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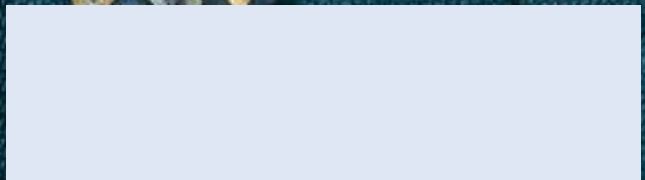
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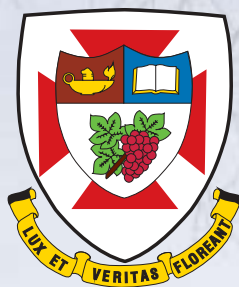


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Journeys

A route goes from point A to point B; a journey is everything that happens in between.

In this issue of the *Journal*, Bill Blaikie '73 reflects on a remarkable political journey from Transcona to the nation's capital. Agricultural sociologist Ann Waters-Bayer '71 describes her pursuit to work along side the impoverished farmers of Africa. Our latest Rhodes Scholar and soon-to-be-alum, Ariel Zylberman, recalls his family's crucial decision to leave Argentina for Canada and anticipates eagerly the next leg of his journey—his trip to Oxford University this fall. And we congratulate our latest Distinguished Alumni Award winner, Tom Axworthy '68, who was featured in the Fall/Winter 2002 *Journal*.

All these individuals have traveled long distances not only geographically, but also towards their life goals. The University of Winnipeg has been a significant stop for each along their voyages, with all of them remembering influential professors and a liberal education experience that opened up to them new ideas, different views, and a world of possibilities.

Since their University days, each has undoubtedly traveled a winding path. Like any trip, there are a few wrong turns and slippery patches, and perhaps a detour or two, but there's also adventure, friendship, and breathtaking scenery along the way. I'm sure all would agree with award-winning author Ursula K. Le Guin: "It is good to have an end to journey toward, but it is the journey that matters in the end."

*Bon voyage...*and please write! 📖

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Convocation: A Celebration of Achievement

On June 1, 2003 all University of Winnipeg Alumni are invited to Spring Convocation to welcome our newest members, to help celebrate their achievements, and to honour the University's special guests.

There will be two Convocation ceremonies. At the morning ceremony (10:30 a.m.) degrees will be conferred in Education and Science, and an Honorary Doctorate will be awarded to Philip Weiss (see page 24 of the *Journal*). At the afternoon ceremony (3:00 p.m.) degrees will be conferred in Theology and Arts, the Distinguished Alumni Award will be presented to Tom Axworthy (see the Fall/Winter issue of the *Journal*), and an Honorary Doctorate will be bestowed on Mary Robinson (former President of Ireland, past United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and current Director of the Ethical Globalization Initiative). Faculty awards will be presented at both ceremonies. Convocation will be held in the Duckworth Centre. All are welcome to attend.



MARY ROBINSON
 Director, The Ethical Globalization Initiative
 Former President of Ireland
 Past United Nations High Commissioner
 for Human Rights

remembering Carl

On Saturday, March 29, Dr. Carl Ridd died after a month-long battle with leukemia.



For me as for many others, the news of Carl Ridd's passing was accompanied by shock—at his death, first of all, but also at the speed his athlete's body and tireless passion succumbed to the leukemia so recently diagnosed.

There was no chance to say good-bye, no chance to go through the ritual of parting that is the process of dying, just an ending announced, unexpected.

I suspect Carl would have been embarrassed by all the good-byes and gratitude, because he had little patience for the builders of empires, including personal empires.

Whether it was in the University as dedicated teacher and as scholar; in the United Church of Canada as minister and presbyter; in sports as player, coach, and biggest (often tallest!) fan; or in the community as citizen; Carl operated out of a sincere interest in people and not a desire for applause.

He saw no separation between his life as a professor and as a citizen, no disconnection between the life of faith and the life of action. In many roles, he served his community, and his community was as big as his heart. A man of many metaphors, with a good sense of humour, he could laugh at the flights of

Riddian rhetoric that sometimes left his audience or his readers convinced there was a profound insight hovering at the edge of understanding—but not quite present.

As an undergraduate in the 1970s, I remember my friends exclaiming about this "Ridd" and his courses on the Bible as Literature, or Religious Quest in the Modern Age (inherited from Ken Hamilton, as I recall), among others. His teaching seemed designed to infuriate the self-righteous, to puncture the certainties of the narrow-minded, and above all to compel by sheer passion and enthusiasm the interest of even the most reluctant of students. Every course was an eye-opener.

Twenty years later, I found myself inheriting some of these "Ridd courses," challenged as a teacher to understand the ideas Carl laid out in those few sentences allowed in the University Calendar. I have watched another generation of students respond with enthusiasm to issues about power and justice and the place of religious belief in society, subjects about which he felt so strongly.

To my delight, in what passed for his "retirement," Carl agreed to be my supervisor and mentor as I transferred into the ministry of the United Church. Looking back, our conversations now seem far too short, the topics

we agreed to explore later only promises not kept, insights just beginning to be shared.

For myself, I will remember his passion, the way he measured his own actions against what he believed, and the rueful way he deprecated what others would hail as his accomplishments. His faith led him to find wisdom in unusual places and in unlikely people—and value in any heart able to be changed. Pleased by the crowds demonstrating for peace, he would have been just as determined to do what he thought was right if he was the only person in the demonstration.

There was no chance to say good-bye, but in a world whose future is threatened for so many reasons, Carl's last words from hospital remind me there are pragmatic ways for all of his friends to honour his memory:

The next time you act from your heart, out of compassion, out of a concern for justice, or out of a desire for peace, imagine his smile—and do it again.

Peter Denton
History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies




Leadership Change at UWinnipeg

Many of our alumni will be aware that Dr. Constance Rooke stepped down as President of the University of Winnipeg last year. Dr. Rooke's dedication to the value of a liberal arts and sciences education has made a lasting mark on our institution.

Vice-President (Academic) Patrick Deane has taken on the role of Acting President, and together with Vice-President (Finance and Administration) Stephen Willetts and Vice-President (Students) Ian Cull, is leading the University in the process of creating an Integrated Strategic Plan.

"When I think of the long and distinguished history of this institution, the exciting upcoming events, the hard work and loyalty

of our employees, the achievements of our faculty, and the abilities of our students," says Deane, "I have unbounded confidence that the University of Winnipeg will continue to tackle its challenges and grow even stronger."

At its March meeting, the University's Board of Regents passed a motion to strike a Presidential Search Committee. The Committee, made up of representatives from Board, faculty, staff, and students, is governed by a formal Presidential Search Process and will conduct a full, proper, and exhaustive presidential search (details of which are available on the University's website). 



COVER STORY

the journey

FROM TRANSCONA TO
PARLIAMENT HILL

TEXT: Paul Samyn '86 PHOTO: grajewski.fotograph

The road from Transcona to Parliament Hill is a long and winding one, but no matter how you look at it, it runs straight through the University of Winnipeg.

It was there in the fall of 1969 that a 19-year-old with a bushy head of hair atop a 6'6" frame began his post-secondary studies. By the time William Alexander Blaikie left four years later he had earned a BA and was just one course short of making it an honours degree in philosophy. He would also earn a Rockefeller Fellowship, setting in motion further studies that would make Blaikie an ordained minister in the United Church. But more importantly for Blaikie's career path, by the time this young Tory left the UWinnipeg, he had become a New Democrat. "The University of Winnipeg has a good left-wing tradition," is how Blaikie now explains his political epiphany. Following in that tradition didn't lead to any immediate political success for Blaikie. A run for the post as vice-president of the UWSA in the spring of 1972 came up empty. Of course, there would be plenty of political victories to come.

"What happened to me at the University of Winnipeg is a classic case of what a liberal arts education should be, which is to think critically about the assumptions you have grown up with, assumptions of your culture and the dominant culture. I was changed by my time at the University of Winnipeg."

