

In The News

University of Manitoba members are always making news – demonstrating the university's impact on the community. Here's a look at the stories and headlines that show how U of M faculty and staff impact the world around them.

Alum gives Star performance

Oct. 18, 2007
The Toronto Star

A dancer who graduated from the Faculty of Arts in 1994 was profiled in a story about a show in Toronto called Recipes for Curry. The story gives a flavourful description of a four-dance performance choreographed and performed by Hari Krishnan, who began training in Indian classical dance when he was growing up in Singapore. The article noted that Krishnan came to Winnipeg in 1991 to study linguistics and Asian studies at the U of M.

Prof. gets Grey Cup ring

Oct. 19, 2007
The Winnipeg Free Press

Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management professor Henry Janzen was quoted in a sports story in the *Free Press* for his days as a Winnipeg Blue Bomber. Janzen played for the team when it won the Grey Cup in 1959, 1961 and 1962 but never received a ring because it was not practice at that time. He joined more than 30 former players from that era recently for a dinner in honour of the former champions. Following his Grey Cup championships, Janzen was head coach of the Bisons' football team in 1969 and 1970 – the only years the team went on to win the coveted Vanier Cup.

President assists study

Oct. 23, 2007
CBC.ca

University of Manitoba president Emőke Szathmáry was mentioned in an online CBC News story for her involvement in a steering committee that will guide a project that will look at the struggles First Nations people experience when they come to the city. The project is being coordinated by the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs.

Superbugs super scary

Oct. 26, 2007
The Winnipeg Free Press, The Edmonton Journal

World-renowned superbug expert George Zhanel, professor in medical microbiology, was referenced in two articles on how Winnipeg hospitals have much higher rates of antibiotic-resistant superbugs as compared to other Canadian hospitals. Zhanel warned reporters that infection rates by superbugs such as *C. difficile* and methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) is not just a Winnipeg problem but a global problem that is likely to get worse.

Headline News

Where else has the U of M been making news?
• "Mideast expert in Metroplex after odyssey,"
Star-Telegram, Oct. 21, 2007.

U of M to lead million dollar study on aging

A new partnership led by researchers at the University of Manitoba's Centre on Aging will receive \$1 million in funding over the next five years from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).

The Age-Friendly Communities, Active Aging Alliance brings together university researchers, community organizations, government agencies and service providers to make communities in Manitoba more age-friendly.

The University of Manitoba-led partnership is one of 13 projects across Canada awarded new funding under SSHRC's Community-University Research Alliances (CURA) program, designed to strengthen collaboration among various sectors of society and bring together researchers from a wide range of disciplines. The funding was announced in Ottawa on Oct. 15.

"We are proud to support these valuable projects from across the country, each of which brings together top minds from community groups, universities and colleges," said Chad Gaffield, president of SSHRC. "The results of these 13 projects will advance our understanding of important issues and make a strong contribution to Canadian academics, policy-makers and society at large."

The new partnership is led by Verena Menec, Canada Research Chair in Healthy Aging and Director of the Centre on Aging.

On Oct. 24, Gaffield was on hand to congratulate Menec and her team at a special event at the University of Manitoba held to coincide with the Centre on Aging's 25th anniversary conference.

"Over the last 25 years, the Centre on Aging has earned an international reputation for its innovative work in the field of aging," said Joanne Keselman, vice-president (research) at the University of Manitoba.

"We are very proud of this ambitious initiative to make Manitoba the most age-friendly province in Canada, and we congratulate Dr. Menec, her team at the Centre on Aging, and all of the community groups and agencies that are part of this new alliance," she added.

The Age-Friendly Communities, Active Aging Alliance will focus on finding ways to adapt to an aging population. Seniors constitute 13 per cent of today's population, but this number is expected to increase to 25 per cent by 2046.

The new project will examine eight "domains"



Chad Gaffield

identified by the World Health Organization as being essential for building age-friendly communities: outdoor spaces and buildings, transportation, housing, respect and inclusion, social participation, civic participation and employment, communication, and community supports and health services.

"Assisting communities to become more age-friendly is one of the best ways to optimize not only the health of our older citizens, but also their continued participation in society," Menec said. "There are many communities in Manitoba committed to becoming more age-friendly, and by working together we can develop the framework to make that happen."

The Age-Friendly Communities, Active Aging Alliance was one of three Manitoba-based projects to receive new CURA grants announced by SSHRC on Oct. 15.

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The Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives was awarded CURA funding for a partnership focused on finding ways to address poverty and social exclusion in Manitoba's inner city and Aboriginal communities. It involves a number of community based organizations in Winnipeg, along with researchers from the University of Manitoba, the University of Winnipeg, and the University of Guelph. The project's principal investigator is University of Manitoba economics professor John Loxley.

Another CURA grant went to the Collège Universitaire de Saint Boniface for a project studying the diversity of francophone and Métis identities in Western Canada. This partnership involves 27 researchers from across the country, as well as 37 community groups, and is led by Léonard Rivard, dean of education and director of research at the collège.

"The fact that three of the 13 CURA grants were awarded to projects in Manitoba says a great deal about the collaborative spirit that exists in this province," Keselman said. "Clearly, Manitobans know the value of teamwork."

Duckworth Challenge runs this week

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Meanwhile, the women's soccer team is in British Columbia this week to play in the Canada West finals. The first game goes today against UBC.

If that wasn't enough, the Duckworth Challenge will bring the University of Manitoba and University of Winnipeg into head to head competition this week.

The basketball teams will square off at the University of Winnipeg's Duckworth Centre at 6 and

8 p.m. today in the first round of the competition. The second round will take place when the volleyball teams tangle at the Investors Group Athletic Centre at 6 and 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 2.

The Duckworth Challenge was started by Henry E. Duckworth (president of the University of Winnipeg from 1971-81 and Chancellor of the University of Manitoba from 1986-92) in an effort to profile the universities' intense but friendly cross-town rivalry.

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