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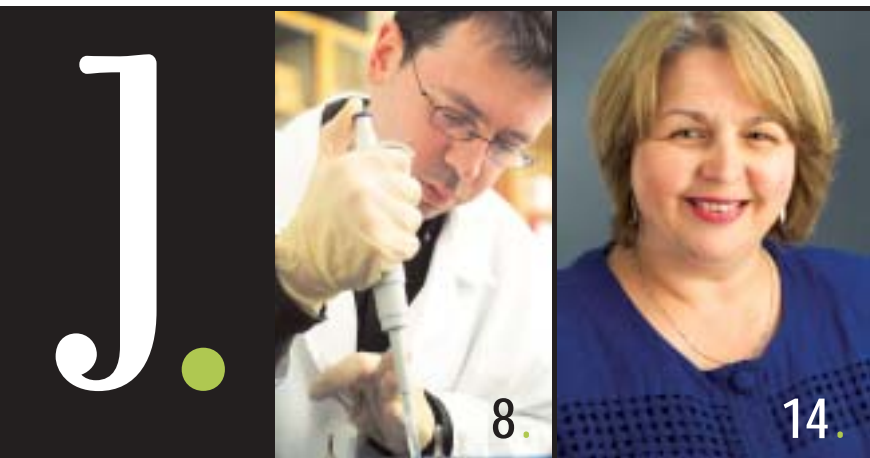
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YOUR LETTERS

FROM GREECE TO WINNIPEG

It was a long time ago (1980) when I came to Winnipeg as a visa student from sunny Greece. I was 18 and knew next to nothing about the city, let alone the climate. Fortunately, I came in May so by the time winter came, I was pretty much informed as to what to expect: SNOW and SNOW and temperatures so low that if they occurred in Greece we would have the end of the country as we know it...

Anyway, I had a great time at The University of Winnipeg. I lived in residence for a year and had the time of my life. I miss the lounges (I used to study in the French lab). My pals and I hung around the University all day long, since it was too cold to go outside!! Classes and profs were great (I send my

greetings to Dr. Mills and Dr. Cormack, wherever they are), and I really miss the atmosphere—and the girls! I loved the library, the cafeteria, and the socials. I used to play ping-pong in the basement as well, next to the basketball court.

Anyway, I received my BA (Political Science and Administrative Studies) in 1983 and then went on to The University of Manitoba where I studied Political Science and received an MA in 1985. Then, back to Greece and two years in the army (that was pretty hard...). In 1988, I started work as an airport operations officer for the Greek Civil Aviation Authority in my hometown Thessaloniki, where I still work. I have visited Winnipeg three times since I graduated, in '89, '97, and '03.

These were a few spontaneous thoughts and memories that came to me when I read the last issue of the *Alumni Journal*. I really miss the school and I wish the best for the University and its students. Congratulations on the appointment of Dr. Axworthy, your new President.

All in all, studying in Canada—and especially at The University of Winnipeg—was a great experience which I wholeheartedly recommend, and which supplies someone with all the academic tools necessary to both function in and understand the modern world.

Thank you, and my best regards from sunny Greece (jealous?).

*George Karras, Class of 1983
Thessaloniki, Makedonia, Greece* ■



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EDITOR'S NOTE



Next Steps

With new President Lloyd Axworthy on board, a new chapter has begun at The University of Winnipeg. And we're taking the next steps in the institution's journey.

A new Aboriginal Student Services Centre is opening on campus, work on restoring Wesley Hall is progressing, and a healthy \$2.9 million surplus in the University's budget means some much needed, but long-deferred projects can move forward.

Also this month, an exciting quest for knowledge is about to begin. President Axworthy is launching the OmniTRAX/Broe Quest Series, bringing together academia and community partners to share expertise, debate issues, and explore creative solutions to problems that impact us all. In the first of several conferences, we'll look at where the world is headed and how its global citizenry can chart a course for the future.

Your next step is to get involved. Come back to your alma mater to participate in this groundbreaking Quest series as well as other campus events throughout the year. And please consider volunteering for your Alumni Association and take a few minutes now to register for the new Alumni Online Community. These are all steps in the right direction!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lois Cherney". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Lois Cherney, Editor

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

Food for Thought - Distribute snacks and offer encouragement to students during exam time.

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

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

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

Alumni Network - For those who have left Winnipeg, volunteer to welcome a new alum who is moving to your city and help him or her get oriented to the new surroundings.

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

Scholarship Presenters - Visit high schools in June to present University of Winnipeg entrance scholarships to outstanding high school graduates.

First-Year Student Orientation - Welcome the "freshies" and their parents to campus at orientation in September.

Career Mentor - Meet with a student or graduate to share your career insight and experiences.

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



where she belongs

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

Reading, writing, and arithmetic.

In the '50s and '60s, those basics formed the foundation of most schoolchildren's education. But for Mary Young (BA '80), her formative school years also taught her a more painful lesson: how Aboriginal people were seen by the majority of non-Aboriginal Canadians.

“She encouraged me to carry on—I don’t know if I would have finished if it wasn’t for Mary.”
Kevin Lamoureux (BA ’02)

At best, Young says Aboriginals were portrayed as stereotypes—simple hunters and trappers who lived off the land. But more often, the message was openly cruel. “Aboriginal girls from the reserve are dumb,” Young was told by some of the other students at a private Winnipeg high school. By Grade 10, the racism, discrimination, and hostility had just about sent her to the breaking point. At the end of that year she said to herself, “I am never, NEVER going back.” None of Young’s older brothers or sisters had completed Grade 12—now she knew why.

She returned to Bloodvein First Nation feeling defeated. “There’s a little place at home, just a rock formation that goes down to the river,” she says, painting a picture of the landscape of northeastern Manitoba. “I would go down there by the water and think about what I wanted to do with my life.” She knew that she could quit school at age 16. “But that’s not what I wanted. I wanted to be the first one in my family to graduate from high school.”

Exercising the strength, patience, and perseverance she learned from her parents, she completed her secondary schooling and in 1972, she embarked on a bachelor of arts at The University of Winnipeg. At University, her classmates were older, her professors more educated, and the racism more subtle. But Young was stronger now. “Whenever I heard negative things about Aboriginal people, I would think about what I learned from my parents,” she says. “That was to respect people no matter who they were or where they came from.”

Drawing on her family’s teachings, Young was able to take the best of what she was taught, and set the rest aside. She graduated from The University of Winnipeg with a BA in Anthropology in 1980. That was followed by three more degrees: a P.B.Cert.Ed. ’94 and M.Ed. ’97 from the University of Manitoba and a PhD ’03 in First Nations Education from the University of Alberta.

After working in the justice system as a probation officer and a position with the Alcoholism Foundation of Manitoba, Young joined the counselling staff at The University of Winnipeg as a Native Student Advisor. For 20 years, it has been Young’s passion to share with Aboriginal students a message many haven’t heard elsewhere: *there is a place for you here.*

“She was the first person I spoke to when I came to the University,” recalls **Kevin Lamoureux** (BA ’02), now an Academic Advisor with the Winnipeg Education Centre (WEC). “She gave me a tour and explained what I had to do for

funding,” says Lamoureux. “Financially, it was very difficult for me going to school and I was scared about my debts.” But no matter what happened, Lamoureux says Young was always there to listen. “She encouraged me to carry on—I don’t know if I would have finished if it wasn’t for Mary.”

Wendy Fontaine (BA ’97) describes Young as her mentor, determined and strong, but kind and calm all at once. She also admires Young’s tenacity. “I don’t know if I would have stayed here for 20 years, breaking down barriers and addressing issues on behalf of Aboriginal students,” says Fontaine, who works for the University’s new Aboriginal Self-Governance Program. “I admire her for staying here and fighting for us.”

Young admits it hasn’t been easy. When she took on the role, what has grown into the Aboriginal Student Services Centre (ASSC) was nothing more than a desk, housed in a single room shared with the Mature Students’ Association. “It was really loud!” laughs Young, joking about the music that came through the walls—her “office” was located next to the campus radio station. But her smile fades quickly as she talks about what this makeshift arrangement meant for students who needed counselling. “How do you tell someone to stop crying while you look for a private space to talk?” she asks.

Despite the challenges, Young makes sure to mention there were many along the way who offered help and encouragement, naming special colleagues like **John Hofley**, **Debbie Schnitzer**, **Kristine Hanson**, and **Leslie Kepron**. “I am grateful I found many who were willing to support what I was trying to do—to make a welcoming place for Aboriginal students,” says Young. “I know these connections and relationships motivated me to continue with my work.”

Fall 2004 marked the start of a new chapter for Young and the ASSC when the Centre moved from its space in the basement of Bryce Hall to a newly renovated, well equipped, culturally appropriate space in Lockhart Hall (see p. 27 for more). Things have come a long way since her days as a student, she admits. “But there is still so much more to do.”

University of Winnipeg President Lloyd Axworthy agrees. “This Centre has been a long time coming,” he remarked at the ASSC’s groundbreaking ceremony, as he affirmed recruitment and retention of Aboriginal students as priorities for the University. “The launch of the new Centre signals The University of Winnipeg’s commitment to creating a healthy learning environment for Aboriginal students.” 

WESLEY HALL CORNERSTONE REMOVED: CENTURY-OLD TIME CAPSULE UNEARTHED

At a ceremony marking the removal of the Wesley Hall cornerstone and the laying of the first stone of the building's new façade, a 110-year-old time capsule was unearthed. The cornerstone removal was part of the stonework reconstruction of the "Castle on Portage." The ceremony took place June 21, 2004—over a century after June 26, 1894, the date the cornerstone was initially placed.

University of Winnipeg President **Lloyd Axworthy** revealed the contents of the time capsule to the media and gathered guests, including **Dr. Harry Duckworth** (President Emeritus), **John Bulman** (Chancellor Emeritus), **Richard Graydon** (University of Winnipeg Board of Regents Chair), **Dr. Gerald Bedford** (retired English Professor and author of *The University of Winnipeg: A History of the Founding Colleges*), and **Susan Thompson** (President and CEO of The University of Winnipeg Foundation).

