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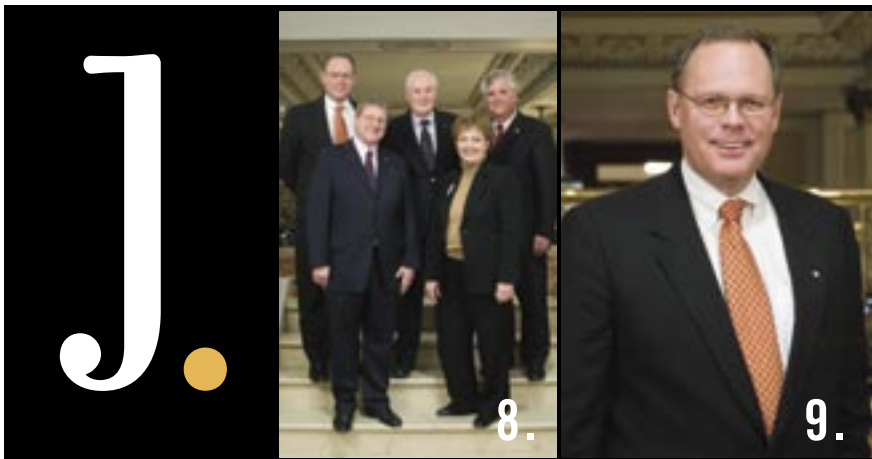
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Hong Kong Gathering: A MEMORABLE EVENING



November 22, 2005 was a great day for Hong Kong graduates of The University of Winnipeg because of the alumni gathering. It was a great opportunity to meet up with other alumni in Hong Kong to share our memories of the good old days and to discover the whereabouts of friends with whom we spent time at the University. Of course, we were also eager to catch up on what's new at our alma mater.

Over 60 alumni and guests turned up at the Banker's Club where we all had a most enjoyable evening. In addition to alumni, special guests from the University joined the event, including **Robert Bend**, Associate Vice-President (Student Services) and Dean of Collegiate; **Lesley Thomson**, Senior Executive Officer & Advisor to the President; and **Janet Walker** (BA '78), with The University of Winnipeg of Foundation. We were very honoured to have University of Winnipeg President **Lloyd Axworthy** (BA '61, LLD '98) as the guest speaker of the event.

Dr. Axworthy gave us a brief overview of the latest developments of our alma mater. He highlighted the record growth in The University of Winnipeg's student population and its ambitious plans for campus expansion and redevelopment. We are also delighted to know that the University has continued to be recognized internationally for its supreme quality of education and its outstanding faculties.

Last but not least, I would like to thank **Richard Walker, Shelly Cory, and Lois Cherney** (BA '84, DCE '93) for their tremendous support and all the logistical arrangements for the gathering. Their coordination and the nice souvenirs that they brought to the party helped make the evening a most memorable and enjoyable one! 🍷

*Timothy Lo, BA '83
Hong Kong*

Please see story on Hong Kong alumni event on page 5.

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Coming Home

When I returned to Manitoba recently after more than a decade in the Ottawa area, I was pleased to see some familiar faces at my alma mater. History Chair **Nolan Reilly**, English Professor **Catherine Hunter**, and **Allen Mills** of the Politics department are still at U of W and still inspiring students the way they did when I was a Canadian Studies major in the early 90s. But I was also pleased to see how much things are changing. New computer labs, Wesley Hall under renovation, Spence Street primed for redevelopment, and plans to expand beyond the campus boundaries. These were just some of the things that indicate that this University has exciting plans.

Equally exciting are the new academic initiatives underway. The new Global College is just one example. In this edition, we look at how the College is becoming an international centre for an array of global issues: from study of human rights, to research of immigrant diasporas, to creation of a degree program on infectious diseases. The College is attracting prominent speakers to campus, including former general, now Senator, Roméo Dallaire, and **Rev. Bill Blaikie**, MP (BA '73) among others.

As Alumni, you have an important role to play. We look forward to your active participation and support for initiatives such as Global College, and as we prepare to celebrate 40 years as a university in 2007-08.

It's an exciting time to be around U of W. I'm thrilled to be back. I hope you'll come back too—whether you live down the street or on the other side of the globe—perhaps for Homecoming in 2007-08!

Cheers!

Daniel T. Hurley (BA '93)
Executive Director
Government, University and Alumni Relations
The University of Winnipeg

P.S. **Lois Cherney** (BA '84, DCE '93) former Alumni director and editor of this *Journal*, has taken up a new position at U of W. We wish her well! As a result, we are moving ahead with staffing our Alumni office. If a career with our team is of interest to you or anyone you know, keep an eye on our website, www.uwinnipeg.ca, for job postings in the very near future.



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



For Canadians, from the moment we are born, we are given a package of rights as citizens. Sadly, that's not the case in many parts of the world.

In early April, I flew to Peru to head the Organization of American States (OAS) Electoral Observation Mission that monitored the April 9 general elections in

Peru. This mission also paved the way for University of Winnipeg students, alumni, and faculty to witness "democracy in action."

Through its Global College, The University of Winnipeg was the first post-secondary institution ever to have students involved in an OAS mission of this kind. UWinnipeg is leading the way to further youth involvement in other OAS-monitored elections in the hemisphere. Our involvement demonstrates the University's commitment to globalizing and internationalizing our curriculum for students and giving them hands-on experience on the world stage.

For **Emina Cingel** (BA '05), a Yugoslavian refugee who fled her war-torn country in 1993, representing Canada on this mission was especially meaningful. "In the eyes of the world, Canada's reputation is huge and our Canadian values are upheld as examples of democracy," said Cingel, who graduated in International Development Studies and Conflict Resolution Studies. She will continue her studies this Fall at Humber College's International Project Management program. "This was a great opportunity after studying international development to get experience in the field."

Ewald Friesen, a fourth-year Honours Politics student, said armed with his years of study on how democracy works, the Peru mission represented an opportunity to actually promote

democracy worldwide. "It was an amazing opportunity and a chance to be a good ambassador for The University of Winnipeg and Canada."

The University's Global College, established just over a year ago, was created to build such connections with the global community through prominent international guest speakers, dialogue, research, and action. The student involvement on the OAS Electoral Observation Mission is just one way The University of Winnipeg is facilitating opportunities for its students and alumni to make a difference as global citizens.

Recently, The University of Winnipeg announced the establishment of an \$80,000 Peace Education Fund, through the Global College, to support immigrants/war-affected refugees pursuing higher education. The Global College has struck a chord with students and citizens from around the world providing a research and dialogue hub that will enable today's keenest minds to focus on internationally-relevant solutions to global warming, infectious disease, and human rights-related issues.

A college without borders, Global College is playing an increasingly important role as a vehicle for change. If you believe that every person in every country deserves the same human rights that we enjoy in Canada, and that The University of Winnipeg has an obligation to champion the advancement of these moral imperatives, then please support the Global College.

Lloyd Axworthy,
President and Vice-Chancellor



research

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A college without borders, UWinnipeg's Global College is providing a vital nexus for research, discussion, debate, and action. Add your voice to those grappling with what it means to be a global citizen.

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UWINNIPEG ENROLMENT:

Another Record Set!

TEXT: Ilana Simon, BA '84

Spending hours in a slow-moving line through Wesley Hall to pay for tuition is a thing of the past at The University of Winnipeg—thanks to the new **Student Central**.

Launched last Fall, Student Central is a “one-stop shop” providing an array of student services such as tuition fee payments, course registration and withdrawals, confirmation of enrolment letters and transcripts, photo ID, and locker assignments.

Three full-time and one part-time employee (all UWinnipeg grads) assist hundreds of students per day during peak periods through Student Central, located in Centennial Hall across from the Ellice Avenue entrance.

“Students are definitely making use of Student Central and consistently express that they are glad to have an easy-to-find, conveniently-located student information centre where they can change their courses and pay for them at the same,” said Student Central Customer Service Representative **Michael Reid** (BA Hons. '05).

In addition to meeting the demands of a record number of students, Student Central also serves alumni seeking transcripts, new students navigating their way around the campus, and future students seeking information on admission to UWinnipeg.

The University set an enrolment record for the fourth year in a row this academic year with 9,200 full- and part-time registered students as of January 2006—up from last year’s head count of 8,699.

“The increase can be attributed to factors like demographics and the continuation of the tuition fee freeze. We receive very high satisfaction scores in all of our surveys and ‘word of mouth’ attracts many students,” said **Rob Bend**, Associate Vice-President Academic (Student Services).

President **Lloyd Axworthy** (BA '61, LLD '98) said that The University of Winnipeg’s commitment to providing access to post-secondary education to students from all sectors of society, and from across the province and around the world, is also being noticed. “The increases we’ve seen this year indicate that our vision of an open and diverse university, with high academic standards, is resonating with students.”

In response to the growing number of students and to satisfy the needs of part-time students and adult learners, the University is expanding its traditional course schedule with augmented course options available summer, evenings, and weekends.

Additionally, the online course registration Student Information System (SIS)—slated to be operational during the 2006/07 academic year—will enhance the University’s registration process for all students. ■

INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

Hong Kong Alumni Event, New Partnerships & More!

TEXT: Ilana Simon, BA '84

President **Lloyd Axworthy** (BA '61, LLD '98) and Associate Vice-President Academic (Student Services) **Rob Bend** led a down-to-business University of Winnipeg alumni and fund-raising trip to Asia in November that was an unqualified success.

A rigorous schedule of meetings with officials from business, government, academia, Canadian embassies, and potential donors, resulted in securing an unprecedented donation to The University of Winnipeg. Additionally, important partnerships were forged with our Asian academic counterparts and the Hong Kong branch of the University’s Alumni Association was revitalized.

“This investment of time and energy was worthwhile as evidenced by the many tangible outcomes,” said Axworthy. “We secured a substantial gift to the University that will enable international students to study here, demonstrating the importance of proactive relationship-building with potential

donors. Our students—and indeed our University—will benefit from the generosity of global philanthropist **Sir Gordon Wu** of Hong Kong. (Watch for news on this major donation in the Fall 2006 *Alumni Journal*).

Approximately 50 University of Winnipeg and Collegiate grads attended the Hong Kong alumni event, prompting the re-establishment of the Hong Kong alumni association under the leadership of **Timothy Lo** (BA '83) and **Sparky Fong** (Collegiate '84, B.Sc. '86, BA 4-year '88). The two volunteers will update alumni Hong Kong alumni lists, assist in recruitment of international students for UWinnipeg, and plan alumni events in Hong Kong.

Another major accomplishment was a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between The University of Winnipeg and Hong Kong University of Science and Technology to collaborate on undergraduate and faculty exchanges focusing on environmental programs, Global College, and joint delivery of Summer Institutes.

Axworthy and Bend also connected with university presidents and heads of schools throughout Hong Kong, China, and Thailand, sowing the seeds for future associations, recruitment of students, and exchanges. Axworthy was also the keynote speaker at the Hong Kong University’s Department of Politics & Public Administration, Thailand-Canadian Chamber of Commerce, Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong, and the Hong Kong alumni event. ■

TEXT: Katherine Unruh PHOTOS: Ilana Simon, BA '84



GLOBAL COLLEGE

James Johnston is more convinced than ever that he made the right choice for his university studies – especially after hearing from a Canadian hero.

“To hear firsthand from Roméo Dallaire and his experience in Rwanda reinforced my resolve to continue my studies in politics and international law,” said the fourth-year student at The University of Winnipeg.

