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If you have any suggestions, or know of an outstanding alumna/alumnus you believe we should feature, please contact the Alumni Office. We look forward to hearing your ideas, suggestions and feedback.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



This past year I have seen a rebirth of events focused on alumni and the history of Brandon University. We have had successful reunions involving the School of Music with upwards of 300 alumni turning out to celebrate. In addition, we have rekindled the love for our *Alma Mater* by bringing back the Fall Homecoming replete with athletic events, dinners and even the dance. All told, these have been welcomed and celebrated by both alumni and current students.

In November we announced the beginning of a two-year fundraising campaign, called the *Standing Ovation* Campaign, for the School of Music. In that context my letter to you is about offering a Standing Ovation to all the alumni who have contributed to the cultural and physical well-being of Brandon University. All of you have given your time and moral support for the renaissance of the University. I ask you in this coming year to give a special thought to your *Alma Mater* and the *Standing Ovation* Campaign. Let's work together to enhance our world class School of Music. It is part of what makes Brandon University *Something Special*.

This edition of *Alumni News* includes a copy of *Going Forward*, our plan to 2009. We've come a long way since 2000, and we couldn't have achieved all that we have without your help. I would encourage you to donate to the *Standing Ovation* Campaign and, if you haven't already, to the *BU & YOU* Campaign. With your help, Brandon University will continue to flourish and grow.

Louis P. Visentin, Ph.D.
President & Vice-Chancellor

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BU NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS

Brandon University launches online, open access *Journal* of Rural and Community Development

On June 9, 2006, Brandon University's Rural Development Institute launched the online, open access *Journal of Rural and Community Development (JRCD)*. The purpose of the *JRCD*, founded by Dr. Doug Ramsey – a professor in the Department of Rural Development who will also serve as its editor – is to provide a venue through which academics can publish findings in the field of development studies in both rural and community contexts. The format will include standard editorials, regular refereed articles, and a book review section, as well as shorter, refereed case study articles and pieces that analyze particular policies and programs developed for or impacting on rural and small towns. The first two volumes can be viewed now at http://www.jrcd.ca/.

Manitoban Jaime Hickson takes over as Coach of BU Women's Basketball

Jaime Hickson took over as coach of the Bobcats Women's Basketball team effective July 10, 2006. Born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Hickson has been involved with the Women's Basketball community in Manitoba for ten years, both as a coach and administrator. Hickson has Level IV certification in the National Coaching Certification Program and has a bachelor's degree (Coaching major) from the University of Winnipeg and a master's degree (Coaching) from the University of Victoria. Hickson has conducted research in the areas of student athlete academic performance and has led some very successful fundraisers within the Winnipeg community with supporters and alumni.

President establishes Order of Merit for past and present alumni, staff and faculty

Brandon University President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Louis P. Visentin has established an Order of Merit Award for alumni, staff, and current and former faculty. The award will be presented to an individual who by virtue of their professional work and/or service has enhanced and advanced BU and the wider community. Nominations may be submitted to the Office of the President at any time during the academic year, and award selections occur one month prior to Convocation and one month prior to the Alumni Fall Homecoming event. In September 2006, the inaugural Order of Merit award was presented to Dr. David B. Stewart, Professor Emeritus of Zoology at Brandon University. For criteria and details on making a nomination, please contact the President's Office at (204) 727-9714.

Brandon University opens downtown Winnipeg site for Psychiatric Nursing program

On Monday, August 28, Brandon University held a grand opening celebration for its new Psychiatric Nursing facility located in the Rice Financial Building in downtown Winnipeg. The Baccalaureate Psychiatric Nursing program is delivered by BU in Winnipeg in collaboration with the University of Winnipeg. The new space will enable the entire program to be housed under one roof while still providing easy access to support courses on the U of W campus. The new site's facilities include two large classrooms, a counseling and adjoining observation room, a nursing skills lab, a computer lab, and faculty offices. Funding provided by the Council On Post-Secondary Education for this expansion will allow for an increase in the number of faculty in the program from three to eight. In addition, the number of students in Winnipeg across the four years of the program will increase from 80 to 160.

Brandon University welcomes acclaimed writer Tomson Highway to campus as Stanley Knowles Distinguished Visiting Professor

This fall, the Brandon University Faculty of Arts welcomed internationally acclaimed author and playwright Tomson Highway to the BU campus as the Stanley Knowles Distinguished Visiting Professor. Dr. Highway was on campus for one term from September to November 2006, and will return for a second term during the fall of 2007. During his stay this fall, Dr. Highway hosted a Beginner's Playwriting Workshop and a two-day Advanced Playwriting Workshop, participated in Winnipeg International Writers' Festival readings on the BU Campus, and organized and presented a reading of his work in cabaret form. The cabaret included songs from Highway's plays *Mary Jane Mosquito* and *Rose* and featured Highway as emcee and on piano, accompanied by singer Patricia Cano and BU's Greg Gatien on saxophone.











BU NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS









BU Athletics launches Sport Wall of Fame

The Brandon University Athletics Program launched its new Wall of Fame on September 30, 2006. The new BU Sport Wall of Fame integrates the former Brandon University Hockey Hall of Fame and Brandon University Basketball Hall of Fame and will also include all of the other sports that have been part of Brandon College and Brandon University programming throughout our 100-plus years of history. The 2006 induction class includes: Dr. Nancy Stanley, Athlete; Bruce Bonk, Athlete; Rick DeGagne, Community Leadership Award; Janet Lumsden, Athlete; Dick McDonald, Community Leadership Award; Verda McDonald, Community Leadership Award; and Joey Vickery, Athlete.

Campus courtyard renamed as the Kavanagh Courtyard

On Saturday, September 30, 2006, Brandon University's campus courtyard was renamed and dedicated as The Kavanagh Courtyard, in honour of Dr. Kevin and Mrs. Els Kavanagh. The dedication was made as part of the same ceremony that saw the Kavanaghs receive the 2006 Brandon University Apex Award, a recognition given annually to outstanding volunteer fundraisers for their work on behalf of the BU Foundation. Dr. Kevin and Mrs. Els Kavanagh are the Honorary Campaign Chairs of the BU & YOU Campaign - the University's most comprehensive and successful fundraising initiative to date. Both have been active in the life of BU for many years, with Kevin serving as Chancellor from 1996 to 2002 and thereafter receiving the appointment of Chancellor Emeritus.

BU opens The Glen P. Sutherland Gallery of Art

A new era began for the Brandon University Visual and Aboriginal Arts department on September 30, 2006 with the opening of the Glen P. Sutherland Gallery of Art on the BU Campus, made possible through a donation to the University from Glen P. Sutherland's son Grant. The gallery is student-run and will provide a space for students, faculty and visiting artists to show their work. Currently, visitors to the gallery can enjoy a selection of work by BU students and professors, as well as by students in the Assiniboine Community College Digital Media and Design program. The gallery is open Wednesday to Saturday from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on Thursdays from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. See our department profile on page 25 for more information.

Elizabeth Dawson becomes Brandon University's first **Environmental Sciences Graduate**

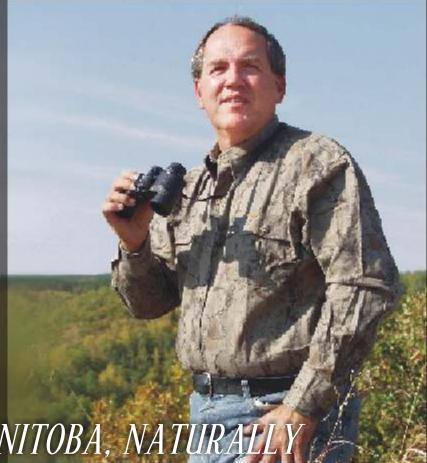
In October 2006, Elizabeth Dawson became the first graduate of the Brandon University Environmental Sciences program, which was introduced in September 2003. Dawson received a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science, and completed her degree following the Biodiversity stream of the program (students can choose from this stream of specialization and two others: Resource Management and Physical Sciences), which includes studies of genetic species and ecosystem diversity, each of which is critical to environmental protection. Dawson has moved to Victoria, BC, where she says she hopes to carry on with environmental science in a graduate program, and is hoping to focus on water resources or marine ecosystem management. She is also interested in studying how environmental degradation is affecting the health of human populations.

Official opening of Convergys Learning Centre

On October 26, 2006, Brandon University held the official opening of the Convergys Learning Centre, located in the John E. Robbins Library on the BU campus. This new, state-of-the-art facility brings together librarians and technical support, digital resources such as productivity software, electronic journals and databases, print resources, and the latest in technology with the goal of assisting BU students in becoming information literate. The Centre was made possible through donations to the BU & YOU Campaign from Convergys, who contributed funds for completing renovations to the room, MBNA Canada, who supplied funding for computer stations, and Staples, who donated a printer.

This is just a sample of the wealth of new and exciting things that have happened at BU in the past few months. For more information on any of these stories, or on what is happening at BU right now, please visit www.brandonu.ca/news. To stay up to date, sign up for the BU News & Highlights email by sending a message to communications@brandonu.ca.

