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The practice of sitting down once in a while and taking stock of things, professional and personal is something that I take very seriously. At the professional level, through this entire process, the most rewarding parts of my experience have been the relationships that I have developed and intend to develop with each of you, the alumni, faculty, staff, readers, advertisers and supporters. As the new Editor of the *Alumni Journal*, I did the same.

The only thing constant in our lives is CHANGE. Likewise, the *Journal* must continue to evolve to ensure it remains effective and develops a belonging, with its readership, advertisers and its supporters. We need to attend to things we have developed or nurtured to make sure they still have relevance and a connection to our changing times. I am not saying that we should discard the past and create a new product. The last changes to the *Journal* were made five years ago. Those changes served us well. The *Journal* should never stand still; we make new friends and never forget the old.

I do not have the words to express what an honour and privilege it is to serve as Editor of the *Journal*. I have always valued the *Journal* as the "umbilical cord" between the

institution and its students; potential, present and graduates. This issue's front cover showcases a classic example of how our alumni continue to be connected and are an integral part of both the university and the students of today. The *Journal* will continue to showcase the success its alumni enjoy today.

At the same time, we also want the *Journal* to be a medium for our alumni to share and exchange their stories, successes, and experiences. The *Journal* belongs to you the alumni. I encourage all alumni to take advantage of it. We have introduced some changes to the *Journal's* format and will continue to implement others in future issues. As this is your *Journal*, please feel free to provide suggestions or comments.

I thank the entire *Journal* team, all writers and advertisers who have made this first edition as the Editor an easy transition for me...

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For **Chantal Kreviazuk**, giving back to her home city comes naturally. "It means a lot to me to give back to a place that has given me so much," declared The University of Winnipeg Collegiate grad and internationally-renowned singer-songwriter during her benefit concert in Winnipeg on Feb. 19, 2007. (SEE PAGE 18)

And give back she did. The proceeds from Chantal's concert netted nearly \$17,000 for The University of Winnipeg's new Opportunity Fund—an innovative bursary and tuition credit program for students currently underrepresented at The University of Winnipeg. The fund will offer Aboriginal and inner-city youth, as well young people from war-affected nations, with an incentive to stay in the classroom, complete high school, and continue on to a post-secondary education at UWinnipeg. With a targeted \$10 million endowment and with the help of private donors, we hope to open new doors to the future underprivileged students, especially from the local neighbourhood, by making education more accessible. I encourage you to give to the Opportunity Fund today by visiting [www.uwinnipegfoundation.ca/donate](http://www.uwinnipegfoundation.ca/donate) and make a difference in a young person's life.

Chantal's stirring performance also helped kick off Human Rights Action Week at the University, culminating in the Human Rights and Social Justice Conference from Feb. 23 to 25, 2007. Hosted by the Global College, the conference attracted a diverse array of high-school students and international experts alike who came together to advance the causes of war-affected

children, women and gender rights, human rights education, and the rights of indigenous peoples. Prominent speakers included **Paul Meyer**, Canada's Ambassador to the UN Human Rights Council; **Monia Mazigh**, wife of **Maher Arar**; and **Irwin Cotler**, parliamentarian and human rights activist.

While a formal declaration to the United Nations is still being prepared, conference delegates called for a stronger emphasis on human rights education in the school system, and recommended declaring Winnipeg a "human rights city." For UWinnipeg's part, under the leadership of our Global College, we are moving forward with a new degree program focusing on human rights education.

Finally, I invite you to mark on your calendar the weekend Sept. 13 to 16, 2007, as The University of Winnipeg celebrates the 40th anniversary of its charter. We have a wide range of events and reunions for alumni, students and families alike. See the insert for more information on how to register for this historic event. It's a weekend you won't want to miss.

Sincerely yours,

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



How do you teach a kid from the inner city to appreciate nature and the environment? The answer is Eco-Kids and Enviro Techs. The University of Winnipeg and the Winnipeg School Division have partnered to establish a lunch-hour and after-school program involving schools in downtown Winnipeg. The Eco-Kids are children, ages 9 to 14, who explore the relationship between culture, science, the environment, through hands-on environmental science experiments, community projects and field trips to Oak Hammock Marsh and Fort Whyte Alive! Eco-Kids are supported by Enviro Techs, high-school students who

under go leadership training, creative problem solving and guide the younger students by incorporating traditional Aboriginal teachings with environmental science.

Program coordinator **Kevin Chief** (BA '98) says Eco-Kids and Enviro Techs give inner-city children and youth a sense of belonging at the University. "We're trying to tap kids on the shoulder, so that they may one day see themselves at The University of Winnipeg as an athlete and a university student," says Chief, who grew up in the inner city and rose to become a star basketball player with the Wesmen. "We want them to know that they can realize their dreams and achieve academic success."

# Leonard Asper

VALUABLE INSIGHTS FROM COLLEGIATE DAYS TEXT: Nadine Kampen, BA '81

Filled with the dreams of youth embracing the possibilities of the future, CanWest Global Communications President and CEO **Leonard Asper** (Collegiate '82) at age 17 made what proved to be one of the best decisions of his young life. He attended The University of Winnipeg Collegiate for his Grade 12 studies.

"I had a tremendous experience at The Collegiate," recalls Asper. "It was very different from regular high school—the hours of class time, the way you interacted with the teachers, the freedom you had to make responsible decisions for yourself." All of it contributed to his growing confidence and offered important lessons that would give him insight into lifelong learning.

He had heard about The Collegiate's reputation from other students, and chose that experience for himself. Deciding to go away to college, he wanted to be able to show Collegiate credits on his transcript due to the school's stellar reputation for high quality education.

"All of my teachers at The Collegiate were outstanding. I felt privileged to learn from them. They were passionate about what they were teaching and were dedicated to ensuring that their students got a great education," says Asper, who was particularly appreciative of his English courses with **Miss Bill** and **Mr. Kowalczyk**. "Our teachers were extraordinarily accessible. The teachers treated students as peers rather than subordinates. We had the opportunity to talk with them—often over a cup of coffee in Tony's Canteen. They were a sounding board for us. That was very valuable."

Asper also valued the time available to him that year to build relationships with a diverse group of students. "You had time for friends. The school was small. You would see the same classmates in Wesley Hall, and at the lower lockers, and at Tony's Canteen. Classes were over in the early afternoon and you could see people socially before heading home."

"We used to have coffee houses, where the students would entertain," Asper recalls. "They cleared out the tables in Tony's. I remember I played the piano one time and **Jennifer Anderson** (Collegiate '82) and **Judy Charad** (Collegiate '82) sang. I really enjoyed the coffee houses. It was a nice feature of The Collegiate."

Asper's year at The Collegiate also gave him an invaluable insight into quality education. "I experienced the kind of learning environment that people need in order to thrive," he says. In his role as head of one of the world's leading

communications companies, he draws on his Collegiate experiences whenever he envisions meetings and training sessions for his own people. "While I wouldn't go so far as to say The Collegiate was a school without walls, it was at least a school with 'floor to ceiling windows.' The Collegiate provided the right balance of structure and intellectual flexibility. I apply these principles today, because I have found that too much of one and not enough of the other produces inferior results."

The insights Asper gained from his Collegiate days, broadened by experiences in life and in the workplace, have helped shape his leadership style and have influenced what he looks for in his CanWest team members. "When we recruit people to join CanWest we are looking for a particular kind of person. I want the same characteristics in the people around me that I saw in my teachers at The Collegiate—people who are dedicated and passionate, who come to work because they want to be there, and who love what they do."

He hopes today's students really value education. His advice to youth before they join the workforce is simple: "Pay attention at school. Take time to learn," he says. "In life, you will use what you learn. You are building the foundation for lifelong success. Have faith that this will be to your benefit." He also believes that students need to learn early on in life to give back to others, incorporating giving, "from each according to his or her means and ability," as a lifelong value.

Today, as an international businessperson at age 42, Asper values the times when life slows down. Life away from work is about family and being with his wife **Susan** and their children **Sarah**, **Olivia**, and **Matthew**, now ages 10, 8, and 4. He likes his sports (hockey, tennis, and water skiing top the list), being at the lake, and playing piano to relax. "I played classical music as a kid. I grew up listening to my Grandma and to my Dad, who played jazz, and decided it would be good to learn a few pop songs—Bruce Springsteen, Elton John, Billy Joel songs. These days," he says with a laugh, showing his fatherly side. "I even play a few Hilary Duff and Avril Lavigne songs that my kids like to hear."

*In addition to the CanWest corporate donation, Collegiate alumnus Leonard Asper has made a personal contribution to The Collegiate. When approached by fellow-Collegiate graduate and Foundation Board Member **Jim McDonald** (Collegiate '64) to support The Collegiate Campaign, Asper responded in December 2006 with a generous gift to create a new endowed bursary fund to assist Collegiate students in financial need.*



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*"In life, you will use what you learn in high school. You are building the foundation for lifelong success."*

Leonard Asper

TEXT: Nadine Kampen, BA '81

# \$3 MILLION

CANWEST GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS CORP.  
GIFT CREATES CANWEST CENTRE FOR THEATRE AND FILM



CONCEPTUAL RENDERING OF THE CANWEST CENTRE FOR THEATRE AND FILM

When **Leonard Asper** (Collegiate '82), President and CEO of CanWest Global Communications and a founding member of The University of Winnipeg Foundation Board of Directors, approached the podium at a University news conference on December 12, 2006, the room fell appreciatively quiet. His extraordinary news—a corporate gift of \$3 million for a new centre for theatre and film—brought a burst of cheers from a community eager to improve an outstanding theatre and film department at the University, but one in critical need of state-of-the-art facilities.

"We at CanWest believe that arts are the soul of the community, and we are proud to be part of this dynamic project," said Asper. "The vision, commitment to excellence, and talent pool in the

University's theatre and film studies appealed to us, as both corporate citizens and investors.

"Theatre and film graduates make a significant contribution to Canadian theatre and television. We rely on their skills to help our company grow. Support for performing arts and post-secondary education are two of CanWest's priority areas of community support."

The CanWest Centre for Theatre and Film will include a 120-170 seat flexible theatre and modern facilities for lighting, sound, and film and media production. It will also house acting and rehearsal studios, and spaces for training students in costuming, make-up, stagecraft and property-construction.

"CanWest's inspirational gift will help us produce the brightest and best-educated graduates in theatre and film in Canada," said **Lloyd Axworthy** (BA '61, LLD '98), President of The University of Winnipeg. "This new Centre will offer tremendous support to our national cultural industries and local arts community."

"This unprecedented corporate gift demonstrates the kind of vision we know and appreciate about CanWest. Thank you, CanWest, for making this dream come true," said University of Winnipeg Foundation President and CEO **Susan Thompson** (Collegiate '67, BA '71).

The CanWest gift builds on an earlier donation of \$4.3 million by the Province to purchase and renovate the building at 400 Colony Street. \$1.2 million in capital funding from the University and a campaign for \$1.3 million for capital and equipment will move this project to completion.



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# NOBEL NOMINEE

## Sheila Watt-Cloutier

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



Born in 1953 in Kuujuaq, Quebec, **Sheila Watt-Cloutier** (LLD '06) lived a traditional Inuit life until the age of 10. "I traveled only by dogsled for the first decade of my life," she recalls. Watt-Cloutier now faces a very different landscape—one in which global warming is eroding the Arctic's delicate environment and the Inuit way of life.

