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## the Honour of Rhodes

Karlee Silver to study at Oxford University

by Annette Elvers, (in)edition Editor

Extraordinary student. Thorough researcher. Dedicated athlete. These are only a few of the words professors and coaches use to describe biochemistry student Karlee Silver.

After Saturday night's phone call to the Silver household announcing Karlee as UWinnipeg's newest recipient of one of the world's most prestigious scholarships, they can soon add "Rhodes Scholar" to the list.

Recipients of the Rhodes Scholarship—five from UWinnipeg in the past nine years—go on to study at Oxford University in England.

The Scholarship covers all the academic and related fees at Oxford while providing an annual allowance, currently about \$17,000 Cdn, for living expenses. While the Rhodes Scholarship typically provides for two years of study, it can be renewed for a third.

Starting in October, Karlee plans to pursue a Master of Science in biochemistry and immunology. "I'm interested in the treatment of incurable diseases," says Karlee. "I'm fascinated by the complexity of the body and being able to explain why things happen."

Originally planning to pursue her goals next year at a Canadian university, Karlee is excited about the prospect of studying at the highly respected English institution. "I'm completely thrilled," she says. "I can't begin to describe how it feels."

The Rhodes Scholarship was established in 1903 by Cecil Rhodes and has acquired an international reputation for the emphasis it places on both academic achievement and the potential for leadership across a wide variety of areas.

Throughout her studies at the University of Winnipeg Karlee has maintained an exceptional academic record, winning numerous awards and scholarships, including the Sir William Stephenson Scholarship and a Natural Science and Engineering Undergraduate Summer Research (NSERC) Award. Karlee has worked as a researcher in the Division of Neurovirology and Neurodegenerative Diseases, and in the University of Winnipeg biochemistry laboratory.

Any student will tell you it's not easy maintaining that kind of academic record. Add to that a grueling schedule of training and practise for an elite sport, and many students would crumble. Not Karlee. Rising at 6 a.m. for practice before her 8:30 classes, Karlee has excelled not only academically, but also as a highly competitive rower.

She has twice received the Province of Manitoba Order of Sport Excellence, has twice been the Winnipeg Rowing Club's Athlete of the Year, and has won two Sport Manitoba Scholarships. She has won four national titles, three gold medals, and numerous events in local regattas.

Throughout her studies Karlee has also found time for volunteer work, teaching piano, and working as a laboratory assistant. "I worked for professor Désirée Vanderwel, and the experience was incredible," said Karlee. The admiration was mutual. "I have absolutely no doubt that Karlee will achieve her goal of establishing a career in medical research," wrote Vanderwel in her recommendation letter for one of Karlee's numerous awards. "Wherever she goes, she will be a credit to the University of Winnipeg."



Rhodes Scholarships are awarded annually throughout the Commonwealth, the United States, and Europe. Each year, only three of these prestigious scholarships are allotted to the Western Region of Canada (Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba).

It is interesting to note that UWinnipeg, home to approximately 4% of the Western Region student population, has had five Rhodes Scholarship recipients in the past nine years.

**Karlee Silver '01**  
(biochemistry)

**David Selchen '97**  
(biology/psychology)

**Mark Matz '96**  
(classics)

**Claudia Hudspeth '93**  
(biology)

**Arash Abizadeh '92**  
(political science/economics)

*"Wherever she goes, she will be a credit to the University of Winnipeg."*

- Désirée Vanderwel



# Bridging the Gap

UWinnipeg students take part in a Mexican dance exchange  
by Annette Elvers, (in)edition Editor

*Natasha Torres-Garner and four classmates are going on a two-week trip to Mexico this winter. Mazatlan is probably best known for its luxurious resorts and pristine beaches, but these young women aren't heading south for the sun. This group of UWinnipeg students is going to Mexico to study.*

This March Natasha and her classmates, all students in the dance program offered jointly by the University of Winnipeg and the School of Contemporary Dancers, will be taking part in an exchange program with students from Mexico.

"This exchange means my opportunities as a dancer don't have to stop at the border," says Natasha, with an eye towards future work on an international level.

Mazatlan's Delfos Danza Contemporanie is scheduled to lead the exchange, sending five students to Winnipeg in early March. Those students will board with their UWinnipeg counterparts and attend classes here each day. In turn, University of Winnipeg students will attend classes in Mexico and board with their classmates for the final two weeks in March.

"Delfos was here performing this fall, and we started talking with the artistic director," said Faye Thomson, co-director of the School of Contemporary Dancers. "We found their dancers very strong, both artistically and technically. It was clear that their training was very complementary to ours." Through those discussions, the idea of an exchange was born.

