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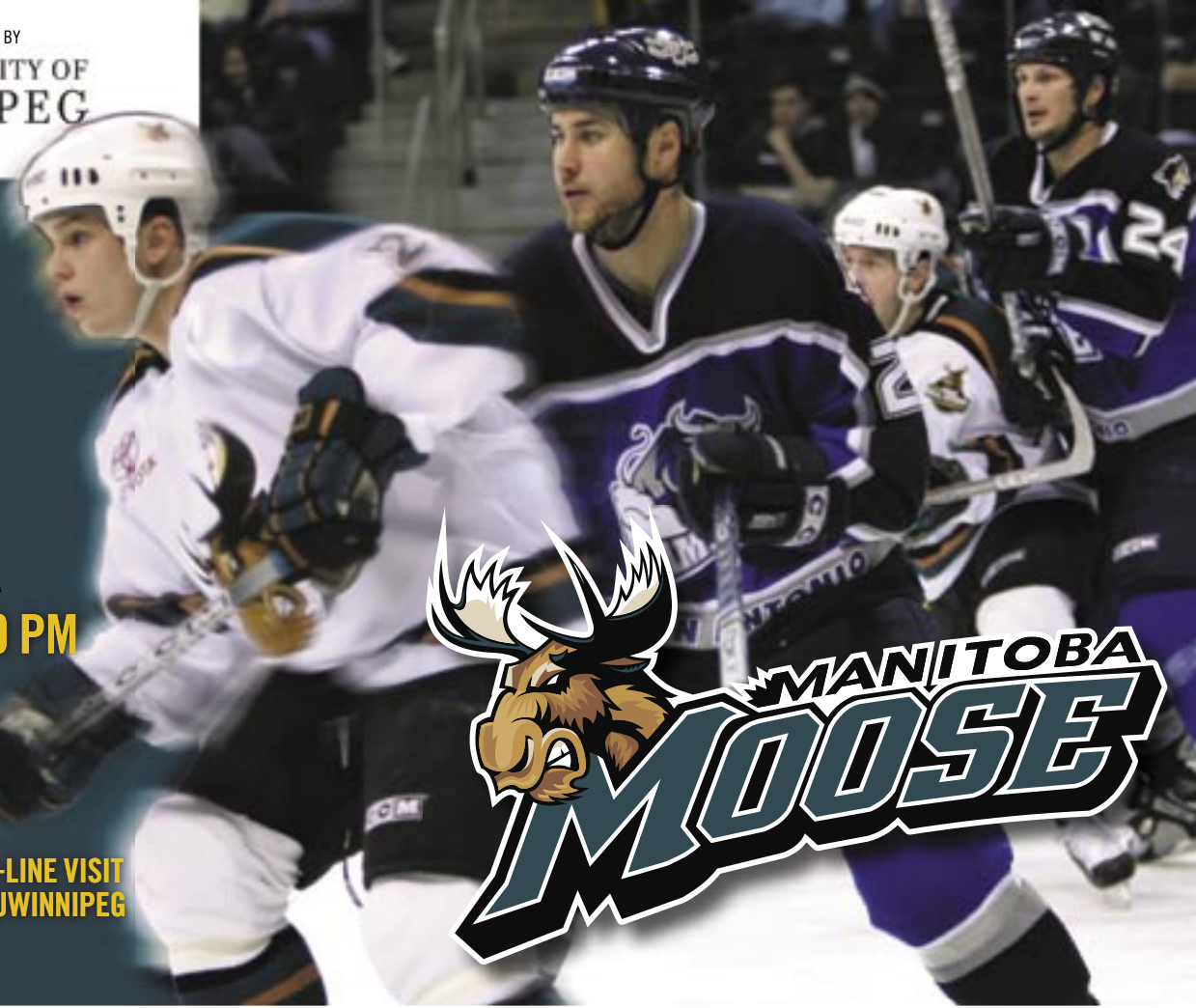
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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



It has been a busy fall at The University of Winnipeg with two historic announcements that will change the face of our campus. On Sept. 12, friends and family of The University of Winnipeg gathered in front of Wesley Hall for an announcement of historic proportions. Hartley Richardson (Collegiate '72), on behalf of The Richardson Firm, Family,

and Foundation, unveiled a donation totaling \$3.5 million—the largest private donation in the University's history—with \$3 million going to establish the Richardson College for the Environment, and an additional \$500,000 to create an urban green space nearby.

On Nov. 16, the Government of Manitoba announced the largest public sector donation ever to The University of Winnipeg pledging up to \$25 million over the next three years to our capital campaign. With an immediate \$10 million donation and an additional \$15 million in matching contributions over the next three years, these funds will go towards the construction of a new Science complex—located on Portage Avenue between Langside and Furby Streets. The Richardson College for the Environment will make up the nucleus of this new facility which will be a model of energy efficiency and "green" building practices. The College and the environmental garden—planted with native prairie vegetation—will also be vital new additions to UWinnipeg's neighbourhood, an area critical to the rebirth of downtown Winnipeg.

The Richardson College for the Environment will also open up new horizons for UWinnipeg in academic teaching, innovation and research. It will be on the cutting edge of environmental research, attracting leading scholars in areas such as water resources, forest ecology, health and environment, and the Global North.

The Richardson College for the Environment will also open the door to students of all ages—particularly from Winnipeg's inner city and Aboriginal communities—through a "model school." The Innovative Learning Centre will build on our strength in Aboriginal education by integrating indigenous values and practices into scientific study. This is on top of our highly-popular Wii Chiiwaakanak Learning Centre and the Aboriginal Students Services Centre.

One final note: as this issue was going to the printers, UWinnipeg welcomed another major donation—this time from CanWest Global Communications Corp. On Dec. 12, Leonard Asper (Collegiate '82) announced a \$3 million gift to establish the CanWest Centre for Theatre and Film—funding that will see the home of our world-renowned Department of Theatre and Film undergo a major renovation. Watch our next issue for more details on this exciting project.

Once again, we sincerely thank The Richardson Firm, Family, and Foundation, the Government of Manitoba and CanWest Global Communications Corp. for their generosity and commitment to the future of The University of Winnipeg. And we look forward to seeing you soon—especially during our 40th Anniversary year in 2007.

Sincerely yours,

Lloyd Axworthy, PhD  
President and Vice-Chancellor  
The University of Winnipeg

## See You In September 2007...



What are your plans for Sept. 15 next year? Well, we hope they include coming home to The University of Winnipeg to join us for the 40th Anniversary of our Charter Day. It was on Sept. 15, 1967, when United College transformed into The University of Winnipeg. And we want to celebrate those 40 years—and our long tradition of excellence that extends all the way back to 1871—on that weekend.

We are also planning a series of events in the coming year to help build momentum towards this exciting event. Just one example: **Chantal Kreviazuk** (The Collegiate '90) returns to Winnipeg on Feb. 19 to perform a special fundraising concert for UWinnipeg and The Collegiate at the Centennial Concert Hall. Stay tuned for more on other events to come.

Now is the time to get involved. We need you to tell us where you are and what you are up to. We welcome your ideas on how we can celebrate and reconnect with alumni and students.

And we need you to spread the word to your old classmates, friends, and family for what promises to be a stellar year here at UWinnipeg. Please visit our website at [www.uwinnipeg.ca/alumni](http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/alumni) and update your information. Tell your friends to do the same. There might just be a special prize in it for you...

It's time... to come home. "See you in September" 2007 or sooner!

Cheers!

Daniel T. Hurley (BA '93, MJ)  
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# JASON PUSIEWICH

## UWINNIPEG'S NEW ALUMNI COUNCIL PRESIDENT

TEXT: Jason Pusiewich, BA '98



What is the primary role of an alumni council? Ask **Jason Pusiewich** (BA '98), The University of Winnipeg's new Alumni Council President, and he'll tell you it is a vital and essential link between a university and its alumni.

"One of our main challenges is connecting with our alumni," says Pusiewich. "My primary goal as I begin this term is to focus on improving communication to make sure we are focussing on planning events and activities that our alum want."

Helping Jason take on this challenge is Vice-President **Barbara Kelly** (BA '60, DCE '96), an Alumni Council veteran who served a previous term a couple of years ago. In addition, there is a great mix of returning volunteers and new faces rounding out the rest of council. Pusiewich feels a renewed energy around the Alumni Council table, and he's looking forward to working with this talented group of individuals.

"We're going to focus on increasing active participation of our alum in events, activities and other aspects of university life," Pusiewich explains. "We're also going to concentrate on celebrating and promoting some of the many talented people that have studied at the University. Many distinguished people have come through this institution and have gone on to do remarkable things. We're going to find ways to showcase that."

Pusiewich himself joined the council two years ago as a way to give back to the institution he feels helped contribute to his own successes. He spent a year as the Assistant Team Lead, Events and Outreach Committee, before moving on as Council Vice-President last year. "I wanted to take on a greater leadership role this year since I have a clear vision of what our Alumni Council can be," he explains. "And there are so many changes and developments happening at the university right now, I felt this was an opportune time to step up and help lead the council to the next level."

Pusiewich is enthusiastic as the council gears up for a busy year. "It's going to be particularly exciting to be involved with the University in 2007," says Pusiewich. "With celebrations to commemorate the University's 40th Anniversary planned throughout the year, we really have an opportunity to re-connect with many alumni."

While there's a definite social aspect to many of the council's events, Pusiewich is particularly keen to get new alumni out to events so he can gather feedback about what they want from their Alumni Council. And so, Pusiewich is hopeful to meet you at one of the council events in the near future. "I hope you'll share with me what you see as the primary role of an alumni council!"

TEXT: Brenda Suderman, BA '84

As the founding executive director of the Italian Chamber of Commerce in Manitoba, **AnnaMaria Toppazzini** (MPA'89) is accustomed to bringing people with diverse interests together in exploring, developing and enhancing business opportunities.

In fact, The University of Winnipeg's new Director, Alumni Affairs and Advancement Services is so accomplished at building bridges between Canada and Italy that last September, the President of Italy awarded her Dama, Ordine della Stella della Solidarietà Italiana (Order of the Star of Italian Solidarity). This honour is equivalent to an Italian knighthood.



## EMBRACING OUR ALUMNI: MEET ALUMNI DIRECTOR *AnnaMaria Toppazzini*

In her new role, she's hoping to encourage the University's nearly 40,000 alumni to see their common connection as a source of future business networks and community building.

"In business, it's all about trust and it gets easier when similar interests and backgrounds are identified," says the world traveler, tennis player and oenophile. "I believe that the success and future of any institution is based on its connection with its alumni. The University of Winnipeg's alumni are our

ambassadors in our province, throughout Canada and around the world providing the University vital links with the business, academic, cultural, political and social linkages. We need to work together in building our University and our Province."

After years away from an academic setting, Toppazzini welcomes the opportunity to be part of the university's vision of accessibility, growth and openness. She experienced that openness when taking courses on campus for the joint masters program in public administration.

A major priority for the new Director of Alumni and Advancement Services is to engage alumni as The University of Winnipeg gets set to celebrate its 40th Anniversary.

"Most of us have such fond memories of our University years that we welcome the opportunity to return and give back to our alma mater. For many of us, our university experience shaped who we are today and where we are heading towards in the future," she says.

# UWINNIPEG'S NEW SCIENCE COMPLEX

### UP TO \$25 MILLION IN PROVINCIAL FUNDING VOTE OF CONFIDENCE



The investment of up to \$25 million of provincial funds to The University of Winnipeg's capital campaign—that will make possible the construction of a new science complex—is a huge vote of confidence for UWinnipeg and the city, Premier **Gary Doer** said during the November 16, 2006 news conference.

"The announcement today is all about downtown Winnipeg and The University of Winnipeg together, growing not dying," Doer told a packed audience in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall.

"We are very thankful for this investment in the future of The University of Winnipeg by the province of Manitoba," said University of Winnipeg President and Vice-Chancellor **Lloyd Axworthy**. "This generous support will help to make the University's new science complex and the Richardson College for the Environment a reality. It will become a centre for cutting-edge innovation and research in emerging areas of science and environmental studies. And it will serve as a catalyst for substantial urban renewal in inner-city Winnipeg."

The \$10 million from the province paves the way for the construction of a new environmentally friendly, state-of-the-art science complex on the north side of Portage Avenue between Furby and Langside streets. Linked to the main campus by a green corridor, the complex will include biology and chemistry labs and faculty offices. Construction is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2007. The Richardson Firm, Family, and Foundation gave UWinnipeg \$3.5 million to establish the College on Sept. 12.

Doer also announced the province would provide up to \$15 million in additional support in a matching fundraising campaign. For every two dollars raised by the University, the province will contribute one dollar.

The new science complex, which has an estimated price tag of \$30 million, will be constructed to meet or exceed the gold standard of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building rating system, said prime architect **Terry Cristall**, principal of Number Ten Architectural Group.