A resident of Iqaluit, Watt-Cloutier describes barren soil normally covered by snow and ice, caribou traveling north beyond their normal range, and seals struggling to birth and raise pups without the shelter of snowy dens. For Watt-Cloutier, an Inuk woman, mother, and grandmother, negative effects on human life in the North are directly linked to the worsening state of the environment and its creatures. "Our emotional, spiritual, and cultural well-being and health depend on protecting the land," says Watt-Cloutier. "We cannot find our way with band-aid solutions. For Inuit, the environment is everything."

Watt-Cloutier has always faced the challenges of climate change head-on. She has been a political spokesperson for Inuit for over a decade, serving until last summer as International Chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference (ICC)—the Inuit organization that represents the interests internationally of 155,000 Inuit residents in Canada, Greenland, Alaska, and Chukotka in the Far East of the Federation of Russia. As Chair of ICC, her vision was to put the human/Inuit face on the global map. She felt that if citizens of the world could "connect" with the challenges the Arctic and its people are facing, it will lead to better understanding of how the planet and its people are one.

"I do nothing more than remind the world that the Arctic is not a barren land devoid of life, but a rich and majestic land that has supported our resilient culture for millennia," says Watt-Cloutier. "Even though small in number and living far from the corridors of power, it appears that the wisdom of the land strikes a universal chord on a planet where many are searching for sustainability."

Though Watt-Cloutier has stepped down from active political life, the world is once again beating a path to her northern door. In February 2007 she was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize, bringing her important work once again to the forefront.

"I am very honoured to have been nominated," said Watt-Cloutier in a telephone interview from Iqaluit. "It means the world is getting the message."

"This is a great honour for our distinguished Honorary Doctorate recipient Sheila Watt-Cloutier, and a momentous recognition of the critical impact global warming is having on the Inuit of the North and their way of life," said UWinnipeg President and Vice-Chancellor **Lloyd Axworthy** (BA '61, LLD '98), himself a Nobel Peace Prize nominee. "We congratulate her and hope that this nomination will bring additional attention to the serious plight faced by the Inuit of the North due to climate change."

Watt-Cloutier says she sees hope for the future. "I've always said that what we're trying to do is change public opinion into public policy. In both Canada and the United States, issues of climate change are becoming campaign issues. Big shifts are happening—the changing of attitudes around the world is amazing."

### SHEILA WATT-CLOUTIER'S HONOURS INCLUDE:

- 2006 - HONORARY DOCTOR OF LAWS, UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG
- 2006 - CITATION OF LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT, CANADIAN ENVIRONMENT AWARDS
- 2006 - OFFICER OF THE ORDER OF CANADA
- 2006 - SELECTED AS ONE OF CANADA'S FIVE NATION BUILDERS BY *The Globe and Mail*
- 2006 - INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP AWARD, GLOBAL GREEN USA

- 2006 - NORTHERN MEDAL, AWARDED BY THE OUTGOING GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA, ADRIENNE CLARKSON
- 2005 - UNITED NATIONS CHAMPION OF THE EARTH AWARD / SOPHIE PRIZE IN NORWAY
- 2004 - ABORIGINAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENT
- 2002 - GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT AWARD, WORLD ASSOCIATION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS



# RHODES SCHOLAR ACTIVE *for* CHANGE

“I want to stay grounded and do my best to be a socially responsible citizen and positive, contributing member of my community.”

“I had a question that I wanted answered when I began university,” says **Alana Lajoie-O’Malley** (Collegiate ’00, BA (Hons.) ’06). “What is the relationship between quantum mechanics and Eastern mysticism? No one subject could answer it.”

For Lajoie-O’Malley, finding an answer to such a unique question meant a unique solution, and she designed a self-directed major to help her solve the mystery—Science as a Catalyst for Social Change—which combined the study of History, Physics, and Politics.

It was a risk worth taking. The self-described environmentalist and social activist graduated in Spring 2006 with a gold medal for highest standing in a student-designed major and was honoured with the role of valedictorian for her graduating class.

The following November, recognition for Lajoie-O’Malley’s academic prowess came from abroad. She was named a Rhodes Scholar—the 29th in UWinnipeg/United College history. The scholarship, worth approximately \$45,000, covers two years of studies at Oxford University in England, including tuition, living expenses, and travel.

“Alana is truly a remarkable student both academically and personally,” said **Lloyd Axworthy** (BA ’61, LLD ’98), UWinnipeg’s President. “Her intellectual rigour and her passion for environmental and sustainability issues are exemplary—areas of particular importance to the future of The University of Winnipeg. She is a model for other students and this opportunity to study at Oxford will benefit Alana’s development as a scholar and as an activist for change.”

Lajoie-O’Malley is currently working as a researcher for Axworthy while completing a Bachelor of Science in Physics. Starting in October 2007, Lajoie-O’Malley will embark upon another bachelor’s degree at Oxford, pursuing the study of the theoretical components of Physics in conjunction with the philosophical considerations of scientific knowledge and development.

“I never would have thought I could become a Rhodes Scholar coming from a small town in Manitoba,” says the 24-year-old, who was born and raised in Ste. Anne, MB and is fluently bilingual in French and English. But her stellar academic achievements coupled with her global consciousness and her continual pursuit of intellectual, political, and metaphysical questions make her the ideal, even quintessential, Rhodes Scholar.

She maintained an exceptional academic record at The Collegiate during Grades 11 and 12 and during her university studies won numerous awards and scholarships. These included the O.T. Anderson Award for distinguished academic and extracurricular achievement and the Dr. and Mrs. Roderick Hunter Scholarship—an awarded granted on the basis of academic excellence, outstanding leadership qualities and significant extracurricular involvements.

While she says her rural roots might have directed her toward a more traditional profession such as a teacher, nurse or accountant, attending The Collegiate “broadened her options.” And she credits her experiences as a participant in Canada World Youth Exchange as life-changing.

“The community work I did in Powell River, BC and Cochin, India transformed my growing interests in sustainable living and social justice into the central principles by which I try to live my life,” she says, adding she also discovered how these tenets work practically through involvement in her family’s small perfume business. It works in partnership with a community development initiative to provide gainful employment to members of a women’s cooperative in Mexico.

Throughout her studies, Lajoie-O’Malley also volunteered for Manitoba Eco-Network, SUNSET (Sustainable University Now, Sustainable Earth Tomorrow), Frontier College, and tutored elementary and high school students. She was one of the student leaders driving UWinnipeg to become more socially and environmentally responsible and led to the University becoming a Kyoto-compliant institution. She was also active on the University’s Sustainability Task Force which produced a campus sustainability policy adopted by the Board of Regents in October 2006.

During her travels in India, Lajoie-O’Malley had the opportunity to study hatha yoga, which she practices daily and now also teaches. For the soft-spoken thinker, yoga brings together her passion for intellectual discourse, spiritual contemplation and rigorous physical discipline. Yoga helps keep her life in perspective: “It’s important to me not to get caught up in being part of this select group of Rhodes Scholars,” she says candidly. “I want to stay grounded and do my best to be a socially responsible citizen and positive, contributing member of my community.”

# DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD *Rayleen De Luca*

TEXT: Annette Elvers, BA (HONS.) '93

For most children, the scrapes and bruises of childhood heal quickly, leaving only the occasional scar and some good stories about the adventures behind any lasting marks.

But for others, the story is different. In Canada each year, thousands of children are harmed by family members, caregivers, neighbours, and strangers. Child abuse can leave emotional scars that last a lifetime, long after bones have knit and cuts have healed.

As a clinical psychologist, as well as mother and grandmother, **Dr. Rayleen De Luca** (BA (Hons.) '79) knows what it takes to raise a healthy, happy child—and what happens when a child's needs aren't met and a relationship of trust is broken.

It's her job to help repair the damage, and to prepare the next generation of psychologists to do the same. "I feel so gifted that I'm able to be a professor and work with young people," says De Luca, who teaches psychology at the University of Manitoba. "But the wonderment of seeing children who have experienced challenges in their lives be able to overcome them and be resilient is the most gratifying of all."

De Luca, already a parent herself when she started her studies at UWinnipeg in 1979, knew right from the start that she wanted to follow her passion for working with kids. Studies with professors **Ron Norton**, **Harry Strub**, **Evelyn Schaeffer**, and others, fueled her fascination for psychology, and helped her find her way to

the career she now finds so fulfilling. "So many of my professors were such wonderful role models," says De Luca, who stays in touch with many of them to this day.

In addition to her research, which covers the spectrum of trauma that can occur to children, De Luca is also much sought after as a workshop lecturer, including giving presentations on such timely issues as divorce and children, fetal alcohol syndrome, children's responses to terrorist attacks, and the warning signs of youth violence. Last year, De Luca was part of a delegation from the Catholic Women's League that brought the issues of child safety, poverty, and human trafficking before the Prime Minister of Canada. "It was an incredible opportunity to take my research and have it help in a social policy kind of way," says De Luca.

"The Alumni Association is proud to have Rayleen as part of our family of alumni," says Association President **Jason Pusiewich** (BA '98). "Her list of accomplishments is remarkable—she has made her mark on every front, from her academic and professional work to her community spirit and personal leadership."

For her many contributions—teaching, research, counselling, and her ongoing contributions to the community—The University of Winnipeg presented Dr. Rayleen De Luca with the Distinguished Alumni Award at the University's 82nd Convocation held Sunday, October 15, 2006.



## THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG *Spring Annual Pow Wow*

TEXT: Mary Young, BA '80



As a student, and even as I began working as a Native Student Advisor in 1984, there was no evidence of celebrating or embracing Aboriginal cultures, traditions, and languages at The University of Winnipeg. It was not until March 2003 that the Aboriginal Student Council (ASC) and the Pow Wow Committee held their first Spring Pow Wow.

Now an annual event, the 2007 conference and Pow Wow (Honouring Elders and Children through Education) took place March 16, 2007. The ASC and the Pow Wow Committee work extremely hard organizing the event by inviting the Host Drum, the Arena Director, and ensuring the two Grand Entries include the Chiefs and Presidents of Aboriginal organizations, university administration, faculty, staff, and the Aboriginal community. Their fundraising activities consist of minor events such as pizza sales and raffles. Although these help in a small way, their major donations come from

Aboriginal and city organizations. The University administration and The University of Winnipeg Students' Association have been very supportive every year by donating several thousands of dollars.

"Without the University's financial support and the donations from Aboriginal and city organizations, the event would not happen," said **Amy Linklater**, current chair of the Pow Wow Committee. "We need to promote our traditions, culture and languages for future students."

The Spring Pow Wow is to me a celebration of renewal of life, renewal of friendships, and a celebration of our cultures and traditions. It also means the Aboriginal cultures in the University are being embraced and welcomed. It is a sign of commitment from all the organizations, a sign of positive change but most of all; it symbolizes hope for future Aboriginal students on campus to experience a "sense of belonging" and to be proud of their Aboriginal identity, traditions, cultures, and languages.

The financial support and the generosity the students receive from the different organizations including The University of Winnipeg to me is a major accomplishment and I commend their tenacity.

*Mary Young is the Director of Aboriginal Student Services at The University of Winnipeg.*

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# AFRICA

## A HUMANITARIAN JOURNEY

TEXT: Lindor Reynolds, BA '79



**MBOUR, SENEGAL:** We arrived in Africa in the middle of the night, 65 Canadians exhausted from a 40-hour journey, bewildered by the noise and bustle of the capital's airport, surrounded by people who wanted to take our bags, give us a lift, relieve us of our spare change.

