



# A World of Opportunity

## Collegiate Campaign News



FOR DONORS AND FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG COLLEGIATE

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## Making a Difference for Collegiate Students

**D**ear Friends and Supporters,

A year after our November 2007 Campaign launch, I am pleased to say that we are making steady progress towards our \$5 million Collegiate Campaign goal. With the support of our generous donors, we are over halfway there.

Our students continue to benefit as The Collegiate implements its plans to upgrade facilities and increase student financial support through building educational endowment funds. The past months have been especially busy as the first class of Grade 9 students was welcomed, administration offices moved, classrooms outfitted with improved equipment, and new courses implemented. Much has already been accomplished to address present and future needs.

Successfully meeting new challenges and continuing to grow are key to The Collegiate's reputation for excellence. To ensure that we offer students the best possible learning environment, we aim to achieve our Campaign goal.

I sincerely thank all of you who have already contributed to the Campaign. Your support is appreciated! I am asking each of you who have not yet made your Campaign gift to consider your commitment to The Collegiate. Each gift, large or small, makes a difference in the lives of our students.

With your help, The Collegiate can continue its proud tradition of offering an extraordinary educational experience to students who, without financial assistance, would never have the opportunity.

With appreciation,

Jim MacDonald, Coll. '64  
Chair, Collegiate Campaign



Photos: M. Wiebe



TOP: WESLEY HALL ON A BRILLIANT FALL DAY.  
BOTTOM: STUDENTS MICAH ERENBERG, KATHLEEN ZAWALY AND MEGHAN SHAW ON THE STEPS OF WESLEY HALL.



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# A Message from Dean Rob Bend

## Exciting New Learning Environment

The beginning of this school year has been one of the busiest on record. The extensive renovations to the interior of Wesley Hall are almost complete and a few weeks ago, we bid farewell to the contractors and began to make use of the wonderful facilities they have constructed for us.

The renovated classrooms and offices will not mark the end of the improvements in Wesley Hall, rather, they will become the foundation for a host of future improvements. We have launched a long-term plan that will guide us through multi-faceted physical improvements for Collegiate facilities.

We are in the process of transforming all of our classrooms into SMART classrooms, complete with LCD projectors and instructor podiums that will facilitate the more efficient integration of web-based instructional materials and student multi-media projects into our classes.

We will upgrade our science labs by moving into vacated lab space in Manitoba Hall when construction is completed on the



DEAN ROB BEND

Richardson College of the Environment. In preparation for this move, we have relocated Tony's Café back to its original site in the old physics lab on the lower level. When our new labs open in Manitoba Hall, we will have state of the art lab facilities and an expanded Tony's Café will resume its historic role as a meeting place for students and faculty.

In addition, we are planning a significant upgrade and expansion of locker space adjacent to Tony's Café and along the hallways leading past the Tutorial Room all the way to Sparling Hall. The end result will be a completely renovated lower level that will better meet students' needs.

Improvements to the hallways and classrooms in Wesley Hall will help us create and maintain an enriched environment that supports the exceptional learning that occurs in Collegiate classes.

It is a dynamic and exciting time for us at The Collegiate. If you would like to see what has already been accomplished and what we have planned for the future, please contact us and we can arrange a tour at a time that is convenient for you.

COLLEGIATE REPRESENTATIVES AT PRESIDENT'S GALA DINNER 2008: STANDING, L TO R: COLLEGIATE STUDENTS COLBY DEIGHTON; ANNE LLEWELLIN; KYRA LEIB; RUTH SANGALANG. SEATED: COLLEGIATE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER MONICA DINNEY; DEAN ROB BEND; ASSOCIATE DEAN CLAUDE GARAND.



Photos: N. Kampen

ON OCTOBER 18, 2008, THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG COLLEGIATE MODEL SCHOOL WELCOMED CANADIAN ENTERTAINER AND PHILANTHROPIST DR. TOM JACKSON TO WESLEY HALL. JACKSON IS THE 2008 RECIPIENT OF THE UNIVERSITY'S DUFF ROBLIN AWARD, A WINNIPEG HONORARY DOCTORATE RECIPIENT, AND SPOKESPERSON FOR THE OPPORTUNITY FUND.