Among those changes was putting aside plans to pursue a law degree and the pay cheques that would accompany it and becoming a man of the cloth. Carl Ridd, who now wears the title of Fellow at the University, remembers Blaikie as a student who was a giant both physically and intellectually. "He had this large head with many brains in it and bushy hair," Ridd says. "He was a most imposing presence." Alas, as a basketball fanatic Ridd wasn't able to harness any of Blaikie's height to the advantage of the Wesmen on the hardwood. But Blaikie's brain, well, Ridd still marvels at it and what he has been able to do with it on Parliament Hill. "The thing that was really imposing was his mind. He seemed to know things he had no right to know. He would utter things which would blow me away sometimes and would astonish his classmates."

Ridd was so impressed with Blaikie's grasp of ethical, spiritual, and human issues that he nominated him for the Rockefeller Fellowship that allows recipients to spend a trial year in the seminary. Blaikie would land the prestigious award that would lead to a master of divinity in Toronto. From there Blaikie followed in the footsteps of J.S. Woodsworth doing outreach ministry at the Stella Mission on Winnipeg's inner city streets and then in 1979, to Parliament as an MP.

As this article is written it's the end of January and Bill Blaikie is in full-thunder mode as he makes one last leadership pitch to the NDP party faithful. He is going after the Liberals over health care funding. He is rejecting the corporate model of globalization. And he is evoking the spirit of John Lennon's song Imagine as he lays out his vision of a social democratic conscience for Canada. "Politics is more than just a matter of competing interests," Blaikie tells the party's convention. "Politics is about finding and implementing an ethical response to the problems we face."

It was vintage Blaikie, but at the end of the day Jack Layton won the party's top job. Layton, however, does not yet have a seat in the Commons. So both the government and Canadians have not heard the end of Blaikie and his stem-winding speeches as he now serves as the NDP's parliamentary leader. "I'm happy to be the parliamentary leader, taking the lead-off question and going after the government," Blaikie explains of the latest stop in his political journey.

In the *Road to Jerusalem*, the biography of Tommy Douglas, the author writes that the first NDP leader hoped Blaikie would carry on the mission of the social gospel in Canadian politics. It's a mission close to the heart and history of UWinnipeg, and it's one which continues to be led in Ottawa in the passion, principles, and politics of Bill Blaikie. ■

Paul Samyn (BA '86, History) is the Winnipeg Free Press National Reporter based in Ottawa.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HAS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES TO SUIT A WIDE RANGE OF INTERESTS AND TIME COMMITMENTS. BY GETTING INVOLVED— A LITTLE OR A LOT!—YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO THE ASSOCIATION, TO STUDENTS, AND TO YOUR UNIVERSITY.

Food for Thought - Distribute snacks and offer encouragement to students during exam time in December or April.

Alumni Council - Serve on the 12-member council, which meets regularly to make decisions on policy and programming. Each member serves a three-year term. In addition, three alumni are selected to serve on the University's Board of Regents.

Alumni Council Committees - Share your ideas by joining one of the Council's three committees - Events and Outreach, Volunteers, or Communications.

Selection Committees - Pick a winner! Alumni representatives are needed to serve on committees that select winners of entrance scholarships and faculty/staff awards.

Convocation - Welcome our newest members and raise money for scholarships. Help sell degree frames at Spring Convocation on June 1st.

If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, please contact Lois Cherney, Associate Director of Alumni, at l.cherney@uwinnipeg.ca or 204.786.9134.

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Cheryl Bayer with proud parents Barbara and Mike.

like mother (and father) *like daughter*

TEXT: Randy Matthes '88

Maybe it adds up that Cheryl Bayer, first-ever winner of the Family of Alumni Achievement Scholarship, is majoring in Biochemistry. Her parents are Science graduates who first locked eyes across an organic-chemistry lab at UWinnipeg.

"Mom and Dad always told me UWinnipeg was a really good school for Science," says second-year student Cheryl, who is interested in a career in Optometry or Medicine. Whether you credit nature or nurture, proud parents Mike and Barbara are thrilled with their daughter's accomplishment. "We were absolutely delighted, because the University is in our hearts," says Mike, who serves on the 2002/03 Alumni Council as the Assistant Team Leader of Events and Outreach. "But the scholarship is Cheryl's achievement, not ours."

The Achievement Scholarship is one of two \$2,000 Family of Alumni Scholarships offered annually by the Alumni Association to family members of University of Winnipeg graduates. This award is Cheryl's second honour from the Alumni Association. As a new student, she received an Alumni Entrance Scholarship in 2001.

Extra-curricular activities on campus or other activities demonstrating innovation and entrepreneurship are a factor in eligibility. Cheryl fits the bill on many counts. As a graduate

of Collège Béliveau's High School French Immersion Program, Cheryl is fluent in French and an active volunteer with several French-language organizations. She is also a volunteer with the Manitoba Brain Injury Association and works as a lifeguard and swimming instructor with the City of Winnipeg. Family ties aside (an aunt and uncle also attended the University), Cheryl says the University's recruitment presentations and its reputation were big reasons why she chose the school. "I went on tours of the University and I felt welcome," she says. "And I heard from other people that UWinnipeg was a great place."

The Family of Alumni scholarships are one more way to build connections between past, present, and potential students, says Chris Cottick, Vice-President, Alumni Council. "At the awards ceremony last fall, one of the winners attended with her grandmother, an alumna. It was touching," says Cottick. "We intend for these scholarships to keep fostering and strengthening connections to this University." As one of this year's recipients, Cheryl appreciates the encouragement. "The scholarship is an honour, and it makes a big contribution toward tuition."

For more information on Alumni scholarships visit www.uwinnipeg.ca/web/alumni/scholarships.shtml 



ANN WATERS-BAYER: CULT



For many Canadians the word “farm” conjures up images of red barns, rich soil, and the classic prairie scene of waving fields of wheat.

Ask Ann Waters-Bayer (BA Hons. '71) to describe a farm and she'll paint an entirely different picture. She's an agricultural sociologist whose career has spanned the globe, but much of her work has focused on the farmers of Africa.

“In many places where I work, there's no electricity, no water, no road,” says Waters-Bayer, “Indeed, in the mountainous parts of Tigray in northern Ethiopia, there's practically no land to grow anything unless you create it yourself.” In this area, the farmers gather stones and build up walls across mountain gorges to catch the thick brown water pouring off the high plateaux during the short wet season. The silt settles behind the stone barriers, and land is gradually built up over the years until there is enough for the family to grow crops for home and for sale. The families also tend goats and cattle and walk for days to reach seasonal pastures.

There's not a red barn in sight.

Ethiopia has suffered from repeated droughts and the recent war with Eritrea made the plight of the farmers even worse. Ethiopia had long been receiving outside aid, but Waters-Bayer doesn't see herself as an aid worker. She comes not to teach, but to learn together with the Ethiopian farmers and livestock-keepers.

In the past and still today, well-intentioned attempts to impose foreign technologies have frequently led to disaster. “So-called ‘development’ programs often force farmers to buy ‘improved’ seed, fertilizers, and pesticides on loan,” says Waters-Bayer. The introduced technology often doesn't fit local conditions and the fertilizers burn the crops, yet the farmers still have to

repay their debts. “Then they have to sell the one or two animals they've got and end up even poorer than before,” she adds. Waters-Bayer is currently working with organisations in Ethiopia that are approaching development from a different perspective. “We encourage the farmers to experiment with new ideas – both their own and others of their choice,” she says. “We're trying to support their initiatives, their informal experimentation, their attempts to improve their production systems, and to find things that they can try that can enrich what they are already doing.”

Waters-Bayer works with a Dutch Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) that addresses a wide range of development issues not just in Africa, but also in Asia, Latin America, and Europe. The NGO deals with a broad range of issues including crops, livestock, water and other natural resources, alternative energy, human and animal health, and organizational development. For the past three years, Waters-Bayer has also chaired a global NGO committee trying to influence the work of international agricultural research centres. “We have been pushing for more publicly funded research to be focused on the needs of poor farmers and poor consumers,” she says. “A lot of agricultural research is being done by conventional scientists. They focus on what they consider to be cutting-edge science, such as biotechnology. This consumes a lot of money, but I'm not convinced that it will solve the problems of the poor or the problems of world hunger.

