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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings,

The Prairie winds have a chilling effect at this time of the year. The leaves have fallen, the ground has hardened and the Canada Geese have disappeared south. In the meantime, it seems that the sun begins to brighten as the temperature begins to fall and thoughts drift to the Christmas season and the end of term. It has been an auspicious fall at the University. Launch Ceremony was followed by a fabulously successful concert by Sam Roberts and a very colourful Homecoming, which included a Alumnus Art Exhibit, an Open House, a plethora of speeches and many demonstrations. Later on we were treated to Manitoba's first Aboriginal Literary Festival, art exhibits by faculty and students and some exciting volleyball and basketball action in the Bobcat Den. All were in the aid of exhibiting the richness of Brandon University à la the year 2007. A good time was had by all.

The University has a life cycle all of its own, which carries on in parallel to the reality occurring in the outside world. While the leaves are falling, our year is just beginning. In fact, it is in full-swing right now. The most interesting thing about University life is that it has a defined schedule driven by the academic programs, but superimposed on that are unexpected surprises in the form of events, research discoveries and impromptu social gatherings. That is what makes life on campus so interesting.

As they say in drama, "Let the play begin, on with the show."

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

BU NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS



Dr. Scott Grills served as BU's Dean of Arts for seven years before taking over the position of VP (Academic & Research).

Dr. Scott Grills appointed as Vice-President (Academic & Research)

Brandon University is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Scott Grills as Vice-President (Academic & Research) effective July 1, 2007. Prior to taking on his current role, Dr. Grills served as the Dean of Arts at BU from 2000 to 2007 and as the Dean of Graduate Studies from 2006 to 2007. Dr. Grills received his B.A. in Sociology from Wilfrid Laurier University in 1984, his M.A. in Sociology at the University of Waterloo in 1985 and his Ph.D. in Sociology at McMaster University in 1989. In addition to his administrative responsibilities, Dr. Grills maintains an active research interest in the areas of deviant behaviour, qualitative methodology and contemporary interactionist social theory. He is the editor of the book *Doing Ethnographic Research: Fieldwork Settings* (Sage Publications, 1999) is the co-author of *The Deviant Mystique* (Praeger, 2003) and has served on the editorial board of the *Canadian Review of Sociology and Anthropology*.



Mike Raimbault took over as Head Coach of the Bobcats men's basketball team in July 2007.

Mike Raimbault takes over as Head Coach of Bobcats men's basketball team

The Brandon University Athletics Department announced on July 23, 2007 that former Assistant Coach Mike Raimbault would take over head coaching duties for the Bobcats' Men's Basketball program. Raimbault served the Bobcats as Assistant Coach under Barnaby Craddock since the fall of 2005 and comes from a broad coaching background, having worked with grassroots, developmental, high school and university athletes in both team and individual sports for almost 10 years. An alumnus of BU and the Bobcats program, Raimbault taught at Sioux Valley School prior to coming to BU full-time. Coach Raimbault's philosophy is characterized by his passion, enthusiasm, and high degree of respect for the game, as well as an approach that places academics, personal growth, development, and team building ahead of simply winning games. It seems to be paying off: as of press time, his team has a season record of nine wins and one loss!



Brandon University Learning and Development Officer Erica Weshnoweski.

Brandon University welcomes Learning & Development Officer Erica Weshnoweski

On May 22, 2007, Brandon University announced the addition of Learning and Development Officer Erica Weshnoweski to the Human Resources team. Originally from Gimli, Manitoba, Erica comes to BU from Winnipeg, where she completed a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Administrative Studies & Business at the University of Winnipeg. Shortly before graduating, Erica was hired to join the Great West Life Assurance Company's Training and Education Department as Training Coordinator, where she was later promoted to Training and Education Specialist. "My role at BU consists of developing and implementing policies, procedures and programs on topics that are important to supporting the learning and development of the staff," says Weshnoweski. "Other aspects of my role include planning and conducting new employee orientation as well as assisting and coaching managers and supervisors with their Human Resources responsibilities."

Brandon University appoints Kirk De Fazio as Athletic Director

In early September 2007, Brandon University announced the appointment of Kirk De Fazio as BU's new Athletic Director. A first-round draft choice of the Ottawa Roughriders, De Fazio comes with more than 20 years of experience as an Athletic Director in various British Columbia and Ontario schools, as well as a wealth of experience in coaching, health and fitness planning and fundraising. In addition, De Fazio owned and operated his own fitness centres in Ottawa, Ontario from 1980 to 1985. De Fazio received his M.Ed. from the University of Victoria, a Specialist Degree in Special Education and a Teaching Degree from the University of Ottawa, and a B.Sc. (Honours) in Kinesiology from the University of Waterloo. In addition, De Fazio has received several awards and recognitions throughout his career, including the Coach of the Year 3M Coaching Bursary for Developmental Level in Canada in 2000 and an induction into the University of Waterloo Athletics Hall of Fame in 1993.



New Athletic Director Kirk De Fazio shares a laugh with Bobcats mascot Bailey.

Brandon University scores an A-minus for student satisfaction in University Report Card

Brandon University scored an 'A-minus' in overall student satisfaction and in quality of education in the *Globe & Mail* and Educational Policy Institute's (EPI) 2007 *University Report Card*, distributed with the October 15 edition of the *Globe & Mail*. The *Report Card* was created following a survey of 43,000 students at 53 post-secondary institutions across Canada. Nineteen categories are listed in the magazine and Brandon University received high marks in several of them, including 'A-plus' in class size; 'A' in student/faculty interaction; and 'A-minus' in quality of teaching, libraries and ease of course registration. The survey data gathered by EPI and the *Globe and Mail* for the *University Report Card* also drives the University Navigator, an online tool aimed at providing a resource for Grade 12 students and their parents in deciding on and applying to universities. The site, which is located at: www.theglobeandmail.com/education, provides full results from the *Report Card* student survey, as well as video tours, an interactive, customizable search tool, campus profiles and up-to-the-minute news from the world of higher education.



BU scored six 'A's in the *Globe and Mail*/EPI 2007 *University Report Card*.

