we distributed in place of the magazine. We hope that you will sign up for the UWinnipeg Alumni e-Newsletter by sending your e-mail address to [alumni@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:alumni@uwinnipeg.ca).

*Enjoy the issue!*  
Helen Cholakis (BA '93)

# The University and Community Learning



In recent years, The University of Winnipeg has become a leader in developing meaningful educational programs for the community. It has demonstrated the capacity of a university in an urban setting to extend its reach, and through partnerships, to have an impact on the learning experience of many people beyond the conventional orbit of University programming.

Now, the University is working to extend this leadership role by tapping into the immense potential that exists within the infrastructure, and among students, staff and faculty, to become a hub of innovative community-related learning activities.

In his policy paper *The University and Community Learning: An Evolving Mission*, UWinnipeg President & Vice-Chancellor Dr. Lloyd Axworthy explains his vision for a new approach to community learning. The paper describes the active integration of the University into the social, cultural and educational life of the community. It recognizes the responsibility of the University to function in an accessible manner and to open itself to the wide diversity of knowledge and experience within society.

To read the paper visit [UWinnipeg.ca](http://UWinnipeg.ca) and click Community

Community learning initiatives are designed to promote the understanding amongst all members of the community that the University belongs to them. The twofold purpose of the paper is:

- to demonstrate how the various initiatives undertaken to date can be given a shared framework and to illustrate that their combined results set the stage for redefining the role of the University and its relations with the broader world it serves.
- to generate discussion on how to prioritize the issue of community learning as a central pillar of post-secondary education in the 21st Century, and to examine how faculty, staff, students and community members can advance this enhanced mandate.

Dr. Axworthy advocates that community engagement become a core value for the University. Meaningful examples of community learning initiatives at UWinnipeg include The Innovative Learning Centre, The Opportunity Fund, The Wii Chiwaakanak Learning Centre, The Global Welcome Centre and Academics & Athletics. The University is engaged in other community learning initiatives through the Division of Continuing Education, the Faculty of Education, the Institute of Urban Studies and an Experiential Learning Initiative Network.

Another level of initiatives that support, complement and enhance the first wave include Diversity Food Services, McFeetors Hall: Great West Life Student Residence, UWSA Day Care Centre, the ANX, 460 Portage Avenue and a community-based legal centre.

Dr. Axworthy suggests a series of next steps that respond to the practical needs associated with making community learning a primary part of the University mission. He recommends that a mission statement be drafted to position the University as a centre and catalyst for community learning, and that the various functions of the community learning strategy be integrated in a stable organizational and financial structure.

# President's Letter

At The University of Winnipeg, we take pride in our alumni. As students here, they sought an educational experience that would equip them not only to find success in their chosen fields, but also to appreciate the diversity of their communities, understand the breadth of others' experiences, and to explore new perspectives and ideas.

Watching alumni put their education into action is rewarding, inspiring and it shows us that our mission – the values that guide the University – has the power to transform lives and to create real change in the world.

It is thrilling to imagine how new developments underway at the University will affect students' paths. The new Science Complex will provide incredible opportunities for students and researchers in specialties including the global north, urban ecology, water stewardship, radiation safety "green chemistry," and indigenous science. The Cisco TelePresence™ virtual meeting system will mean researchers and students across the globe can virtually get together in one room at Furby and Langside to collaborate, without leaving their own labs.

At the new Buhler Centre, currently being built on the former site of the United Army Surplus Store, UWinnipeg's Faculty of Business and Economics and the Division of Continuing Education will share a home with the Plug In Institute of Contemporary Art. The LEED Silver building will provide students with state-of-the-art classrooms, computer labs and meeting spaces in a dynamic environment.

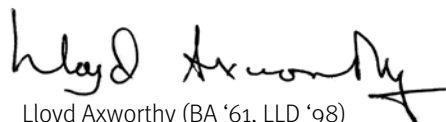
The University of Winnipeg's diverse mix of opportunities and ideas are key to our success. Also vital are our alumni, who proudly support the traditions of our University, our community, and our plans for the future that aim to ensure the highest standards of educational excellence and accessibility for future students.

As a young man, alumnus Ray McFeetors (The Collegiate '65, BA '68, LLD '07) moved from Holland, Manitoba to attend the University of Winnipeg Collegiate. He lived in residence at Graham Hall. Dr. McFeetors, a highly successful business leader and a champion of our community has given today's students a new and exciting version of the advantage he had – a home on campus. This past fall, McFeetors Hall: Great-West Life Student Residence and the UWSA Day Care Centre opened their doors to students and the community. Each of these buildings will serve the University's objective of increasing access to University by new immigrants, refugees, Aboriginal peoples and adult learners.

I hope you enjoy reading this issue of The Journal, and feel the same sense of pride that I do in alumni like Rifah Khan (BA (Hons.) '03), who is working to improve the health of Afghan children, and Alana Lajoie O'Malley (The Collegiate '00, BA (Hons.) '06, B.Sc. '07), who is exploring ideas about sustainable living and India's scientific traditions. I hope you are as fascinated as I am by the remarkable variety of experiences our alumni share with us in Class Acts.

We want to hear from you, and we want you to hear from us. Please get in touch via e-mail at [alumni@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:alumni@uwinnipeg.ca) or [www.uwinnipeg.ca](http://www.uwinnipeg.ca) (click alumni) or call 204.988.7118/ 1.888.829.7053 to share your news and ideas, and keep your mailing and e-mail address up-to-date with the Alumni office. We hope to hear from you soon.

Best wishes,



Lloyd Axworthy (BA '61, LLD '98)  
President and Vice-Chancellor  
The University of Winnipeg



# NEW UNIVERSITY CHANCELLOR, Bob Silver



The University of Winnipeg's Board of Regents and Senate jointly elected well-known Winnipeg business and community leader Robert (Bob) Silver to serve as the University's 7th Chancellor, effective July 1, 2009.

Bob Silver is president of Western Glove Works, co-owner of the Warehouse One retail chain, and co-owner of the Winnipeg Free Press and Brandon Sun. He is well-known as an active community volunteer. He chaired the 2008 United Way campaign and has served as Co-Chair of the Premier's Economic Advisory Council and Co-Chair of the Winnipeg Library Foundation. He is also a member of The University of Winnipeg Foundation Board of Directors.

"Bob Silver has a keen understanding of the unique role that UWinnipeg can and is playing in the inner city, both in downtown redevelopment and in reaching out to remove barriers for students who are under-represented on campus," says Lloyd Axworthy, President & Vice-Chancellor, UWinnipeg.

The position of Chancellor is a renewable three-year volunteer term. Primary responsibilities include participating in Convocations and conferring degrees, participating in meetings of the Board of Regents, Senate, and committees, as well as assisting with fundraising and promotion of the University.

## University Bestows Honours

### Leonard Asper

The University presented Leonard Asper (The Collegiate '82) with an Honorary Doctorate of Laws at its Spring Convocation in recognition of his many accomplishments and his commitment to our campus and community.

A lawyer by training, he served as a member of The University of Winnipeg Foundation Board of Directors from 2003-2008, and contributed to many development projects, including the CanWest Centre for Theatre & Film. His leadership and generosity in Winnipeg extends to the arts, education, inner city issues, seniors' residences and First Nations communities.

Asper became President and CEO of Canwest Global Communications Corp. in 1999, having worked in a number of areas of the business. He is a Director and Deputy Chair of Ten Network Holdings Limited (Australia) and serves as a director of numerous companies within the Canwest group of companies. He is also a Director of the Business Council of Manitoba and Canadian Council of Chief Executives, and founder of The Joshua Foundation, a private charitable trust.



### G. Ramsay Cook

The University presented Ramsay Cook (BA '53) with an Honorary Doctorate of Laws at its Fall Convocation in recognition of his contributions to the field of Canadian History. Cook is one of Canada's most notable historians, and an accomplished, internationally recognized academic.

His journey began at United College and this is reflected in his historical work that emphasizes the important role of documentation, evidence and objectivity. His works speaks to the importance of impartiality and the deconstructing of received opinions and mythologies.

Cook received the Governor General's Literary Award for Non-Fiction and is an Officer of the Order of Canada. He is The University of Winnipeg's inaugural H. Sanford Riley Fellow, which is awarded annually to a scholar of Canadian history interested in pursuing and sharing their interest in the study of Canada. Cook's publications include *John W. Dafoe and the Free Press* (1963), *Canada and the French Canadian Question* (1966), *The Maple Leaf Forever* (1971), *The Regenerators* (1985), and *Canada, Quebec and the Uses of Nationalism* (1986).



## H. Sanford Riley

The University presented H. Sanford Riley with an Honorary Doctorate of Laws at its Spring Convocation in recognition of his service with great distinction to the University as its sixth Chancellor and for his consistent contributions to our campus and our community. Riley was Chancellor for the past nine years; a period of remarkable development for the University.



He was appointed the founding Chairperson of The University of Winnipeg Foundation Board of Directors. During his time as Chair, a \$70-million capital campaign was launched and is now well underway. Riley has been President & CEO of Richardson Financial Group Limited since May 2003, following his career as Chair of the Board for Investors Group and subsequent to the nine-year period when he served as Investors Group President and Chief Executive Officer. His involvement in community activities is extensive, and includes having served as Chair of the United Way Campaign in Winnipeg, Chair of the Manitoba Sports Federation, Chair of the Business Council of Manitoba, and Chair of the Board for the highly successful Pan American Games held in Winnipeg in 1999.

Riley's commitment to UWinnipeg has also been personal, and he made a generous donation to the school to establish a new fellowship fund. The H. Sanford Riley Fellowships in Canadian History are devoted to enhancing the capacity for Canadians to explore our unique history. The Fellowships enable historians to visit the University to undertake research projects, conduct academic seminars and offer public lectures on the history of Canada.

## Alejandro Toledo

The University presented Alejandro Toledo with an Honorary Doctorate of Laws at a Special Convocation ceremony, June 2, 2009 in recognition of his commitment to building a country based on "capitalism with a human face," with an emphasis on job-creation, poverty reduction and decentralization.

Serving as President of Peru from 2001 to 2006, Toledo saw the Peruvian economy grow at an average of six percent, one of the fastest growing economies in Latin America. Toledo inherited a challenging assignment as president, and he worked to lessen poverty and bring stability to his country. Toledo ushered in an era of political reforms that nurtured free and open democratic elections in Peru, and he handed over power to his successor in peace.

One of 16 children, seven of whom died, Toledo was born in a poor village. His father was a bricklayer and his mother sold fish at markets, and he himself worked as a shoeshine boy. With help from

## Donald Treffinger

The University presented Donald Treffinger with an Honorary Doctorate of Laws at its Spring Convocation in recognition of his commitment to creating accessible models in gifted education. Treffinger is an internationally known researcher, writer, educator and speaker in the area of creativity and creative problem solving. He is currently the President of the Center for Creative Learning in Sarasota, Florida and Professor Emeritus of Creative Studies at Buffalo State College, New York.



He has authored or co-authored more than 60 books and monographs, including *Creative Problem Solving: An Introduction and Creative Approaches to Problem Solving*, and more than 350 articles with the core philosophy that gifted programs should be as innovative, unique and ever-evolving as the exceptional students they serve.

Treffinger's keynote addresses at several high-profile University of Winnipeg events have inspired our Faculty of Education. He has provided training in problem-solving, creative styles and leadership to many of our faculty and staff. His creative problem solving approach provides the curriculum foundation for our new Model School on campus, which opened in September 2008 to assist 20 high-school students develop to their fullest potential.

members of the Peace Corps, Toledo secured partial scholarships to attend the University of San Francisco and completed his PhD in economics and education at Stanford University. From 1991 to 1994, he was a fellow at the Harvard Institute for International Development. Prior to entering the presidential elections, Toledo was a professor of economics in Peru and acted as a consultant for the United Nations and the World Bank.



