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Celebrating 130 Years of Success

In the University of Manitoba's 130th year, we look back on a strong record of delivering exceptional educational programs that have opened doors for more than 170,578 graduates over the years. The nearly 27,000 students, both new and returning, who arrived last year, came to a world-class institution, known for its research, scholarship and creative work, its strong learning environment and its many outreach initiatives.

At spring Convocation, we celebrated the achievements of another cohort of nearly 2,000 students. They joined the University's 120,000 living graduates, who are known to reside in 146 countries. Among them this year, is the 100th graduating class of the School of Agriculture, which crowned this academic year's centennial celebrations of the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences.

If 130 years of achievements warrant recognition, so do your actions. We could not have done it without you, not in the past, and not now. Your support for the University of Manitoba has helped us to fulfill our mandate and to meet our responsibilities to our students, our province, and our nation.

Today's new buildings and the upgrades to our facilities enable us to provide a learning environment appropriate to our times. In the last year alone, the University undertook

ON THE COVER: Left to Right: University of Manitoba students, Alaina Prokopchuk, Faculty of Architecture, and 2007 University Gold Medalist Jacqueline Rae Kolyk, Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources.

a number of new infrastructure and renewal projects. At the Fort Garry campus, construction of the Aboriginal Students' Centre and the Dafoe Library Annex are well underway. Engineering 1, one of the original campus buildings, was spectacularly redeveloped as part of the overall Engineering and Information Technology Complex. On the Bannatyne campus we broke ground in the summer of 2006 for the Apotex Centre, the new home for the Faculty of Pharmacy.

These facilities provide students with places to learn that are appropriate for the 21st century, and they provide professors with places suited for current methods of teaching and research. We all benefit by investing in these projects, not just the students and their instructors. Our graduates go on to replenish Manitoba's educated workforce, and become leaders in their communities. The advancement of knowledge by our professors will also make a difference in our understanding of many complex phenomena, and cumulatively their contributions improve the lives of all Canadians.

Many donors have contributed to the University's successes over the years. Indeed, the University's first benefactor, Alexander Kennedy Isbister, bequeathed a substantial sum of money in 1883 for scholarships and prizes to go to those who merited them, regardless of their sex, race, creed, language or



nationality. The example he set then is arguably an immense legacy that has been the guiding compass of our institution and of those who supported its work.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the University of Manitoba was able to offer more than 60 new student awards in 2006-2007, something that would surely make Isbister proud.

I thank each donor for helping us build a bright future, as your support has allowed us to attract and to retain the best students, faculty and staff. The \$24.9 million you collectively gave in 2006-2007 will have a lasting impact on our institution, and has encouraged us to strive to accomplish more.

The stories in this annual report are told by many, but they are united in one view – of the University of Manitoba's leadership in our community, our province and our country. Please accept my deep appreciation on behalf of the University of Manitoba for your generosity and your support.

Emőke J. E. Szathmáry, C.M., Ph.D.
President and Vice-Chancellor

The Foundation of Our Success

As we celebrate the achievements of the past year, I would like to thank you – our alumni, friends, faculty, staff and students – for generously affirming your belief in the University of Manitoba and for your extraordinary support of the university experience.

In 2006-2007, commitments of more than \$24.9 million in gifts and pledges strengthened the University of Manitoba's scholarships, research and teaching facilities, libraries, athletics and outreach activities.

These commitments are essential to the sustained health of this vibrant and exciting research-intensive institution. Each of you makes a lasting difference. This report is one way for us to express our gratitude and to give you a glimpse of the impact and opportunities made possible by your gifts.

At the University of Manitoba, we look forward to even greater accomplishments in the years ahead. Thank you for your continued support.

Elaine Goldie
Vice-President (External)



Thank you to all our donors who helped make 2006-2007 another extraordinary year for the University of Manitoba.



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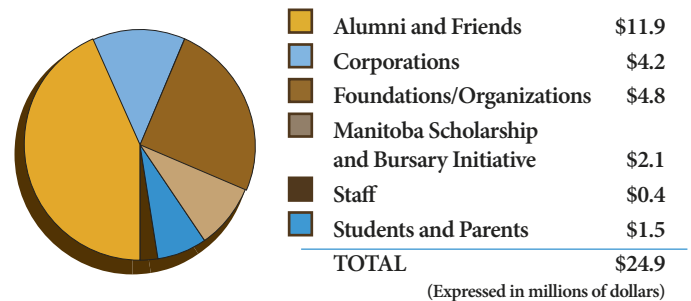
It has been another exceptional year at the University of Manitoba, and we are most grateful to the many donors who contributed to our success. In 2006-2007, more than 11,300 individuals and 780 organizations helped the university raise \$24.9 million.

Together, your gifts added \$9.5 million to student scholarships and bursaries, \$3.4 million to infrastructure, \$2.2 million to libraries and another \$9.8 million to research, equipment, athletics and more. Your support of these initiatives plays a major role in recruiting and retaining the best and brightest students, teachers and researchers.

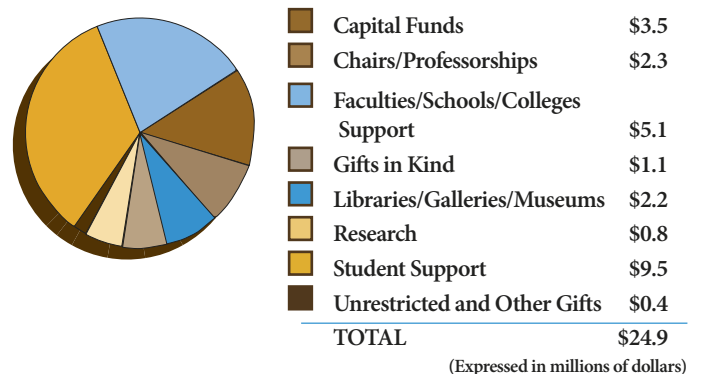
On behalf of the fundraising volunteers and staff, thank you for your confidence and support. We are honoured to work with you, and we trust your relationship with the university is as rewarding to you as it is to us. As the University of Manitoba continues to build on its reputation as a world-class institution, know that you are making a real difference in the lives of current and future leaders in our community and in the world.