It had really taken four years for the students of Winnipeg's College Jeanne Sauvé to get to Africa, four years since their inspirational teacher decided her affluent students needed the children of Mbour as much as the impoverished Senegalese kids needed the Winnipeggers.

**Diane Plamondon** (BA '77) motivated her students to raise thousands of dollars, to send medicine, clothing and school supplies, to form pen pal friendships and to grow into young humanitarians. They have come to witness the results of their labour.

Senegal was chosen because it is French-speaking, the language of College Jeanne Sauvé, and politically stable. Mbour, a small town with sand roads filled with donkey carts and dodgy buses, was home base.

Nothing could prepare us for the unforgiving heat, for the sight of frail babies in an orphanage or for the misery of cramming 41 sweaty teenagers in a bus designed to hold 25 comfortably.

Nothing could prepare us for the emotion of listening to a choir of African students sing O Canada in a dusty road, for the welcome offered by barefoot women beating gourd drums and blowing whistles as they danced us down a dusty street.

My job was to be the storyteller of the project, to record the joys and the sorrows of the trip for the *Winnipeg Free Press*. But it was impossible to remain truly objective after 17 days of sharing rooms, comforting our students as they fell ill, watching the happiness in their faces as they danced with the students of College St. Esprit.

We were exhausted, always filthy and overwhelmed. We learned about Africa time, when a bus would arrive 15 minutes, a hour, two hours after it was scheduled.

The success of the project was due to the relentless efforts of Plamondon and her students. They worked in the medical clinic, witnessed cataract surgery, visited a community centre they had paid to have built, handed out medicine at a free clinic.

There were days at the beach and a day at a local market when the students descended like locusts and stripped the place clean of drums, wooden statues and jewelry. They played Frisbee with the African students, learned to play their drums and held a birthday party for a local woman's toddler.

They were magnificent.

For all the exhaustion, the teenagers and parents who fell prey to intestinal bugs and the homesickness that struck many, the worst of the culture shock came after we left Africa. It was one thing to complain that every meal was the same, to swear you'd never again eat rice and fish. It is quite another to stand in a Safeway, guilt-ridden and paralyzed by the endless shelves of unnecessary products.

These students became humanitarians. They took the rest of us with them.





# THE POSSIBLE DREAM CLAUDIA WRIGHT

TEXT: Annette Elvers, BA (HONS.) '93



*"Never abandon hope," says Wright. "Nurture it. Cherish it. Assist it in its growth and presence. Not to do that is not to reach our human potential."*

**Claudia Wright** loves orchids.

"They're deceptively simple," says Wright, describing phalenopses. "At first blush they appear to be bilaterally symmetrical, but they're not. If you look at them closely it's ever so subtle. Each one is unique."

For Wright, orchid culture is a hobby and a way to unwind, not a research subject. But for someone who has spent a career investigating politics, the choice of pastime is entirely logical. In the natural world as in the political arena, the same maxim holds true: what seems simple never really is. And to take anything at face value—even something as ordinary as a flower—is something this thoughtful academic would never do.

### SOME LESSONS YOU NEVER FORGET

As a child, magazines and books drew Wright like a magnet, and nothing was off-limits in her Fresno, CA home. "I remember looking at the pictures and wondering what they meant," Wright recalls. One day she flipped open a magazine and saw the gruesome image of vultures on a corpse. She didn't know what it meant, but her father explained that it was about a political disagreement between people who had not been able to come to a resolution. The photo she saw documented the result—the decision to kill one another. "He used this as an opportunity to explain that coming to a compromise where both parties survived, with their core values intact, was preferable," remembers Wright. "Violence was a last resort."

She was only five or six, but the lesson stayed with her. Looking at the world around her today, Wright sees political disputes that still often end on the battlefield. "We are facing a monumental diplomacy deficit," says Wright. "But there is always an opportunity for a conversation. We all have as an obligation of our humanity not to abandon that conversation." And when talks break down? "Never abandon hope," says Wright. "Nurture it. Cherish it. Assist it in its growth and presence. Not to do that is not to reach our human potential."

### A POSSIBLE DREAM

Lately, Wright has been watching a TV series on Martin Luther King Jr.'s papers. "So many at that time would have told you Dr. King was a dreamer," Wright says. "They would have said that social change wasn't possible, that it was a figment of the imagination." Wright wasn't one of those people.

She left the US for a post at The University of Winnipeg in the wake of race-riots, the Black Panther movement, and the death of Martin Luther King. She became a professor of politics, a Dean,

and then Vice-President of Research and Graduate Studies. As the most senior female administrator in the University, it's clear that while social change doesn't come easy, it's not the impossible dream some claimed.

"It's been a challenge," Wright admits. "Being black and female, it meant a lot of pioneering activity, unusual demands, unknowns." She says she has seen significant improvement over time—we're not there yet, she's quick to add—but race and gender no longer guarantee our limits.

### THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE

In Wright's office you'll find images that inspire her—a picture of former US First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, a commemorative stamp featuring Ellen Louks Fairclough, the first woman appointed Federal Cabinet Minister in Canada, and a photo of Jesse Owens, a black athlete and medalist at the 1936 Olympics, held in Nazi Germany ("I tell people it's to remember you can always outrun the fascists, so just relax.")

But the item that inspires her most isn't something she leaves in plain view. It's a book, a reader used by her great-great grandmother. "She was a slave," says Wright. "She learned to read in her sixties. My mother gave it to me to look after and said to make sure my children knew what it was and what it meant." Though her great-great grandmother learned to read late in life, it sparked a passion for learning that blazes to this day in Wright, and burns on in her children.

### HER LEGACY

Dignified, intelligent, and a wee bit intimidating—politics professor **Allen Mills** picks a few key words to describe his long-time colleague. But less obvious than these character traits is the fact that in the life of the University, an important descriptor for Wright would be "influential."

"A lot of people have been affected by her, whether they know it or not," says Mills. "As one of the negotiators of the first collective agreement, the shape and structure of the University itself has a great deal to do with her work." Typically calm when others are in crisis, Wright is described by Mills as a skilled administrator with a gift for understanding the politics that often play a role in academic life.

"I've been extremely privileged to do something that I love," says Wright, reflecting on her over 30 years of service to The University of Winnipeg. "And it's been a heck of a lot of fun."

## HONOURING OUR HERITAGE

## WESLEY HALL

Wins 2007 Conservation Award of Excellence

Since 1896, The University of Winnipeg's flagship building, Wesley Hall, has stood as a proud icon of higher education in downtown Winnipeg. The campus has since grown and other buildings have been constructed, but the castle on Portage Avenue remains the heart of this urban institution.

Over time, the environment and constant use took their toll on Wesley Hall—crumbling stonework and the closure of Convocation Hall were two of the most dramatic consequences. With initial funding from the Province of Manitoba and The University of Winnipeg Foundation, Wesley Hall's most recent renovations were launched in 2003, a painstaking effort that started with measurements of each stone of Wesley's exterior. Work on Wesley's façade was completed this winter and workers are now turning their attention to the interior spaces of the historic edifice, including an extensive restoration of Convocation Hall.

In February 2007, The University of Winnipeg—along with **Alpha Masonry, Ltd.** and **Corbett Cibinel Architects**—was honoured for the care and respect for history that has gone into the task of bringing this flagship building back to its former glory. At Heritage Winnipeg's 22nd annual Preservation Awards Ceremony, held at UWinnipeg on February 19, 2007,

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



The University of Winnipeg received the 2007 Conservation Award of Excellence.

"Historic preservation is a keystone of our University's philosophy, and it is clearly demonstrated in our actions with respect to Wesley Hall," said **Lloyd Axworthy** (BA '61, LLD '98), President of The University of Winnipeg. "This award recognizes that vision, and the steps that have been taken to preserve and restore this historic landmark structure."



## SUMMER INSTITUTES AT UWINNIPEG

TEXT: Vivian Belik, BA '06

AIDS, globalization, and feminist activism are just a few of the issues on tap for The Global College's 2007 Summer Institutes Program running from June through July 2007. The program, launched in 2005 to coincide with the inauguration of the Global College, offers students, professionals, and interested community members the opportunity to learn about contemporary, relevant, social and cultural issues. The 2007 Summer Institutes Program will feature a number of high profile speakers drawn from a community of experts from near and abroad.

"The program reflects the breadth of what we're doing at the Global College both in terms of local and global issues. It is a wonderful opportunity for students to get specialized education and training with faculty and experts who may not necessarily be on campus during the traditional academic year," says **Sandra Altner**, Director of The University of Winnipeg Global College.

This year the Global College will offer one-week and two-week long Summer Institutes in Philippine Studies; Mandarin Language and Culture; Infectious Diseases/HIV AIDS; Ethics of Globalization; and Feminist Activism. These courses can be audited or taken for credit both at the undergraduate or graduate level.

"We want to create opportunities for coalition building among various communities in Winnipeg," says **Roewan Crowe**, co-organizer of this year's Feminist Activism Institute. "The focus of the course will be on feminist praxis, specifically, putting theory into action."

Recent graduates, professionals, and community members who would like to pursue formal education in an unconventional manner are encouraged to sign up. Diversifying the classroom population, says Altner, sparks lively dialogue amongst students and imports a practical perspective to what is being learned.

For more information or to enroll, contact the Admissions Office at 204.786.9159 / admissions@uwinnipeg.ca, or The Division of Continuing Education at 204.982.6633 / infodce@uwinnipeg.ca

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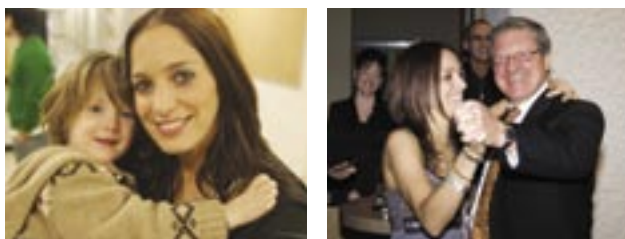
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# THE OPPORTUNITY FUND

KREVIAZUK LAUNCHES INNOVATIVE PROGRAM WITH POWERFUL, PERSONAL PERFORMANCE



**Chantal Kreviazuk** (Collegiate '90) stands back stage at Winnipeg's Centennial Concert Hall waiting for her curtain call. She's on in 10 minutes. A crowd of 1600 fans sit anxiously in the main concert hall awaiting her arrival.

But right now, Kreviazuk is more concerned with singing a lullaby to **Rowan**, her three-year-old son, who is drifting off to sleep in her arms. Nearby, Rowan's 20-month-old brother, **Luca**, is bouncing a spongy ball in the hallway between his caregiver—a recent refugee from Sudan—and UWinnipeg President **Lloyd Axworthy** (BA '61, LLD '98). Luca's dad, **Raine Maida**, joins in on the fun moments later.

It's not your typical image of backstage life on the rock concert circuit. But then again, Kreviazuk and Maida, lead singer of Our Lady Peace, are not your typical rock couple. The internationally-acclaimed singers and songwriters have made a commitment to make their music careers a family affair. And they have made another commitment too—to raise awareness and support for children and youth in need. By donating nearly \$17,000 of net proceeds from her Winnipeg concert on Feb. 19, 2007, to The University of Winnipeg's new Opportunity Fund, Kreviazuk demonstrated once again her commitment to her hometown and alma mater.

"It means a lot to me to give back to a place that has given me so much," said Kreviazuk, who attended both the Collegiate and Balmoral Hall School.