The conceptual floor plan includes sustainable features such as a large atrium rising to the full height of the building, grey water collection for flushing toilets, the collection of wind power and solar energy to run the building, locally-produced and sourced materials to reduce energy costs in shipping and an innovative and creative design.

"The University is not only constructing a science building. It's taking a major leadership role in sustainable design," Cristall said.

Recent UWinnipeg science grad **Vivian Belik** (BA '06) applauded the move of putting theory into practice, saying the new science complex will be a living laboratory for students and professors and the entire community. "Rather than just talking about environmental sustainability and social sustainability, the University will be able to say it is practicing it," Belik said.

The new science complex will replace decades-old labs with flexible, current facilities to accommodate both teaching and research, said Dean of Science **Gabor Kunstatter**.

"This will enable us to further enhance our strengths not just in biology and chemistry, but also in a variety of interdisciplinary programs focused on environment, health and sustainability," he said.

The November 16 announcement also means The University of Winnipeg Foundation will be shifting into high gear to raise funds from business, alumni and the community, said **Susan Thompson**, President and CEO of The University of Winnipeg Foundation.

"The University of Winnipeg Foundation is thankful for this tremendous gift from the Province," she said. "This \$25-million gift towards building our new science complex is a great boost to the University and is a tremendous lead gift to our capital campaign. The Province is creating a wonderful legacy that will benefit our entire community and have an impact for generations to come." □

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TEXT: Ilana Simon, BA '84 PHOTO: Cory Aronec

# MILLION

## DONATION TO CREATE THE RICHARDSON COLLEGE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

*Largest Private Gift in UWinnipeg History*

A decades-long family connection to The University of Winnipeg by Winnipeg's prominent Richardson family has resulted in the largest private gift ever to the University. The Richardson Firm, Family, and Foundation donated \$3.5 million to establish The Richardson College for the Environment, an innovative science-focused college that will also feature a new urban green space in downtown Winnipeg.

"The new Richardson College for the Environment will be on the cutting-edge of environmental studies and sciences, will be international in scope, and will have an interactive community educational focus," stated **Hartley Richardson**, President & Chief Executive Officer, James Richardson & Sons, Limited at the September 12, 2006 announcement on the front lawn of Wesley Hall.

The new College will specialize in a number of key emerging areas of environmental research and study including forest ecology; urban ecology; the global North; water resources; and, environment and health. Additionally, UWinnipeg will take advantage of its strength in Aboriginal education by developing programs that will integrate indigenous values and practices into scientific study—enhanced by the recent announcement of **Dr. Dawn Sutherland** as UWinnipeg's Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Science Education (see page 10).

In recognizing the significance of this historic gift, UWinnipeg President and Vice-Chancellor **Lloyd Axworthy** (BA '61, LLD '98) noted that the College will help establish revolutionary environmental partnerships provincially, nationally, and internationally. As well, a new state-of-the-art building housing the College will serve as a catalyst for downtown revitalization and attract other private gifts to the University. "The Richardson College for the Environment will serve as an incubator for ideas on a global scale and bring the best minds and applications to this University," he said. "We are very thankful to the Richardson family for their generosity and leadership."

The new College will provide opportunities for UWinnipeg to connect with its inner-city precinct in the area of environmental science and link the Aboriginal community's traditional teachings with science curriculum. It will include a Model School component, an innovative learning centre that will allow students of all ages—particularly from the inner city and Aboriginal communities—to learn and experience science and nature first hand. One of the key elements of the College will be the new urban green space, an environmental garden planted with native prairie vegetation offering a living laboratory for students, researchers and the community.

"The responsibility of environmental stewardship does not belong to environmental studies alone; the relationship with our ecosystem shapes teaching in many areas," noted **Alana Lajoie-O'Malley** (BA (Hons.) 2006) speaking on behalf of UWinnipeg student environmental group SUNSET (Sustainable University Now, Sustainable Earth Tomorrow). UWinnipeg's newest Rhodes Scholar applauded the opportunities provided by the new Richardson College for the Environment for interdisciplinary study, a path she followed during pursuit of her undergraduate degree. Lajoie-O'Malley earned a Bachelor of Arts honours degree majoring in Science as a Catalyst for Social Change, a program she designed combining the study of History, Physics and Politics.

The College promises to be a model of energy efficiency and "green" building technology reflecting the University's recently adopted Sustainability Policy which reinforces environmental sustainability, energy efficiency and the reduction of greenhouse gases as guideposts of all university operations.

UWinnipeg Chancellor and Chair of The University of Winnipeg Foundation Board **H. Sanford Riley** called the gift "a coming together of the vision of President Lloyd Axworthy, the commitment of a major donor to the city of Winnipeg, and one of The University of Winnipeg Foundation's founding members, Jim Richardson."

Hartley Richardson noted that his family's connection to The University of Winnipeg runs deep "and we take considerable pride in the accomplishment of this University and its Collegiate. The associations we have with this place have contributed to a long-standing affection for a significant institution that has influenced our City's history and is shaping the future for generations to come." The family history includes: **Muriel Richardson**, Director, United College Board of Regents from 1940-51; **Dr. Paul Thordakson**, Chancellor from 1969-1978; 1990 Honorary Doctorate recipient **Dr. George T. Richardson**; and, **Jim Richardson**, Director, Board of Regents from 1994-2000 and presently Director, The University of Winnipeg Foundation Board from 2003. Many Richardsons were also students at The University of Winnipeg Collegiate: **Jim, Pamela, Carolyn, David, Royden, and Hartley** Richardson.

**Susan Thompson** (Collegiate '67, BA '71), University of Winnipeg Foundation President & CEO, said the University and broader communities will benefit from the Richardson family's extraordinary donation to UWinnipeg—and foresight. "Their long-standing connections to The University of Winnipeg and its Collegiate, combined with the importance of environmental stewardship in today's world, make this a gift of lasting significance," she said.

Representatives from the three levels of government agreed. On hand for the announcement, each praised the Richardsons for their generous gift to The University of Winnipeg and positive contribution it will make to downtown revitalization.

"We are pleased to play an integral role in assisting The University of Winnipeg to grow its expertise while continuing its traditions of excellence in the field of Environmental Sciences," said Richardson. "And we wholeheartedly stand behind this important initiative to equip future graduates with the knowledge and skills they need to become effective global stewards. We are keenly interested in the exciting development underway at The University of Winnipeg." ■



UWinnipeg Chancellor H. Sanford Riley, James Richardson & Sons, Limited President & CEO Hartley Richardson, UWinnipeg President & Vice-Chancellor Lloyd Axworthy, and University Winnipeg Foundation President & CEO Susan Thompson at the Richardson College for the Environment announcement.



## INNOVATIVE LEADERSHIP KEVIN CHIEF

When Kevin Chief graduated from UWinnipeg in 1998, his mission was clear, "I knew I always wanted to work with Aboriginal youth." Throughout his career, Chief has done just that.

Chief is formerly Executive Director of The Winnipeg Aboriginal Sport Achievement Centre and Aboriginal consultant with River East Transcona School Division. Within the public school system and the non-profit sector, he has worked extensively with inner-city kids to develop their potential, increase academic achievement, and inspire a desire to learn.

Now back at his alma mater, Chief is coordinator of the new Innovative Learning Centre, a vital part of the Richardson College for the Environment that provides the environment, programming, and support for at-risk children and youths to use education as a springboard for maximizing their potential. Working on initiatives like Eco-Kids!, Chief is fully focused on the task of inspiring the next generation. "Eco-Kids! is an exciting opportunity for Aboriginal and inner city children to explore the relationship between culture, science, and the environment," he explains. "The program will focus on how nature and science are viewed through the Aboriginal perspective, and how Aboriginal teachings promote sustainability and respect for the environment."

Chief, a Wesmen alumnus, was a two-time First Team Great Canadian Athletic Conference All-Star (GPAC), and a three-time All Manitoba Team for Manitoba High School Athletic Association. "It's important to me to give back to Aboriginal youth who haven't had the same opportunities as I have."



# HIDDEN

IN PLAIN VIEW ✪ MANITOBA'S DAVINCI CODE

## FRANK ALBO TO TEACH NEW COURSE

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In a circular room ringed with images of ancient gods, **Frank Albo** (BA 4-yr. '02) directs a young man to step into the centre of a black marble star. The group assembled laughs nervously, but no one moves. "What will happen?" one of them asks. "I'm not going in there," says someone else.

Albo repeats his direction and the man steps reluctantly down from the stairs and onto the floor. "Now say something," says Albo. "It doesn't matter what—just say something and wait."

Everyone in the room hears the words, but no one understands the wide-eyed response of the speaker standing in the star until they try it. The powerful echo that booms down from the domed ceiling above can be felt from soles of the feet to the raised hairs on the back of the neck—but only when standing in that exact spot.

It is a peculiarity of the architecture of the Manitoba Legislature. According to UWinnipeg research fellow Albo, an expert in occult symbolism who regularly leads tours of the unique building, this is only the tip of the iceberg.

"Did you notice the sphinxes when you came in?" Albo queries the group with characteristic intensity. "What are sphinxes doing on a public building in Manitoba?" It was one of the first questions he asked as an undergraduate at The University of Winnipeg, working on a research paper for Classics professor **Pauline Ripat** (BA '94). Not only did his curiosity spark a paper Ripat calls "exceptional," it was the launching pad for deeper research that has lasted years and added fuel to a growing public interest in things occult.

As for the sphinxes, Albo believes they are not only elements of Beaux-Art architecture, as some suggest. "If they were, why is there an inscription on their chests?" referring to the cartouches

repetition. Other classical symbols abound—Albo's laser pointer flicks to images of animal skulls embedded in the ceiling above, as is the stony visage of goddess Athena and the decapitated head of Medusa.

Though young, Albo, 34, speaks with the passion of a seasoned lecturer, firing off provocative questions and responding to the inquiries of those who have come for his unusual tour. One participant asks about the wreaths seen in the entryway. Albo shrugs. "Sometimes a cigar is just a cigar," he laughs. Some elements of the building are exactly what they seem, says Albo—just the fashions of the early 20th century. But he has pored over blueprints, measured room after room, and meticulously researched both local and international archives. His research led him to even more extreme measures, including forays onto the roof, and ultimately, becoming a member of the Freemasons—the ancient secret fraternity Albo believes is behind the oddities of the 1920 edifice, demonstrating his willingness to pursue every avenue to further his research.

After all this, Albo is convinced about the intentions of the legislature's builders, which is to invoke divine energy and ward off evil. "Simply put, the purpose of the Freemasons and the purpose of this building are the same—to make a morally transformed person. Wouldn't you want that for the heads of government?"

UWinnipeg Professor **George Fulford**, who has similarly studied the Manitoba Legislature, continues to be impressed by the research and academic rigour of his former student. "Frank has the bloodhound's sense of a good story, and the drive to pursue every angle," he says. "It's very special when a student like him comes along."



which appear on the statues. Strangely, these inscriptions are carved accurately in ancient Egyptian, spelling out an invocation to the Sun God, Ra.

Next to the sphinxes, Albo says one of his most exciting discoveries focuses on the Lieutenant-Governor's reception room. According to Albo, this room was built exactly to dimensions of the Holy of Holies of King Solomon's Temple—the place where the Ark of Covenant rested. From the room's design to the winged and armed statues that stand guard outside by the window, Albo says the similarities give him goosebumps.

Throughout the tour, Albo enthusiastically points out the many recurring symbols. The number 13 features heavily, appearing as the number of light bulbs, stairs, and area measures in countless

Albo is someone with unique vision, someone who tends to see things other people would not necessarily notice, concurs Professor Ripat. "It's a very historical approach to a modern building, and why not?"

To Albo, the most important thing now is sharing what he has found, offering tours, providing interviews, and even teaching a Summer Institute at UWinnipeg. "The most rewarding thing to me is when people are fascinated with something that otherwise wouldn't be of any interest," says Albo, now writing a book about his findings. "I want to encourage people to open their eyes. There is remarkable history in our midst, hidden in plain view." ■





## MAKING SCIENCE CLASS MEANINGFUL

CANADA RESEARCH CHAIR

# Dawn Sutherland

From exploring traditional knowledge in Manitoba's North to sharing career possibilities with residents of Winnipeg's inner city, **Dawn Sutherland** is known for bringing unique perspectives together for a common goal: making education inclusive.

Named Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Science Education on July 19, 2006, Sutherland explores the relationship between culture and science education in indigenous communities, in particular in her home province of Manitoba. She wants to see the teachings of Aboriginal culture incorporated into school curricula so that science education is more meaningful, interesting, and relevant for Aboriginal students.

Currently, Canada's Aboriginal students are significantly under-represented among those who pursue studies in postsecondary math, applied science, or physical science. But by teaching them science in a way that is culturally relevant, Sutherland, an education professor, believes the doors to higher education and science-based careers will swing wide open.

"The idea is to make science learning relevant and interesting—to put it into a context that students are exposed to day to day," says Sutherland. For some students, this means developing creative techniques, such as incorporating the indigenous knowledge of trappers, Elders, and Aboriginal community members who live off the land, to help students engage with the science curriculum.