Margot Hamilton, BA/76, MCP/79
Director of Development

Donor Pledges & Gifts by Source 2006-2007



Donor Pledges and Gifts by Allocation 2006-2007



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Agriculture Advocate

Manitoba's 2006 Outstanding Philanthropist of the Year is supporting the University of Manitoba's Glenlea Farm Education Centre.

An agriculture graduate who attributes much of his success in the livestock feed business to his education has once again passed along his good fortune to the University of Manitoba.

Bruce Campbell (BScAg/58, LLD/07) committed \$500,000 to the Glenlea Farm Education Centre in the hopes it will help educate the public about Manitoba's vibrant farm industry.

Manitoba Pork Council donated \$550,000 to the project this past year, and the Province of Manitoba committed a further \$900,000 in May 2007.

Once constructed, the Glenlea Farm Education Centre will be a unique facility in Canada that will offer visitors interactive displays of modern livestock production, with a focus on sustainable agriculture. The centre will be constructed at the National Centre for Livestock and the Environment (NCLE) site, located at the university's Glenlea research and teaching facility, just south of Winnipeg.

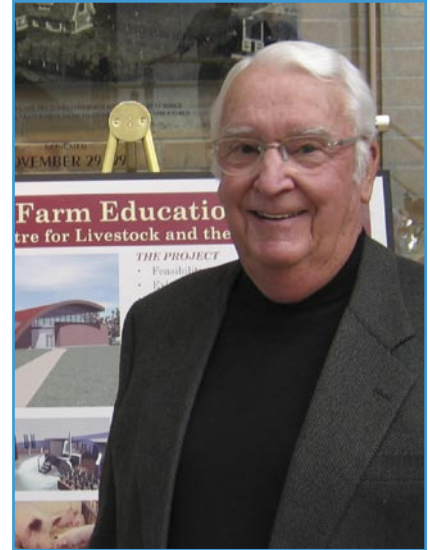
"I have a very strong commitment

to the University of Manitoba, particularly the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences," Campbell says. "I feel the Glenlea Research Station and NCLE are heading in the right direction with environmental, soil and health issues."

"It is important we have an (agriculture-based) educational centre in the changing world we live in because most young people are growing up in the city. Educating our youth and educating people is where the research station comes in. It will provide people with facts about agriculture."

Campbell, who graduated with a bachelor of science in agriculture in 1958, credits the success of his business, Landmark Group, in part to his education and to the University of Manitoba graduates he hired over his years in business.

He retired in 2000, a year after the Landmark Group was sold to Maple Leaf Foods, and he made the decision to support students



Bruce Campbell

after discussions with his family and friends on how to share his good fortune.

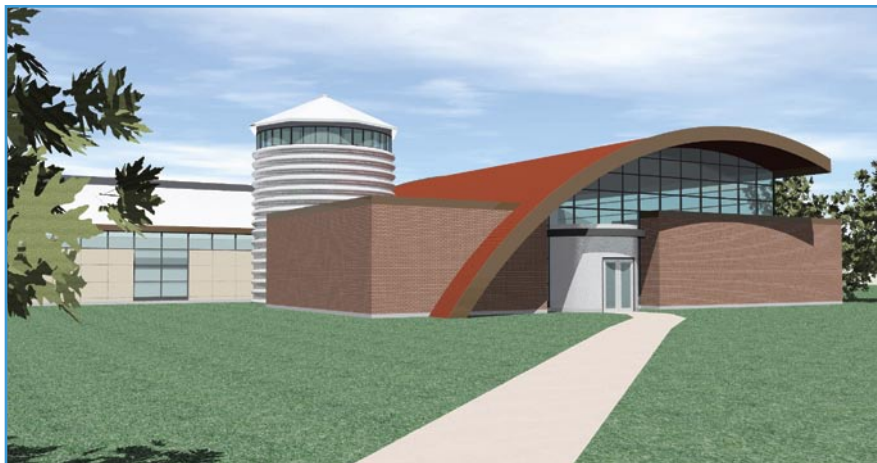
He has shown longstanding support for young people seeking to establish successful careers in agriculture. In 2003, he set up five bursaries bearing his name for students in the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences.

"It's an indebtedness," Campbell says of his reasons for giving. "I feel very fortunate that I can give back."

In recognition of Campbell's exceptional generosity to numerous organizations across the province, the Manitoba Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals named him the Outstanding Philanthropist of the Year for 2006. Meanwhile, the University of Manitoba presented him with an honorary degree in May 2007.

In addition to his financial support for the university, Campbell often hosted agriculture classes at his business, where his inspirational talks challenged and encouraged students.

"I always told them the advantages of going into business for yourself. Hopefully they will also be in a position to make donations to the university," he says.



The Glenlea Farm Education Centre will be constructed at the Glenlea Research Station just south of Winnipeg.

Arthur Mauro Challenges Donors to Match Funds

Chancellor Emeritus Arthur Mauro (BA/49, LLB/53, LLM/56, LLD/87), O.C., O.M., Q.C., K.S.G., has made a further \$1 million pledge to the Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice at St. Paul's College. He is challenging others to match his donation and share in his vision for a future centered on peace and justice.