\$60K Certified General Accountants Conference Centre opens at BU

Thanks to a \$60,000 gift from the Certified General Accountants of Manitoba, Brandon University has been able to create the CGA Conference Centre, a Clark Hall lecture theatre equipped with state-of-the-art communications technology that opened in late October 2007. The improvements enhance the learning environment for teaching Business Administration classes at BU and extend these resources to serve the community in off-campus sites. Located on the second floor of Brandon University's historic Clark Hall and Original Building, the room is one of the most utilized classroom spaces on campus and continuously supports a large number of business students and classes. Additionally, these facilities provide the resources required to facilitate lecture series and featured business speakers on campus, which will be open to students, faculty and the community at large.



(L to R) CGA Manitoba President Ray Tetrault, BU President and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Louis P. Visentin, and Brandon Mayor the Honourable Dave Burgess cut the ribbon to open BU's new CGA Conference Centre in Clark Hall.

BU NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS



(L to R) BU Alumni Association President John Scott, School of Music Voice Student Ashley Boychuck, and BUSU President Nathan Peto cut the ribbon to officially open the BU School of Music's new student lounge.

BU School Of Music Opens Newly Renovated Student Lounge

On November 15, 2007, Brandon University opened the newly renovated music students' lounge in the Queen Elizabeth II Music Building. The renovations were made possible through a \$16,000 donation from the Brandon University Alumni Association and a \$10,000 donation from the Brandon University Students' Union to the Standing Ovation Campaign. Improvements include new flooring, paint, furniture, a new refrigerator and a new microwave. "The students and the community use the lounge every day, afternoon and evening," said School of Music Voice Performance student Ashley Boychuck at the grand re-opening, "whether it be for studying, taking a practice break, relaxing, doing group work, holding Brandon University Music Students' (BUMS) Council meetings, open house events, Jazz Festival coaching sessions, dinner for conservatory students before their lessons or parents waiting for their child's lesson to be finished. Now, thanks to the renovations, we have a perfect setting for building relationships and developing ideas, and a proper place to eat lunch and supper. On behalf of the music students, I thank the Alumni Association and the Students' Union from the bottom of my heart."



(L to R) Dr. David R. Greenwood, Dr. Terence McGonigle and BU Dean of Science Dr. Austin F. Gulliver cut the ribbon to officially open BU's new Environmental Science lab.

Brandon University celebrates Grand Opening of new Environmental Science Laboratory

On November 22, 2007, Brandon University celebrated the grand opening of a new, state-of-the-art Environmental Science laboratory and growth chamber on campus. The new lab was made possible through more than \$800,000 in funding from the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI), the Manitoba Research and Innovations Fund (MRIF) and Brandon University, provided in support of the research of Faculty members Dr. David R. Greenwood (Chair of the Zoology Department and Co-ordinator of Environmental Science Program), Dr. Terence McGonigle (Department of Botany), and their students. "Climate change is an area of environmental research where society is seeking answers to important questions about the future, specifically, how much of the climate change we have observed in the past is due to natural variability in the climate system, and how much of it is due to human activity," says Project Leader Dr. Greenwood. "These facilities will allow me to continue my research looking at the 'deep time' record of past climate change and palaeoenvironments in western Canada, as well as allow me to train the next generation of climate change scientists." Adds Dr. McGonigle, "The analytical instruments in the new laboratories will for the first time give BU a capability to determine a wide range of nutrients and other elements for environmental samples such as soils, water and plants. This will provide tremendous opportunities for teaching and research not only in my specialization of soil-plant relationships, but also across the whole spectrum of the sciences."

Brandon University welcomes first recipients of Schreyer International Student Bursaries

In September 2007, Brandon University welcomed the first two recipients of the new Schreyer International Student Bursary: Mr. Marco Mwenda from Mwanza, Tanzania and Ms Immaculate Nabisere from Mpigi District, Uganda. Marco is enrolled in BU's Environmental Science program, while Immaculate is enrolled in the Applied Disaster and Emergency Studies program. The Schreyer International Student Bursaries were established in 2006 to enable students from the African continent to attend Brandon University in pursuit of an undergraduate degree of their choosing. The Bursaries are awarded on the basis of academic performance, community service and demonstrated financial need, and cover the tuition, room and board of recipients for the duration of their three or four-year degree. Prior to coming to BU, Marco Mwenda lived with his parents and four nieces and nephews in a rural area approximately 30 kilometres outside the city of Mwanza. Marco graduated from Makongo High School in Dar es Salaam in March 2006 and has volunteered for a number of organizations in Tanzania. Immaculate Nabisere completed her secondary school education at St. Charles Lwanga G.T.C in Masaka, Uganda. She also attained a Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education in History, Christian Religious Education, Economics and English Literature from the Kibibi Secondary School. Immaculate has worked at the Promote Africa Uganda Chapter to help mobilize youth participation in a variety of developmental programs. She has also initiated an organization of her own called The Uganda Youths Initiative Organization (TUYIO), which advocates for all of the various problems Ugandan youth face such as unemployment, HIV/AIDS, and other issues.



(L to R) BU President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Louis P. Visentin, Immaculate Nabisere, Marco Mwenda, and BU Chancellor The Right Honourable Edward Schreyer.

BU Grad honoured in BC

Graham Yates (B.A., M.Mus.), a 2005 Brandon University graduate, was honoured on September 19, 2007 in Mission, British Columbia where he was appointed the new Artistic Director of the Mission Concert and Recital Society. The Society presents local, national and international artists ranging from soloists to orchestras, maintaining a strong focus on performances by talented young music students. A "meet and greet" to introduce Graham to the community was sponsored by the Mission Arts Council and the Rotary Club of Mission and coordinated by another Brandon graduate, Heather Stewart (B.A. 1958). Heather comments, "I was delighted to learn that our new director was a fellow BU graduate. Introducing Graham at the reception also provided me an opportunity to promote BU and its very fine School of Music." As well as overseeing this year's annual classical music series between September 21, 2007 and April 3, 2008, Graham teaches and performs on piano for the local Lifetime Learning Society, provides pre-concert music appreciation sessions and teaches piano in the Aldergrove area where he resides.



Graham Yates '05 and Heather Stewart '58

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.