Manitoba is a province brimming with natural beauty and scenic places, but you need help finding many of them because they are local secrets. A new book, Manitoba, Naturally, is helping to change that. "Manitoba, Naturally takes you to some of the most amazing places that you are unlikely to find without help," says Bill Stilwell, the book's author and Brandon University graduate. His new book showcases many of Manitoba's most scenic, yet largely unheralded, places. The book leads you to amazing places such as Blind Souris, Red Deer Point, Lorne Lake, Skene's Crossing and the Sundance site. Some of these may be places you have heard about, but it is all new to most people.



BILL STILWELL '88: MANITOBA, NATURALLY

Book by BU graduate is set to become his second national best-seller



Bill Stilwell was born and raised in rural Manitoba and has lived in a variety of places spanning the province from corner to corner, currently making his home in Neepawa, Manitoba where he writes and operates a nature-touring consulting business.

Bill has a Bachelor of General Studies degree from Brandon University and is a graduate of a Natural Resource Management program in Saskatoon. He enjoyed a lengthy career in natural

resource management and as a department head at a college where he also taught creative writing and journalism. He is a journalist, newspaper columnist, magazine editor and author, whose credits include a previous best seller titled, Scenic Secrets of Manitoba. He also wrote the History of Forest Rangers and Game Wardens for the Department of Natural Resources, and Conservation Districts, for the Province of Manitoba.

Bill has also written many published articles for all types of periodicals and newspapers across North America ranging from Outdoor Canada Magazine to the Toronto Sun. He has won a variety of awards for his writing and photography.

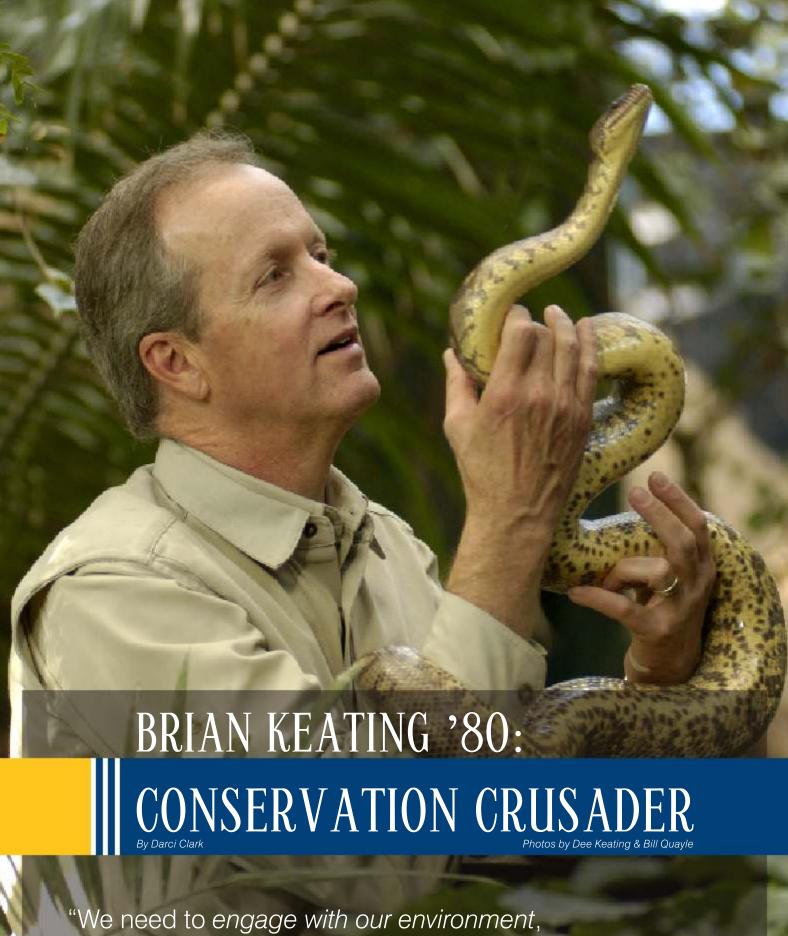
In addition to the book's author, Manitoba, Naturally has a strong connection to Brandon University. The book was designed by Innovative Media Group in Brandon under the watchful and creative eye of BU Alumnus Bryan Cesmystruk. As well, Alex Martin, the book's mapmaker, is a BU graduate who is currently nearing completion of a Master's degree through BU's Department of Rural Development.

"A degree from BU opens up many doors," says Stilwell. "For example, Alex Martin would not be the sole map maker in a best selling book without the skills he learned at BU. This is a major achievement by any standard."

While Stilwell captured most of the images in this brightly illustrated book, several people contributed photos, including other BU graduates.

Manitoba, Naturally will appeal to people who like to go for a Sunday drive, families planning a vacation, photographers, hikers and bird watchers, as well as people who like to experience nature from the comfort of their armchair. Whether you are a serious naturalist or are becoming interested in nature, you will learn something new from reading Manitoba, Naturally.

Manitoba, Naturally is available at bookstores throughout Manitoba or online at: manitobanaturally.ca. Bill Stilwell is based out of Neepawa, MB and he can be reached by email at: bills@mts.net.



whenever we can and wherever we are."

We were an internationally eclectic group, gathered in the lounge of the Fairmont Palliser in Calgary, as a postscript to the conference's closing banquet. We were all still in thraldom of its dynamic guest speaker and felt further blessed when that evening's star so graciously joined us.

I was seated a scant foot away from this Indiana Jones of a man when spotlighted snow began tickling the window. As our Euro friends hyperventilated in misplaced fear of missed flights, we exchanged the bemused grins of one prairie weather veteran to another.

"Hi. I'm Brian Keating," he said. And when I replied with my modest Brandon vitals, Keating exclaimed: "Brandon's a great town! I spent some of the best years of my life there as a student at BU."



Brian Keating, a fit and 50 globetrotter who - naturally climbs mountains, scuba dives and can pilot a plane, also finds time to play nursemaid to ospreys and be a devoted partner to wife Dee. Add 20 years as guest naturalist on CBC Radio and seven more doing Discovery Channel documentaries, plus receiving the Reader's Digest 2005 Environmental Hero of the Year award – and we've got a real-life Renaissance man for our time.

And Brandon University laid the foundation for it all.

"I'd done a two-year Fish and Wildlife Diploma at Lakeland College (Alberta) and was working seasonally," said Keating. "My boss said anything permanent required a degree, so I came to Brandon on a friend's recommendation and eventually graduated in 1980 with a B.Sc. in Environmental Science.'

"BU was wonderful!" Keating remembers. "Small classes, intimate atmosphere and the entire Assiniboine Valley at my doorstep."

Keating explored Westman with joyful abandon from the back of his motorbike throughout spring and fall, but it was in winter that he truly bonded with Brandon's backyard.

"The library closed at 10 p.m. so then I'd hightail it to the valley's edge wearing little more than a jean jacket and balaclava. I'd just soar off alone into the dark on my crosscountry skis, often closing my eyes and letting my feet feel the way. I seldom crashed and no harm done when I did." Though now more mountain man than prairie, Keating says being born on it (in Medicine Hat) means something in your blood is forever stirred by sweeping horizons and a meadowlark's trill.

"We need to engage with our environment, whenever we can and wherever we are."

Keating's family moved to New York when Keating was six so his sister Nancy, now a teacher, could attend the Lexington School for the Deaf. And in the wooded lot next to his Long Island neighbourhood, Keating recalls the ecoepiphany of getting his first camera and slowing down long enough to notice the forest floor. The move back to Canada, where his father opened a jewellery store in Calgary, came when Brian was 17 and in the crosshairs of the Vietnam draft. Calgary has been home base ever since.

It is through his 15 years at the helm of Conservation Outreach for the Calgary Zoo that Keating is leaving his legacy.

"Traditionally, zoos have taken from nature with little regard for damage done," says Keating of the rationale guiding his life's work. "It was past time to give back. Collectively, we can do it."



Keating's way is to pay it forward. He's invested in the future by establishing interactive youth programming at the Zoo and authoring a children's series called *Amazing Animal Adventures*. Add to that an exhausting speaking schedule in which Keating helps others see through his window on our wild world, diligently bringing back every dollar to build the endowment and sponsor conservation projects the globe over.

But the jewel in Keating's conservation crown has to be the Zoofari program created in the early '80s in collaboration with Calgary-based Civilized Adventures. Zoofari is now into double-digit annual treks – from Antarctica to Zimbabwe – with an entire team of experienced guides.

Civilized it is. There's plenty of adventure by day, but hot showers and luxury tents when night falls. And clients have the philanthropic satisfaction that fees filter back to the Zoo and its conservation commitments.

"Brian's gift is turning even the gruelling parts into a glorious experience," says Dr. Sherry Rainsforth, the Zoo's Director of Conservation, Education and Research and Keating's fellow Zoofari-an.