Johnston was among the overflow crowd of more than 700 people—including scores of high school and UWinnipeg students and alumni—who attended a free public lecture with Senator Roméo Dallaire March 9, 2006 at the University.

The lecture was part of an intensive student workshop on human rights that Johnston and a team of keen students spearheaded through the University’s new Global College. Presented by the College’s Delegation of Rights & Democracy, the lecture was also the first phase of a Global College initiative on United Nations’ Human Rights Commission reform. For Johnston, the opportunity has given him valuable hands-on experience with global issues.

“It has provided me with a backstage pass in a sense not only to conference organization, but also to the University’s commitment to tackling the relevant problems of today’s world, and its willingness to take a leadership role in the area of human rights and global issues,” said Johnston.

The Global College is now preparing for a major summit on issues of global citizenship and human rights this Fall in partnership with the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, along with the Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice, and Rights & Democracy. For his part, Dallaire plans to be back in Winnipeg this Summer, when the College welcomes him back to campus in August for his Child Soldiers conference.

“It’s important that we are doing [the conference] here,” he said at the March 9 lecture. “It reinforces Winnipeg and The University of Winnipeg as the core centre of human rights intellectual and practical development of this nation.”

Dr. Samantha Arnold echoes the Senator’s sentiments. The director of the Global College’s Institute for Human Rights & Global Studies envisions the College as a space for students, visiting scholars, international students, and community

members to mix and mingle, participate in exchanges, and learn to engage in and with the world.

“The Global College is well on its way to becoming a force, a factor in supporting active students and encouraging those students who aren’t already engaged to get inspired and motivated to action,” she said.

The institute, one of four within the Global College, was instrumental in presenting in September 2005, thanks to the generous support of a donor, the OmniTRAX/Broe QUEST conference on War-Affected Children. Members of the Global College have been profoundly affected by the story of Winnipeg’s Lost Boys & Girls of Sudan, including the flight from their homeland and subsequent journey to Canada. This has provided the College with many invaluable insights into Canada’s immigration policy and the role of the diaspora within Canadian culture and public policy. The September 2005 OmniTrax/Broe QUEST conference on War-Affected Children became a forum for discussion on these critical issues

In fact, it was out of the first highly successful October 2004 QUEST conference, “Caught in the Crossfire,” that the strong suggestion came forward for the University to develop some sort of resource for the local, national, and international communities to ensure that our students and citizens can rise to today’s global challenges.

And so, in February 2005, UWinnipeg’s Global College was born.

“Created in response to public demand, The University of Winnipeg’s Global College serves as a dynamic catalyst for new ideas, critical thinking, and open discourse on issues of global significance affecting our local and global communities,” said President **Lloyd Axworthy** (BA ’61, LLD ’98). “The Global College, together with partner institutions and organizations, is committed to doing its part as global citizens to help define Canada’s international responsibilities, raise the profile of international concerns both at home and abroad, and chart a course of action for the challenges of this new century.”

In the year since its establishment, the Global College has attracted new funding for the benefit of University of Winnipeg students and faculty. And UWinnipeg alumni have led the way. Alumnus **Douglas Leatherdale** (BA ’57, LLD ’00), for example, understood the need for a dynamic, action-oriented,

multi-disciplinary centre where students can come together with faculty and outside experts to determine their role within the global community – their responsibility to protect and their responsibility to act. As a result, he established the Dr. Douglas W. Leatherdale Global Citizen Internship Fund to do just that.

Leatherdale wanted to be part of helping “move students into the larger world and strengthen minds and expand the boundaries of thought.” Thanks to his new Internship Fund every year, five

existing partnerships with business, government, and other academic institutions, the Global College’s Climate Studies Institute investigates various aspects of climate change.

The March 2005 OmniTRAX/Broe QUEST: NORTH conference looked at climate change in the North as a kind of environmental early warning system and what steps global citizens could take to make a difference. **Dr. Danny Blair**, Climate Studies Institute director, led the charge together with environmen-

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UWinnipeg students will have the opportunity to go abroad or international students will come to Winnipeg to study. To date, Canadian students are studying in Africa, Central America, and South America.

Also, the University’s President himself, with the support of private donors, established the Norman J. and Gwen Axworthy Peace Education Fund dedicated to support immigrants/war-affected refugees pursuing higher education.

The Global College also hosted a week-long seminar entitled, “Impacts of Infectious Diseases on Local & Global Communities,” in collaboration with the International Centre for Infectious Diseases and the University of Manitoba. With Winnipeg emerging as a centre of excellence for infectious diseases science and research, the Global College was able to bring together cutting-edge scientists, academics, students, and members of the public to discuss the impact of infectious diseases on local and global communities. The College’s Institute for Health, Security & Human Potential provides a critical forum and holistic approach for the examination of the multifaceted impacts of public health and human security that transcend national borders.

Climate change is another issue with global consequences. Building on the current expertise within the University and its Centre for Forest Interdisciplinary Research (C-FIR), and

talist Sheila Watt-Cloutier, author Ross Gelbspan, President Axworthy, and climate experts from around the world. One of the many steps taken as a result of QUEST: NORTH was the University committing to a comprehensive Sustainability Management System, with the short-term goal of making UWinnipeg Kyoto Protocol compliant, and the long-term objective of achieving zero net emissions.

“Still in its infancy, the Global College has already struck a chord with current and potential students,” said Axworthy. “People have a real appetite for information about their neighbours around the world, the challenges impacting them, and ways in which they can make a lasting difference. The Global College is here as a forum to inform and challenge. I invite alumni to get involved in today’s issues and join the work of the University and its Global College.”

Support for the Global College by alumni can come in all sorts of ways such as helping students like James Johnston to get the kind of interactive education that inspires him to follow global issues with passion and that allows him to make a difference – for his University and the wider world.

As alumni and supporters of the University, you can add your voices to those grappling with what it means to be a global citizen. To support The University of Winnipeg’s Global College, visit globalcollege.uwinnipeg.ca or www.uwinnipegfoundation.ca 📌

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INTERNAL FAMILY RAISES \$2 MILLION

(Back row l to r) Chancellor H. Sanford Riley, Chair, The University of Winnipeg Foundation Board; Dr. Henry E. Duckworth, President Emeritus, Honorary Chair, The Internal Family Campaign; R.M. (Bob) Kozminski, Chair, The University of Winnipeg Campaign; (Front row) President Lloyd Axworthy, Chair, The Internal Family Campaign; Dr. Mavis Reimer, Vice-Chair, The Internal Family Campaign

TEXT: Maureen Britton PHOTO: Craig Koshyk, BA '87

In an unprecedented show of support, faculty, staff, and retirees of The University of Winnipeg surpassed their fundraising goal of \$1 million. In November 2005, the University received a further \$1 million for the Internal Family Campaign through a gift from University Chancellor and Foundation Chair **H. Sanford Riley, CM.**

"Support from academic and administrative staff and retirees has been inspiring," said **Dr. Mavis Reimer** (BA Hons. '76), Vice-Chair of the Internal Family Campaign. "With support from across the University, we have reached our goal. We are humbled by the generosity that has been demonstrated, and by the fact that we have exceeded expectations."

University President and Internal Family Campaign Chair **Lloyd Axworthy** (BA '61, LLD '98) added: "The support from the internal University community is a meaningful demonstration of their commitment to students. Faculty and staff give generously of their time and talents to their students every day; it is not surprising that they extend their generosity by making this inspired and appreciated financial commitment as well."

"Chancellor Riley's gift demonstrates his extraordinary commitment to our future," said Axworthy, "helping us build on our centres of excellence, attract top-notch students, and connect our University community with additional gifted faculty from the larger academic world."


The Internal Family Campaign focused on establishing new and building on existing financial awards for students as well as supporting academic enhancements and ongoing improvements to the campus.

Students will also benefit from the establishment by Chancellor Riley of the important new H. Sanford Riley Fellowships in Canadian History (*see opposite page*).

The four-month, intensive Internal Family Campaign relied on approximately 60 volunteers who approached their colleagues one-on-one to invite their participation in the Campaign. To date, more than 400 members of the internal University family have made a gift to the Campaign, including almost 125 first-time donors.

"As the University grows and attracts more non-traditional students, financial aid will continue to be the single greatest means of assisting students to reach their educational goals," said Campaign Chair **R.M. (Bob) Kozminski** (BA '67). "These gifts open more doors for our students."

Extraordinary support for the Campaign has extended beyond current faculty and staff. Well over one-third of retirees have given to the University with their own gift or pledge. Their gifts demonstrate their ongoing commitment to the University, to their colleagues, and to alumni who continue to share interests and ideas with former professors and staff.

"We offer our most sincere thanks to all the donors who have helped us reach our goal," said **Dr. Henry Edmison (Harry) Duckworth** (BA '35, LLD '84), Honorary Chair of the Internal Family Campaign. "The commitment of our internal University family will surely inspire our extended family of alumni, board members, and friends in the community as we broaden the focus of our Campaign and continue to build on the strengths of our University." 

H. Sanford Riley

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CELEBRATING A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE IN HISTORY

THE H. SANFORD RILEY FELLOWSHIPS IN CANADIAN HISTORY

University of Winnipeg Chancellor and Chair of the University's Foundation Board, **H. Sanford Riley** knows something about traditions of excellence. A graduate of Queen's University and Osgoode Hall Law School, Riley enjoys a splendid legacy of excellence that applies to the worlds of business, sport, education, and community service.

"This is a man with a big heart and marvelous courage," explained **Susan Thompson** (Collegiate '67, BA '71), President and CEO of The University of Winnipeg Foundation. "He is a pioneer in having founded the Richardson Financial Group and he has an enviable track record in having steered Investors Group to significant expansion both in business endeavours and philanthropy."

A former member of the Canadian Olympic sailing team, Riley chaired the highly successful 1999 Pan-American Games, held in Winnipeg. In 2002, he became the inaugural chair of the board of The University of Winnipeg Foundation, an organization he envisioned and helped found in response to the financial challenges of the cherished downtown campus.

An avid fan of Canadian history and a member of the Board of Canada's National History Society, Riley passionately believes that "Canada's history must be taught, celebrated, and written about in

The University of Winnipeg enjoys a long-standing reputation for its Department of History and for the study of Canadian History in particular.

Wesley and United College professor and historian **A.R.M. Lower**, a Harvard PhD with a long research record in the Dominion Archives, was intensely admired as a Canadian historian and served the College from 1929-1949. Joining him was lecturer **J. W. Pickersgill**, a Manitoban who had studied in Oxford. These two respected academics saw the study of history assume a dominant position in the College.

Alumni will recognize that the Department's strength lies in the many gifted faculty members who have dedicated themselves to teaching, research, and community service. The well-known names of **Donald Bailey, Victor Batzel, Peter Brown, Harry Crowe, Bruce Daniels, David Dyck, Cornelius Jaenen, Ross McCormack, John McDermott, Ian McPherson, Robert Painchaud, Nolan Reilly, Vincent Rutherford, Walter Stein, Wesley Stevens, Dan Stone, David Topper, Jonathon Wagner, and Robert Young** are among those cherished academics whose legacies of excellence are celebrated by the University community today.




*H. Sanford Riley
Chancellor, The University
of Winnipeg
Chair, The University of
Winnipeg Foundation
Board of Directors*

ways we can get excited about." It is not surprising, then, that Riley has chosen to participate as a member of the University family by creating a new endowed fund to permit the awarding in perpetuity of the annual Fellowships in Canadian History.