# Alana Lajoie O'Malley

(The Collegiate '00, BA (Hons.)'06, B.Sc. '07)

Readers of The Journal were first introduced to Alana Lajoie O'Malley in 2007. A graduate of The Collegiate and The University of Winnipeg, she was the University's 29th Rhodes Scholar. Recently returned from her studies at Oxford University and in India, Lajoie O'Malley has been appointed UWinnipeg's Director of Campus Sustainability. Here, she reflects on her journey.

'What is this thing called science?' – the title of a book UWinnipeg professor, David Topper, gave me to read a few years ago. If you had asked me then if I thought that this question would land me in a dusty community library in rural West Bengal pouring over long-forgotten Sanskrit manuscripts, I probably would have looked up from my physics assignment or my most recent political theory essay, raised my eyebrows, and gotten back to work.

But alas, one question always leads to others in academia. So indeed, I found myself in Northwest India last August on the latest leg of my attempts at answering questions

like: Why is it that when something in the world goes wrong, we ask the scientists for answers? Why do we associate modern science with Europe? How is this science tied up with current attitudes towards the natural world – attitudes that seem to be at the root of our current ecological crisis?

I started off at a course on manuscriptology at Jadavpur University in Kolkata (aka Calcutta), learning how to handle, read, edit, and catalogue ancient texts hand-written on materials like palm leaf, birch bark, and hand-made paper. The trip to the library in a nearby village was a treat for a few of us especially keen students.

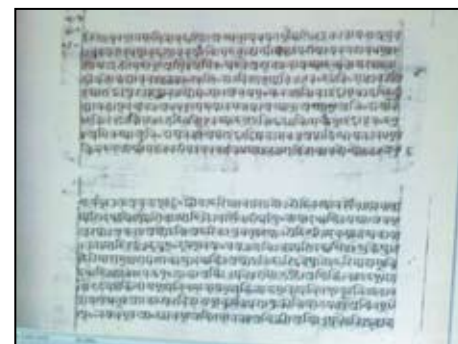


It seemed only natural to take up the opportunity to study in Kolkata. I had recently submitted my dissertation on a sixteenth century Indian astronomical text at Oxford. It seemed a trip to India would be a natural way to round off what was an unforgettable, if unexpected, two years learning about India's scientific traditions and trying to sort out what this thing called 'science' was to India's intelligentsia in pre-colonial times.

It was both exciting and intimidating to study under the weight of centuries of brilliant scholars oozing out of the pores of old stone libraries and college walls. It was



On a 52-hour train ride from South India to New Delhi



Top: Subfusc academic dress students must wear to matriculate, write exams, and graduate.

Top right: part of the altar for a puja (devotional ceremony) in India.





equally exciting and intimidating to study among peers always set to challenge me and send me peering across altogether new intellectual horizons. This was as true of fellow course mates as of students in different disciplines; it was also as true for my area of academic interest as it was for broader topics of global relevance, or even of no obvious relevance at all.

What comes out of the gathering of a political theorist, a physicist, a climate scientist, an arctic geographer, a zoologist, a lawyer, an anthropologist, a historian who is also in the Canadian military, a student of international relations, and a woman whose interest in science suddenly has her studying Sanskrit?

This cast of characters made up the core of a group of Canadians that met weekly to teach each other and talk about regional and national Canadian issues like the oil sands, the



Canadian military, the legacy of residential schools, and the CBC. These weekly meetings may well have been the highlight of my whole time at Oxford.

Not to say that the formal studies didn't also leave their impression. I now have a new piece to add to my ongoing inquiry into this thing called 'science' and a new capacity to read four books in one day. But I'm putting the big questions aside for a while to get back to the more immediate issue of the super-size of our current ecological footprint. There's no doubt that the hours I spent in Oxford's libraries and the adventures I had in India taught me new ways of thinking that will inform my current projects. There's even less doubt that the individuals I met along the way will serve as a source of constant inspiration and, hopefully, a bit of good advice.



*School of Vedic Studies at Rabindra Bharati University in Kolkata.*



*Matriculation ceremony at Oxford University.*



*A market in Mysore, Karnataka, India.*

# OUR EVOLVING CAMPUS

by Diane Poulin

The University of Winnipeg is on track with execution of its ambitious campus and community redevelopment plan. The Campus Development Plan, released in September 2007, is the result of extensive campus and community consultations. It envisions a holistic approach to campus and community development that breaks down barriers between the University and the neighbourhood. Development of the plan is spearheaded by UWinnipeg's Community Renewal Corporation.



## New UWSA Day Care Centre

The new University of Winnipeg Students' Association Day Care Centre is now open next to the McFeetors Hall: Great-West Life Student Residence on the Furby/Langside campus. It serves 116 preschoolers, toddlers and infants from the university and surrounding neighbourhood. The facility is LEED certified. Construction began in March, 2009 and was completed on schedule in September 2009, making it one of downtown's finest child care facilities.



## Spence Street Promenade

The Spence Street Promenade, constructed with pedestrian and cycling-friendly paving stones, features new shrubs and trees, a stage with sound capacity for outdoor performances, space for kiosks and room for recreational activities such as ball hockey or basketball as well as low seating walls. The Promenade adds vitality and green space to the campus and downtown and can be used for community street festivals and university events.



*UWSA Day Care - Official opening September 12, 2009. UWSA President Jason Syvixay (left), Day Care Director Diana Rozos, Manitoba Minister of Family Services & Housing Gord Mackintosh, UWinnipeg President & Vice-Chancellor Lloyd Axworthy and Wolseley MLA Rob Altemeyer.*

# CAMPUS MAP



## DIRECTORY

ANX Building	AX
Bryce Hall	B
Canwest Centre	T
Christine McKee Building	P
Duckworth Centre	D
Graham Hall	G
Helen Betty Osborne	E
Institute for Urban Studies	U
Lockhart Hall	L
MacNamara Hall	MC
Manitoba Hall	M
McFeetors Residence	MF
Rice Building	RC
Richardson College	ES
Riddell Hall	R
Sparling Hall	S
UWSA Daycare	DY
Wesley Hall	W
Young Street	Y

## The ANX 491 Portage Avenue

Downtown Winnipeg is about to get one of its largest bookstores for students, residents and office workers in a newly refurbished space in the former Greyhound bus depot. The main floor refurbishment will include other retail activities such as a food and beverage outlet.

The new, modern 6,000-square foot bookstore will be the anchor tenant in a retail plaza featuring a new state-of-the-art website for online purchasing. It will be open for business in fall 2010. This will allow the Disability Resource Centre to move into the current bookstore in Centennial Hall once it is vacated.

In the lower Concourse level, an additional 10 classrooms with smart technology, a computer lab, offices, student lounge and meeting rooms was completed in September 2009, allowing students from the English Language Program to relocate from the Massey Building in the Exchange District to the main University campus. Approximately 500 students enroll in ELP annually.

## Diversity Food Services

Approximately 25 people from ethnically diverse origins including Burma, Cuba, Ethiopia, First Nations, Moldavia, Nigeria, Philippines and Sudan are now providing all food services on UWinnipeg campus, including meal plans for students living in residence. Diversity Food Services is unique among food providers serving universities in Canada, with a focus on nutritious, affordable and ethnically diverse food options. Wherever possible locally sourced, fair-trade, organic ingredients are used.

The architects of Diversity Food Services are UWinnipeg's Community Renewal Corporation and SEED Winnipeg. The employees will ultimately be eligible to own 25% of the company.

Ben Kramer, formerly of Dandelion Eatery, is leading the venture as the Executive Chef. Kirsten Godbout, former general manager of the award-winning cafe Bread & Circuses, is managing the operational side of Diversity.



*Zing Ral Tu and Yanes Suarez Matos of Diversity Food Services*

OUR EVOLVING CAMPUS continued

# McFeetors Hall: Great-West Life Student Residence



Built on UWinnipeg's emerging western Furby-Langside Campus, McFeetors Hall provides a home for 176 students and 25 student families. This SILVER LEED certified building includes leading edge environmental technologies such as geo-thermal heating to foster sustainability and energy efficiency. Construction began in July 2008 and was completed on time and on budget in September 2009.

*UWSA President Jason Syvixay (left), Minister of Public Safety Vic Toews (BA '73), UWinnipeg President & Vice-Chancellor Lloyd Axworthy, Great-West Lifeco Inc. Chairman of the Board Ray McFeetors (The Collegiate '65, BA'68, LLD '07), Manitoba Minister of Family Services & Housing Gord Mackintosh and University of Winnipeg Foundation Capital Campaign Chairman Bob Kozminski cut the ribbon that officially opened the McFeetors Hall: Great-West Life Student Residence on September 12, 2009.*

## Residents Forever



*The Chase sisters donated two rooms at McFeetors Hall in memory of their mother Ella Faye Warner Chase (Coll '28), who lived in residence at Wesley Hall. The Chase sisters all grew up in Emerson, Manitoba and attended United College. (l to r Donna Faye Kyle Chase (BA '63), Myra Chase (BA '82), Catherine Chase (BA '68), Dr. Dorothy Chase (BA '69).) All (except Myra) lived in residence at The University of Winnipeg in the 1960s.*



*George Van Den Bosch (B.Sc.'69) and Ken Grower (BA '70) (pictured l-r) who, along with Marjorie (Westwood) Grower (BA '71) donated a room to McFeetors Hall. George and Ken were roommates in Graham Hall and Marjorie was a resident in Sparling Hall. Marjorie and Ken met at The University of Winnipeg and later married.*

## UWINNIPEG RESIDENT FOREVER

### Share Your Memories

If you were a UWinnipeg resident, we want to hear from you! Tell us about your residence experience and provide your contact information and you will be invited to the unveiling of the donor wall during Homecoming 2010.

### Join the Doors and Windows Alumni Residence Committee

The Alumni Residence committee is dedicated to raising funds to furnish the rooms of McFeetors Hall. You can help inspire others to continue the exciting legacy of residence life for generations to come (Committee members: Ray McFeetors Collegiate'65, BA'68, LLD '07, Pat Armstrong '68, Steve Copping '71, Ken Grower '70, Bob Minaker '68, April Morton '86, Bruce Ormiston '68, John Restall '69, Jane Romio '85, Helen Whetter '67).

### UWinnipeg Resident Forever

You have a unique opportunity to become a "UWINNIPEG RESIDENT FOREVER". Your contribution to the **Doors and Windows Campaign** will help create a comfortable environment for student residents, and ensure that your name lives on in UWinnipeg history. With the reservation of a room, your name will appear on a plaque outside the room and on the donor recognition wall in McFeetors Hall. Several room and payment options are available—make your contribution today!

### Contact

For further information and to contribute to the Doors and Windows campaign, visit the website [www.mcfeetorshall.ca](http://www.mcfeetorshall.ca), contact a member of the campaign team, or email AnnaMaria Toppazzini [a.toppazzini@uwinipeg.ca](mailto:a.toppazzini@uwinipeg.ca) 204.988.7121,



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*"We share the vision and passion for downtown Winnipeg's future that Lloyd Axworthy (President and Vice-Chancellor, UWinnipeg) is creating, and feel strongly that investing in the revitalization of our downtown is the right thing to do," said John Buhler, retired Chair of Buhler Industries Inc. "We travel to many other places and see what a difference it can make to the overall health of our city to have a thriving downtown. We hope the Buhler Centre, on a gateway corner into downtown, is helping with that renaissance."*

## John and Bonnie Buhler Establish Buhler Centre and Scholarships

**A**n historic \$4 million dollar gift from Winnipeg business icons and philanthropists John and Bonnie Buhler to The University of Winnipeg will support the construction of one of downtown's signature buildings at 460 Portage Avenue, to be named the Buhler Centre, and will provide scholarships for business students.