“We focus on the needs of marginalized people. The answers to their problems are often very site-specific, rather than global magic bullets. Many NGOs are helping small-scale farmers develop locally appropriate technologies,” says Waters-Bayer. “The big research organizations could learn a lot from them, if they wanted to.”

IVATING A NEW WAY OF THINKING

TEXT: Annette Elvers '93 PHOTO: Ian McCausland

Waters-Bayer now lives in Europe with homes in both the Netherlands and Germany and spends a great deal of time abroad, as does her husband and fellow agriculturalist Wolfgang. Although she is often far afield from her birthplace in Winnipeg, the University is still close to her heart. “I had great relationships with my teachers. I went to this University hoping for exactly that!” she remembers, naming Alice Hamilton, Kay Unruh, and Reg Skene as professors who made a special impact on her during her studies. “Alice Hamilton was remarkable—it wasn't so much what she was teaching but the way she was teaching it.” Waters-Bayer graduated with 11 awards and scholarships, including Woman Athlete of the Year for her prowess on the fencing team.

UWINNIPEG ALUMNI ARE AN ACTIVE GROUP! EACH YEAR, THERE ARE MANY NEW EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES TO SHARE. IF YOU'VE PARTICIPATED IN AN ALUMNI EVENT AND YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS, OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT HOW TO GET INVOLVED, THIS IS THE PLACE FOR YOU!



Distinguished Alumna Katherine Barber, editor of the *Canadian Oxford Dictionary* claims her door prize.

OUT-OF-TOWN EVENTS ATTRACT IMPRESSIVE NUMBERS OF ALUMNI

This fall successful alumni events were held across the country and around the world.

A reception in Toronto attracted about 75 enthusiastic alumni. The evening featured guest speaker Chancellor Sanford Riley as well as plenty of campus nostalgia and reminders of Winnipeg (like Jeannie's cake!). Distinguished alumna Katherine Barber, editor of the *Canadian Oxford Dictionary*, won a door prize of made-in-Manitoba goodies. Among those in attendance were alumni Tom Axworthy, former Principal Secretary to Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and now Executive Director of Historica, and Joe Martin, a longtime senior partner with Deloitte Touche and now Executive in Residence at the University of Toronto Faculty of Management.

In November, alumni events were held in Singapore, Malaysia, and Hong Kong. A record number of alumni attended the Malaysian dinner, an event that was also covered by a national English-language newspaper in Kuala Lumpur. At the Hong Kong dinner, the group reminisced fondly about their time at the University of Winnipeg; they are eager to start their own chapter of the Alumni Association to maintain close ties with their alma mater and each other. The event in Singapore attracted a small but enthusiastic contingent.

HISTORY ON THE MOVE:

PROFESSOR HIGHLIGHTS WINNIPEG'S LABOUR MOVEMENT

The University of Winnipeg Alumni Association presents the "Labour Tour of Winnipeg" with University of Winnipeg History Professor Nolan Reilly on Tuesday, May 13.

Professor Reilly will lead the guided bus tour of the significant sights of the labour movement in Winnipeg, regaling the group with tales of the events that made this period of time one of the most exciting and interesting in our city's history.

The group will meet in front of the University of Winnipeg Duckworth Centre at 6:30 p.m. to embark on this adventure and return at 8:30 p.m. for refreshments and munchies at the University of Winnipeg Faculty and Staff Club, 4th floor, Wesley Hall. Your pre-paid admission of \$10 entitles you to one free beverage of your choice at the Club following the tour as well as appetizers. Call the Alumni Office at 204.786.9711 to reserve your ticket.

DISCOVER TUSCANY & ROME

Join the All-Manitoba Alumni Travel Group for the "Discover Tuscany & Rome" tour, departing on October 12, 2003. Highlights of the 12-day adventure include Florence, Pisa, the Uffizi Museum, a winery tour, and a Tuscan feast. The package features first-class accommodations, superb meals, and the opportunity to travel with other alumni from Manitoba universities.

For more information, contact Lois Cherney (see next page.)



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Keep in touch with the University by subscribing to one of our electronic newsletters. *Alumni Overseas* is for UWinnipeg graduates who now live in Hong Kong, Malaysia, and Singapore. *BCAS News* is for graduates of Business Computing and Administrative Studies. To subscribe to either of these e-newsletters contact Lois Cherney (see next page for contact information).



DUCKWORTH CHALLENGE

Each year the University of Winnipeg and the University of Manitoba take their friendly competition to the courts in a volleyball and basketball event called the Duckworth Challenge. As always, Alumni volunteers were on hand to help out. Volunteers included Vince Merke, Mike Bayer, and Ron Gensorek (to the right of Wes Lee Coyote) as well as Lynn Popham and Debra Radi (front row).

Mark Your Calendar for the Alumni Association's Annual General Meeting

All members of the Alumni Association—graduates of the University, United College, Wesley College, Continuing Education diploma or certificate programs, and all those who have earned at least five University degree-credits are invited to the Annual General Meeting.

The AGM will take place at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 4, 2003 at the Faculty and Staff Club located on the fourth floor of Wesley Hall. Refreshments, desserts, and a cash bar will be available starting at 7:30 p.m.

Call 204.786.9179 to confirm your attendance.

The
Alumni Association
of the University of Winnipeg



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Students are always looking for food on-the-go—especially at exam time when the need for fuel is high and there is little time to prepare nutritious snacks. Knowing this, Alumni Association volunteers were on campus on Tuesday, December 10 dispensing good will and food for thought to exam-weary students. More than 300 students were served free juice, cookies, and oranges as they studied and waited to write their exams. One student made a point of expressing his gratitude to the volunteers: "When I saw you handing out the

cookies and juice it made me proud that I chose this University." Food for Thought, an Alumni Association initiative designed to connect with students, has been going strong for three years. Alumni volunteers Lynn Popham and Barbara Kelly were on hand to help out.



To find out more about Alumni news and events, contact Lois Cherney, Associate Director of Alumni

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Or visit the Alumni website at:

www.uwinnipeg.ca/web/alumni



MARGARET BLOODWORTH:

Distinguished alumna dedicated to public service


The first time professor Alice Hamilton stood before her first-year class and read passages from Elizabethan texts, Margaret Bloodworth knew she would major in English. “What made the biggest impression was her incredible degree of interest in and curiosity about a very wide range of subjects,” recalls Bloodworth, winner of the Fall 2002 Distinguished Alumni Award. “She taught early English literature in a way that transcended any particular era and related to human nature in general and the types of issues that preoccupy human beings in any age. She sparked an interest in life—not just in literature. Literature was one way of exploring life.”

Ultimately, Bloodworth credits her study of English for many of the much-needed skills she uses today. “Every career requires good writing and thinking skills, and that’s what my degree gave me,” she affirms. After graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in 1970, Bloodworth didn’t have a clear plan for the future, although she had a definite interest in public service. “You have to be ready to take some risks. Some don’t work out, but most do. And you need to put yourself in places where you’re not sure whether you can do it or not. Because that’s, in the end, what you learn from.”

She went on to study law at the University of Ottawa and was called to the bar in 1979. That year she began her career with the former Canadian Transport Commission (CTC). A major restructuring of the CTC took place in 1987, and during the transition to the new organization, the National Transportation Agency (NTA) of Canada, she was assigned as Director General,

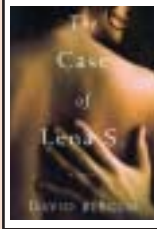
Dispute Resolution. In 1989 she was appointed to the Privy Council Office, where she remained until 1996 when she accepted an Order-in-Council appointment as Associate Deputy Minister of Transport. Four months later she was appointed Deputy Minister of Transport. In May 2001, Bloodworth was named Deputy Minister of National Defence.

Bureaucracy-watchers have hailed Bloodworth one of the most powerful and upwardly mobile women in the federal government. Reflecting on her career, Bloodworth says she has derived the most satisfaction from motivating others. “I have met and worked with enormously talented individuals who truly believe in what they do,” she says. Her staff’s reaction to the Sept. 11 emergency made it clear that Bloodworth has the privilege of working with very dedicated people. “That’s one of the rewards of leadership. There are some tough sides, but the good side is seeing people actually blossom in circumstances they didn’t know they were capable of managing.”