"Brian's tours always sell out!" confirms Denell Falk, Managing Director at Civilized Adventures. "Nothing is ever mundane and his sense of adventure is contagious."

Keating's deep compassion for all creatures even extends beyond the grave. He makes no bones about his will's provision for the naked mole rat, likely because this all-but-blind, subterranean sand puppy from East Africa is the ultimate oxymoron – a cold-blooded mammal – and so terminally ugly that only Brian would befriend it.

And for a famous person who's been to the edge of the earth and back, Keating retains a refreshing appreciation of the humble and homegrown, as shown by his perspective on how the onceendangered Canada goose now verges on nuisance status. "It's such an exciting problem to have!"

His boss agrees. "Brian is never off duty," says Alex Graham, President and CEO of the Calgary Zoo. "He will talk for 20 minutes on the common dung beetle with as much genuine enthusiasm as something more glamorous."

"When we're on a trip, Brian challenges people to keep track of every new species and share that back at camp," Graham adds. "On our latest (to Kenya and Tanzania in August) Brian recorded over 200 types of birds alone. And every day there is an optional 5 a.m. drive, with most passing to sleep in. Not Brian. He never misses it."

Despite Keating's well-known modesty, he is clearly first among equals on the other side of the pond.

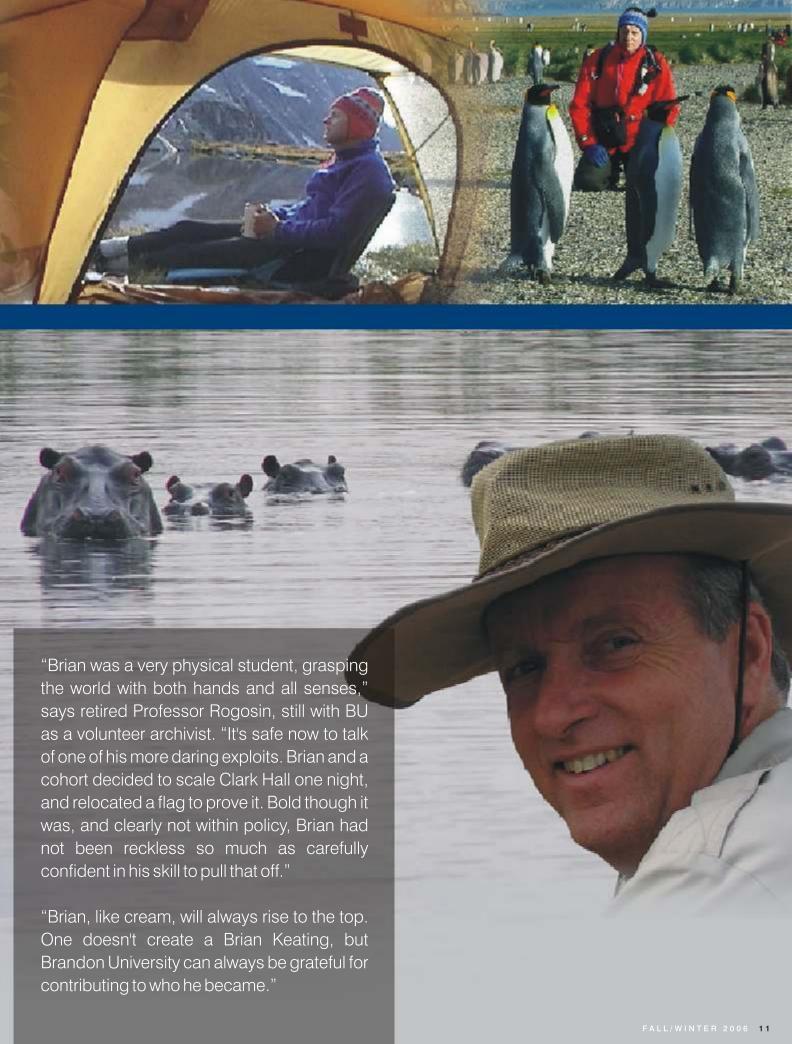
"Brian and I are, to my knowledge, the first Caucasians to be named West African chieftains," says Graham of the symbolic titles bestowed on them in 2003. "He's known as 'Dompie Naa' and considered honorary Chief of a village."

That distinction represents the deep respect in which both men are held for helping establish the Wechiau Hippo Sanctuary in Ghana, West Africa in 1998, where Brian's village shelters in its sacred corridor. Wechiau is considered the model for self-sustaining initiatives that don't just save animals, but also bring clean water, electricity and eco-employment to equally vulnerable humans.

"On a trip back to Ghana with Brian, my wife saw how the children lacked a school," elaborates Graham. "She came home inspired to raise the funds and next year will mark the official opening of the Heather Graham Primary School."

Meanwhile back in Brandon, Keating made a surprise visit to BU not long ago.

"The first thing I did was head down to the bowels of Brodie," Keating said. "And sure enough, there was Professor Rogosin, as if I'd just left yesterday!"



KEEPING IN TOUCH

Sonia Opleta, T.T.C. '58

Sonia graduated from the T.T.C. program at Brandon College in 1958. In 1971, she left a teaching position in Winnipeg and went to Prince Rupert, BC for what she thought would be one year. Thirty years later she retired from S.D. #52, Prince Rupert in June of 1998. She now happily resides in the wonderful resort community of Parksville, BC on Vancouver Island. "I have many happy memories of the time spent at Brandon College and always was thankful for the wonderful training that set me on my way to a very rewarding and happy career in education."

Irene Gendreau, Associate '63

After attending BU, Irene married and raised a family of four children. She completed a B.Ed. from the University of Alberta and a M.Ed. from the University of Lethbridge. She is currently teaching in a French Immersion K - 9 school.

Jacqueline Bond (née Clement), B.Sc. '64

Jacqueline graduated in 1964 with a B.Sc. In 1965 she received a PDAD in Education from the University of Manitoba. In 2002, she retired after 37 years of teaching in Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Brandon, and Edmonton. From 1988 until her retirement, she was a principal with the Edmonton Public School Board. Four years into retirement, she and her husband Wayne love to travel and look after their two grandsons, ages five and seven.

Ernst Poschenrieder, Associate '65

Ernst attended Brandon College from 1961 to 1964 and carried on his education at UBC, where he earned a degree in Economics. He has been working in First Nations economic development for the past 27 years. During this period, he has worked across western Canada on a myriad of projects. Ernst currently resides in Kelowna, BC.

Marianne Wiun, B.A. '67

After graduating from BU, Marianne obtained a B.S.W. degree from the University of Manitoba. She has enjoyed her careers as a Social Worker and a Library Assistant. In 2003, she accepted an early leave package from the Toronto District School Board and moved to Peterborough, ON to pursue other interests.



Eunice Seney, B.Mus. '70

Eunice works as an occasional teacher in Windsor and Essex County secondary schools. She plays classical piano and hymn arrangements in jazz and ragtime genres, plays in house concerts, and runs a Hymn Sing Service once a month for her church in Leamington, ON.

Amerigo Sparanese, B.Sc. '70

Dr. Amerigo Sparanese is a General Practitioner in the Royal Oak Shopping Centre in Victoria, BC.



Margo Foxford, B.T. '74

Since graduating from BU, Margo has been employed as a Special Education teacher with the Winnipeg School Division and has taught all ages from 5 to 21 years old. In June 2006, Margo was awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the Winnipeg Teachers' Association for outstanding contribution to the Association.

Margo Foxford

Cherry Hunt, B.T. '76

Cherry teaches Communications at Assiniboine Community College in Brandon. She also runs a catering business called Classic Cuisine, which caters to weddings, birthday parties, anniversaries, Christmas parties and business functions among many other occasions. Email: fhunt@mts.net.

Keri Barringer, Associate '79

Keri has been pursuing an environmental law career since graduating from the University of Calgary law program in 1996. Her current position is Senior Advisor - Legislation and Legal Affairs with the Government of the Northwest Territories. She provides legal and analytical services to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Policy, Legislation and Communications Division.

Marcia Christie, Associate '79

Marcia works as a well-site geologist in the oil patch. Her oldest son Joshua currently studies Geology at BU and her youngest son Orrie is enrolled in welding at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology.

Louis E. Harper, B.A. '79

After graduating from BU, Louis earned his Bachelor of Laws from Ottawa Faculty of Law and is now a practicing lawyer. He is a member of the Law Society of Manitoba and the General Counsel for Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Inc. He is also a former member of the Legal Counsel for the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs. He currently resides in Winnipeg, MB with his family.

John Berry, B.A. '82

After graduating from BU, John articled with the accounting company Kelleher & Co. in Brandon. In 1985, he joined the Manitoba Department of Finance, Taxation Division in Winnipeg. He joined the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) in 1990 and in 1991 he obtained a CGA designation. He moved to Calgary in 1997 and is currently a large case file manager with CRA. John married Beverley Preston and they have one daughter, Erin.