The H. Sanford Riley Fellowships in Canadian History have been designed to initiate dynamic relations among The University of Winnipeg and notable Canadian historians. This is part of a vision to establish a national centre for Canadian history at The University of Winnipeg. The \$1-million Fellowship awards will be a crucial development in the promotion of Canadian history locally and nationally with the fund aimed at enabling Canadian historians to visit The University of Winnipeg as Fellows for periods of time varying from several weeks to six months to undertake research projects, conduct academic seminars, and offer public lectures and presentations in Canadian history. Each Fellow will be invited to undertake a Distinguished Lecture for the community and to contribute to the development of interest in Canadian history among high school students.

"Chancellor Riley's gift recognizes the longstanding tradition of this University as a centre of excellence in the study of Canadian history," explained President **Lloyd Axworthy** (BA '61, LLD '98). "Mr. Riley is a great and proud Canadian and it is fitting that he has chosen to lend his generous support to the success of the Internal Campaign in this way."

"Today's alumni continue to bring pride to the University as award-winning and prominent scholars," said Riley. "With the benefit of the scholarly gifts of dozens of seasoned and promising academics in the field of economics, labour history, Aboriginal study, medicine, and many other traditional and emerging fields of study, our Department of History will continue to stand proudly as one of the most innovative departments in the country."

In recognition of Chancellor Riley's generosity, Molson Coors/Molson Canada has contributed \$16,000 from the Molson Donations Fund to the H. Sanford Riley Fellowships in Canadian History, in keeping with its practice of supporting philanthropic gifts of its board members. 



WRITING LIFE:

DAVID BERGEN

TEXT: Annette Elvers, BA (Hons.) '93 PHOTO: grajewski.fotograph

"I'm a writer."

It's a phrase wordsmith **David Bergen** (B.Ed. '85) has always been hesitant to use.

He's been a brick-layer's assistant, carpenter, orderly, and until recently, a full-time high school teacher. "I've always had something else I could call myself," says Bergen. "It was a combination of things—partly, I wasn't sure if it was true; I wasn't sure if it was luck that I had written one novel and then another novel... It took until my third book when someone would ask me what I did that I would say I was a writer."

Regardless of what title he claims, literary critics are clear on one thing: Bergen holds an important place in the Canadian writing scene. In 2000, Bergen was awarded the Carol Shields Winnipeg Book Award for his novel *The Case of Lena S.*, which was also a finalist for the Governor General's Literary Award. Just this Fall, Bergen was awarded one of Canada's most prestigious literary awards—the Giller Prize—for *The Time in Between*.

"At first it was quite shocking, very unexpected. A writer doesn't write to win prizes," says Bergen. "But it's wonderful. When I was writing I was aware that it was working, it had a real flow to it. But so what? That doesn't mean that anyone else is going to think that. It's nice to have the confirmation that other people are thinking the same thing."

"Bergen is special because he is an artist," says **Neil Besner**, Dean of Arts and a long-time professor of English at The University of Winnipeg. "He doesn't let a sentence go until he's got it—he's a beautiful stylist. He cares about language, he cares about character, he's a true craftsman—a writer's writer."

Bergen's first taste of success came from an early win—a Grade 7 short story contest that earned him a \$1 prize. But he didn't take a serious interest in his craft until the age of 21, approaching the profession with a combination of dogged determination and modesty. "I wrote bad, bad things," says Bergen with a laugh. "It wasn't good writing at all, but you can't learn unless you do it. It took me a long time to learn how to write a story. I learned by failing, and trying again, and failing, and then trying again... It's a long process."

A graduate of both Red River College and The University of Winnipeg, Bergen started his formal training as a writer with a diploma in Creative Communications. "I found out very quickly I wasn't cut out to be a journalist," says Bergen. He went on to pursue a degree in Education at The University of Winnipeg, citing professors such as **Dr. Clem Wyke** (BA Hons. '62)—a man whose deceptively simple questions could always make Bergen think twice—and **Dr. Carl Ridd** (BA '50, Th '58, BD '63). "I was raised in a religious home," recounts Bergen. "So I found it so refreshing to hear a man who would have called himself



a man of faith approach the world in such an open way. I only took one course with Dr. Ridd, but I remember it really clearly. I learned a lot about myself and how to read, so that was important.”

Bergen joined The University of Winnipeg as a mature student in his late twenties, focused on completing his education degree and entering the world of work. “If I had any regrets it’s that I didn’t have the opportunity to study more English courses, or more Philosophy, or more History!” Time and resources did not allow that luxury, and following graduation Bergen embarked on a double career—one as a teacher by day, and a second as a writer evenings and weekends. It was a balancing act, but one in which the two careers fed into one another. “For most of my teaching career I was a teacher of English. I bring a certain sensibility to a story that I’m teaching, or a viewpoint to an author that I’m presenting.” Bergen also taught creative writing, to which he could offer a professional perspective. In turn, spending time with young people became rich fodder for his creative process. “As a writer I take from the world around me,” explains Bergen. “*The Case of Lena S.* was a direct result of teaching in a high school and hearing how students spoke and interacted, because you use what you have.”

Similarly, Bergen’s travels to Vietnam in 1996 became the inspiration for *The Time in Between*, the story of a troubled war veteran’s return to Vietnam 30 years after the war and his family’s search for him. “I took a lot of notes and put a lot of stuff down, because I knew I wouldn’t be going back there any time soon,” says Bergen. “It was the people I met there, what I saw, what I heard, that became the background for this story. It was the direct experience of our time in Danang.”

Now working as a writer full-time—in between the rush of interviews and speaking engagements that come with being Canada’s most recent Giller recipient—Bergen is in the process of developing his next novel. “I’m getting a sense of the

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- Neil Berner

arc of the story, the characters, and what they’re pushing against.” But that’s as much as he’ll say, not wanting to jinx the project. Despite the public recognition for his most recent work, Bergen is still cautious. “Even novelists who are successful try and fail, even after each success. I’m 48, I’ve taken time off my regular job over the last few years, but there’s never a guarantee,” he says. “Being a writer takes a tremendous amount of patience and perseverance.” ■

ALUMNI NEWS BRIEFS

TEXT: Joanne Struch, BA (Hons.) '94 and Sheila Dresen, BA '57 PHOTOS: various



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOMES STUDENTS LIVING IN RESIDENCE TO THE COMMUNITY

At the Alumni Association's second annual student residence move-in day on August 31, 2005 alumni volunteers were on hand to help students get settled in their new homes. Care packages of "mac and cheese" were handed out to all, thanks to generous donations from the The Bay FoodMarket (Portage Ave.), Giant Tiger (Donald St.), Costco (St. James St.), and Safeway (Sargent Ave.).

PROFESSORS WITH A PASSION CONNECTING WITH ALUMNI & THE COMMUNITY

Since 2003, The University of Winnipeg Alumni Association has been bringing the knowledge and passion of University of Winnipeg professors to alumni, friends, and the community through the "Professors with a Passion" series. Through lectures and tours, UWinnipeg professors share information from their area of specialty with participants by taking them into various communities of the city and province and offering new perspectives.

Two popular annual events are the Winnipeg General Strike tour with Professor **Nolan Reilly** and the Gabrielle Roy House tour with Professor **Carol Harvey**—these perennial favourites will be revisited again this spring, see the events calendar (right) for dates.

In September 2004, **Jacques Tardif**, Canada Research Chair in Dendrochronology and Associate Professor of Environmental Studies and Biology at The University of Winnipeg, joined the "Professors with a Passion" series. His "Lord of the Tree Rings" tour took participants to Sandilands Provincial Park for a day-long educational event on tree-ring research and the applications of forest ecology.



The newest addition to the series is "Searching for Life in the Universe," presented by Physics professors **Vesna Milosevic-Zdjelar** and **Don Campbell**. This "celestial" event took place October 12, 2005, with 20 attendees taking in a presentation and roof-top telescope observation session. Viewers were treated to an up-close sighting of the moon, and just for fun, the famous Winnipeg landmark, the Golden Boy.

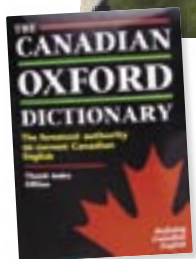
ROCKIN' UWINNIPEG ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FUNSPIEL



Pictured are: (left to right) Frank Liezeit (BA '68), Mckenzie Liezeit, and Susan Wiste (BA '96).

University of Winnipeg alumni rocked the house at the second annual Alumni Association curling funspiel held February 25, 2006 at the Heather Curling Club. The event attracted seven teams and included alumni, children of alumni, faculty, staff and friends of The University of Winnipeg. Congratulations to the winning team of **Jeff Martin, Melanie Martin, Jacquie Johnson & Chris Weight**.

BANGBELLIES AND TANTRIC SEX WORDSMITHING CANADIAN STYLE



Katherine Barber, BA (Hons.) '86, Editor-in-Chief of the Canadian Oxford Dictionary, shared many amusing stories about uniquely Canadian words.

Canadian Oxford Dictionary Editor-in-Chief **Katherine Barber** chose the provocative topic of *Bangbellies and Tantric Sex: Updating the Canadian Oxford Dictionary* for her presentation September 12, 2005, part of the Bonnycastle lecture series. Hosted by the Alumni Association, the event was well attended and the audience was both enlightened and entertained. Many took the opportunity to have their copies of the dictionary signed by Barber, University of Winnipeg Distinguished Alumni Award recipient (2000).

Along with stories of how "bangbellies" and "tantric sex" found their way into the dictionary, Barber shared some words and sayings unique to Manitoba. In this province (but no other!) "dainty" refers to a fancy baked treat, while "hoody" refers to a hooded sweatshirt.

CONNECTING WITH FUTURE ALUMNI



At the Alumni Association's "Food for Thought" event, volunteer Frank Liebrecht (left) distributes snacks and bookmarks to students Steve Sawatzky and Ryan De Bruyn.

On December 8, 2005 alumni were on hand on the fourth floor of Centennial Hall to provide cookies, fruit, and juice to hard-working students at the Alumni Association's "Food for Thought" event. Pictured here, volunteer **Frank Liebrecht** (BA '68, left) distributes snacks and bookmarks to students **Steve Sawatzky** and **Ryan De Bruyn**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Alumni Association has some exciting events planned for Spring 2006. Mark your calendars now!

MAY 9, 2006 WINNIPEG GENERAL STRIKE TOUR WITH HISTORY PROFESSOR NOLAN REILLY

Now in its fourth year, the popular Winnipeg General Strike Tour will feature locations where major events linked to the 1919 strike occurred and highlight the strike's impact on Manitoba's labour history. Rain date is May 16, 2006. A nominal fee will be charged. Please register with the Alumni office.

MAY 11, 2006 GABRIELLE ROY TOUR WITH FRENCH PROFESSOR CAROL HARVEY

This cultural event will feature well-known Manitoba author, Gabrielle Roy. The evening will include a visit to the Roy home in St. Boniface and a guided tour of the neighbourhood. Get out your walking shoes, you won't want to miss this fascinating tour of Winnipeg's historic French Quarter. A nominal fee will be charged. Please register with the Alumni office.

JUNE 4, 2006 CONVOCATION

Welcome our newest members and raise money for scholarships by selling degree frames before or after the Convocation ceremonies in October or June.

JUNE 12, 2006, 7:30 P.M. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The next AGM will take place in Room 2M70 at The University of Winnipeg. Learn more about the Alumni Association's exciting plans for the new academic year, and find out how you can serve on the 12-member council.