Arthur Mauro's \$1 million donation will be divided with \$800,000 designated to scholarships and bursaries, which will be matched by the Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative, and \$200,000 allocated for outreach initiatives, such as Winnipeg's International Storytelling Festival, The Sol Kanee Speakers Summit, lectures and internships. He now hopes to attract additional interest from private donors. "Hopefully we can raise two for one, so that the \$1 million becomes \$3 million," he says.



Arthur Mauro

One of Winnipeg's most distinguished leaders in law, business and community service, Mauro was the driving force behind the founding of the Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice at St. Paul's College in 2004. Mauro considers the Centre – dedicated to research, education and outreach in the areas of peace and conflict, and social justice – to be a model for the international community.

The Mauro Centre is the only Canadian institution to offer a doctoral program in Peace and Conflict Stud-

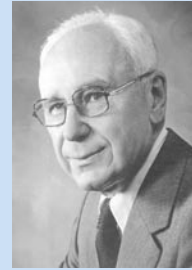
ies, and Mauro would also like to see a master's program established along with expanded outreach activities.

Through education, research and outreach programs, members of the Centre are currently working to understand the cultural, religious and philosophical dimensions of peace. Researchers study the social, economic and environmental aspects of peace and justice, and the role organizations play in conflict resolution.

Mauro suggests the Centre, as well

as the Canadian Museum of Human Rights slated to open in Winnipeg in 2011, are reflective of Winnipeg's diverse culture and commitment to human rights.

"These are symbols of great importance. People of all cultures and religions have come together based on mutual respect for individual diversity. We have seen the benefits it has had on this community, and it is a model that is replicable in the international community. We can train people in the process necessary for a civil society," he says.



G. Clarence Elliott

G. Clarence Elliott Continues to Inspire Students

A recent \$25,000 donation from The Great-West Life Assurance Company will boost the G. Clarence Elliott Fellowship so it continues to have a positive impact on students. Steve Demmings, one of the original founders of the Fellowship, and Natalie Laden of GWL Investment Management Ltd. are appealing to donors as they celebrate a milestone – the awarding of \$111,500 to motivated students. Over the past 12 years, the University of Manitoba has handed out 39 of the fellowships ranging from \$1,000 to \$4,000.

Agricultural economics student Evelyn Froehlich was a 2006 recipient of the award. She used the award to purchase a laptop computer, enabling her to work on her thesis from any location. "I do a lot of computer modeling so this has definitely helped me in my work," she says, adding Elliott's reputation in business has been an inspiration to her.

Elliott was an instrumental real estate pioneer with Great-West Life during the 1940s. The G. Clarence Elliott Fellowship was established in his honour by his friends and colleagues, and it is open to students in various graduate programs.

Photo provided by Great-West Life Assurance Co.

BUILDING UPDATE

Faculty of Pharmacy Building Gets Off the Ground

The Alumni Campaign has exceeded its goal of \$1 million assisting the Faculty of Pharmacy in raising over \$13 million to build the Apotex Centre.

The Faculty of Pharmacy has had outstanding support from its alumni, corporate partners, faculty, staff and friends for its Prescription for the Future Campaign. The alumni campaign exceeded its original goal of \$1 million and has raised over \$1.7 million from graduates and their families for the construction of the new pharmacy building the Apotex Centre at the Bannatyne Campus.

Much of the alumni campaign's success is due to the efforts of the campaign's co-chairs, Lyle Silverman and Marian Kremers, the Alumni Campaign Committee, and all of the class leaders who worked with the committee to bring classes together and raise funds for the facility. Fundraising is ongoing as construction costs continue to rise.

The Apotex Centre is scheduled to open in the summer of 2008, and the four-storey, 95,000 square foot building will double the faculty's teaching and research capacity. Located in the heart of the university's health district, the Apotex Centre will allow students and professors to work more closely with their counterparts in the faculties of Medicine and Dentistry.

The new facility will provide students with plenty of space, including the Super Thrifty student lounge, study areas and the impressive Health Services Research Computer Room. In addition to these dramatic, naturally-lit open spaces, the Apotex Centre will feature three state-of-the-art lecture theatres with

complete audiovisual capability and comfortable seating for large audiences, as well as five fully-equipped, open-space research laboratories and adjacent support spaces.

The Procuracy Pharmaceutical Care Lab will provide hands-on training for students in a simulated practice environment, and there will be numerous independent tutorial rooms for break-out group discussions and classes. The Thorkelson Undergraduate Laboratory and the new Clinical Research Centre will provide students with modern spaces and plenty of elbow room for their work.

Watch the construction via the University of Manitoba Bisoncam at umanitoba.ca/pharmacy.

BUILDING UPDATE

Faculty of Engineering Celebrates 100 Years

The Faculty of Engineering will look back at a century of growth and achievements as it celebrates its 100th anniversary with a centennial homecoming weekend, September 12 to 16, 2007.

Part of that celebration will include the unveiling of an impressive new donor wall to recognize the financial gifts that made the \$56.5 million Engineering and Information Technology Complex (EITC) possible. The first phase of the rebuilt facility was completed in September 2005 and further renovations continued for another year thanks to over 3,100 generous donors, among them, Engineering's undergraduate

students who jointly contributed \$644,000 through student referenda.

Renovations on the second of three buildings that make up the complex, originally built in 1912, were completed in September 2006. By incorporating the façade of the old structure into the new design, the EITC presents a historic look at the Faculty of Engineering's foundations while offering a contemporary vision for the future through its integrated modern design.

The state-of-the-art learning environment, located at the Fort Garry campus, is home to modern laboratories and research space, and the atrium is a key point of interest,



The Engineering and Information Technology Complex.

which serves as a wonderful gathering place for professors and students.