John Finch, B.A. '87, B.Ed. '90

John taught in Dauphin for ten years and was then appointed Technology Coordinator for the Mountain View School Division in Dauphin. He is now employed as a consultant with the Department of Education in Manitoba in the Distance Learning and Technologies Unit. John is married to Debra Parker and currently lives in Winnipeg.

Colleen McCarthy, B.Mus. '88

Colleen now plays with the Whitehorse Big Band and various groups, after a long vacation from the trombone. She was most recently heard playing for the local productions of *UrineTown* and *Peter and the Wolf*, and will be playing with the local Latin band Clave. Colleen lives in Whitehorse with her husband Drew and their two children. She works as an office assistant for an accounting firm.

David Pedden, B.Ed. '88

David has been living north of Edmonton in the Peace River Region, for the last 19 years, where he has taught since graduating from BU.

Shannon Hein (née Gilhooly), B.Ed. '90

Shannon is currently teaching a Special Education class for the Trillium Lakelands District School Board. She lives with her family of three children (ages 14, 12 & 10) in a small community outside Peterborough, ON. "We are all very involved in soccer and curling. We keep active and truly enjoy our summer vacation together as a family. We love the perks of teaching!"

Ragnar Thedéen, M.Mus. '91

Since graduating from Brandon University, Ragnar has been performing as a pianist on a freelance basis, working mostly with singers including some chamber music and solo playing. Since 2002, he has been employed full-time as a church musician (organ, piano, singing and choir).

Miguel Moncayo, B.Sc. '92 and Gwen Moncayo (née Phillips), B.Sc.N. '93

Miguel and Gwen were married in 1993. Miguel graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1997. They relocated to Strathmore, Alberta where Miguel is a partner at the local mixed animal practice. In 2003, Gwen was the first Masters Prepared Primary Care Nurse Practitioner to graduate from the University of Calgary. She now works part-time at Calgary Urban Project Society with a marginalized population. Miguel and Gwen have three sons, Dion (8) Tomas (6) and Mateo (2).

Corev Paziuk, Associate '92

After working throughout Manitoba as a paramedic in various positions including management, Corey has settled down in Headingley, MB where he is a Paramedic with the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service.

Darryl Sheffield, B.Ed. '92

Darryl teaches high school Geography in Napanee, ON, near Kingston.

Joe Stouffer, B.A., B.Ed. (AD), A.R.C.T. '93, M.Ed. '06

Joe is thrilled to be undertaking training to become a Teacher Leader in Reading Recovery in the 2006-07 school year. He will assist in the implementation of Reading Recovery for Southwest Horizon School Division and in the surrounding area of Manitoba. Joe continues to coach women's gymnastics and has recently returned to study piano with Mary-Jo Carrabré at the Eckhardt-Gramatté Conservatory. Joe and his partner, Dr. Greg Boguski, reside in Brandon.

Isabel Bright (née Hargest) B.Sc. '94

Isabel has been living in the Pembina Valley region for the past 12 years. For ten years, she was employed by and managed a shelter for abused women and their children. Isabel is now employed with Red River College as the Regional Manager of the Winkler Campus. Isabel and her husband recently moved to Winkler and are enjoying life as empty nesters, as their children pursue their education – Trevor as an Electrician and Jenna currently at Brandon University.

Rod Jardine, B.Sc. '94

Rod has lived in Minneapolis, Minnesota for the past eight years, where he works as an IT Director responsible for Enterprise Application Architecture at United Health Group.

Tracy Johnson (née MacLeod), B.G.S. '96, B.Ed. '98

Tracy is currently living in Canora, SK and working full time as a Middle Years teacher for Canora Composite School. She has continued her basketball career not as a player but as a coach. She has coached a number of successful teams and continues to share her love and knowledge of the sport for all who are interested! She was married in April of 1998 and has 4 children.



Jason Kroetsch, B.Ed. '97

Jason currently resides in Winnipeg where he has been teaching for the past seven years. He has just published a book called *The ABC's of Anger*, which he co-authored, about childhood behaviour.

Rochelle McDonald (née Zimmer), B.Sc. '97, B.Ed. '99

After graduating with her Education Degree, Rochelle moved back home to Hudson Bay, SK. Rochelle and her husband Doug were married in 2000. Doug works at the Weyerhaeuser mill in Hudson Bay. Rochelle is a full-time grade four teacher at their elementary school. She and her husband have two children, Macy (4) and Meegan (2 1/2).

Peter Bignell, B.Ed. '98

After graduation, Pete began teaching with Joe A. Ross School on Opaskwayak Cree Nation, Manitoba. He moved to Winnipeg in 2002 and began developing education programs for the new Parklands/Mixed Woods Gallery at the Manitoba Museum. In 2003, Pete began teaching at Niji Mahkwa School with the Winnipeg School Division.

Sheri Linstead (née Dulian), B.A. '98

Sheri is currently employed as an Account Executive at Horizon Leipsic Insurance in Winnipeg, MB. She and her husband David were married in Brandon on October 7. 2006. They now reside in Winnipea.



Sheri Linstead

Jennifer Saban (née Drul), B.Ed. '99

Jennifer lives in Calgary, AB and is employed with Rocky View School Division as an Assistant Principal. She graduated from BU in 1999 with a B.Ed. and has since completed her M.Ed. in 2005 at the University of Calgary. Email: jennifersaban@shaw.ca

Sarina Hoi, B.A. '00

After graduating in 2000, Sarina completed her M.A. in 2004 and joined her family back in Victoria. She is currently working in the finance industry in Victoria. "I hope to see you all again at the next Alumni gathering in Victoria! Special greetings to Dr. Yoh, Dr. Wong and Dr. Miller!"



Sarina Hoi and Dr. Jeff Williams Vice President of Academic and Research, Brandon University

Guillermo Rosabal-Coto, M.Mus. '01

Prior to receiving his M.Mus. at BU, Guillermo obtained an undergraduate degree in bassoon performance from the University of Costa Rica. He served as Artistic Manager and Director of Outreach Programs of the National Symphony Orchestra of Costa Rica in 1999. During the 2003-2004 seasons, he was selected by the Ministry of Culture of Costa Rica as Personal Assistant and Consultant to the Artistic Director of the orchestra, as well as Production Manager of the country's

National Opera Company. Guillermo has taught undergraduate courses in music education foundations and methods, music history and music research methods and served as music education thesis advisor at the University of Costa Rica. He has also lectured extensively on the nature and value of music and presented choral techniques workshops across the country. He has also produced his own music appreciation radio show and appeared on several occasions on family and self-help television programs, addressing the role of music in the construction of the self. Guillermo is the Central American Coordinator of the Comparative Music Education Project of the MayDay Group and teaches music appreciation to music amateurs in his private Guillermo Rosabal-Coto studio.



KEEPING IN TOUCH

Katie Kadambi, B.A. '01

Katie recently obtained a CMA designation and is working for a large retail company based in Winnipeg. She is enjoying the profession and the diversity that the CMA offers. "I think fondly of my time at BU and appreciate the knowledge and assistance from my professors. I look forward to learning more and seeking out more challenges."

Audrey North, B.Ed. '01

Audrey works as an Aboriginal Consultant for Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth School Programs Division, Program & Student Services Branch, School Support Unit, in Winnipeg.

Tim McKay, B.A. '02

Tim is now a currency broker dealing with commercial currency exchange with Globex in Winnipeg, MB.

Sonia Ramanand, B.P.N. '03

Sonia completed her Masters of Nursing from Charles Sturt University in Toronto in 2005. She is now tutoring nursing students and helping her husband with his business.

Andrew Legeny, B.G.S./B.Ed. '04

Andrew is a music teacher in the Kelsey School Division in The Pas, MB.

Melonie Murchison, B.B.A. '04

Melonie is currently working in Calgary at Canadian Natural Resources in the Joint Venture Accounting Group. In addition to this, she is pursuing her CGA designation.

Marcel Penner, B.Sc.P.N. '04

Marcel grew up in Selkirk, MB and was inspired to follow in his father's footsteps into the field of psychiatric nursing. He attended Brandon University through the off-site campus in Winnipeg, in the faculty of Psychiatric Nursing. He graduated in 2004 and worked briefly as a nurse in Health Sciences Centre Psychiatric Health in Winnipeg and then the Selkirk Crisis Stabilization Unit. From there he accepted a wonderful opportunity to work as Crisis Counsellor in Dryden, ON and then transferred over to the position of Mental Health and Addictions Therapist, his current title. "The opportunities that have opened up for me since I graduated are stunning. I would like to attribute credit to the teachers and instructors that deserve to be recognized for their role in preparing me for these exciting times."

Tanis Basaraba, B.G.S./B.Ed. '05

Tanis graduated with a B.G.S/B.Ed. degree planning to enter the teaching field in 2005. After spending a short time substitute teaching, she applied to the Brandon Police Service in January 2006. She graduated August 2006 from recruit training and entered the Brandon Police Service as a Police Officer (constable) in the General Patrol Unit.

Alissa Reid (née Curtis), B.Ed. '05

Alissa is currently teaching at an international school in Torreon, Mexico with her husband, Steve, after spending one year teaching in the Ukraine. Email: reidalissa@hotmail.com.