JUNE 15, 2006 ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT

All dedicated and enthusiastic golfers, whether pro or duffers, are invited to participate in the annual Golf Tournament, to be held at Southside Golf Course. Rain date for the Tournament is June 25, 2006.

SEPT. 29 – OCT. 1, 2006 ALUMNI THEOLOGY CLASS OF '66 REUNION

Join your classmates at the 40th anniversary reunion of the Theology Class of '66! For more information, contact Gary Scherbain at 204.942.5121 or wahsa@escape.ca

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COLLEGIATE CHART-TOPPER
chantal

You wouldn't expect one of the world's leading pop musicians to describe herself as being a "socially challenged" kid, but as she warmly and candidly reminisces about her teenage years at The University of Winnipeg Collegiate, that's exactly what **Chantal Kreviazuk** (Collegiate '90) does.

"I never felt like I fit in," the Winnipeg-born Kreviazuk recalls. Of course, social awkwardness is endemic to the teenage years... but then again, few teens had the prodigious musical talent that Kreviazuk did. "Of course on the inside I was bursting with energy and music," she says. "You'd think I would have put it out there as a means of acceptance, but I was shy of it."

kreviazuk

She's certainly not shy of her talent anymore. Since graduating from The Collegiate in 1990, Kreviazuk has become a superstar. She burst onto the scene with her 1997 debut album, *Under These Rocks and Stones*, and followed up with two successful albums: 1999's *Colour Moving And Still* and 2002's *What If It All Means Something*.

In 1998, Kreviazuk broke into the international market with her cover of John Denver's "Leaving On A Jet Plane," which was featured on the soundtrack to the blockbuster film *Armageddon*. In recent years, she has also become a noted songwriter, penning tunes for artists such as Avril Lavigne and Gwen Stefani.

For all her international success, the roots of Kreviazuk's career are grounded in Winnipeg. The youngest child of Krevco Pools' owner **Jon Kreviazuk** and wife **Carole**, Chantal showed an early gift for music. Her remarkable piano and vocal talents were immediately apparent to her instructors at the Royal Conservatory of Music (RCM), some of whom deemed her a bona fide prodigy.

In fact, music played a key part in Kreviazuk's decision to attend The Collegiate. Until Grade 11, Kreviazuk was a Balmoral Hall student, but the private school wouldn't count her RCM credits towards her graduation. Yearning for a new experience, she made the move to The Collegiate, where her musical credits were not only applied towards her graduation, but allowed her to graduate a year early.

Kreviazuk was immediately taken with The Collegiate. The school offered her a sense of independence that she had felt lacking in her previous academic pursuits. "I left [Balmoral] because I wanted to experience that independence," she says. "I loved how The Collegiate was big and also warm. The school could accommodate a lot of different personalities... you could get as close to the kids and system as you wanted. It was up to you."

Inspired by everything from the vintage architecture of the school to its staff, Kreviazuk started to explore her own individuality. She fondly remembers an English presentation where she was allowed to fill the classroom with candles and sing Pink Floyd's "Comfortably Numb." "They were so open to how I wanted to express myself," she says.

These days, Kreviazuk still carries warm memories of Associate Dean **Jo-Anne Doerksen**, who she remembers as "a real character," and Collegiate secretary **Arlene Skihar**. "She is an amazing staple of the school," Kreviazuk says of Skihar. "She cares so much about the students. With me, it was so cool because she has always been so caring prior to my career taking off, and she's still supportive."

Doerksen remembers the singer well. "She was an effervescent, bubbly student. We're very proud of her," says Doerksen, who taught Kreviazuk math. The teacher recalls listening to the teen perform one of her original songs at her graduation ceremony. "My husband, who plays music himself, said 'she's going somewhere.' Even at that time, her talent was evident."

And it will continue to be noticed. These days, Kreviazuk has her hands full balancing the twin careers of mother and musician. She currently lives in Malibu, CA with her husband, *Our Lady Peace* frontman **Raine Maida**, and their two young sons, Rowan and Lucca. "It's very liberating to have children," she says of how motherhood has changed her musical priorities. "The whole music industry breeds so much insecurity. Once you have kids, you just don't have time to worry about that."

Kreviazuk is also hard at work on a new album, which her husband is producing. She says that the new album will be more rhythmic than her past efforts, and describes working with Maida as an inspiring experience. More than anything, she is looking forward to using the album's release as a platform to continue the human rights and poverty advocacy that she has been championing since early 2000. "Having children has heightened my desire to help this place out before I'm no longer here."

At the end of the day, Kreviazuk credits much of her success to one lesson that she says she first learned at The Collegiate and the "it's up to you" freedom that she had there. "The thing I always tell people now is that showing up is really what life is all about," she says. "Showing up and being present... engaging the things around you. I think that is half the battle." ■



DR. DUCKWORTH

family friend

TEXT: Ilana Simon, BA '84

When **Dr. Henry Edmison (Harry) Duckworth**, President Emeritus (BA '35, LLD '84) first entered Wesley College as an undergraduate Arts student, little did he know that his life would be irrevocably shaped by this decision.

"I was very happy I came here," says Duckworth. Due to rising tuition fees over at the University of Manitoba's Broadway campus in 1932, a number of fellow University of Manitoba students switched to Wesley College, as The University of Winnipeg's precursor was known. "It was a more personal atmosphere at Wesley College—and we studied under a very good group of professors. They were somewhat eccentric, but good scholars and very dedicated to their students," he recalls.

In his memoirs, *One Version of the Facts—My Life in the Ivory Tower* (University of Manitoba Press, 2000) Duckworth wrote, "Classes were smaller, and I was no longer permitted academic anonymity as professors tried to draw me into discussion and probe my knowledge. I found that the student activities—sport, social, intellectual, and cultural—were numerous and open to all: in them and in class, I found friends who remained so for life."

And The University of Winnipeg gained a friend for life. Duckworth's generosity and dedication toward the University have been steadfast—including establishment of several scholarships, launch of the Great Rock Climb, initiation of the annual Duckworth Challenge, and support toward building the Duckworth Centre.

And, most recently, Duckworth was one of the inaugural members appointed to The University of Winnipeg Foundation's Board of Directors and is the Honorary Chair of the Internal Family Campaign.

PHOTO LEGEND

1. The Duckworth Centre dedication ceremony, 1984 2. Installation of the Great Rock, 1971 3. Dr. Duckworth and Dr. Claudia Wright at his retirement, 1981 4. 100th Anniversary of Manitoba College: Dr. Duckworth, Dr. P.H.T. Thorlakson (Chancellor), and Marilyn McPhedran (Lady Stick) post the Charter, 1971 5. Dr. Duckworth at his 90th birthday celebration, held in Fall 2005 at The University of Winnipeg.



“We are blessed with an outstanding Board of Directors and delighted to have each member take an active role in the Campaign,” notes **Susan Thompson** (Collegiate '67, BA '71) President and CEO of The University of Winnipeg Foundation. “Dr. Duckworth’s support as Honorary Chair of the Internal Campaign has contributed greatly to its success.”

Duckworth is the only living member of the University’s pre-Second World War teaching staff and has helped to reach out to current and retired University of Winnipeg faculty and staff in his capacity as honorary chair. But his future career as an academic almost didn’t happen.

When Wesley College President **Dr. J.H. Riddell** recruited Duckworth as a Physics lecturer in the Spring of 1938—



despite his BA degree in English, Latin, and Mathematics—Duckworth hesitantly accepted. Fortunately, he soon discovered his affinity for Physics, leading him to pursue graduate studies, and earn a PhD from the University of Chicago in 1942. He immediately joined the Canadian Corps of Signals, but was seconded to conduct defence work for the federal government till the end of World War Two.

In the intervening years, Duckworth taught at other universities and achieved an international reputation as a physicist. Duckworth returned to The University of Winnipeg to serve as its second President from 1971 -1981—at the time of his return he was President of the Royal Society of Canada. He fondly recalls the acquisition of the famous Centennial Rock, placed on the front lawn of the University October 7, 1971. Quarried from Gull Lake, the 25-ton boulder commemorates the 100th anniversary of Manitoba College, the other founding college of The University of Winnipeg.

Duckworth asked then-head of Athletics, **Dave Anderson**, if the rock could be incorporated into any kind of athletic activity. “He brought over three basketball players and they scaled the rock—no trivial accomplishment. We thought this could be a basis of a competition,” says Duckworth. And so in 1972, the Great Rock Climb was born. Last Fall marked the 34th running of the event, and as he does every year, Duckworth provided prize money to the top three teams.

Other highlights during his tenure as President centred on student activism, increased enrolment, and program and campus expansion. As President, Duckworth also oversaw the establishment of joint master’s programs between The University of Winnipeg and the University of Manitoba in English, History, and Religious Studies, and later in Public

Administration. As well, UWinnipeg professors active in teaching or supervising grad students were given the opportunity to become “adjunct professors” at U of M.

Another major accomplishment by Duckworth was the quiet acquisition of property as it became available along Spence Street and parts of Young Street leading to the eventual construction of the Duckworth Athletic Centre, incorporating much-needed gymnasiums, classroom and office space, and underground parking.

Duckworth also successfully targeted private donors, alumni, and class reunions for scholarship donations to bolster the University’s entrance scholarship program and attract the province’s top students. Scholarships and bursaries remain

close to Duckworth’s heart and he is optimistic that the Family Campaign—targeting faculty, staff, retirees, and alumni—will make a difference. “We have a not insignificant number of scholarships available at The University of Winnipeg, but not as many bursaries,” he notes. “It is our hope that the Family Campaign will raise sufficient funds to provide for that great need, as well as additional scholarships.”

President and Vice-Chancellor **Lloyd Axworthy** (BA '61, LLD '98) describes Dr. Duckworth as the epitome of what The University of Winnipeg stands for and symbolic of the University’s distinguished history. “He is someone who has benefited from a good education at Wesley College and wanted to give something back,” Axworthy says.

“Dr. Duckworth took on the responsibility to nurture and support higher education in the province and we’ve all benefited from his belief in our institution, his commitment, and giving of his soul and his spirit to it—which is Dr. Duckworth’s long-enduring legacy to the University.”



At his 90th birthday party at the Duckworth Centre November 1, 2005 attended by over 200 University colleagues and friends, Duckworth remarked on the future: “You have an inspiring leader and the place teems with gifted staff and promising students. The future is in good hands.”

MINNESOTA-AREA GRADS

TEXT: Daile Unruh


Gather for First-Ever Alumni Event

In November 2005, Minnesota-area graduates of The University of Winnipeg and The Collegiate came together for their first ever alumni event.

Hosted by prominent alumnus and corporate leader **Dr. Douglas W. Leatherdale** (BA '57, LLD '00) and his wife Louise at their beautiful home just outside of Minneapolis, the event attracted about 20 alumni and special guests, including Canadian Consul General **Kim Butler**, University of Winnipeg President **Lloyd Axworthy** (BA '61, LLD '98) and Foundation CEO **Susan Thompson** (Collegiate '67, BA '71) travelled from Winnipeg to meet with alumni.

Visit www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/publications-alumni-journal to read the article about Dr. Douglas W. Leatherdale which appeared in the Fall 2005 issue of the Alumni Journal.

Following an informal buffet dinner, Leatherdale spoke fondly of his long association with United College and The University of Winnipeg, and his commitment to funding the Walter Leatherdale Scholarship and the new internship program for the University's Global College—the **Dr. Douglas W. Leatherdale Global Internships**—announced in February 2005.