DEPARTMENT PROFILE: GEOLOGY

BY KELLY STIFORA

(Back, L to R) Dr. Hamid Murnin, Dr. Simon Pattison, and Dean of Science Dr. Austin Gulliver honour Mervyn Keys (front, with wife Vera Keys) for his contributions to the department, including a donation of more than 500 geological samples, some of which can be seen in this photo.

Geology is, put very simply, the study of the planet Earth. It is concerned with the origins of the planet, its materials and morphology, and the evolution of life. It is a science that deals with the processes that shape the planet's present landscape as well as those that acted upon it throughout geologic time. As such, modern Geology is a discipline that draws on many other sciences, including chemistry, physics, biology, mathematics and geography and requires a well-rounded scientist.

The Brandon University Department of Geology is designed to develop students into just that by providing them with a solid foundation in Geoscience education that prepares them for Professional Registration or graduate studies. The department offers several degree options, including three- and four-year degrees and a four-year Honours degree, and includes a co-op work experience element that is reflective of the hands-on learning necessary to success in the field.

"The department provides students with one of the best undergraduate geology degrees in the country."

And success is just what graduates of the BU Geology program have found: seventy-five percent establish lucrative careers in the field, whether in soft-rock professions in the petroleum industry, in the hard-rock mining and minerals industry, in environmental geoscience, or as academics. In fact, many graduates have their pick of jobs, as demographic shifts and increasing demands in the geosciences industries and professions have led to many BU grads being headhunted for high-paying positions within their field.

Jason Bergman is one of these success stories. Bergman graduated from BU in February 2007 with a Bachelor of Science Honours degree in Geology, and immediately went to work for Northern Hunter Energy, a Calgary-based oil and gas exploration and production company.

"The experience I gained at BU was essential to attaining my current position," says Bergman. "The faculty taught without giving answers. They taught us to think and decide for ourselves, which has helped me become a confident Geologist, and a more confident person."



BU Geology students test out new Polarizing Petrographic and Transmitted/Reflected Light Petrographic Microscopes acquired by the department with a generous donation from Tundra Oil and Gas Ltd. in March 2005.

"We got hands-on training from all of the professors," he continues. "The labs in our soft rock classes gave us a chance to learn how to analyze core and designate rock properties effectively, taught us how to read and interpret logs and use them for correlations to enable finding petroleum deposits, and gave us the chance to communicate our ideas through interactions with other students. Through these classes I was able to develop the technical skill set I needed to break into the industry, and I think that the teaching staff and small classes at BU gave me what I needed to go farther and higher in the industry than I would have been able to had I studied elsewhere."

Trevor Hoffman, who graduated from BU with a B.Sc. Honours Degree in Geology in May 2004, went on to complete a Master's of Science in Geology at the University Alberta and currently works with ConocoPhillips Canada on various shale gas projects in northwestern Alberta and northeastern British Columbia. He too credits the BU program for his success within the field.

"Without question I would not be where I am today without the education and experience I obtained at BU," says Hoffman. "The department provides students with one of the best undergraduate geology degrees in the country. It's a well-balanced program that provides education in both the hard- and soft-rock fields, and sub-specialization can be accomplished in the form of undergraduate theses with excellent faculty supervision, which allows for an easy transition into graduate studies. There are even summer research opportunities for undergrads, which is uncommon."

Hoffman's praise for the program doesn't end there.

"The smaller class sizes at BU allow students the opportunity to really interact with and get to know the top-notch faculty members in the department, and help to create a tremendously fun, while still educational, atmosphere. There's a real sense of community within the department, as well as with the alumni across Canada."

The wide range of activities and interests of BU Geology Faculty Dr. Hamid Murnin, Dr. Simon A. J. Pattison, Dr. Rong-Yu Li, Dr. Ali Sormanin, Mr. Peter Adamo, Dr. Robert Springer, and Dr. Harvey Young, the broad scope of the program, and state-of-the-art research facilities make BU an excellent choice for students seeking careers in any branch of the soft- and hard-rock Geosciences, including resource industries, government geological surveys, and educational, environmental and financial institutions.

Donors also recognize the value of BU's Geology program with significant support. The recent establishment of the Donald Burns and Louise Berlin Family Scholarships and Bursaries in the Geosciences will provide five awards per year at \$2,000 each to deserving students from Southwestern Manitoba who are entering BU with the intent to pursue geosciences.

For more information, please visit the BU Geology Department's web page at: www.brandonu.ca/Geology/



FROM SMALL CLASSES TO BIG RESULTS

BY KELLY STIFORA
PHOTO BY LLOYD PAULSON

*Brandon University helped launch
Wawanesa brother and sister into medical careers*

For Wawanesa-born Kristjan Paulson (B.Sc. '02), attending Brandon University was a family affair.

A 2006 graduate of the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Medicine, Kristjan completed a Bachelor of Science degree at BU in 2002, having begun his studies not long after his father completed a Master's Degree in Education through BU. Kristjan's mother, Karen, is also a BU alumna – she completed her Bachelor of Education in 1979. By the time he came to BU as a student, Kristjan himself had already spent a significant amount of time on the campus, as he was involved as a youth with some of the music programming run through the School of Music's Eckhardt-Gramatté Conservatory. And the legacy doesn't end with Kristjan – his sister Angie graduated with a Bachelor of Science from BU in 2004!

Even without the benefit of his familial connections and past experiences with the campus, Paulson says that choosing BU for his undergraduate degree would not have been a difficult choice.

"I knew that I probably wanted to go into medicine, and I knew that BU had a good track record of getting students into medical school in Winnipeg," he says. "I also liked the smaller class sizes, which I knew would be similar to what I was used to coming from a very small high school in Wawanesa – all in all, it was an easy decision."

Though he has now obtained his M.D. and is a resident in internal medicine at the University of Manitoba, Kristjan admits that when he came to BU, he wasn't quite sure which area he wanted to pursue for his undergraduate degree.

"I was lucky enough to really enjoy my first-year physics class," says Kristjan of the major he ended up settling on, "and I had always enjoyed physics through high school. I also had a number of faculty mentors in the BU physics department that really helped me along my way."

"I knew that BU had a good track record of getting students into medical school –

I also liked the smaller class sizes, which I knew would be similar to what I was used to coming from a very small high school – all in all, it was an easy decision."