Among its treasures, the time capsule contained the 1890 *Methodist Church Book of Discipline*, the 1893/94 Wesley College Calendar, June 25 and June 26, 1894 editions of the *Manitoba*

Free Press, copies of the *Winnipeg Daily Tribune*, the *Nor'-Wester*, and the *Christian Guardian*. It also contained coins of the day, meeting minutes and a resolution from the Manitoba and North-West Conference of the Methodist Church to construct the building. A fascinating document found in the box listed the business leaders, community members, and friends of the University whose donations helped build Wesley College—many of whom are the forebears of University of Winnipeg alumni.

"Today, as on that day in 1894, the strength of The University of Winnipeg is people—people who believe in the future and in the value of a post-secondary education," Dr. Axworthy said. "It took a broad grass roots community involvement to build this school. It will take that same community commitment to rebuild and strengthen today's University of Winnipeg."

The time capsule and its contents are under the care of University of Winnipeg archivist Peter James. The cornerstone, an important piece of the University's history, will be placed on display when reconstruction is complete.

UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG POSTS RECORD \$2.9 M SURPLUS

"The University of Winnipeg community—through hard work and sound fiscal management in both the academic and administrative areas—has once again achieved a balanced budget," announced University of Winnipeg President Lloyd Axworthy at a Canada Day celebration held June 30, 2004. "With surpluses two years in a row we are now on solid financial footing and looking to the future with confidence."

With senior administration and Board Chair Richard Graydon joining him on the platform, Axworthy announced that in accordance with the University's recently completed Strategic and Academic plans, the surplus will be split with a portion being invested in rebuilding a healthy reserve fund and the remainder applied toward some of the critical long-standing equipment, academic, infrastructure, and strategic needs of the University.

For example, immediate investments will need to be made in the University's Nuclear Magnetic Resonance facility, thereby strengthening our teaching and research potential in Chemistry, in an autoclave for the Department of Biology, and in editing equipment for the University's filmmaking

program. There will also need to be increases in internal research grants, an endowment to the Library, support to academic initiatives, ongoing maintenance, and investments in institution-wide information and administrative systems.

Dr. Axworthy credited the commitment of faculty, students, administration, and staff for building the foundation for a healthy financial status, which ultimately bodes well for the future of The University of Winnipeg. "Together we are moving this University forward, strengthening its operations as an institution of higher learning, and re-establishing its position as a centre for public debate," said Axworthy, to applause from the hundreds of faculty, staff, students, and community members assembled on the University's front lawn.

The University of Winnipeg is in the midst of a time of significant rejuvenation. "The work that began with the creation of Wesley College 110 years ago in this die-hard prairie town continues today," said President Axworthy. "Prudent fiscal management tied to a strategic set of initiatives is paving the way for future generations of students to become engaged with their environment, their culture, and the world."

Making A Difference

This past June, as part of the reconstruction work on Wesley Hall, the original 1894 cornerstone from the University's landmark building was removed and a time capsule unearthed. One of the keepsake documents in the capsule was a list of the many individuals who gave so that Wesley Hall—a unique centre of learning—could be built on barren field in a fledgling Manitoba town.

The vision of those early Prairie pioneers has blossomed so that 110 years later, at the University's 76th Convocation, the Alumni Association welcomed another 890 graduates into its membership.

At Convocation I shared with those assembled a vision of a university that was truly open to and for the community. And so, days later, we sent out invitations to our downtown neighbours to join us for a Canada Day picnic. And hundreds came to celebrate. Amidst red and white balloons and with Wesley Hall as the backdrop, I—along with Richard Graydon, then chair of the Board, and the Vice-Presidents—announced, that through the efforts of the entire University, we had achieved an unprecedented \$2.9 million dollar surplus. These funds will enable the University to address a number of long-deferred maintenance projects, equipment, and program initiatives.

When you read this issue of the *Journal*, the University will have welcomed a record number of first year students. We will have announced Dr. Jennifer Brown as the University's Canada Research Chair in Aboriginal Peoples in an Urban and Regional Context. Our new Aboriginal Student Services Centre will have



celebrated its official opening—offering culturally-sensitive services for the University's growing number of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students.

And we will be in the throes of preparing for our first Quest conference. OmniTRAX/Broe, a Denver-based transportation company with strong interests in northern Manitoba, has partnered with the University to launch the OmniTRAX/Broe Quest Series. Their gift of \$100,000 has made it possible for the University to host a series of discussions around what this University does best—acting as a catalyst, moving people to tackle the issues facing today's global citizenry.

Along with a number of alumni class reunions, the inaugural Quest conference, *Caught in the Crossfire: Global Citizens Making A Difference* will take place this October during the Fall Convocation Weekend. All alumni and friends are encouraged to attend.

Join us on this quest, catch up with old friends, and cheer on new graduates. Find out more by reading the ad below or visiting www.quest.uwinnipeg.ca

Lloyd Axworthy,
President and Vice-Chancellor

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STUDYING STEPS IN THE FERTILITY

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*“Beto’s research is pushing the envelope...
We’re building an area of strength around him.”*

Alberto Civetta is preoccupied with reproduction. A Google search using his name displays the title of one of his research presentations: *Sex, flies, and videotapes*. On his website, three students vibrate one arm in an imitation of a male fruit fly mating dance.

Civetta, an associate professor in biology at The University of Winnipeg, studies fruit flies, kitchen pests that hover around overripe fruit. He and his students are exploring male fertility and sperm genetics and decoding the DNA sequences of proteins that are crucial for that final hurdle in a sperm’s life—fertilization. Why do some sperm fertilize more eggs?

“If we want to really understand male fertility, we have to look at it as a male-female process,” says Civetta. “I’m from Argentina, so I know very well that it takes two to tango.”

Fruit fly females store sperm from every mating. Until they die, stored sperm continually emerge from the storage vesicle to fertilize eggs. Undergraduate student **Kim Rosing** found that some males fertilize more eggs than others. Instead of focussing only on sperm, Civetta turned to the female fly for a solution. “Nobody’s actually looking at what happens inside a female,” says Civetta.

By looking at sperm inside females under a microscope, Civetta and his students have found that some males’ sperm live longer than others, and that it varies by female. This finding came from an undergraduate thesis by **Jolene Fisher** (B.Sc. (Hons.) ’04).

“One thing that I really like about Dr. Civetta is that he does a really great job of combining being a great teacher with being involved in research,” says Fisher, who started medical school this fall. “He’s passionate about doing research. It’s so motivating when you’re working for someone who is really excited about what they’re doing—and about what you’re doing.”

In turn, Civetta is grateful for the work of his students. “Kim and Jolene have been very important to this project,” says Civetta, adding that the work won’t stop there. “There’s a grad student who’s going to follow up on this.”

Civetta’s passion can be traced to Argentina, home of the tango and of fruit plantations where fruit flies are pests. That’s where he began studying the damaging crop insect that has become the focus of his academic career, and where he developed a life-long love of two of Argentina’s biggest pastimes—music and soccer.

Civetta was bass guitarist for a folk-jazz-classical-tango fusion band, and played ’60s, ’70s, and ’80s tunes for a cover band while pursuing his PhD in Hamilton, Ontario. During his post-doctoral research in the US, he started playing with a jazz band. “Those old guys knew the jazz tunes by heart. I was a little slow. Finally I said, ‘You know what? You guys should probably try to find someone else.’ They sent me back to the lab,” Civetta laughs. But, he still plays soccer. And of course, he’s still passionate about fruit flies.

Civetta joined The University of Winnipeg in 2000. “I knew I wanted to come back to Canada,” says Civetta. “Winnipeg has offered me great opportunities. I’m glad to be back.” He has expanded his research to include sperm and egg proteins and their role in fertility in mammals, including humans.

“Beto’s research is pushing the envelope,” says **Ed Byard**, Biology Department Chair. (Civetta’s colleagues call him Beto, which he prefers to Alberto.) “We’re building an area of strength around him.”

The department plans to develop expertise in analyzing genetic variation and evolutionary patterns in wildlife populations—expertise that will be valuable for studying the impacts of environmental and climate change.

“He’s developed good courses, he gets along well with students (students seek him out as a supervisor) and he’s established a solid research program which is well funded at the national and provincial levels,” says Byard. “He’s an easy guy to get along with, and he likes to have fun as well as work hard. He’s done everything right.” ■

ALUMNI NEWS BRIEFS

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

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PROFESSORS WITH A PASSION SERIES PRODUCES TWO SOLD-OUT TOURS

Both of the tours this Spring in the Alumni Association's Professors with a Passion Series attracted enthusiastic audiences. The "Winnipeg General Strike Bus Tour" with History Professor **Nolan Reilly** was filled to capacity for the second consecutive year, and the new "House of Gabrielle Roy and St. Boniface Walking Tour" with French Studies Professor **Carol Harvey** proved to be very popular with those interested in the life of the internationally renowned author. The Professors with a Passion Series showcases the expertise of faculty members at The University of Winnipeg through tours and other activities.

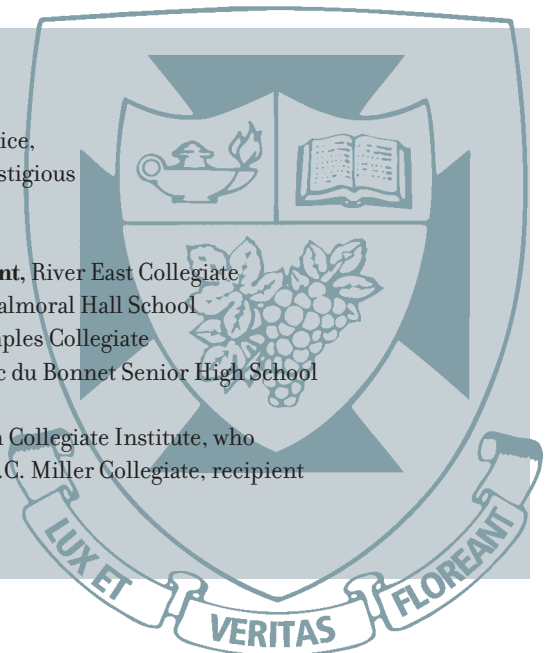
ALUMNI ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

In recognition of their outstanding academic achievement, community service, and leadership ability, the following high school students were awarded prestigious Alumni Entrance Scholarships to attend The University of Winnipeg:

Kyle Burkett, Garden City Collegiate
Kimberley Halwas, Portage Collegiate Institute
Jasmine Sotto, Elmwood High School
Aaron Trachtenberg, Kelvin High School

Elizabeth Esselmont, River East Collegiate
Sarah Murdoch, Balmoral Hall School
Stephanie Tan, Maples Collegiate
Kendra Ulrich, Lac du Bonnet Senior High School

Other major scholarship winners for 2004-05 were **Fallon Crockatt**, Warren Collegiate Institute, who received the Marsha P. Hanen Entrance Scholarship and **Allison Friesen**, W.C. Miller Collegiate, recipient of the Walter Leatherdale Entrance Scholarship.





GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 2nd Annual Alumni Association Golf Tournament attracted more than double the number of participants than last year. About 66 University of Winnipeg alumni, faculty, administrators, and staff enjoyed a day of "Texas Scramble" golfing, dinner, and prize presentations to best teams, most honest teams, and everything in between!

Individual achievement was honoured with prizes for the longest drive, straightest shot, and closest to the pin, but there were also fun contests for those whose ball was drawn to the water hazards or sand traps. The event was held in June at Tuxedo Golf Course; plans are underway for next year's tournament.



L to R: The threesome of Ken McCluskey, Mark Ruml, and Andrea McCluskey won this year's Alumni Association Golf Tournament. Alumni Vice-President Mike Bayer (far right) was the master of ceremonies for the prize presentations.

GOT THE TRAVEL BUG?

Several trips are in the works for 2004. Together with our new travel provider, The Great Canadian Travel Company, alumni from The University of Winnipeg, the University of Manitoba, and Brandon University will head off for adventures both near and far. Visit the Travel Program link on the alumni website for the latest offerings.

POINTING A FINGER AT A GREAT GOLDEYES GAME

The University of Winnipeg alumni group event at the Goldeyes baseball game in July turned out to be the perfect night. The long-awaited warm summer weather and entertaining game had enthusiastic alumni members waving inflatable fingers and cheering wildly as the "U of W Alumni Association" flashed on the electronic scoreboard.



The alumni group cheered the Fish on to victory.



Thamilarasu Subramaniam (BA '96) is an enthusiastic fan of his alma mater... and the Goldeyes!

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Two "Family of Alumni" scholarships are available exclusively for children and grandchildren of alumni. One is an entrance award for those who have graduated from Senior 4 (Grade 12) at a school outside of Winnipeg; the other is a scholarship for continuing University of Winnipeg students who have excelled in extracurricular activities. For more information, please visit our website.

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Gifts that keep on giving:

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIPS

TEXT: Ilana Simon, BA '84 PHOTO: grajewski.fotograph

Marking the end of an era, The University of Winnipeg Women's Auxiliary officially disbanded last winter—but its legacy lives on.

Eight generous scholarships funded by the Women's Auxiliary will continue to be awarded annually thanks to the dedication and commitment of members of the nearly 90-year-old organization.

And while the individuals behind the sales of home-baked dainties, knitted scarves, and handcrafted Christmas decorations will miss the camaraderie of the Women's Auxiliary, they're grateful their support to students will carry on.

"It meant a lot to all of us to ensure the survival of the Women's Auxiliary scholarships, and we worked hard over the last few years to build up the endowment fund," said **Laureen Bulman**, who served as president, program convenor, and scholarship chair since joining the Women's Auxiliary in 1990.

Judy Dyck (BA (Hons.) '77), University of Winnipeg Director of Awards and Financial Aid and herself a recipient of a Women's Auxiliary Entrance Scholarship, paid tribute to the hard working volunteers.

"The University awards program has benefited from their efforts and will continue to in the future," she said. "The members of the Women's Auxiliary have done an incredible job of fundraising. Their awards are self-sustaining and will bear the name of the Women's Auxiliary in perpetuity."

This is particularly significant to the last group of approximately 40 members of the Women's Auxiliary—many of whom have lifelong affiliations with the University and the Auxiliary.

"I know how hard it is for young people to survive," said **Marion Corbett**, a Women's Auxiliary member for 40 years. "The scholarships were the important part. Sustaining students was the whole concept behind the Auxiliary."

Many of the Women's Auxiliary members were getting older and younger women were simply not interested in joining. At their Annual General Meeting February 11, 2004, The University of Winnipeg Women's Auxiliary Nominating Committee reported that they had no officers for the coming year. The group subsequently voted to disband.

"It was a very difficult decision and we did not come to it lightly," said **June Cowan**, a member for over 30 years and president of the Women's Auxiliary at the time. "It's a sad fact, but we felt

History of the Women's Auxiliary Time Line:

1915

Wesley College Women's Auxiliary is founded. It aims to raise funds to equip and maintain residences for women students, promote the interests of the college, and advance the cause of women's education in connection with the Methodist Church. Wesley College Principal **Rev. Dr. Eber Crummy** is instrumental in establishing the Auxiliary; **Mrs. J.S. Woodsworth** is convenor of the nominating committee and **Lady Aikins** is elected first president.

1920

Manitoba College Auxiliary is founded. Its purpose is to create a home and social life for the young people attending college, to supervise the furnishing and running of the residences, and to unite more closely the churches of our city and province. Manitoba College Principal **John MacKay** helps launch the new group; **Mrs. C.W. Gordon** is named convenor of the Nominating Committee and **Mrs. J. MacKay** is elected first president.

1925

Wesley College Manitoba contributes to the Methodist Congregational Church of

1921

At its Annual General Meeting March 31, the Auxiliary presents \$600 to the board of Manitoba College, in addition to other expenditures on the residence.

1917

Sparling Hall is converted into a women's residence. The Auxiliary makes it homelike and agrees to take care of the upkeep. An old-fashioned sewing bee held to repair bed linen becomes an annual event. The Auxiliary sponsors music as part of a Wesley College education.

1920

The Manitoba College Women's Residence at 35 Kennedy St. is opened.

1921

The Wesley Women's Auxiliary grants a bursary of \$50 to a worthy young woman in need of financial assistance. The only stipulation is that she is a good student with a record of high marks.

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Front row (L to R): Margaret Kellas, Eleanor Gibson, Marion Corbett, Winnifred Havelock, Lillian Duff, and June Cowan
Second row (L to R): Helen Goldstrand, Barbara Gessner (BA '76), Reta Metcalfe, Elsie Crawford (BA '75), Leonore Saunders, Wanda Duncalf, Laureen Bulman, and June Anderson
Third row (L to R): Hilda Wagstaffe, Marilyn Lockwood, Shirley Hilton, Lily Stearns, Shirley Duckworth, and Dora Bonner

there was no alternative. We couldn't keep the Auxiliary going without a slate of officers."

Eleanor Gibson (BA '38) first joined the Women's Auxiliary in the 1940s as a representative of Knox United Church in Winnipeg. Like many, Gibson was appointed to the Auxiliary by the United Church—an honour usually bestowed upon senior members. "I was one of the younger appointees," she laughs. "And it was a good thing because many of the Auxiliary members were elderly when I came on board."

"In those days, we were most concerned with making the women's residences a home away from home. We wanted to make sure they had sufficient towels, beds, linens, blankets—everything they required to be comfortable," recalled Gibson, past president and archivist.

To fulfil their financial commitments, the Auxiliary staged concerts, theatre nights, garden parties, teas at student residences, and dinners.

Scholarships were never far from the minds of the Women's Auxiliary's devoted and energetic volunteers. As early as 1921, documents show the Auxiliary provided bursaries.

In later years, the unpaid workforce of the Women's Auxiliary laboured tirelessly year-round hand-crafting and baking items for their treasure tables and bake sales, and organizing the annual Fall Tea at Riddell Hall and Spring Luncheon at Eaton's Assembly Hall to raise funds for scholarships.

The Women's Auxiliary also played a vital role as a social and educational forum for its members. University of Winnipeg professors were invited to speak on a subject of interest to them—not necessarily their teaching area—at monthly meetings. Passionate presentations covered diverse topics such as wild prairie orchids, Margaret Laurence, community crime issues, and archaeology.

University of Winnipeg presidents also gave a "state of the University" address once a year. President Emeritus **Marsha Hanen**, Gibson noted, was very supportive of the Women's Auxiliary. "She always recognized us and was very interested in what we were doing. We had close ties with her," she said.

In addition to all of their good work on behalf of students, it is a sense of fellowship with each other and dedication to the University that epitomizes Auxiliary members.

"The spirit of community and love is the thread that ran through the Women's Auxiliary," offered **Lily Stearns**, a member for 14 years and past secretary and vice-president. "A woman came with her walker to bring homemade pies for our bake sale. That's what the Women's Auxiliary was all about. People spent hours quilting and hand-painting gifts for our sales to support the University and its students. It's really remarkable what this group of women accomplished." **U**

College (Methodist) and
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 Canada.

1938
 United College is established.
 The name of the auxiliary
 changes to the Women's
 Auxiliary of United College.

1952
 The Auxiliary begins awarding
 entrance scholarships
 (12 bursaries of \$50 each) at
 the suggestion of United College
 Principal **Dr. W.C. Graham**.

1967
 United College becomes the nondenominational
 University of Winnipeg and the auxiliary's name is
 changed to The University of Winnipeg Women's
 Auxiliary. All proceeds from auxiliary fundraising become
 earmarked for scholarships.

1931
 The two women's auxiliaries—Wesley
 College and Manitoba College—join to
 become the United Colleges Women's
 Auxiliary.

1939
 The first endowed scholarship is initiated and becomes
 fully paid up within five years. It is followed by the
Florence May Riddell scholarship, endowed by the late
Rev. Dr. J.H. Riddell in memory of his wife. Three other
 annual Auxiliary scholarships are established.

2004
 The University of Winnipeg Women's Auxiliary disbands
 following unsuccessful attempts to assemble a new slate of
 officers. Thanks to fundraising efforts, an endowment fund
 is established allowing eight annual Women's Auxiliary
 scholarships, totalling \$7,600, to be awarded in perpetuity.

Thinking Ahead: giving back

TEXT: Kerry Ryan, BA '96



Debra Radi (B.Ed. '81, BA '85) has an assignment for University of Winnipeg alumni.

"I'd like alumni to reflect on the good times that they had at the University and to think ahead about how to help current students have the same positive experiences," says Radi, who has recently become President of The University of Winnipeg Alumni Association.

Radi says that alumni participation—in any capacity—is vital to the University maintaining its excellent reputation.

"Through the involvement of our alumni we can build stronger relationships with the community," says Radi. "They're able to share their experience of what a good quality undergraduate education is all about, and the impact our students can have."