IN MEMORIAM

Dorothy (Bell) Clement B.A. '36

Margaret Doak, B.A. 63 September 28, 2006

Ruth E. (Willey) Gordon, B.A. '27

Elizabeth J. (Burgoyne) Knowlton, B.A. '43 August 12, 2006

John D. McArthur, B.Sc. '57

Willard G. Milne, B.Sc. '47 September 26, 2006

Lorna C. Rose, B.A. '69 June 9, 2006

Marie Pepper, Associate '72 May 23, 2006

Linda Baker, B.T. '76, B.Ed. '81

William S. McKay, B.Ed. '87 May 7, 2006

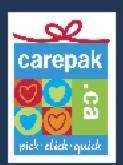
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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GREETINGS

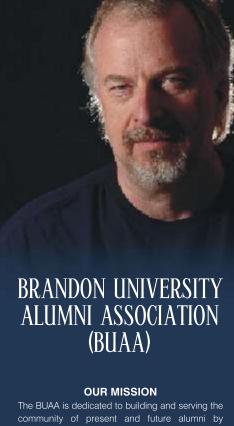
One can always tell when fall has arrived in southwestern Manitoba. The geese are flying south (geese are very smart), we've experienced the first snowfall of the year just in time for Halloween, and the pressure is on to get another edition of Alumni News published and distributed before Christmas. This year we had another sign of fall in Brandon, with the return of a traditional Fall Homecoming Weekend! For the first time in nearly 12 years, former students returned to the campus at a time when things were hopping. I'd like to thank the BUAA Board and particularly Carla Eisler, Alumni Relations Officer and the Institutional Advancement staff for all their help in putting on a great weekend! For those of you who missed it, I hope you give some serious thought to joining us next year. For those of you who took part, thanks for coming and making it the memorable weekend that it was. The BUAA Board has already started an evaluation of what worked this year and what didn't. We promise to incorporate some new ideas into next year's program to attract even more alumni back to BU.

For me, one of the highlights of Homecoming '06 was meeting Wendell Hewitt-White, who graduated from Brandon College in 1936. Some of you may know him as Del White. He made the trip to Brandon from Ottawa with his daughter-in-law Maureen. Del came to Homecoming '06 for a good time, if not a long time. He and Maureen were the last ones to leave the Saturday evening banquet and dance, and were still up early to catch the Farewell Champagne Brunch on Sunday morning. He received a standing ovation after a short speech during the Awards presentation, which he ended by reciting the Class of '36 motto "Quand Même," which, in the vernacular of the day, translated into "Despite Everything" (this was the height of the depression after all, and it couldn't have been easy finding the means to attend college in those days). I hope to see Del and Maureen here again next year!

Across the country, universities are struggling with the issue of how to engage alumni in events that will foster a positive affiliation with their Alma Mater, and BU is no exception. We need more people like Del White to return to campus, from whatever era they attended. We also need to find ways to encourage the existing student body to remain connected to BU after they graduate. Why? The answer is quite simple. If we don't, we will have failed to meet the objective of our alumni association, which is to build a better university for those who follow us. Given the challenges that we face, it occurs to me that perhaps the BUAA should adopt Del's class motto!

Quand Même!

John Scott, '74 President, Brandon University Alumni Association



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ALUMNI MEMBER CARD

FALL HOMECOMING HIGHLIGHTS

AWARDS



Dr. David Stewart receives the inaugural President's Order of Merit Award. Photo (L-R): Mrs. Ruth Stewart, The Rt. Hon. Edward Schreyer, Dr. David Stewart, Dr. Louis P. Visentin.



Mr. Doug Adams receives the BUAA Alumni Award, the highest honour bestowed by the Alumni Association. Photo (L-R): The Rt. Hon. Edward Schreyer, Mr. Doug Adams, Dr. Louis P. Visentin.



Mr. Ben Ward receives the BUAA Distinguished Service Award. Photo (L-R): The Rt. Hon. Edward Schreyer, Mr. Ben Ward, Mr. Lloyd Morrice, Dr. Louis P. Visentin.



Mr. David Perkins receives the BUAA Distinguished Service Award. Photo (L-R): The Rt. Hon. Edward Schreyer, Mr. David Perkins, Mr. John Russell, Dr. Louis P. Visentin.



Dr. Erasmus Monu receives the BUAA Excellence In Teaching Award. Photo (L-R): The Rt. Hon. Edward Schreyer, Dr. Erasmus Monu, Ms Laura Lobel, Dr. Louis P. Visentin.



Dr. Kevin & Mrs. Els Kavanagh receive the BU Foundation's Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser Apex Award. Photo (L-R): Mr. Doug Adams, BU Foundation President, The Rt. Hon. Edward Schreyer, Mrs. Els Kavanagh, Dr. Louis P. Visentin, Dr. Kevin Kavanagh, Dr. Tom Breneman, BU & YOU Campaign Chair.

SEPTEMBER 29, 30 & OCTOBER 1, 2006



EVENTS



Class of 1956 President, Mr. Hilton Stewart, Mr. Ernie Shaw '51 and Mrs. Rosa Shaw '51 are greeted by Mr. John Scott '74, BUAA President at the Homecoming Welcome Reception.



Mr. Wendell Hewitt-White Class of 1936, returns to Brandon College (University) to celebrate his 70th Anniversary.



Brandon University's new Cheerleading Squad performs at the Homecoming game, accompanied by the Bobcat's new mascot, Bailey.



Members of the BU Students' Union Executive at the 80's theme Student/Alumni Social held during Homecoming Weekend.



Classmates look through old photos and newspapers in the University's McKee Archives as part of their class reunions, during Homecoming Weekend.



The Class of 1956 celebrates their 50th Anniversary.

Back Row (L-R): Nestor Shabits, Gerald Brown, Allan Johnson, Allan Hattie, Ben Ward, Lorne Day, Don Dillistone, Clifford Glenn

Middle Row (L-R): Janice (Gusdal) Ward, Frank McKinnon, Marina (Townsend) Laking, Verda (Peden) Mcdonald, Helen (Batho) Mitchell, Shirley (Ivey) Welch, Beverley Craham, Clara (Mansfield) Ramsey, Donna (Wallace) Thompson Front Row (L-R): Anna (Rempel) Eaton, Mary Ellen Roach, Eileen (Campbell) Simpson, Leona (Hutton) Kutcher, Jean (Hannah) McIntosh.

SCHOOL OF MUSIC AUGUST 18, 19 & 20, 2006

100TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION







Dr. Earl Davey conducts the Alumni Choir.

Mr. Gordon Macpherson conducts the Alumni Orchestra.

Mr. William Gordon conducts the Alumni Band.

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

OTTAWA, ON CALGARY, AB WINNIPEG, MB VANCOUVER, BC VICTORIA, BC - March 3, 2007, Canadian Forces Base, Esquimalt

DANCELAND SOCIAL

Clear Lake, MB - Saturday, July 21, 2007

HOMECOMING 2007

Everyone Welcome!

You are invited to Fall Homecoming 2007 being held October 19 - 21, 2007. Join us as we celebrate the class years of

1937, 1947, 1957, 1967, 1982 & 1997

Call your fellow classmates now and plan to attend. Help organize your class reunion by calling the Alumni Association.

For more information on any event, or if you are interested in assisting with an event in your area, contact the Alumni Association Office at 204.727.9697 or email alumni@brandonu.ca. Be sure to check out our website for future events at http://alumni.brandonu.ca

Alumni Privileges

Simply by being a BU graduate, you have access to many services and discounts.

Alumni Card: Your alumni card is FREE. This member card allows you to enjoy special benefits and discounts. Contact the Alumni Association and apply for your card now.

Alumni News Magazine: FREE subscription to the magazine, published twice yearly.

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Recreational Facility Use: Alumni are welcome to make use of the BU Gymnasium. Contact Campus Recreation at 204.727.9636. BU alumni may also make use of recreation facilities through the Reciprocal Recreation Facilities Program at many different colleges and universities. Check our website for a list of participating schools.

Alumni Events: Alumni Events, on and off campus, are an excellent way to network with other alumni. To hold an alumni event in your hometown, or for reunion planning, please call our Alumni Officer at 204.727.9697.

John E. Robbins Library Borrowing Privileges: Show your alumni card and receive full borrowing privileges.

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Group Life Insurance: We are pleased to partner with Industrial Alliance Pacific Life Insurance to provide you with comprehensive coverage at economical

BUAA MasterCard TM Affinity Program: In partnership with MBNA Canada, we have established a card that gives you the benefits of MasterCard TM while a percentage of each purchase charged to the card supports the BU Alumni Association and its services for alumni.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Brandon University Alumni Association Alumni Award is presented to a nominee in recognition of exceptional service to . Brandon University and/or the Alumni Association.

The Brandon University Alumni Association Wall of Fame Award is presented to regular alumni members who have made a significant achievement in their personal career since leaving Brandon College/University.