Giving back is exactly what the new Opportunity Fund is intended to do. With a targeted endowment of \$10 million, the fund will allow donors to help inner-city children and youth attend university—including Aboriginal students, young people from war-affected nations, and refugee populations. Axworthy says the fund is intended to address an urgent need among many Aboriginal students in particular—the fact that many of them, more than 50 per cent in Winnipeg alone, do not graduate from high school. Keeping kids in school, including those who live and learn in UWinnipeg's inner-city neighbourhood, is critical to future success.

"There are so many people in the world who need our respect, and our love and our protection and our concern," said Axworthy, who introduced Kreviazuk. "We all want to be global citizens, but it starts right across the street. We do that by taking steps to close the graduation gap."

Beginning in the Fall of 2008, students at local high schools could start earning credits towards tuition at UWinnipeg—between \$500 and \$750 for each year completed from grades 9 to 12—with built-in bonuses for those who achieve high academic standing. For younger children in grades 4 to 8, they could earn \$200 per year for participating in UWinnipeg's new Eco-Kids: Adventures in Environmental Science.

"We are giving students a sense of belonging at UWinnipeg," said **Kevin Chief** (BA '98), coordinator of UWinnipeg's Innovative Learning Centre and a former Wesmen basketball star. "We're trying to tap kids on the shoulder, so that they may one day see themselves at The University of Winnipeg as an athlete, an environmental studies student, a science student, an arts student. We want them to know that they can realize their dreams and achieve academic success."

Before her concert, Kreviazuk took time out to meet with Chief and more than 60 Eco-Kids at the Concert Hall, signing autographs and providing a private concert before the main event.

"These are kids who don't know about privilege or opportunity," she said. "They are our future. We have to live with them, whether we like it or not. So, we have to act to empower every single child with hope and an education so that we can gain from their individuality and live in harmony."

The Opportunity Fund will offer bursaries to university students as well—both part-time and full-time—and reward applicants who show academic promise, financial need, and come from a group currently under-represented at The University of Winnipeg. The bursaries will also augment traditional supports such as scholarships by covering other critical needs such as emergency childcare, food, and shelter that can mean the difference between leaving University and graduating with a degree—a challenge faced by many students with families.

And it is family—whether it is her alma mater, her hometown or her own—that motivates Kreviazuk. That much was clear both backstage and onstage. Just as Kreviazuk was preparing to launch into the opening chords of her latest hit, *All I Can Do*, a song she wrote for her sons, little Rowan ran out on stage and wiggled onto his mother's lap—wedged between her and piano keys. Kreviazuk, ever the professional, played on—not missing a beat.

The University of Winnipeg aims to establish an endowment of \$10 million to support the Opportunity Fund as part of the University's campaign. With the Chantal Kreviazuk concert as a launch, a fundraising campaign for the Opportunity Fund will begin in the lead up to UWinnipeg's 40th Anniversary Homecoming weekend September 13-16, 2007.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG'S OPPORTUNITY FUND, PLEASE VISIT <http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/opportunity-fund-index>

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## HUMAN RIGHTS &amp; SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE OUTCOMES

WINNIPEG AS  
HUMAN RIGHTS CITY

Delegates to the Human Rights and Social Justice Conference held Feb. 23 to 25, 2007 at The University of Winnipeg have called on Canadian parliamentarians to initiate a review of Canada's anti-terrorist legislation to ensure that its provisions do not undermine the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The declaration was one of several recommendations to emerge from the conference, which attracted more than 325 participants including prominent dignitaries, students and experts on human rights issues from across Canada and abroad.

**Gail Asper**, Managing Director of the Asper Foundation and champion of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, MP **Joy Smith**, Mayor **Sam Katz** and Premier **Gary Doer** brought greetings and welcomed delegates to the conference.

## HUMAN RIGHTS CITY

Other recommendations included designating Winnipeg as a "human rights city;" creating a Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Rights; incorporating human rights education into the public school curriculum; and developing more internship and exchange programs for youth.

Given the level of interest on human rights issues in the community, and the pending establishment of the Canadian Museum on Human Rights in Winnipeg, it is a logical and synergistic step to establish Winnipeg as a "human rights city." Our rich heritage and blend of people of all races and religions provide a vibrant tableau for change. By acting locally we can achieve global results.

## INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS &amp; FREEDOMS SINCE 9/11

Hosted by UWinnipeg's Global College, the main themes of the conference focused on the rights of indigenous peoples, women and gender rights and the rights of war-affected children. Invited speakers and panelists included Canada's Ambassador to the United Nations Human Rights Council **Paul Meyer**, former UN ambassadors **Paul Heinbecker** and **Allan Rock**, and **Monia Mazigh**, spouse of **Maher Arar**, who was instrumental in advocating for his release from a Syrian prison. Mazigh's speech to the conference earned her a standing ovation and the support of delegates.

"A nation is judged by how it treats its citizens, and the anti-terrorist legislation that resulted from the aftermath of September 11, 2001, cannot be allowed to continue to trample on individual rights and freedoms," said **Lloyd Axworthy** (BA '61, LLD '98), President of The University of Winnipeg. "The Arar case was such a case in point. A country has to have laws that provide protection but at the same time they cannot deny all Canadians the basic human rights that we have come to enjoy, for that is the first step on the road to being perceived internationally as a nation that has no protection for its citizens and no respect for their rights and the rights of the global citizenry."



MONIA MAZIGH, DEFENDER AND CHAMPION OF THE CAMPAIGN TO CLEAR HER HUSBAND MAHER ARAR'S NAME, GAVE A COMPELLING KEYNOTE ADDRESS, TAKING A STAND, AT THE CONFERENCE.

War-affected children spoke about whether current programs—social, economic, educational—available to young refugees are sufficient for encouraging community integration.

## FORMAL DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Following the conference, the next step for organizers will be to assemble the collective ideas and recommendations into a formal declaration that will be sent to both the UN Human Rights Council and the Government of Canada. "By seizing the momentum that was generated by the delegates, Manitobans and Canadians alike can start to make a difference with respect to human rights issues," Axworthy added.

**Sandra Altner**, Executive Director of UWinnipeg's Global College and conference co-ordinator, expressed her appreciation for the outstanding work that the delegates produced. "With the aid of world-renowned speakers on human rights issues, and dedicated participation of high school students, university students and academics, and representatives from our diverse population, we have achieved a body of work that will serve us well in the coming years," she stated.

## HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION

As positive evidence of the need to educate current and future generations in this vital and dynamic field, The University of Winnipeg will be providing students an opportunity to study Human Rights. This important step will be the first of many on the road to achieving universal human rights for all human beings regardless of where they live.

Information on the Human Rights and Social Justice Conference is available at <http://humanrights-socialjustice.uwinnipeg.ca> A formal declaration and other supporting documentation, including audio files from each of the keynote and panel sessions, will be posted on the site in the coming weeks.

PLAN YOUR WINNIPEG  
STUDENTS BRING A CREATIVE  
TAKE TO TIMELY ISSUES

TEXT: Annette Elvers, BA (HONS.) '93

What would make Winnipeg a better place to live?

Ask Winnipeg's youth and you'll get no shortage of answers: Decrease traffic and pollution through improved transportation systems. Address social issues like homes for the homeless and recreational opportunities for disadvantaged youth. Insist on environmentally sustainable practices for new construction, and plan carefully for the living/working mix of our communities.

This flurry of creative thinking—both practical and wildly optimistic—was sparked by a contest co-sponsored by The University of Winnipeg, the University of Manitoba, Red River College, and the *Winnipeg Free Press*. Dubbed the "Plan Your Winnipeg Contest," this unique project was designed to get youth thinking about their city and how they'd help make a change for the better.

"It all came about as a result of the City Summit held earlier this year," says **Jino Distasio**, Director of The University of Winnipeg's Institute of Urban Studies. Stakeholders gathered together to discuss Winnipeg's issues and initiatives, but it quickly became clear that more input was needed from the city's youngest citizens. "We felt that something like this contest would be a great way for youth to come up with some innovative ideas."

More than 100 submissions were received from students ranging from elementary school to university. As the *Journal* went to press, those on the shortlist were preparing for workshops where they would present their ideas science-fair style. The winner of each category will get \$1,000, with \$500 for second place, plus many other prizes. But even better than a cash prize is the opportunity to see unique ideas come to life.

"Having had an opportunity to meet with students and see their preliminary concepts opened my eyes to the amazing creativity of students and their teachers," said Distasio. "I can hardly wait to see the finished products."

WHAT WAS THE WINNING IDEA?

Visit <http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/e-dition-index> to learn more.



VINCENT MASSEY COLLEGIATE STUDENTS (LEFT TO RIGHT) **VICTOR LE**, **AARON HENDRICKSON-GRACIE**, **JONATHAN KORNELSON** AND **GLADYS YEUNG** WON FIRST PLACE IN THE PLAN YOUR WINNIPEG CONTEST HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIOR HIGH CATEGORY FOR PROMOTING WIND POWER AS AN ALTERNATIVE SOURCE OF ENERGY IN "RIDING THE WINDS OF CHANGE."

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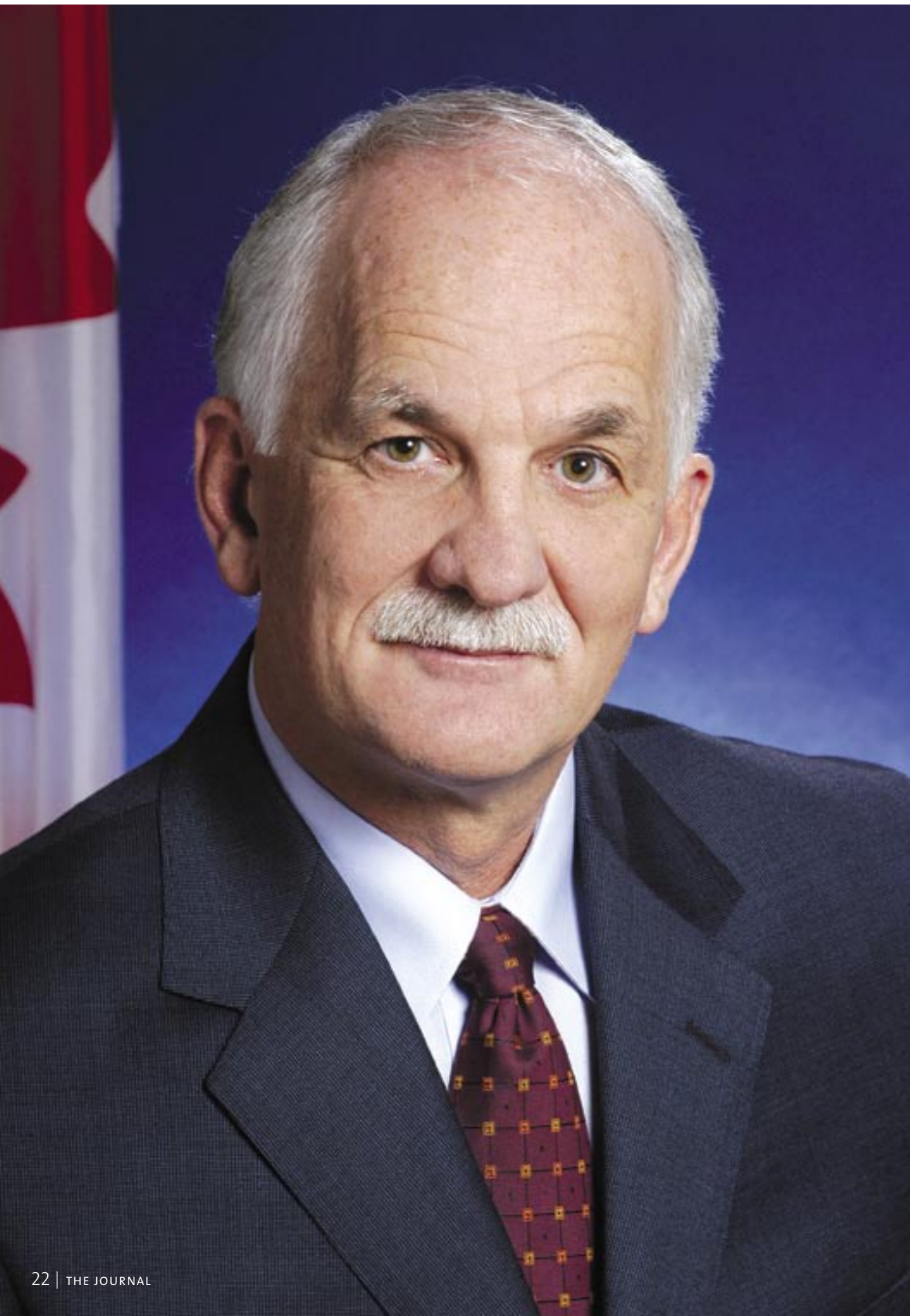


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## VIC TOEWS

# LAW & ORDER

TEXT: Rob McMahon

For someone known for his tough stance on law and order, MP **Vic Toews** (BA '73) grew up in a relatively crime-free community.