"We want to thank all our donors and volunteers who have helped make this possible. We are looking forward to welcoming back as many alumni as possible for the celebration," says Dean Doug Ruth.

Scholarships and Bursaries

Scholarships and bursaries are a big attraction to potential students, helping retain and attract the best and brightest by rewarding academic excellence. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the University of Manitoba can offer over 60 new awards this year, allowing students to focus their efforts on their studies. These awards can have a positive impact for years to come as students go on to do great things.

Anne Rieder, in memory of her father, **Wilhelm Rieder**, has established an endowment fund of \$14,000 to support graduate students in the **Faculty of Music**. The available annual interest generated by the fund will be used to offer a bursary to a student who is enrolled full-time in the second year of the Master of Music program with a major in conducting. Wilhelm Rieder had a lifelong love of music and this award is intended to encourage the advancement of music.

In honour of **Judy Stewart Sutherland's** (BSc/67) birthday, her husband, **Ian C. Sutherland** (BComm/66), has added \$144,000 to the Judy Stewart Sutherland Scholarship, which he established in 1993, bringing the total to \$191,278. The available annual interest from this fund will provide a scholarship to a student from Gordon Bell High School who is entering either the **Faculty of Engineering** or the **Faculty of Science** at the University of Manitoba and has maintained a good overall academic standing, while excelling in mathematics and/or the sciences.

Helen E. Borger has established an endowment fund of \$100,000 in memory of her father, **David C. Foster** (BSA/25, Lieutenant Governor's Gold Medal). The fund will be used to offer three scholarships of equal value to students in their second, third or fourth year of study in the **Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences**. The award commemorates Foster's career in agriculture and his service to the University of Manitoba – he was a member of the Board of Governors for three terms and served as Vice-Chair of the Board for four years. The gift marks the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences' 100th anniversary.

William Aaron (LLB/71) has provided a gift of \$10,000 to establish an endowment fund in honour of his late parents, **Alex and Anne Aaron**. The Alex and Anne Aaron Bursary in Law will support a bursary for a first year student in the **Faculty of Law** who does not live in Winnipeg, but is from Manitoba, Saskatchewan or northwestern Ontario and has a demonstrated financial need. The Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative has made a contribution to this fund.



Clive Mather, President and CEO of Shell Canada; Doug Ruth, Dean of Engineering; Jim Rondeau, Minister of Science, Technology, Energy and Mines; and Taren Gesell, Commerce Students' Association President.

Fuelling the Dream

Shell Canada Pumps \$400,000 into Education Programs

Shell Canada is helping the University of Manitoba recruit and retain the best and brightest students through a new fund that supports teaching and learning. Shell Canada partnered with the university to create the Furthering the Environment of Learning (FUEL) Fund, which supports priority initiatives in engineering, science, environmental studies and business.

Shell Canada provided \$400,000 towards the FUEL Fund, which will be split into two components for student activities and teaching. The student activity component involves extra-curricular initiatives, such as student design competitions for unmanned aerial vehicles and international marketing competitions, giving students valuable hands-on experience.

Additionally, Shell Canada employees will be guest lecturers in the Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources; the Faculty of Engineering; the Faculty of Science; and the I.H. Asper School of Business.

The FUEL Fund includes sponsoring student competitions of the Commerce Students' Association and the University of Manitoba Engineering Society; academic, financial, professional and personal support for students in the Aboriginal Business Education Program; and four FUEL Fund scholarships in engineering, science, environmental studies and business.

Robert B. Schultz Lecture Theatre



The Robert B. Schultz Lecture Theatre at St. John's College is scheduled to open in spring 2008.

St. John's College students will soon be able to take many more of their courses without leaving college grounds. A new lecture theatre at the College will provide them with access to a larger theatre they can call their own.

Construction of the Robert B. Schultz Lecture Theatre at St. John's College began following a sod-turning ceremony on June 20, 2007, and the 250-seat facility is expected to open in spring 2008.

"Right now our largest lecture theatre holds 111 people so our access to courses taught in big rooms is limited,"

says Janet Hoskins, Warden and Vice-Chancellor at St. John's. "This will allow us to work with university departments to offer a much wider range of first year courses to students in our buildings. We're hoping they can take their entire first year at the College."

The lecture theatre was made possible by a fundraising campaign where St. John's College raised more than \$2 million. As part of the campaign, St. John's College sold named seats for \$1,000 and because all 250 seats were sold, the college is currently offering named bricks for \$300, or \$150 for recent college graduates.

Among the donors for the Robert B. Schultz Lecture Theatre was Michael Bancroft (BSc/63,MSc), who contributed \$100,000 to the project in 2006.

Bancroft attended St. John's College during his first year of studies in 1958-59 and his sister taught French there in the early 1960s. "My mother and father and aunt were very active in the Anglican church and they believed in the importance of education," Bancroft says, adding he and his wife, Joan made the gift on behalf of his sister, Jane, his parents, Jean and Fred, and his aunt, Eileen.

"I grew up in Winnipeg and I really appreciated my education at St. John's. This will give the students and the university a fine lecture theatre which is important," he says.

The lecture theatre will be used mainly for university classes and College events, but with its prime location across from the University of Manitoba parkade, it will also be popular for special events and public lectures.

The Conlin Bursary Rewards Achievers

It was somewhat by mistake that Harley Shepherd enrolled at St. John's College, but it's an error he's glad he made. Shepherd grew up in Virden, Manitoba, and he was looking for a residence, but his application came in too late for the main residences so he ended up at St. John's.