Radi herself joined the Association to provide support to her alma mater. Though she originally envisioned a much less intense role for herself, Radi has been very active on the Council—first as a member-at-large, then as Assistant Team Leader and Team Leader of the Events and Outreach Team, and as Vice-President last year.

Continuing to engage alumni is just one of the goals that Radi has set for herself and her team on the Council. Over the course of her term, Radi plans to continue strengthening relationships between the Association and the other University communities—including the Board of Regents, current students (future alum), professors, and administration.

When it comes to forging strong partnerships among these groups, Radi brings both her smile and her unique viewpoint to the process. Not only is she an alumna of The University of Winnipeg, she also has 22 years of experience in the public school system as a teacher and administrator. And, if that weren't enough to give her perspective, she's currently a faculty developer with the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Manitoba, where she's also working on her PhD in educational administration ("always a student," smiles Radi).

Over the coming year Radi also plans to expand Professors with a Passion—a program that showcases the calibre of the University's teaching to the wider community. She also wants to explore new ways in which the Alumni Association can support the University and its programming.

Radi's to-do list includes another important item—having fun, and making sure that others around her do, too.

Radi invites University of Winnipeg alumni to come back. "My attitude in becoming President is trying to make the Association fun and make it playful. But the main goal is to encourage alumni to come back and remember."

"I'd also like to encourage alumni to think about giving back to the University that gave so much to each of us," she adds. "I'm getting kind of teary just thinking about that." 📌

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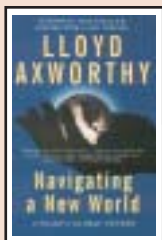
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**NAVIGATING A NEW WORLD:
CANADA'S GLOBAL FUTURE**
Lloyd Axworthy (BA '61)

Navigating a New World is a timely call for action from one of Canada's most eloquent statesmen and thinkers. University of Winnipeg President and Vice-Chancellor **Lloyd Axworthy** lays out why Canada has the unique skills to lead the world into a safer twenty-first century by putting "human security" first—attending to the interests of individuals rather than those of nation states or multi-national corporations—to confront poverty, war, and environmental disaster. The national bestseller, recently released in paperback, is updated with a new preface.

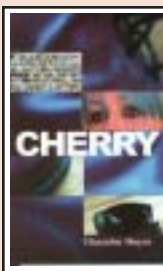
Dr. Lloyd Axworthy was Canada's Foreign Minister, a Member of Parliament for over 20 years, and appointed a Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General. Among other awards, he has won the CARE International Humanitarian Award and was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.



GOTCHA!
*Carol Matas
(Collegiate '67)*

Rosie Lepidus, 11, is forced to work in a shirtwaist factory when her mother becomes ill and her father's business sours. She soon realizes the deplorable conditions at the factory and joins her co-workers when they go on strike. This fictional scenario serves as background to the thrilling account of the shirtwaist makers' strike by mainly teenage girls in 1909-10 New York City. The strike had a significant impact on the development of the US labour movement.

Carol Matas is an internationally acclaimed author of over 30 books for children and young adults. She has received many book awards including two Sydney Taylor awards, The Geoffrey Bilson Award, a Silver Birch Award, and The Jewish Book Award. She has also been nominated for the Governor General's Award twice and *Gotcha!* was nominated for the 2004 McNally Robinson Book for Young People Award (Older Category).



CHERRY
*Chandra Mayor
(BA '04, Collegiate '90)*

Set in the Winnipeg skinhead scene of the early 1990s, *Cherry* is an unsettling account of a woman's negotiation of violence, memory, and identity. Her world is reduced to a cycle of drugs, abuse, and an endless series of rooming houses that she is forced to call home. The narrator tries to write her way out of her desperate situation, and in the process, she invokes the streets of downtown Winnipeg with the precision of a poet and the cunning of a satirist.



**THE CANADIAN CRUCIBLE:
MANITOBA'S ROLE IN
CANADA'S GREAT DIVIDE**
Frances Russell (BA '62)

The Canadian Crucible offers a comprehensive look at the politics of language in Canada from the unique vantage point of Manitoba, where so many crucial struggles have been played out. She provides her readers with a useful and thought-provoking account of the continuing French-English struggles in Manitoba and Canada, touching on the role of Louis Riel, the Manitoba School Question, and the crisis over bilingualism in Manitoba in the 1980s.

Frances Russell has worked as a journalist since 1962 covering and commenting on politics in three provinces. Her book *Mistehay Sakahegan – The Great Lake: The Beauty and The Treachery of Lake Winnipeg* won the 2000 Manitoba Historical Society's Margaret McWilliams Award (Popular Books Category). She again won the Manitoba Historical Society's Margaret McWilliams Award (Popular Books Category) in 2004 for *The Canadian Crucible: Manitoba's Role in Canada's Great Divide*.



THE STAR-GLASS
*Duncan Thornton
(BA Hons. '87)*

In the midst of a terrible storm, a mission is given to young adventurers Tom, Jenny, and Gimlet. Each of them is a Ward of the Sea, granted special luck and privilege by the spirits of the deep in return for the sorrows they have already paid. Now, as Troubles rise in the East and the Long Night approaches, the Captain of the Volantix needs their luck, and all their skill and courage.

Along with writing and web-designing, **Duncan Thornton** currently teaches Communications at Red River College in Winnipeg. Thornton's first book *Kalifax* was nominated for several awards, including the 2000 Governor General's Award. He won The 2004 McNally Robinson Book for Young People Award (Older Category) for *The Star-Glass*.



TATSEA
Armin Wiebe (BA '69)

Set in Canada's Subarctic in the early 1700s, *Tatsea* is an adventure story of love and survival. At the novel's core are Tatsea, a young Dogrib woman, and Ikotsali, the frog-faced man. On a day when Ikotsali is away from camp, raiders arrive and kill everyone except Ikotsali's wife Tatsea, who is captured, and their infant daughter whom she has hidden. When Ikotsali returns to find the carnage, their struggle to survive and reunite begins.

Armin Wiebe is the author of three comic novels, and was nominated for Books in Canada First Novel Award and the Stephen Leacock Memorial Medal for Humour. His stories have appeared in a number of literary magazines and anthologies. For *Tatsea*, he was awarded the 2004 McNally Robinson Book of the Year Award and the 2004 Margaret Laurence Award for Fiction.



*life-long
learning*

TEXT: Ilana Simon, BA '84 PHOTO: grajewski.fotograph

“Taking courses while working full-time can be challenging, but it’s well worth it.”

After connecting with The University of Winnipeg through its Division of Continuing Education (DCE), **John Iverson** couldn’t stay away.

The 1999 DCE graduate in Network and Database Administration signed up for a CKUW radio workshop on a lark—and wound up hosting his own show a few months later!

Shades of Classic took to the airwaves one early Sunday morning in May 2000, and has been delighting listeners ever since with its eclectic mix of New Age and classical music.

On every show, Iverson, in his smooth FM voice, showcases a Winnipeg artist, highlights a featured selection, and plays a weekly pick of New Age musicians like Sarah Brightman and Secret Garden. He spends about five hours each week selecting songs, researching artists, and rehearsing each show for timing. Iverson also maintains an impressive website: www.jliverson.com devoted to *Shades of Classic*.

Just as he waxes poetic over the ethereal music featured on *Shades of Classic* and the intangible quality of what he calls “heartfelt” music, Iverson also enthuses over the connection that got him to CKUW in the first place.

“DCE provided me with quality learning in a practical way. The instructors are superior to any others I had previously encountered, extremely knowledgeable, and know how to apply what they are teaching to the business world. They are also very open to helping you out after the course,” Iverson relates, adding that DCE offered the range of courses he required to upgrade from his then-computer operator position.

He also appreciates the convenience of the Exchange District location to his downtown workplace and the user-friendly evening and Saturday course offerings. Iverson credits DCE for not only keeping his IT knowledge current, but also opening up new doors.

“I wouldn’t be where I am today if I hadn’t taken the DCE Network and Database Administration courses. They played a big role in helping me get a better job within my organization,” says Iverson, presently a senior programmer/analyst at the Canadian Grain Commission, a federal government agency he has worked for since 1985.

At 51, the marathon runner and DCE student—for a second time—realizes that slow and steady win the race.

“I really believe in lifelong learning and self-improvement,” Iverson says, adding he started running at age 39 to increase his physical fitness level, and continued taking DCE IT courses once he completed his Network and Database Administration diploma.

As a long-distance runner, he takes advantage of his University of Winnipeg Alumni Card and trains throughout the winter at the Duckworth Centre. Iverson completed his ninth half-marathon last June raising \$600 for the Association for Community Living-Manitoba (ACL) and considers the fundraising aspect of the Manitoba Marathon to be the most important goal of the marathon experience.

“It’s nice to do well in the run, but regardless of how that goes, the fundraising is the first priority,” says Iverson, adding the importance of the cause hit home when he and wife Jennifer’s son Justin, 8, was born with Down Syndrome. “It all links together because he may one day need the services of ACL, and maybe I was led down that path (running in the Manitoba Marathon) for that purpose.”

Iverson, still exploring other educational paths, is just two credits short of completing another DCE diploma, this one in Web Development. “Taking courses while working full-time can be challenging, but it’s well worth it,” he says. “DCE has provided me with an excellent knowledge base and marketable skills.” ■

renaissance man

Sheldon Oberman Receives Distinguished Alumni Award



TEXT: Annette Elvers PHOTO: Elaine Halpert

A Renaissance man.

That's how children's entertainer **Fred Penner** (BA '70, Distinguished Alumni Award '85, LLD '95) describes his long-time friend, **Sheldon Oberman** (BA '72). Oberman, who passed away in March 2004, was an award-winning author, storyteller, philosopher, teacher, and an artist.

"He was truly multifaceted," says Penner. "Everything he did had a wonderful creative, unbridled sense to it."

Penner and Oberman (or Obie, as he was known to his friends) first met at The University of Winnipeg in the 1970s as members of Cubiculo Theatre Lab, led by **Kay Unruh**. "I was immediately overwhelmed by his artistic ability," says Penner. Outside the theatre and the lecture hall, Oberman's passion for garage sale scavenging—for which he would become renowned amongst family and friends—had already taken hold. Penner describes one of his first visits to Oberman's house, when he encountered a remarkable table. The table, which Oberman had ingeniously pieced together from individual letters and stamps from a printing press, fit together as neatly as a jigsaw puzzle. This was only the start of an extensive collection of art projects, each assembled from items others would consider used up and broken, but which Oberman could see as future treasures.