In keeping with the spirit of the Distinguished Alumni Award, Bloodworth has made an outstanding contribution to her field, always acting with vision and true leadership ability. “Margaret has demonstrated incredible competence during very challenging times,” says Doug Nanton, University of Winnipeg Alumni Association President. “Her ability to effectively make difficult judgements and provide valuable guidance to other government decision-makers is a testament to the quality and balance of her educational training and employment experience.” 

ALUMNI AUTHORS

TEXT: Paula Denbow



THE CASE OF LENA S.
David Bergen B.Ed. '85

David Bergen's third novel, *The Case of Lena S.*, made the shortlist for the 2002 Governor General's Award for fiction. The

Case of Lena follows the life, loves, and coming-of-age of 16-year-old Mason Crowe, a wannabee poet. Mason and girlfriend Lena float through various stages of love, torture, indecision, rejection, and, ultimately, failure. In spare, precise prose infused with intellectual playfulness and deadpan humor, Bergen captures the innocence, the wisdom, and the yearnings of youth.

Bergen's last novel is the internationally acclaimed *See the Child*. His other fiction includes *Sitting Opposite My Brother*, a finalist for the Manitoba Book of the Year, and *A Year of Lesser*, a New York Times Notable Book and winner of the McNally Robinson Book of the Year Award. Bergen was awarded the 2000 CBC Literary Prize for Fiction.



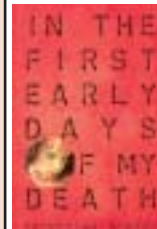
SEARCH OF THE MOON KING'S DAUGHTER

Linda Holeman BA '72

Linda Holeman's *Search of the Moon King's Daughter* offers a realistic and unromanticized

snapshot of 1830s England. A bygone era is brought to life in this story of an extraordinary young woman and her ability to take responsibility for her family when the adults in her life have failed her. Squalor, addiction, and abusive child-labour practises feature in this graphic portrayal of times gone by.

Holeman's works have received numerous honours and international recognition. For young adults she has written a collection of stories, *Saying Good-bye*, as well as the novels, *Promise Song*, *Mercy's Birds*, and *Raspberry House Blues*. She has also written a children's picture book and two collections of short stories for adults.



IN THE FIRST EARLY DAYS OF MY DEATH

Catherine Hunter
BA (Hons.) '86

Catherine Hunter's *In the First Early Days of My Death* is a Zen ghost story that blends superstition and the afterlife.

When young, unlucky Wendy Li finds herself floating above the trees and buildings of her home town Winnipeg, she immediately suspects she's been murdered by her husband's jealous ex-lover, Evelyn. The citizens of Winnipeg, embroiled in controversy over the construction of a new casino, aren't aware of Wendy's spirit drifting above them. As Wendy watches from above, she begins to fear that Evelyn will get away with murder, and that no one will remember to water the garden.

Hunter teaches English at the University of Winnipeg. In addition to her previous thrillers, *The Dead of Midnight* and *Where Shadows Burn*, she has published the spoken word CD *Rush Hour*, edited an anthology of five emerging poets, *Exposed* and has written three collections of her own poetry, *Necessary Crimes*, *Lunar Wake*, and *Latent Heat*, for which she received the Manitoba Book of the Year award.



SURRENDER

Roy Miki BA '64

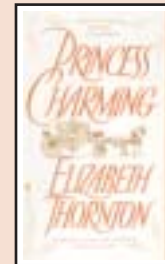
In 2002 Roy Miki was honoured with a Governor General Award for his book of poetry entitled *Surrender*. These poems open into a new space

where ideas, identity, documents, and authority are explored and questioned. They exist in particular forms of apposition and opposition, often in parts that face each other across the page in dialogue, battle, or antipathy.

This work challenges and disturbs, upsets, and disorients official language and official history relating to the internment of

Japanese-Canadians in the 1940s. Surrender explodes the notion of the documentary by infusing it with luscious imagery, poignant memory, and social wit. Miki applies avant-garde poetics to the social and personal consequences of oppression, and remembers to sing.

Miki teaches English at Simon Fraser University and is an editor and biographer. He has published two other collections of poetry, *Saving Face* and *Random Access File*.



PRINCESS CHARMING

Elizabeth Thornton BA '81

Well-known for her historical romances, Elizabeth Thornton tells a love story full of suspense, intrigue, and excitement in one of her

newest novels, *Princess Charming*. In this tale set in the Regency period, Thornton introduces her readers to Gwyn Barrie, a woman who inherits a mysterious legacy from an anonymous benefactor. Barrie discovers that with the money comes a sole trustee: Jason Radley, the man who broke her heart eight years ago. Yet when someone begins stalking Gwyn through London, Gwyn fears for her life, turning to Jason even though it may cost both their lives.

Thornton is a best-selling author who has published 22 novels. She has received numerous awards for her work including the Romantic Times Trophy Award for the best New Historical Regency Author. Her next book, *Almost a Princess*, will be in stores January 2003. 



From the UK to UWinnipeg

TRAVELLING ANDY FINDS A HOME

TEXT: Bryan Osborne '89 PHOTO: grajewski.fotograph

Professor Andy Lockery may have retired, but the former Environmental Studies professor and department chair works as hard today building and promoting UWinnipeg as when he arrived in Canada 35 years ago.

Known for his distinctive accent, the gregarious professor was born in Grappenhall, Cheshire but raised in Penrith, in the beautiful Eden Valley of northern England. Living in an area with a name like Eden, it is hardly surprising that Lockery fell in love with the intricacies of the natural world.

He organized Outward Bound survival courses at the Brathay Institute, and a favourite teacher stimulated his deep interest in geology, which he followed to Durham University, one of Europe's top geography schools.

As an undergraduate, Lockery spent his summers in Italy, where he compared alpine agricultural systems to those back home and began his lifelong study of the Italian language. His graduate work focused on "isostatic rebound," the gradual rise of landforms which have been compressed by glaciers. While his research was conducted in the North Sea, Lockery maintained an interest in the shores of the Hudson Bay, where this isostatic rise is measurable with changes in sea level. With three job offers on the table at the completion of his PhD, Lockery chose UWinnipeg. "I wanted to be working near the Bay, and I heard the University of Winnipeg was right across the street," says Lockery, only half-joking about the nearby department store named after the prominent geographical location. With several new universities opening up in those days, many professors were coming to Canada from the UK, but the size of the country and relative locations were not well known.

Upon his arrival in 1968, Lockery set to work designing UWinnipeg's geology labs to replicate those at Durham University. "Given budget limitations, it was a challenge, but our labs here were developed as a 1/3 scale model of those of Europe's top geology school," Lockery explains. "We were able to do some amazing work here."

In 1970, Lockery founded Canada's first undergraduate Environmental Studies program—13 years ahead of any other undergraduate school. "With all the environmental concerns emerging then, we saw an opportunity to take the lead," says

Lockery. He built a broad and successful program, and with his skill in scuba diving and interest in marine archaeology, he became one of the first oceanography instructors on the Prairies. Lockery also went on to pioneer work in the recovery of fur-trade artifacts from the Winnipeg River and whaling fleets of the Arctic.

As a researcher, professor, and mentor, Lockery's work has received acclaim from students and the broader community alike. In 1983 the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) recognized the effectiveness of UWinnipeg's Environmental Studies Program, recommending it as a model program. His students showed their support as well, honouring Lockery with the Clifford J. Robson Award for teaching excellence (1996-1997).

Today, while retired from his professorial duties, Lockery continues to support UWinnipeg as acting director of the Enrolment Services department. His ability to articulate the benefits of a UWinnipeg arts and sciences education to students across Manitoba and Ontario has been a major contributor to recent enrolment increases, particularly from northern Ontario. Lockery has literally hundreds of high school visits to his credit, but he's just as committed to UWinnipeg's grads as he is to potential students. Lockery meets with alums each month to offer ongoing support and stay in touch, ensuring there is always guidance available on the journey from classroom to workplace. To contact Lockery, e-mail a.lockery@uwinnipeg.ca 📧

BORN TO RIDE

TEXT: Annette Elvers '93

When it comes to fashion, a tweed jacket and tie would fit the bill nicely for any proper British professor. Andy Lockery didn't mind putting on the suit for the photo-shoot, but underneath it's all neon. Cycling gear, to be precise.