"It was really a wonderful mistake to make. Now that I've been here two years I can't imagine being anywhere else," the second year arts student says.

Shepherd was a 2006 recipient of The Rev. Canon and Mrs. Thomas D. Conlin Bursary. "As a rural student, living expenses make up a large portion of the cost of education. The Conlin Bursary has eased the costs while keeping me active in residence life," says Shepherd, who has been

selected for a position as Don of Residence.

The Conlin Bursary is open to members of the St. John's College Residence. Recently, the bursary has grown substantially with a generous bequest of \$156,000 from the Mervin D. Conlin estate, and the award will soon be worth \$10,000 annually.

A 1947 graduate of the Faculty of Engineering, the late Mervin Conlin established the bursary in 2003 in honour of his parents. It has since been presented annually to resident students who exemplify an active student life while maintaining high academic standards.

In 2006, three St. John's College students received the award, and being one of those recipients has helped international student Tolulope Sodeyi



From left: Tolulope Sodeyi and Harley Shepherd received The Rev. Canon and Mrs. Thomas D. Conlin Bursary in 2006.

attend university without incurring a lot of debt.

"It gave me less to worry about knowing I am closer to my goal of paying my fees during the year," says the third-year management student from Nigeria.



Fred and Marguerite Hulme.

Encouraging Pharmacy Students

Looking back at the University of Manitoba's 170,578 graduates, it doesn't take long to find a success story. Being among the first women to graduate from pharmacy in 1940 was a great achievement for the late Marguerite Hulme. At the time she was one of only two women in the faculty. Now more than 50 years later, Marguerite continues to inspire young pharmacy students in the pursuit of academic excellence, with a full scholarship established in her memory.

Marguerite's husband, Fred Hulme, recently set up the \$300,000 endowment fund in memory of his wife. The fund will support a scholarship that encourages young women and men to enter the pharmacy profession.

"We were together for 55 years and I thought I would like to do this", says Hulme, who obtained bachelor of science and law degrees from the University of Manitoba. Hulme spent

most of his career with TransCanada Pipeline serving in the legal department, acquiring pipeline right-of-way and negotiating gas purchases. He retired as vice-president of gas supply in 1978 before launching into a successful career as a Calgary-based consultant in gas purchases.

"Since Marguerite and I both graduated from the University of Manitoba, I thought we could do something for the university. This endowment will hopefully benefit students who want to go into pharmacy."

The Marguerite Hulme Scholarship in Pharmacy is a \$3,000 award that will be presented annually to a student entering the first year of pharmacy. Provided the student maintains a 3.75 grade point average throughout his or her academic career, that student will continue to receive the scholarship for the second, third and fourth years of study.

Students Give Back

Over the past 20 years, University of Manitoba students have participated in class votes on whether to make a contribution to their respective faculties or schools, and each time they went to the polls, they said "yes".

The referenda process began in 1987, when Engineering students came up with the idea to raise funds for their faculty by holding a vote. Overwhelmingly, the students voted in favour of contributing \$50 each for three years. Since then, virtually every faculty and school has adopted a similar process, and student referenda results have

continuously supported contributions to various funds and initiatives.

Most faculties hold referenda every three to four years, giving every student the opportunity to vote at least once during their academic career. Some referenda have resulted in student donations made in perpetuity.

To date, over \$23 million has been contributed to the University of Manitoba through the referenda process. The majority of students allocate their gifts to their individual



endowment funds which go to support a number of initiatives including research funding, conference or travel assistance, laboratory equipment, facility upgrades

and student awards. Some students give to equipment funds to purchase new equipment for laboratories in their faculties. A number of faculties have also supported capital projects, such as the Engineering and Information Technology Complex and the Helen Glass Centre for Nursing.

Dr. Bernhard B. Fast Memorial Bursary

Dr. Bernhard B. Fast is well remembered for his great compassion, curiosity, intelligence and humour. But this highly regarded specialist in internal medicine was equally respected and admired by many of his students and patients for his exceptionally empathetic nature.

In memory of his dedication to his patients and the medical community, his wife, Thelma, made a \$50,000 commitment to the Faculty of Medicine to establish the Bernhard B. Fast Memorial Bursary. Her gift will be matched by the Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative. Many friends, family, patients and students contributed to this bursary through their memorial gifts. One or more bursaries will be available for medical students with demonstrated financial need who are enrolled in clerkship with chosen electives in internal medicine or geriatrics.

Dr. Fast graduated with a degree in medicine from the University of Manitoba in 1951, and he provided excellent care to many grateful patients during his 43 years of service to the medical profession. He joined the Winnipeg Clinic as a specialist in internal medicine in 1957 and served as its medical director from 1970 to 1981. He joined the Faculty of Medicine in 1957, and in 1989 was appointed to the rank of professor. Former students speak of him with special reverence, describing him as one of the last great general internists.

In a tribute to Dr. Fast, his eldest daughter Catherine Fast recently wrote in *The Globe and Mail*, "Our family has asked for contributions in



From left: Barbara Becker, Associate Director of Development, Bannatyne Campus; Thelma Fast, wife to Bernhard Fast; and Margot Hamilton, Director of Development, University of Manitoba.

Dr. Fast's memory to the University of Manitoba medical school's student bursary fund. I would love to tell you that the criteria for winning a Dr. Fast scholarship is that one must be a promising medical student who also happens to drink Beefeater martinis 'straight up – with a twist' like he did, but that isn't quite true. That's a shame. I think it would be a fitting tribute to a wickedly smart man who lived life with intelligence, empathy, grace, stamina and great style."

Gift in Kind Supports Faculty of Dentistry's Outreach Programs



The CCOH used portable dental units in February 2007 for a humanitarian trip to Ghana, Africa, where a team of seven oral health practitioners delivered dental care to nearly 800 people in the impoverished Eastern and Ashanti regions.