"We all gain so much from our University experiences and education," says Leatherdale, a Director of The University of Winnipeg Foundation Board. "It is a privilege to have an opportunity to give back to our alma mater in order to help future generations of students." 

CAMPUS COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

TEXT AND PHOTO: Annette Elvers, BA (Hons.) '93



On foot and by bike, University of Winnipeg Campus Community Ambassadors patrol the campus and nearby community enhancing safety and providing helpful information, like directions to visitors.

Launched October 2005, the innovative volunteer University of Winnipeg Campus Community Ambassador Program is the first of its kind in North America.

"This new initiative was a direct result of the cooperative venture started last fall involving students, members of faculty and administration to review the safety and security

around campus and to work jointly with the surrounding community," said University of Winnipeg President **Lloyd Axworthy**. "We all have the same thing at stake: we want a safe place to live, work, and go to school."

Hugh Coburn, a 26-year veteran of Winnipeg Police Services, is coordinator of the Campus Community Ambassador Program. He has developed an extensive training program and works with more than 60 University of Winnipeg students and alumni who are volunteering as Campus Community Ambassadors.

The uniformed ambassadors are trained to educate, problem solve, and interact on a day-to-day basis with members of both the University and neighbouring communities.

This initiative enhances the student experience, supporting and furthering studies in programs like Conflict Resolution and Criminal Justice Studies. Skills learned through this program are directly applicable to future careers in the police service, RCMP, corrections, law, and any role where strong interpersonal and customer service skills are an asset. ■

To learn more about the Campus Community Ambassador Program, visit <http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/ccambassadors-index>

FAMILY DONATES LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT

IN MEMORY OF

Dr. Al Harvey

TEXT: Nadine Kampen, BA '81 PHOTO: grajewski.fotograph

In 2001, **Dr. Al Harvey** was playing squash at The University of Winnipeg when he suffered a fatal cardiac arrest. Emergency services called to the scene were too late to resuscitate him. An otherwise healthy and active man, Al might have been alive today if the University had had life-saving defibrillators used in cardiac emergencies.

In memory of her husband and in the hope of saving the lives of future heart attack victims on campus, **Dr. Carol Harvey** (Professor in Modern Languages and Literatures) and her family have donated a gift of two defibrillators to the University. The gift includes training support in the use of the new equipment. Defibrillators are first-responder devices used to deliver electric charges to the heart that could make the difference between life and death.

"Many of mine and Al's closest friends are colleagues from the University," said Harvey. "I wanted to find something that reflected his close connection to our University community, and I wanted to find a way to help save lives in the future."

Harvey earlier donated funds to establish the Harvey Garden adjacent to the student housing on Balmoral Street, close to campus.

Al Harvey practiced medicine in the area for over 30 years, coached his son's Broadway Bears soccer team, and jogged the neighbouring area almost every morning when the family lived on West Gate, making a park and resting bench a fitting memorial.

"We are grateful for this generous support that contributes in such a meaningful way to the health and well-being of our University and community members," said **Bill Wedlake**, Director, Recreation and Athletic Services. "It is heartening to know that we can now provide support for our students, employees, and visitors through access to the benefits of defibrillators located on our campus." 🇨🇦



Dr. Carol Harvey and family donate life-saving gift

CELEBRATING THE *Life & Art* OF *Tony Tascona*

TEXT: Nadine Kampen, BA '81 PHOTO: Pat Robertson

Canadian sculptor and painter **Dr. Tony Tascona**, CM, RCA, has spent his life creating art and beauty in the world around him. In celebration of his life and contributions to the art world, an exhibition of Tascona's recent works opened at the Franco-Manitoban Cultural Centre in March 2006—his 80th birthday. This collaborative exhibition also included the poetry of Franco-Manitoban **Roger Léveillé**, and, in keeping with past practices, served as a fundraising drive for Winnipeg Harvest food bank.

The University of Winnipeg will hold its birthday celebration for Tascona in April. To honour this occasion, friends and associates of Tascona, working with The University of Winnipeg Foundation, are contributing to the Tony Tascona Bursary Fund established in 1998 by the artist. The aim is to significantly grow the already substantial fund and thereby enable many more students to benefit. The endowed fund generates financial support for art history students, with an emphasis on Canadian art history.

Tascona, born and raised in St. Boniface, where he has maintained a studio for 27 years, is an artist whose accomplishments have been recognized internationally. He is a



Dr. Tony Tascona and art history student Annie Bergen

member of the Order of Canada, a long-time member of the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts, and recipient of a Gold Medal from Academia Italia Del Arte e Del Lavoro, Parma, and an Honorary Doctor of Laws from The University of Winnipeg. These honours befit an artist whose practice has contributed significantly to Winnipeg's visual art scene. Early in his career, Tascona transferred technical knowledge acquired working with aluminum, electroplating, lacquers, and epoxy resins in the aircraft industry to his creative practice.

The University of Winnipeg Permanent Art Collection is home to a number of fine examples of these accomplished works. 🇨🇦

NO PERFECT STORM

TEXT: Annette Elvers, BA (Hons) '93



It was the night before Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans, and climatologist Luigi Romolo (B.Sc. 4-yr '95) was reporting for work at the Office of Emergency Preparedness in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. As he got out of his car, he remembers looking up at the sky. "Everything was clear, you could see the stars," recalls Romolo. Within hours, everything changed. The sky filled with rolling clouds, the wind picked up, and Romolo and his colleagues knew without a doubt that Katrina was no ordinary storm.

Louisiana is no stranger to extreme weather; hurricanes are common in the region from June until November. "People expect them," said Romolo. "Some people even have hurricane parties—they listen to jazz, eat jambalaya, and make margaritas. When it's time, you take cover and wait it out."

But this was no night for a party.

"Seeing the storm come through on radar was an incredible experience," recalls Romolo. "I was absolutely terrified. It was a very surreal experience—it had all the irrationality of a dream." As the crisis mounted, Romolo and the staff of the Office of Emergency Preparedness monitored the storm and advised government agencies on its progress. "All we could do was try to assess which areas would be hardest hit and pass that information along."

In Louisiana, the hurricane's eye made landfall at 6:10 a.m. on Monday, August 29, 2005. By noon, several sections of the levee system in New Orleans collapsed, flooding most of the

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- Dr. Danny Blair



city and killing hundreds. To date, Katrina is considered the most destructive and costliest natural disaster in the history of the United States.

“The only word I can use to describe the damage would be catastrophic,” said Romolo, who drove to New Orleans in the days following the hurricane to view the results from the ground. As a climatologist, Romolo knew what to expect from an extreme weather event like this one—overturned cars, downed powerlines, and houses leveled to the ground. But what struck him most profoundly was the impact on human life. “I went there because I wanted to assess the damage for myself as a climate scientist, but I felt like I was intruding on a personal tragedy,” says Romolo, describing the state of public mourning that blanketed the city.

A native of Winnipeg, Romolo has had personal experience with blizzards, ice storms, and floods. Weather conditions are a perpetual topic of discussion amongst prairie dwellers, and Romolo is no exception. But for him, he has been lucky to encounter weather as a source of fascination rather than frustration.

“I’ve always had a passion for understanding what controls the weather,” says Romolo, who completed a master’s degree in 1998 and a PhD this Spring. No matter where he has pursued his interest in climatology, he has never lost his University of Winnipeg connection. UWinnipeg geography professor **Danny Blair**, Director of the Global College Climate Studies Institute, was always one of Romolo’s strongest supporters throughout his undergraduate studies,

and as an advisor to him as he completed his PhD. “Danny has always been an inspiration and a mentor to me,” says Romolo. “He is not just a professor, but he’s a friend to his students. He’s always approachable, always willing to help students learn.” Romolo also cites **Dr. Bob Bector**, “who made math understandable and fun” as a major influence on his decision to pursue his current career.

“Climate affects so much of our lives,” says Blair. “Therefore, it’s really important that we understand how that happens. And of course, it’s also the reason why so many people—including Luigi—are so interested in it.” 📌

LIFE LESSONS

Moved by news stories of the tragedy, current University of Winnipeg students **Geoffrey Young** and **Kent Davies**, along with some friends, decided they could not stand idly by. They quickly organized a team, raised funds—including a donation from UWinnipeg—and headed to New Orleans to help out in any way they could. Part of their work included operating a call centre. “We got all kinds of calls, medical emergencies, people looking for lost family members,” said Young. “One time we got a call from people who had been without food for a week,” he said, describing a devastated area still unsupported by first-responders. For the UWinnipeg student and his team, one of their proudest moments was when they learned that all their work organizing provisions and mobilizing workers had paid off—supplies had finally reached the people in need. “We helped save lives,” said Young.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN ACTION

WII CHIIWAAKANAK LEARNING CENTRE OPENS

TEXT: Nadine Kampen, BA '81 PHOTO: Andrew Sikorsky

Bridging the digital divide and providing Aboriginal students and community members with the opportunity to explore their past and navigate their future are just two of the exciting components announced at last Fall's opening of The University of Winnipeg Wii Chiiwaakanak Learning Centre.

The University of Winnipeg and its Foundation officially opened the Wii Chiiwaakanak Learning Centre with the generous corporate support of \$300,000 from the RBC Financial Group and \$100,000 from inaugural corporate funder The North West Company.

These funds enhance the Winnipeg Partnership Agreement grant of \$295,000 in support of Wii Chiiwaakanak announced in April 2005, and through which the three levels of government are working collaboratively. Participating in the official opening in support of Wii Chiiwaakanak were Manitoba Premier **Gary Doer**, representing the Government of Canada Hon. **Anita Neville**, MP (Winnipeg South Centre) Winnipeg City Councillor **Harvey Smith** (Daniel McIntyre), and **Andrew Swan**, MLA (Minto).



Hon. Anita Neville, M.P. (Winnipeg South Centre); RBC Executive Vice President Charles Coffey; Kirk Dudtschak, RBC Regional President; Dr. Mary Young, Director of UWinnipeg's Aboriginal Student Services; Manitoba Premier Gary Doer; and, Andrew Swan, MLA (Minto) at the November 2005 opening of the University's Wii Chiiwaakanak Learning Centre.

I am pleased to bring congratulations on the opening of this remarkable facility," said Premier Doer. "The province is joining with the other governments and the private sector to ensure a culturally appropriate education option is available to Aboriginal Manitobans."

Wii Chiiwaakanak, an Ojibway word, means "partners," explained Dr. **Mary Young** (BA '80), Director of the University's Aboriginal Student Services. Wii Chiiwaakanak is a partnership between the University, the Southeast Resource Development Council, the Winnipeg Partnership Agreement, and a growing number of Aboriginal organizations. The Centre is located at 509 - 511 Ellice Avenue opposite the University's Duckworth Centre.

"The University is committed to the inner city, our neighbours, and our students," said President **Lloyd Axworthy** (BA '61, LLD '98). "Wii Chiiwaakanak provides more than 800 Aboriginal university students and the neighbourhood's growing Aboriginal population with the technology and resources to fully engage with their rich heritage and today's realities." A focal point of the new Centre is The RBC Community Learning

Commons and its 18 computer workstations, each equipped with internet access. There, community children can receive help with their homework from University of Winnipeg and Collegiate student mentors, and together neighbourhood families can access technology to overcome the digital divide. Wii Chiiwaakanak is bustling with activity including weekend and after-school homework clubs, Saturday afternoon chess club, community sharing and healing circles, book and quilting clubs, and health and educational seminars.