Well over six feet tall and slender as a greyhound, Lockery has the build of an elite cyclist. While it's been some time since he competed, he is still passionate about his sport and can't be stopped by rain, snow, or even broken bones.

Despite an accident last summer that left Lockery with bumps, bruises, and a pelvis broken in three places, in less than a week he was back on his bike. "[My wife] Val had to help me onto my bike," says Lockery. "It was very painful, tears were streaming down my face." He started with short trips just the length of the driveway,

but was soon off and speeding down the highway, making sure he didn't miss his weekly breakfast with a local cycling group. "You have to keep at it, that's the key," says Lockery, who still rides daily.

Throughout his time as a cyclist Lockery has ridden his bicycle in Italy, Switzerland, the UK, the US, and Canada. With more than 200,000 miles under his belt (about 321,869 km), if you stretched his trips end to end he would have cycled across Canada 58 times.

When he's not working in the recruiting office at UWinnipeg, Lockery can often be found at Olympia Sport and Cycle on Portage Avenue where he sells and repairs bikes of all kinds, as well as other sporting equipment. Of course, you might just as easily find him cycling down the open road - rain or shine.

CKUW



CKUW Alums: Where Are They Now?

- Ben Sigurdson, assistant editor of Stylus magazine and current UWinnipeg student
- '98 Deanna Radford, editor of Stylus magazine
- '98 Matt Henderson, former UWSA president and current Housing Coordinator
- '93 Barbara Stewart, entertainment writer and former Stylus magazine editor
- '93 Bartley Kives, Winnipeg Free Press reporter
- '93 Jill Wilson, former Stylus magazine editor and current Uptown copy editor/staff writer
- '92 Todd Hofley, star of Toronto musical Mama Mia
- '90 David Sherman, director of the Jazz Winnipeg Festival
- '90 Paul Bramadat, UWinnipeg Religious Studies professor
- '89 Steve Bates, VideoPool teaching coordinator and sound artist
- '87 Devin Latimer, UWinnipeg Chemistry professor
- '60 Keith Black, former UWinnipeg board chair



HOMEGROWN RADIO

TEXT: Jill Wilson '93

For almost 30 years, UWinnipeg's CKUW radio station was really just a public address system, piped into Lockhart Hall, the Buffeteria, and later, the Bulman Student Centre.





Jill Wilson, freelance writer and CKUW DJ

Rob Schmidt, CKUW station manager

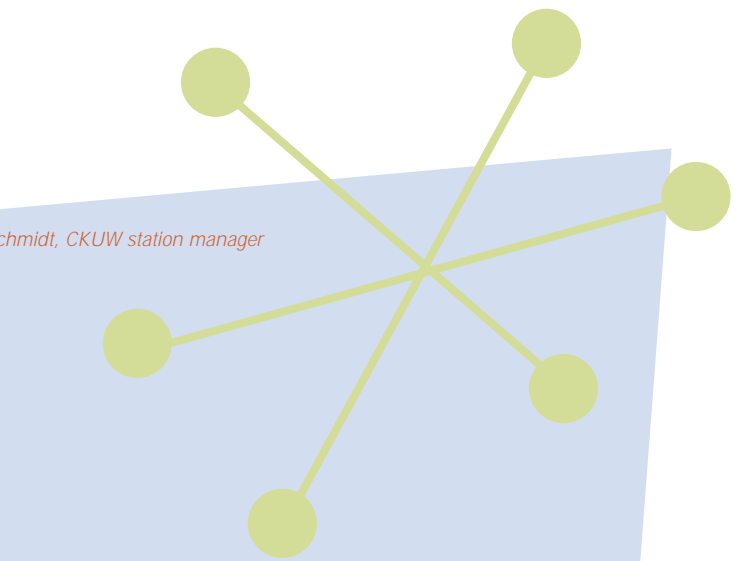
Despite the fact that Winnipeg was for many years the largest metropolitan area in North America without a campus/ community radio station, the concept of getting CKUW on the air seemed like a pipe dream. But since 1999, listeners from all across Winnipeg have been able to tune in to CKUW at 95.9 FM, and from all indications, they like it a lot.

And what's not to like? CKUW's programming runs the gamut with shows for all ages from kids to seniors and music from classical to punk and blues. Like the University that CKUW calls home, the station also opens up topics for debate, offering alternative political viewpoints and philosophies not often voiced in the mainstream media.

So how did CKUW make the leap from lowly PA system to a homegrown FM entity? About 10 years ago, an undaunted group of students and alumni formed a steering committee with the goal of getting CKUW on the air. They schemed, scrimped, and saved, put together business plans and, in 1996, hired Rob Schmidt as full-time station manager to fight for an FM licence.

"I think that one of the first things I noticed was that there were dozens and dozens of people in the community who not only knew about the station and its long history, but who were also interested in helping it grow," says Schmidt, formerly of McMaster University's campus radio station CFMU. "It was clear that there was a whole underground in Winnipeg that was waiting for this to happen and ready to help out.


"The word 'community' is one that comes up a lot around CKUW. Though it broadcasts across the city, the station has its downtown location very much in mind. Much of its programming revolves around inner-city issues and the station is dedicated to promoting events in the urban core," adds Schmidt.



Matt Henderson, a volunteer DJ who does both music and a talk show on CKUW, feels the station's commitment to its community mirrors that of the University. "The University of Winnipeg is part of the community and it's trying to tear down that image of the ivory tower," says Henderson, former UWSA president and current Housing Coordinator at the University of Winnipeg. "It's the same thing with CKUW; we're inviting people in, be they seniors or people from all walks of life, to do programs and participate in community radio. In that sense, it seems like CKUW and the University are both on the same wavelength, reaching out to the community."

Although UWinnipeg students now provide about 60 per cent of the station's funding with a portion of their student fees—a recent referendum increased their donation to \$10 per student—the public puts its money where its ears are during the station's annual fundraiser. The weeklong event, known as the "fundrive," encourages listeners to donate money to the station. CKUW's management says that community support has been overwhelming. In 2003, CKUW projected a \$33,000 return from the fundrive, but by the end of the campaign, donations added up to more than \$45,000.

"I think the concept of the fundrive ties in really well with the whole concept of community radio," says Schmidt. "For us, the idea is that we're supported by the community that listens to us. It's listener-driven radio."

The station's monthly program guide, Stylus, contains the weekly programming schedule. For more information on CKUW 95.9 FM, call 204.786.9782 or go to www.ckuw.org 



Ariel Zylberman—philosopher, teacher, and student of life—is rarely at a loss for words. But as he and his friends sat around a campfire only days before his family was scheduled to leave their homeland of Argentina, there were no words to describe what he was feeling. “Fond memories came flooding back—languorous Sunday barbeques, conversations, and pizza that lasted till the wee hours of the morning. Leaving my friends felt like losing a part of myself.

“Everything after that happened too quickly for fears and reservations to register,” he recalls. Immersed in a new culture with an unfamiliar language, Zylberman’s family adopted an optimistic outlook. “Instead of seeing obstacles, we saw opportunities for growth.”

Zylberman brought out the best in others through his work as editor of the *Western Undergraduate Journal of Philosophy* and in his founding of the current Philosophy Department lunch-hour seminars. In addition to volunteering with the Jewish Child and Family Services as a Big Brother, he devoted himself to his work as a Teaching Assistant. “It was uniquely satisfying to watch students making new discoveries. Their eyes shine with a brighter light, as if it were a sign that in that moment nature had unveiled a secret and they had become a little wiser.”