Three million dollars of the Buhlers' donation will allow UWinnipeg to consolidate its entire Faculty of Business and Economics inside the Buhler Centre at the corner of Portage Avenue and Colony Street, the former site of the United Army Surplus store. The Centre will include state-of-the-art classrooms, computer labs and meeting spaces. The additional one million dollars will create the Buhler Knowledge Access Fund to provide ongoing business scholarships within the Faculty of Business and Economics to outstanding students and those in need, including single parents and those with lower incomes. The Buhlers' \$4 million donation is the University's largest private donation ever. John and Bonnie Buhler are generous and dedicated philanthropists and tireless Winnipeg promoters.

In addition to the Faculty of Business and Economics, the eco-friendly Silver LEED Buhler Centre will be home to UWinnipeg's Division of Continuing Education and Plug In Institute of Contemporary Art.

"This historic gift from John and Bonnie Buhler is allowing us to add creative capacity to our surrounding neighbourhood," said Axworthy. "The corner of Portage and Colony will be an important focal point downtown, blending education, arts, business and the community into one highly visible and accessible place: the Buhler Centre. Just as importantly, John and Bonnie Buhler recognize that investing in people is as critical to the success of our community as investing in sustainable buildings. The Buhler Knowledge Access Fund is a legacy that tells our next

generation of entrepreneurs that they matter. They belong here."

The \$15 million project is a joint venture between UWinnipeg and Plug In and will be cost shared by the two parties. Construction at 460 Portage Avenue began in October 2009. The Buhler Centre is slated to open in fall 2010.

*"We are passionate about making sure that tomorrow's bright young leaders get the support they need to remain in school, especially those who may not have enough funds, like single parents," said Bonnie Buhler. "We hope that providing scholarship support will mean more talented graduates will stay and contribute to Winnipeg and Manitoba."*



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# IT Giants on Campus

by Naniece Ibrahim

The IT giant Cisco Systems high-definition TelePresence™ is anchored on UWinnipeg's campus thanks to a joint federal-provincial investment and old friendships.

Hartley Richardson, James Richardson & Sons President & CEO, and Rob Lloyd, Cisco's executive vice-president of worldwide operations, friends from university, reunited in New York over drinks. Their chat led to a historic investment in Manitoba: The University of Winnipeg will be the provincial hub for Cisco's innovative technology network.

This venture also includes funding towards 34 leading-edge research and teaching labs as a core part of the new UWin CREATE (University of Winnipeg Commercialization Research and Education Alliance for Science, Technology and the Environment), to be housed at the new Science Complex and Richardson College for the Environment.

In a major boost to UWin CREATE's research and teaching capabilities, Cisco is providing a \$2 million endowment to UWinnipeg for the Cisco Chair for Collaborative Technologies. The Province of Manitoba, under the

Manitoba Research Innovation Fund, is matching the funds.

Cisco is also donating two-endpoint Cisco TelePresence™ virtual meeting systems to UWinnipeg, making it the first university in Canada with this advanced technology. The TelePresence™ system, which promotes energy conservation by reducing travel and delivering measurable energy savings, will be used for distance education and for more effective collaboration with research sites in Manitoba and around the world.

This historic \$14 million dollar public-private investment will allow the University to work more closely with industry in commercializing innovative environmental technologies. It will also assist UWinnipeg's environmental science program by promoting research on "green" technology and expand its collaboration with industry, leading to more business opportunities.



*The individuals making the major announcement on the Cisco Innovation Centre were (left to right): Cisco Canada President Nitin Kawale, James Richardson & Sons President & CEO Hartley Richardson, UWinnipeg President & Vice-Chancellor Lloyd Axworthy, Minister of Public Safety Vic Toews (BA '73), Manitoba Minister of Entrepreneurship, Training & Trade Peter Bjornson and UWinnipeg Chancellor Bob Silver.*

*Photo by Kelly Morton / uwinnipeg.ca.*

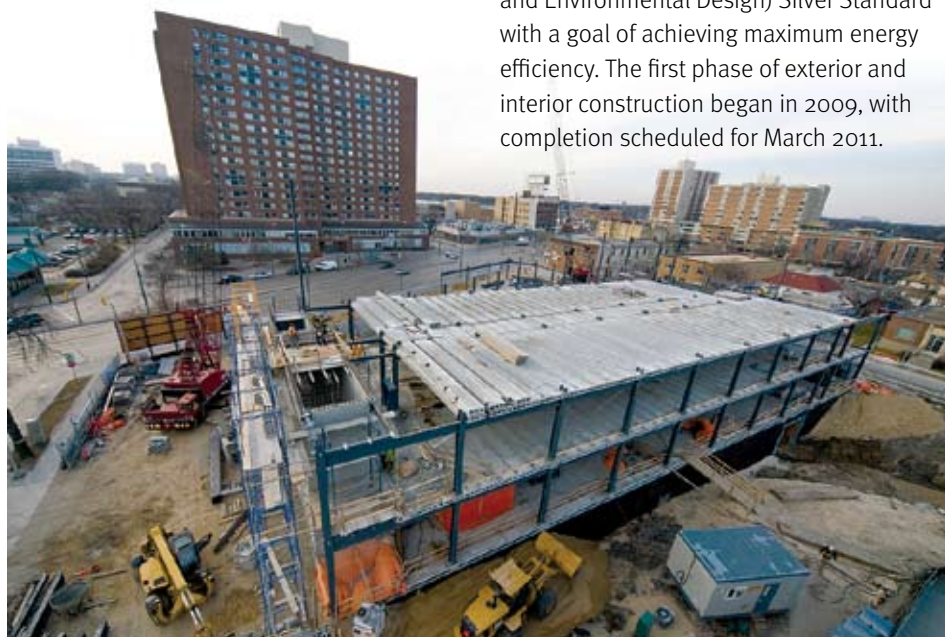
# Science Spotlight

Two thousand and nine was a terrific year for science at The University of Winnipeg. Major funding was awarded to both infrastructure and research projects.

## The Science Complex and Richardson College for the Environment

In May 2009, The University of Winnipeg received a historic \$18,042,000 infrastructure grant from the Government of Canada for the Science Complex and Richardson College for the Environment. The establishment of this complex means world-class researchers will be attracted to Winnipeg and thousands of science and environmental students will receive the highest calibre of education in a state-of-the-art complex. As well, the potential for Manitoba businesses to directly benefit from a commercialization unit within the complex broadens the positive impact by supporting knowledge-based jobs now and into the future.

The Science Complex will be a model for green building technology, constructed to a minimum LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver Standard with a goal of achieving maximum energy efficiency. The first phase of exterior and interior construction began in 2009, with completion scheduled for March 2011.



## Jeff Martin and the Canadian Spallation Ultracold Neutron Source

In June, UWinnipeg Physics professor Jeff Martin received research funding of \$4.225-million from the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI), which is the largest award to a Manitoba post-secondary institution since CFI was founded in 1997. Martin will use the funds to construct the Canadian Spallation Ultracold Neutron Source, which will be the world's highest density source of ultracold neutrons.

"The source will establish Canadian leadership in fundamental neutron physics research," said Martin.

Martin leads an international collaboration from Canada, Japan and the US. The Canadian institutions involved are: The University of Winnipeg, University of Manitoba, Simon Fraser University, University of Northern British Columbia, and TRIUMF (Canada's National Laboratory for Particle and Nuclear Science in Vancouver, BC).

The project will be funded over a four-year period, combined with other contributions from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science led by Yasuhiro Masuda from the High Energy Accelerator Research Organization (KEK, Tsukuba, Japan), Acision Industries (Pinawa, MB), TRIUMF and other sources.

"This is a critical step in the development of Canadian neutron physics and in particular, the research into ultracold neutrons," said Sandra Kirby, Associate Vice-President (Research) & Dean of Graduate Studies. "We applaud Dr. Martin and his team who have created a research plan that allows The University of Winnipeg-led team to work with other institutions in the area of subatomic physics. This will serve as a magnet for other researchers and for graduate students who want to work with the team in experimental physics. It is beneficial for the Province of Manitoba, the Department of Physics, the Faculty of Science and The University of Winnipeg."



*Rifah Khan in rural Kabul*

## Rifah Khan (BA (Hons.)'03): Alumna in Afghanistan

Somewhere along the dusty road from the airport to the Canadian embassy, Rifah Khan looked up at the Afghan sky, and saw kites.

Kites, and something else. “In the background, you can see the beautiful mountains. Afghanistan is a beautiful, beautiful country,” Khan says, waiting in the Kabul airport to take off on a brief Indian vacation. She pauses. “It’s too bad it’s been... well.”

The sentence is easy to finish. Too bad it’s been bombarded by decades of civil war; banished into desperate poverty under the Taliban; overrun by terrorist sects; torn now between warlords and insurgents and a Western military presence, Afghanistan – famed for the legendary generosity of its people, the pride of its diverse cultures -- is fragile, splintered.

And University of Winnipeg alumna Khan is among the Canadians trying to put it back together.

She landed in Kabul in May 2009, having previously spent five weeks in the country at the behest of her employer, the Canadian International Development Agency. The work is right up the vivacious 33-year-old’s alley: in 1998, she earned her BA in political science from the University of Winnipeg. Five years later, she upgraded that degree to an honours in politics and French; she went on to complete a 2004 masters in diplomacy from England’s University of Westminster.

Now, she’s the second secretary for development at the Canadian embassy in Kabul, working on getting polio vaccinations out across the country. Her drive for the work stretches back to her elementary school years in New Brunswick, where she was a six-year-old junior ambassador for human rights; it continued through to her 2005



*Indira Gandhi Children’s Hospital in Kabul, the only pediatric hospital in the country*



by Melissa Martin

work in Nigeria with the International Centre for Gender and Social Research, and then to her work with CIDA, which she joined in 2007.

For many of the skills, Khan credits her alma mater. “I am trained to think analytically... I am both logical and creative,” Khan says. “I think the University of Winnipeg nurtures the latter better than other universities. Prof. Leo encouraged me to think beyond my backyard, Prof. Grace challenged me on my views of a given issue. Prof. Khan... I would love the opportunity to tell him that it was his class that whetted my appetite for my future in international development.”

That future is now. These days, her home isn't her parents' house in Linden Woods, but an embassy compound, ringed by sand barricades and barbed wire and fortified gates. Not that these surroundings have dampened her spirit. “There's a guy with an AK-47, and I've got my little Chanel bag with me,” Khan laughs, gamely.

She doesn't get the chance to leave the compound often – the security situation deteriorated rapidly in 2009, she reports – but when she does, the experience is profound. Years of poverty and strife have left millions of Afghans critically malnourished. Ten-year-olds are often the size of Canadian five-year-olds; the life expectancy for Afghan women, who face a maternal mortality rate of 1.6 per 100, is a mere 42.



*Female volunteers are highly sought after as they have access male volunteers do not.*

But on the occasions where she does travel the country, meeting with mothers, checking polio vaccination rates and handing out vitamins, something else stands out. “I'll be going door-to-door, doing the monitoring. And they'll speak to me in Urdu. ‘Come in, have a cup of tea,’” says Khan, who speaks Urdu and Punjabi. “The kids' faces are dirty. They have nothing. And here they are offering me tea? Afghans are exceptionally generous.”

These bright spots are rare, in a challenging job marked by long hours, endless reports, and the occasional bomb scare. But Khan, whose “hardship post” of one year will come

to an end in May, isn't ready to go home: in fact, she's applying for another year in Kabul. “The work's not done,” she says simply. “There's so much more to do.”

And when she does come back to Canada, she'll bring a part of her work in Afghanistan with her. “What won't come back with me?” she laughs. “I've realized that... I'm stronger than I think. I can do more than I realize. I can work 16 hour days. And no matter what is happening in my life, I can still pump out a report.”