For nearly 30 years, Oberman taught English and Drama. For countless numbers of high school students who passed through the doors of Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate, Oberman was one of those unforgettable teachers whose lessons take root and flourish.

"He was the kind of teacher you wanted to listen to," wrote Lauren Chochinov in a personal essay published in the *Winnipeg Free Press*, shortly after Oberman's death. "Every mark was earned in his class; nothing was just given away." As an educator, Oberman was "an inspiration" says Chochinov.

Outside the classroom, he was best known as an award-winning author. Oberman published a dozen books, and wrote scripts for film, television, and radio. Among his most popular books are those written for children, including *The Always Prayer Shawl*, *The Wisdom Bird*, and *The Shaman's Nephew*, which was nominated for a Governor General's Award in 2000.

At Fall Convocation, Oberman will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award posthumously, honouring his lifetime of excellence both as a teacher and as an author. "His love of learning and of stories was so generously shared with young and old alike," write his nominators.

"It is a validation of his life's work," says Penner, who received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1985. "I think it will open the door for people to get to know his work better.

"I valued him as a friend and a comrade in writing and in the artistic world," added Penner. "I'm going to miss him." ■

For more information about Sheldon Oberman, visit:
www.sheldonoberman.com/index.shtml

IN MEMORIAM

COMPILED BY: Betsy Van der Graaf

The University of Winnipeg offers its condolences to the families of the following alumni and friends who have recently passed away. To forever mark their place in the history of the University, The University of Winnipeg Alumni Association is proud to place a bookplate in a select volume in the University Library in memory of each alumnus/alumna.

'33 BA Bonnie (Levin) Genser on November 29, 2003 at Winnipeg, MB

'34 BA Victor Beirnes on November 25, 2002 at White Rock, BC

'35 BA Ruth M. Reade on January 28, 2004 at Allegheny County, PA

'35 BA Patricia (Allen) Sheets on May 31, 2004 at Toronto, ON

'38 BA Harold Clubine on March 18, 2004 at Winnipeg, MB

'38 BA Isabell (Morton) Cormack on April 2, 2004 at Olympia Fields, IL

'39 BA, '36 Collegiate, Margaret Rae (Stewart) Shaver on February 15, 2004 at Eugene, OR

'41 BA L. Doris Baker on June 30, 2004 at Winnipeg, MB

'41 BA Selma (Johnson) Carruthers on May 22, 2004 at Winnipeg, MB

'42 BA Herbert Williams on April 6, 2004 at Kelowna, BC

'44 BA Doris Goplin on January 1, 2003 at Winnipeg, MB

'45 Associate Alumnus Douglas Cannell on April 29, 2004 at Winnipeg, MB

'49 BA Slade Nix on June 11, 2004 at Oshawa, ON

'56 BA, '60 B.Ed., Betty May (McLeod) Halstead on April 1, 2004 at Winnipeg, MB

'65 BA Richard Zubrycki on May 5, 2004 at Richmond, ON

'72 BA Sheldon Oberman on March 26, 2004 at Winnipeg, MB

'73 BA Juanita M. (Low) Beenken on February 14, 2004 in the USA

'75 BA Kory (Graves) Greenaway on May 15, 2003 at Reno, NV

'75 BA Sylvia Nielson on May 10, 2004 at Winnipeg, MB

'76 BA Barbara Lorraine Jefferson on March 29, 2004 at Vancouver, BC

'76 BA Alexina Jorgenson on May 3, 2004 at Winnipeg, MB

'79 BA Enid Valerie Murphy Sigurdson on April 23, 2004 at Ottawa, ON

'80 BA Eugene Bonas on April 4, 2003 at Winnipeg, MB

'81 B.Sc. Melinda Glantz on March 21, 2004 at Montreal, PQ

'83 BA Helen Caplap on March 17, 2004 at Winnipeg, MB

'83 BA Barbara Jean (South) Polson on May 11, 2004 at Winnipeg, MB

'84 B.Sc. David George Plews on March 27, 2004 at Winnipeg, MB

'88 B.Ed. Lucille Desrosiers on March 21, 2004 at Winnipeg, MB

'88 M.Div. Bernard Stanley Lee on May 8, 2004 at Kingston, ON

'96 B.Sc. 4-year Nick Shepel on February 27, 2004 at Winnipeg, MB

'98 B.Ed. Allan Murray Holth on December 26, 2003 at St. Albert, AB



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CLASS ACTS

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1950s

'50 BA Carl Ridd was posthumously admitted into the Winnipeg Citizens Hall of Fame. The hall is sponsored by the Winnipeg Real Estate Board and is located at Assiniboine Park.

'53 BA Helen (Scurfield) Norrie received a national award for the volunteer work she has done for UNICEF.

'59 BA (Hons.), '95 LLD Joe Martin received a 2004 Arbor Award from the University of Toronto. The Arbor Awards recognize volunteers for their outstanding personal service to the university over a number of years. Sponsored by the Division of University Advancement, the awards ceremony takes place each September at the president's official residence. Martin is the Executive in Residence at the Rotman School of Management.

1960s

'62 BA Marlene (Martz) Milne retired from teaching in 2001 and is now doing freelance artwork with '63 BA, '00 M.Div. Gary Scherbain.

'64 BA Alvin Kienetz teaches part-time for the distance education branch of Education Manitoba. Kienetz retired from regular teaching in The Pas, MB in 1996.

'65 BA Dee Dee Rizzo was elected president of the Retired Teachers' Association of Manitoba 2004-05 board of directors. '66 BA Anne Monk was also elected to the board.

'67 BA Joel Dudeck became a partner at Winnipeg law firm Myers Weinberg LLP.

'67 BA Terry Cheater is executive director of Versatech's Charitable Foundation. '90 BA Jack Hurtig was elected vice-president of the Foundation's board of directors.

'69 BA Malcolm Strang retired from Family Services Manitoba and is now a marriage and family therapist in Dauphin, MB.

1970s

'70 BA Harvey Andres was promoted to Senior Vice-President, Mortgage Investments at The Great-West Life Assurance Company.

'70 B.Sc. Glenn Chudley was promoted to Vice-President, Living Benefits Underwriting and Claims at The Great-West Life Assurance Company.

'71 BA (Hons.) Ian R. Seymour and '73 Robert B. Wall were elected to the 2004-05 board of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Manitoba.

'72 BA Wolfgang Andresen was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2003. Andresen practises law in Alberta.

'72 BA Suzanne (Drouin) Munroe is Resource Development Division Manager for the United Way in Winnipeg, MB. She is also the treasurer of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (Manitoba Chapter) 2004-2005 board of directors. The following UWinnipeg alumni also participate on that board:

'78 Collegiate Alanna Keefe is responsible for National Philanthropy Day; '82 BA Laura Mikuska, Communications; '92 BA Susan (Farquhar) Storey, international delegate; '94 BA Pat Hardy, professional advancement; and '99 DCE, '03 BA Barbara Becker, resource development.

'72 BA (Hons.) Carolyn Rickey was elected to the 2004-2005 board of directors of the Canadian Public Relations Society, Manitoba Chapter.

'73 BA M.Div. Don McKay is lead minister at Central United Church in Sault Ste. Marie, ON.

'74 BA (Hons.) Noel Kendall has retired following a career at Unitel and a position as a business manager for a General Motors dealership. He now spends his time traveling with his wife Jackie.

'74 BA Bruce Mazur is a contracts officer at the Canadian Grain Commission in Winnipeg, MB.

'74 BA Randall Terauchi is the store operations manager of Sherwin Williams Canada.

'76 BA (Hons.) Tom Fogg is a partner in Sierra Systems, an information technology consulting company.

'76 B.Sc. Reg Oswald is a ship owner's representative working out of Port Canaveral, FL. Reg recently completed a high altitude climb to Mount Aconcagua in Argentina. He and wife Judi have two daughters and a son. He enjoys spending time outdoors.

'76 BA, '79 B.Ed. Richard Phillpott and his wife, '80 BA Barbara (Wesley) Phillpott have retired. Richard worked for the Lord Selkirk School Division in Winnipeg, MB and Barbara held a position with the federal government.

'76 BA, '98 LLD Bill Richardson received a Vancouver Arts Award on March 19, 2004 honouring his achievement and promise in the fields of media and recording arts.

'77 BA, '79 B.Ed. Kenneth Wur is a special education teacher with the Qualicum School District on Vancouver Island, BC.

'78 BA Carol-Ann Borody-Siemens is the owner of CW Pooles and Company in Winnipeg, MB.

'78 B.Ed. Donna (Pukalo) Cowan and her daughters live in Shawnigan Lake, BC where she is a kindergarten teacher with the Cowichan Valley School District.

'78 BA, '01 Distinguished Alumnus Guy Maddin's film *The Saddest Music in the World* won Genies for costume design, editing, and original score. The Genie Awards are the Canadian equivalent of the Academy Awards.

A SHORT GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS

The Alumni Journal follows Canadian Press standards for spelling and abbreviations. Some phrases common to universities are listed with their short forms below.

BA	bachelor of arts
B.Comm.	bachelor of commerce
B.Ed.	bachelor of education
B.Sc.	bachelor of science
CC	Companion of the Order of Canada
DCE	Division of Continuing Education
DD	Doctor of Divinity
D.Litt.	Doctor of Letters/Literature
Hons.	honours
LLB	bachelor of laws
LLD	doctor of laws
MA	master of arts
M.Div.	master of divinity
M.Sc.	master of science
OC	Officer of the Order of Canada
OM	Order of Manitoba
O.Ont.	Order of Ontario
PC	Privy Council of Canada
PhD	doctor of philosophy

1980s

'80 B.Ed. **Kerry Fraser** is a teacher with the English Schools Foundation in China.

'80 BA **Robert Moskal** has worked for the City of Winnipeg in the Parks and Open Space Division as a parks technician since 1982.

'80 BA **Diane Silverthorne** was appointed director of Victoria Lifeline this spring. Victoria Lifeline is a program of the Victoria General Hospital Foundation in Winnipeg, MB.

'81 MA **Mary Ann Beavis** is an associate professor at St. Thomas More College in Saskatoon, SK.