"In fact, I've been lucky to have been surrounded by a number of teachers throughout my life who have really helped me get to where I am today," he continues. "I had great high school teachers, including my science teacher, Paul Friesen, who is a Brandon University graduate and who made me interested in the sciences in general. At BU, I worked with (current Dean of Science) Dr. Austin Gulliver on a research project for three summers, and he was a great help to me."



Kris Paulson delivers the Valedictorian address to BU's Class of 2002

Kristjan, who won the Silver Medal in Physics at BU and was the Valedictorian for his graduating class (just as he was in high school, where he won the Governor General's Bronze Medal upon graduating), says that his educational experience at BU was a very different one from what he would come to know as he subsequently continued his education at larger schools.

"I really appreciated that the faculty were always approachable and interested in teaching."

"All the professors in the Physics Department had their offices along the same hallway," he recalls, "and their doors were always open. If I had a question about a class or about a research idea, I could just wander over to their office and ask them – it's not like that anywhere else! I really appreciated that the faculty were always approachable and interested in teaching."

Kristjan also points to some of the experiences he had outside the classroom at BU as being very important to his success as a medical student.

"I had a great opportunity to participate in student leadership while I was at BU," he says, "I was on the University Senate and was involved in a number of campus clubs. I think that leadership experience has been very important to my success in medicine. At a larger school, I don't think I would have gotten the same opportunities."

It was Kristjan's experience, in fact, that helped convince his sister Angie – also interested in a career in medicine – that BU was the place to go for her undergraduate degree.

"He had an excellent experience," says Angie, "and for me, my time at BU really solidified my aspirations of becoming a physician."

Angie entered BU in 2000 and completed her Bachelor of Science Honours degree, with a major in Mathematics, in 2004, winning several awards along the way. Some of her awards included the John and Catherine Robbins Graduate Scholarship, the Dr. N. Demchuk Scholarship in Biochemistry, the Roland Kitchen Scholarship in Mathematics, the Charles W. Burns Scholarship in Pre-Medicine, the Dr. N. Demchuk Scholarship in Organic Chemistry, the James Lang Memorial Scholarship in Botany, and the Dr. N. Demchuk Scholarship (for superior academic performance in Chemistry). She was accepted into the University of Alberta's Faculty of Medicine in 2004 – one of only 15 students from outside Alberta to be accepted that year. She says that her experience at BU left her well prepared for it.

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I don't think I would have gotten
the same opportunities."*

"The education I received at BU prepared me for the level of academics medical school requires," she says. "In addition, my experiences working as a teaching assistant with the Departments of Chemistry and Mathematics, as well as sitting on BU's Senate as Science Senator, provided me with invaluable leadership and teamwork experience that I can bring with me into my future medical career."

Perhaps the largest reward reaped from her time at BU, however, will come to fruition for Angie next spring.

"I actually met my future husband at Brandon University," she says, referring to fiancé Trevor Hoffman (who completed a Bachelor of Science in Geology at BU in 2004), "and we'll be married in May."



(L-R) Kristjan Paulson '02 and his wife Krista Paulson, Trevor Hoffman '04, Angie Paulson '04, Lloyd Paulson '74, Karen Paulson '79

In the meantime, Angie is completing her fourth year of Medical School in Edmonton and applying for residency programs across the country.

Kristjan, after graduating from BU, was accepted into the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Medicine in the fall of 2002 and received a scholarship as one of the top two students entering the faculty that year.

He continued his involvement in student affairs, serving as Vice-Slack of the University of Manitoba Medical Students' Association, and graduated in 2006 with an M.D. and another Bachelor of Science (this time in Medicine) from the U of M.

Now Kristjan is a resident in Internal Medicine at the University of Manitoba.

"I've chosen to sub-specialize in hematology (the study of diseases of the blood, such as leukemia, anemia, and bleeding and clotting problems)," he says. "My goal is to stay at the University of Manitoba, on faculty, and continue to teach and do research. I have just started a research project looking at the rate of bone marrow transplants in rural Manitobans as opposed to urban Manitobans. I would like to stay involved in research, teaching and clinical activities, and I want to stay in Manitoba to do that – unfortunately, because I want to stay involved with both teaching and research, I will need to stay in Winnipeg to maintain my connection to the U of M Medical School, so I won't be able to come back to Brandon or western Manitoba anytime soon."

Regardless of where he lives, Kristjan plans to make a difference.

"I have been extremely fortunate to grow up in such a great country and to have had so many great teachers along the way," he continues. "So I would like to pay something back – by continuing to work clinically to help people with blood diseases and by helping to teach the next generation of doctors – and hopefully leave the world a slightly better place for my presence in it."

That's one family that Brandon University can be proud to have been a part of!



Angie Paulson '04

When Dr. Barbara Grueger (B.Sc.N. '91) decided to enter the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at Brandon University, she knew nothing about the school or the city – except that it was smaller than Winnipeg.

"At that time, I lived and worked in rural, northern Manitoba as an outpost nurse in the health centres north of Thompson," says Grueger. "I didn't know anything about Brandon, except that it seemed a little bit easier to handle than Winnipeg – less intimidating."

This is not to give the impression that Grueger is easily intimidated – in fact, her story reveals an adventurous and global minded spirit with a life-long love of learning.

Born in Germany, Grueger completed her initial nursing training at the University Hospital of Mannheim before coming to Canada.

"After my decision to stay in this amazing and wild country," she says, "I realized that in order to work in northern health centres and with aboriginal people, a degree in nursing would be necessary. I was lacking some of the skills and knowledge necessary to work effectively in community health centres, so more training seemed the first step in achieving my goal of a career in community-centered health care."

Once she began her studies at BU, Grueger says she quickly discovered "Brandon hospitality."



ALUMNA PROFILE: DR. BARBARA GRUEGER '91

*Brandon University was one important stop
in health care practitioner's life-long pursuit of learning.*

BY KELLY STIFORA

"In no time, I was adopted into the family of a classmate, the Hargreaves, and they looked after me with regular Sunday dinners and lots of TLC," she says "and have remained friends and a Canadian family ever since."

Another highlight that Grueger cites from her time at BU was the chance it offered to interact with students from other countries and cultural backgrounds.