This fall Zylberman plans to pursue a master’s degree in Philosophy at Oxford. He sees his work there as a continuation of what he began at UWinnipeg. “Knowledge and understanding

RHODES SCHOLAR EMBARKS ON

TEXT: Paula Denbow PHOTO: grajewski.fotograph

Aware of the sacrifices his parents made to give their children a better life, Zylberman seized every available opportunity—including a university education. When he arrived on campus, he knew only that he wanted an education; the choice to take Philosophy was random. “I started without a map. My only guidance came from a drive for inner exploration.” Philosophy struck a chord, he remembers. “As I studied, what once seemed obvious and true was called into question. This approach has been essential in making me the kind of thinker I am today.”

Throughout his studies Zylberman has worked as a tutor in ESL and Spanish while maintaining an exceptional academic record. Along the way he has received numerous honours, including a Rhodes Scholarship from Oxford University and UWinnipeg’s most prestigious award, the Sir William Stephenson Scholarship. “Ariel is an outstanding scholar,” says Brian Keenan, Chair of the Philosophy Department. “In over 25 years of teaching he has been one of my best students and among the finest people I’ve ever met.”

are like a big ball of clay,” he offers, “continually reshaping as you grow. The exploration I began here has no end. On a few occasions I have found myself talking with professors about the exciting ideas of various authors—only to discover that next year I will be studying with these people. What could be more thrilling?” After completing his PhD, he hopes to return to the University of Winnipeg as a professor of Philosophy. “Teaching here would be enormously gratifying.”

Zylberman recognizes that he has come full circle. “I find myself sad about leaving home once again; however, my sadness is tempered with the knowledge that each physical move has been a stepping stone in a profound philosophical journey.” ■



PHILOSOPHICAL EXPLORATION

UWinnipeg's Academic Legacy

Rhodes Scholarships are awarded annually throughout the Commonwealth, in the United States, and Europe. Only three such scholarships are allotted to the prairie region of Canada, which includes Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba.

Students from UWinnipeg, home to approximately four per cent of the Western Region student population, have received six out of the 29 Rhodes Scholarships allotted to the prairies in the past ten years. Overall, the University of Winnipeg family of alumni has 30 Rhodes Scholars within its distinguished membership:

2002 Ariel Zylberman
2001 Karlee Silver
1997 David Selchen
1996 Mark Matz
1993 Claudia Hudspeth
1992 Arash Abizadeh
1985 Allan E. Gotlieb, CC, LLD
1975 Jim Matthews
1974 Boris William Tyzuk
1959 D. Trevor Anderson, QC
1950 Norman Cantor
1950 William Norrie, CM, OM, QC
1946 Robert Joseph Moyse
1942 Neill Edward Currie
1938 Ruston William Lawson

1927 John King Gordon
1916 C. Rhodes Smith
1916 G. P. R. Tallin
1913 William Burton Hurd
1912 Simon Abrahamson
1912 Alfred Ewart
1912 Morley S. Lougheed
1912 W.F. Nason
1911 Eldon Rooklidge Siddall
1910 Joseph T. Thorson
1909 Skuli Johnson
1908 Howard Robert Lawrence Henry
1905 William J. Rose
Prabhat Kiran S. Jha (Associate Alumnus)

CLASS ACTS

TEXT: Betsy Van der Graaf

1940s

'43, '64 **DD Peter White** was Senior Stick in 1943 and went on to become the United Church Christian Education Secretary for Manitoba. He later worked in a number of senior posts in the national offices of the church. He and his wife Patricia have three children and seven grandchildren. Peter notes that the Class of '43 will celebrate their 60th anniversary this year.

1950s

'50, '81 **William Norrie, LLD** was appointed Manitoba's first provincial conflict of interest commissioner.

'57 **Jane (Owens) Maurer** is a judge in the civil court of the city of New York.

1960s

'60, '96, '97 **DCE Barbara Kelly** was elected to the board of directors of the Canadian Association of Professional Speakers.

'61, '95 **D.Litt. William Valgardson** was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

'64 **Shirley Render**, a Prix Manitoba award winner for her preservation and promotion of Canada's aviation history, was appointed executive director of the Western Canada Aviation Museum. Shirley has written two books, *No Place for a Lady: The Story of Canadian Women Pilots* and *Double Cross: The Inside Story of James A. Richardson and Canadian Airways*. She has recently begun research for her third book on the story of Canada's flight attendants from 1938 to 2001.

'66 **Robert Grose** is business agent for Civic Service Union 52 in Edmonton.

'67 **Allan Miller** has retired from elementary school teaching and is doing volunteer work. He would love to get e-mail from his old friends at allanmiller@pobox.com

'67 **R. Wayne Peasgood** is principal consultant at IBM Business Consulting Services in Toronto.

'68 **Harry Nelken** performed in *The Chosen* at the MTC Warehouse Theatre.

'69 **Martin Robson**, UWinnipeg Salary Administration Officer, received a Certificate of Recognition from the Human Resource Association of Universities of Western Canada in appreciation of his many years of service as editor of the association's newsletter, *The Auricle*.

1970s

'70 **Alan Baldwin** retired from Shaw Cablesystems. He now travels and does marketing consulting, coaching, and teaching. He writes fondly via e-mail about his UWinnipeg days when '68 **Tom Axworthy** defended him at a kangaroo court (and lost), the hours spent in Tom's basement playing with his Eldon Road Race set (a fore-runner of video games), and the fencing team that included '71 **Anne Waters-Bayer** (see page 8), '71 **David Hart**, and '70 **Bill Morrison**.

'70 **Glenn Chudley** is Director of Living Benefits Underwriting and Claims at Great-West Life Assurance. For the past three years Glenn has also done consulting work with an international reinsurance company in Australia.

'70 **Jean (MacKidd) Ennis** is Human Resources Manager at the regional district of Comox-Strathcona in Courtenay, B.C. and runs her own consulting company.

'70 **Don Grenier** retired from the Canadian Armed Forces in 1994 with the rank of Captain. He is active as a Legion member and a volunteer for the CNIB and Canadian Blood Services. Don also enjoys spending time with his grandchildren.

'70 **Michael Moskal** is the Deer Lodge Centre gardener supervisor in Winnipeg. Michael plays piano and accordion in a jazz band called Major Squeeze. He also plays in a two-accordion 6-piece polka band called Polka Overdrive.

'71 **Tim Duprey** was appointed chief operating officer of the Disability Benefits Plan at the Manitoba Teachers' Society.

'71 **Kenneth Lee** received the 2002 Chartered Accountants of Manitoba Community Service Award.

'72 **Allan Dueck** retired in 1997 after 32 years of teaching. Allan recently started part-time work at Winnipeg Public Libraries.

'74 **Margaret Sweatman** won the Sunburst Award for best Canadian fantasy book, *When Alice Lay Down With Peter*.

'75 **Robert Bamburak** is a strategic business analyst in the corporate planning and development division at Manitoba Hydro.

'75 **Barry Mitchell** has returned to Winnipeg after a long absence. Barry is a physiotherapist at D'Arcy Bain Physiotherapy.

'76 **Ivan Sabesky**, '83 **David Martin**, '84 **Marianna Muzyka**, '94 **Timmy Sharma**, '98 **Chasity Remillard** were among those appointed to the first Seven Oaks/Inkster community health advisory council, a new initiative of the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority. River East/Transcona community health advisory council appointments included '56 **Peter Isaak** and '69 **Kerry Strom**.

'77 **Jim Derksen** received the 2002 Manitoba Human Rights Commitment Award in recognition of his commitment to advancing human rights in Manitoba.

'77 **Robert Weller**, '71 **Bernard Freeman**, and '71 **Cheryl (Richardson) Freeman** retired from the Mystery Lake School Division in Thompson, Man. Cheryl has returned to school to study Fine Arts at the University of Manitoba.

'78 **Frederick W. Carsted** is a chemistry teacher at St. John's-Ravenscourt School in Winnipeg. Fred has been a member of a traditional folk music group called "Simpson's Folly" for the past 12 years. Simpson's Folly recently released their fourth CD, a collection of 18th- and 19th-century military songs called "Redcoats and Bluejackets."

'78 **Lori Toews Friesen** is director of finance for MBMS International, a global mission agency of the Mennonite Brethren Church of Canada.