'81 Associate Alumna **Debra Belinsky** received the International Trade Award at the 12th annual Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Awards, hosted by the Winnipeg chapter of Women Business Owners of Manitoba. The award recognized Belinsky's 10 years of work with over 30 clients across North America, producing promotional entertainment packages for use during commercial time-outs, intermissions, and play stoppages during sporting events.

'81 BA **Rick Chafe** has been appointed dramaturge of the Young Emerging Playwrights Program (YEPP), which is co-sponsored by the Manitoba Association of Playwrights and Prairie Theatre Exchange.

'81 BA **Jan Skene** played the lead role of Anna in the Rainbow Stage production of *The King and I* this past summer.

'82 B.Ed. **Cheryl (MacDonald) Briggs** was chosen as a finalist for the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba School Classroom Teacher award in 2003.

'82 BA **Donna Collins** has been appointed to the board of the Canadian Insolvency Foundation, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to research and education related to insolvency and bankruptcy legislation and practices.

'82 BA (Hons.) **Joanne Duma** is a registered psychologist in private practice in Vancouver, BC.

'82 B.Sc. **Kenneth Kunz** practises medical oncology in Nelson, BC where he lives with his children. Kunz completed his studies in oncology and internal medicine in Arizona, then returned to Canada.

'82 B.Sc. **Calum Lunn** and his wife Elizabeth have two daughters and live on the La Salle River, MB where they canoe in summer and ski in winter. Lunn is employed with the Justice Department of the Manitoba Chief Medical Examiner's Office.

'83 BA **Georgios Karras** works for the government of Greece in airport operations. Karras writes that he is 43 years old, still single, and loving life in Greece. He misses student life and the snow!

'83 LLD **Robert Kroetsch**, novelist, poet, teacher, and literary scholar was the second winner of the \$30,000 Manitoba Arts Council Award this spring, which recognizes the highest level of artistic excellence and career achievement by a professional Manitoba artist.

'83 B.Sc. **Elaine (Garagan) Turner** retired in 1986 from her position as head technologist in a lab at Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg, MB. Turner enjoys volunteering for the Variety Club and the Huntington Society.

'84 BA **Brian Drader** is co-coordinator of the playwriting program at the National Theatre School of Canada in Montreal, PQ.

'84 B.Ed., '85 B.Sc. **Curt Friesen** teaches music and computers to Grade 6 students in Altona, MB. Friesen is married and has three daughters.

'84 BA (Hons.) **Neil MacHutchon** received the 2004 Susan A. Macdonald Award, the most prestigious award of the Manitoba Branch, Canadian Physiotherapy Association, recognizing his abilities to encourage and inspire physiotherapists to pursue excellence in their field.

'84 BA **Mike Pfaiffer** writes *NIX (UNIX, Linux, OS X, BSD) articles for Call-A.P.P.L.E. magazine.

'85 B.Sc. 4-yr. **Ceayon Johnston** works for Transport Canada Marine Safety. She is a technical advisor with Marine Occupational Safety and Health in Ottawa, ON.

'85 BA **Paul Koop** is district manager for Barkman Concrete Ltd. in Winnipeg, MB, which sells and markets pre-cast concrete products. Koop is involved with the Canadian Amateur Skateboard Association, an association that provides advice and support on skateboarding-related issues in Canada.

'86 BA **Catherine McKay** has been a travel consultant for 17 years. She is a long-distance runner and trains for adventure races and marathons. McKay spends her summers sailing on Lake Winnipeg.

'87 BA **Jeffrey Cathcart** is a telemarketer with the Faneuil Group in Winnipeg, MB.

'87 B.Ed. **Anne Koldon** is a recruitment consultant for the Royal Bank in Winnipeg, MB.

'87 BA **Melanie D'Souza** is president-elect of the Manitoba Child Care Association.

'87 B.Sc. **David Wieler** and '88 BA **Charlene Pauls** live in Oakville, ON. Wieler has opened an EQ3 furniture store in Burlington, ON and Pauls sings professionally. She recently appeared at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa, ON.

'88 BA (Hons.), '90 B.Ed. **Valerie Price** is the executive director of the Manitoba Association for Rights and Liberties.

'89 BA 4-yr. **Sandra Garvie-Lok** received her MA and PhD from the University of Calgary. She is an assistant professor at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, studying human remains to reconstruct diet and other aspects of everyday life in the past. She and husband Peter have a daughter, Julia, born in 2003.

'89 B.Sc. **Stefano Grande** was appointed executive director of the Winnipeg Downtown Business Improvement Zone (BIZ).

'89 BA (Hons.) **Cheryl McKinnon** is working on a PhD in Canadian History at the University of Ottawa.

1990s

'90 BA '93 B.Ed. **Ruth (Hastman) Bain** is a staff nurse at the Selkirk Mental Health Centre in Selkirk, MB.

'91 BA **Alan Fillis** is senior manager of finance and administration at the East Kootenay Community Credit Union in British Columbia.

'91 BA **Gerald Gauthier** lives in Ontario and heads up the retail division of Barrett Xplora in the consumer electronics field. Gauthier has two children.

'91 Associate Alumna Elizabeth Inksetter is a casting assistant in Toronto, following a number of years in most major theatres in Canada. Inksetter is considering a career teaching aspiring actors.

'91 BA Beverley McIntyre retired following 35 years with the Province of Manitoba and is now working as a client advocate for persons living with HIV/AIDS.

'91 BA (Hons.) Colleen McKenty is a staff pharmacist at the Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg, MB.

'91 BA, '97 MPA Valerie Mollison is manager, communication services at Great-West Life Assurance Company.

'92 BA Dean Barclay has been with the Ontario Provincial Police for 11 years and was promoted to sergeant in 2003.

'92 LLD Cliff Chadderton was named a Knight in the Order of the Legion of Honour, the highest honour awarded in France for outstanding service to the Republic. The award recognized Chadderton's role during the Normandy landing in World War II that resulted in the liberation of France.

'92 BA Sandra McKay is region cadet training officer (sea) for the Department of National Defence, Canadian Armed Forces in Winnipeg, MB.

BRAVE NEW WORDS: THE MANITOBA WRITING AND PUBLISHING AWARDS

Recipients of the 2004 Manitoba Writing and Publishing Awards included:

'62 BA Frances Russell

'69 BA Armin Wiebe

'87 BA (Hons.) Duncan Thornton

'04 BA Chandra Mayor

Nominees included:

'67 Collegiate Carol Matas

'72 BA Linda Holeman

'78 BA Guy Maddin

'98 BA (Hons.) Tanis MacDonald

'84 BA Brian Drader

'85 Collegiate David Annandale

'92 BA Patti Sullivan was recently appointed Chief Operating Officer of the newly created Assiniboine Park Enterprises. The City of Winnipeg is combining and improving the park's various attractions in a major overhaul of the Assiniboine Park Zoo, Conservatory, Leo Mol Sculpture Garden, and the Lyric Theatre Bandshell.

'93 M.Div. Peter Bartel is the chaplain at the Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona, MB. He has three children, two of whom are married, and one grandchild. Bartel enjoys riding his Honda 750 and has taken up digital photography.

'93 B.Ed. Kelsey Dawson has been teaching English for eight years with Hong Kong's Native English speaking (NET) Teachers program.

'93 B.Sc. 4-yr. Dirk Schmid is an environmental microbiologist and data analyst in Winnipeg for North/South Consultants Inc., where he develops environmental database systems for monitoring water quality. Schmid serves part-time as editor for the *Canadian Rockhound*, an online educational earth-science publication.

'94 BA Dave Brown is a writer and firearms training specialist who has worked with a variety of government agencies and military units. Brown also trains Hollywood movie stars on safety and authenticity, and was the keynote speaker at the 2004 Halifax conference on Safety in Film Production. He regularly returns to The University of Winnipeg to talk to young filmmakers about safety in film.

'94 BA Tanya Cochrane is assistant curator of Native Ethnology at the Manitoba Museum in Winnipeg, MB.

'94 B.Sc. 4-yr. Daniel Dobson is employed with Manitoba Telecom Services in Winnipeg as a programmer/analyst.

'94 B.Sc. Kim Elcheshen was elected president of the 2004-2005 council of the Manitoba Association of Optometrists.

'94 DCE Wendy Fox was elected president of the 2004-2005 board of directors of the Canadian Public Relations Society, Manitoba Chapter.

'94 B.Ed. Ronald Harder and '96 B.Ed. Wendy Wakeman received a grant from EDS Canada to purchase classroom technology. They will develop the media literacy portion of the English language arts curriculum by pur-

chasing a digital video camera for students.

'94 BA Pat Hardy received a master's degree in Philanthropy and Development from St. Mary's University. Hardy is a consultant in the fundraising field with her company, The Tunnelwood Group.

'94 BA Dale Sedo is a sales consultant with General Motors Acceptance Corporation of Canada Ltd. for the Saskatchewan/Manitoba area.

'95 BA Cory Brunsel is technology director with Critical Mass Inc., an interactive services firm in Calgary, AB. Brunsel received the Employee of the Year award in 2003.

'95 BA Wayne Cheung is employed with Brenntag Canada Ltd. where he is customer service manager.

'95 B.Sc. Ruby Dhalla was elected to the House of Commons on June 28, 2004 representing the Toronto-area riding of Brampton-Springdale.

'95 BA Colin Gray is a coach in the junior program at the Calgary Rowing Club.

'95 BA Chris Henderson was elected Grand Chief of the Southern Chiefs' Organization Inc. in June 2004.

'95 BA Kerry Terwin is a program specialist with Family Services and Housing, Province of Manitoba.

'95 BA Julian Vanderput is pursuing a master's degree in music. He is learning to play the violin, and spends much of his time composing music and reading about current trends in church music. He is founder and artistic director of a 22-voice community choir called *ReSound!*. Vanderput is the recipient of the 1995 Commemoration Medal of Honour from the Dutch government, recognizing his contribution in planning and participation for the 50th Anniversary WWII liberation ceremonies.

'96 BA Darren Campbell is employed in the inventory control area with Bricchem Supply Ltd. in Edmonton, AB.

'96 BA C. Adam Koziarski is an Associate in the Assurance and Business Advisory Services of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in Winnipeg, MB. He is also enrolled in the professional level of the CGA (Certified General Accountant) program.

'96 BA **Graham Lane** was appointed chairperson of the Public Utilities Board (PUB) for Manitoba's Department of Finance.

'96 CT **Patricia McMahon** is a minister with the United Church of Canada at the congregations of Augustine and Churchill Park in Winnipeg, MB.