## STUDENT PROFILE

### Collegiate Prime Minister Kathleen Zawaly

Collegiate Prime Minister Kathleen Zawaly knows first hand the transformative effect scholarships and bursaries can have on students wanting to pursue their dreams of attending The Collegiate.

“I received the Millenium Entrance Scholarship for this school year,” Zawaly said. “The scholarship made me want to come back to The Collegiate. Without it, that might not have been possible.”

Looking around the new offices at Wesley Hall, the Grade 12 student also remarked on the physical changes that have taken place at The Collegiate.

“The Collegiate was a crumbling castle that has developed into a kingdom,” she said. “We didn’t have classrooms when I started here, and now we have a new centre.”

Zawaly also mentioned how her role as Prime Minister has helped her grow on a personal level. “I’ve really developed into adulthood and feel more mature,” she said. “The Prime Minister position provided me with responsibility and I grew with it.”

The teachers at The Collegiate also helped her rise to the challenge. “The instructors let me know that I had big shoes to fill and demanded a lot,” she said. “But they are always there to support you.”

In the future, Zawaly hopes to do undergraduate work in the field of natural sciences and then pursue a PhD to do research on conservation and biodiversity.



KATHLEEN ZAWALY

## STAFF PROFILE

### Arlene Skihar



ARLENE SKIHAR

A familiar and friendly face in The Collegiate front office, Arlene Skihar has seen many positive changes on campus over the last few years.

“The renovations have come a long way,” Skihar said from her new office space in Wesley Hall. “It’s continually changing, but it’s nice to have a fresh start. We’re enjoying settling into the new space. We only moved in here in September and we’re still trying to make it cozy.”

Skihar added that a great new addition to The Collegiate had nothing to do with facilities and everything to do with students. “The creation of the Grade 9 program was a welcome addition to The Collegiate,” she says of the program that began with Fall 2008 classes.

Asked about the best part of her job, Skihar didn’t hesitate in her response. “Hands down, the number one thing is contact with the students,” she said. “The students make the darkest day brighter and fill the building with energy, laughter, and beauty.”

The feeling is obviously reciprocal, judging from the steady stream of students coming into her office to ask questions, share a laugh, or just chat. Skihar enjoys the many roles she gets to play in helping students.

“My official title is office assistant. Unofficially, I wear many hats: personal counselor, nurse, mom. When I started working here, I was the older sister, then aunt and now mom,” she said with a laugh.

Skihar’s affection for The Collegiate and its students and staff is quite obvious. “The Collegiate is not about a building,” she said. “It’s about the attitudes and the energy of the students and the people who support and care about them.”

*Text and photos: Marshall Wiebe*

# Friends of The Collegiate: **Meet the Duffs**

**I**t is wonderful to meet the donors who support the many student awards, programs and facilities that are available to students entering The Collegiate or going on into post-secondary studies from The Collegiate.

As people who have given to the community throughout their adult lives, Professor James and Mrs. Lillian Duff have chosen to make their gifts in many areas of need at both The Collegiate and The University of Winnipeg.

Much of Lillian's work and support was offered through the Women's Auxiliary, which, during its time of active membership, held many a fundraiser to accumulate over \$220,000 in endowed funds for The University of Winnipeg. Lillian enjoyed the close friendships made through working with other volunteers in their efforts to raise funds to support both today's students and future students.

Because the school holds a special place in his memories and he benefited very much from his time at The Collegiate, Professor Duff felt it was important to offer financial support for Collegiate students.

"My aunt Jessie was very keen on education," he explains. "She encouraged me to obtain my Grade 12 at The Collegiate (known as United College at that time) and she helped me financially," he said, noting that when he graduated from Daniel Mac High School in 1938, Grade 11 was the highest grade offered. It was his experience at The Collegiate – including taking classes from the newly graduated physics teacher and future University of Winnipeg President, Harry Duckworth – that laid the foundation for his future career. "Professor Duckworth was a great instructor," he says. "Studying with him inspired me to get a science degree."

James Duff went on to graduate from the University of Manitoba in 1943. He then served during World War II with the Royal Signals, after which he took his Master's degree in education in Minnesota. In 1946, he took his first teaching position at United College, and students benefited for the next 37 years from Professor Duff's teaching career.