In her research, Sutherland is collaborating with colleagues from around the world to develop an academic framework for teaching science that teachers can follow in their classrooms. In addition, she is also creating the educational resources they will need to carry out this new approach effectively.

The newly announced Richardson College for the Environment (page 8) will include a "Model School" component, an innovative learning centre providing opportunities for high schools, as well

*"The idea is to make science learning relevant and interesting—to put it into a context that students are exposed to day to day."*



as inner-city and Aboriginal students to learn science, relating indigenous values to traditional scientific and environmental issues. As Canada Research Chair, Sutherland will play a vital role at the College in both academic and community programming.

University President **Lloyd Axworthy** (BA '61, LLD '98) describes this initiative as part of a broader strategy underway at UWinnipeg to make education more accessible to and inclusive of Aboriginal peoples and culture. "This project complements our holistic approach to Aboriginal education," said Dr. Axworthy. "The Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Science Education builds on our University's growing expertise and resources in this area such as our new Aboriginal Student Services Centre and the innovative Wii Chiiwaakanak Learning Centre. This combined with the generous support of our partners in both the inner city of Winnipeg and the Aboriginal community as a whole are benefiting not only our students and researchers, but future generations of Aboriginal students."

"Dawn's dedication to sharing her knowledge with students, teachers, and researchers throughout Winnipeg, Manitoba, and the world, has valuable, long-term impact on the teachers and students," says Education Professor **Laura Sokal**. "Her particular interest in Aboriginal children and at-risk learners has resulted in enhanced learning opportunities for these children, the results of which are immeasurable." ■

Dr. Sutherland is the fifth University of Winnipeg professor named as a Canada Research Chair. Dr. Mavis Reimer is Canada Research Chair in the Culture of Childhood, Dr. Jennifer Brown is Canada Research Chair in Aboriginal Peoples in an Urban and Regional Context, Dr. Tom Carter is Canada Research Chair in Urban Change and Adaptation, and Dr. Jacques Tardif is Canada Research Chair in Tree Ring Research.

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





## ALUMNI NEWS BRIEFS

TEXT: Susan Rennie, BA '02 and Annette Elvers BA (Hons.) '93 PHOTOS: various



### GO GOLDEYES, GO!

UWinnipeg alumni cheered on the Goldeyes as they took on the Gary South Shore Rail Cats at the July 25, 2006 game. What goes better with a ballgame than a BBQ? Alumni are seen here enjoying hamburgers and other summertime treats at this popular annual event.

### GET FRAMED!

Each year in Spring and Fall, alumni show their support for the graduating class by volunteering at Convocation. Pictured here at Autumn Convocation 2006, **Brent Barske** (BA '99) and **Garry Burgess** (B.Sc. '96), offering their services at the frame sales booth.



### 40TH ANNUAL MTS WESMEN CLASSIC

Join us for a University of Winnipeg holiday tradition -- the annual MTS Wesmen Classic, December 27-30, 2006 at the Duckworth Centre. Not only is this the 40th anniversary of the Wesmen Classic, it's also the kick-off for a year of exciting events as UWinnipeg commemorates its 40th year as a University and 136 years of excellence.

The Wesmen Classic will feature eight of the top Winnipeg men's high school teams as well as eight university teams, including the Wesmen. At this tournament we will also honour 40 Wesmen alumni, so come out and help celebrate our proud history of sports achievement!

Tournament passes are now available for only \$20.00 at the Duckworth Centre Customer Service desk. Call 204.786.9349 or visit [www.wesmen.ca](http://www.wesmen.ca) for details

## GOLF TOURNAMENT



Golf Tournament winning team (left to right): Mike Chapman; Sheldon Appelle; Diane Scott, BA '93; Nick Leitsch; Michael Bayer, B.Sc. '90, BA '95

On Thursday June 15, 2006, University of Winnipeg alumni, friends, faculty, and staff gathered for the annual University of Winnipeg Alumni Association Golf Tournament. The event took place for the second year in a row at beautiful Southside Golf Course, an executive-style golf course located approximately 10 minutes from the city, south on Highway 59. The weather was perfect as over 50 golfers took to the course for an afternoon of fun, friendship, and of course, golf. **Michael Bayer** (B.Sc. '90, BA '95), now the past-president of the Alumni Association council, acted as emcee as all golfers and a few friends sat down for a delicious buffet in the clubhouse following their round. All teams received prizes, courtesy of the following companies: 99.9 Bob FM, Bee-Clean, Canstar, Coke, EPIC Information Solutions, Lawton Partners Financial Planning Services Ltd., Place Louis Riel, Q94 FM, Southside Golf Course, Subway, The Fairmont Winnipeg, The Prolific Group, The Winnipeg Art Gallery, The Winnipeg Folk Festival, Uptown Magazine, and the YMCA. Thanks to all for their generosity and support!

### GET INVOLVED! Wii Chiiwaakanak Learning Centre

The University of Winnipeg's Wii Chiiwaakanak Learning Centre bridges the digital divide by providing Aboriginal and inner city children, youth, and families with access to computers, homework help, Elders Circles, and other programming. Wii Chiiwaakanak offers programs, space, and resources free-of-charge to community members and groups.

The Wii Chiiwaakanak Learning Centre needs volunteers to help with tutoring, mentoring, and programming. Get involved! Please contact RBC Community Learning Commons Coordinator Christine Boyes at 204.789.1431, email [clcc@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:clcc@uwinnipeg.ca), or drop by 509-511 Ellice Ave.

### ALUMNI ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

The Alumni Council works to support the goals of The University of Winnipeg and to encourage all alumni to maintain their connection with The University of Winnipeg. Meet the members of your 2006 - 07 Alumni Council:

Past President – **Michael Bayer '90, '95**

President – **Jason Pusiewich '98**

Vice-President – **Barb Kelly '60, '96 DCE**

Team Lead, Events and Outreach – **Brent Barske '99**

Assistant Team Lead, Events and Outreach – **Garry Burgess '96**

Team Lead, Volunteers – **Jeremy Read '98**

Assistant Team Lead, Volunteers – **Aynsle Hinds '00, '02**

Team Lead, Communications – **Susan Rennie '02**

Assistant Team Lead, Communications – **Claudius Soodeen '90**

Members at Large – **Deanna England '98, Craig Huard '98, and Gabriela Klimes '98**

Alumni Members on the University's Board of Regents:

**Michael Bayer '90, '95 and Jason Pusiewich '98**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

### FEBRUARY 2007

#### CURLING FUNSPIEL

Now in its third year, this tournament plays tribute to one of Canada's favourite winter sports—curling. Whether you've done it all your life, or have never tried it before, come out and have a good time and a few laughs with your fellow alumni. This event will be held at the Heather Curling Club—keep your eye on the Alumni website at [www.uwinnipeg.ca/alumni](http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/alumni) for details!

### MAY 8, 2007

#### PROFS WITH A PASSION GENERAL STRIKE TOUR WITH HISTORY PROFESSOR NOLAN REILLY

The popular Winnipeg General Strike Tour will feature locations where major events linked to the 1919 strike occurred and highlight the strike's impact on Manitoba's labour history. Rain date is May 10, 2007. A nominal fee will be charged. Please register with the Alumni office.

### JUNE 3, 2007

#### CONVOCATION

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

### JUNE 14, 2007

#### ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT

In this tournament, it doesn't matter if you are a pro or a duffer. Everyone is invited to participate in the annual golf tournament, which will be held for the third year in a row at Southside Golf Course. Rain date is June 21, 2007. Dinner will be served. Please register with the Alumni Office.

### SEPT. 13 - 16, 2007

#### CLASS OF '57 REUNION

Reconnect with your classmates and rekindle fond memories with the Class of 1957.

GET INVOLVED! CONTACT ALUMNI RELATIONS AT 204.786.9711 TO FIND OUT HOW.



# JOHN KRAHN

## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

According to Alumni Association Past-President **Michael Bayer** (B.Sc. '90, BA '95), Distinguished Alumni Award recipients embody a well-rounded excellence that encompasses professional achievements, significant contributions to community, and strength of character.

"**John Krahn** has all of those things," says Bayer.

Krahn, a 1968 graduate of The University of Winnipeg, was until recently the head of Clinical Biochemistry at the St. Boniface General Hospital, and a professor of endocrinology in the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Medicine. Recently, he has taken up the post of joint Head of the Department of Pathology and Lab Medicine for the University of Saskatchewan and the Saskatoon Health Region. On the homefront, he has been a dedicated community volunteer in both ringette and hockey.

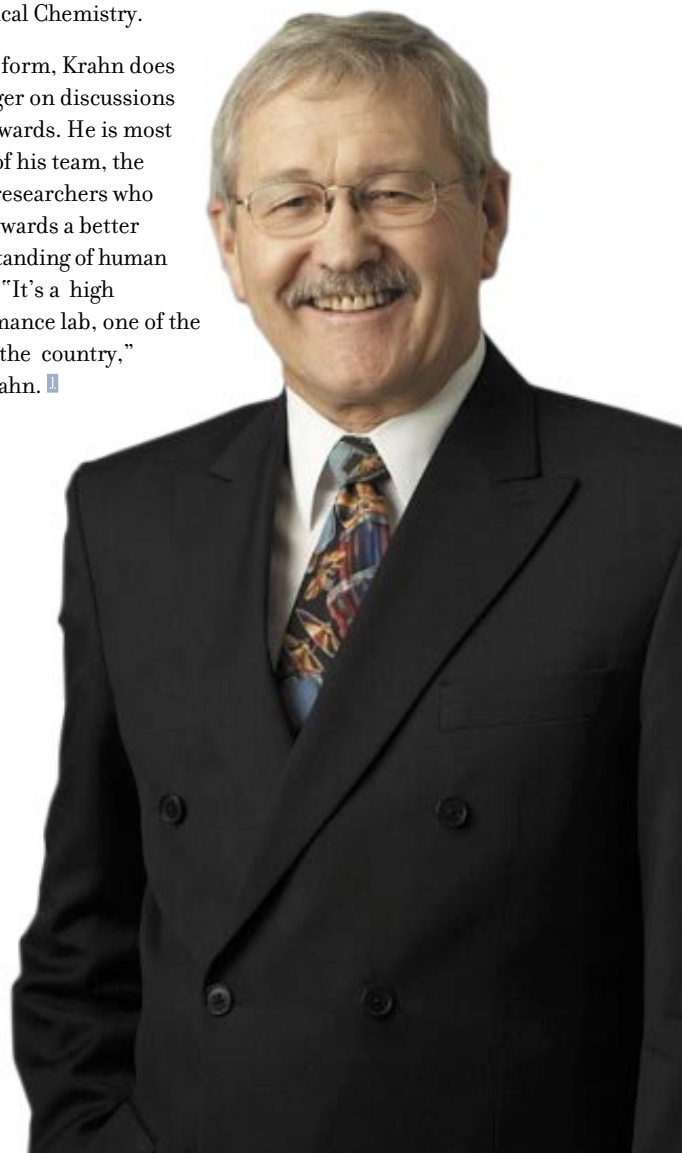
"I believe it's important to be well-rounded," says Krahn. It's a touchstone that has kept him centred no matter what his pursuit, a pattern that began with his University studies. Though his ultimate focus became science, Krahn's undergraduate course selections ran the gamut from History and German to Psychology and English. "After first year I was encouraged to go into the honours Chemistry program, but I didn't because I wanted an arts background." Reading voraciously, engaging in debate with classmates, and benefiting from the tutelage of favourite professors (**Clifford J. Robson** (Collegiate '33, BA '39), **John Clarke** (Fellow of United College, '87), **James Duff** (Collegiate '39, Fellow of United College '84), and **Frederick Barth** (Fellow of United College '92)) stand out as his best memories of University life. "I have so many good memories of The University of Winnipeg—Tony's, the Library, but most of all the tremendous dedication of the teaching staff."

As for Krahn, he describes himself as "gifted with curiosity," a characteristic that has stood him in good stead as he has pursued an academic career in medicine. "There is a great deal of intellectual stimulation in this kind of work," says Krahn. His research has spanned areas such as cardiac injury and dysfunction, premature labour, diabetes, and bone health in populations as diverse as veterans, Aboriginal communities, and those with spinal cord injuries.

"The University of Winnipeg has produced some remarkable scientists," points out Bayer. "I'm excited to let people know the caliber of our graduates, and the contributions they go on to make to the community."

Krahn's achievements have also been recognized by his peers—in 1997, he received the Award for Outstanding Contribution to Clinical Chemistry from the Canadian Society of Clinical Chemists. In 1999, he was recognized by the Alberta Society of Clinical Chemistry with the Award for Outstanding Service to Clinical Chemistry.