"It opened new ideas for me," she says. "It was the beginning of my interest in international health and a broader perspective for the determination of health status – the inclusion of social, cultural, environmental, and political factors."

After graduating from BU, Grueger relocated to the Yukon to work as an outpost nurse in aboriginal communities. Despite this experience, and her completion of an outpost nursing program at Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia, she felt there was still more to learn, so she applied to medical school.

"I wanted to increase my ability to provide care to under serviced people in the Yukon," she says. "My particular interest remained with maternal and child health and this is where I perceived the greatest need. So, I completed medical school at McMaster University and decided to become a pediatrician. I trained in pediatrics at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, which allowed me some focus on aboriginal health issues during my studies."

"Just like McMaster, U of A gave me room to explore health care issues within a global perspective," she continues. "During my medical training I was given the opportunity to work in different health care settings such as the north and a number of developing countries, including India, South Africa and Uganda."

After completing her pediatric training, Grueger returned to Germany to complete a Master's Degree in Community Health and Health Care Management in Resource-Poor Settings at the University of

Heidelberg. She completed her thesis, which focused on providing sexual health information to nomadic illiterate youth, in Mongolia.

"In all of my educational endeavors," she says, "I have continued to follow the ideas that I was first exposed to at BU – the broader context of health, culturally appropriate health and health care for all."

*"Know what you do not know
and find out how to learn it."*

Grueger currently splits her time between pediatric consulting in Whitehorse, Yukon, teaching and clinical work at the Alberta Children's Hospital, working with two Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder diagnostic teams in Whitehorse, and being an active member of the Canadian Pediatric Society Community Health Committee. She also continues her international work with regular visits to a children's hospital in Uganda for teaching as well as clinical work. In addition, she is a member of the Territorial Advisory Committee for Immunization for the Yukon Territory, and teaches a half-day seminar about northern pediatrics to Community Health Nurses and local health care providers.

When asked about her personal philosophy, and how she has been able to accomplish so much, Grueger comes back to that life-long love of learning, and the support of the people around her.

"Know what you do not know, and find out how to learn it," she says. "Work with other people and be open to different perspectives. All the things I've been able to do, I was able to do only because of the support I received from others – friends, family, mentors – starting in Brandon with the Hargreaves and Professor John English, and classmates. The list goes on and on from there of people supporting and helping with laughs, encouragement, walks, suppers, hugs. I have been so darn lucky that way."



By the time Bill Thomas (B.F.N.A.C. '01) – who is originally from Winnipeg and was raised on Manitoba's Peguis First Nation – came to Brandon University, he had already studied social work and counseling through several Certificate and workshop programs, including at the University of Manitoba, the Canadian Association of Child and Play Therapy and Red River College. He had grown frustrated, however, with the direction and speed in which his social work career was moving. It was time for a change.

"Things were not going anywhere fast, in regard to my career goals," says Thomas, "and my wife Elie was encouraging me to pursue them. I was told about the First Nations and Aboriginal Counseling program at BU, and was always keen on the subject. The program looked like an opportunity to incorporate my training and experience in a way that would fast-track my educational goals."

ALUMNUS PROFILE: MR. WILLIAM THOMAS '01

Aspiring counselor found inspiration and confidence at BU

BY KELLY STIFORA

Thomas was also attracted to the program by its instructors.

"I wanted Aboriginal instructors to be my teachers," says Thomas, "as we are experts in our communities, and with our people – I was also always interested in the healing aspect of Aboriginal counselling, which the BU program incorporates."

It turned out that his experience at BU was just the boost that Thomas needed.

"My BU experience gave me the inspiration, commitment and fortitude to follow my dreams," he says. "The institution and instructors were great, and allowed me the opportunity to excel at my own pace, which resulted in my finishing the four-year First Nations and Aboriginal Counseling Degree program in just eight months."

Thomas was such an excellent student, in fact, that *The National Post* included him in its 2001 list of The Top 10 Best and Brightest Students in Canada. In addition to this distinction, he was the recipient of an Alexandra Doreen Sym Scholarship in Social Work from BU.

"My time at BU also gave me the confidence and courage to obtain my Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Northern British Columbia and start my own private practice in psychotherapy (Thomas Training and Therapy Services)," says Thomas.

At UNBC, Thomas continued to gather accolades, receiving two scholarship awards from Canada's National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation, a non-profit organization devoted to providing the tools necessary for Canadian Aboriginal youths to achieve brighter futures.

On his way from BU to founding Thomas Training and Therapy Services in Winnipeg, Thomas taught at the University of Manitoba, the University of Northern British Columbia, and Red River College in Winnipeg, as well as managing Mino-Ayaawin Counseling Services in Winnipeg. In addition, his work has been published in *The Aboriginal Journal of Social Work*, *The Australian E-Journal for the Advancement of Mental Health* and the health magazine *Medicine Bundle* and he has presented on his work in psychotherapy utilizing the holistic integrated approach at provincial, national and international conferences.

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Today, Thomas Training and Therapy Services works in several Aboriginal communities, providing consultation services to and conducting workshops for various Aboriginal agencies and health organizations.

"I learn from the present, heal the past and live for the future," says Thomas when asked what words of advice he would pass on to others. "Treat others as you want to be treated."

"Life is too short to dwell on the past or on the negative aspects," he adds, "follow your dreams."

BRANDON UNIVERSITY

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GREETINGS

Fall 2007 has been a time of incredible activity for the BUAA. We've completed a planning session, designed to provide some objectives for the next year and have completed another successful Homecoming Weekend. Thanks to all of you who made the effort to attend, coming from as far away as Calgary, Woodstock, Wakefield and even Esterhazy! It was a tremendous weekend of activity, and as far as I could tell, enjoyed tremendously by all who attended. This year we changed the program up considerably, hosting an art exhibit on Friday evening featuring the paintings of alumnus Barry Burdeny at the Glen P. Sutherland Gallery of Art. An awards ceremony was held at noon on Saturday honouring Mrs. Keay Dobson-Golletz with the Distinguished Service Award, Mr. Alexander Tselyakov with the Excellence in Teaching Award and most notably, Dr. Adriaan de Hoog with the Wall of Fame Award. Homecoming weekend coincided with the BU Open House, so all buildings were open and many activities were held over the course of the afternoon. The evening wrapped up with a dinner and dance featuring the Scotty McIntosh Big Band. The Board will spend the next few months evaluating the weekend's events and planning something bigger and better for next year!