The Brandon University Alumni Award for Distinguished Service is presented to an alumnus/alumna who has made an outstanding contribution to community service.

The Alumni Excellence in Teaching Award is presented to a member of the BU teaching staff who has exemplified excellence in teaching at our University.

Nominations for the above awards close on May 31, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. For specific criteria and nomination forms, please contact Carla Eisler, Alumni Relations Officer at 204.727.9697, Email: alumni@brandonu.ca or visit our Website at http://alumni.brandonu.ca.

FOUNDATION MESSAGE

Greetings to Alumni, Donors, and Friends of Brandon University,

It is indeed a great time to be associated with Brandon University and the Foundation. First, we are in the home stretch of the largest and most successful fundraising campaign in our history — a campaign that had a financial goal of eight million dollars, but has raised over \$9 million. The BU & YOU Campaign has experienced unprecedented success thanks to the support of our generous donors to whom we owe a tremendous thank you.

Second, we have launched the Standing Ovation Campaign in conjunction with the 100 year anniversary of our renowned School of Music. This campaign is designed to assist in meeting the many needs of the Music faculty. For more information on these campaigns visit our web site and click on the campaign links or call the Department of Institutional Advancement.

Third, in the 26 year history of the Foundation, we have released to Brandon University over \$20 million to enhance BU.

Finally, we continue with the Foundation's strategic planning, review of committee structure, and clarification of roles and responsibilities as we set our course for the next quarter century. The purpose of such an exercise is to remain current, effective and strong in assisting Brandon University to move forward.

Once again, thank you for your continued support. Best wishes to you all for the new year.

Doug Adams '87 President, Brandon University Foundation

Thank you BU Alumni! Over the years, you've generously supported our next generation of students by giving to the Annual Fund. Your combined efforts have altered the landscape of the University, making a lasting impact on our students. Last year alone, with your help, we raised \$65,000 for numerous needs on campus.

If you haven't yet given to the Annual Fund this fall, please consider doing so. While you can designate your gift to any area on campus in relation to a personal interest area or loyalty, this year we are focusing our campaign on six areas:

Faculty of Arts

Library Acquisitions

Faculty of Education Faculty of Science

- Educational Research Bursaries - Laboratory Teaching Equipment

School of Health Studies – Scholarships and Bursaries School of Music - Scholarships and Bursaries

Student Services - Student Commons

For information on how to give, please contact:

Shawna English, Development Officer

Phone: 204.727.9715 Toll free: 1.877.282.4483

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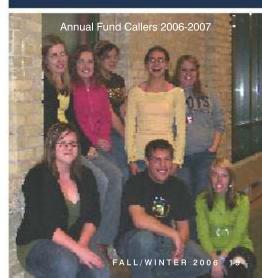
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"I am continually impressed by the generosity of our donors."



Launched by Brandon University and the Brandon University Foundation in May 2004, the threeyear BU & YOU Campaign is the University's most ambitious and encompassing fundraising

Thanks to your generosity, we have made remarkable progress. Gifts and support received to-date are

already making positive changes on campus for our students and faculty. Here are just a few:

- Created 50 NEW endowments for student bursaries;
- Provided teaching resources, software, computers and other vital equipment for teaching and learning;
- · Created new student study areas, Convergys Learning Centre and The Gathering Space in the John E. Robbins
- · Renovated residence lounges;
- Built the new Fine Arts Studio and Gallery in the Jeff Umphrey Centre, featuring the Glen P. Sutherland Gallery of
- Provided new musical instruments and performance/touring sponsorships;
- Supported BU Athletics and athletes;
- Created new business partnerships by funding visiting professors and lecture series.

Please visit our web site, www.brandonu.ca and follow the BU & YOU Campaign links for the complete story and visit our donor gallery, which includes information on the difference your gifts have made throughout campus.

As we enter the third and final year of this fundraising initiative, much remains to be done and we invite your continued participation so that together, we can reach all our Campaign

It starts here. It starts with You!



SNAPSHOT KEY PRIORITY AREAS OF NEED

Fitness Centre

The new Fitness Centre will serve not only the BU campus community, but also the people of Brandon and the surrounding area. It will provide muchneeded total fitness opportunities including the Great West Life Fitness Room, a regulation size court, a suspended running track, as well as safe and ample parking and more.

Scanning Electron Microscope, Laboratories and Equipment for Science

A new Scanning Electron Microscope and Laboratory will play a vital role in research undertaken by students and faculty in the Departments of Geology, Botany, Zoology, Geography and Environmental Science including Agriculture and Horticulture programs.

Raising Funds for Other Needs Campus-Wide

- Residence upgrades are needed to bring student housing up-to-date.
- Technology and Equipment are necessary in all faculties to ensure that students receive the cutting edge education that will increase their value upon graduation.
- Research and Scholar-in-Residence Endowments allow BU to recruit and retain the very best faculty
- Student Bursaries and scholarships are an increasingly important factor for students choosing a university.
- The Fine Arts Studio and Glen P. Sutherland Gallery of Art continues to be a work in progress. Your support will make it even more functional for our students and faculty.



As we enter the final months of the BU & YOU Campaign, many of the goals that were set out those key priority areas that remain: the Fitness Centre, Scanning Electron Microscope and Laboratory Equipment for the faculty of Science When achieved, these initiatives will have a lasting impact on our campus, well into the

Your gift significantly impacts our students both present and future. It can make them healthier in body and mind, give them an edge in research or grant them access to a quality postsecondary education they may not have been able to afford otherwise. Your investment in them is an investment in our future.

I am continually impressed by the generosity of our donors. To those already among their ranks, thank you. To those considering making a gift, I strongly encourage you to join this fine community of philanthropists.

Louis P. Visentin. Ph.D. President & Vice-Chancellor

STANDING OVATION

New musical instruments are essential to the success of the School of Music. Your support in this area will allow us to enhance and expand our instrument collection and will enable us to provide students with the state-of-the-art tools necessary to succeed in a highly competitive milieu. New instruments will not only

Ensemble touring, concerts and community programming significantly enhance students' learning and performing experience. The Brandon University School of Music believes strongly in its regional and provincial mandate to "reach out to and collaborate with" rural Manitoba. Through annual ensemble tours, our students have the opportunity to share their talents and training with elementary and high school students and the general public in all areas of music. This experience is vital to the growth and development of our students as well as to the development of young, talented musicians in Manitoba and

The establishment of new endowments for student ensemble touring will provide ongoing funding for this outreach and community relationship building, while also allowing the School to expand its frequency, range and capacity for touring

SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES

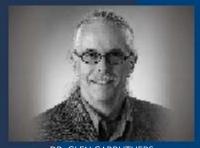
To continue to attract the most talented and gifted music students, Brandon University must significantly increase both the quantity and value of scholarships and bursaries. Many students rely on scholarship and bursary support to offset the cost of a post-secondary education. There are many creative ways in which you can help School of Music students directly by endowing a scholarship or bursary. You may also establish an award in honour, or memory of a loved one

TEACHING SUPPORT

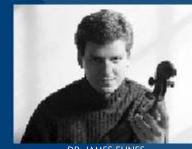
High-calibre visiting artists and quest performers, workshops and master-classes add immeasurably to the experience of students and faculty alike. Our new JAZZ STUDIES program has shown rapid growth and many new and gifted faculty members have been hired in all departments in recent years. Contributions towards teaching support will greatly enhance all avenues of musical learning and expression, with the students' needs in minc

SCHOOL OF MUSIC NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Countless naming opportunities are available within the School of Music, from seats in the Lorne Watson Recital Hall, to practice studios, to naming the School of Music itself. For more information, please talk to a member of the Department of Institutional Advancement to determine the best option for you.



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PRESIDENTS' CIRCLE

Alumni and friends working together for the future of Brandon University

The Brandon University Foundation Presidents' Circle brings together the University's most dedicated supporters to participate in campus accomplishments through unique and exciting events. Now in its fifth year, the Presidents' Circle continues to recognize the generous contributions of these donors with invitations to a wide range of events that feature the diversity of our campus and programs.

On Tuesday, October 10th, 2006 Brandon University President Dr. Louis P. Visentin and Brandon University Foundation President Douglas Adams welcomed members to the first event of the season with a special evening of music from one of history's greatest composers, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. In recognition of the BU School of Music's 100th anniversary, the Presidents' Circle Event, Mozart: An Evening of Fascinating Anecdotes and Memorable Music commemorated the 250th anniversary of Mozart's birth with a pro series concert featuring The Jarvis Quintet. Prior to the concert, Presidents' Circle members and guests were invited to a special presentation and reception with Dr. Stefan Carter, who recently published a book on Mozart's music and travels entitled Mozart: A Meditation on his Life and Mysterious Death.

For the second event of the season, Dr. Louis P. Visentin and his wife Mary will host a Presidents' Circle International Holiday Reception at University House on Sunday, December 10th, 2006. This come-and-go afternoon reception will feature the wide diversity of cultures on our campus. In May of 2007, Presidents' Circle Members will receive an exclusive invitation to the always-popular Presidents' Circle Field Trip Excursion, this year with a focus on our rural Manitoba roots and research at BU.