In fact, he still remembers the first time he heard about a robbery. Toews said the community went into shock after someone broke into the pharmacy in his Northeast Winnipeg neighbourhood.

"People didn't feel like they had to live in locked fortresses," said Toews, a former Federal Justice Minister who has served in the House of Commons since 2000. "Perhaps some of my work has tried to adhere to that standard of public safety."

One of six children in a devout Mennonite family, Toews was born in Filadelfia, Paraguay. His parents were among the last Mennonites to leave the Soviet Union during the late 1920s. At that time, the Mennonites suffered persecution, and many, including the male members of his father's family, died in labour camps. In 1956, the four-year-old Toews and his family immigrated from Paraguay to Canada, where his father worked as a teacher.

"I didn't grow up rich," said Toews. "But I learned the value of money and working hard to succeed."

Many of Toews' family members were involved in education as teachers, ministers and university professors—including one who wrote a history of the Mennonites. This background encouraged Toews to pursue post-secondary education. He enrolled at The University of Winnipeg, where he remembers learning from professors who weren't much older than their students.

This youthfulness translated into dynamic teaching styles, with individuals like **Carl Ridd**, who taught Religious Studies, making quite an impression. Toews remembered the professor's theatrical style as much as his critical interpretation of theology.

"One day he stood up, took off his jacket and climbed on top of a desk," said Toews. "He was wearing a t-shirt that said something like 'I am God' ... to illustrate some point. I'll never forget that image."

At The University of Winnipeg, from which he graduated in 1973, Toews focused on 19th century European History. He was fascinated with the social context that led to the political movements of that time: democracy, socialism and the origins of fascism. Toews paid his way through school by working at a grocery store and lumberyard.

After graduate studies in law, Toews worked for the provincial and federal governments, taught classes in labour and employment law at the University of Manitoba, and worked in the private sector. He said these experiences laid the foundation for his later ideas.

"I gained a great deal of insight into how the government operates," he said. "Both what it does well and what it doesn't do well."

Practicing first as a lawyer and then as the Attorney General and Minister of Justice in Manitoba's provincial government under Progressive Conservative leader **Gary Filmon**, Toews came to believe the justice system sometimes weighed more heavily on the side of criminals at the expense of victims. For example, he felt drinking and driving laws weren't effective.

"They were very complex, cumbersome and expensive to enforce," he said. "I looked at the issue and asked 'is there a way the process can change to become more efficient?'"

Toews brought a system into Canada that had never been used before. Under his solution, drivers tested by a Breathalyzer who blew above the legal limit received automatic licence suspensions. While controversial—lawyers and judges said the plan was unconstitutional—Toews pressed on and successfully argued the case, with the help of only two or three others.

In his recently appointed position as President of the Treasury Board, Toews said he hopes to direct his efforts to reforming the public service system. When implementing the Federal Accountability Act (which he calls one of the most sweeping systemic overhauls in Canadian history) Toews will include measures such as investigating corruption in government.

Toews is also preparing for a massive demographic shift in the public service and working on an overhaul of the arcane public service job classification system. Faced with a retirement bubble, these measures are designed to ensure enough qualified replacements are available from both inside and outside the public service system.

While Toews conceded that media reports focus on his law and order work, he said his efforts reforming the public service system are just as important. Toews has long been interested in systemic reform, and is thrilled for the opportunity to work at it full time.

"I couldn't go back to simply being a lawyer," he said. "I want the challenge of bringing about policy decisions."



## NATIONAL CHAMPIONS WESMEN VOLLEYBALL TEAM

PHOTO: Courtesy of Canadian Interuniversity Sport



WITH THEIR WINNING TROPHY, (L-R) **BEN SCHELLENBERG**, **RICHARD WIEBE**, AND **DUSTIN ADDISON-SCHNEIDER**

The Wesmen Men's Volleyball Team defeated the Alberta Golden Bears in the Gold Medal match at the CIS Men's Volleyball Championships, held in Hamilton, ON on March 4, 2007.

It took them nine years, but the Winnipeg Wesmen finally claimed their record-tying 10th Canadian Interuniversity Sport men's volleyball title with the thrilling victory.

"The University of Winnipeg is full of pride for these young champions who consistently show their commitment to excellence and dedication to athletics and academics—both on and off the courts," said University of Winnipeg President **Lloyd Axworthy** (BA '61, LLD '98). "They are ambassadors of our University and we are honoured to have them amongst our student population."

In a game that reached the limit of five sets, the Wesmen overcame a one-set-to-none deficit to capture the Tantramar Trophy with a 22-25, 25-18, 25-20, 18-25, 15-10 victory over the No. 4 Alberta Golden Bears.

"It's an unbelievable feeling," said tournament MVP and Wesmen player of the game **Dustin Addison-Schneider**. "Coach (Larry) McKay stuck with us for years when we weren't having a lot of success."

McKay led his players to a second national title in his 18th season at the helm. "At the CIS championship, it isn't necessarily who is the best team, but who plays well over all three days of the tournament," said the two-time CIS coach of the year, who saw his Wesmen cruise to a 3-1 win over No. 6 Laval and a 3-0 victory over No. 2 UBC on their way to the final. "We moved the scoring around well. A number of guys played well at points and when one cooled off another would step up."

"Their success is due in no small part to the talented coaching skills of Head Coach Larry McKay," said Axworthy. "This is the Wesmen's second national title in Larry's 18 years as Wesmen coach. Congratulations to Larry McKay on this gold medal, to **Bill Wedlake**, Director of Recreation & Athletic Services, and to all those staff and fans working behind the scenes to foster a winning Wesmen team of which we can all be proud."

At a victory reception held later that week, Axworthy announced that each team member would receive a championship ring, provided by the University with support from the Department of Recreation & Athletics and The University of Winnipeg's Alumni Council.

For the full story and more Wesmen news, visit <http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/wesmen-ni>

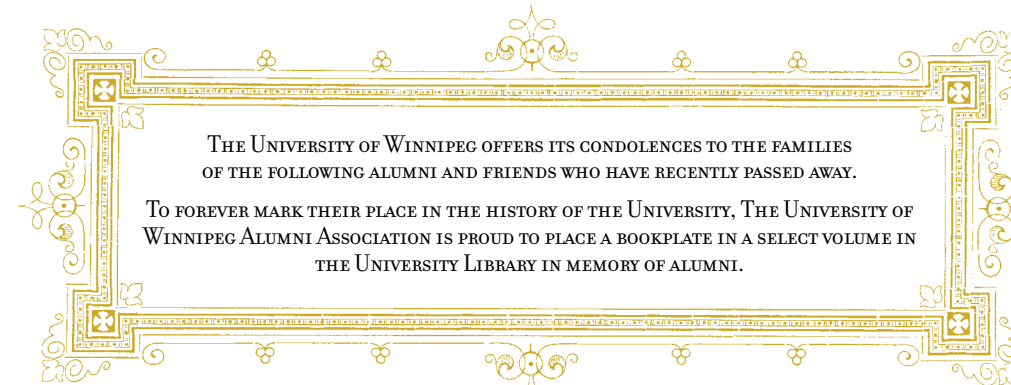
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### 1920s