*Mobile teams target children under the age of five for polio vaccination.*

# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS BRIEFS

## The Alumni Association Council 2009/2010

The University of Winnipeg Alumni Association is committed to raising funds for student scholarships, connecting students and alumni through mentorship programs, and encouraging alumni involvement in University life. The Alumni Association is pleased to introduce the 2009 - 2010 Alumni Association Council:

President, Del Sexsmith (BA Hons. '72),  
Past President, Claudius Soodeen (BA '90),  
Vice-President, Mike Cook (BA '80),  
Special Projects Chair, Chris Minaker (BA '04),  
Events Chair, Stefan Jonasson (BA '88, M.Div '97),  
Volunteer Recruitment Chair, Deanna England (BA Hons. '98).

### Members-at-large

Nick Unrau (BA '95),  
Anrea Zaslov (BA '95, DCE '05),  
Andrea Doyle (B.Sc. '06),  
Craig Goldstein (BA '93),  
(Karyn Kibsey (BA Hons. '06),  
Vassan Aruljothi (BA '09),  
Tara Dias (BBA '08),  
Ben Wickstrom (BA Hons. '07)  
Board of Regents Alumni Representatives  
Michael Bayer (B.Sc. '90, BA '95),  
Brenda Keyser (BA Hons. '74),  
Debra Radi (B.Ed. '81, BA '85).



Del Sexsmith (BA Hons. '72), Alumni Association President and Claudius Soodeen (BA '90), Past-President

## Mentoring Night a Great Success

The University of Winnipeg Alumni Association has established a new mentoring program.

Launched on September 24, 2009 as a pilot in partnership with the Business Administration Students' Association, 15 mentors and 25 students were brought together for a "speed mentoring" session, followed by a wine and cheese in Convocation Hall.

"The Alumni Association wanted to increase its interaction with current students and mentoring seemed like a great way to do that," said Chris Minaker, Chair of the Special Projects committee. "Building on our initial success, our intention now is to extend the program to all faculties. Mentoring is a great way for alumni to give back."

Students and alumni mentors alike were thrilled with the event on September 24 and encouraged organizers to expand the program. Students especially appreciated the opportunity to connect with alumni mentors and hear about how they had succeeded in life after UW.

If you are interested in participating in the mentoring program, or would like to be kept up to date with any developments, please email [alumni@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:alumni@uwinnipeg.ca)



The Alumni Association hands out free snacks to students during exams

## Casino Night – A Good Cause and Lots of Fun

On May 29, 2009, UWinnipeg alumni came together to raise funds for entrance scholarships, and try their luck at winning bragging rights.

Of course, there wasn't actually any gambling involved. "UW Jeopardy" was an audience favourite, during which three brave people volunteered to answer UW trivia questions - "It was the funniest game of trivia I have ever seen," said Chris Olson '04.

The Alumni Council is very grateful for the generous sponsorship of McPhillips Street Station, who donated the space and food.

A big thank you to all those who attended! Be on the lookout for information about the Alumni Council's Spring 2010 fundraiser, which promises to be bigger and even more fun!



The Alumni Association hosted the University's block at the Santa Claus Parade

## The UWinnipeg Alumni Golf Tournament



On Thursday, June 11, 2009, the Alumni Association of The University of Winnipeg hosted its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Golf Tournament at Southside Golf Course. With what seemed to be the first real nice day of the spring to enjoy a round of golf, a good time was had by all.

The University of Winnipeg and its Alumni Association would like to thank everyone who contributed to this excellent event through their generous sponsorship support or volunteer help. Special thanks go to our Hole Sponsors who, through their generosity, helped strengthen the Alumni Scholarship Fund in 2009. They were:

**Hole Sponsors:** BMO Bank of Montreal, Homer's Restaurant, The Great Promotional Products Company.

**Shared Hole Sponsors:** Manitoba Lotteries, Wellington West ClearSight Investment Program, RBC Royal Bank, Wyatt Insurance, Neptune Properties, Harris Consulting.

Special Thanks also to the Winnipeg Free Press for its **Eagle Sponsorship**.

We hope to see many more alumni take part in next year's golf tournament. The golf committee is in the process of finalizing the date and location of this year's tournament—so please check the website for periodic updates as they become available, including registration information: <http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/alumni-golf-tournament>

## Distinguished Alumni Award Call for Nominations

The University of Winnipeg Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Award honours alumni for outstanding contributions to their professions or their communities. Established in 1990, the award is the Alumni Association's highest tribute.

Graduates of The University of Winnipeg, United College, Wesley College, and The University of Winnipeg Division of Continuing Education diploma or certificate programs are considered alumni, and are thereby eligible for this award. Sitting politicians, current faculty, staff, and current members of the Board of Regents and the Alumni Association Council are ineligible. There are no provisions for a group award or a posthumous award.

The Alumni Association may choose to present the Distinguished Alumni Award at each of the Spring and Fall Convocations of the University. Nominations are kept on file for two years.

Past Distinguished Alumni Award recipients include former Manitoba premiers Howard Pawley and Sterling Lyon, former Winnipeg Mayor Bill Norrie, business leader Ray McFeetors, musician Fred Penner, filmmaker Guy Maddin, journalist Lindor Reynolds and advocate David Martin to name a few. A complete list is available on the University's website.

Deadline for nominations is March 1, 2010. A copy of the nomination form can be downloaded from the University's website: [www.uwinnipeg.ca](http://www.uwinnipeg.ca).

For further information, contact the Alumni Affairs office: 204-988-7122 or [alumni@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:alumni@uwinnipeg.ca).

## The Alumni Association Donates \$10,000 to Scholarships

The Alumni Association Council is happy to announce that in 2009 it made a donation of \$10,000 to the Current Fund for Alumni Entrance Scholarships in order to continue its tradition of helping those in need of assistance.

For more information about alumni-supported scholarships, please visit [UWinnipeg.ca](http://UWinnipeg.ca) and click on Awards.

If you would like to donate to scholarships and awards at UWinnipeg, please visit [UWinnipeg.ca](http://UWinnipeg.ca) and click on Foundation.



*Del Sexsmith (BA Hons. '72), Alumni Association President and Deanna England (BA Hons. '98), Alumni Volunteer Recruitment Chair at the Frame Sales tent at Fall Convocation*

# Homecoming 2009



Clockwise from top left:

*Class of '69 & Friends 40-year Reunion; (L-R): Brett Buckingham '69, Fred Penner '70, Diane Phillips '69 and Lloyd Axworthy '61, President & Vice-Chancellor, UWinnipeg.*

*Eco-Kids volunteers in the children's activity tent*

*Class of '69 & Friends 40-year Reunion – Saturday, September 12, 2009*

*Dr. Ray McFeetors and Dr. Lloyd Axworthy at the Grand Opening of McFeetors Hall: Great West Life Student Residence*

*Dr. Tom Faulkner, Dr. Marilou McPhedran (LLD '92), Principal of The Global College, and Dr. Mohinder Singh Dhillon (LLD '08)*



# Save the Date!

## Homecoming 2010 Barbecue

Friday, September 10, 2010. All Welcome!



Members of The Winnipeg Steel Orchestra entertain at the Friday Night Barbecue



Opening of McFeetors Hall: Great-West Life Student Residence

## Wanted!

### Class Reunion Volunteers

It's time for some more reunion fun!!

Alumni Affairs seeks alumni who wish to celebrate milestone anniversaries in 2010. We require reunion co-ordinators and committee members who will work closely with Alumni Affairs in the organization of these fun and memorable reunion events.

#### 2010 Class Reunions::

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| • Class of '50             | 60-year |
| • Class of '60             | 50-year |
| • Class of '70             | 40-year |
| • Class of '85             | 25-year |
| • Class of 2000            | 10-year |
| • Class of '60 Collegiate  | 50-year |
| • Class of '85 Collegiate  | 25-year |
| • Class of 2000 Collegiate | 10-year |

Volunteering on these reunion committees does not require a huge investment of time and energy on your part but it is a lot of fun – ask anyone who has worked with us!! After all, we look after all event logistics. The main duties are calling and e-mailing classmates (after the invitation letters are sent out). It is the most fun and also the most important job.

So, if you're up for what will be a rewarding and fun experience, please contact me at 204.988.7122 or [s.pataki@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:s.pataki@uwinnipeg.ca). I look forward to working with you!



Steven Pataki, Alumni Development Coordinator

# The University of Winnipeg Foundation Update

by Marshall Wiebe

## CMA Makes Gift to Faculty of Business and Economics

On September 18, 2009, The University of Winnipeg Foundation was very honoured to accept a gift of \$250,000 from the Certified Management Accountants of Manitoba (CMA). The gift will be used to help construct a new facility for the Faculty of Business and Economics at 460 Portage Avenue and to support annual scholarships for outstanding students enrolled in Accounting.

CMA will provide \$240,000 for capital costs and \$10,000 for scholarships.

Chris Dumontier, President of CMA Manitoba noted the Business Faculty and CMA have shared goals.

“This project is a perfect demonstration of finding a creative solution that will not only serve the future needs of Business and Economics students, but all University students interested in a designation that will enhance their ability to become strategic leaders within their respective fields.”

The newly created Faculty of Business and Economics offers students a diverse array of academic programs, including accounting, human resources management, marketing, international business and finance. The completion of The University of Winnipeg’s 460 Portage Project will provide the Faculty of Business and Economics a new home at one of the highest profile corners in Winnipeg - Portage Avenue and Memorial Boulevard.



*CMA Signing event (l to r): Michael Benarroch, Dean, Faculty of Business and Economics, UWinnipeg President Dr. Lloyd Axworthy, Ronald Stoesz, CMA Chief Executive Officer, Chris Dumontier, President of CMA Manitoba, and Susan Thompson, President & CEO, The University of Winnipeg Foundation.*



*UWinnipeg President Lloyd Axworthy (left) presenting Duff Roblin Award to Kerry Hawkins*

## Kerry Hawkins Honoured at Duff Roblin Award Dinner

The University of Winnipeg Foundation celebrated the third annual Duff Roblin Awards ceremony with a Gala Dinner at The Fort Garry Hotel on November 4, 2009. This prestigious award recognizes a recipient’s qualities as an outstanding Manitoban, a patron of education, and someone who demonstrates exemplary citizenship and a life-long commitment to his or her community. Past recipients of the award include former premier Duff Roblin and musician and activist Tom Jackson.

The 2009 recipient of the Duff Roblin Award was Kerry Hawkins, who was recognized for his tireless efforts in support of his community. Mr. Hawkins is the recently retired President of Cargill Limited and is highly respected in the international grain industry. He has also committed countless hours to his community by serving as Director for the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business and as a past member of the Canadian Aboriginal Economic Development National Board.

An added attraction at this year’s Gala Dinner was a silent auction featuring several special prizes including an Inuit carving, luxury box seating for a Manitoba Moose game, and a selection of jewelry from Roger Watson Custom Jewellers.

Proceeds from the 2009 Gala Dinner, silent auction and gifts from individuals and organizations will go towards the Duff Roblin Scholars Fund. The Fund provides Graduate Fellowships in Aboriginal Governance at The University of Winnipeg and is set up to enhance educational opportunities for Manitoba’s Aboriginal population and encourage Aboriginal students to obtain advanced degrees.

**Watch for details on the 2010 Duff Roblin Award Dinner at [www.uwinnipegfoundation.ca](http://www.uwinnipegfoundation.ca)**

## H. Sanford Riley Centre for Canadian History Opens



*Debbie Riley and H. Sanford Riley*

On October 19, 2009 The University of Winnipeg celebrated the opening of the H. Sanford Riley Centre for Canadian History. The centre is named after H. Sanford Riley, former Chancellor of The University of Winnipeg, in recognition of his contributions to and long standing interest in Canadian history.