'98 B.Sc. 4-yr. **Lisa Edel** is a quality control chemist at BioVail in Manitoba.

'98 BA **Lorraine (Urbanoski) Garlinski** is a nursing coordinator at Extencare – Oakview Place, in Winnipeg, MB.

'98 BA (Hons.) **Jonathan Janzen** is English radio producer for the Family Life Network.

'98 B.Sc. 4-yr. **Anna Matas**, who is a law student at McGill University, spent the summer in Tanzania as an intern for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. Prior to law school, Matas studied Mandarin in Taiwan and taught English as a second language.

'98 BA **Kerry-Krista Pinkowski** is a law student articling at Winnipeg law firm Aikins, MacAulay & Thorvaldson LLP.

'98 BA **Jason Pusiewich** is a commercial account manager with the Bank of Montreal in Winnipeg, MB.

'98 BA, '04 DCE **Daniel Richardson** is manager of human resources and operations at North American Tea & Coffee Inc. in Vancouver, BC.

'98 BA (Hons.) **Lisa (Yaroshko) Sutton** graduated from the University of Regina with a master's degree in Clinical Psychology in Fall 2004.

'99 BA **Kim Antonio** graduated from the University of Manitoba with an LLB in 2003 and now practises with Winnipeg law firm Taylor McCaffrey LLP in their family law group.

'99 B.Sc. **Bernadet Nitychoruk** graduated from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in 2003 and now practises in Winnipeg, MB.

2000s

'00 BA **Alicia Marlo (Wallace) Boux** moved to Calgary with her husband, Shaun, and 5-year-old son, Dru. Boux is a child/youth care counsellor in Calgary, working with youth at risk.

'00 B.Ed. **Amanda Ens** is a teacher in the Seven Oaks School Division at H.C. Avery Middle School in Winnipeg, MB.

'00 BA **Jamie Jurczak** graduated from the University of Ottawa with a law degree and was called to the Manitoba bar on June 17 this year. Jurczak is employed with Winnipeg law firm Taylor McCaffrey LLP in their labour law group.

'00 LLD **William Loewen** was honoured with the Innovator of the Year Award by the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, recognizing his creation of TelPay, Canada's bill payment-by-phone system in 1985.

'00 BA **Curran P. McNicol** has joined the Fillmore Riley law firm as an associate, practising mainly in the area of civil litigation.

'00 BA **Patricia Myran** is an historical researcher at the Treaty and Aboriginal Rights Research Centre.

'00 B.Sc., '00 DCE **Leslie Pelletier** is semi-retired. He does odd jobs in Bissett, MB and "wildcrafts" traditional herbal medicines with his business, La Michinn.

'00 DCE **Michelle Savoie** is general manager for the Voyageur Wilderness Program.

'01 B.Sc. **David Bonin** was awarded \$1,000 toward his tuition at the University of Manitoba, when he received first place honours in the Engineers Without Borders Sustainable Development Competition, recognizing his work on biogas use in sub-Saharan countries.

'01 B.Ed. **Nidene (Bodnar) Johnson** is a tutor for children ages seven-14. Johnson is the secretary for the Thistle Curling Club "Old Crocks Curling" group and enjoys spending time with her family and working with children.

'01 DCE **Vince Merke** won a 2003 Applause Vice-Presidents' Award from Manitoba Public Insurance. Vince is a Senior Case Manager with MPI's Casualty and Rehabilitation Centre. The award recognizes his superior performance, leadership, and commitment to corporate values, including service to the community. Merke is a member of The University of Winnipeg Alumni Council and serves as the Leader of the Volunteer Team. He has been involved in blood donor clinics, relays, and marathons in support of numerous organizations and he devotes many volunteer hours to his church and helping those in need.

THE ORDER OF MANITOBA

The Order of Manitoba is the highest honour offered by the Province of Manitoba. It recognizes outstanding individuals benefiting the social, cultural, or economic well-being of Manitoba and its residents. Among those honoured this summer are '92 D.Litt. Dr. Leonard Cariou, '93 BA Dr. Harvey Chochinov, and '49 Associate Alumnus Arthur Mauro, QC.

'01 DCE **Nancy Windjack** is a web designer with Manitoba's Department of Energy, Science, and Technology.

'02 BA 4-yr. **Susan Falk** is assistant editor of *The Beaver, Canada's History Magazine*.

'02 D.Litt. **Wanda Koop** was named by *Time* magazine as one of the four most important contemporary artists in Canada.

'02 Associate Alumnus **Marcel St. Martin** is a courier for Rene's Courier in Winnipeg, MB and is interested in becoming a professional musician.

'02 BA (Hons.) **Rachel Niekamp** is a respite worker for New Directions for Youth and Families in Winnipeg, MB. Niekamp is currently pursuing a master's degree in Dance at the University of Surrey in Guildford, England.

'02 BA W. **Brook Pearce** is a career advisor and labour market researcher at the Creative Employment Access Society in Courtenay, BC.

'03 BA **Barbara Malcolm** is employed in Thompson, MB as a housing support worker – mental health with the Burntwood Regional Health Authority. She is also the outreach worker for the Mood Disorders Association of Manitoba and Manitoba Schizophrenia Society.

'03 BA (Hons.) **Kristopher Turner** was nominated for a Dora Mavor Moore Award for "Outstanding Performance; Theatre for Young Audiences" for his role in *Two Weeks, Twice a Year*. The play was also nominated for "Outstanding Production; Theatre for Young Audiences."

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Welcome to the Foundation Update:

Bringing news on fundraising initiatives in support of The University of Winnipeg and its Collegiate

CIBC, UWSA help fund

ABORIGINAL STUDENT SERVICES CENTRE

TEXT: Annette Elvers '03

In Fall 2004, The University of Winnipeg completed construction of a new Aboriginal Student Services Centre (ASSC) as part of a strategic plan to better meet the needs of a growing population of Aboriginal students. The 3,000 square-foot space offers a home-away-from-home for the more than 800 Aboriginal students who attend The University of Winnipeg.

This project was made possible through a contribution of \$275,000 from CIBC to The University of Winnipeg Foundation as well as a gift of \$50,000 from The University of Winnipeg Students' Association (UWSA). The new Centre, along with the restoration of Wesley Hall, is one of a number of University of Winnipeg capital improve-

ment projects generously funded in part by the Provincial Government in 2001. In its development stage, the new ASSC was supported by a gift from Honor de Pencier.

CIBC recognizes the importance of helping create a place where Aboriginal students can connect with one another and access resources to assist them with their transition to university life.

"The ASSC is a timely initiative which will greatly improve the university experience for Aboriginal students," said Bob Miles, Director, Commercial Banking, CIBC. "CIBC believes its investment in the Centre is truly an investment in the future of a Canada that values and celebrates diversity."



"First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students come to Winnipeg from varied locations across the province and throughout Canada," said Mary Young, Director of Aboriginal Student Services at The University of Winnipeg. "We are working to create the supports they require to be self-sufficient within the community - to feel at home while away from home, able to concentrate on their studies, fully engaged with their world and its teachings, and fully prepared for what the larger world has to offer."

Westland

FOUNDATION

Gift

The Westland Foundation, formed 11 years ago to assist community charities, has since 1999 dedicated its efforts towards establishing an innovative educational program through the Westland Foundation Education Fund.

The goal is to help create a better way of life for inner-city neighbourhoods in

Winnipeg by encouraging students from high schools in the region to continue their education into post-secondary levels. Towards this end, the Westland Foundation is working in partnership with The University of Winnipeg and the Province of Manitoba, as well as Red River College and the University of Manitoba, to establish scholarships for students who continue their education beyond high school.

Through the Westland Foundation Education Fund, students can earn a \$10 credit for every grade over 80 per cent in grades 7 through 12 (Senior 4) once the program is activated. Total credits are applied for payment towards the student's first-year university tuition. Students are able to earn up to \$480 as credit towards university or college tuition.

The University of Winnipeg is pleased to report a contribution of \$25,000 received from the Westland Foundation. These monies will go into an endowed fund to generate scholarships for students. To date, accumulated donations for this fund have reached \$90,000. A further \$65,000 has been received into The Westland Foundation Fund through the Manitoba Scholarships and Bursaries Initiative.

Once the program is underway, over 5,000 students stand to benefit each year through application of credits towards tuition. The University of Winnipeg thanks the Westland Foundation for strengthening communities through financial support for students to pursue their dreams of earning a university degree.



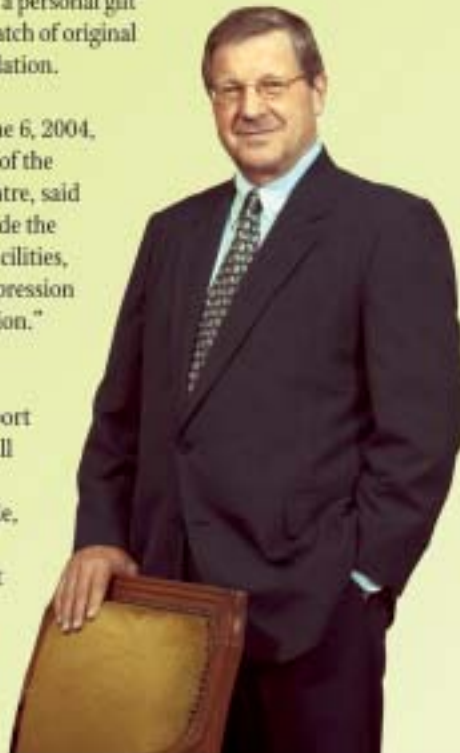
President's Enhancement Fund for Aboriginal Student Services Centre

Dr. Axworthy has established a new fund to be called The President's Aboriginal Enhancement Fund, dedicated to the use of the Aboriginal Student Services Centre at The University of Winnipeg.

The fund has been opened with a personal gift by Dr. Axworthy and a triple match of original funds by the MacArthur Foundation.

In his Installation Speech of June 6, 2004, remarking on the construction of the University's new Aboriginal centre, said Dr. Axworthy: "We must provide the means and the resources, the facilities, and the services to allow full expression to this vital part of our population."

The Aboriginal Enhancement Fund, providing financial support towards students' expenses, will help open the doors to higher education for Aboriginal people, thus helping the University, as Dr. Axworthy stated, "to reflect the true face of this community and be a welcoming place" for Aboriginal students.