RBC Financial Group, the Centre's largest corporate funder to date, pledged \$240,000 in direct support of The RBC Community Learning Commons plus \$60,000 to student scholarships and bursaries for The University of Winnipeg Collegiate.

"We want to help enrich lives through education," said **Kirk Dudtschak**, Regional President for RBC Financial Group. "The RBC Community Learning Commons will help provide access and instructional support to computer technology for everyone in the local community. Our donation to The University of Winnipeg is a reflection of RBC's ongoing commitment to education and youth. We consider our support of education not only as an investment in communities but also in Canada's future."

Wii Chiiwaakanak's innovative resources also include The North West Company Heritage Room, providing a lounge and educational area for studying, reading, discussion, and healing. The room is adorned with Inuit sculptures on loan from the Winnipeg Art Gallery and art from The North West Company and University collection.

"RBC Financial Group and The North West Company, are shining examples of corporations becoming engaged with community," said **Susan Thompson** (Collegiate '67, BA '71), President and CEO of The University of Winnipeg Foundation. "We are grateful for their generous gifts and corporate leadership in support of The University of Winnipeg Campaign."

In conjunction with the official opening of Wii Chiiwaakanak, President Axworthy released The University of Winnipeg's recently developed policy paper, "A Strategic Approach for Aboriginal Education Success in Canada." He reaffirmed the responsibility of the University to provide equal opportunity to education and pointed to the Wii Chiiwaakanak Learning Centre as "an important first step that we can build upon to move the frontiers of education forward."

Said Axworthy, "Wii Chiiwaakanak is a living, evolving example of University and community working together to provide resources and tools for the development of the human potential of Aboriginal young people. Partnerships in education are essential for a healthy future for our University and our local, national, and global communities." 

WOMEN IN SCIENCE

INFORMATION + INSPIRATION

TEXT: Ilana Simon, BA '84

Wide-eyed seven-year-old girls and university science students alike were mesmerized as **Dr. Roberta Bondar** (HD '01) described the view of earth from space. Bondar—astronaut, neurologist, and role model—gave an inspirational and engaging talk last November as part of the Laird Lecture Series and The University of Winnipeg's first Women in Science conference. The conference's purpose was to inspire young women to consider a career in science and encourage those already there.

Bondar, crew member of the January 1992 Discovery Space Shuttle Mission, said that while she has faced many challenges, she has no regrets about any of her unorthodox career decisions. A member of the Global College Global Advisors, Bondar also noted that the best science is based on diverse research from many different perspectives, including those of women.

The Women in Science conference featured sessions on scientific research by UWinnipeg undergraduate students and a series of lectures by outstanding women scientists in Manitoba including UWinnipeg professors **Melanie Martin**

(Physics), **Désirée Vanderwel** (Chemistry), and **Ortrud Oellermann** (Mathematics & Statistics). The conference closed with a panel discussion on the challenges facing women academics, featuring all of the lecturers and moderated by Biology Professor **Judith Huebner**.

"Female students appreciated that many of us (women scientists) took different paths to get where we are today and we didn't always know that we wanted to pursue a life in academia," reported Martin. **Dr. Gabor Kunstatter**, Dean of Science, noted that while many female students are enrolled in high school and university science classes, the numbers drop off dramatically at the post-graduate and post-doctoral levels. "And the number of female science academics is dismally low," he said.

Following the conference, University of Winnipeg science student **Gina Passante** attested to feeling more confident about pursuing a career in science.

"Roberta Bondar was inspiring and made you think that you can do whatever you want. All of her childhood dreams came true and it made me realize my career goals are realistic and attainable," said Passante, a fourth year physics student who plans to attend grad school next year and one day work as a researcher.

The University of Winnipeg Women in Science conference was generously supported by funding from The University of Winnipeg, Western Economic Diversification Canada, Boeing Canada Technology, The Laird Lecture Series, The University of Winnipeg Faculty Association, and the Manitoba Women's Directorate. ■

TEXT: Ilana Simon, BA '84



Mavis Reimer

NEW CRC IN THE CULTURE
OF CHILDHOOD

Home is where the heart is; but what constitutes "home" in Canadian children's literature? University of Winnipeg English Professor **Mavis Reimer** (BA Hons. '76),

named Canada Research Chair in the Culture of Childhood last November, is leading a collaborative research team to find out.

Reimer is The University of Winnipeg's fourth Canada Research Chair and her five-year, \$500,000 appointment is unique in its focus on the culture of childhood. The overall objective of her research is to account for the cultural differences in texts directed to children and youth, to understand how actual children relate to the metaphorical figure of the child, and to encourage young people to be critical and discerning readers.

"I am conscious that I am building on longstanding strengths of this University in research into the cultures and texts of young people, research pioneered in the University's Department of English by **Kay Stone** and **Perry Nodelman**," said Reimer. "In the global and globalizing world of the 21st century, research into the culture of childhood seems to me of urgent importance. Texts for young people are increasingly travelling across national borders, and must be understood within larger systems of cultural politics."

The concept of home in Canadian children's literature, for example, is greatly influenced by our country's history as a former colony, our population of immigrants, refugees, and Aborigines, and by our proximity to the United States.

Reimer plans to build on her work with discourses of home during the tenure of her CRC to look at the ways in which ideas of homelessness and the homeless are being used in North American cultures.

"We are extremely pleased to have Dr. Reimer's research recognized in this important way," said University of Winnipeg Dean of Arts **Neil Besner**. "Dr. Reimer's innovative work in the area of Canadian children's literature and, more broadly, in the culture of childhood grows out of one of The University of Winnipeg's longstanding areas of excellence in research and teaching."

University President **Lloyd Axworthy** (BA '61, LLD '98) noted, "This appointment reflects very well on the quality and significance of research undertaken at The University of Winnipeg. It confirms yet again that the University engages in excellent research, and we attract some of the world's finest researchers."

Reimer organized *Performing Childhood*, the successful international Children's Literature Association Conference held in Winnipeg in June 2005. She is also the author of many articles on children's literature, the editor of two books, and co-author of *The Pleasures of Children's Literature* with Perry Nodelman—widely used as a textbook in children's literature courses across North America. ■

CLASS ACTS

COMPILED BY: Betsy Van der Graaf

1940s

'46 BA, '39 The Collegiate **Mary J. (Floyde) McGregor** is retired. She enjoys gardening and exhibits her gladioli at garden shows.

'49 BA **Alice (Boulden) Little** writes that she is busy with many volunteer jobs, including the Patient Safety Council of the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority.



The Class of '55 celebrated their golden anniversary in the Fall with a variety of events, including a lunch at the Inn at the Forks.

1950s

'53 The Collegiate **Claire (Dixon) Weir** writes that she is enjoying retirement. She lives alternately in Hawaii and Calgary, AB for six months at a time.

'56 BA, '59 Th, '75 MST **James Strachan** retired in 1999 from active teaching and hospital ministry in the Calgary Health Region after 40 years in active ministry in Manitoba and Alberta. Since that time, Jim has worked in various facilities in Alberta and presently is working as a weekend supply minister and a pastoral care worker in Ponoka, AB.

'57 BA **Sheila Dresen** is president-elect of the board of directors of the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba for 2005-2006.

1960s

'66 BA **Larry Borody** and '67 **Heather Borody** have retired from teaching and live in Langley, BC.

'66 BA **Robert Grose** was recently elected president of Squash Alberta.

'68 BA **Lawrence Nielsen** is retired from Xerox Canada Ltd. and lives in St. Albert, AB.

'68 BA (Hons.) **John Herd Thompson** is a history professor at Duke University. Look for John and his new book from Oxford University Press: *British Columbia: Land of Promises* on his website at <http://fds.duke.edu/db/aas/history/faculty/jthompso>

1970s

'73 BA (Hons.) **Larry Sarbit** opened his own business, Sarbit Asset Management Inc., following 25 years in the investment business, including Investors Group, Richardson Greenshields, and most recently, AIC Ltd.

'76 BA **W. Ulysses Currie** was appointed Deputy Minister of Alberta Human Resources and Employment this year. Ulysses retired from a 26-year career with the Edmonton Police Service where he was superintendent.

'76 B.Sc. **Reginald Oswald** is co-owner of Mountainside Oak Log Homes in Franconia, NH.

'77 B.Ed. **Deborah Ann Kunkel** has been employed at Red River College since 1992. Previously Deborah had taught for six years in several elementary schools in Steinbach and Winnipeg, MB. She has also worked for several non-profit organizations and the Province of Manitoba.

'77 BA **Robert Montgomery** lives in Texas where he is an adult supervision officer with the Tarrant County Community Supervision and Corrections Department (CSCD) in Fort Worth, TX. Robert writes that he spends a lot of time with his grandchildren, ages one and 11.

'78 BA (Hons.) **Renée Gillis** is a curriculum consultant with Manitoba Education Citizenship and Youth.

'78 BA **Gary Hawkes** lives in Paris, France where he is a conseiller with Ambassade du Canada, Citizenship and Immigration.

'79 BA (Hons.) **Dirk Lange** received a PhD with distinction from Emory University in Atlanta, GA. Dirk, along with his wife Ilona and daughter Florence, will be living in Philadelphia, PA where Dirk will teach Christian Liturgy at the Lutheran Theological Seminary.

'79 BA **Robert Logan** has retired from the Winnipeg School Division and is working on his golf game.

1980s

'80 B.Sc., '76 The Collegiate **Ishmael Zackerali** teaches geography at Union Claxton Bay Senior School in Trinidad. Ishmael also does musical arrangements for the Southern All Stars Steel Orchestra.

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

'82 B.Sc. **Cheryl Kryluk** is coach of women's basketball at Brandon University.

'82 BA **Patricia Saunders** lives in Kleeefeld, MB where she is self-employed as a freelance writer. Patricia graduated from the University of Western Ontario in 1990 with an MA in Journalism.

'83 B.Ed. **Susan McCartney** has retired following 35 years of teaching in Thompson, MB. Susan received the Distinguished Service Award from the Thompson Teachers' Association.

'83 BA **Donald Webster** is the supervising justice of the peace for the provincial court of Saskatchewan.

'84 B.Sc. '00 MPA **Guy Corriveau** is the director of disaster management for the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority.

'85 B.Sc. **Roy Dixon** is a program manager in geomatics and remote sensing for the Province of Manitoba in Winnipeg, MB.

'85 BA Ann Hodges works as a theatre and opera director based in Winnipeg, and she freelances around the country. She recently completed the libretto for the opera, *Naomi's Road*, which is currently touring British Columbia schools.

'86 BA (Hons.) Patricia Chaychuk was elected President of the Association of Clerks-at-the-Table of Canada in August 2005. Patricia is Clerk of the Manitoba Legislative Assembly, serves on the Editorial Board for the Canadian Parliamentary Review, and is a board member of the Canadian Study of Parliament Group.

'86 BA 4-yr. Denise Thomasson is area director in the Eastman Region of Manitoba Justice Community and Youth Corrections.

'87 B.Sc. 4-yr. George R. Kynman has been Communications Director with Manitoba Model Forest Inc. since 1995. A freelance cartoonist and writer with print and broadcast credits, he also restores and tours antique Graham Paige and Chrysler automobiles.

'87 BA Andrew Liong Ann Lim lives and works in Singapore. Andrew is an adjunct tutor at the National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technical University.