“I had this idea as Chancellor, that The University of Winnipeg should really be a serious centre of Canadian history,” Riley said. “I want to encourage people to write and teach and talk about history. We don’t do enough to explain our heritage.”

The Riley Centre, located in Bryce Hall on the main campus of The University of Winnipeg, brings together in one location associations and organizations committed to researching the history of Canada from its Indigenous and colonial times to the present. All the associations and organizations connected to the Riley Centre are committed to sharing their knowledge of Canada’s history with their academic colleagues and with community and high school audiences.

The Riley Centre forms the umbrella for Canada’s National History Society, which publishes Canadian History magazine; the new international Oral History Centre; the Chair in German Canadian Studies; Chair in Mennonite Studies; the Plett Foundation; the H. Sanford Riley Fellowship in Canadian History; the Centre for the Teaching of Manitoba History; Centre for Rupert’s Land Studies; and Canadian Oral History Association.

Winnipeg’s Pollard Family, Lawrie Pollard (UW Collegiate Class of ‘46) and Gordon Pollard (UW Class of ‘80) also made a generous gift of \$500,000 to The University’s “World of Opportunity Capital Campaign”, dedicating \$250,000 of this to the further development of the new H. Sanford Riley Centre for Canadian History.

## CGA Supports The University of Winnipeg

Manitoba’s Certified General Accountants Association stepped forward with a gift to help University of Winnipeg students pursue post-secondary education in business. With a commitment of \$250,000 - one of the largest contributions in its 72-year history - CGA Manitoba will offer annual scholarships for The University of Winnipeg business graduates and support the construction of space for the Faculty of Business and Economics as part of the redevelopment of 460 Portage - the former United Army Surplus site at Portage Avenue and Colony Street.

“We value the tremendous support of generous partners such as CGA Manitoba,” said University of Winnipeg President & Vice-Chancellor Dr. Lloyd Axworthy. “Their commitment means our business students can study in a first-class space with supports that can help them succeed as they pursue their careers.”

Grant Christensen (BA ’78), Chief Executive Officer of the CGA Manitoba (UW Class of ’78, BA Economics) said, “It is exciting for CGA Manitoba to be involved at such an early stage in the development of a state-of-the art facility for business and economics, education, research and entrepreneurship. We are proud to be at the forefront of this important initiative and pleased to be able to recognize the achievements of prospective graduates of The University of Winnipeg’s new Faculty of Business and Economics who will play key roles in building business success in Manitoba.”

The first class of students graduated from the new faculty in June 2008. Approximately 250 students were enrolled in first-year business classes in the inaugural year.



*CGA signing event (l to r): Grant Christensen, CEO of CGA Manitoba, Susan Thompson, President & CEO, The University of Winnipeg Foundation, Debbie Mortimer, President of CGA Manitoba, UWinnipeg President Dr. Lloyd Axworthy, Michael Benarroch, Dean, Faculty of Business and Economics.*

## UWinnipeg's Pet Project Achieved

More than a dozen dogs joined in the celebration on UWinnipeg's front lawn on June 23, 2009 when it was announced that \$15,360 had been raised to purchase Wesley, UWinnipeg's mine-sniffing dog

"The money for Wesley was raised one loonie at a time," said Naniece Ibrahim, Wesley Project Coordinator and Communications Officer at UWinnipeg. "Many people on and off our campus were committed to this project and Wesley would not have been possible without their support."

Students from Clifton School and Sunday School children from Charleswood United Church together raised almost \$1500. The Winnipeg Police Service K-9 Unit and RCMP Cpl. Ron MacDougall and his dog Mac were integral in raising awareness of the importance of working dogs.

Wesley will be trained by the Canadian International Demining Corps in Bosnia.

The *Wesley* initiative was a result of The No More Landmines Symposium that took place in late November 2007 commemorating the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ottawa Treaty (formally the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction).

This historic initiative was led by UWinnipeg President and Vice-Chancellor Lloyd Axworthy while he was Minister of Foreign Affairs, and earned him a Nobel Peace Prize nomination in 1997.



Members of 'Team Wesley' present the cheque. Honourary team members include Clifton School & Charleswood United Church Sunday School kids, UWinnipeg staff members & the WPS K9 unit.

## Harkins Family Supports Opportunity Fund



Caroline Harkins (right) and University of Winnipeg Foundation President Susan Thompson

of learning pushed her to pursue her MA in Anthropology from the University of Manitoba at the age of 61.

The Harkins' relationship with The University of Winnipeg goes beyond a personal connection as granddaughter, Star Nap, works at the University of Winnipeg Collegiate teaching math and science.

Pat and Caroline have been generous supporters of the University's A World of Opportunity Capital Campaign, contributing close to \$30,000 to date. One project they are most passionate about is the Opportunity Fund, an innovative new initiative that helps make education accessible to everyone.

Through multiple gifts to the Opportunity Fund, the Harkins are giving back to a University that helped shape their lives and in doing so are helping to shape the lives of future students.

Generous supporters of higher education, Pat and Caroline Harkins (BA 4-Yr '90) have a special connection and a longstanding relationship with The University of Winnipeg.

While both Pat and Caroline were born in the United States the couple have been long time Canadian residents. Pat Harkins taught Psychology at The University of Winnipeg in the early sixties, where he met Caroline when she was a Continuing Education student.

In addition to receiving a BA in Anthropology from The University of Winnipeg, Caroline's love

## Canwest Centre for Theatre and Film Seat Sale a Success

The Canwest Centre for Theatre and Film was alive with activity in October as theatre students, CJOB radio personality Hal Anderson and Winnipeg Free Press humour columnist Doug Speirs posed for the camera during the launch of the Fall "Big Seat" Sale. The launch kicked off a six-week radio and print campaign to "sell-out" the new theatre. After a playful competition, Doug was declared the winner with a six-seat lead over his radio pal.

Support from the community didn't end there. Winnipeg retailer Advance Electronics generously donated ad space on the Creswin media screen at Canwest Place, radio host Ron Robinson from CKUW offered advertising space during his weekly show, and the University's theatre faculty worked the phones.

The final tally? Eighty-five seats plus additional donations adding up to over \$45,000 raised toward the Canwest Centre for Theatre and Film.

A \$500 donation provides donors with a plaque on one of the new theatre seats. Please call The University of Winnipeg Foundation at (204) 789-1470 to make your donation today.



Doug Speirs (fourth from left) and Hal Anderson with Theatre students



## Richard Graydon (BA'79) Receives Fellowship in The University of Winnipeg

After a distinguished career dedicated to education and sound administrative practice, Richard Graydon was recognized with a Fellowship in The University of Winnipeg.

The award honours individuals who have provided exceptional service to the university and was presented at the October 18, 2009 Convocation ceremony.

Originally from Wellington, New Zealand, Graydon moved to Winnipeg in 1972 where he established his teaching career. He spent many years as principal with Isaac Brock, William Whyte, Luxton, Wellington and John M. King schools. He also served as President of the Principals' Association. Graydon's wife, Betty Ann is also an educator and both of their daughters, Jennifer and Heather, are University of Winnipeg graduates.

A University of Winnipeg grad himself, Graydon's administrative skills served the school well when he was appointed to the Board of Regents to assume the role of Chair of the Board during a period of transition for the university from 2001 to 2003.

In 2003, Graydon oversaw the establishment of The University of Winnipeg Foundation. The Foundation is dedicated to raising funds and providing donor stewardship in support of the University and its Collegiate.

"The U of W I owe a great deal to, and when the opportunity came to sit on the board it was one way of paying back the debt I owe them for the wonderful treatment they have given me," he said.

Graydon has also contributed to his community as a volunteer board and committee member with the Children's Home of Winnipeg, the Children's Aid Society and Child and Family Services-Central.



*Richard Graydon*

## Ken McCluskey's Lost Prizes



Professor Ken McCluskey, Dean of Education at The University of Winnipeg, is helping at-risk students in our University and beyond.

McCluskey and his colleagues initiated the 'Lost Prizes' pilot project in the early nineties. The successful program taught gifted school drop-outs the skills needed to succeed in the workplace.

In 2005, the 'Lost Prizes Entrance Scholarship' was created to help similar students make it to university. The first award was made last fall with the help of McCluskey's generous donation of current funds. He joins fellow University of Winnipeg administrators and executives who have voluntarily committed over \$250,000 in current funds for student scholarship and bursaries.

The new 'Lost Prizes Award,' created by McCluskey and the Faculty of Education, will go to graduating students.

"With these awards, we have covered both ends of the spectrum," says McCluskey. "If we can help at-risk students entering our program, and then inspire them to give back to the community at the same time, we are developing educational leaders."

McCluskey was recently recognized with two international education awards. Princess Sumaya bint El Hassan of Jordan, on behalf of the International Centre for Innovation in Education, presented McCluskey with the inaugural ICIE Creativity Award at an August 2009 ceremony. McCluskey also received the International Creativity Award from the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children.

"I'm really getting credit for the work of many of our faculty and staff in Education at The University of Winnipeg," says McCluskey. "I'm pleased to accept these honours on their behalf."

# CLASS ACTS

Compiled by John-Paul Knox (BA Hons. '09) and Kelly Nickie, Student Assistant, Alumni Affairs

## 1940s

**Darlington, Robert A. (BA '49)** Robert recently co-authored and self-published his second book on Naval history with Fraser McKee, *Three Princes Armed*. Their first book was titled *The Canadian Naval Chronicle, 1939–1945*.

## 1950s

**Tuck, George (The Collegiate '59)** George is now retired from his career as Environmental Science and Technology Convener with the Toronto District School Board. George enjoys a diverse array of hobbies in his spare time, including bird watching, brewing, travelling, photography, rugby, and cricket.

## 1960s

**Graeb, John (BA '68)** John retired from his career at Red River College in 2006. He now enjoys retirement with his wife Lynne (BA '67) and their six grandchildren, including travelling and time at the cottage.

**Graeb, Lynne (BA '67)** Lynne enjoys her retirement travelling, spending time with her three children and six grandchildren, as well as teaching and learning line dancing.

**Hopko, Richard (BA '69)** Richard retired in 2002 from his job as Foster Home Coordinator with Child and Family Services in Gimli, MB. He spends winters in Texas with his family.

## 1970s

**Blackman, R. Jay (B.Sc. '78)** R. Jay is owner of Silvertip Exploration Services in Calgary, Alberta.

**Christensen, Grant (BA '78)** Grant was recently promoted to CEO of the Certified General Accountants (CGA) Association of Manitoba, the province's largest body of professional accountants.



**Deda, Romen (BA '70)** Romen is retired from teaching and now lives in Sanford, MB.

**Fulford, Aden (BA '71)** Aden is retired from Manitoba Pork as manager of financial services and now lives in Winnipeg, MB.

**Landy, Martin (The Collegiate '77)** Martin has joined the Manitoba Recreational Trails Association (MRTA) as the Executive Director. He has recently moved back to Winnipeg after 20 years in Calgary. He had been the Manager of the Point Douglas Residents Committee, and a founder, General Manager and Competition Director of Global Fest, Calgary's International recognized cultural and fireworks festival.

**Monrose, Nicholson (BA '74)** Nicholson recently retired from his public service in St. Lucia, West Indies. During his career Nicholson earned an M.Sc. in Social Planning from the London School of Economics; later he

prepared a concept paper introducing Social Planning to St. Lucia, where he served as the first director of National Health insurance before becoming Director of Human Services.

**Neubauer, Jay (BA '79)** Jay presently works as the Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager of The Canadian Western Bank in Calgary, AB.

**Parker, Cynthia Lee (BA '74)** Cynthia is retired from Winnipeg School Division after 40 years of teaching. She was a Special Ed Resource Teacher for the last 8 years. She currently lives in Winnipeg Beach and is enjoying life in the country.