'78 **David Henteleff**, Associate Alumnus won the Liberal nomination in the riding of Fort Rouge and will run in the next provincial election in Manitoba.

'78 **Walter Krivda** retired as supervisor of extension services at Keewatin College in The Pas, Manitoba.

'79, '85 **Ron Lemieux** was appointed Manitoba's Minister of Education and Youth.

'79, '81, '02 **M. Dwight Rutherford** received a Master of Sacred Theology in October and is serving the Binscarth-Foxwarren Pastoral Charge in Manitoba.

1980s

'80 **Carol (Ashcroft) Finlay** is a piano teacher and manages Whyte Ridge Music Centre in Winnipeg. Carol has three children.

'81 **Heather (Careless) Jenkins, Associate Alumna**, is a physiotherapist at Winnipeg Children's Hospital.

'81 **Sandra Swidinsky** is a library assistant at St. Andrew's College at the University of Manitoba.

'81 **Martin Then** lives in Australia where he is dispute resolution manager for Swann Insurance.

'83 **Diana (Wookey) De Blonde** recently returned to Winnipeg from Ottawa, where she continued her education and raised three children. Diana is an office assistant at the University of Winnipeg.

'84 **Grant Linnen** is general sales manager at Clear Channel Radio in Pasco, Wash.

'84 **Joanne Marjorie Martin** is an administrative assistant at the Counsellor Training Institute in Kelowna, BC where she is enjoying life with her two sons.

'85 **Chrisendath Rajnarinesingh** is manager of the North West Regional Health Authority in Freeport, Trinidad, where she has been practising in the pharmaceutical field for the past 15 years.

'85 **Andrew Stelmack** has resigned from his position at the Princess of Wales Theatre in Toronto as principal lead with *Disney's The Lion King*. Andrew has been in the show since December 2000.

'86 **Menno Wiebe** of Akron, Penn. is co-director of Mennonite Central Committee programs in Jordan and Iraq.

'87 **Jeffrey Cathcart** is director of advertising at the Winnipeg Sun.

'87 **John Gray** is an assistant professor of Biology at the University of Saskatchewan.

'87 **Sabine Langner** and her spouse '91 **Robert Farkasch** live in Arlington, Wash. Sabine is a family physician and Robert is professor of Political Science at both the University of British Columbia and University of Washington. Robert and Sabine are the parents of Julia, born March 18, 2002.

'87, '88 **Katherine Rajah** and her husband '87 **Puvan Ariaratnam** live in Singapore. Katherine is a lecturer at Temasek Polytechnic and Puvan is the principal at Canberra Secondary School.

'88 **Edward Haluschak** is program director at the Registrar Court of Queen's Bench, Manitoba Department of Justice. Edward completed a Human Resource Management Certificate in 1994, and a Management Development Certificate (Honours) in 1999.

'88 **Bruce Hamm** is manager of security loss analysis and control at Canada Post in Winnipeg.

'88, '89 **Rathi (Anandacumarasamy) Parimalan** is the principal at Bendemeer Secondary School in Singapore.

'89 **Zuriani Mohd Zain** is a teacher in Malaysia at Hodaima HJ Halil.

'89 **Nasiruddin Nasrun** is business development manager at the Imperia Institute of Technology in West Malaysia.

'89 **Charysse Pawley** and her husband announce the arrival of a baby girl, Katrina Nicole Pawley Mason, born in Windsor, Ont. on November 4, 2002.

'89 **Kurt Zinkan** is a shift supervisor at the Calgary Young Offender Centre. He credits his Bachelor of Arts degree for his professional success.

1990s

'90 **Caroline (Ackerman) Harkins** is retired and writing a cookbook.

'90 **Todd Kundel** started his own business in 1999 specializing in custom business computing and software management.

'91 **Michelle Baert** received a Manitoba Customer Contact Association award in 2002 recognizing her outstanding performance in the customer contact industry. Michelle is employed with Manitoba Hydro.

'91 **Zanariah Jano** is a tutor at Kolej University Teknikal in Malaysia.

'91 **DCE**, '98 **Karen (Botan) Keppler** was elected to the board of directors of the Canadian Association of Professional Speakers. '90, '95 **Michael Bayer** was elected the Association's president.

'91 **Margaret May Lee Lim** is a lecturer at the Institute of Technical Education in Singapore.

'91 **Ann Marie (Fournillier) Mulrain** is employed by social services in the City of Toronto.

'91 **Lois Unrau** is enrolled in the Master of Divinity program at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana.

'92 **Bernadine Comegan-Arsenault** is employed with the Aboriginal branch of Manitoba's health program.

'92 **Darlene (Mansell) Werbiski** owns Cuts Ahead hair salon in Dauphin, Man. Darlene is married with two children.

'93 **Harvey Chochinov** was named Canada's first Research Chair in Palliative Care at the University of Manitoba. Harvey, a University of Manitoba professor of Psychiatry, was also awarded \$122,000 to set up a multidisciplinary research unit at CancerCare Manitoba.

'93 **Kevin Longfield's** play *Sunset or Sundown* was read in December at the Public Theater of Kentucky.

'93 **Lisa MacKenzie** certified as a project management professional in 2002.

'93, '90 **Collegiate Wah Choo** is finance and business manager for Comm. Passion Mobile P/L in Singapore.

'93 **Keng Siew Koay** is service planning manager at Fuji Xerox Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd. in Kuala Lumpur, Singapore.

'93 **Soo Ching Lim** is senior executive officer at Methodist Welfare Services in Singapore.

'93 **Keng Keong Phang** is a program manager at Siemens, Malaysia.

'94, '98 **Martha Fortier** and husband Ray announce the birth of their first child, Stephan Paul Fortier, who was born on November 27, 2002. Martha is the Past President of the University of Winnipeg Alumni Association.

'94 **Jason Fuerst** was elected to the board of directors of the Manitoba WorkinfoNET.

'94 **Rita Richter** and '00 **Daniel Richter** are employed with the government of Canada Armed Forces. Rita is a communications officer with 735 Communication Squadron (Communications Reserves) and Daniel is a logistics officer with the Canadian Forces Regular Force.

'94 **Douglas Woods** is executive director of Mission Possible in British Columbia.

'95 **François Conan** is self-employed in Singapore.

'95 **Kristin Kell** is a grade two teacher with the San Lorenzo Unified School District in California.

'95, '00 **Kim Picklyk** is a senior business analyst with EDS, a Winnipeg computer consulting company.

'95 **Jon Unger Brandt** and '98 **Lori Unger Brandt** have a son, Ezra John, born on April 2, 2002. The Unger Brandt family lives in Pennsylvania where Jon is director of communications with Eastern Mennonite Missions.

'96 **Jacqueline (Lau) Yuet Mei** is employed with Citibank in Hong Kong.

'96 **Kevin Rodkin** is a technical writer for ESC, Inc. in Bethlehem, Penn.

'97 **Steven A. Kohm** is a PhD candidate in criminology at Simon Fraser University. He teaches at both Simon Fraser University and Kwantlen University College.

'98 **Christina (Wersch) Bulas** married Darrin Bulas and now works with him on their farm in Plumas, Man.

'98 **Graham Carlyle** is a hydrogeologist with Dillon Consulting in Winnipeg.

'98 **DCE Stephen West** is policy and information coordinator at Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization.

'99 **Kiran Das** is project manager at AsiaBuildOnline in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

'99, '02 **Kris Diaz** is teaching theatre and English at Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School. Kris married Riel Dion in September last year.

'99 **Melanie (Clubb) Moore** is a crisis support worker in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Melanie graduated from Lakehead University in 2002 with a BA (Hons.) in Social Work. She and her husband are expecting their first child in March, 2003.

'99 **Steven Quiring** is a PhD student at the University of Delaware.

2000s


'01 **David Farmer** and '01 **Rosalie Harms-Siemens** graduated from the Asper School of Business MBA program in 2002.

'00 **DCE Valerie Atkinson** is a senior solutions architect at Convergys Corporation in Winnipeg.

'01 **Shannon Letandre** is a researcher at the Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre in Winnipeg. Shannon is a member of a group working on a project entitled *Stolen Generations*, which involves the creation of a book of stories and a website about Aboriginal adoptees.