**Armstrong, Beatrice** (BA '25, B.Ed.'62) on February 13, 2007 in Winnipeg, MB

### 1930s

**Robertson, Margaret Jean** (BA '32) on March 15, 2007 in Winnipeg, MB

**Lemon, Edward** (BA '34) on November 27, 2006 in Winnipeg, MB

**Martin, Margaret** (BA '34, B.Ed.'46) on March 5, 2007 in Winnipeg, MB

**Wither, Daisy** (BA '34) on October 17, 2006 in ON

**Bryne, Patricia** (BA '38) on February 9, 2007 in Winnipeg, MB

**Cowan, Lorraine** (Collegiate '38) on January 27, 2007 in Winnipeg, MB

**Dykes, James** (Collegiate '38) on September 30, 2006 in Toronto, ON

### 1940s

**Mitchell, John Robert** (Collegiate '40) on March 17, 2007 in Winnipeg, MB

**Smith, Roger** (B.Sc.'40) on January 31, 2007 in Pinawa, MB

**Fridfinnson, Audrey** (BA '43) on December 17, 2006 in Winnipeg, MB

**Vandenberg, Gwenda** (BA '45) on October 31, 2006 in Winnipeg, MB

**Buffie, Thomas** (Collegiate '47) on January 31, 2007 in Edmonton, AB

**Dirks, Henrietta** (Collegiate '47) on January 15, 2007 in Winnipeg, MB

**Luetchford, Clare** (BA '47) on February 3, 2006

**Baylis, Douglas** (BA '48) on November 16, 2006

**Ratray, Gwyneth** (Collegiate '48) on January 17, 2007 in Winnipeg, MB

**Steel, John "Jack"** (Collegiate '47) in October 2006 in Winnipeg, MB

### 1950s

**Bennett, Reverend Ed** (BA '50, Th.'53) on November 16, 2006

**Birbeck, "Doc" Bernard** (BA '50) on November 12, 2006 in Calgary, AB

**Boroditsky, Hillel** (Collegiate '52) in March 2007 in Winnipeg, MB

**Chornous, Edward Q.C.** (BA '53) on November 5, 2006 in Winnipeg, MB

**Furutani, Akira** (Collegiate '54, B.Sc.'70) on August 28, 2006 in Winnipeg, MB

**Pippy, Bruce** (BA '55) on January 27, 2007 in Winnipeg, MB

**Hanna, William George** (Collegiate '57) on February 28, 2007 in Mississauga, ON

**Margolis, Brian** (Collegiate '57) on February 23, 2007 in Winnipeg, MB

**Martens [nee Zalusky], Jane** (Collegiate '58) on January 27, 2007 in Pinawa, MB

### 1960s

**Colman, Robert** (Collegiate '60) on January 29, 2007 in West Vancouver, BC

**Watson, Helen** (Collegiate '60) on October 23, 2006 in Winnipeg, MB

**Hudema, William** (Collegiate '63) on March 5, 2007.

**Sproxton, Birk Ernest** (BA '64) on March 14, 2007 in Red Deer, AB

**Rodgers, David** (Collegiate '66) on December 30, 2006 in Winnipeg, MB

**Park, Linda** (BA '69) on January 28, 2007 in Matlock, MB

### 1970s

**Klassen, Violet** (BA '72) on January 9, 2007 in Winnipeg, MB

**Komzak, Robert** (BA '72) on March 9, 2007 in Selkirk, MB

**Magel, Joseph Michael** (BA '72) on February 12, 2007 in St. Albert, MB

**Maher, Gail** (BA '73) on January 18, 2007 in Brandon, MB

**Martin, Francis Rodney** (B.Sc.'73) on October 24, 2006 in Winnipeg, MB

**Neuman, Muriel** (BA '73) on January 29, 2007 in Winnipeg, MB

**Love, Winston** (B.Sc.'74) on January 16, 2007

**Schoen, Anthony "Tony"** (BA '75) on November 8, 2006 in Kamloops, BC

**Telford, Frances May** (BA '79) on December 20, 2006 in Winnipeg, MB

### 1980s

**Plett, Sherry** (BA '80) on January 26, 2007 in Winnipeg, MB

**Strachan, Linda** (B.Ed.'80, BA '83) on January 3, 2007 in Winnipeg, MB

**Schulz, Dorothy** (BA '89) on February 8, 2007 in Winnipeg, MB

### 1990s

**Brown, Harold** (BA '93) on January 25, 2007 in Winnipeg, MB

**McCaine-Davies, Heather** (DCE '95) on January 18, 2007 in Winnipeg, MB

### 2000s

**Chapko, Shaun** (Collegiate '03) on October 22, 2006 in Winnipeg, MB

**Froese, Christine** (BA '03, B.Ed.'05) on April 5, 2007 in Beausejour, MB

The University would also like to extend condolences to the families and friends of the following members of the University community:

**Dr. David Friesen, Q.C.** (LLD '81), founder of The University of Winnipeg's Chair in Mennonite Studies. He passed away on April 14, 2007 in Winnipeg.

**Dr. Mel Holsteen**, retired Anthropology professor and past Chair of Anthropology. He passed away December 14, 2006 in Florida.

**Norm Loat**, long-time Director of UWinnipeg's Physical Plant. He passed away on March 11, 2007 in Winnipeg.

TEXT: JoAnn Wright, DCE '01

## 1950s

**Selver, P.G. Frances** (BA '52, B.Ed. '57) - Frances has retired after teaching English, Latin, and French for Winnipeg School Division #1. She is a member of the School Master's Wives Association and the Jon Sigurdsson Chapter of the Imperial Order Daughters' of the Empire (IODE). She is actively raising donations for university scholarships.

## 1960s

**Warenko, Audrey Marilyn** (BA '60, B.Ed. '62) - Audrey is now retired after teaching English at Thomas Greenway Collegiate in Crystal City, MB for 10 years.

**Pasta, Victor** (Collegiate '65, BA '69) - Victor is currently rehearsing with Pacific Opera of Victoria as a chorus member in their production of *Don Giovanni*, to be staged at the end of April 2007 in Victoria, BC.

**Liebrecht, Frank** (BA '68) - Frank is a producer and treasurer for Winnipeg's New Nostalgia Radio Station, CJNU "Nostalgia Unlimited" at 104.7 FM. In addition to producing shows and operating equipment, Frank does a segment called "Radio Classics" which airs 9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. weekdays.

**Paskievich, John** (BA '68) - John's latest work as a filmmaker is the documentary "Unspeakable," which explores the conditions, challenges and stigmas placed on those with speech impediments. The *Winnipeg Free Press* gave John's film four out of five stars.

## 1970s

**Cherniack, Beatrice** (BA '70) - Beatrice retired from the Pembina Trails School Division in Manitoba in June 2005. Beatrice was the Social Worker in the Student Support Team.

**Kunzelman, Richard** (BA '71, Collegiate '71) - Richard supervises the food line at the Lighthouse Mission in Winnipeg. He is pleased to announce that after more than 10 years as an independent contractor with the Mission, he is now a regular employee with benefits and holidays! Richard also works for Teen Challenge, spending Saturdays supervising students during canvassing.

**Larsen, Niels** (B.Sc. '71) - Niels retired in December 2005 after working as an Auditor for 31 years for Revenue Canada.

**Blaikie, William** (Bill) Rev. (BA '73) - Bill, a veteran Winnipeg NDP Member of Parliament, will join The University of Winnipeg as an adjunct professor of Theology and Politics upon completion of his parliamentary duties.

**Dudar, Joseph Paul** (BA '73) - Joseph recently retired after 18 years at Lord Nelson School as a Grade 5 teacher and is now enjoying his retirement and spending time with his grandchildren.

**Livingstone, Myles** (BA '73) - Myles retired in June 2006 after 33 years with Human Resources Development Canada. He is now living in Victoria, BC.

**Mitchell, Elizabeth (Betty) Dr.** (BA '74) - Betty received her PhD in Education from Simon Fraser University in Spring 2006.

**Warne, Randi Dr.** (BA '74) - Randi is a Professor and Chair of the Department of Philosophy/Religious Studies at Mount St. Vincent University in Nova Scotia. Randi is also co-founder and current coordinator of the Cultural Studies Program.

**Currie, W. Ulysses** (BA '76) - Ulysses was appointed as the Deputy Minister of Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry in the new administration of Premier Ed Stelmach on December 15, 2006. He was awarded the Commonwealth Service Medal from Royal Lifesaving Society by the Governor General of Alberta in March 2007.

**Turner, Mavis Gordon** (BA (Hons.) '76) - Mavis is currently taking courses through The University of Winnipeg Division of Continuing Education (DCE) in the '55 Plus Program. She would like to thank DCE for the excellent choice in courses that are offered in this program.

**Smith, John-Abe Dr.** (B.Sc. '76) - John-Abe operates a dental practice and teaches part-time in Trinidad at the University of West Indies in the Faculty of Medicine.

**Salfert, Rolf** (B.Ed. '77) - Rolf is currently a Grade 6 teacher at Principal Sparling School. Rolf's unique teaching style was noted as the "Teachers Wall of Fame - Putting a Face on a Place in Canadian History" in the *Winnipeg Free Press* on February 19,

2007. Rolf introduces his class to a famous Canadian everyday throughout the school year and proudly adds "some of the parents I taught in junior high vote because of the things we did in this class."

**Honey, Moira Adelle** (B.Ed. '79) - Moira sent in a message reflecting on her time at The University of Winnipeg, and would like to mention that throughout her studies she received excellent support from her professors.

## 1980s

**Burrows, T. Arthur** (Collegiate '80) - Arthur is currently completing a doctoral degree at the University of Alberta where he is also a Sessional Instructor in Education. Arthur works as a psychologist specializing in Learning Disabilities, ADHD, and behavioural disorders. His research interests include ADHD, LD, and Psychometrics.

**Peters, Susan** (BA '81) After years in the corporate world, most recently as Sr. Manager of a communications department in a bank, Sue is taking some time off to pursue an interest in music. Susan lives and performs in Toronto with husband Dwight as a duo under the name 'Sue and Dwight'. Sue and Dwight released their first CD "Darlings of the Open Stage" just before Christmas! Check out her website at [www.sueanddwight.com](http://www.sueanddwight.com) or [www.myspace.com/sueanddwight](http://www.myspace.com/sueanddwight)

**Campbell, Cathy** (BA '81) - Cathy has resided in Australia for the past 25 years. She is the Human Resources Manager at one of the largest Migrant Resource Centers in Melbourne. Most of her clients are humanitarian entrants from Sudan. Cathy's current role involves establishing a training centre to deliver nationally recognized skills based training to both migrant and refugee clients, as well as cross-cultural training to industry and government departments. Cathy is currently studying human rights law and raising her four children, who range in age from 6 to 22.

**Shende, Neville** (Collegiate '81) - Neville is currently in the entertainer coach industry, working with artists such as Prince, Disturbed, Papa Roach, Zappa, Steve Vai, Shakira, Nelly, and others.

**Guberman, David** (Collegiate '82) - David is currently the president of Telexperts ([www.telexperts.net](http://www.telexperts.net)). This 20-year-old telecommunications company is located in the West End of Winnipeg.

**Rabb, Ian Dr.** (Collegiate '83) - Ian earned Doctor of Optometry Degree from Illinois College of Optometry in 1993 and practiced until 2001, when he returned to Winnipeg to work with his brother at Dorchester Developments ([www.dorchesterdevelopments.com](http://www.dorchesterdevelopments.com)). In 2006, Dorchester Developments merged with Winpark Dynasty.



**Cherney, Lois** (BA '84, DCE '93) and business partner Jackie Dolynchuk recently opened Pawsh Pet Boutique ([www.pawshpetboutique.ca](http://www.pawshpetboutique.ca)) at 722 1/2 Osborne St. in Winnipeg. Pawsh offers unique, stylish, and health conscious

products for pets and their people—from unique collars and educational toys to all-natural pet food and pet-related giftware. Lois also works at The University of Winnipeg as the Communications Coordinator (Student Services).

**Enns, Cathleen** (BA '86) - Cathleen married Architect Tom Monteyne and has lived in Rome, Boston, Toronto, and now Winnipeg, where she has been for the past 15 years. She has worked in various arts organizations; her latest and greatest job is being mom of two children, whom they found waiting for them in a Ukrainian orphanage. Prior to that she worked as Outreach Coordinator with the Manitoba Theatre Centre and is currently the Project Coordinator with Music Services International. Cathleen directed the play "The Real Inspector Hound" for Stoppard Fest 2007.

**Jabs, Alma** (BA '89, B.Ed. '92, MMFT '05) - Alma joined Carolyn O. Bergen & Associates Counselling & Consultants in February 2007. Being fluent in the German language enhances Alma's contribution to her work. Alma is an associate member of the American Associates of Marriage and Family Therapists and specializes in family and couples therapy.



Press food columnist, Ilana now works in Communications at The University of Winnipeg—but still thinks "it's hip to dip."

**Barker, Harvie Reverend** (MST '85) - Harvie currently writes a regular column in the *Penticton Herald* newspaper in Penticton, BC. Harvie is also a published author of *A Good Word in Season* (2005), a collection of inspirational messages written in the Penticton Herald.

**Patterson, Kevin, Dr.** (Assoc. Alumnus, '85) - Kevin joined the Canadian Forces, became a doctor, earned a master's degree in Creative Writing, and now practices medicine in BC. Kevin is the author of the recently published 400 page novel *Consumption*, which is currently available in bookstores throughout Canada.

**Hunter, Maureen** (Assoc. Alumna, '85) - The Manitoba Opera will soon stage a \$1.2 million adaptation of playwright Maureen's historical drama *Transit of Venus*. This show is the Manitoba Opera's first-ever commissioned opera for its mainstage. The show will premiere at the Centennial Concert Hall in November 2007.

**Johnson, Kevin Jon** ('87 BA) - Kevin Jon Johnson lives with his wife Tamami and their son, Go Maeda Peter Johnson, in Sakai, Japan. In 2007, Kevin received a master's degree in Applied Linguistics and Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) from the University of Leicester, UK. Kevin teaches at the Osaka YMCA International School.