True to form, Krahn does not linger on discussions of his awards. He is most proud of his team, the fellow researchers who work towards a better understanding of human health. "It's a high performance lab, one of the best in the country," says Krahn. ■



## ALUMNI AUTHORS



### A DAYTRIPPER'S GUIDE TO MANITOBA: EXPLORING CANADA'S UNDISCOVERED PROVINCE BARTLEY KIVES (BA '93)

Sandwiched between North Dakota and Nunavut, Manitoba has never been the busiest chunk of tourism real estate in North America. To independent travelers, this is a good thing: Canada's undiscovered province offers uncrowded beaches, innumerable lakes and forests, and unlikely cultural attractions.

**Bartley Kives** juggles a day job as a city hall reporter for the *Winnipeg Free Press* with a weekly wilderness-travel column called *Offroad* and occasional contributions to CBC Radio and *Explore* magazine. *A Daytripper's Guide to Manitoba* is his first book.



### TIME OUT OF MIND LAURIE BLOCK (BA '72)

In the foreword to this collection of poems, **Laurie Block** inscribes the last coherent words his mother said to him, "I used to be quite fond of you." Shortly after that, she lost what remained of her senses and sank into the vegetative state in which she spent her last years. *Lights Out*, the first section of *Time Out of Mind*, is the poet's journey into a darkness that is only in part his mother's. Many of these poems are rooted in disorientation, displacement, and loss of equilibrium, the friction between what happens outside the skin and what may be taking place on the inside.

Block is a poet, playwright, and storyteller. He was born in Winnipeg and now lives in Brandon, Manitoba. He is the winner of the 2003 *Prairie Fire* fiction contest and, most recently, The National Magazine Award Gold Medal for fiction.



### NERVE SQUALL SYLVIA LEGRIS, ASSOCIATE ALUMNA

**Sylvia Legris's** fascination with weather, ghosts, and brain disorders is the starting point for a collection of poetry that ensures you'll never look at nature the same way again. From snow golems and ghost cats to a sky filled with fish, *Nerve Squall* covers a haunted terrain where the natural world becomes an allegory for our most intimate fears. Despite their dark and often cinematic approach, these poems are also tinged with a sly, apocalyptic wit.

Legris is originally from Winnipeg and now lives in Saskatoon. *Nerve Squall* is her third book of poetry, and in addition to the Griffin Poetry Prize, it has also garnered the 2006 Pat Lowther Memorial Award. Her poems have been published in many journals, including *Border Crossings*, *Room of One's Own*, and *CV2*. Her previous books are *iridium seeds* and *circuitry of veins*.

Legris has twice been nominated for a Pushcart Prize, Best of the Small Presses Series and in 2001 won the *Malahat Review's* Long Poem Prize for *Fishblood Sky*. Legris also received an Honourable Mention in the poetry category of the 2004 National Magazine Awards.



### PHANTOM LAKE: NORTH OF 54 BIRK SPROXTION (BA '64)

*Phantom Lake* explores the stories, legends, and all tales that make up Flin Flon—a real yet imaginary place perched on rocky outcrops and lakes of the Canadian Shield. In his travels, the narrator seeks to find himself between the waters of the elusive Phantom Lake and the monster rocks of Flin Flon, famous for its strange name, legendary riches, and underground marijuana operations.

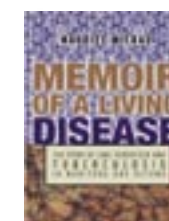
**Birk Sproxtion** teaches Canadian Literature and Creative Writing at Red Deer College. Sproxtion's works include *Headframe*, *The Hockey Fan Came Riding*, and the award-winning novel, *The Red-Headed Woman with the Black, Black Heart*. Sproxtion was a recipient of the 2006 Margaret McWilliams Literary Award in the best local history category for his book, *Phantom Lake: North of 54*.



### LION'S GATE MICHAEL D. HARTLEY (BA '96)

Set in 1918, *Lion's Gate* is a novel full of heroic adventure, tragedy, betrayal, and the triumph of the human spirit. The story charts a young cowboy's discovery of his manhood, and his past, on a ranch in the southern Alberta foothills. Lucas Dockett escapes a harsh, lonely life to fulfill a dream of becoming a rancher on the edge of the Canadian frontier. Amanda St. Hilaire is a young woman every man wants. Matilda St. Hilaire plots wild vicious schemes to block her daughter marrying below her station. Cattle boss Mark Milner is selfish and violent with the cunning of a hyena. All these characters and more make up an epic adventure the reader will surely never forget.

**Michael Hartley** is also the author of *Mosquitoes and The Challenge of the Skies*. He is a former communications director for the Alberta Government and publications editor with Manitoba Education and Training.

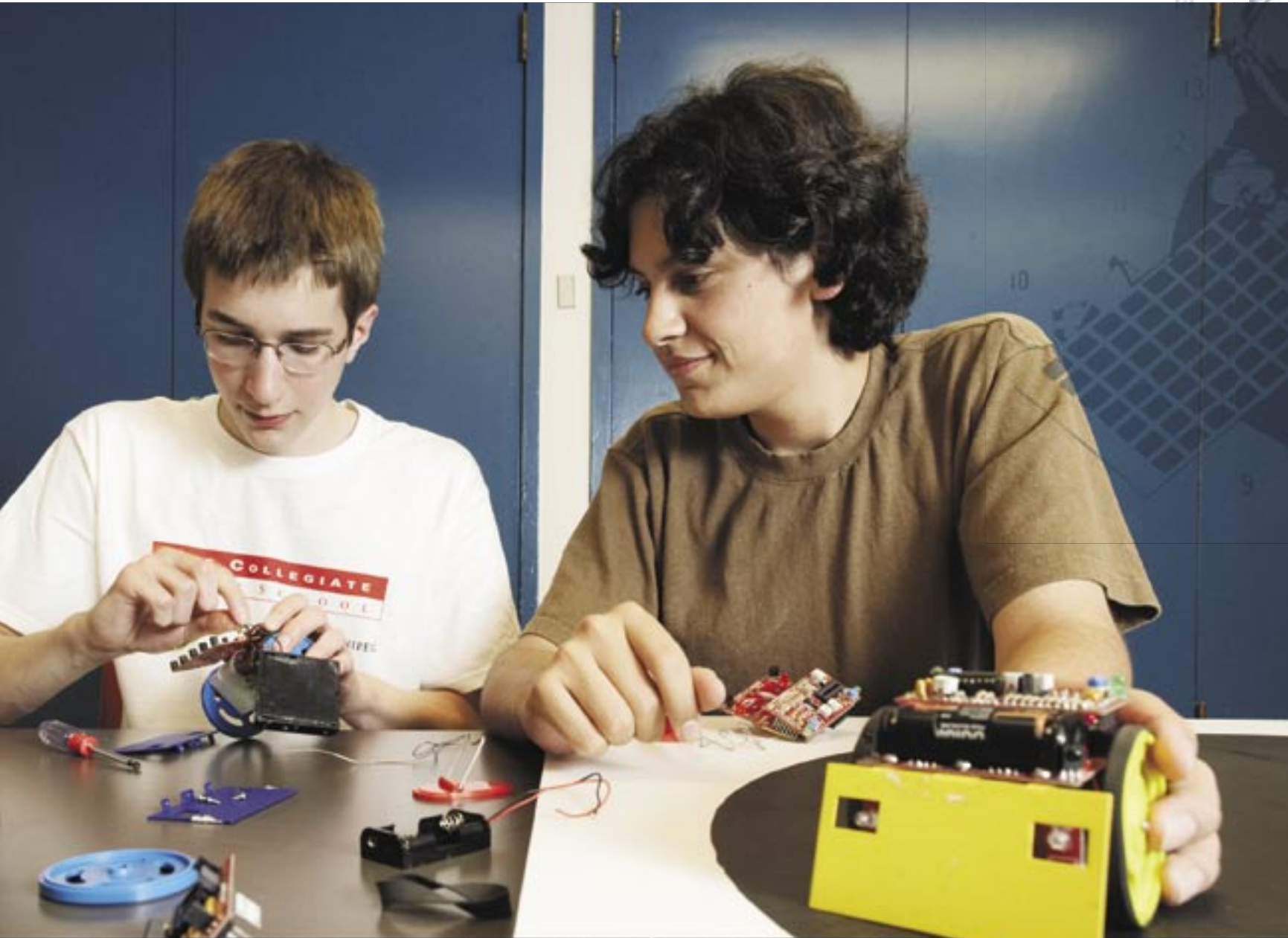


### MEMOIR OF A LIVING DISEASE THE STORY OF EARL HERSHFIELD AND TUBERCULOSIS IN MANITOBA AND BEYOND MAURICE MIERAU (BA (HONS.) '84)

*Memoir of a Living Disease* shows how tuberculosis affects various communities in Manitoba, including Aboriginal groups in the north and immigrants in Winnipeg. The book also highlights the career of Dr. Earl Hershfield, who was the director of Tuberculosis Control in Manitoba for the last 40 years. Hershfield is an internationally recognized expert on tuberculosis who has worked all over the world to eradicate this persistent disease.

**Maurice Mierau** was a recipient of the 2006 Margaret McWilliams Literary Award in the best institutional history category for his book, *Memoir of a Living Disease: The Story of Earl Hershfield and Tuberculosis in Manitoba and Beyond*. His poetry collection, *Ending with Music* (Brick Books), was a finalist for the John Hirsch Award in 2003. Mierau has lived in Winnipeg, Nigeria, Jamaica, the US, and Saskatchewan. He now lives in Winnipeg where he writes full-time.





You don't have to be a rocket scientist to be involved in space adventure. Two University of Winnipeg Collegiate students found that out when they were selected to participate in a unique science and technology project that will launch a fully-operational satellite into space.

The Win-Cube Satellite Project, a first in Manitoba, involves approximately 30 students from 10 high schools in the design, construction, launch, and tracking of a satellite. Part of an international partnership, the satellite will be launched in 2008 from a modified Russian intercontinental ballistic missile.

"Students are looking at the planning and engineering of a very complex mission," said **Claude Garand**, Associate Dean of The Collegiate. "They are learning valuable skills working on a team project of this magnitude and receiving first-hand experience in what goes into a satellite launch."

The two-year long project officially got underway last summer with a Space Camp at the Canadian Forces School of Aerospace Studies, housed at 17 Wing Winnipeg. The camp built on the students' backgrounds in physics and answered key questions such as "why satellites?" and "how do satellites work?" The week-long space camp covered space history and environment, orbital mechanics, satellite design and launch, rocketry demonstrations, satellite communications and navigation, ham radio demonstrations, and remote sensing.

For Grade 11 Collegiate students **Calvin Mayer** and **Dorian Zaharia**, the opportunity to participate in the Win-Cube Satellite Project is somewhere between "cool" and "extraordinary."

"It's fascinating to be working on something that is going into space and learning what it's like to interact with space," Mayer said. Zaharia added, "I never thought about having anything to do with space. This project will give me wider options and guide me as to what I might want to study."

During the academic year, students meet on a regular basis and receive training from partners in the project including the Manitoba Department of Education, Microsoft, Bristol Aerospace, members of the avionics and aircraft maintenance industries, engineers, and physicists.

The students' first original work is to design the experiment that will be executed by the satellite. Down the road, the high school students will hone their electronics, computer programming, and mechanical engineering skills, and most will be trained to operate a ham radio for communication with the satellite.

"It's a fantastic opportunity for students to transfer theory into practice," Garand notes. "Undoubtedly they will come away with a deeper understanding of how the math and physics concepts they study at school are applied to space technology."

Mayer and Zaharia were selected for the Win-Cube Satellite Project based on their keen interest in engineering, problem solving abilities, and technological astuteness. Both are members of The Collegiate's weekly Robotics Club where they design, build, and program mini-robots for "sumo wrestling" competitions.

From soldering tiny nuts and bolts on the multi-coloured robots to determining what computer chip will make their robot a champ in the wrestling ring, Mayer and Zaharia have learned more about satellite technology through the Robotics Club than they had imagined. Some of the design and planning software used for the robots is the same as that used in space technology.

When it comes to satellite applications, the sky's the limit, according to these teenagers.

"Being able to use space as a different way of doing things like an alternative means of communication and information gathering is exciting," said Zaharia.

Garand applauds the notion of putting significant scientific work in the hands of young people. "It's an opportunity for students to undertake a real-life project and transfer the knowledge and experience gained to a potential career," he said. "At The Collegiate, we emphasize that anything is possible and to dream big. Outer space is about as big as you can get." ■

For more information on Collegiate programs, visit [www.uwinnipeg.ca/thecollegiate](http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/thecollegiate)

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# OUT OF THIS WORLD

COLLEGIATE STUDENTS NAVIGATE NEW FRONTIERS



TEXT: Nadine Kampen, BA '81

# MEMORIAL TRIBUTES

## CELEBRATED AT THEOLOGY CLASS OF '66 HOMECOMING

In September 2006, The University of Winnipeg Theology Department welcomed its alumni, former students, and faculty and staff, retired and present, to its 40th anniversary Homecoming event for the Class of '66—the last graduating class under the banner of United College.