Retired and living comfortably in their family home in the Wolseley neighbourhood, the Duffs continue to remain involved in their community and church and maintain many friendships from their time with the University and Collegiate. The Duffs like to keep in touch with their friends – Jean Bedford, the Duckworths, the Bulmans and others. Jim fondly recalls his curling days with UWinnipeg Professors Gerald Bedford, Carl Ridd, and Burt Mays. He still enjoys getting out twice a week to the Granite to curl with his current team, the Senators.

While the Duffs support many good causes, they feel a special affinity in helping students. "Three of our four children are in fact University of Winnipeg graduates," says Lillian Duff, who was herself educated as a nurse and whose son graduated as a doctor. "James and I both agree that our family as a whole has been fortunate in gaining an education and we're grateful for that. We were all helped by others – we're just passing it along," says Lillian.

For that commitment, and for leading by example in teaching others how to give, The University of Winnipeg Foundation and students of The Collegiate and University are deeply grateful.

*Text: Monica Dinney and Nadine Kampen*



**MRS. LILLIAN DUFF AND PROFESSOR JAMES DUFF**

*Photo: N. Kampen*

# “Thank you, Leonard Asper”

The University of Winnipeg Foundation, expressing views shared with The University of Winnipeg and Collegiate communities, extends thanks to Collegiate graduate (Class of '82) and founding Board member Leonard Asper for his time, commitment and generosity.

“Leonard Asper served as a volunteer on the Board of the Foundation for five years, from 2003 to 2008. His leadership and service on the Board is greatly appreciated,” says University Chancellor and Foundation Board Chair H. Sanford Riley. At its September 2008 meeting, Foundation members had an opportunity to personally thank Leonard for his dedication to accomplishing the extraordinary and turning dreams to reality through his service on the Board and support for ‘A World of Opportunity’ Capital Campaign.

University of Winnipeg Foundation President and CEO Susan Thompson recalls the excitement when Asper approached the podium at a University news conference on December 12, 2006. “He came forward as President and CEO of Canwest Global Communications, and the audience sensed the magnitude of his announcement. Leonard Asper indeed brought extraordinary and welcome news.”

Canwest Global, Asper announced, had made a corporate gift of \$3 million – the largest corporate gift in The University of Winnipeg’s history – for a new centre for theatre and film, improving an already outstanding theatre and film department at the University, but one in critical need of state-of-the-art



LEONARD ASPER RECEIVES FOUNDATION APPRECIATION AWARD FROM SANDY RILEY AND SUSAN THOMPSON IN SEPTEMBER 2008.

facilities. “We at Canwest believe that arts are the soul of the community, and we are proud to be part of this dynamic project,” Asper said.

The new Canwest Centre for Theatre and Film, with construction and interior renovations nearly completed, includes a 120-170 seat flexible theatre and modern facilities for lighting, sound, and film and media production, in addition to housing acting and rehearsal studios, and spaces for training students in costuming, make-up, stagecraft and property-construction.

In addition to the Canwest corporate donation, Asper also made a personal contribution to The Collegiate, creating an endowed bursary fund to assist Collegiate students in financial need.

“We deeply appreciated the unprecedented corporate gift to establish the Canwest Centre for Theatre and Film and his personal gift to support our Collegiate students,” said University President Axworthy.

“On a personal level, Leonard’s gifts of time and energy and resources demonstrate the vision and quality of character we appreciate about this man,” said Campaign Chair R.M. (Bob) Bob Kozminski. “Thank you, Leonard Asper. You achieved the extraordinary through your commitment to our Board, to The Collegiate, and to this Campaign.”