Membership in the Presidents' Circle begins with a charitable gift of \$1,000. Gifts are tax deductible and can be made with a contribution of as little as \$83.33 per month, or \$19.25 per week. Contributions to the Presidents' Circle can be undesignated, or directed to a donor's area of choice. In the past, these generous gifts have equipped our Faculty of Science with microscopes for research, enhanced our internationally recognized School of Music with instrument purchases, established scholarship and bursary endowments in a variety of faculties and contributed towards the future building of an exciting new Fitness Centre on campus.

For further information on our Presidents' Circle season, or to become a member of the Presidents' Circle, please contact Cindy Yacyshen in the Department of Institutional Advancement at 204.727.9689 or Email: yacyshen@brandonu.ca.



MUSIC STUDEN



Through a generous planned gift from Brandon College alumna Betty Knowlton (Class of '43), the BU School of Music has been able to add a valued Kawai baby grand piano to their instrument bank.

Betty led a very full life, highlighted by her time in Brandon and at Brandon College (now University). It was there that she met her husband, Hugh. The couple lived in several cities, but always seemed to return to Brandon, where Betty was active in the community. She was involved in the Independent Order of the Daughters of the Empire (IODE) and the Brandon Regional Health Centre Foundation.

In particular, Betty loved music. That is why, when she purchased the piano, she decided that it belonged at the BU School of Music. The new baby grand piano has a wonderful new home at BU, where it is already well-used by School of Music students. The piano is an ideal size for small chamber groups and for the Suzuki program, which teaches music to children based on the "mother tongue" approach.

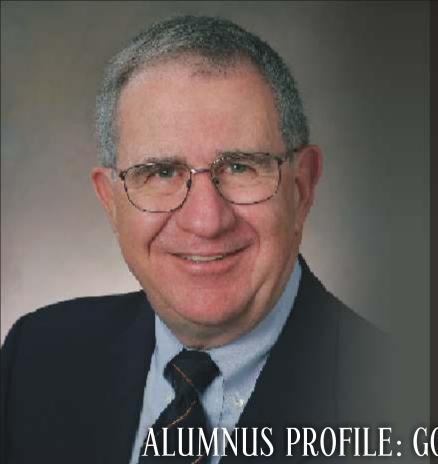
Mark Cramer, Piano Technician in the School of Music, is pleased that BU has received such a gift. "It had been our intent to purchase such a piano for two years, but we simply did not have the resources to make such an investment." This gift means that funds earmarked for a new piano can now be directed towards maintaining the integrity of existing

Dr. Glen Carruthers, Dean of the School of Music agrees. "In the past year or so, the School of Music has received a couple of very fine instruments - a rare violin last fall and an exquisite piano this fall. These gifts-in-kind are a terrific way to donate to our School of Music. It places

quality instruments directly in the hands of our faculty and students. We are very grateful to Betty Knowlton for remembering us in this way and look forward to other instrument donations as our Standing Ovation Campaign unfolds.'

Betty Knowlton '4

Donations can be made to the Brandon University School of Music in Betty Knowlton's name. If you wish to make a gift, contact the Department of Institutional Advancement at 1.877.282.4483 or development@brandonu.ca.



Gordon Williams' (B.Sc. '55) career as a geologist and teacher has taken him around the world, from working the oil fields of Alberta, to teaching at the University of Queensland in Australia, to traveling and working in the UK, Thailand, Japan, Trinidad and in various countries in Africa and the Middle East, not mention almost every Canadian province and a few US states. Today, he is semiretired, but still serving as a consultant in Calgary and internationally, as well as instructing in the Petroleum Land Management program at the Haskayne School of Management at the University of Calgary. After more than 50 years since graduating from Brandon College (now Brandon University), he says the friends he made and the education he received are as valuable as ever.

ALUMNUS PROFILE: GORDON D. WILLIAMS '55

Brandon College grad still striving to leave the world a little better than he found it

"Brandon College was a great place for a kid from the farm to begin his education," says Williams, "truly a mind-opening experience, with the faculty and staff as role-models. I have never regretted obtaining a general science degree before going on to specialize and have recommended a similar course to many of my students. The breadth and solid foundation provided by my College degree was and is awesome."

"Brandon College was a family," he continues, "professors, staff and students had common objectives-in current terms, we shared a common mission and vision. Dr. Evans (J.R.C. Evans was Principal of Brandon College and one of Williams' professors) had a motto in his office that read 'Winners never knock, knockers never win' - an ethics lesson in six words."

"An amazing number of Brandon graduates found their way to Calgary and the oil patch and the camaraderie and honesty of the College experience persists."

Williams is quick to share memories of that camaraderie, from his experiences with a Brandon College Barbershop Quartet ("nursery rhymes on stage in short pants and beanies") to a trip to Edmonton and Saskatoon that he took with the College Caps hockey team in 1955 ("as I recall we lost all our games but put on a great effort at the big universities, considering the team consisted of a total of ELEVEN players!"), to memories of Stick elections, the Iron Door, and regular infusions of cheese soufflé and macaroni and cheese in the Dining Hall.

After leaving Brandon College, Williams pursued graduate studies in geology at the University of Alberta in Edmonton. In 1960, he graduated from U of A with a Ph.D. and started working in Calgary.

It wasn't long before he was back in academia. In 1961, Williams was appointed Assistant Professor of Geology at the U of A, and three years later he moved to the University of Queensland as Senior Lecturer in petroleum geology. After two years "down under" he returned to the U of A in 1966, where he became a full professor in 1974, and served as Assistant and Acting Head of the Geology Department from 1967 to 1971. In 1985 he left U of A to move back to the oil patch in Calgary. From 1990 to 1995, he served as Dean of Science and Technology at Mount Royal College in Calgary.

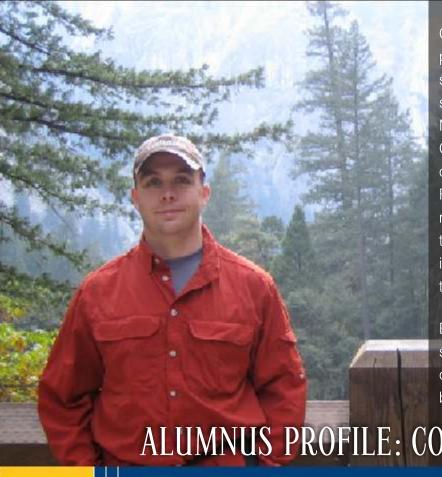
"The breadth and solid foundation provided by my College degree

was and is awesome."

Today, Williams describes himself as semi-retired but still active. In May 2006, he was awarded honourary membership in the Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists, and in June he was presented with the inaugural Canadian Professional Geoscientist Award from the Canadian Council of Professional Geoscientists. He is now being more selective about the projects he takes on, and despite a career that has taken him all the way around the Earth, the principles by which he says he lives his life remain as simple and straightforward as they come:

"To leave the world a little better than I found it."

Words we could all benefit from living by!



Considering the path that his educational and professional careers have taken, from graduate studies at Yale University to a demanding and successful career as Western Region Account Manager for the Magnetic Resonance Division of California-based Varian, Incorporated, a supplier of Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) and Fourier Transform Mass Spectometry (FTMS) research equipment, some may find it surprising that Corey R. Morcombe (B.Sc. 2000) entered into his studies at Brandon University with some trepidation.

Born in Brandon, and raised on a small farm south of Oak Lake in Manitoba, Morcombe's decision to attend Brandon University was one based mainly on proximity.

ALUMNUS PROFILE: COREY R. MORCOMBE '00

BU grad follows path of success to Yale and beyond

"I'm the oldest child in my family, and neither of my parents attended university," he says, "so this was a new experience for all of us. I didn't consider any other university—Brandon seemed like an obvious choice because it was close to home."

Having discovered an aptitude for the mathematically demanding sciences during high-school, Morcombe enrolled in the Faculty of Science to pursue a major in Chemistry and minors in Physics and Mathematics, thinking he would pursue a career in medicine. That all changed when he met BU professor and NMR researcher Dr. Ronald Dong.

"My path to research started because of the small size of the introductory physics class taught by Dr. Ronald Dong," says Morcombe. "Ron approached me during my second year and asked me to consider researching with him during the summer. I had no idea how NMR worked, but decided that I would give it a shot. Ron's enthusiasm towards research is infectious, and this influenced me to change my career path from medicine to graduate school."

Morcombe left BU in 2000, and spent a summer doing research at the University of Manitoba, before heading to Yale. He attributes his success as a graduate student (he completed his Ph.D. in four years) in part to BU's small class sizes and excellent professors.

"They do a great job of teaching," says Morcombe of his professors. "My scores on the GRE exams are a testament to their teaching abilities. I was very well prepared for graduate school, and was able to

compete with students with expensive private undergraduate educations."