Each year the School of Contemporary Dancers looks for ways for graduating students to take part in what Thomson calls a "bridging experience." This is typically an apprenticeship with a dance company that starts the transition from student to professional dancer.

While bridging is a long-standing practice at the school, this is the first time for an exchange with a company in Mexico.

"This is a very special experience because it offers not only great artistic diversity, but it will be a new experience culturally for both groups of students," says Thomson. "I think it's a fabulous opportunity."

Completely aside from obvious benefits of travelling to Mexico in March, Natasha says she's excited about exploring the style and techniques of the Mazatlan school. "Going on this exchange means I'll be able to learn things I might never have experienced any other way."

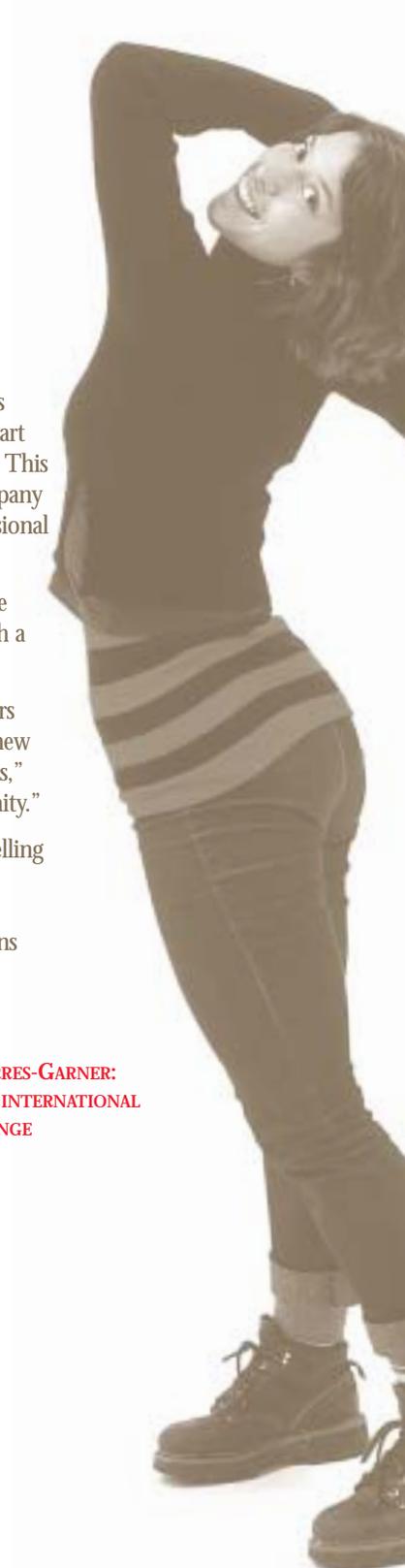
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DANCE EXCHANGE**

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# 2001 Continuing Scholarships

The University of Winnipeg Recognizes Excellence

by Annette Elvers, (in)edition Editor

On November 21, Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall was filled to capacity as the University honoured its outstanding continuing students at a scholarship event.

More than 40 students were awarded notable scholarships, including the Sir William Stephenson Scholarships (\$5,000 each), the Robert P. Purves Scholarship (\$1,875), the H.V. Rutherford scholarship (full tuition for one year), and the new Alberta Shearer Loeb Memorial Scholarship (\$6,000).

Ariel Zylberman received a total of four awards, including the Academic Proficiency Scholarship, the Dr. David Owen Memorial Scholarship in Philosophy, and the Churchill Scholarship. He was also one of two recipients of the prestigious Sir William Stephenson Scholarship.

Ariel says being honoured by the University in this way means a great deal to him. "It's important to me because it recognizes the work

I've been doing," said Ariel. "That recognition encourages me to persevere and take my studies further."

Ariel is enrolled in the Honours program in Philosophy at the University of Winnipeg. His special interest is in the medieval philosophers, particularly St. Augustine. Despite the fact that Ariel's mother tongue is Spanish—he only began learning English five years ago—this dedicated student is now teaching himself medieval Latin.

This year's second winner of the Sir William Stephenson Scholarship is Laura Kasian. Whether teaching children at the Math Museum, instructing adults at the Observatory, or participating in Physics conferences, Laura is well known for her enthusiasm for science, and her gift at sharing her knowledge.

In addition to numerous other scholarships Laura has earned throughout her time at the University of Winnipeg, she was also the sole recipient, amongst Manitoba's four universities,



**DR. CONSTANCE ROOKE CONGRATULATES SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT ARIEL ZYLBERMAN.**

of the extremely prestigious National Research Council's 2001 Award for Women in Engineering and Science.