'01 **Heidi Magnuson-Ford** is working with Winnipeg Harvest as an agency liaison.

'01 **Cara Wilkie** is studying law at Osgoode Hall in Toronto, Ont.

'02 **Robert Brousson** is a dry chain off-bearer labourer on the Alaska Highway. 

THE 2002 INTERNATIONAL WRITERS' FESTIVAL

Many UWinnipeg Alumni participated in this year's festival, held in Winnipeg. Featured writers included:

'99 **Associate Alumnus Jon Paul Fiorentino**; '77 **David Kuhl**; '95 **Marvin Francis**; '93 **Tomson Highway, D.Litt.**; '85 **David Bergen**; '84 **Maurice Mierau**; '76, '98 **LLD Bill Richardson**; '74 **Margaret Sweatman**; '72 **Linda Holeman**; and, '72 **Sheldon Oberman**.

IN MEMORIAM

The University of Winnipeg offers its condolences to the families of the following alumni and friends 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 alumni.

Barthelemy (Routledge), Louise BA '34

Block, Rev. Isaac MST '86 on September 25, 2002 at Winnipeg, Man.

Brockington (Stokes), Cheryl BA '85 on August 6, 2002 at Winnipeg, Man.

Enns, Henry BA '66 on August 13, 2002 at Colombo, Sri Lanka

Fairfield (Wilner), Patricia Marlene BA (Hons.) '73 on February 16, 2002

Foster (Church), Evelyn Pearl BA '34 on November 4, 2002 at Winnipeg, Man.

Fowler, Roderick BA '70 on October 4, 2002 at Winnipeg, Man.

Hampton (Hutmacher), Maureen BA '72 on November 2, 2002 at Lafayette, Col.

Hatcher, John Stuart, Collegiate '61, BA '72 on December 4, 2002 at Winnipeg, Man.

Hoeschen, Richard Associate Alumnus '82 on September 16, 2002 at Winnipeg, Man.

Howard, Right Rev. Dr. Wilbur LLD '75 on April 17, 2001

Jack, Colin BA '33

Jackson (Storey), Norah BA '35 on October 31, 2002 at Ganonoque, Ont.

Johnston, Dennis Scott BA '69 on October 27, 2002 at Winnipeg, Man.

Kydon, Donald, UWinnipeg physics professor, on March 9 at Winnipeg, Man.

McKenty (Rait), Mary Associate Alumna '34 on November 22, 2002 at Winnipeg, Man.

McPherson, Robert Franklin T '54, BA '64, BD '69, M.Div. '75 on August 31, 2002 at Vancouver, B.C.

MacIntosh, Nathan BA '80 on December 14, 1998

Maissan, Heather B.Sc. '00 on December 7, 2002 at Winnipeg, Man.

Martin, Grace BA '36 on November 16, 2002 at Winnipeg, Man.

Mezquita (Rumpel), Margarita B.Sc. '92 on August 11, 2002 at Lakeville, Minn.

Mizobuchi, John Jun BA '67 on July 30, 2002 at Ottawa, Ont.

Morrison, Neil BA '35 on November 27, 2002 at Ottawa, Ont.

Nelsova, Zara LLD '85 on October 10, 2002 at Manhattan, N.Y.

Renton, Allan C. Collegiate '46, BA '55 on September 8, 2002 at Winnipeg, Man.

Ridd, Rev. Carl, UWinnipeg religious studies professor, on March 29 at Winnipeg, Man.


Roberts (Palmer), Carol BA '55, T '58, M.Div. '86, MST '92

Ross (Charzewski) Mercy B.Sc. (4-year) '79 on November 3, 2002 at Winnipeg, Man.

Taylor, Robert Alan BA (4-year) '96 on November 23, 2002 at Winnipeg, Man.

Vincent (MacLean), Evelyn BA '39 on October 24, 2002 at Victoria, B.C.

Whitaker, Cyril BA '50

Widurski (Morrison), Alice BA '33 on November 8, 2002, Fort Frances, Ont. 



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Gratitude

TEXT: Patti (Clark) Tweed '95



Twenty years of making a difference: Philip Weiss


Expressing gratitude takes many forms. It can be a simple “thank you” for a job well done. A small but thoughtful gift, chosen with care for a loved one. A single dandelion, given with love, by a child to her grandparent.

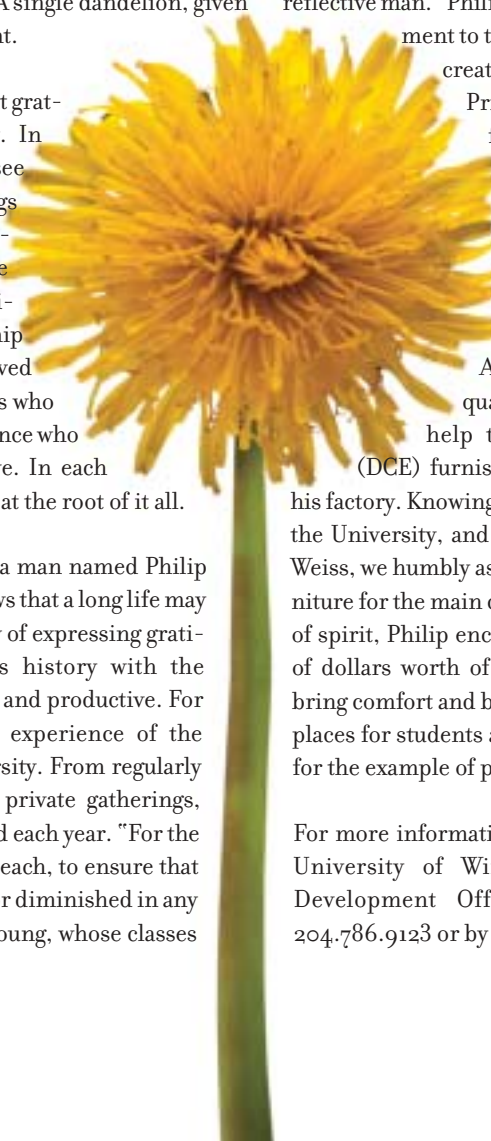
Throughout the journey of life heartfelt gratitude inspires continued generosity. In the context of the University setting I see the many ways in which gratitude brings out the best in people. The recent graduate who gives the gift of time to the Alumni Association; the group of family and friends who create a scholarship to celebrate the life and work of a beloved professor; the United College alumnus who recalls fond memories of life in residence who makes a gift to the Housing Initiative. In each case, an outpouring of appreciation is at the root of it all.

Recently, it was my privilege to meet a man named Philip Weiss. Through the joys and the sorrows that a long life may bring, Philip has an extraordinary way of expressing gratitude in all circumstances. Philip’s history with the University of Winnipeg has been long and productive. For nearly 20 years he has shared his experience of the Holocaust with students at the University. From regularly scheduled lectures and seminars to private gatherings, Philip’s dedication has been expressed each year. “For the best of reasons Philip Weiss wants to teach, to ensure that the Holocaust will never be forgotten or diminished in any way,” says History Professor Robert Young, whose classes

have been enriched by Philip’s presence. “I am but one who has been moved by such fierce determination within a gentle and reflective man.” Philip has also expressed his personal commitment to the education of the younger generation by creating a special Holocaust Memorial Essay Prize. This annual cash prize is awarded to a first-year UWinnipeg student for the best essay on the Holocaust experience. Philip attends the award ceremony, listens to the presentation, and receives a copy of the winning essay for his own archives.

Last fall Philip was at it again. Retiring in August of 2002, after 50 years of producing quality custom furniture, Philip offered to help the Division of Continuing Education (DCE) furnish their space with beautiful pieces from his factory. Knowing the great needs for furniture in the rest of the University, and knowing the generous capacity of Philip Weiss, we humbly asked him to expand the gift to include furniture for the main campus. With his characteristic generosity of spirit, Philip encouraged our selection of many thousands of dollars worth of beautifully crafted furniture, enough to bring comfort and beauty to DCE and to provide lovely resting places for students all around campus. We are deeply grateful for the example of people like Philip Weiss.

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