**Demler (Nikkel), Alana** (Collegiate '88) - Alana is currently working at the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba as the Prevention Education Consultant. Alana married Doug Demler in 2003 and has a 17 month old daughter named Svea. In conjunction with a full-time job and being a mom to toddler, Alana operates her home business Home Safe Home ([healthyliving@mts.net](mailto:healthyliving@mts.net)) Alana educates and consults with consumers on environmentally-friendly products and the benefits of using those safer products.

**Simon, Ilana** (BA '84) - Ilana is following up on her best-seller *The 125 Best Fondue Recipes* (80,000 copies sold) with *The Fondue Bible* (published by Robert Rose), due in bookstores this Fall. After years as a *Winnipeg Free*

## 1990s

**Gamiel, Rochelle** (B.Ed. '90) - Rochelle, who teaches Grade 12 Holocaust studies and a Grade 7 course at Gray Academy in Winnipeg, received the Grinspoon-Steinhardt Award for Excellence in Jewish Education. Rochelle received her award at an international conference of Jewish educators and community leaders in Los Angeles in November 2006.

**Butler Hartwick, Alexis** (Collegiate '91, BA (Hons.) '96) - Alexis was an actor in the recently completed feature film "Killshot" under executive producer Quentin Tarrantino. She has been nominated for a Dora Award for outstanding independent theatre production. In addition, she is teaching theatre history and performance in style and genre at Toronto's prestigious Randolph Academy of the Performing Arts. Her PhD research has received OGS and SSHRC awards, and focuses on the history of burlesque on the Toronto stage.

**Giesbrecht, Sheila** (BA '92) - Sheila recently completed a PhD in Education at the University of Illinois.



**Elvers, Annette** (BA (Hons.) '93) - Annette joined the staff at the Alumni Office at The University of Winnipeg in January 2007. She is the managing editor of the *Journal* and is currently organizing a variety of reunions—see page 17 for details.

**Sedo, Dale** (BA '94) - Dale is currently working as a Retailer Training Consultant for the Western Canada division with GMAC in St. Albert, AB. Dale married his wife Jane on December 31, 2004 and they are very busy being new parents to their first child, Hudson, born on July 25, 2006.

**Fung, Andy Chi Kwan** (B.Sc. 4-yr. '94) - Andy currently resides in Hong Kong and is the Senior Manager at the Hang Seng Bank Limited in Shanghai, China.

**Johnson, Gavin Jon** (BA '94) - Gavin received a master's degree in Education from the University of Wollongong, Australia in December 2006. Gavin is currently a Language Teacher at Hansung Science High School in Seoul, Korea.

**Taves-Clough, Kathleen Maria** (BA '94) - Kathleen is currently working as a Probation Officer in New Zealand.

**Buchholz Garth** (BA '94) - Garth and Helen, along with their two-year-old daughter, Tiana, recently relocated to Victoria, BC where Garth is now working with the BC Pension Corporation. Garth is a certified web strategist and usability analyst. While in Victoria, he also launched a new consulting firm called Buchholz Information to provide strategic Web services to clients in the public and private sectors.

**Clark, Ella** (BA '96) - Ella was recently appointed Executive Director of the Elizabeth Fry Society of Manitoba.

**Loewen, John** (BA '96) - John is President of the Friends of Menno Simons College. He recently began a contract with Northern Star, a worker cooperative in Winnipeg, promoting traditional northern star blankets.

**Jacobson, Brad** (BA '96) recently started a new position as a General Manger of Global Placement Services. Brad and his wife are also proud parents of their first child, Brayden Layne Nicholas Jacobson.

**Carlson, Sean** (BA '96) is working in Winnipeg with a project management company and stays active in the mediation field. He recently returned from a second trip to Uganda, where he led a 19-member delegation of healthcare workers, educators and clergy members who spent three weeks in the Anglican Diocese of Central Buganda in southern Uganda.

**Ramkissoon, Charlene** (BA '96) - Charlene has joined Bowes HR (Full HR Services Firm) as a human resources consultant. Charlene specializes in recruitment and selection, interviewing and assessments, employee benefits, and general human resources.

**Leonard, Jeffrey** (BA '97) - Following graduation in 1997 Jeffrey moved to Calgary, AB and resided there for nine years. In January of 2007, Jeffrey moved his wife and children back to Winnipeg to be closer to family. Jeffrey currently manages the Winnipeg office of Acrodex (HQ in Edmonton AB) as the Account Manager.

**Ridgedale, Andrea** (BA '98) - Andrea and her husband have moved to Vancouver, BC where she is a certified ESL instructor.

**Mohammed, Natasha** (BA '98) - Natasha is a Program Officer with Canadian Heritage responsible for multiculturalism programming in Manitoba and Nunavut. Natasha completed a master's in International Peace Studies at Notre Dame University, and occasionally teaches at Menno Simons College, as well as training public employees in diversity issues.

**Alix, Annette** (BA '99) - After completing her BA in Conflict Resolution she pursued a Bachelor of Social Work at the University of Manitoba, which she completed in 2001. Annette is currently the Community Project Coordinator with the Aboriginal Health Programs at the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority.

## 2000s

**Roberts, Lorne** (BA '00) - Lorne is currently a freelance journalist working with the *Winnipeg Free Press* as the Visual Arts Critic. Lorne also works at a 24-hour crisis shelter for at-risk youth with MacDonald Youth Services. Lorne has just completed writing his first novel (publication pending) which is set in the world of tree planting.

**Bedi, Akash** (BA '00, B.Sc. '02) - Akash joined RE/MAX Executives Realty (www.bediteam.com) in April 2003. Within only six months, Akash became one of the top 10 producers in his office of 58 agents—he writes that the critical thinking and stamina he learned at UWinnipeg have definitely paid off!

**Nicol, Scott** (BA '00) - Scott is currently pursuing a master's degree in Natural Resource Management at the University of Manitoba. He works for Manitoba Ozone Protection Industry Association (MOPIA), coordinating a "white goods" program which will manage the recycling of appliances that contain Freon, especially refrigerators and freezers.

**Neufeld (Rempel), Melanie** (BA '00) - Melanie returned to Winnipeg last year after completing Master of Divinity and Master of Social Work degrees in Indiana, and started working this fall at Joint Inner City Ministries in Winnipeg.

**Preston, Ken** (BA '00, Collegiate '72) - Ken, now retired, spent the summer of 2006 cycling across Canada.

**Barg, Matthew** (B.Sc. 4-yr. '01) - Matthew is pursuing a master's degree in Environmental Studies at York University.

**Tkach, David** (BA (Hons.) '01) - David earned a master's degree from Concordia University and is currently completing a PhD in Philosophy at the University of Ottawa.

**Buck, Gordon** (BA '01) - Gordon received a Law degree from the University of Victoria in 2004 and is currently practicing at Alexander Holburn Beaudin & Lang LLP in Vancouver, BC. Gordon is a member of the firm's Commercial Litigation, Financial Professional Services, and Construction & Engineering Groups. His practice is litigation-based with an emphasis on commercial disputes and issues of professional liability.

**McKenzie, Megan** (BA '02) - Megan had an eventful summer, graduating with a PhD from Trinity College in Dublin and starting work as the Director of Local Initiatives toward Employment (LITE) in Winnipeg.

**Perry, Adam** (BA '02) - Adam graduated with a Law degree from the University of Victoria in 2005. Adam won a \$60,000 scholarship from the BC government to help him study at Oxford University. Adam will use the first year of his two-year Queen Elizabeth II Scholarship to pursue a one-year bachelor of civil law degree at Oxford.

**Brommell, Dionne C.E.** (BA '02) - Dionne is a new parent and is currently on maternity leave.



**Hesse, Paul** (BA (Hons.) '02) - Paul has practiced Law at Winnipeg's Wilder, Wilder & Langtry Legal Firm specializing in Civil Litigation, Immigration Law, and Residential Real Estate.

**McGunigal, Mary** (BA '03) - Mary and Flynn McGunigal are pleased to announce that they have been blessed with a second daughter, Josephine Flynn McGunigal. Josephine arrived on January 30, 2007 at 5:24 a.m., weighing 7lbs and measuring 19.5 inches. She is welcomed by big sister Maggie.

**Reid, Claire** (BA '03) - Claire works for a human rights NGO in the Peruvian Andes where she works with local authorities on anti-discrimination projects. She also works towards institutional reform and to find strategies for implementing local development projects within a human rights framework.

**Lincoln (Morris), Judy** (BA '03) - Judy has been elected to the CMU Council. She is working for WaterCan, an international development agency based in Ottawa, ON.

**Allen, Leah** (BA (Hons.) '04) - Leah completed a master's degree in Women's Studies at Simon Fraser University and began her first year of a PhD in Literature at Duke University in September 2006.

**Zimarino, Stefania** (BA '04) - Stefania traveled around Europe and is now working at the University of Manitoba Medical Library in Winnipeg.

**Braun, Christine** (BA '04) - Christine is currently enrolled in the M.A. in International Peace Studies at Notre Dame University, Indiana. Christine also serves on the Canadian Mennonite University Council.

**Kliewer, Karin** (BA '06) - Karin is employed with Project Peacemaker, as well as in CMU's Admissions Department. She is actively involved with year-round biking, ultimate frisbee, and event and music planning.

**Hildebrand, Anne Marie Patricia** (DCE '05) - Anne writes that she is working full-time at People's Choice Search Firm in Winnipeg, MB and thoroughly enjoying it.

**Guenther, Bruce** (BA 4-yr. '05) - Bruce was awarded a prestigious Chevening Scholarship from the British Council for his second year of study in the MPhil program at the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex.

**Oudeh, Muad** (BA '05) - Muad is working in a hotel and elementary school in Haifa, Israel. He and his wife, Laila, had their first child this year, a daughter Mayar.

**Kidder, Jenny** (BA '06) - Jenny spent several months in Vancouver, BC working at a Family Violence shelter and is now a Crisis Worker at the Main Street Project in Winnipeg.

**Sommerhalder, Marsi** (BA '06) - Marsi is enrolled in a master's program in Conflict Studies at St. Paul University in Ottawa. She recently spent several days in Montreal, QU helping students from Dawson College by doing on-site drop-in counseling following the shootings there.

**Osseni, Babatoundé Raïmi** (BA '06) - Raïmi is working as a Community Economic Development Agent for the Conseil de développement économique des municipalités bilingues du Manitoba.

**Dirks, Lauren Ray** (BA '06) - Lauren is pursuing a Bachelor of Social Work at William and Catherine Booth College in Winnipeg, MB.

**Lajoie-O'Malley, Alana** (BA (Hons.) '06) - Alana will spend two years studying at Oxford University after being awarded the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship (see page 8). Alana currently works as a researcher for the President at The University of Winnipeg, as well as working on the University's sustainability programs and taking science courses.

**Bergen, Annie** (BA '06) - Annie is an artist who recently led a group of young people in the production of a mural focusing on Malaysian culture. The mural can be seen

on the side of Cookatoo's Restaurant on Sargent Avenue in Winnipeg. To learn more about Annie's works, visit her website at [www.anniebergen.ca](http://www.anniebergen.ca)

**Scott, Leanne** (B.Ed. '06) - Leanne is a full-time educator at Robertston Elementary in the Winnipeg School Division, teaching Grade 1. Leanne also works part-time at the Manitoba Métis Federation (Winnipeg Region) as the Coordinator of the Homework Club established through the Big H.A.R.T. Program.

**Jemison, Kyle** (BA 4-yr. '06) - Kyle is currently working for Nygard International as a RTL Systems Inventory Administrator.