'87 BA (Hons.) Olaf Juergensen lives in New York where he is chief technical advisor on landmines to the Government of Jordan. Previously, Olaf worked for the UN in Mozambique, South Africa, and in Ottawa, following his PhD from Queen's University. Olaf is married to Linda Tataryn, and they have a daughter, Isabel (nine) and a son, Tomas (seven).

'88 BA Edward Haluschak is provincial registrar for Court of Queen's Bench at Manitoba Justice. Edward completed the joint University of Manitoba/Red River College human resource management certificate in 1994, and in 1999, the management development certificate (honours) at Red River College.

'89 The Collegiate Suzanne (Walton) Gross is a respiratory therapist at the Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg, MB.

'89 BA, '85 The Collegiate Peng Min Ling is a unit trust consultant with Public Mutual Berhad in Malaysia. He is married and has two daughters, aged two and four. Currently Peng Min Ling is pursuing the Certified Financial Planner (CFP) designation.

'89 BA Mona (Couture) Painchaud is a recreation worker at the Tache Centre in Winnipeg, MB.

'89 BA Raj Talasi and **'91 BA (Hons.) Evelyn Koh-Rangarajoo** live in British Columbia with their son, Etienne. Evelyn teaches English Studies in Coquitlam College and Raj is a district manager for an America financial corporation.

'89 B.Sc. Marcello Venditti is a Junior Resident in the Department of General Surgery at the University of Calgary.

1990s

'90 BA (Hons.) Marnie Hay graduated with a PhD in modern Irish history from University College in Dublin, Ireland where she is a teaching fellow.

'90 B.Sc. 4-yr. Kelli (Pennie) Running is Associate Director of Oncology Clinical Research at Pfizer Global Research and Development in Colchester, CN. Kelli is married and has two children.

'91 BA Robert Fennell is the minister at Forrest Hill United Church in Kitchener, ON. Robert received the ThD degree at University of Victoria/University of Toronto in 2005.

'92 BA Daniel Gratton is a registered professional forester with Timberland Consultants in BC.

'92 BA Margaret Saunders lives in Winnipeg with her husband, Gene. Before graduating from UWinnipeg, Margaret received her RN from the St. Boniface School of Nursing in 1945. She then completed post-graduate studies in advanced surgery at McGill University.

'93 BA Daniel Hurley is the new Executive Director for Government, University and Alumni Relations at The University of Winnipeg. He began his duties on March 6, 2006. Dan just moved back to Winnipeg from Ottawa where he most recently served as chief of staff to former environment minister Stephane Dion. He is also a graduate of Carleton University in Ottawa, ON with a master's degree in journalism. Dan and his wife, Kim, are now proud parents of Liam Daniel, their first child, born on January 26, 2006.

'93 B.Sc. 4-yr., '89 The Collegiate Eric Steinbring is a researcher for the National Research Council at the Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics in Victoria, BC.

'93 BA Nikolaos Tambakis graduated with a Bachelor of Orthodox Theology from the University of Sherbrooke this year and is employed with the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Canada.

'94 BA Gerald Bird moved to Calgary, AB where he is an environmental analyst with Indian Oil and Gas Canada with the Sarcee Nation. He loves his work and highly recommends others to make changes when they get frustrated in their current jobs.

'94 DCE Glenn Nanka has been a paraprofessional in special needs for 15 years in the River East-Transcona School Division in Winnipeg, MB.

'94 B.Ed. Christina (LoScerbo) Nowosad is a teacher/art specialist with the St. James-Assiniboia School Division in Winnipeg, MB.

'94 DCE Kathleen E. Randall lives in Calgary where she is Human Resources Representative, Oil Sands, for Shell Canada.

'96 BA Joseph Chiang is assistant manager at Price Waterhouse in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

'97 BA Michelle Kirkbride is a community development coordinator with NorWest Co-op Community Health.

'97 B.Sc. Signy Syms is co-owner of a fine lingerie boutique, specializing in European imports. Signy also serves on the board of directors of a local charity.

'98 DCE Jamie Isherwood is looking for work as a teaching assistant. In the meantime, she keeps busy as a cook with the Casinos of Winnipeg, and reading, skiing, rollerskating, and drawing.

'98 BA (Hons.) Sandra Wiebe is a post-doctoral fellow in family community medicine at Southern Illinois University. Sandra received a fellowship to attend the John Merck Fund Summer Institute at Princeton University on the biology of developmental disabilities.

'98 BA (Hons.) Amanda Wintink is an NSERC post-doctoral fellow at Dalhousie University.

'99 BA Coralee Dolyniuk is an event coordinator at Strauss, a Western Canadian event and association management firm. As event coordinator, Coralee is the project manager for the Rotary Career Symposium and the Volunteer Centre of Winnipeg's annual volunteer awards.

'99 B.Sc. 4-yr. **Jonathan Fine** is a pharmacist at the Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg, MB.

'99 B.Sc. **Jody Freedman** is a recent chiropractic graduate. Jody cycled across Canada last year as part of a national health and wellness campaign which he developed, called "Unleash Your Potential." Jody is now a practising chiropractor in the Ottawa area.

'99 BA (Hons.) **Zoey Michele** is living in Halifax, NS and is currently writing a doctoral dissertation in Sociology from Queen's University. Zoey taught during the summer 2005 session at Queen's University's International Study Centre at Herstmonceux Castle in the UK.

'99 BA **Aaron Olson** was the recipient of the 2005 Canada Level 1 Award of Excellence of the Certified General Accountants program of professional studies.

'99 BA (Hons.) **Steven Quiring** is an assistant professor in geography at Texas A&M University.

'99 B.Sc. **Micah Simcoff** graduated from the University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine in 2003, finished his family medicine residency, and has opened a practice in Selkirk, MB.

2000s

'00 BA **Kelli Forbes** practices law in Selkirk, MB. She is married and has a son.

'00 BA (Hons.) **Tara Kuzyk** graduated in 2004 with a Master of Science in Health Research Methodology from the department of Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics of McMaster University. Tara is currently employed as an evaluator/analyst with Health Canada.

'00 BA **Jason Ridley** is a project manager with Barnes and Duncan Land Surveyors in Winnipeg, MB.

'01 B.Sc. (Hons.) **Brian Anderson**, director at Deloitte in Winnipeg, has assumed the leadership role for the Scientific Research and Experimental Development (SR&ED) tax credit program within the Deloitte tax group.

'01 BA **Cory Cassidy** is the manager at Canada Drugs, North America's largest internet pharmacy. Cory is an aspiring actor and has appeared in over 20 films and movies.

'01 B.Sc. **Caroline May** is practising dentistry in Wausau, Wisconsin.

'01 BA **Deborah (Kenny) Thorne** is the co-director of Keeway Wellness Centre which is a license massage therapy practice in Erickson, MB. Deborah finished pre-med requirements and is now pursuing traditional Chinese medicine and acupuncture to complement her practice.

'01 DCE **Nancy Windjack** is communications coordinator at the University of Manitoba Faculty of Arts, Dean's Office.

'02 BA (Hons.) **Rachel (Niekamp) Franco** and her husband are currently travelling across Canada and Europe. They will eventually settle in her husband's country of Colombia.

'02 BA **Angela Green** is community initiatives director at the YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg, MB. Angela works from the South Winnipeg YM/YWCA.

'02 B.Sc. 4-yr. **Kara McDonald** is an epidemiologist with the Public Health Agency of Canada. Kara completed a master's degree in science at the University of Manitoba.

'03 BA 4-yr. **Tim Fleming** is a conflict management specialist with the Centre for Conflict Resolution International in Ottawa, ON.

'03 BA **Roger Hamm** is a securities specialist with Investors Group in Edmonton, AB.

'04 B.Sc. 4-yr. **Mason Kulbaba** is studying toward a PhD in botany at the University of Manitoba.

'03 BA 4-yr. **Sara Ly** is a constituency assistant in Winnipeg for Andrew Swan, Manitoba MLA for Minto.

'03 BA **Vanessa Rigaux** is an educator with the Manitoba Theatre for Young People.

'04 BA **Ian Jason Glenn Grant** is working for the Japanese government in Japan. He is a prefectural advisor with international relations in the city of Fukuoka.

'04 BA **Erin Reynolds** is a childcare employee at the UWSA Day Care Centre.

'04 DCE, '82 **The Collegiate Sherri Sigurdson** is an educational assistant with the Louis Riel School Division at Frontenac School in Winnipeg, MB.

'04 B.Sc. 4-yr. **Sherilee Streilein** has recently returned from a one-year working holiday in Australia and is hoping to get a job in forestry in Winnipeg, MB.

'04 BA, '85 **The Collegiate Danielle Sturk's** first documentary, *Vivre de A à Z; un regard sur l'alphabétisation*, was nominated for two 2006 Blizzard Awards for best documentary and best direction.

'05 BA 4-yr. **Hong Bo** lives in Shanghai, China where he is employed with Shanghai Light Industrial Products Import and Export Corp. Ltd.

'05 B.Sc. (Hons.), '00 **The Collegiate Vanessa Lentz** is pursuing an M.Sc. in bioethics at McGill University, focusing on the ethics of assisted reproduction in HIV-positive couples.

'05 BA **Danielle Stott** is a broker enquiry representative with Manitoba Public Insurance.

'05 B.Sc. (Hons.) **Michael Wivchar** is currently pursuing a doctoral degree at the University of Nevada in Reno, NV. Michael was the 2005 recipient of the James S. McGoey Student Research Award, presented by the Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences of the St. Boniface Research Centre. As well, Michael was in second place at the seventh Annual Alpine Student Research Forum, sponsored by the universities of Manitoba and Calgary, held in Banff, AB in April 2005.

CAMPUS *Cooks*

From mouth-watering appetizers and comforting soups to hearty entrees and decadent desserts, UWinnipeg faculty and staff share their favourite recipes in *Campus Cooks*. All proceeds from the sale of *Campus Cooks* go to support scholarships and bursaries for University of Winnipeg students.

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THANK YOU!

University of Winnipeg staff member and Journal contributor **Betsy Van der Graaf** is retiring this Spring. Responsible for both Class Acts and In Memoriam, Betsy's contributions to *The Journal* have been invaluable. Best wishes and thanks!