Some of the many highlights from this special celebration relate to the establishment of student awards as memorial tributes.

The Johnston family established The Reverend Dr. Ernie Johnston Memorial Bursary in 2000 in memory of the Rev. Dr. Ernie Johnston, Collegiate '41, United College, BA '44, B.Th. '47, DD (Hon) '69. Rev. Dr. Johnston won the Governor-General's Medal in Grade 12 at The University of Winnipeg Collegiate, the Lieutenant-Governor's Medal in second year Arts, and the Silver Medal in his fourth year of Arts at United College. He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity in 1969.

During his years of study at United College, the Rev. Dr. Johnston received financial support that allowed him to pursue his studies. After his passing, his wife Elizabeth and their five



Gary Scherbain, Paul Campbell, Gary Magarrell, Jack Niell, and Brian Bigelow.

children decided that a bursary in his honour would be a fitting tribute to his memory, and, at the same time, give back to the institution that supported him through his studies.

The Reverend Roger Alan Coll Bursary was established in 2005 by Laraine Coll and daughters Kathleen, Susan, and Erin, in memory of their husband and father Roger Coll (BA '64, BD '67), United College. After ordination, Rev. Coll served in Ministry at United Churches in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario. At the time of his death, he was Executive Secretary of the Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Conference.

The family's gift is intended to encourage musicians, choir leaders, and hymn writers to expand and share their knowledge within Manitoba. Roger sang in many choirs and loved music, especially sacred choral music and hymns.

Faculty, friends, and family are encouraged and invited to participate in building these and other funds to support students within the Faculty of Theology.

TEXT: Pat Robertson

# Virtuosi Concerts

## DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES SCHOLARSHIPS

Since 1990, Virtuosi Concerts has organized an annual lecture series at Winnipeg retirement residence Fred Douglas Place. Each year, University of Winnipeg faculty members deliver lectures on a wide variety of themes, reflecting every sector of the academic community. On December 6, 2006, Fred Douglas Place celebrated the 150th lecture by a University of Winnipeg faculty member.

In 2001, The Wellington, A Lifestyle Retirement Community, also invited The University of Winnipeg to initiate a lecture series. The 2006-2007 series includes such topics as "Invitation to Simplicity," and "The Psychology and Politics of Gender Differences," along with such other topics as the mysteries of disease and the latest information on new germ theories.

Fred Douglas Place and The Wellington have each established a scholarship to honour the University faculty who generously contribute their time to serve as speakers as part of their educational and cultural outreach to the greater community: 'The Fred Douglas Place Residents' Tribute Scholarship' and 'The Wellington, A Lifestyle Retirement Community, Distinguished Lecturers Tribute Scholarship' respectively.

"We are proud to be able to provide intellectual enrichment for residents, and very grateful for the contributions and recognition of excellence that these scholarships offer for our students," said lecture series organizer and UWinnipeg professor Dr. Harry Strub.



Dr. James Clark, who has contributed many different lectures on psychological topics to both series.

## REUNIONS

## RECONNECT! Reunions at UWinnipeg

Throughout the year, alumni gather at the University to reconnect, to share memories, and to spend time on the campus played such an important role in shaping their futures. You can too! Contact the Alumni Office to find out how. Call 204.786.9711 or 1.888.829.7053 (toll-free in Canada & the US) or email alumni@uwinnipeg.ca

## RECENT REUNIONS



### WESLEY CLASS OF 1935

UWinnipeg President Emeritus Dr. Harry Duckworth joined fellow classmates from the Class of 1935 for an evening of reminiscence on September 23, 2005. Celebrating their 70th anniversary, six members gathered for dinner. Arvilla (Elson) Lightly was unable to attend, but received the group at her home. Messages and anecdotes were received from Margaret (Lawson) Fraser, Ruth (Verson) Henson, Kathleen (Walley) Mathews, Bill McKay, and Marjorie (Dillabough) Wrightson. Pictured here are (back row, left to right): Alice Graham, Marie (Hames) Douglas; Freda (Shack) Katz; and Harry Duckworth; (front row, left to right) Rietta (McRostie) Bell; and, Joyce (Smith) Frame. Dr. Duckworth writes that as the only male present, he never had it so good!

### WESLEY CLASS OF 1946

On May 13, 2006 the Class of 1946 gathered to celebrate an important milestone—the 60th anniversary of their graduation. Pictured here are: back row (l to r): Marion Mills, Ellen (Bennett) Derksen, Margaret (Norell) Ritchie, Ruth (Lindal) Hilland, and Jeanette (Grosney) Block; middle row (l to r): Betty (Merifield) Gray, Pat (Taylor) Winser, and Esther (Fillmore) Pearson; front row (l to r): Mary (Floyde) McGregor, Gerold Bedford, and Jack Russell



### SPARLING'S DARLINGS

Proof positive that living in residence can lead to life-long friendships—on August 12, 2006 some of Sparling Hall's former residents gathered to renew their friendship and tour the building they once called home. Several of the group affectionately known as "Sparling's Darlings" are pictured here: from left to right: Marilyn Duffield (Mead), B.Ed. '84; Catherine Parnetta-Olsen B.Ed. '85; Peggy Boyle, BA '90; Michele Serano (Anderson) BA '85; Jane Romio (Epp), B.Ed. '85; Jennifer Ellis, BA '84; Bev Racicot (Botchar) BA '94; Patricia Chaychuk, BA (Hons.) '86, MPA '89; Judy Maryniuk (Bruce), B.Ed. '84; Frances Petrowski (Bobrovich), BA '84. (Not pictured here, but Darlings nonetheless: Maria Romio, BA '91 and Judy Cazemier, BA '84.)

## UWINNIPEG ALUMNI EVENT IN OTTAWA: CELEBRATING THE PAST & LOOKING AHEAD

University of Winnipeg alumni and friends from the National Capital Region recently gathered at a reception and information session to celebrate the past and learn about the exciting future plans for UWinnipeg. More than 75 guests attended the reception and information session in Ottawa on October 25, 2006 including senators, Members of Parliament, senior civil servants, and other former students.

Don Newman, Senior Parliamentary Editor for CBC News and host of Politics on CBC Newsworld, hosted the alumni and friends reception in the nation's capital. Newman attended United College in the late 1950s.

Pictured here (from left clockwise): Alumni Association President Jason Pusiewich, BA '98; Senior Parliamentary Editor, CBC News, Don Newman, Assoc. Alumnus; Elmwood-Transcona MP Hon. Bill Blaikie, BA '73; President and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Lloyd Axworthy, BA '61, LLD '98; Churchill MP Tina Keeper, Assoc. Alumna; Brampton-Springdale MP Dr. Ruby Dhalla, B.Sc. '95; and, Charleswood-St. James-Assiniboia MP Hon. Steven Fletcher.





## WII CHIIWAAKANAK CAMP DAY

### Connecting with our Community

Fifteen-year-old **Leah**, a Spence neighbourhood resident, didn't want to attend art camp at Wii Chiiwaakanak—but her mother urged her to give it a try. By the time the second of two art camps was nearly over, Leah admits, "I didn't want to leave."

"I didn't know that I could draw like that. Now I know and I've developed some confidence in my art," Leah adds.

The University of Winnipeg's Wii Chiiwaakanak Learning Centre played host last summer to a series of unique free day camps for inner-city youth specializing in arts and crafts, traditional games, and sports.

"The art camp was an ideal opportunity for young members of our inner-city community to discover and develop their creative and artistic talents in a supportive and enriching environment," notes University of Winnipeg President **Lloyd Axworthy** (BA '61, LLD '98). "We hope this will just be a stepping stone towards future creative endeavours and accomplishments that celebrate their Aboriginal culture and heritage."

Working with talented artists **Andrea Roberts** (canvas painting) and **Mike Spence** (soapstone carving), approximately 22 inner-city youth learned to paint on canvas and carve in soapstone. At an art show featuring their remarkable artwork, Inukshuk, landscape, and people were portrayed in the paintings

while soapstone carvings depicted Aboriginal-themed clan animals.

"Both the painting on canvas and soapstone carving art projects provided the participants with an outlet for creative expression, as well as an opportunity to develop their art skills," says **Christine Boyes** (Assoc. Alumna '04), RBC Community Learning Commons coordinator and coordinator of the Wii Chiiwaakanak summer camp programs.

In partnership with The University of Winnipeg Wesmen, Wii Chiiwaakanak presented two weeks of skills training sports camp during August in basketball, volleyball, and traditional games to 40 disadvantaged inner-city youth aged 12 to 17.

"A sports skills camp of this nature has had a positive impact by fostering camaraderie and cooperation among the participants. It has built self-esteem and proficiency in various sports and games, and has provided a solid foundation for our community's children to reach for—and achieve—future goals, educational and otherwise," says Axworthy.



## BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

### \$1 MILLION DOLLAR GIFT TO GLOBAL COLLEGE



Sir Gordon Wu and President Lloyd Axworthy (at centre) together with honoured guests at the Wu Chung Scholarships media conference.

The University of Winnipeg received its largest donation ever for an international scholarship with the establishment of the *Wu Chung Scholarship Fund*. President **Lloyd Axworthy** (BA '61, LLD '98) and **Sir Gordon Wu**, Chairman of Hopewell Holdings Ltd., announced the extraordinary scholarship fund at a media conference in Huadu, China last winter.

The *Wu Chung Scholarship Fund*—created with a \$1 million gift from the Hopewell Charitable Foundation of Hong Kong to The University of Winnipeg's Global College—recognizes the academic achievements and leadership potential of students from Huadu.

The fund provides full tuition, books, accommodation, and living expenses to up to four outstanding students a year from Huadu to pursue undergraduate degree studies at The University of Winnipeg.

"This gift from Sir Gordon Wu and the Hopewell Foundation will have a significant impact on the Global College's vision of bringing together students from around the world to engage in a dynamic dialogue on global issues," noted Dr. Axworthy.

In making the donation, Sir Gordon declared the gift a tribute to his father, **Wu Chung**, who believed in the value of education. "My wish is for the students of Huadu to dedicate themselves to their studies in Canada so they might return with both a university degree and a wealth of knowledge of a larger world," said Sir Gordon, who spent a year studying in Winnipeg in the early 1950s and wanted to give back to this community that so positively influenced his life.

**Susan Thompson** (Collegiate '67, BA '71), President and CEO of The University of Winnipeg Foundation, praised the generosity of Sir Gordon for his interest and support of the Global College and for giving Chinese students an exceptional opportunity to study outside their country and become engaged as global citizens. "It is an inspired contribution and we are grateful to the Wu family for nurturing education and global citizenship in this way in Huadu, China, and in Canada."

The University of Winnipeg's February mission to China achieved a number of objectives including further connections with academic institutions and a strengthening of ties with University of Winnipeg and Collegiate alumni.

"We have a deeply committed group of alumni in Hong Kong who are organizing themselves to support student recruitment, fundraising, and promotion of The University of Winnipeg in and around Hong Kong," reported **Janet Walker** (BA '78), Executive Consultant, The University of Winnipeg Foundation, who was part of the delegation. "They value their educational and life experiences gained during their time at The University of Winnipeg and are eager to make meaningful contributions through The University of Winnipeg Campaign to support our academic programs and campus development." ■

## NEW ALUMNI CHAPTER HONG KONG

A new alumni chapter has been established for UWinnipeg graduates, located in Hong Kong and serving all of Asia. To learn more, contact Interim President **Timothy Lo** (BA '83) at [loti@hongkong.cic.fr](mailto:loti@hongkong.cic.fr) or call 852.2106.0320.

TEXT: Ilana Simon, BA '84

## SUMMER INSTITUTES

### STUDENTS COME TOGETHER AT UWINNIPEG

More than 50 students headed back to school last summer to take part in The University of Winnipeg's Summer Institutes: *Introduction to Chinese Culture & Mandarin Language* and *Multi-Ethnic Peacebuilding: Linking the Local with the Global*.

With approximately 860 million speakers worldwide, Mandarin Chinese is a primary language in China, Singapore, Indonesia, and Malaysia. Knowledge of this growing language, and an understanding of the rich and complex culture in which it developed, are important assets in the global community and world market.

Professor **Ao Lifeng** from The Harbin Institute of Technology [HIT] in Northern China, educated and inspired UWinnipeg students about Chinese culture, history, and language during the intensive two-week course.

Presented by the Office of the Vice-President (Research, International and External Affairs) in conjunction with the University for Peace (Costa Rica), the week-long *Multi-Ethnic Peace building: Linking the Local with the Global* course provided stimulating sessions on the challenges and opportunities that present themselves in "global cities" such as Winnipeg

Theorists, academics, and activists alike have deemed "globalization" one of the most powerful frameworks for analyzing social trends in our era. UWinnipeg students learned how to adapt a peace building framework generally applied only at the international level, to the local level. Winnipeg represents a unique forum for such discussions; at present there are more than 165 different ethnic groups in the city. Lessons in mediation, negotiation, human rights—both individual and group—were analyzed for how they can serve to protect these peoples.