**Razlaff, Dr. Leonard (BA '71)** Leonard has been elected to the Royal Society of Canada. His induction took place in Ottawa in late November.

**Smallwood, Roberta (BA '70)** Roberta is enjoying her retirement. Her and husband Dan live 6 months in Kelowna, B.C. and the other six months in Rincon De Guayabitos located just 45 minutes north of



Puerto Vallarta. The summer months at their home are busy with horse-related activities. This winter she will be attending the University of Guadalajara for her Spanish degree.



UWinnipeg Provost and Vice-President Academic Brian Stevenson hosted the Hong Kong Alumni Reception at the Banker's Club in Hong Kong, November 7, 2008. Led by Timothy Lo '83, Chair of the Hong Kong Alumni Chapter, the group introduced the Hong Kong Alumni Chapter Scholarship to encourage and assist students in Hong Kong to attend our alma mater. At the reception, Timothy Lo pledged that he will personally match the alumni gifts up to \$10,000 CDN!

This scholarship is a sign of the strengthening bonding the relationship between the University and the alumni in Hong Kong, which began as a small group and has grown over the years through concerted effort and collaboration. To donate, please contact The University of Winnipeg Foundation at 1.866.394.6050 or 204.786.9995 or visit [uwinnipegfoundation.ca](http://uwinnipegfoundation.ca).

**Stewart [Anderson], Dawn (The Collegiate '70)** Dawn continues to work in finance in Victoria, and is settling into her new role as grandmother. She remains committed to lifelong learning.

**Stewart, James (BA '74)** James is the Regional Manager of Aviation Enforcement in Winnipeg for Transport Canada Aviation.

**Wilson, Rick (B.Sc. '75)** Rick retired as Head of Park Systems Planning for Manitoba Parks in 2008. Working for 32 years, his career included the establishment of parks Atikaki and Manigotagan River, and the establishment of the Seal, Bloodvein and Hayes as Canadian Heritage Rivers. He and his wife Terry completed a canoe trip from Lower Fort Garry to York Factory in 2007. They are looking forward to their next made-in-Manitoba experience of a lifetime!

**Wur, Kenneth (B.Ed. '79)** Kenneth is retired from teaching and recently opened a bed and breakfast on Gabriola Island in B.C.

## 1980s

**Brown, Tim (BA '88, MPA '05)** Tim was appointed the Director of Motor Carrier Enforcement Programs for Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation in October 2008. Prior to this position, he served as the Manager of Policy and Service Development for the department.

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**Burrows, Arthur (The Collegiate '80)** Arthur recently earned his PhD in Psychology from The University of Alberta. In addition to his work in clinical behavioural psychology, he also teaches part time at The University of Alberta and The City University of Seattle.

**Campbell (Sutherland), Kim (The Collegiate '85)** Kim is a general accountant for AKITA Drilling in Calgary, AB.

**Dixon, Roy (B.Sc. '85)** Roy is an independent geomatics consultant in Winnipeg, MB.

**Hiuni, Dahn (The Collegiate '84)** Dahn earned his Ph.D. from Penn State University. He has gone on to present visual art at a host of venues, and teach studio art and art history at a variety of academic institutions. He currently lives in New York where he teaches both history and studio art classes at SUNY.

**Karras, Georgios (BA '83)** Georgios works as an Airport Operations Officer at the Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority in Macedonia, Greece. He has a two-year-old son, and occasionally misses the snow from Winnipeg.

**Makkink [Nombrado], Susan (B.Sc. 4-Yr.)** Susan moved to Switzerland in May 2004 to work as European Regional Head of Quality and Safety after living and working in The Netherlands for 13 years. Currently she is a department Head of Post Marketing Safety Operations at Novartis Pharma AG. Makkink is taking 2-year program in pharmaceutical medicine at The University of Basel, Switzerland.

**Nam, Peter (BA '87)** Peter is the Vice-President, MIS of AIG Insurance of Malaysia.

**Romanowski, Ron (BA '80)** Ron recently published *Insurrection*, a commemorative book for the 90th anniversary of the Winnipeg General Strike. It made McNally Robinson's bestseller list in May.



He recently celebrated his 23rd anniversary with his wife, Liliana, this past September.

**Ryz, Jacqueline (BA '84)** Jacqueline went to McGill University in 1990 to obtain a Master in Piano Performance. She has been very active in the Winnipeg music community over the years, performing many solo and chamber music concerts at Eckhardt – Gramatté Hall, some of which were recorded by CBC, and duo piano recitals with Laura Loewen.

Jacqueline maintains a large teaching studio in her home in Southdale, equipped with three grand pianos. A number of her students have been Royal Conservatory of Music silver medalists, and some have received university entrance scholarships to further their musical education. One of her scholarship-winning students, Kati Lapp, also a UWinnipeg alum, performed a solo piano recital at Eckhardt-Grammaté Hall in January 2009. Jacqueline has been a Senior Piano adjudicator for RCM Exams for 12 years, and travels across Canada examining and adjudicating music festivals.

Jacqueline is married to John Melnyk, who teaches in the Business Administration Program at UWinnipeg, and is former President of the board of Virtuosi Concerts.

**Stelmack, Andrew (BA '85)** Andrew's visual arts career continues to expand its realm with gallery representation now throughout Canada and the USA. Recent exhibits include



solo shows in Toronto at the Hangman Gallery, Petroff Gallery and Riverdale Art Walk as well as participation in the Toronto International Art Expo. As for the acting, he played the role of Lefou in *Beauty and the Beast* in August 2009 at Rainbow Stage in Winnipeg before returning to Toronto for the World Premier of *The Handmaiden* at LKTYP this fall. He also recently completed lead roles in two short films: *Drainman* and *The Collector*. See his work at [www.astelmack.com](http://www.astelmack.com)

**Wadelius, Sean (BA '87)** Sean works as a Detachment Commander for the RCMP in Houston, BC.

## CLASS ACTS continued

**Warkentin, Veralyn (BAH '89)** Veralyn teaches Creative Writing Classes at the University of Winnipeg DCE. In October her play adaptation of the memoir of Canada's first licensed female mortician, "Quite An Undertaking" was given a workshop reading as part of Femfest 2009 'HerStory' by Sarasvati Productions at the new Canwest Centre for Theatre & Film at The University of Winnipeg.

**Wiebe, Tim M. (B.Sc. '87)** Tim lives in Morden, MB and works as a classroom teacher with the Garden Valley School Division in Winkler, MB.

## 1990s

**Al-Badri, Zoha (B.Sc 4-Yr. '98)** Zoha received a doctoral degree in Chemistry from North Dakota State University in 2004. He then completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the department of Polymer Science and Engineering at The University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He is currently employed as Senior Staff Scientist at Ashland Inc.

**Beattie, Kelly (BA '99)** Kelly practices in the area of corporate and commercial law, banking and finance law, real estate law and taxation.

**Bond, Leona (BA '98)** Leona is currently a Fitness Instructor with the Canadian Air Force, 17 Wing Winnipeg.

**Christodoulides, Andreas (BA '91, MPA '98)** Andreas is a Senior Analyst with the Canadian Department of National Defence.

**Dudgeon, Roy (BA Hons. '93)** Roy recently edited and published *Satirica: An Anthology of Satirical Speculative Fiction*, which includes stories by many of the world's leading authors of satirical speculative fiction in the tradition of Aldous Huxley and George Orwell, and examines issues such as child soldiers, terrorism, designer drugs, and ecological apocalypse.

**Elidrissi Elawad, Leon (B.Sc. 4-Yr '97)** Leon works as an Engineering Consultant in Casablanca, Morocco.

**Esterhazy, Danishka (BA Hons. '95)** Danishka was presented with the Kodak New Vision Mentorship Award at the recent Crystal Awards in Toronto organized by Women in Film and Television.

This award is given annually to one promising Canadian female director.

**Gamble, David (BA '96)** David graduated with an MBA with specialization in Strategic Management from the University of British Columbia in Vancouver in May, 2009. He is Director, Sales & Marketing for IMW Industries Ltd., a two-time winner of the BC Export Manufacturer of the Year (2004 and 2007). Since 2005, David has held the Certified International Trade Professional (CITP) designation. David and his wife, Mary Chin-Gamble, reside in Abbotsford, BC.

**Grieve, James (BA '95)** James lives in Kelowna, BC and works as Business Development Manager at Talius in Salmon Arm, BC.

**Grower, Paul (BA Hons. '98)** Paul Grower is a lawyer at Fillmore Riley LLP. He specializes in tax dispute and tax litigation, as well as commercial litigation.

**Hatcher, Alexandra (BA '96)** Alexandra was recently appointed Executive Director/CEO for the Alberta Museums Association and is completing her Masters of Public Administration, focusing on cultural management, from the University of Victoria, BC.

**Higenbottam, Gillian (B.Sc. '93)** Gillian is a Toxicologist with Health Canada in Ottawa.



**Hikel, Sabine (BA Hons. '97)** Sabine has recently launched a blog, podcast and consulting project called Leaving Academia (leavingacademia.com). Aimed at graduate students and faculty who are considering transitioning into non-academic careers, Leaving Academia provides a wealth of career resources with a dose of compassion, wit, and humour.

**Houle [Gentry], Gisele (BA '98)** Gisele recently finished a program to perform phlebotomy in labs.

**Johnson, Gavin (BA '94)** Gavin recently left a teaching position with Qatar University to join The Hong Kong Polytechnic University's English Language Centre where he is helping students prepare to engage the world.

**Kwong, Lucas Kin (BA '93)** Lucas is a Senior System Consultant for Nomura Research Institution in Hong Kong.

**Lugtig, Joan (BA '91)** Joan moved to Quebec in 1991 to learn French and pursue her Master's at McGill University. She is at present completing a Ph.D. in philosophy (in French) at Université du Québec. She teaches Humanities and Philosophy at a Cegep near Quebec City.

**Ma, Wai Leung (Michael) (BA '94)** Michael lives in Kowloon, Hong Kong.

**Mokhtar, Hani (B.Ed. '91)** Hani is the Head Supervisor of textbook printing and publishing for the Malaysian Ministry of Education.

**Ols, Susan (BA Hons. '98)** Susan is Director of Corporate Affairs with Hasbro International in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

**Pokrant, Derrick (BED '94)** Derrick is currently the grade 7 Math/ Science teacher and grade 7 team leader at River East Transcona School Division. He serves his time as a basketball coach and cross-country coach. He is the father of three beautiful girls and husband of the best wife in Winnipeg.

**Pungut, Halim (B.Ed. '91)** Halim works as a Principal with Education Officer in Malaysia, where he is married with four lovely children. He misses Winnipeg and hopes to visit someday soon.

**Redekop, Corey (BA Hons. '95)** Corey

recently completed his tenure as director of the Thompson Public Library, and is now a reference librarian in Fredericton, NB.

His first novel, *Shelf*

*Monkey*, won the Gold Medal for Popular Fiction at the 2008 Independent Publisher Book Awards, and was longlisted for the Relit Award. He is somewhat hard at work on his second novel.



**Roberts, Catherine (BA Hons '93)** Catherine is the Head of Drama at Westholme School in Blackburn, England. She is currently producing *Jane Eyre: The Musical* in the summer and is working on a musical adaptation of *Peter Pan* for the Christmas season.

**Sims, David (BAH '98)** David is the assistant news director of Saskatchewan's official aboriginal radio broadcaster. He thanks the university and its professors for teaching him how to write and think.

**Snage, Kimberley (BA '96)** Kimberley works as HRIS Project Manager at The Dufresne Group in Winnipeg.

## 2000s

**Bautista, Jeanette (BSC '04)** Jeanette graduated from the University of British Columbia with a Masters of Computer Science in Human-Computer Interaction in 2007. She currently works at Disney Interactive Studios as a Senior Interface Designer and lives in Vancouver, B.C.