Daniel Sean Fitzpatrick—winner of three awards, including the H.V. Rutherford Scholarship—points out that while it's a great honour to be recognized, his scholarships are also providing a much-needed financial boost. "I wouldn't be able to be here if it wasn't for the scholarships," said Daniel.

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*"There is more to life than increasing its speed."*

- Ghandi

## Faculty of Theology Hosts Centring Prayer Retreats

by Patti Clark, University Relations Development Officer

"There is more to life than increasing its speed."

These words on the wall of a Theology classroom express a philosophy that seems at odds with the frenetic pace of our western way of life. But since September 2000, the Faculty of Theology has been helping students, staff, and faculty slow down through its Centring Prayer Program.

Centring prayer is a form of contemplative prayer—the opening of mind, heart, our whole being—to the Ultimate Mystery, beyond thought, words, and emotions. The method of centring prayer is drawn from the ancient prayer practices of the Christian tradition, but finds kindred practice in many of the world's religions. It is a method that may enrich our prayer life through exercising our spiritual awareness and self-discipline. It is not meant to replace, but seeks to put other kinds of prayer in a new and fuller perspective.

The practice of centring prayer is simply offered to those who feel called to a deeper life of prayer and who are looking for a method that will help them to do so in the context of a very active life in the world.

A daily practice of centring prayer is facilitated by Linda Condie, a senior student in the Master of Divinity program (Monday through Thursday, 12:15 - 12:45 p.m.). Linda also facilitates "Meditation on Sacred Writings" (11:30 a.m. - noon). Both of these events are held in the chapel.

On the first Saturday morning of each month a retreat is held in the lounge of the Faculty of Theology and in the Chapel. People gather to learn about centring prayer or to deepen their experience of it. The next Saturday morning retreat will take place on January 5, from 9:00 a.m. - noon. All are welcome.

# (coming events)

For a more detailed listing visit the events calendar at [www.uwinnipeg.ca](http://www.uwinnipeg.ca)

**The University is closed for** holidays starting December 20, and will re-open on January 2, 2002. The University of Winnipeg wishes you and yours a joyous holiday season.

**Come cheer on the team at** MTS Mobility 35th Annual Wesmen Classic. 12/27/2001 – 12/30/2001 in the Duckworth Centre

**All members of the alumni** association are invited to participate in Alumni Association Council meeting on January 2. Please RSVP to Jeri Breckman at 204.786.9179.

**Lectures begin for the 2002** Winter Term on 01/03/2002.

**Join us at the University of** Winnipeg's art gallery for Utopia, by Leanne L'Hirondelle. The show begins with an opening: January 17, 4:00 p.m., followed by an artist's talk January 18, at 12:30 p.m. Utopia will run until February 9. For more information, see our website at [www.uwinnipeg.ca](http://www.uwinnipeg.ca).

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**Reading Week is February 11 –** February 15. No classes will take place during this week.

## an afternoon in Kerala

A tropical experience at UWinnipeg

by Mathew Zachariah and Judith Harris (International Development Studies professors)



**FACULTY AND STAFF GET IN THE SPIRIT OF THE EVENT WITH TRADITIONAL KERALA DRESS**

For just one afternoon this fall, the University of Winnipeg was transformed into a tropical setting including warm sandalwood-scented breezes.

“An Afternoon in Kerala,” an event courtesy of the International Development Studies Program at Menno Simons College and the Malayalee Association of Manitoba, brought the dress, cuisine, and warm hospitality of Kerala, India to Riddell Hall.

Initially conceived by visiting professor Mathew Zachariah, the event was intended to be only a

small dinner for students in his course, “The Kerala Model of Development: Realities and Fictions.”

But when the Kerala cultural group—called the Malayalees, speakers of the state language of Malayalam—offered to help, the event grew into something much more festive. “An Afternoon in Kerala,” attended by some 80 guests, was no small dinner. The event was complete with cultural displays, traditional dress, and samples of south Indian delicacies, prepared by the Malayalees according to traditional recipes.

Widespread immigration means that nearly every nation and community of the southern hemisphere is now represented amongst the residents of Canada's major urban centres. Universities are increasingly offering courses about countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean. However, it is still rare that individuals from these areas are directly involved in courses or other academic and professional experiences. “An Afternoon in Kerala” was a creative attempt to bring together one of these immigrant communities and the University community.

The students and staff of the International Development Studies would like to extend their thanks to the Kerala community who contributed so much to this event.

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