Student response to *Multi-Ethnic Peace building: Linking the Local with the Global* was positive—as indicated on course evaluations at the conclusion of the Summer Institute:

"The diverse background of the instructors and participants offered a broad range of expertise," wrote one student. Another offered, "I enjoyed the dynamic speakers and level of knowledge brought to this course, along with the international scholars."



TEXT: Ewald Friesen, Current Student

# UWINNIPEG COMMUNITY HELPS ENSURE FAIR & DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS IN PERU

As observers in the recent Peruvian elections, University of Winnipeg students, alumni, and faculty were given an outstanding opportunity to witness "democracy in action."

University President **Lloyd Axworthy** (BA '61, LLD '98) led an Organization of American States (OAS) Electoral Observation Mission monitoring the April 9, 2006 general elections in Peru and the runoff presidential elections held June 4, 2006.

With him were current UWinnipeg students **Ewald Friesen** and **Derrick Martens**, UWinnipeg alumni **Emina Cingel** (BA '05) and **Jennifer Zorn-Ford**, St. Boniface College student **Remi Gosselin**, and UWinnipeg Geography Professor **Geoff Scott**, each taking an active role in the mission.

The University of Winnipeg, through its Global College, is the first post-secondary institution ever to have students involved in an OAS mission of this kind. Ewald Friesen, a fourth-year Honours Politics student, said armed with his years of study on how democracy works, the Peru mission represents an opportunity to actually promote democracy worldwide. In his own words, Friesen shares some of his experiences here.



clockwise from left - Ewald Friesen, Jennifer Zorn-Ford, Remi Gosselin, Derrick Martens, and Emina Cingel



The Humboldt Current along the Pacific coast of South America is responsible for regulating temperatures in Peru. This warm ocean current ensures mild and predictable temperatures for the countries along the Pacific. But more interesting than the weather it brings is the unsuspecting passengers often dragged in by the current—penguins from Antarctica are often swept thousands of kilometers away from their icy homes, depositing them in a most unlikely habitat off the coast of Peru.

This mystifying phenomenon goes some way in describing what it's like to be plucked from my own frozen surroundings in Winnipeg, then regarded with similar curiosity in a South American nation far from home.

Some readers will recall the photo appearing on the front page of the *Winnipeg Free Press* featuring **Dr. Lloyd Axworthy** (BA '61, LLD '98) in a scuffle with protesters outside of a polling station in Peru. One author opined that a kind of "football diplomacy" had been born. This chaos was not unlike the situation in The University of Winnipeg registration office when word got out that Dr. Axworthy would be teaching an honours seminar in Canadian Foreign Policy.

Fortunately for me, I was not to become one of those star-crossed students to make acquaintance with the term "waitlist," and I was enrolled in the course that would ultimately lead to my travels to Peru.

Now, asking a politics student if they think going on an elections observation mission to Peru is appealing is tantamount to asking Manitobans if they think a ban on mosquitoes would be a good idea... OF COURSE! Naturally, I was pinching myself while our plane landed in the thick autumn humidity of Lima's International Airport.

Theories are indeed helpful tools, but as my father will tell you, there is no substitute for practice. Within hours, alien theories from classrooms would take on living forms, and abstract ideas reserved for gentle and leisurely critique would grow into fleets of cars, ID badges, press conferences, body guards, teams of diplomats, dignitaries, ambassadors, former U.S. congressmen, and one very friendly Central American press secretary more than happy to share his insights with a baffled Manitoban student.

Beneath the pageantry and circumstance of our mission was the genuine modesty and affection of the Peruvian people. In one instance, as I walked into a polling place, this welcome took the form of a round of applause. However, most Peruvians just smiled and whispered to one another as I examined voting booths and registries, while others cheerfully showed off ink-stained index fingers to a foreigner who could not look more out of place if he tried.

In Peru, an indescribable charity mixes palpably with darker, unwelcome memories of social alienation, cultural vandalism and oppression. "Honoured" seems too crass an adjective for what it's like to participate in this historic moment, because radiating from voters' faces is a kind of warmth informed by a hope that a better reality can come.

It is the weight of this hope that would have the deepest impact upon me; it cannot be captured by any theory I learned in a classroom and possess an authenticity I may never again witness. It was an amazing opportunity and a chance to be a good ambassador for The University of Winnipeg and Canada. It was an experience I'll never forget. ■

FOR MORE ON THE ADVENTURE YOU CAN CHECK OUT OUR WEB LOG AT:  
<http://blog.uwinnipeg.ca/peru2006/2006/04/> or visit <http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/newsflash-060613>



## CLASS ACTS

COMPILED BY: Marlene Laycock

### 1950s

'52 BA P.G. Frances Selver is a member of School Masters' Wives Association and Jon Sigurdsson Chapter IODE (originally known as the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire), organizations which raise money for University scholarships.

'53 The Collegiate Claire (Dixon) Weir writes that she is currently retired and living both in Hawaii and Calgary. She is enjoying traveling, visiting her Winnipeg family, and golfing in her retirement.

'55 BA, Peter S. Thiessen has undertaken a housing development for attainable housing in Lorette, MB.

'56 BA, The Collegiate '52, '78 M.Div. Douglas Sly and his wife, Dorothy, were married at United College in Winnipeg and celebrated 50 years of marriage on October 8, 2005. Douglas and Dorothy have five children and six grandchildren.

'56 B.Sc. George Kops has retired from Imperial Oil where he worked as a chemist. He spends six months of the year in Florida. When at home in Kingston, ON, he's on the golf course five days a week. George has traveled the world in his previous job and in his retirement.

'57 BA Mel Myers, QC was the recipient of the 2006 Bora Laskin Award for Outstanding Contributions to Labour Law in Canada, presented by the University of Toronto on May 11, 2006. Mel was the founding partner of the law firm, Myers Weinberg in Winnipeg.

'57 BA Marianne Vespry has written a book entitled *Happy, Ever & After, Barristers & Solicitors: The Sleeping Beauty Caper*, which was published this year. Marianne is retired and lives in Hamilton, ON.

### 1960s

'63 B.Sc. John Ranger retired in 2005 as an advisory programmer after more than 30 years at the IBM Microelectronics Division fabrication plant in East Fishkill, NY.

'64 BA Bob Johnstone is a cognitive behaviour therapist at Australia's largest teaching hospital, Royal Perth Hospital. Bob specializes in the group therapy treatment of patients diagnosed with borderline personality disorders. Over the past 30 years, Bob has supported and raised money for Activ Industries (for people with disabilities) by participating in every City to Surf Fun Run since 1975. Bob, a former Wesmen hockey player, has represented Australia in three separate sports: ice hockey, in-line hockey, and athletics in both senior and masters (over 35 years) competitions up to World Championship level. Most recently, he participated in the 2006 Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton Relay, held in Melbourne.

'65 The Collegiate Michelle (Pudavick) Rahman is Associate Dean of Admissions at the University of Richmond School of Law in Richmond, Virginia.

'66 Ambrose S. Ojah is employed by the Government of Nunavut as Area Supervisor of Social Programs. For the last four years, Ambrose has been living in Nunavut administering social programs in the Nunavut Capital of Iqaluit. Programs include Child & Family/Child Protection Services, Adult/Children's Group Homes, Elders' Personal Care and Supportive Living Facility, Community Counselling Services, and Supportive Counselling Services to the Baffin Regional Hospital. Ambrose says Nunavut is an incredible part of Canada with amazing challenges in his area of work.

'67 BA Allan Miller retired from a career of teaching elementary school. Allan now volunteers at the Westboro Region Food Services Food Bank at All Saints Westboro in Ottawa, and is Secretary to the Board of the Ottawa Food Bank.

'67 BA Nick Ternetté has been a columnist for *Uptown Magazine* for the past six years.

'68 B.Sc. John Krahn has re-located to Saskatoon as the head of the department of pathology and lab medicine at the University of Saskatchewan and Saskatoon Health Region's Royal University Hospital. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award at the Spring 2006 Convocation.

### 1970s

'70 BA, '65 The Collegiate Les Berman is president of EB Financial in Beverly Hills, CA. Les is a director of the California Association of Mortgage Brokers and has been in the mortgage business in California since 1985. He has two children who are both in the music business in Los Angeles.

Les' hobby is tennis, and he captained his mixed doubles team to a national title in 2004 and the finals in 2005.

'70 BA Margaret (McKean) Bloodworth was appointed National Security Advisor to Prime Minister Stephen Harper on October 3, 2006. Prior to that, she served as Associate Secretary to the Cabinet, the second most senior position in the federal public service. She received the Distinguished Alumni Award in October 2002.

'71 BA David Bardal is the 2006 chair of the Manitoba Division of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, while '67 BA David Horne is past chair.

'71 BA Richard Kunzelman works with the Lighthouse Mission in Winnipeg, MB.

'71 George Bergen is a self-employed consultant in Winnipeg. He publishes a Plus-55 Health Letter and presents seminars on nutrition to seniors.

'73 BA Joe Dudar retired in June 2006 after 30 years teaching with the Winnipeg School Division.

'73 BA Wendy Kellet and family moved to Vancouver Island in 1992 where Wendy teaches performing arts methods in the Faculty of Education at Malaspina University College.

'74 BA Elizabeth (Betty) Mitchell received a PhD in Education from Simon Fraser University in Spring 2006.

'74 BA, '71 The Collegiate Margaret Sweatman and her spouse, Glenn Buhr, were the recipients of a Genie Award in March in the best original song category for their song, *When Wintertime*.

'75 Gysbert Crielaard is happily retired. He would like to hear from the Class of '75 (the year there was no yearbook!). Gysbert sends best wishes to all.

'78 The Collegiate Mindy Barsky-Veitch is Executive Director of the 2006 board of the Mount Carmel Foundation. A variety of other UWinnipeg alumni sit on this board including: '65 BA Dee Dee Rizzo; '77 BA Richard Mikucki; '77 B.Sc., '89 BA Heidi Streu; '84 The Collegiate Ken Reiss; '05 Assoc. Alumna Leah Bock.

'78 BA (Hons.) Ruth (Stewart) Des Cotes is an environmental educator working with A Rocha Canada, a conservation organization in BC, educating children about caring for the world.

'78 BA Guy Maddin was the recipient of the 2006 Manitoba Arts Council's Award of Distinction, recognizing his artistic excellence and career achievements as a professional Manitoba artist.

### 1980s

'80 BA, '82 B.Ed. Louise (Hummel) Loewen is an assistant principal with the Kelsey School Division in The Pas, MB.

'82 Marilyn Kenny retired from Manitoba Government where she was Director in Labour and Immigration since 1992, and previously the Director of Apprenticeship and Pay Equity. She has three adult children and two granddaughters.

'85 BA Andrew Stelmack last appeared in Winnipeg as Lefou in *Beauty and the Beast* for Rainbow Stage, and returned last spring to portray Zangara in Dry Cold's production of Stephen Sondheim's *Assassins*. He also appeared last spring in the USA miniseries the *Untitled History Project*. Andrew has also taken an interest in painting in the abstract and contemporary veins, showing his work in Toronto, ON.

'86 BA, The Collegiate '82 Jay Berkowitz is the CEO of his own Internet marketing company called [www.tengoldenrules.com](http://www.tengoldenrules.com)

'87 BA, '92 B.Ed Sheryl Peltz has produced, directed, and worked on 10 school theatre productions and has performed in three plays at the Winnipeg Fringe Festival.

'89 BA Ronald Hiller is a computer support technician with the River East Transcona School Division. Ronald was married in 2005.

### 1990s

'90 BA Gayle Hryshko was appointed to the 2006 board of directors in charge of membership for the Claims Association of Manitoba.

'90 BA Charles Loewen is CEO of Loewen Windows in Steinbach, MB. He received the 2006 Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters Manitoba Export Award on February 16, 2006, recognizing his accomplishments and innovations in the global marketplace, the employment of more than 1700 people, as well as the improvement of systems and products.

'90 BA Burke Toews is married and has two boys. Burke has been living in Japan for 15 years. He is teaching and coaching at an International School in Kobe.

'91 BA (Hons.) John Alho was appointed Associate Vice-President (External) of the University of Manitoba this year.

'91 B.Ed. Mohamad Aziman Abu Samah is vice-principal of a secondary school in Malaysia. Currently, he is pursuing a master's program in principalship at the University of Malaya.

'91 BA Rev. Dr. Robert C. Fennell has been appointed as Assistant Professor, Systematic and Historical Theology (United Church of Canada) at the Atlantic School of Theology effective August 1, 2006. Robert is the editor of a forthcoming special edition of The Toronto Journal of Theology entitled *Love and Freedom: Essays in Honour of Harold G. Wells*, co-edited with David Zub. He was also the editor of a Guide to *New and Renewed Worship*.