Shaw Laboratories donated more than \$32,543 worth of portable and permanent dental equipment to the Centre for Community Oral Health (CCOH) to use in its various outreach programs.

After learning that the CCOH was operating its outreach programs with dated equipment, Shaw Laboratories arranged for the donation of six portable A-Dec dental units, two portable chairs, and one permanent dental unit and chair. The portable equipment, which was purchased through an opportunity provided by the Rotary Club in the U.S., provides dentists with everything they need to perform dental procedures in any location.

The portable equipment is being used for the Faculty of Dentistry's Home Dental Care Program, which caters to elderly and special-needs populations in Winnipeg by bringing dental care directly to those incapable of visiting a dentist's office. Over 3,300 patient visits are made each year.

Meanwhile, the new permanent dental unit is being used for the School Dental Program in Norway House Cree Nation, where an oral health team provides dental care for children in the community 450 kilometres north of Winnipeg. More than 1,700 children are enrolled in the Norway House School.

New Initiatives in Health Management Research

Creating physician leaders who have the skills and attitudes required to design and manage the health services of tomorrow is one of the greatest challenges in Canadian health care. With the regionalization of medical services, there are more opportunities to effectively prioritize and plan services to improve access, quality and efficiency in health care systems.

To take advantage of those opportunities, and to establish itself as a leader in health systems management, the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Manitoba created an endowed Chair in Health Services Design and Quality Improvement. Faculty members collectively donated \$2 million, and the Winnipeg Regional

Health Authority Internal Medicine Program, in partnership with the Health Sciences Centre, provided an additional \$1 million.

The unprecedented gift from the internal medicine faculty members allows the department to create its own opportunities to excel. This commitment will help convince and inspire private donors and the business community to consider the department's research initiatives when they are choosing where to invest their gifts.

Through this Chair, the department can recruit a senior clinician-scientist and provide sufficient protected time for that individual to advance research in quality improvement and health services design. The chair-



Dr. Daniel Roberts is Head of Internal Medicine.

holder will also mentor postgraduate physicians considering careers that combine clinical practice with leadership and management.

Winnipeg Rh Institute Backs Research to Save Newborn Babies

A team of University of Manitoba researchers are among the first to identify an enzyme defect linked to pulmonary hypertension in newborn babies – a discovery that may lead to improved survival rates. The ongoing study is possible because of the generosity of donors who help fund this important work.

The Winnipeg Rh Institute Foundation Inc. has generously committed \$600,000 to Shyamala Dakshinamurti's research into neonatal pulmonary hypertension since she began the project in 2002. The Foundation made its most recent contribution in 2006 with a \$200,000 investment.

Dakshinamurti is a renowned neonatologist with the Faculty of Medicine



who has been studying neonatal respiratory conditions for six years, and she says she is thrilled with the donor support her work has received. "The only way research occurs is through the goodwill of people willing to make it happen."

She explains that neonatal pulmonary hypertension, which occurs about

once a month in Manitoba hospitals, results when babies do not properly inflate their lungs with their first breaths. Her research group was among the first to identify an enzyme defect in the blood vessels of newborns' lungs that keeps them clamped down.

Dakshinamurti is currently looking at how molecules released by infection can impair activity of the enzyme, myosin light chain phosphatase, which allows vessels in the lungs to dilate.

Only two-thirds of all babies with pulmonary hypertension respond to current treatments, and the remaining third can die from the condition within two weeks of birth. It is hoped this discovery and Dakshinamurti's ongoing research will reduce the rate of mortality.



Sharon Abgrall

Sharon Abgrall will be the first person in her extended family to graduate with a university degree. The mother of three children is looking forward to receiving her degree in social work in 2008, but getting there has been a personal challenge.

“I really need student loans. When I started university I was struggling financially to keep afloat,” she explains.

Abgrall has relied on various scholarships and bursaries to help pay for her education. Among them, she has received the Louis Riel Bursary every year for the past three years. A combination of her Métis status, good grades and demonstrated financial need made her eligible for the award.

“I’m happy the MMF is giving Métis people an opportunity to pursue a higher education. I like to maintain a high grade point average and this is pushing me to further develop myself,” she says of the minimum GPA required for the bursary. “I am grateful they have bursaries like this.”

Endowment Supports Métis Student Success

The University of Manitoba is continuing to attract and retain students of Métis status in degree programs thanks, in part, to its collaboration with the Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF) through the Louis Riel Institute. The partnership results in an annual gift of \$200,000 from the MMF.

The university has been one of four universities to receive funding from the MMF for Louis Riel Bursaries. At the University of Manitoba, the bursaries were established through an endowment set up through equal contributions by the MMF and the Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative.

Since the endowment was established in 2000, more than 200 University of Manitoba students have received the \$1,500 award with a total of \$315,000 dispersed through bursaries. Because the funds come from endowment interest rather than endowment capital, the Louis Riel Bursaries are permanently available for qualifying Métis students.

“It’s a very substantial award. The majority of applicants are on government student aid, so this helps with their debt load. We rank the applicants by the highest need, and we are able to help a large group of people,” said Cheryl Richardson, awards selection coordinator at the University of Manitoba.

“This is another important investment for our Métis youth. This contribution will help them achieve educational success,” MMF President David Chartrand said during a public signing ceremony. He added that the investment will provide a positive return on the health, welfare and career opportunities for Métis people throughout Manitoba.

“The Louis Riel Institute keeps putting more money into the award, which means we can give out more awards each year,” Richardson explained, adding in recent years more than half of the bursary applicants at the University of Manitoba have received the award.