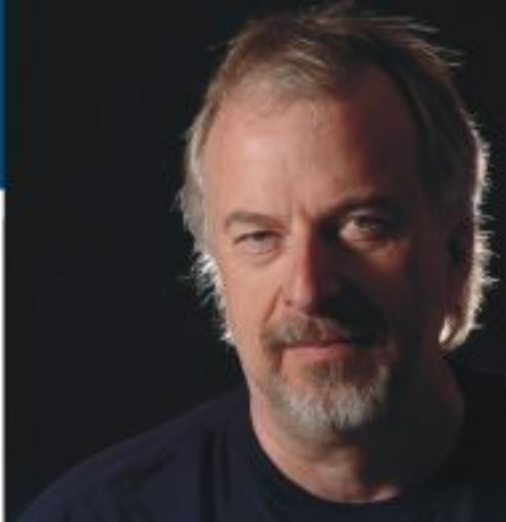
The September planning session provided all board members with the opportunity to brainstorm ideas for activities that we'd like to be involved with over the next year or so. We are determined to raise our profile within the University community, within the City of Brandon and indeed across Canada, so watch for notices of upcoming events in the mail or on the BUAA web site.

On November 15, the Alumni Association announced the grand re-opening of the Student Lounge in the School of Music. In partnership with BUSU, we contributed \$26,000 to renovate and refurnish the lounge, making it more habitable for the many students who use it on a regular basis. Trust me, this work was seriously overdue and the students now have a space that will serve them for many years into the future. In early December, the BUAA assisted with the provision of coffee and snacks for students during exam week and worked with Athletics to support Bobcat Day at the gym on December 1. Not only was there a full day of top notch basketball and volleyball action, but the funds raised from the accompanying social event will be used to support the teams in their quest for Canadian Interuniversity Sport domination!

Your Board is working hard to support past and present students in a variety of ways. If you'd like more information on our activities, please contact us via the Alumni office or the web site. We'd love to hear from you!

John Scott, '74

President, Brandon University Alumni Association



Mr. John Scott, BUAA President

BRANDON UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (BUAA)

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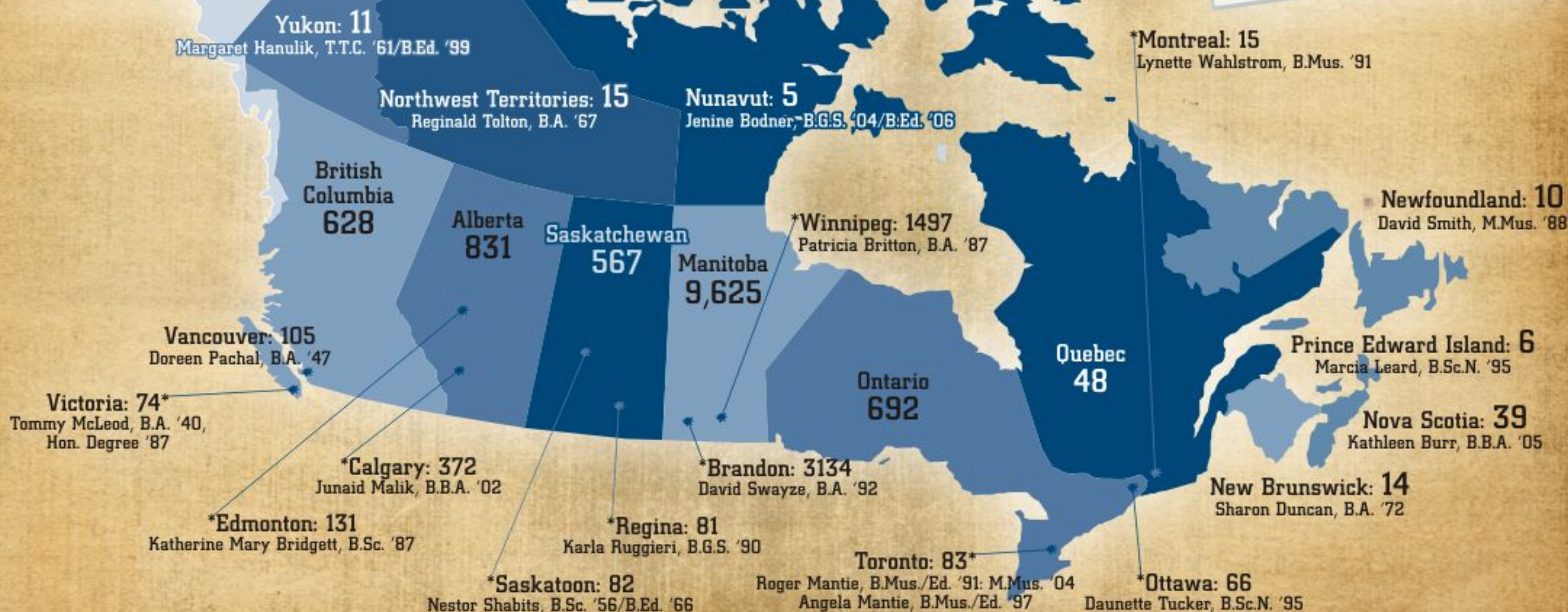
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KEEPING IN TOUCH



Ruth O'Hara

Ruth O'Hara (née Sawatsky), T.T.C. '62, B.Mus. '00 – For the past ten years, Ruth has been back in the classroom teaching after having taught music in elementary schools for a number of years, as well as private teaching connected with the Royal Conservatory of Toronto. Ruth and her husband have a total of 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Ruth plans to retire next year.

Lorne Smith, B.Sc. '67 – Upon graduation in 1967, Lorne joined the Federal government (CEIC) and served abroad as an Immigration Foreign Service Officer in Glasgow, Scotland and Kingston, Jamaica. He spent the balance of his career in Canada (Ottawa/Mississauga/Toronto). When he took early retirement in 1997, he was a senior manager in the Immigration and Refugee Board. In 1999, he accompanied his wife, Corinne, on a four-year diplomatic posting to Moscow. In 2006, she accepted a two-year assignment to the Canadian High Commission in New Delhi, where they currently reside. He has two children, a son, Adrian who lives in Texas and a daughter, Felicity, who is currently pursuing post-graduate studies in Toronto. His parents and sister, Judy, live in Brandon. "My business card now lists my occupation as 'Connoisseur of Life' – make of it what you will!"