'92 B.Ed. Carol Westlund has retired from the Winnipeg School Division, following a 20-year career at various schools within the division. Carol also taught in Regina and Saskatoon, as well as the St. James Assiniboia School Division in Winnipeg.

'92 DCE Wendy Phaneuf was awarded the 2006 Manitoba Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Award (Home Enterprise). Her company, The Training Source, is a market leader in training, coaching, and organizational development.

'92 B.Ed. Connie Wyatt has been involved in a variety of education-related projects in Manitoba. She has been writer/researcher of a school-initiated course, S4 World Aboriginal Issues, for the Opaskwayak Educational Authority and is a member of the provincial curricular development team, S2 geography. She was also the Manitoba Lesson Writer for the "On-Line Atlas of Canada" project, a member of the provincial curriculum development team for S1 social studies, a writer for Prentice Hall-Ginn Canada, and a contributing writer of the Teacher's Guide for Geographic Issues in the 21st Century, the required text for S1 Geography in Manitoba.

'93 BA (Hons.) Karla Hilton is Producer of CBC Radio's morning show in Ottawa, Ottawa Morning.

'93 B.Sc. 4-yr. Craig Hepworth earned a Certified Management Accounting (CMA) designation in 2000. Married to Lynn with three boys (twins Reid and Thomas, two and a half, and Daniel, two months), Craig is a senior manager and officer

40 BA Gudrun J.B. Parker was named an Officer of the Order of Canada, recognizing her contributions in the world of film and the arts.

'43 BA Margaret "Peggy" Sanders was named a Member of the Order of Canada, recognizing her contributions of voluntary service to the community.

of Wilson Auto Electric in Winnipeg. Craig keeps busy with his family and participates in various indoor and outdoor activities.

'93 BA Kevin Longfield produced the play, *Welded*, for the 2006 O'Neillfest. His daughter directed the play and a number of current students from The University of Winnipeg were cast members.

'93 BA Christopher Knowles received his Certified General Accountant (CGA) designation in 2003.

'94 BA Garth A. Buchholz and his wife, Helen, adopted their first child in January 2006 from Hunan province in China. Garth is the Corporate Web Manager for the City of Winnipeg and does Web consulting work as a certified usability analyst. Garth is a board member of The University of Winnipeg's Global College.

'94 BA Gavin Johnson is a language instructor in South Korea at Keimyung University.

'94 Susan Wipf is currently attending the University of Manitoba to complete her Bachelor of Social Work.

'95 BA Barbara (Buchanan) Pavlich is the senior regional site manager at Johnson & Johnson in Louisiana, monitoring clinical research trials to ensure patient safety and adherence to good clinical practices.

'95 BA (Hons.) Corey Redekop is studying at the University of Western Ontario. He graduated from the University of New Brunswick in 2002 with a law degree and is currently seeking a Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS). His first novel, *Shelf Monkey*, will be published in 2007 by ECW Press.

'96 BA Melina Chohan received a Juris Doctorate in 2001 from the Law School at the University of North Dakota. Melina clerked for a Minnesota judge for two years, and was called to the Minnesota bar in 2004.

'96 BA, The Collegiate '93 Deane Lam went to study in San Francisco in 2003 with her fiancé, Quintin Lam. They returned to Macau, China and were married on May 21, 2006.

'96 BA Graham Lane is chairperson of the 2006 board of directors of St. Amant, a comprehensive resource for Manitobans with developmental disabilities.

'94 LLD Lorna R. Marsden was named a Member of the Order of Canada, recognizing her contributions to administration in education.

'02 D.Litt. Wanda Koop was named a Member of the Order of Canada, recognizing her contributions in the field of visual arts.

## CALL TO ALUMNI ARTISTS

Are you a practicing professional artist? Gallery 1C03 is planning an exhibition of alumni art for late summer/early fall of 2007 as part of the University's 40th anniversary celebrations. For information on how to submit your work for consideration, contact University Art Curator Jennifer Gibson at 204.786.9253 or [j.gibson@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:j.gibson@uwinnipeg.ca) before February 1, 2007.

## ALUMNI HONOURED

THE 2006 ORDER OF CANADA



'96 B.Sc. 4-yr. **Christopher Wiebe** is a professor at Florida State University. His website (<http://neutron.magnet.fsu.edu/>) demonstrates the work he and his team are doing in the field of physics. Christopher received his master's degree and doctorate from McMaster University. Christopher and his wife, Angela, live in Tallahassee, FL.

'97 BA **Curtis Chiborak** is employed in administration at Pointe West Collision Centre in Winnipeg.

'97 BA (Hons.) **Gary Kuchar** is assistant professor of English at the University of Victoria. He published a book in 2005, titled *Divine Subjection: The Rhetoric of Sacramental Devotion in Early Modern England* (Duchesne UP).

'98 B.Sc., '99 BA **Jonathan B. Syms** received his MD at Queen's University in 2004. He is Chief Resident at Kingston General Hospital in Kingston, ON, and will complete his emergency room training next year.

'99 BA **Tehani Jainarine** is a multiculturalism consultant with the Province of Manitoba's labour and immigration multiculturalism secretariat. Tehani is also a current member of the City of Winnipeg Citizen's Equity Committee and a volunteer at Siloam Mission.



'99 BA, '98 B.Sc. **Jonathan Bjorn Syms** completed an MD at Queens University in 2004. Following his residency in family medicine, he is now Chief Resident for his final year in Emergency Room Medicine in Kingston, ON.

## 2000s

'00 B.Ed., '95 The Collegiate **Erin Terhoch Harris** is a Grade 5/6 teacher at Salisbury Morse Place School. Currently Erin is on maternity leave, enjoying life with her husband, Jim, daughter, Emma, and new baby, Nate, who was born in September 2005.

'00 B.Sc. 4-yr. **Don Lavallee** was employed as a meteorological observer in Eureka, Nunavut at the Eureka Weather Station. His three-month tour of duty included travel, sightseeing, and exploration of the High Arctic.

'00 B.Sc. **Errol Pitts** graduated from the University of Manitoba in 2003. He then taught for a year in the Northwest Territories, and also taught English

as a Second Language in South Korea. He has also taught in Winnipeg at the Adult Education Centre. Errol is planning to pursue a master's degree at the University of Manitoba.

'01 BA, '04 B.Ed. **Kerry (Williams) Kutcher** is teaching Grade 6 French Immersion at Ecole Sacré-Coeur in Winnipeg.

'02 BA (Hons.) **Melanie Brouzes** is a writer/director. She is the drama resource coordinator at the Manitoba Theatre for Young People. In 2005, Melanie directed *Ruth & Robert & Robert & Ruth* for FemFest. This year, Melanie's play, *A Very Polite Genocide or The Girl Who Fell to Earth* was developed under a grant from the Manitoba Arts Council. It was presented by Toronto's Factory Theatre in April. A segment of the play was also presented as part of Sarasvati Theatre's International Women's Week Cabaret in March 2006.

'02 **Julia P. Allen** graduated with a Bachelor of Midwifery (BMW) from the University of British Columbia.

'03 BA, DCE '03 **Stephanie Dela Fuente** is a staffing specialist for special projects at Google, Inc. in California.

'03 BA 4-yr. **Kevin Beilman** is a data and communications specialist with the Manitoba Conservation Fire Program.

'03 B.Ed. **Susanna Kolbe** is teacher of German and English as an Additional Language (EAL) with the Garden Valley School Division in Winkler, MB.

'03 BA **Lisa Harrower-Smeets** was deployed overseas from September 2003 to March 2004.

'03 BA (Hons.) **Julia P. Allen** graduated from the University of British Columbia with a Bachelor of Midwifery (BMW).

'04 BA **Kerr Kyle** is currently working as a Human Resources Generalist dealing specifically with Staffing and Staff Relations in the Nunavut Regional Office - Indian & Northern Affairs Canada in Iqaluit, NU. Employment Equity is her main focus, ensuring employment opportunities for Nunavut Land Claims beneficiaries are as legislated under Article 23 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement.

'04 BA (Hons.) **Jennifer Villaverde** won one of the coveted spots in Toronto's *Soulpepper* Theatre inaugural academy program. She will study and

work for two years under the direction of the staff of *Soulpepper*, the fast-growing and constantly admired classical theatre company.

The academy is housed in a new \$15 million state-of-the-art facility called the Young Centre for the Performing Arts, co-owned by *Soulpepper* and George Brown Community College. Shows take place year-round, with nine shows annually.

'05 BA **Deniz Ayla Izzet** is moving to Toronto in September 2006, to attend Humber College for the Journalism Accelerated program. Deniz was selected from over 200 applicants; only 55 applicants in total were accepted into the highly competitive Journalism program.



'06 MA (Joint with University of Manitoba) **Olga Regehr**, now over 70, was proud to receive her degree in History at Autumn Convocation, 2006.

## UWINNIPEG'S ROWED SCHOLARSHIP: NEARLY \$4,000 RAISED FOR CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY

At the annual Dragon Boat Races held September 8, 9, and 10, 2006, UWinnipeg's dragon boat team the Rowed Scholar Ship raised nearly \$4,000 for cancer care and research. More than 20 University of Winnipeg faculty and staff took part in the fundraiser, including these alumni paddlers:

Allan Appel, BA (Hons.) '71  
Colin Russell, BA (Hons.) '90, B.Ed. '99  
Annette Elvers, BA (Hons.) '93  
Lisa-Marie Stefaniw, BA '98  
Kevin Joseph Lamoureux, BA '03

Snow, sun, and celebrations—that's what it's all about on January 5, 2007 at The University of Winnipeg. Join us as we kick off a year of exciting activities for our 40th anniversary as a University and 136 years of excellence. Our downtown campus will become a winter wonderland full of fun for alumni, students, faculty, staff, and friends. Outdoor activities will include snowman building and street hockey. Then, when it's time to warm-up, the winter fun goes indoors where there will be entertainment for the whole family. Everyone is welcome to attend this free event. For details, visit [www.uwinnipeg.ca](http://www.uwinnipeg.ca)

## IN MEMORIAM

COMPILED BY: Marlene Laycock

'28 BA, **Maurice Henry** Head on April 12, 2006 at Kenora, ON

'30 The Collegiate, **Wilma (Everett) Hamilton** on March 7, 2005 at Winnipeg, MB

'33 Assoc. Alumna **Margaret L. MacDonald** on April 22, 2006 at Winnipeg, MB

'34 BA, **Gladys (Walker) Halstead**, at Ottawa, ON

'34 Collegiate **Harry Everett** on May 27, 2006 in Winnipeg, MB

'35 BA, **Jessie Ostaff** on August 2, 2005 at Winnipeg, MB

'36 BA, '33 The Collegiate, **Wesley Nixon** in March, 2005

'36 United College, **Freda Marion Taylor** on July 25, 2006 in Winnipeg, MB

'37 BA, **Ian David Sinclair**, OC, QC on April 7, 2006 at Oakville, ON

'37 BA, **Birdie (Fox) Smurlick** on December 17, 2005 at Hamilton, ON

'38 BA, **Marjorie (Judy) Hay** on April 2, 2006 at Winnipeg, MB

'39 BA, **Rev. Sidney Reginald Vincent** on August 4, 2006 at Medicine Hat, AB

'40 The Collegiate, **Mary Elizabeth (Bette) (Laidlaw) McPhillips** on March 9, 2006 at Winnipeg, MB

'40 Theology, '41 BD, **Charles Douglas Rupp** on May 18, 1980 at Balmoral, MB

'41 BA, **Robert James Dupuis** on April 7, 2003, at Fortuna, CA

'43 The Collegiate **Helen (Zuke) Foster** on February 25, 2006 at Winnipeg, MB

'45 The Collegiate, **Violet Eleanor (Price) Langrell** on March 2, 2006 at Warren, MB

'46 Assoc. Alumnus, '42 The Collegiate, **Richard Waugh** on November 3, 2005 at Langley, BC

'46 BA, '49 T, '71 BD, '71 DD, '84 M.Div., **Roy Wilson** on December 26, 2005 at Toronto, ON

'47 BA, **Royden F. Lee**, former member of the Board of Regents on February 24, 2006 at Winnipeg, MB

'48 The Collegiate, **Dr. Henry T. Dirks** on April 11, 2006 at Winnipeg, MB

'48 BA, **Bernice (Olmstead) Parker** on May 26, 2006 at Winnipeg, MB

'48 BA, **Gordon Erskine Pilkey** on April 7, 2006 at Winnipeg, MB

'49 BA, **Harry Kohm** on February 8, 2006 at Winnipeg, MB

'49 BA, **Gordon Craigie Parks**, QC on February 28, 2006 at Clearwater Beach, FA