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Cheering Them On

Scholarships support student athletes.

Teams do better with a great cheering section and the Bisons' just got louder with some major contributions to Bison Sports.

The multi-year Bison Capital Campaign aims to help students achieve their academic and athletic goals by generating scholarship endowment funds that would enable every student athlete to be guaranteed a minimum \$3,000 award. Acting as the key volunteer to spearhead the campaign, Ross Robinson (BA/70) of B.A. Robinson Co. Ltd. made a \$100,000 gift.

His gift, which will be split among Bison football, women's soccer, and the general sport endowment funds, as well as current scholarships, will go a long way in attracting top student athletes, and will provide them with a strong foundation of academics and leadership skills that will serve them well in their future careers.

"Hopefully this will help create a great deal of awareness in the community and with students to start a groundswell for all Bison teams," Robinson says.

Fran Pollard (BComm/55) and the Pollard Family Foundation also provided a gift to the Bison Capital Campaign, giving \$35,000 to the Bison Women's Basketball Scholarship Endowment, which will be matched by the Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative (MSBI), and provide a \$3,000 scholarship annually. "To be able to extend support and assistance in creating an opportunity for a young woman to have the same chance to challenge herself in the classroom and on the court is something I feel very

strong about," said Pollard, who played for the Bisonettes in 1954. This is the largest donation to women's basketball in its history, and is a strong foundation on which to build.

Other heavy hitters have contributed to Bison Sports as well. David (BA/80) and Ruth (BPE/81, BRS/83) Asper have donated almost \$500,000 to sports programs at the University of Manitoba in 2006-2007. Of that donation, \$261,352.70 is earmarked for the Ruth Asper Award in Physical Education and Recreational Studies, while the remaining \$235,988.30 will go towards

the David Asper Award for Bison Football, bringing his endowment to \$325,000.

In addition, women's volleyball has received an injection of \$360,000 from Theodore David Einarsson (BSc/56), which has been matched through MSBI, doubling the impact

of the T.D. "Davey" Einarsson Bison Women's Volleyball Endowment Fund.

This gift marks the single largest individual donation in Bison Sports history and means 12 scholarships can be offered in perpetuity. "Generation upon generation of tremendously talented young people will benefit from this gift," said Ken Bentley, Bison women's volleyball head coach. "Their impact on society after graduation, and the lives they touch, will be a fantastic testament to the gift they received through the creation of this endowment fund."

Taken together, these gifts form a solid cheering section.



Photo: Chris Zuk/Bison Sports



Neil Fulgueras

Neil Fulgueras graduated from the University of Manitoba in 2007 with his second degree, and has gone on to pursue a professional football career in the CFL, thanks in part to the athletic scholarships and bursaries he received while attending university.

Fulgueras signed on with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in March 2007, just a few months before graduating with a second arts degree. He augmented his initial degree in geography with a second major in labour studies-economics, and he is confident his education will provide opportunities that go beyond his passion for football.

Originally from Port Coquitlam, B.C., Fulgueras is grateful to the donors who made his education and athletic pursuits possible.

"Having the opportunity to attend school and play football on an athletic scholarship has made my tenure at the University of Manitoba successful," he says. "It provides a source of income that allows students to focus on school and on their sports, and to live normal lives with the necessities they need."

Campaign for University of Manitoba Libraries

A multi-year fundraising campaign has been launched to improve University of Manitoba Libraries.

The “Expanding Minds, Broadening Horizons: Campaign for the University of Manitoba Libraries” was launched in 2006, with a goal of \$12 million to ensure the University of Manitoba preserves its collections while maintaining current references in its print and electronic resources. The campaign also aims to enhance the Libraries’ facilities. To date, \$2.2 million has been raised.

Among the donors to this campaign is The Gail Asper Family Foundation Inc., which contributed \$100,000 to the general fund. “My family has always had a great relationship with libraries,” explains Gail Asper (BA/81, LLB/84), president of the Foundation. “My Aunt Zita worked at Elizabeth Dafoe Library, my mother worked there as well, and my mother-in-law also has worked and volunteered for years at her local libraries. And of course, my husband, Michael Paterson (BSc/82), and I met while working at Elizabeth Dafoe. We all love books and believe in the importance of first class libraries at universities. We are delighted to be able to support this important initiative,” she adds.

The four key areas of the Expanding Minds, Broadening Horizons Campaign are:



The Neil John Maclean Health Sciences Library at the Bannatyne Campus serves the university's health and health-related faculties.

- **\$4.5 million to establish the Libraries' Technology Endowment Fund**, which will provide cutting-edge technologies and ensure continual upgrades to technological equipment. Spaces for individual and collaborative study will be modernized and outfitted with advanced electronic tools, and new areas will be designed with technology to support the research of visiting scholars and to train students to use and evaluate electronic resources and digital stores.
- **\$4.5 million to enhance the Library Acquisitions Endowment Fund**, which will enable the Libraries to acquire the latest research materials, build the quality of existing collections, provide new electronic resources and provide secure funding for the future.
- **\$1 million to refurbish Archives and Special Collections.** The

Sciences and Technology Library to Get a Facelift

A \$15,000 donation has been made to the Sciences and Technology Library towards renovations of its study group rooms. The gift was made in memory of Mark and Pat Smerchanski by their three daughters, Joan, Rhonda and Trish. The family has a long history of contributing to various scholarships, bursaries, endowments and initiatives in the Faculty of Science.

University of Manitoba Libraries wants to protect the rare collections and unique materials it has gathered from hundreds of donors from across Canada. Refurbishing rare collections and unique materials will help protect the Libraries’ extensive collection of historic documents.