Val Cummins

Val Cummins, B.Sc. '70 – Val is currently a Senior Computer Consultant in the Toronto area. He is currently with a major insurance company as Sr. Project Manager and Portfolio Manager. In addition, Val provides web hosting, web design, development and eCommerce to clients around the world.

Val's love of SCUBA diving has taken him around the world to many dive sites and he teaches this love to his students. Val enjoys a number of activities such as squash, horseback riding and plans to travel soon.

Julian Isitt, B.A. '70 – After a career as a bureaucratic and management consultant, Julian is now semi-retired, working on occasional projects related to technology contracting. He has one son and a grand-daughter.

Paul Huddleston, B.Sc. '72 – Paul received his Ph.D. from the School of Earth and Geographical Studies, Faculty of Natural and Agriculture Sciences, University of Western Australia in February 2007.



Bruce Glasow

Bruce Glasow, B.A. '75 – Bruce has been an Executive Producer in Programming at Discovery Channel Canada since June 2005. He works closely with independent producers to deliver high-quality, viewer-friendly television shows. Bruce has worked in television for over 25 years in diverse positions such as former co-owner and President of the successful indie company Cambium Productions, Vice-President of Programming at PrideVision and as a Telefilm Canada TV Investment Analyst. He has an impressive portfolio of award-winning and highly popular programs with worldwide distribution. Recent credits include Production Executive, Discovery Channel Canada for the following productions: *Mayday*, *How It's Made*, *Guinea Pig*, *Doctorology*, *How Do They Do It*, *Mean Machines*, *Fireball of Tulankhamun*, *What's That About*, *Real Vampires*, *Forensic Factor*, *Against All Odds* and *Earthshocks*.

Louis Quennelle, B.A. '77 – After graduation, Louis worked in Calgary, AB for several years. He continued his education, completing a B.A. (Philosophy) at Mount Angel College in Oregon and a B.Th. at St. Paul University in Ottawa, ON. He spent several years in the ministry and 20 years with Air Canada, where he currently remains.

Diana Helen Klassen Laurie, B.Sc. '81, B.Ed. '84 – In June 2007, Diana graduated from the University of Manitoba with a Master's in Mathematics Education. Diana has been employed for the last eight years by the Engineering Access Program (ENGAP) at the University of Manitoba as a Mathematics and Calculus instructor. Diana is remarried to Ken Laurie and together they have four children, Rina (16), Patrick (15), Delroy (14), and Lara (12). She can be reached at Diana_Laurie@umanitoba.ca.

Doug Reynolds, Associate '86 – Doug is married to Bree Oatman from Olympia, WA. They met on Amtrak when he was heading to Manitoba for Christmas 10 years ago. They have a 13-year-old adopted daughter named Lizele. They live in Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (US

Protectorate) located in Micronesia about 1,200 miles south of Japan and 6,000 miles west of North America. Doug is a guidance counsellor in a middle school and Bree is a science teacher.

Heather Swaenepoel, B.Ed. '86 – Heather resides in Brandon, MB with her thirteen-year-old daughter, Karla. Heather is currently employed with Brandon School Division as an Educational Assistant. She is also attending classes at Brandon University working on her Graduate Diploma in Special Education.

Michelle Haugen (née Darichuk), B.A. '89 – Following graduation from Brandon University, Michelle went on to receive her Master's and Doctoral degrees in Clinical Psychology from the University of Hawaii. After returning to Canada, Dr. Haugen worked as a Forensic Psychologist for the federal government for 11 years. She is currently employed as a Clinical Psychologist for the Parkland Regional Health Authority and is an assistant professor with the Faculty of Medicine, University of Manitoba. She lives in Manitoba with her husband of 11 years (Dr. Glen Haugen, also an alumnus of Brandon University) and their two sons, Brody and Adam.



Michelle Haugen & Family

Phyllis McCallum-Hunter, B.Sc.N. '89 – Following graduation, Phyllis continued to work for Brandon Community Options in the medical residence for developmentally handicapped adults. In September 1989, she moved to Raymond, AB, to work at a psychiatric facility that included a community outreach program. She also did a short work experience at the Mental Health Clinic in Lethbridge, AB. During her time in Raymond, she had the chance to do mental health promotion in the community and organized conferences on a variety of topics. She worked in Raymond until 1997, then she and her family moved to Airdrie, AB. She became a stay-at-home mom to her two children, Brett and Erin. She has since started her own house cleaning business and works for a local small business publishing company.

Cheryl Pearson, B.Sc.N. '89 – After graduation, Cheryl worked as a Nurse Educator in Carman, MB until 1992. She became the Director of Nursing for Lorne Memorial Hospital in Swan Lake, MB and later became Staff Educator for the area. In 1997, she was seconded to do provincial RHA board orientation training and Community Consultation Facilitation for Central Region's 1997 Needs Assessment. She is currently the Healthy Living Facilitator for Central Region. Cheryl completed her Red River Interior Decorating Certificate and Landscaping course after graduation, followed by the Adult & Continuing Education Certificate from the University of Manitoba in 1997. In 2000, she earned her Master's in Continuing Education, Learning in the Workplace, from the University of Calgary, and courses in the Graduate Diploma in Instructional Design for Online Teaching and Learning. Cheryl and her husband Joel reside on their farm near Miami, MB with their two children: Stacy (17) and Scott (14). Cheryl enjoys pilates, power yoga, running, walking, keeping up with Joel's busy schedule as Agronomist/Manager for Cargill, Winkler site, and all the kid's activities!

David Phua, B.A. '89 – Since graduating from BU, David spent a year in Toronto, ON taking training in Montessori education, and later returned to Singapore. He worked for a number of years in the financial services industry before moving to Vietnam and later Thailand, where he has been working for over four years. David and his wife have been married for seven years.