**Cyr, Charisse (BA '01)** Charisse is an Aboriginal Student Services Teacher with the Lord Roberts School Division in Winnipeg.

**Dawson, Kayla (BSC '02)** Kayla pursued a BSC in Engineering at the University of Alberta in 2008. She is now developing wind energy projects in Northern BC and Ireland.

**Demchenko, Boris (B.Sc. '04)** Boris is now a Water Purification Technician at a Winnipeg company; his work includes the design of fresh water purification and filtration systems.

**Derbowka, Drew (BA '08)** Drew works in the production side of theatre as a lighting tech, stage manager, and stagehand for various productions in Winnipeg.

**Finkel, Lauren (The Collegiate '05)** Lauren is currently in the Creative Communications Program at Red River College, with an anticipated graduation date of 2011.

**Forester, Shawna (BA 4-Yr '07)** Shawna just began an MA in Leadership Health with Royal Roads University in Victoria.

**Gosselin, Shonda**

**(BSC '03)** Shonda completed a Master of Mathematics degree at the University of Waterloo in 2005, and a Ph.D. in mathematics at the University of Ottawa in 2009. She is now an assistant professor in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at The University of Winnipeg.



**Greenfeld, Jay (The Collegiate '96, BA Hons. '02)** Jay is thankful for the teachers and professors within the University of Winnipeg academic system that provided him the right amount of challenge and inspiration to pursue further education. He is currently in the Counselling Psychology PhD program at The University of Iowa. Recently he published a book, published through Outskirt Press, titled *My Choice – My Life: Realizing Your Ability to Create Balance in Life*. The book is a non-fictional narrative with various anecdotes and suggestions on how individuals may create balance in their social, emotional, physical, and occupational life roles.

**Greiss-Savard, Angel (BA '06, B.Ed. '06)** Angel is a Prevention Education Consultant with Addictions Foundation of Manitoba in Winnipeg.

**Giesbrecht, Lorne (B.Sc. '03)** Lorne lives in Winnipeg and works as a Validation Project Coordinator at Cangene Corporation.

**Halarpin [Leibl], Melissa (B.Ed. '05)** Melissa, now married, is a teacher at Sisler High School in Winnipeg.

**Hall, Raelene (DCE '08)** Raelene graduated from the Public Relations Diploma Program at DCE this past October, and is currently both working and beginning her Bachelor's program here at The University of Winnipeg.

**Hesse, Paul (BAH '02)** Paul founded Hesse Law and practices immigration and civil law in downtown Winnipeg. Active as a volunteer, he is also Chair of the Winnipeg Rapid Transit Coalition and Conservation Chair of the Sierra Club of Canada, Winnipeg branch.

**Jasim, Mohammad (BBA '08)** Mohammad works as a Tech Support agent at Convergys in Winnipeg.

**Jacob, Joey (BA Hons. '04)** Joey received a Manitoba Graduate Scholarship to undertake a Master of Arts in Sociology at The University of Manitoba.

**Joy [Jacobson], Lorraine (BBA '08)** Lorraine is thankful for the positive experience of studying at the University of Winnipeg. She is employed as a Finance Officer with the Federal Government of Canada and is about to complete her accounting designation with CGA Manitoba.

**Jurczak, Jamie (BA '00)** Jamie is working at Taylor McCaffrey LLP, Barristers and Solicitors as a lawyer with a focus on workplace safety and health and currently resides in Winnipeg.

**Jurczak, Shauna (BA '04)** Shauna currently works for the University of Winnipeg's WES-MEN as Sports Marketing Coordinator.

**Knoll, Dana (BA Hons. '05)** Dana works as an Employment Evaluation Specialist with Manitoba Hydro in Winnipeg.

## CLASS ACTS continued

**Lazar, Tancy** (B.Sc. '03, B.Ed. '05) Tancy lives and teaches in Calgary, AB.

**Magnuson-Ford, Julia** (BA Hons. '05) Julia is a Campaign Manager for Legacy Leaders in Toronto, ON.

**Massey, Belinda** (BA, B.Ed. '06) Belinda began teaching History and English Language Arts. Presently she teaches Grade Seven Math, Science, and Art in Steinbach. Belinda is also excited that her daughter will be entering the University of Winnipeg in September 2009.

**Matthies, Kyle** (B.Ed. '00) Kyle is the Director of Recruitment and Retention at Briercrest College in Caronport, SK.

**Metner [Wiebe], Andrea** (BA '07) Andrea is recently married. She lives in the rural Inter-lake region where she works at her in-law's hardware store and helps to develop their new website.

**Orchard, Kevin** (B.Ed. '05) Kevin works at Allmar International in Winnipeg in the area of contract sales.

**Reynolds, Pauline** (BA '02) Pauline works to raise awareness of the needs of Manitoba children living with special needs or disabilities. She presently works with the Children's Rehabilitation Clinic in Winnipeg.

**Sodomsky, Matthew** (The Collegiate '99, B.Sc. 4-Yr '06) Matthew lives in Winnipeg where he works as an MRI researcher at the NRC-IBD.

**Tkach, David** (BA Hons '01) Living in Montreal, David is writing his PhD Thesis for the Philosophy department of UOttawa while teaching English as a Second Language.

**Twigg, Kerri** (BA '07) is working at The Winnipeg Art Gallery as a Youth Programs Coordinator and is pursuing her M.Ed. in Humane Education through Cambridge College.

**Villeneuve, Stephanie** (B.Sc., BA '09) Stephanie is working with Manitoba Blue Cross for a year before beginning medical school at the University of Manitoba in 2010.

**Watson, Jennifer** (BA '02) Jennifer is now working as a Senior Policy Advisor with Canada Border Services Agency in Ottawa. In her spare time, she enjoys tennis, squash, spinning classes, travelling and spending time with family.

**Wilson, Jason** (BA '00) Jason completed the Canadian Securities Course and the Investment Funds in Canada Course. In addition to being currently enrolled in the Professional Financial Planning Course and working as a Financial Advisor with TD Canada Trust in Winnipeg, he is also a Tournament Poker Player.



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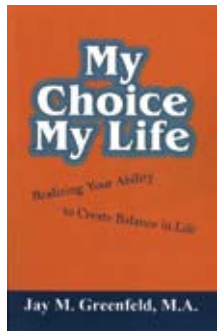


## Pond Memories: More Tales from a Wildlife Rehabilitator

**Lil Anderson (BSC '81)**

Lil is well known in the Lake of the Woods area for her extensive wildlife rehabilitation work and in *Pond Memories* she recounts her experiences nurturing the creatures that she finds in and around the pond on her property. One is Brownie, a young bull moose who came to her half-

drowned and suffering from pneumonia, with an appetite for clay and squashed caterpillars. From these creatures, she finds out that they may be different from us, but not so much as we often imagine.



## My Life: Realizing Your Ability to Create Balance in Life

**Jay Greenfeld (Coll '96, BAH '02)**

A common-sense approach for balancing the four pillars of your life (physical, emotional, social, and academic/professional.) Emphasizes positive choices, positive thinking; breaking negative habits; ways of achieving success at work, at home, and in relationships;

ways to attain balance and have a healthier, more fulfilling, and less stressful life.

Jay Greenfeld is currently studying in the Counseling Psychology doctoral program at the University of Iowa. He teaches the stress management course, co-facilitates workshops on diversity awareness, and is doing a clinical practicum at the Medical Student Counseling Center.



## Fear Not

**Author: Maurice Mierau (BAH '84)**

*Fear Not* is lyrical, political, raunchy, blasphemous, and deeply engaged with ethical questions. Inspired by the Gideon Bible's list of self-help topics each poem is arranged to play off poetic and Biblical forms. His poems feature

subjects from suicide and divorce, to unemployment and gratitude, and from Afghanistan to Gethsemane. *Fear Not* attempts consolation, all the while mocking its own failure to lessen human pain.

Maurice Mierau is a Winnipeg writer, editor, and teacher. He works as an associate editor of a new Winnipeg-based fiction imprint, Enfield & Wizenty, poetry editor for *Contemporary Verse 2*, and editor at *Geez* magazine. He is past president of the League of Canadian Poets.



## The Players

**Margaret Sweatman (Coll '71, BA '74)**

Two French explorers arrive in Court to charm two ships from the English King. The rest, as they say, is history, or perhaps not. Set in the libertine era of Restoration England, *The Players* takes on the 17th century with a contemporary sensibility. Here, the ability to perform - in Court, on stage, in private quarters, and in the brutal cold of James Bay - might save your life, and Lilly Cole must play along with the best of them. Sly, provocative, and ingeniously funny, Sweatman's prose explores the deep well of human motivation, how instinct trumps reason when survival is in question.

Margaret Sweatman is the author of three novels, *When Alice Lay Down With Peter*, *Sam and Angie*, and *Fox*. She's won the McNally Robinson Book of the Year, the John Hirsh Award, and the Carol Shields Winnipeg Book Award. She is currently a professor in the English Department at The University of Winnipeg.



## My Winnipeg (Book and DVD set)

**Guy Maddin (BA'78)**

A herd of horses frozen in a river. A bargain bridge. Séances. Golden Boy pageants. A demolished hockey arena. An epidemic of sleepwalking. This is Winnipeg to Guy Maddin. Venture deeper into his mind with his narration, stills, outtakes, family photos, emails, essays, deoculations, animations, notebook pages and collages that resemble Winnipeg and its sleep walking residents. This version includes a DVD of Maddin's *My Winnipeg*.

Guy Maddin is a Winnipeg-based filmmaker and writer. His feature films include *Tales from the Gimli Hospital*, *Archangel*, *Careful*, *Twilight of the Ice Nymphs*, *Dracula: Pages from a Virgin's Diary*, *Cowards Bend the Knee* and *The Saddest Music in the World*. His films have won numerous prizes, including the Telluride Film Festival's Lifetime Achievement Award.

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John-Paul Knox and Kelly Nickie, BAH 2009

The University of Winnipeg offers its condolences to the families of the following alumni and staff who have recently passed away.

To forever mark their place in the history of the University, The University of Winnipeg Alumni Association is proud to place a bookplate in a select volume in the University Library in memory of each alumnus.