- **\$2 million to complete the Neil John Maclean Health Sciences Library.** This project will complete the library on the Bannatyne Campus, which supports the teaching, research and patient care requirements of staff and students from the faculties of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy and the schools of Dental Hygiene and Medical Rehabilitation. Project completion will build on the library’s vital role as an outstanding health care resource in Manitoba.

If libraries are the heart of the community, archives are the memory, and the records they hold are the unique memories of thousands of people.

Building for the Present and the Future

The President's Fund

A gift to the President's Fund is the best way to ensure a donation helps where it is needed most, when it is needed. The University of Manitoba established the President's Fund in 2004. This unrestricted fund enables the president to assign funding to areas essential to the university's success.

New challenges and opportunities are always emerging, and gifts to the President's Fund help the University of Manitoba meet the exciting times ahead with confidence. This important fund gives the university the flexibility to address its most pressing needs, while at the same time allows for the chance to seize the opportunities as they arise.

The President's Fund contributes to the university's capacity to fulfill its strategic plan, which aims to provide access to an exceptional education; attract and retain the best students and faculty; be a centre for research; provide the infrastructure and technology needed for success; and be at the centre of our community.

Gifts in support of the President's Fund provide students and faculty with an environment that encourages innovation, leadership and excellence. Gifts to this fund ensure the University of Manitoba can continue to build on its strength as one of Canada's leading post-secondary institutions, and make a significant impact on the lives of Manitobans, Canadians and the world.

MSBI Doubles Your Money

Many donors who designated their gifts to student awards over the past decade have been able to increase the value of their donations thanks to a program the Province of Manitoba introduced in 1997 – the Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative (MSBI).

The aim of the MSBI program is to help keep the best and brightest students in Manitoba, and to help keep student debt loads as low as possible. Through this program, the province has contributed \$20.8 million since 1997, and the University of Manitoba remains grateful for its annual allocation from the MSBI.



Planned Giving

Ronald Ironside Leaves Legacy to Schools

For the late Ronald Ironside, conjuring up positive memories was as simple as snacking on a good cookie.

Ironside passed away in 2006 at the age of 86, and in his will he divided portions of his estate between his two schools of learning – the Gordon Schools of Huntly, Scotland where he attended grade school, and the University of Manitoba where he graduated with a bachelor of science degree in 1941.

Ironside was a recipient of the Isbister Scholarship when he was a student at the University of Manitoba. As part of his legacy gift, he designated \$550,000 to the Isbister

Scholarship Fund, which continues to award promising students regardless of their “sex, race, creed, language or nationality.”

Ironside immigrated to Winnipeg as a young boy with his family in 1928, and later lived in Ottawa where he began his career in analytical chemistry at the National Research Council.

When he ordered a commemorative tin of millennium shortbread from his home country, it brought back memories of Scotland, leading him

to re-establish contact with his old school. Ironside remembered both his grade-school and higher-learning institutions with great fondness. Upon his death last year, his estate contacted both schools informing them that he had left each with a legacy gift, as well as the residuals of his estate.

Ironside’s generous legacy gift will benefit University of Manitoba students for many years to come, as the Isbister Scholarship continues to reward outstanding academic achievement.

Staff Giving

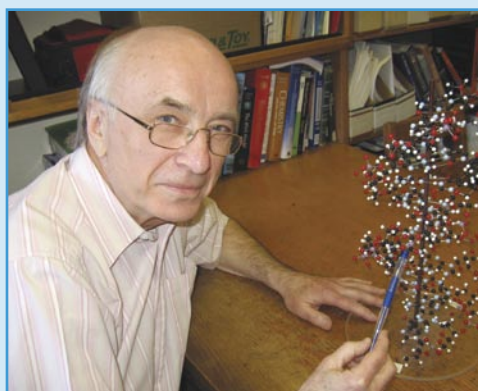
Life’s Little Rose Garden

He may not have realized it at the time, but when Frank Hruska entered the University of Manitoba as a young student in 1957, he was about to create a “rose garden”.

Now more than 40 years after graduating, the chemistry professor is still with the university, and he treasures his office and classrooms where he has spent a lifetime teaching and learning. He refers to his office space in the Chemistry Building as his “rose garden” – a phrase he adopted from author and researcher, Hans Selye, who used the term to depict his own facilities at the University of Montreal.

Hruska says his many positive experiences at the University of Manitoba have inspired him to continuously give back to the institution he takes so much pride in.

His history as a regular staff donor is almost as long as his time with the university. For three decades, Hruska has supported various endowments, scholarships and fellowships, starting with a donation to the Centennial Capital Campaign in 1977.



Frank Hruska, pictured with a DNA molecular model, has been a staff donor for 30 years.

“This university has done a lot for me. It has allowed me to remain a student to this day. How can I be anything but thankful?” he says.

In honour of his colleague’s 80th birthday, in 1979, Hruska set up the Dr. Alan N. Campbell Scholarship Fund, which continues to support undergraduate students. In 1997, he and his wife, Donna (BA/65), who is also an alumna, established the Frank

and Donna Hruska Prize as an incentive for his own chemistry students to excel in their studies.

As a professor who teaches undergraduate courses, Hruska sees firsthand how staff support can benefit students and create a positive learning environment.

Hruska advocates for higher learning through lectureships. He is actively involved in promoting and raising funds for the Robin Connor Lectureship in the History and Philosophy of Science to educate students and the public.

The Hruskas also support many Faculty of Arts initiatives, particularly off-campus lectures and panel discussions organized by the University of Manitoba Institute for the Humanities. Hruska also encourages donor support of infrastructure projects to upgrade equipment and labs in the Faculty of Science, as well as other faculties.