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ENJOYED AN EVENING OUT. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT ARE **CESAR NEITO**, **ANA SALDANA**, AND **KATY GARCIA**, ALL FROM MEXICO.



WINNING TEAM OF THE 2007 CURLING FUNSPIEL (L-R: **MARY YOUNG** (BA '80), **COLIN PETERSON** (MST '93), **BRUCE FAURSCHOU** (BA '75), AND **RON HECTOR** (BA '77, '87 B.ED.)



AYNSLIE HINDS (BA '00, B.Sc. '02), ALUMNI COUNCIL TEAM LEAD, VOLUNTEERS

## 1 MANITOBA MOOSE GAME

The University of Winnipeg sponsored the Manitoba Moose game on January 17, 2007, one of many events bringing together UWinnipeg alumni, faculty, students, and the community throughout The University of Winnipeg's 40th anniversary year. Alumni, students, faculty, and friends came together to cheer on the Manitoba Moose in their exciting 4-1 victory over the San Antonio Rampage. The University had a strong presence at the game in the form of a staffed booth in the main concourse, where alumni volunteers, current students, and staff handed out information on the University and on upcoming events. This was also an opportunity for UWinnipeg alumni to update their records and learn more about University activities.

As game sponsors, UWinnipeg received a commemorative plaque at the start of the event which was presented to University President **Lloyd Axworthy** (BA '61, LLD '98) and Alumni Council President **Jason Pusiewich** (BA '98) by Moose Team Captain **Mike Keane** and **Chris Dant** of the Manitoba Moose Hockey Club.

## 2 CURLING FUNSPIEL

On Saturday, February 3, 2007, The University of Winnipeg Alumni Association celebrated winter with one of Canada's favourite winter sports—curling. The third annual Curling Funspiel, held at the Heather Curling Club at 120 Youville Street, saw the participation of 22 players ranging from skilled veterans to complete novices.

"I'd never curled before, but the other players gave me a lot of tips to help get me started," said **Annette Elvers** (BA (Hons.) '93). "It was really fun trying something new—I'd definitely come out again next year."

Alumni Council President **Jason Pusiewich** (BA '98) emceed the event, and every participant received one of the many prizes donated by local companies. Each game consisted of two ends, with the first being played using traditional rules and the second played using "fun rules" making for some interesting scoring.

## ALUMNI COUNCIL 2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JUNE 11

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

The AGM is the annual business meeting where you can hear what has happened during the year, vote for council members, and connect with fellow alumni and staff of the Alumni Office. In fact, you could submit your name if you are interested in serving on the Council. Please contact the Alumni Office for details.

2006 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient Dr. Rayleen De Luca (BA (Hons.) '79) will be our speaker—see page 10 for a short feature.

The AGM will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 11, 2007 in the Faculty and Staff Club located on the fourth floor of Wesley Hall.

Refreshments, desserts, and a cash bar will be available.

CALL 204.786.9711 OR EMAIL ALUMNI@UWINNIPEG.CA TO REQUEST MORE INFORMATION OR TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE.

## ALUMNI EVENTS AT 40TH ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING SEPTEMBER 13-16

The Alumni Association will be hosting a Welcome Reception and a rockin' Manitoba-style social during Homecoming Weekend. The Welcome Reception will take place Thursday, September 13 and the Social will be on Saturday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. There will be exciting entertainment and great company. Both events will be held on-campus. Plan now to attend this special 40th Anniversary Homecoming. Watch [www.uwinnipeg.ca](http://www.uwinnipeg.ca) for details. The Alumni Council looks forward to reconnecting with you!

## 2007 ANNUAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT JUNE 14

The University of Winnipeg Alumni Association will be hosting its fourth annual Alumni Golf Tournament on June 14, 2007. For the third year in a row, this event will be held at beautiful Southside Golf Course, an executive-style golf course located approximately 10 minutes from the city by heading south on Highway 59.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FEE (UNTIL MAY 26): \$75.00 (INCLUDES 18 HOLES OF GOLF AND DINNER).

AFTER MAY 26: \$85.00

SIGN-IN: 12 NOON

TEE-OFF TIME: 1:00 P.M. (SHOTGUN START)

DINNER: 6:30 P.M.

TO REGISTER, CALL AT 204.786.9711 OR EMAIL ALUMNI@UWINNIPEG.CA

## 3 COUNCIL PROFILE AYNSLIE HINDS, TEAM LEAD – VOLUNTEERS

The UWinnipeg Alumni Council is fortunate to have some very talented people with diverse interests serving as volunteers. **Aynslie Hinds** (BA '00, B.Sc. '02), Team Lead (Volunteers) is no exception. After completing her first degree, she pursued an Honours degree in Psychology and a B.Sc. in Statistics, completing those two years later. She then studied Community Health Sciences at the University of Manitoba, graduating in 2006 from the University of Manitoba (U of M) with an M.Sc.

Currently, Aynslie teaches part-time at UWinnipeg in the Departments of Psychology and Statistics and is a part-time Research Assistant at the U of M in the Department of Community Health Sciences.

As Team Lead for Volunteers, Aynslie recruits alumni to assist with Frame Sales at Convocations, Food for Thought and other events. Volunteers are critical to the success of the various Alumni Council events. Aynslie encourages anyone who would like to "give back" to their alma mater or connect with other alumni and members of the UWinnipeg community to contact her through the Alumni Office.

Upcoming volunteer opportunities include Spring Convocation frame sales, the Alumni Golf Tournament, and of course the various Alumni-sponsored events at Homecoming.

# UWINNIPEG ONCE AGAIN EARNS TOP MARKS IN STUDENT SURVEY

BEST IN CANADA WHEN STUDENTS ASKED TO RECOMMEND UWINNIPEG TO OTHERS

Students at The University of Winnipeg are more likely to recommend their school to a friend or colleague than any other university in Canada, according to a recent survey published in *Maclean's*. Some 95 per cent of UWinnipeg students, who participated in this year's Canadian Undergraduate Survey Consortium (CUSC) survey, responded positively when asked whether they would recommend UWinnipeg to others.

The 955 graduating students at UWinnipeg who participated in the annual survey were asked a variety of questions about specific aspects of the undergraduate experience such as quality of education, and teaching. In all categories, UWinnipeg rated first and second across the board among 23 participating universities—that included a range of primarily undergraduate and medical-doctoral institutions:

WOULD RECOMMEND THIS UNIVERSITY TO OTHERS:	95 % (1ST OUT OF 23)
SATISFIED WITH DECISION TO ATTEND:	95 % (2ND)
SATISFIED WITH QUALITY OF TEACHING:	94 % (2ND)
SATISFIED WITH OVERALL QUALITY OF EDUCATION:	94 % (2ND)
ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE INTELLECTUALLY STIMULATING:	93 % (2ND)
EXPERIENCE MET OR EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS:	90 % (2ND)



"Once again, our students—our most valuable constituency—have shown their strong approval for the high quality of education they are receiving at The University of Winnipeg and the momentum we are building," said UWinnipeg President and Vice-Chancellor **Lloyd Axworthy** (BA '61, LLD '98). "This is not only a resounding endorsement of the degree programs, courses and student services we offer. It is proof that our faculty and instructors are among the best in Canada. They should be very proud of this accomplishment and I congratulate them for their efforts."

Full results of the CUSC survey may be found on pages 33 to 35 of the April 2, 2007 issue of *Maclean's*.



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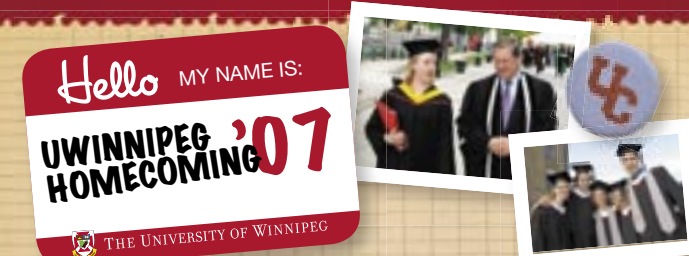
## The University of Winnipeg Homecoming and Reunion Weekend September 13 - 16, 2007

Rediscover your University! Homecoming is a University-wide celebration for alumni, students, faculty and staff, plus friends and family. There will be dozens of individual activities during three days on both campus and downtown.

During the coming months, details will be added to our website including sponsorship opportunities, list of central events and those in participating units—faculties, departments and services.

### CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

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# COMING EVENTS

Reconnect! A wide variety of events—many of them free—take place on the University campus throughout the year. Why not take in a musical performance, enjoy Canada Day celebrations, or learn more about your Alumni Association at its Annual General Meeting? Full details are posted as they become available at [http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/uwauthortest/dsp\\_eventcal.cfm](http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/uwauthortest/dsp_eventcal.cfm)

## MAY

MAY 18 - 20

Canadian Wheelchair Basketball Championships  
Duckworth Centre

MAY 18 - 21

Canadian Pagan National Association Annual Conference - Gala Gathering  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., various locations on campus

MAY 25 - 27

Canadian Table Tennis Championships  
Duckworth Centre

MAY 25 - 29

Canadian Athletic Therapy Association (CATA) Conference  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., various locations on campus

## JUNE

JUNE 3

Spring Convocation  
Duckworth Centre

JUNE 4 - 5

Agassiz Chamber Music Festival  
Various times, Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall

JUNE 11-15

Summer Institute in Infectious Diseases II: Issues and Strategies for Intervention on HIV/AIDS

JUNE 11

Annual General Meeting, Alumni Association  
7:30 p.m., Faculty & Staff Club, Wesley Hall

JUNE 14

Golf Tournament, Alumni Association  
Noon registration, Southside Golf Course

JUNE 25-28

Summer Institute: Current Topics in Women's and Gender Studies

JUNE 25-29

Summer Institute: The Ethics of Globalization

JUNE 25 - JULY 6

Summer Institute: Introduction to Chinese Culture and Mandarin Language

## JULY

JULY 3 - 31

Wesmen Summer Sport Camps  
Duckworth Centre

JULY 9 - AUGUST 31

Eco-Kids Summer Camps  
Call 204.471.1611 for details.

JULY 9 - 13

Summer Institute: Introduction to the History and Culture of the Philippines

## AUGUST

AUGUST 1 - 31

Wesmen Summer Sport Camps  
Duckworth Centre

AUGUST 15

Open House - Division of Continuing Education  
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., 294 William Ave.

## SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 7

Wesmen Volleyball Coaching Seminar  
Duckworth Centre

SEPTEMBER 7 - 8

Wesmen High School Boys and Girls Invitational Volleyball Tournament  
Duckworth Centre

SEPTEMBER 13 - SEPTEMBER 16

University of Winnipeg Homecoming and Reunion Weekend (see insert for details).

# NEW! BMO AFFINITY PROGRAM

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Q: How will I be kept informed about our Mosaik MasterCard program?

A: The University regularly contacts Alumni by mail, phone, and email to present opportunities and information that we feel will be of benefit to you. We may use any of these methods to inform you about The University of Winnipeg Mosaik MasterCard affinity program.

Q: How will my personal information be handled in regard to affinity programs?

A: The University of Winnipeg is at all times responsible for safeguarding your information. The University does not release contact information to our affinity partners.

Q: I prefer not to receive affinity program mailings or phone calls. What can I do?

A: If you do not wish to be contacted personally about The University of Winnipeg Mosaik MasterCard affinity program, please let us know at 204.786.9711, 1.888.829.7053 (toll-free in Canada and the U.S.) or [alumni@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:alumni@uwinnipeg.ca)

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