- The Journal Team

IN MEMORIAM

COMPILED BY: Betsy Van der Graaf

'31 Assoc. Alumnus, '26 The Collegiate
Harley Ranson

'31 BA Nanna MacKinlay Robertson on January
6, 2005 at Winnipeg, MB

'33 BA Roberta Elizabeth (McDougall) McKay
on May 13, 2004 at Sechelt, BC

'33 The Collegiate Helen (Bowley) Tonn
on September 25, 2005 at Winnipeg, MB

'34 BA, Th '37 Jack Stuart Scott on September 4,
2000 at BC

'35 BA Evelyn (Lepage) Findlay on May 4, 2004
at Winnipeg, MB

'35 Dorothy (Thompson) Healey on September 29,
2001 at Burlington, ON

'35 BA Desmond Carlile White on November 8,
2005 at Winnipeg, MB

'36 BA Mary Eileen (Cawson) Williams
on October 9, 2004

'37 BA, '34 The Collegiate Donald Owen Pratt
on July 16, 2005 at Victoria, BC

'37 The Collegiate Charles Ernest Dojack
on March 31, 2005 at Vancouver, BC

'39 BA John S.R. Bains on November 23, 2005
at Winnipeg, MB

'39 BA, Th '42 Hugh Bill on September 5, 2005
at Russell, MB

'39 The Collegiate Arthur H. Hoole, CD on
September 16, 2005 at Winnipeg, MB

'41 Assoc. Alumnus, '40 The Collegiate William
(Bill) Allen in December 2005 at Winnipeg, MB

'42 Th Kenneth McLeod in August 2005 at
Brentwood Bay, BC

'43 Assoc. Alumnus Edmund Overgaard

'43 BA, '40 The Collegiate Audrey Peach
on October 27, 2005 at London, ON

'44 Assoc. Alumnus Gordon B. Skinner

'45 The Collegiate Andrew Lawrence Stewart
on October 11, 2005 at Winnipeg, MB

'46 BA Mary (Turnbull) Mindess on July 18,
2005 at Winnipeg, MB

'47 BA Isabelle B. (Smith) MacDonald in May
2005 at Maple Ridge, BC

'47 BA Gloria (Sivertson) Meadows on
November 20, 2005 at Winnipeg, MB

'49 Assoc. Alumnus Geoffrey Call on January 5,
2003 at Winnipeg, MB

'49 BA Glenn Miller Howie

'49 BA Maureen Joy (Moore) Waller on July 29,
2005 at Knoxville, TN

'50 The Collegiate Clarence Edward Chick on
July 5, 2005 at Winnipeg, MB

'50 BA, Th '53 Roland (Bud) Harper on June 12,
2004 at Regina, MB

'50 BA Donald (MacKay) Manser in January
2004 at Sydney, Australia

'51 The Collegiate Edward Kessiloff on June 22,
2005 at Winnipeg, MB

'52 BA, '55 Th, '77 M.Div. Donald W. Hilton on
July 20, 2005 at Winnipeg, MB

'52 The Collegiate Russell Calvert C. Sime on
July 24, 2005

'52 BA, '49 The Collegiate Verniece G. Webber
on October 9, 2005 at Toronto, ON

'53 The Collegiate Neale Driver on December 15,
2004

'53 BA Donald Gillies on May 24, 2005 at
Winnipeg, MB

'53 The Collegiate Sharon (Fieldbloom) Ruskin
on August 20, 2005 at Winnipeg, MB

'54 BA, '59 MA, '80 LLD Leo Friman Kristjanson
on August 21, 2005 at Gimli, MB

'55 BA Harry Baker on December 26, 2004 at
Vancouver, BC

'56 BA, '60 B.Ed. Edward Kowalchuk on June 4,
2003 at Winnipeg, MB

'60 BA Barry Roger Dowler on November 11,
2004 at Red Deer, AB

'62 BA Marvin Steen

'63 BA Friedhelm Kahler

'66 B.Sc. Paul Ross on December 19, 2004 at
Winnipeg, MB

'68 BA Gregory Jakubec on December 19, 2003
at Winnipeg, MB

'69 The Collegiate Gerald Koffman on
September 15, 2004 at Winnipeg, MB

'69 The Collegiate Ian Vance Shaw on August
20, 2005 at Vancouver, BC

'71 BA Malvina Chimchak on October 24, 2005
at Winnipeg, MB

'71 BA Alvin Lowe

'72 The Collegiate Randy Dorey on June 19, 2005

'72 BA (Hons.) Michael Supleve

'73 BA Emily Fitzpatrick on October 26, 2005
at Winnipeg, MB

'73 BA Grace Hjalmarsson on October 31, 2003
at Baldur, MB

'74 BA Eva Eileen Goodridge on September 20,
2005 at Winnipeg, MB

'75 LLD Mary Elizabeth Bayer on September 7,
2005 at Victoria, BC

'75 BA Leslie Sumter on January 26, 2000 at
Winnipeg, MB

'76 Assoc. Alumni Norma Faye (Olson)
Johnston on July 8, 2005 at Winnipeg, MB

'76 BA Kenneth Shorten on November 5, 2003
at Winnipeg, MB

'77 B.Ed. Patricia MacDonald on July 13, 2005

'77 B.Sc. Jeffery Ross Maxwell on April 8, 2005
at Winnipeg, MB

'78 BA Raymond Norman Forzley on May 26,
2005 at Winnipeg, MB

'79 BA Elizabeth Neskar on February 24, 2005
at Selkirk, MB

'82 BA Gwendolyn (Parker) Clarke on August 9,
2005 at Winnipeg, MB

'83 BA Ethel Ina (Kingsley) Barton on October 17,
2005 at Winnipeg, MB

'84 BA Diane Brunnen on June 28, 2005
at Winnipeg, MB

'87 B.Ed. Claudia (Mielke) Burg on November 28,
2005 at Winnipeg, MB

'87 BA Eva-Jean Nowak on October 6, 2005
at Winnipeg, MB

'90 BA Gary Robert Richardson on
September 2, 2005

'91 Assoc. Alumnus Bruce Charles Dryburgh on
August 4, 2005 at Winnipeg, MB

'91 BA Juventine Issa on April 9, 2003 at
Winnipeg, MB

'93 BA (Hons.) Douglas Raymond Nepinak on
August 13, 2005 at Winnipeg, MB

'94 BA, B.Ed. John H. Lawler on November 28,
2005 at Winnipeg, MB

'97 The Collegiate Dion Toews on March 15,
2002 at Winnipeg, MB

LOOKING BACK

TEXT: Susan Rennie, BA '02 and Annette Elvers, BA (Hons.) '93
with notes from Ron Riddell (Collegiate '42, Fellow of United College 1988)

"Looking Back" is a regular department of the Journal. By reserving this page for nostalgic photos and tidbits of history, we hope to give you a sense of the longstanding tradition of The University of Winnipeg. For some readers, it will bring back memories. For others, it will put your time at the University in context. For all, we hope it will be a source of pride, that you are part of a rich and fascinating heritage.

CONVOCATION HALL:

A Keystone of Student Life...

Lecture hall, chapel, dining hall, boxing ring, dance hall, and theatre—Convocation Hall has played all these roles for generations of students at The University of Winnipeg. And as its name suggests, this important room in the heart of Wesley Hall has also ushered students into a new stage of their lives as they crossed the oak floors and accepted their degrees. Constructed in the late 1800s, Convocation Hall has a long history of service to the University community, including:

- 1908 – Students organized and hosted the first "conversazione," an evening of song and food and conversation.
- 1920 – Convocation Hall was the site of the first "Stunt Night," on record, which eventually became a popular contest between the various class years, a tradition for decades.
- Early 1930s – Oak flooring was installed to facilitate the dances that were regularly held in Convocation Hall.
- Late 1930s – The popular faculty-driven Life and Education Lecture Series was launched in the Hall.
- Early 1940s – The Hall hosted over 200 students at a sitting during weekly chapel services throughout World War II.
- 1950 – The University opened its doors to Red Cross refugees from across the flooded city and given shelter in Convocation Hall.
- 1963 – The opening of Riddell Hall gymnasium in February 1963 prompted the move of student activities away from Convocation Hall, where they had been held for over 60 years.

Ron Riddell, now a retired member of the University faculty, reports that a great many hijinks also took place in Convocation Hall. "Late one afternoon a student living in residence above Convocation Hall jumped up and grabbed one of the sprinkler pipes," says Riddell. "It broke off! And since it was a high pressure line, by the time someone got down to the basement to shut off the water it had already done considerable damage. The Convocation Hall ceilings had to be redone—it was a total mess!"

What's next for Convocation Hall? Send your thoughts, ideas, and concerns on the future of the Hall to the Alumni Association, at the address on page 13.



The audience enjoys a Stunt Night performance in Convocation Hall in the 1950s.



A group photo of Manitoba College faculty and staff, circa 1929, was taken in front of the King Memorial stained glass window.



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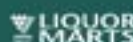
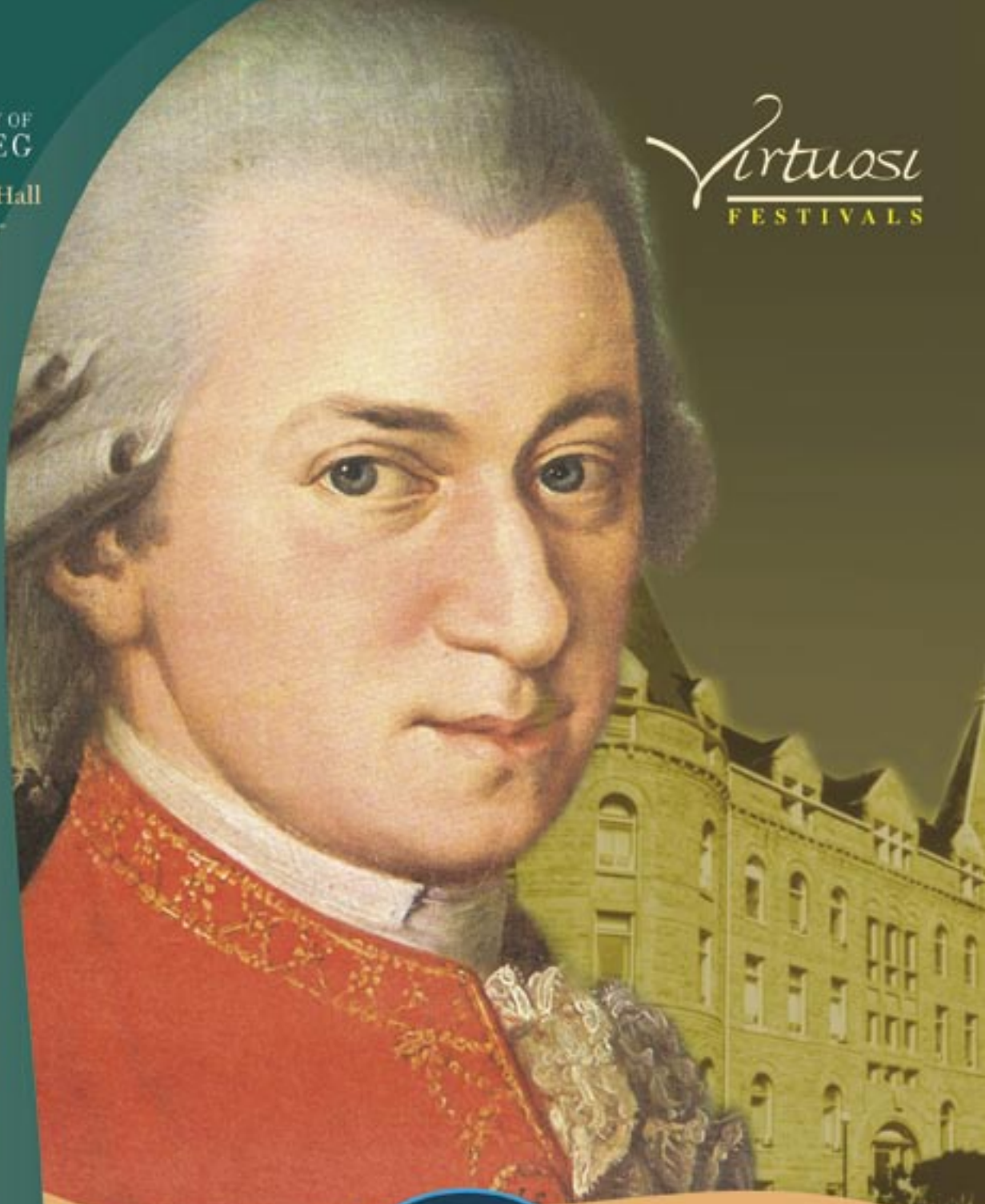


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