## 1920s

**Ridgeway, Alice M. (T 1925)** on Aug. 13, 2008 in Stonewall, MB

## 1930s

**Campbell, Hugh (The Collegiate '34, BA '39)** on June 5, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

**Graham, Alice Mabel (BA '35)** on Sept. 24, 2008 in Winnipeg, MB

**Jones, Thelma (The Collegiate '33)** on Dec. 24 in Winnipeg, MB

**Leitch, Constance Ethel (The Collegiate '32)** on Mar. 26, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

**Machula, Nick (Coll '36)** on Oct. 14, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

**Mackie, Dorothy (BA '34)** on Sept. 13, 2008 in Maple, ON

**McLean, Mary (BA '31)** on Sept. 8, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

**McMahon (Crossley), Phyllis (The Collegiate '30)** on May 20, 2009 in Edmonton, AB

**Mills, M.E. Frances (BA '31)** on May 19, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

**Wiggins, Catherine M. (BA '37)** on June 3, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

## 1940s

**Baker, Peter G. (The Collegiate '45)** on April 11, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

**Garside, Judy (The Collegiate '47)** on Oct. 23, 2008 in Winnipeg, MB

**Guttormson, Irene W. (The Collegiate '49)** on Feb. 9, 2009 in Lundar, MB

**Harack, Nestor (The Collegiate '42)** on Dec. 9, 2008 in Winnipeg, MB

**Dempsey, William A. (BA '42)** on Aug. 15, 2008 in Carberry, MB

**Keating, Donald R. (BA '49)** on Mar. 3, 2009 in Ottawa, ON

**Leitch, James Leslie (Les) (The Collegiate '43)** on May 30, 2009 in Victoria, BC

**Mankewicz, John (The Collegiate '47)** on Aug. 17, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

**McDiarmid, Margaret (The Collegiate '63)** on Oct. 20, 2008 in Winnipeg, MB

**Murrell, William (BA '44, BED '57)** on Aug. 26, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

**Pipe (Shepherd), Beth (BA '42)** on Nov. 11, 2008 in Winnipeg, MB

**Quiring, Jacob Henry (BA '49)** on July 24, 2004 in Abbotsford, BC

**Squire, Thomas Alan (The Collegiate '46)** on Mar. 2, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

**Udell (Woodside), Ellinor (BA '41)** on Feb. 26, 2009 in Toronto, ON

**Waston, Sister Philippa (Dorothy) (BA '44)** on Sept. 1, 2008 in North York, ON

**Whiteman, W. Albert (The Collegiate '44, BA '47)** on May 23, 2007 in Winnipeg, MB

## 1950s

**Chorley, Elliot John (The Collegiate '51)** on Dec. 5, 2008 in Brandon, MB

**Cote, Armand (BA '59)** on Feb. 27, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

**Dickman (Koop), Irene (BA '54)** on Sept. 2008 in Winnipeg, MB

**Eyre (Fenske), Brenda (Coll '53)** on October 7, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

**Freestone, Thomas Adair (The Collegiate '56)** on Dec. 29, 2009 in Mexico

**Henney, Sidney (AA '53)** on Sept. 9, 2006 in Winnipeg, MB

**Huppe, Harold (BA '50)** on Oct. 10, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

**Hyrich, John (BA '57)** on Jan. 12, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

**Keating, Donald R (BA '49)** on Mar. 3, 2009 in Ottawa, ON

**Manser, Donna (BA '50)** in 2006

**McKendry, Donald (The Collegiate '52)** in July, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

**Nemes, Elizabeth (B.Th. '50)**

**Papuga, Lawrence (The Collegiate '56)** on Dec. 17, 2000 in Winnipeg, MB

**Pollock, Rudolph Taras (The Collegiate '56)** on June 13, 2009 in Richmond, BC

**Sametz, Wesley H. (BA '50)** on Mar. 28, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

**Sasley, Kenneth H. (The Collegiate '56)** on Apr. 26, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

**Swereda, Stanley (The Collegiate '59)** on June 16, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

**Taylor, Gordon L. (The Collegiate '55, BA '59, T '62, BD '70)** on Sept. 2000 in Winnipeg, MB

## 1960s

**Barton, Donald I. (The Collegiate '64)** on May 27, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

**Burnett, Brian A. (BA '63)** on Oct. 30, 2008 in Manitoba

**Daulat, Mahadeo Soonad (B.Sc. '65)** on July 28, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

**Eagle, John A. (BA '60)** on Mar. 23, 2009 in Edmonton, AB

**Glesby, Zenith David (The Collegiate '61)** on Dec. 13, 2008 in Winnipeg, MB

**Hunter, John McVicar (The Collegiate '60)** on Sept. 16, 2008 in Winnipeg, MB



Kuhr, Edmund (BSC '68) on October 10, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB  
Leipsic, Brenda (The Collegiate '60) on Dec. 9, 2008 in Winnipeg, MB

Lucas, Suzanne (B.Sc. '60) on Sept. 12, 2008 in Winnipeg, MB  
Mann, Hazel Beverley (BA '65) on Mar. 24, 2009 in Calgary, AB  
Melrose, Bruce (Coll '64) on Sept. 30, 2009 in Powell River, BC

Quiggin, T. Michael (BA '61) on Feb. 13, 2009 in Toronto, ON  
Struthers, Beverley (BA '67) on Aug. 18, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB  
Thompson, James Baran (Barrie) (The Collegiate '62) on May 11, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

Tweedie [Stewart], Berniece (BA '39) on Sept. 21, 2008 in Winnipeg, MB

Uhrich, James A. (BD '68, B.Sc. '68) in 2009 in Ontario  
Wagner, Mitchell (BA '69) on May 29, 2008 in Winnipeg, MB

## 1970s

Ashdown, James Harry (The Collegiate '70) on Mar. 2, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

Bellan, Matthew (T '50) on Apr. 13, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

Bukata, John (B.Sc. '76) on May 19, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

Cramer, Solesta (The Collegiate '70, BA '78) on Nov. 8, 2008 in Winnipeg, MB

Cunningham, David L. (BA '73) on Feb. 17, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

Dawson, Elizabeth Sarah (BA '76) on Mar. 20, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

Drinna, Ethel Helen (B.Ed. '77) on Mar. 27, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

Hansen, Catherine Ann (BA '70) on Apr. 20, 2009 in Regina, SK

Hawkins [Swanson], Elizabeth Mai (The Collegiate '79) on June 19, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

Harries [Peterson], Margaret Delma (BA '71) on June 24, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

Hershfield, David (The Collegiate '78) on Oct. 7, 2007

Hicks, James Douglas (B.Sc. '77) on May 12, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

Hildebrand, John Charles (BA '70) on Sept. 22, 2008 in Winnipeg, MB

Kwasney, Luba Anna (BA '76) on July 21, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

Phillpott, Richard (BA '76, B.Ed. '79) on Mar. 17, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

Shelton [Burbridge], Deborah Alwyne (BA '78) on May 27, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

Stefanson, Randall (B.Sc. '76, BA Hons. '78) on Apr. 2, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

Tenenbaum [Kliman], Marci (BA '75) on June 4, 2009 in Toronto, ON

Thompson, Owen Herbert (BA '76) on July 12, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

Whetter, William (BTH '71) on October 19, 2009 in Fort Garry, MB

Williams, Frances (BA '70) on July 8, 2009, in Winnipeg, MB

## Dr. Henry E. Duckworth (BA '35, LL.D. '84), OC, FRSC



The University of Winnipeg mourned the passing of its President Emeritus Dr. Henry Edmison Duckworth, OC. December 18, 2008 in Winnipeg at the age of 93.

He graduated from Wesley College in 1935 and taught physics at United College from 1938 to 1940. He was named a Fellow of United College in 1966. Following decades of teaching and research, he returned to The

University of Winnipeg in 1971 to assume the role of President, a position he held until 1981. He was the University's President Emeritus and the University honoured him with an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree in 1984.

He was one of the inaugural members appointed to The University of Winnipeg Foundation's Board of Directors. His name and support also belong to several student scholarships awarded annually.

An accomplished physicist, he wrote the first definitive text in English on mass spectroscopy, discovered the last stable isotope (platinum)

and helped create important programs at universities and at the National Research Council. He became internationally known for his study of atomic masses and their significance to nuclear stability.

During World War II, he was a junior scientist with the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals assigned to the National Research Council. In this role he was engaged in RADAR development.

He was named an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1976 for, as the citation noted, "his contributions to physics at university education and his service on numerous scientific and educational bodies."

The Great Rock Climb began in 1972 as his idea. In the event, teams of three students race from the front steps of Wesley Hall across the Portage Commons area to climb a large, 25-ton granite boulder. The Rock of Remembrance commemorates the 100th anniversary of Manitoba College, a founding college of what is now The University of Winnipeg. The Great Rock Climb celebrates endurance, ingenuity and teamwork.

Dr. Duckworth's contributions were many and his generosity to UWinipeg was immense. He will be greatly missed.

# IN MEMORIAM continued

## 1980s

**Buss, Craig (BA '89)** on Dec. 15, 2008 in Winnipeg, MB  
**Desjarlais (Hildebrandt), Wendy (BA '88)** on Feb. 14, 2009 in Vancouver, BC  
**Field, Brian Edward (The Collegiate '87)** on Apr. 14, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB  
**Gamey, Heather (B.Ed. '87)** on Jun. 21, 2009 in Flin Flon, MB  
**Hurst, Mary D. (BA '83)** on Mar. 22, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB  
**Kanaroski, Sandra (Coll '86)** on Oct. 22, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB  
**McFadden, Renata Dean (The Collegiate '82)** on Aug. 4, 2009 in London, ON  
**Minkin, Randa Gail (The Collegiate '82)** on Dec. 5, 2009 in Winnipeg  
**Paterson, Joan (BA '80)** on Nov. 13, 2008 in Winnipeg, MB  
**Philipps, Carol (BA '87)** on Nov. 27, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB  
**Scott, Alison (The Collegiate '84)** on Nov. 14, 2008 in Saskatoon, SK  
**Steen, Warren (BA '87)** on Aug. 19, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB  
**Tashe, Inge Waltraud (B.Ed. '85)** on Dec. 31, 2008 in Winnipeg, MB  
**Tymchyshyn, Lloyd (B.Sc. '84)** on Oct. 6, 2008 in Winnipeg, MB  
**Vincent, Iris (CT '87)** on Oct. 12, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

## 1990s

**Blonski, Frances (BA '95)** on Mar. 15, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB  
**Durham-Cooke, Irene (BAH '96)** on Apr. 23, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB  
**Gaskin, John Dennis (BA '92)** on Dec. 13, 2008 in Winnipeg, MB  
**Whyte, Ian Hudson (B.Ed. '90)** on Jan. 25, 2009 in MB

## David Pundyk (BA/BEd. '07)

In July of 2009, David Christopher Pundyk, a recent graduate of the University of Winnipeg, passed away as a result of a boating accident near the family cottage at Minaki, Ontario. David was a remarkable young man endowed with many fine qualities, naturally leading him to a career in education. He is remembered by his family, friends, former team and classmates, and colleagues for his deeply respectful manner, gentle and caring nature, adventurous spirit, and lively sense of humour. From the moment he entered the classroom during his first practicum at Grant Park High School, David knew he had found his life work and passion. He distinguished himself throughout his five years in the Integrated UW/RRC Industrial Arts Teacher Education Program as a gifted woodworker, a leader, and a talented athlete. He was elected captain of Red River College's volleyball team, the Rebels, and awarded the title of Central Plains Athletic Conference League All-Star. In the spring of 2006, David enthusiastically took his first position as a

## 2000s

**Covernton, Gillian (MA '05)** on May 15, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB  
**Day, Lisa Christine (HRMD '07)** on Jul. 23, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB  
**Margolis, Ida (BA '05)** on Feb 19, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB  
**Plaza, Kristen Jaqueline (BA '06)** on Aug. 13, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

## Faculty and Staff

**Bedford, Dr. A. Gerald (BA Hons. '48, FEL '93)** on Dec. 4, 2008 in Winnipeg, MB  
**Batzel, Dr. Victor M. (FEL '99)** on Jan. 1, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB  
**Duckworth, Dr. Henry (Harry) E. (BA '35, FEL '66, LLD '84)** on Dec. 18, 2008 in Winnipeg  
**Hamilton, Rev. Dr. Kenneth** on Jun. 27, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB  
**Kruuner, Dr. Marta R. (BA '53)** on Aug. 13, 2009, in Winnipeg, MB  
**MacDermid, Dr. Gordon** on Mar. 3, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB  
**Van der Graaf, Betsy** on Dec. 7, 2008 in Winnipeg, MB  
**Williams, Peter F.** on Mar. 22, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB  
**Wright, Claudia** on Oct. 16, 2009 in Winnipeg, MB

term teacher in Industrial Arts at Fisher River Cree Nation. In the fall of 2007, he obtained a permanent position at Sisler High School where he became a vital and integral part of the school community. He coached the junior boys' volleyball team and became actively involved with the Aboriginal Academic Achievement Program as well as the EAL (English as an Additional Language) Program. David's dream, however, was to obtain a full-time position in the wood shop as an Industrial Arts teacher. It is no small feat that he accomplished this goal. David was to assume this position at Grant Park High School in the fall of 2009. At the young age of twenty-five years, David has left an extraordinary legacy to his loving family, a wide circle of friends, and the teaching community.



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