'50 The Collegiate, **Irving Averbach** on January 18, 2006 at Vancouver, BC

'50 BA, **Barbara (Greenfield) Vogt** on March 13, 2006 at Vancouver, BC

'51 BA, **Dorothy Hersom**

'58 BA, **William Alfred George Porter** on March 9, 2006 at Toronto, ON

'58 The Collegiate, **Donald White** on April 19, 2006 at Winnipeg, MB

'59 The Collegiate, **Brian James Hyslop** on May 3, 2006 at Winnipeg, MB

'59 BA, **Frank K. Jakobsh** on October 3, 1998 at Waterloo, ON

'59 BA, '40 The Collegiate, LLD '76, **Duncan James Je ssiman**, QC on April 19, 2006 at Vancouver, BC

'59 BA, '56 The Collegiate, **Donald McEwan Shepherd** on January 3, 2005 at Toronto, ON

'61 BA, **Jack Douglas Armstrong** on August 19, 2006 in Winnipeg, MB

'62 BA, '58 The Collegiate, retired Faculty Member, **Manly Norman Spigelman** on May 5, 2006 at Saanich, BC

'63 BA, **Lyle T. McCullough** on December 17, 2001 at Winnipeg, MB

'63 The Collegiate, **Gilbert Nordin** on December 29, 2003 at Winnipeg, MB

'63 BA, **Geoffrey Spurll** in 1988 at Toronto, ON

'64 BA, **Bhagirath (Bob) "Bhaggie" Sookram** on September 27, 2001 at Winnipeg, MB

'65 B.Sc., **Frank Siba**

'65 BA, **Anne Sucharov**

'67 B.Sc., **Janice Marion Hoddinott** on June 18, 2006 in Winnipeg, MB

'68 BA, **Nell Owens** on May 13, 2006 at Portage la Prairie, MB

'70 BA (Hons.), **Donald David Gudz** on May 28, 2006 in Winnipeg, MB

'70 BA, **Robert Charles Kenal** on December 19, 2005 at Winnipeg, MB

'73 BA, **John Erickson** on January 21, 2006 at Winnipeg, MB

'73 BA, **John Kenny** on May 27, 2006 at Winnipeg, MB

'73 B.Sc., **Barry Claire Morgan** on January 23, 2006 at Winnipeg, MB

'73 BA, **E. Lucille Walterson**

'73 BA, **Robert Stanley McVety** on August 30, 2006 at Winnipeg, MB

'74 BA, **Gerald Clifford Brown** in 1997

'74 The Collegiate, **Rosalind Faulkner (Curry) Hudson** on December 8, 2005 at Winnipeg, MB

'74 BA, **Clinton Jolliffe Wheeler** on April 30, 2003 at Winnipeg, MB

'74 BA, **Eva (Wharran) Wolfe** on December 30, 2005

'75 BA (Hons.), **David Petz** on January 12, 2006 at Winnipeg, MB

'76 BA, **Wayne Walter Koley** on June 19, 2006 at Victoria, BC

'78 BA, **Nell Kozoriz** on January 29, 2006 at Winnipeg, MB

'78 B.Ed., **Allan Raymond Sayak** on February 22, 2006 at Winnipeg, MB

'80 B.Ed., **Thomas Douglas Bender** on January 22, 2006 at Winnipeg, MB

'82 BA, **Arnold Kirsch** on June 16, 2001 at Winnipeg, MB

'83 BA, **Sherman Paskov** on March 17, 2006 at Winnipeg, MB

'84 BA, **Karen Knapp** on May 23, 2006 in Winnipeg, MB

'86 BA, **James Clarence Hagan** on November 10, 2005 at Thompson, MB

'86 BA, **Peter John Watson** on January 15, 2006 at Winnipeg, MB

'86 BA, **Mary-Anne Schreiber**

'87 BA, **Moir Jean Henderson** on February 12, 2006 at Winnipeg, MB

'89 BA, **Eleanor Chapman** on April 20, 2006 at Winnipeg, MB

'90 B.Ed., **Alice Emily (Bullee) Kionke** on January 4, 2006

'91 BA, **Brenda Maureen (Swintak) Hoffman** on May 3, 2006 at Vancouver, BC

'94 HD, **Tony Tascona** on May 28, in Winnipeg, MB

'01 B.Sc. 4-yr., **Martin Kienetz** on October 13, 2004 at Edmonton AB

The University of Winnipeg would also like to honour several important members of the University community who have passed away:

**Zoe Goldstein**, current student and staff member at The University of Winnipeg Faculty & Staff Club, June 2006.

**Margaret Kellas**, member of The University of Winnipeg Women's Auxiliary and active volunteer with the Alumni Association

**Wilma Kern**, member of the Board of Regents from 1979 – 1980, January 2006

**Dr. Herbert Mays**, professor, administrator, and Fellow of United College '02 on October 27, 2006.

**Walter Seier**, retired staff member on November 23, 2005 at Vancouver, BC

## FUN IN THE WINTER SUN AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG!

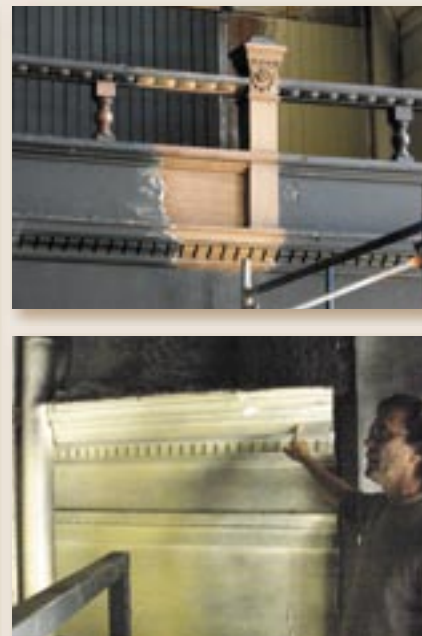


## LOOKING BACK

TEXT: Annette Elvers, BA (Hons.) '93 PHOTOS: Annette Elvers, BA (Hons.) '93 and Ilana Simon, BA '84  
Rendering by Corbett Cibinel Architects

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

## HISTORY REBORN: Convocation Hall



The Spring/Summer issue of the *Alumni Journal* featured Convocation Hall—its history and the many roles it played in the lives of students, faculty, and staff. Lecture hall, chapel, dining hall, boxing ring, dance hall, and theatre—Convocation Hall has been all these and more. Constructed in the late 1800s, this room at the heart of historic Wesley Hall has a proud history of service to the University community, but has long been in need of attention. Now, work has begun to restore Convocation Hall to its former beauty. Featured above is a rendering showing how Convocation Hall might appear when restoration is complete.

Careful work by restorers has removed layers of paint and revealed the beauty of the original paneling and carvings. Evaluation of the uncovered layers will determine the original state of the woodwork—was it painted, stained, or varnished? And if it was painted, what colour was it?

If you have stories or reminiscences about stories, photos, or reminiscences about Convocation Hall, contact the Alumni Office at the address on page 29.

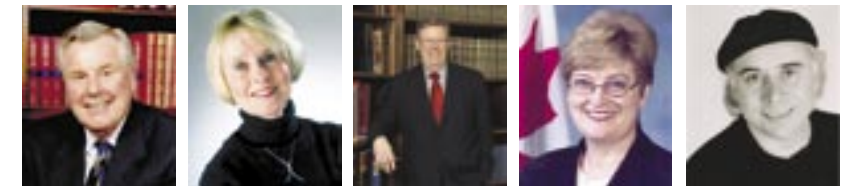
# CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD



**Dr. Rayleen De Luca**  
(Class of 1979) became the newest recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award at Autumn Convocation on Sunday, October 15, 2006. Watch for a feature about Rayleen in our next issue!

*From healthcare and politics to arts and culture, UWinnipeg's Distinguished Alumni Award winners have one thing in common: they're known for excellence, in everything they do.*

*The University of Winnipeg Distinguished Alumni Award, established in 1990, honours our graduates for outstanding achievements, whether it be in their professions, community service work, or contributions to University life. Do you know of a University of Winnipeg alumnus/a who should be recognized? Contact the Alumni Office at the address below, or visit <http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/alumni-criteria> to learn more about the criteria for this important award.*



The Honourable Sterling R. Lyon, PC, QC, OM

Shirley L. Render

Raymond L. McFeetors

Kathleen Margaret Bloodworth

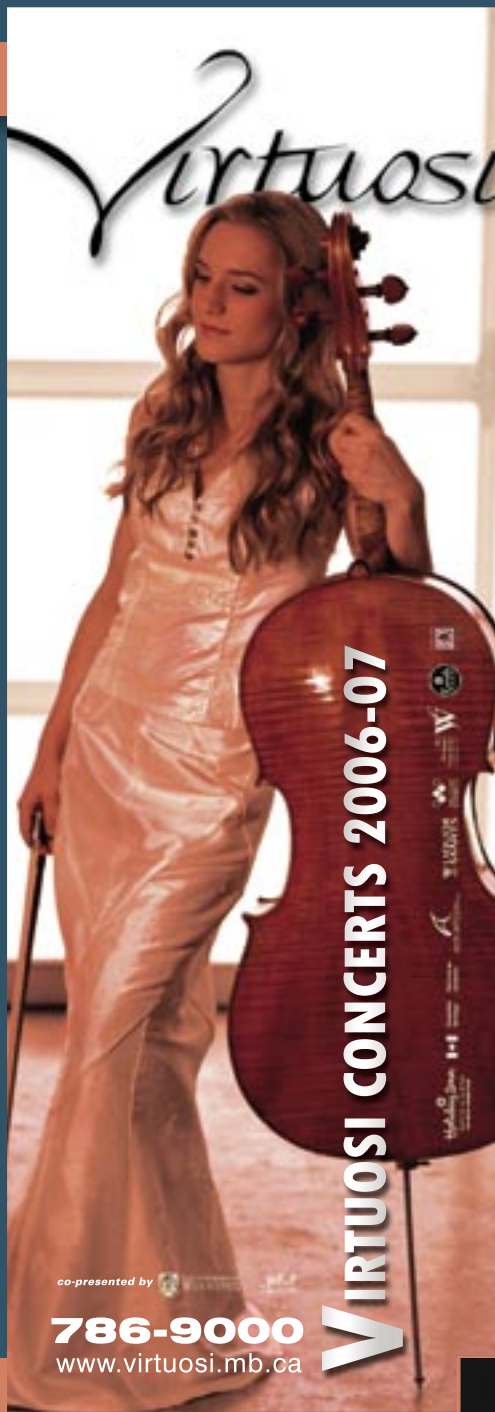
Sheldon Oberman

### UWINNIPEG'S DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS:

- 2006 - John Krahn
- 2005 - Raymond L. McFeetors
- 2005 - Shirley L. Render
- 2004 - The Honourable Sterling R. Lyon, PC, QC, OM
- 2004 - Sheldon Oberman
- 2003 - Dr. Thomas Axworthy, OC
- 2003 - Larry Wilbert Desrochers
- 2002 - Kathleen Margaret Bloodworth
- 2002 - Waldron N. Fox-Decent, CM, OM
- 2001 - Guy Arthur Maddin
- 2000 - Katherine Patricia M. Barber
- 2000 - Dr. John McNeil Langstaff
- 1999 - Lindor Marion Rose Reynolds
- 1999 - The Honourable P. Colleen Suche, QC
- 1998 - Dr. Jack D. Armstrong, CM
- 1998 - Joanne DiCosimo
- 1997 - Dr. Arthur Kazumi Miki, CM
- 1996 - Dr. Ruth M. Brend
- 1996 - Dr. Bill James Richardson
- 1995 - Dr. Fred Ralph C. Penner, CM
- 1994 - Dr. Lloyd Axworthy, PC, OC, OM
- 1994 - Dr. William Norrie, CM, OM, QC
- 1992 - Dr. A. Gerald Bedford
- 1990 - Delza Longman



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Saturday, September 16, 8pm

**SHAUNA ROLSTON & HEATHER SCHMIDT**, cello & piano

Saturday, October 7, 8pm

**SONIA CHAN**, piano

Saturday, November 4, 8pm

**STEVEN DANN & RENA SHARON**, viola & piano

Saturday, November 11, 8pm

**VOGLER STRING QUARTET & IAN PARKER**, piano

Sunday, November 19, 1:30pm

**DENISE DJOKIC & DAVID JALBERT**, cello & piano

Saturday, December 9, 8pm

**PAPA MAMBO & ALMA PETCHERSKY**, piano

Saturday, January 7, 8pm

**LI WANG**, piano

Saturday, February 24, 8pm

**GRYPHON TRIO & BARRY SHIFFMAN**, violin

Saturday, March 10, 8pm

**MONTREAL GUITAR TRIO**

Saturday, March 24, 8pm

**PENDERECKI STRING QUARTET  
& DANIEL BOLSHOY**, classical guitar

Saturday, March 31, 8pm

**THE ALEXANDER TSELYAKOV PIANO STUDIO**

Saturday, April 14, 8pm

**LAFAYETTE STRING QUARTET**

*All Concerts In Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall with the "Ashkenazy Steinway"*

**April 30-May 5**

The Mozart Piano Trios

**Gryphon Trio**

**mozart&more '07**

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