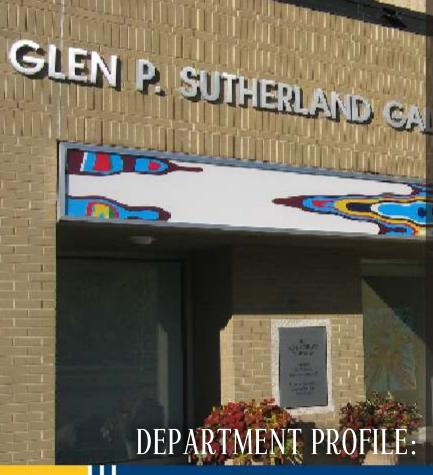
Morcombe says that BU's small size also helped him to forge lasting friendships with other students.

"Being a small school, students interact with students from many different disciplines," he says. "SUDS (BU's campus pub) will always stand out as a favourite meeting place—there were many, probably more than I should admit, days that we'd head down for drinks at around four or five o'clock."

"Attending BU changed my entire life."

Today, Morcombe's successful career sees him traveling all over the US, helping universities, biotech and pharmaceutical companies, and other clients figure out which NMR and FTMS equipment will best suit their needs. A career that obviously requires loads of confidence and much time spent far from the proximity of home.

"Attending BU changed my entire life."



The Brandon University Visual and Aboriginal Arts Department has grown a great deal since its inception with the introduction of a minor in Aboriginal Art under the Faculty of Arts in 1989. In May of 2003, Manitoba's Council on Post-Secondary Education (COPSE) approved the fouryear Creative Arts program, which allows students to pursue an interdisciplinary Bachelor of Arts degree focusing on two streams of study selected from the areas of Aboriginal art, creative writing, drama, music, and visual art. A month later, in June 2003, COPSE approved BU's Bachelor of Fine Arts program, a professional, studio-based program offering four-year majors and minors in Aboriginal art, ceramics and painting. A Major in digital media and design soon became available in collaboration with Brandon's Assiniboine Community College, and a studio-sharing collaboration with the Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba was arranged to provide additional facilities and opportunities for students pursuing a BFA with a focus on ceramics.

VISUAL & ABORIGINAL ARTS

Over the years, Department Chair Colleen Cutschall has seen faculty members come and go, but in the fall of 2006 her department started its academic year with a complete complement of full-time instructors, including ceramics instructor Ms. Lin Xu, painting instructor Mr. Kevin deForest, three-dimensional design and printmaking teacher Mr. Steve Gouthro, and art history specialist Dr. Suzanne Gott.

The end of September 2006 brought another great boon for the department: the opening of the Glen P. Sutherland Gallery of Art, which is located in the same building on Victoria Avenue that houses the department's offices and painting and drawing studios. Made possible by a generous donation from Glen Sutherland's son Grant, the studentrun (it is managed by the newly formed BU Fine Arts Students' Association) gallery provides a dedicated space for the display of student and faculty artwork from all areas of the department's offerings, with new shows being put up monthly.

Students interested in learning how to express themselves artistically have many opportunities within the Brandon University Visual and Aboriginal Arts Department, as it offers courses in several Aboriginal art techniques in addition to the core study areas of drawing, painting, sculpture, ceramics and the emerging digital arts. Students are also exposed to a great breadth of topics in art history and theory—not only are cave paintings, Renaissance masterworks and the art and lives of modern artists covered, but a great amount of attention is paid towards ensuring that students are equally cognizant and conversant with the arts of North American Aboriginal societies and with the art of European societies from throughout history. These teaching abilities are expanded by the Brandon University Visual Art Collection, which provides examples of original artworks that can be studied, discussed and exhibited throughout campus.

Practical application is also an important aspect of Visual and Aboriginal Arts study at BU. Courses are tailored toward developing students' skills in technical applications by including studio disciplines as compulsory components of course work, and students pursuing the BFA learn craftsmanship in several art disciplines. The instructors also address issues of art-career preparation, marketing and small business management, ensuring that graduates will meet the need for well-trained artists able to deal with all of the professional issues related to art practice in today's world.



Ms Lin Xu, Visual Arts Lecturer and Mr. Kevin DeForest, Assistant Professor, Visual Arts at the grand opening of the Glen P. Sutherland Gallery of Art.

For more information on the Brandon University Visual and Aboriginal Arts Department, please visit them on the web at http://www.brandonu.ca/Academic/Arts/Departments/Aboriginal/.

IN YOUR WORDS

Community has always been among the things that I value most in life; growing up in a small rural town taught me about the sense of security that can come from belonging to group of people who all call the same place home. For me belonging to a rural community was one of the cornerstones on which I began to build my identity. Where I came from was one of my important identifiers. It was how you found points of commonality with other people. You ask them where they are from and the conversation flows from there; who they know from that town, who your family is and what you may have in common based on where you are from.

It was maybe because I made such a strong association between that rural town and my own sense of belonging that I left for university with much trepidation. I was leaving the place that I knew and at the time did not believe that my world could include anything other than that rural town. The University itself scared me, being much bigger than the high school I attended, and from my perspective at the time had very little to offer in the way of community.

In the years that I spent at Brandon University I found out that that belief could not have been more wrong. Although I still include the rural town that I grew up in among the places that I belong to, I have since learned that one's community can include many other places and people. The realization that you can find membership in many places is one of the most valuable lessons that I credit Brandon University with teaching me.

Brandon University quickly became for me a place that I loved being a part of. The instructors had a genuine interest in my success and I found new friends among my classmates. My instructors were also able to connect me to people that would help me in building my career. I had the opportunity to work on campus as a student assistant in the Alumni and Development Department (Institutional Advancement) and later as a student ambassador for the University. My network continued to grow, including now many of the wonderful people that made up the administrative branch of the University. I became involved with some of the student groups on campus and that membership provided me with new skills, new connections and new opportunities. I realized that I had found a new community and that by expanding my definition of the word I now had a support network that would help me in reaching both my professional and personal goals.

I believe that as a member of any community you have certain obligations. Healthy communities are created when each member attempts to contribute back as much as they receive. I learned while attending Brandon University that sometimes that relationship doesn't come just from sharing a geographic space with a group of people but rather happens when you choose to become actively involved with those people. By choosing to become involved in the University I became a member of a community that has supported and enriched my life.

I continue to be involved with Brandon University as a member of the Alumni Association Board and I am always impressed with the quality of the students, staff, alumni and friends of the institution. As a Brandon University graduate I am in the company of many accomplished, successful and amazing individuals.

I would encourage anyone reading this to take the time to recognize the wonderful community that they belong to as a BU graduate and remember that an obligation comes with that membership. As a student or alumnus I have no doubt that if you become an active member within the University that you too will find, as I have, that the rewards are numerous.



IN YOUR WORDS

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SCHOOL OF MUSIC PRO SERIES SCHEDULE

January 16, 2007

The Faculty Concert

An annual tradition, the Faculty Concert showcases the distinguished musicians who teach at the School of Music. As in previous years, the programme will run the gamut of styles and periods and will feature soloists and small chamber groups.

February 6, 2007

James McLennan, tenor; Peter Tiefenbach, piano

Programme includes Schumann-Dichterliebe.

This duo has previously performed the Dichterliebe in other Canadian centres. McLennan is also a busy oratorio and operatic singer, who has interpreted roles by Rossini, Weill and Reich to name a few. A familiar voice on CBC Radio, a vocal coach and composer/arranger, Tiefenbach has accompanied many Canadian singers and instrumentalists.

March 6, 2007

Greg Gatien, saxophone; Tom Van Seters, piano

An evening of swinging music drawn from and inspired by the jazz idiom- nothing is off limits and having fun is required! The School of Music's jazz instructors, Gatien and Van Seters, make their second appearance on the pro series. While they are busy performing with other musicians in Canada and the US, they enjoy any opportunity to perform together- especially for Brandon audiences. In this concert, they blend their individual, improvisational styles to create a memorable concert experience.



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Saturday	2 Dec	University of Winnipeg	University of Winnipeg		Simon Fraser University
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Saturday	30 Dec	T.B.A (U of W Tourn.)*	University of Saskatchewan*		
Sunday	31 Dec		University of Saskatchewan*		
Friday	5 Jan	University of Fraser Valley	University of Fraser Valley	Trinity Western University	Trinity Western University
Saturday	6 Jan	Thompson Rivers University	Thompson Rivers University	Trinity Western University	Trinity Western University
Friday	12 Jan	University of British Columbia	University of British Columbia		University of British Columbia
Saturday	13 Jan	University of Victoria	University of Victoria		University of British Columbia
Friday	19 Jan	University of Lethbridge	University of Lethbridge	University of Manitoba	University of Manitoba
Saturday	20 Jan	University of Calgary	University of Calgary	University of Manitoba	University of Manitoba
Friday	26 Jan	University of Manitoba	University of Manitoba	University of Saskatchewan	University of Saskatchewan
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Friday	2 Feb	University of Regina	University of Regina		
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