President's Global Outreach Fund

A series of international conferences, called the OmniTRAX/Broe Quest Series, will be launched and delivered at The University of Winnipeg over the coming year. The series is funded by a \$100,000 contribution from OmniTRAX/Broe to the President's Global Outreach Fund at The University of Winnipeg Foundation.

The purpose of the series is to engage the University and community in the fundamental challenge of being global citizens. The conferences will explore issues related to education, knowledge, and global citizenship in the 21st century.

"OmniTRAX/Broe understand the immense value and positive influence that this innovative educational endeavour has for Canada, North America, and indeed, the global community," said Mike Ogborn, Managing Director, OmniTRAX/Broe. The 30-year-old Colorado enterprise is involved in a diverse array of businesses, with substantial interests in North America's rail transportation systems.

"OmniTRAX/Broe is proud to be a partner," said Ogborn. "We see our contribution as a means to make a positive difference for people and institutions around the world."



President Axworthy, John Prystanski,
Susan Thompson

The Collegiate APPEAL

This past summer, *The University of Winnipeg Collegiate Report* brought news from Chair Jim MacDonald, Collegiate '64, Dean of The Collegiate Rob Bend, and others, on the upcoming Collegiate Appeal. The Report was issued to over 4,800 Collegiate graduates and friends.



If you are a Collegiate graduate and you did not receive the Report, please call toll free to 1.888.829.7053 and provide an address update. We will forward a copy of the Report to you.

A general appeal for bursary and scholarship donations was sent late summer to Collegiate graduates. Gifts to The Dean's Bursary Fund in amounts of up to \$25,000 per individual will be matched by Appeal Chair Jim MacDonald. Watch for full details on this generous match in the *Journal* in Spring 2005.

New funds under

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Concerts

Roses in Winter

On November 28, 2004 in the University's Eckhardt-Grammatté Hall, Jana Ting, systems engineer and accomplished pianist and writer, will host and perform a heartfelt tribute to her father, John Ting, and to other lives affected by cancer. Their memory will be celebrated through music, stories, and the release of Jana's new CD, *Roses in Winter*.



John Ting

The event will launch the John Ting Memorial Collegiate Fund. Established by family, colleagues, alumni, and friends of John Ting, the Fund will provide bursaries

for new Canadians at The University of Winnipeg Collegiate.* The fund also supports an annual prize for an international student with the highest



Jana Ting

combined mark in Senior 4 (Grade 12) English and a Senior 4 science.

John Ting was an inspiring teacher of biology and a gentle man of deep compassion. His love of nature and learning left an enduring impression on the minds and

hearts of students. As a new Canadian, his appreciation of his adopted country was mirrored in the personal support he provided to students from around the world.

* Gifts to this bursary fund are eligible for matching funds through *The Collegiate Appeal*, subject to guidelines.



Landscapes, a celebration

Holly Harris, composer and teacher, recently hosted a choral production in memory of Neil Harris, putting on the show *Landscapes*, The Choral Musical of Neil Harris. The show featured her father's modern classical compositions – *Landscape*, and *Meaningful Conversations (and Other Illusions)*, performed and recorded for CD release by The Winnipeg Singers under the artistic direction of Yuri Klaz.

The Neil Harris Bursary Fund, established by family (wife Diane Keating and daughters Shannon, Jill, Holly, Jennifer, and Amanda), and friends and students of Neil Harris, was launched at the June 2004 concert. The bursary commemorates the extra-ordinary life and creative spirit of Neil Foster Noah Harris (1925 - 2000). Neil was a man of deep learning and many talents who left a rich cultural legacy to his community. Neil taught for many years through the University's Division of Continuing Education Writer's Series and 55 Plus Program.



Neil Harris

The Neil Harris Bursary is under the honorary patronage of Harold Buchwald, Bramwell Tovey, Morley Walker, and George West. The award will be made annually to a University of Winnipeg student of demonstrated financial need.

The mandate of Virtuosi Concerts Inc. is to produce concert and lecture programs of excellence on behalf of The University of Winnipeg, and to enhance the profile of the University as a cultural and performing arts centre. Through VCI, The University of Winnipeg has emerged as the premier university concert presenter in Canada.

lan to leave a legacy

180 Patti Tweed '05

Elizabeth Losey recognizes excellence when she sees it. She is a long-time loyal supporter of the Centre for Rupert's Land Studies (CRLS) at The University of Winnipeg, even though she neither studied nor taught at this University. Nor is Elizabeth from Manitoba or even from Canada. And yet she has become a stalwart friend of the Centre for Rupert's Land Studies, praising its unique qualities and actively participating in its mission and activities.

Elizabeth is not alone in her enthusiasm. Over 300 individuals from across North America and parts of Europe subscribe to the CRLS Newsletter, contribute to and benefit from its research, and participate in its biennial Colloquia. This year, Elizabeth joined nearly 150 participants at the Centre for Rupert's Land Colloquium in Kenora, Ontario from May 26 to 30, 2004. An energetic 93-year-old, Elizabeth drove alone from her home in Germfask, Michigan to Lake of the Woods, attesting to her keen interest in the proceedings as well as to her stamina.

The Centre for Rupert's Land Studies' uniqueness derives from its focus on Rupert's Land, the vast Hudson Bay watershed region claimed by the Hudson's Bay Company from 1670 to 1870. The CRLS fosters interdisciplinary research and communication among all who share an interest in the history and peoples of Rupert's Land, with a particular emphasis on fur trade and Aboriginal history.

That's where Elizabeth's passion comes in. Formally educated as a wildlife biologist, Elizabeth and her late husband, Everett, spent 20 years traveling "by motor home, boat, canoe, and airplane to the far reaches of the fur trade" narrating the history of 150 fur trade posts. As a result, Elizabeth Browne Losey's 750-page book, *Let Them Be Remembered: The Story of the Fur Trade Forts*, was published in 1999.

Now well into her ninth decade of living, Elizabeth continues her steadfast commit-



Elizabeth Losey thanks David Malabar, Chair of the Kenora Colloquium, for the opportunity to visit her 151st fur trade fort at Rat Portage, Ontario.

ment to the preservation of history and to the natural lands that cradle and mark that history. Her mission seems to coincide remarkably with the mission of the Centre for Rupert's Land Studies, fostering a deep bond between Elizabeth and the Centre. Out of that bond has grown Elizabeth's bequest to the Centre for Rupert's Land Studies.

The CRLS Colloquium in Kenora gave The University of Winnipeg Foundation the opportunity to formally thank Elizabeth for her bequest. Susan A. Thompson, President and C.E.O. of The University of Winnipeg Foundation, presented Elizabeth with a Certificate of Appreciation to honour her gift.

Elizabeth's bequest is in two parts. The first is an extensive library of the fur trade, which Elizabeth has placed in a Charitable Remainder Trust, naming The University of Winnipeg as the owner and beneficiary of the Trust. When Elizabeth's estate is realized, her library will be housed in the Centre for Rupert's Land Studies, and will be known as "The Elizabeth Browne Losey Fur Trade Library." Elizabeth has thought-fully left a second part to this bequest, a monetary sum to be used to effectively house and protect the volumes and to revitalize and strengthen the Centre itself.

As Susan Thompson expressed at the Colloquium banquet, "We are deeply grateful to Elizabeth Losey for her treasuring of the past, her guardianship of the future, and for her generosity and forethought in building this legacy for The University of Winnipeg."

Making a bequest to The University of Winnipeg Foundation

If you, like Elizabeth Losey, have a strong affinity for The University of Winnipeg and for the excellence it represents, you too may wish to leave a bequest. If you already have a will, a simple codicil is all that is required. Or, if you have been thinking you should set up a will, consider including a charitable bequest.

There are several ways in which you may leave a legacy to The University of Winnipeg. You may leave a specific dollar amount, a percentage of the assets in your will, or a residual amount. Or consider specifying assets for your charitable gift. These could include, but are not limited to, cash, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, term deposits, real estate, vehicles, art, jewelry, or insurance. Such gifts may provide tax benefits as well.

Consider naming The University of Winnipeg Foundation as the beneficiary of your RRSP, RRIF, or pension. An existing or paid-up life insurance policy or a newly-purchased policy could also give you an opportunity to name the Foundation as beneficiary. Encourage family and friends to be charitable in their wills also, and particularly classmates with whom you share a common bond of loyalty to United College or the University. Your lawyer, accountant, or financial planner, together with the Planned Giving staff of The University of Winnipeg Foundation, can help determine the type of gift that is right for you.

If leaving a legacy is of interest to you, why not take the next step?

Call Patti Tweed, Development Officer, Major and Planned Gifts, at 204.786.9123 or email p.tweed@uwinnipeg.ca for more information.

LOOKING BACK

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

Home Away From Home:

LIFE IN RESIDENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

Sparling Hall, Graham Hall, Wesley Hall... each was home to generations of students at different points in The University of Winnipeg's proud history. The students who lived in those buildings, like **Carl A. Christie** (BA '64), have gone on to many exciting things since their time at The University of Winnipeg, but the fond memories remain strong. Christie,

now a Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for Defence and Security Studies at the University of Manitoba, was the first alumnus to respond to last issue's call for photos and stories of life in residence at The University of Winnipeg. He received a cozy University of Winnipeg Roots scarf for his quick response!



GB "Skip" Shand (BA (Hons.) '64), Don of Graham Hall Residence circa '63 - '64, is now an English prof at York University's Glendon College. "I think that is my bed Skip is lounging on because that is the radio I used, which was given to my father when he went overseas with the RCAF during the war; there were few sound systems in those days," remembers Christie.



This photo of a Wesley Hall men's residence room (circa 1903) is just one of the many images of student life in an album that once belonged to Reverend John E. Lane. (Photo courtesy of The University of Winnipeg Archives.)



Wesley Hall was also home to the women's residence in the 1920s. Do you know who these students are, or why they are dressed in costumes made from bed sheets? Write us! (Photo courtesy of The University of Winnipeg Archives.)

The next installment of "Looking Back" will focus on Tony's Canteen at The University of Winnipeg. Do you have a photo that you would like to share? Submit your picture, along with a description and a completed "Update Your Alumni Record" postcard, to Lois Cherney at the address on page 2. The first three alumni to respond will receive a prize, so send in your photos today! Please note: the *Journal* is not able to return photos. Please keep this in mind if you are sending originals.



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