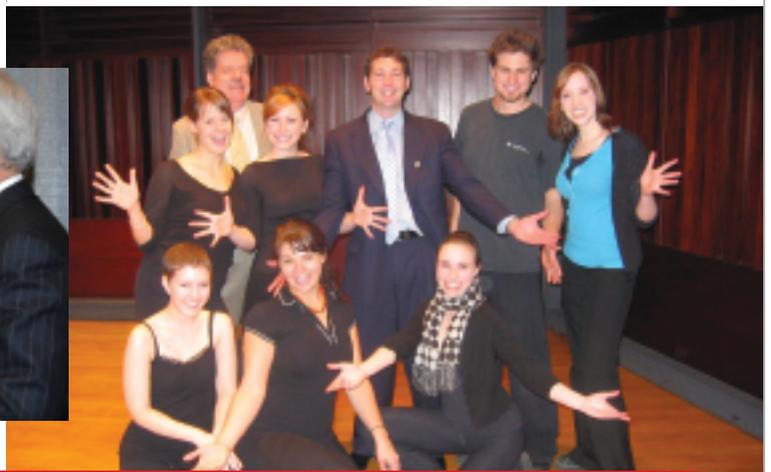
*Text: Nadine Kampen*

RIGHT: LEONARD ASPER, BOB KOZMINSKI

FAR RIGHT: LEONARD ASPER AND STUDENTS AT 2006 ANNOUNCEMENT OF \$3 MILLION GIFT TO ESTABLISH THE CANWEST CENTRE FOR THEATRE AND FILM.



Photos: J. Walker (top); N. Kampen



## On Transformation

# To Be a Lion

Text: Collegiate Student Meghan Shaw

**M**y earliest thought upon hearing the word “transformation” was “oh, like a butterfly!” How tragically unoriginal a comparison. The grievances thrust upon our youth in these transformative years associated with this horrid beast have shadowed us far too long. As expected, we are changing, undergoing a metamorphosis as it were, but is it too much to ask that we be lions? Eagles? I’d take an antelope if I could, especially in the context of our last year, with school, scores, and university applications as heavy on our hearts as a lead pipe on our heads.

Though changes are essential, they can just as well be fleeting and overall inconsequential; tans fade, acne clears, and if you really imagine that you’ve “grown up,” just wait until tomorrow. Essentially, it’s simpler just to recognize that with every moment we are changing, rather than lead ourselves to believe that some

day we’re to wake up and find wings protruding from our backs, like some golden epiphany. Quite frankly, I’d rather be a praying mantis; just so we’re clear, the females of some butterfly species lack wings, so that their motor skills are limited to crawling. Not so pretty now, are we?

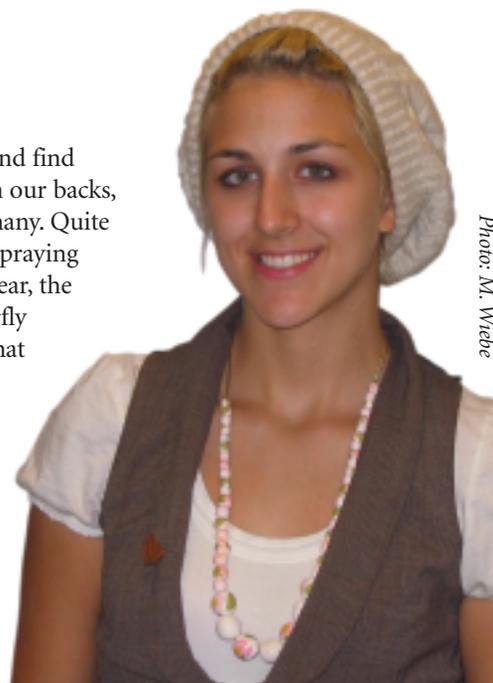


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MEGHAN SHAW

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### Take Part in The Collegiate Campaign!

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# \$250,000 Gift to Dean's Bursary Fund

A generous anonymous donor has given a huge boost to the Dean's Bursary Fund by making a wonderful gift of \$250,000 this past August. Although not a Collegiate graduate, the donor is a very strong believer in the importance of education, and dedicated to helping young people in reaching their potential – this gift is one way of making this happen.

Without such committed and caring people in our community, the unique learning environment at The Collegiate would not be accessible to as many students as the 600 who are currently enrolled.

The Dean's Bursary Fund was established in honour of the former Dean of the Collegiate, Lorne Tomlinson, and supports talented students who may not otherwise have the opportunity to attend The Collegiate. Over the years, many students have benefitted from the generosity of all of the donors who support the fund, and have graduated and gone on to successful post-graduate studies and careers.

Each and every gift contributes to the goal of making a difference in the lives of the students the fund assists, and on behalf of these students, a big thank you to our donor of this extraordinary gift, and to all donors for their support!

*Text: Monica Dinney*



**YES!**

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