David Phua

Alene Smith, B.Sc.N. '89 – After graduation, Alene worked as a Public Health Nurse in Hamiota, MB for 10 years. She returned to Flin Flon, MB in 1998 and built a log home on beautiful Athapapaskow Lake and retired in 2003.

Tannis Gibson, B.Sc. '90 – Tannis moved to Calgary, AB after graduation and has been working as a geologist in the oil and gas industry ever since. She married Gord Dunham and has three step-children, Ryan, Stacey and Tyler. She is currently employed as the Manager of Geology and Geophysics at North American Oil Sands Corp.

Skyla Lundgren, B.Sc.N. '90 – Skyla is a member of the Calgary Health Region Surgical Services management team. Her role is manager of the Operating Room Information System for all four acute care hospital sites within the city.



Tannis Gibson

Send us your updates!

Greg Slobodeski, B.A. '90 – After graduating from BU in 1990, Greg worked at Brandon Community Options as the Day Program Coordinator, and for the Province of Manitoba's Department of Family Services in a variety of capacities for five years. Since 2000, Greg has been employed with the North End Community Renewal Corporation in Winnipeg, MB in the field of community development. On March 23, 2006 Greg and his wife, Diane Roussin, welcomed their daughter Sol Trinity Roussin into the world!



Shirley Clement, B.G.S. '91 – Shirley has recently retired from teaching in the Aboriginal Mental Health faculty of Grant MacEwan College in Edmonton, AB. She is currently enjoying a return to equestrian activities.

David Jones, B.Sc. '91 – David, his wife, and their two children reside in Ethelbert, MB. David is employed as a watershed planner with Manitoba Water Stewardship in Dauphin.

Jude Kelly, B.G.S. '92 – Jude is a Communications/Public Education Officer for Emergency Management Ontario. He's also a popular DJ in the Toronto area, specializing in soul, funk & disco classics, plus Brazilian and deep house grooves.

Cristina Metelski, B.A. '93 – Cris recently completed her Certified General Accountants (CGA) designation. After leaving BU, Cris worked in the accounting departments of Medichair Head Office and Shaw Cable and is currently a tax consultant with Enbridge Inc. in Calgary, AB. Cris married Michael Metelski (B.G.S. '91, B.Ed. '93) in 1997.



Kevin Wazny, B.Ed. '93 – Kevin lives in downtown Vancouver, BC off the seawall. He is enjoying his life after spending another three years back in Winnipeg, MB and living in Québec City prior to that. He is teaching at Pinetree Secondary School in Coquitlam, BC. Kevin hopes to hear from you at kwazny@hotmail.com.

Kerry McGill, B.A. '94 – Kerry currently works and lives in the city of Edmonton, AB. He is a Quantitative Supervisor for a market research firm, spending a lot of time in front of a computer. He also performs some of the Human Resources functions for the company.

Maurice Vodon, B.Sc. '94 – Maurice has recently accepted a position as a Policy Analyst with the Real Property and Material Policy Division in the Government Operations Sector at Treasury Board Secretariat. His previous positions in the Federal Government include: Planning and Policy Officer in the Corporate Facilities and Real Property Sector of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and Investment Analyst in the Real Property Branch of Public Works & Government Services Canada. Maurice graduated with a four-year B.Sc. degree with a specialist in Psychology in 1994 and a specialist in Sociology in 1995. Maurice also has a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Manitoba. Maurice grew up in Virden, MB.

Marcia Christie, B.Sc. '95 (degree correction from last issue) – Marcia works as a well-site geologist in the oil patch. Her oldest son Joshua studies Geology at BU and her youngest son Orrie is enrolled in welding at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology.

Helen Harrison, B.G.S. '79, B.Sc.N. '95 – In addition to her BU studies Helen also obtained her diploma in Nursing in 1964 from Regina General Hospital and a diploma in Business Administration from Assiniboine Community College in 1982. Helen has worked as a Registered Nurse all of her life in locations such as Prince Rupert, BC; Halifax, NS; and Brandon, MB. She has worked in the Operating Room as a general duty nurse, an Intensive Care Unit nurse, an Emergency Room nurse and as Director of Nursing for Dinsdale Personal Care Home. She was also an instructor in the Practical Nursing Program at Assiniboine Community College. Helen has been retired for three years.

Cheryl Winger, B.Sc.N. '95 – Cheryl is a Respiratory Clinician for the Brandon Regional Health Authority. She is also a Certified Respiratory Educator (CRE). Cheryl is the past Chair of the Canadian Respiratory Health Professionals and is currently a member of the Steering Committee working on the National Lung Health Framework.

June Dauphinais, B.Sc.N. '96 – Following graduation, June changed careers from Program Manager at the Brandon Regional Health Centre to Nurse Educator at Prairie Health Matters for the Diabetes and Heart Health Promotion Program. She has remained in this position until the present. In 2002, she became a Certified Diabetes Educator through the Diabetes Educator Section of the Canadian Diabetes Association. She continues to enjoy her role in this exciting and ever-changing area of nursing.

Darcy W. Shumay, B.A. '96 – Darcy received his B.S.W. at the University of Calgary in 1998 and is working for the Government of Alberta as a Child Welfare Worker in Edmonton, AB.

Norine Barlow, B.A. '97 – Norine has been with the City of Calgary, Strategic Procurement for eight years. She is currently finishing her last year of study towards her Certified Professional Purchaser (CPP) designation through the Purchasing Management Association of Canada (PMAC) and the University of Calgary.

Carol Cardiff, B.Sc.N. '97 – Carol has worked at the Brandon Regional Health Centre for nearly 28 years. In her position as Medical Utilization Coordinator, she screens patient admissions and ensures that the patient progresses to a safe and practical discharge. Carol is planning to retire in the coming year.

Brandon Fordyce, B.A. '97 – Brandon has been employed in the Information Technology field since 1999. He is currently a Network Support Specialist, Team Leader and Business Development Officer for Infometrics Inc. in Brandon, MB. He enjoys working with a company focused on bringing innovative technology to rural communities. Recently married, Brandon and his wife have a recent addition to their family, for a total of three boys.

Jorie Gilroy (née Burnett), B.Ed. '97 – Jorie is currently a Kindergarten teacher for the Regina Public School Division. Her passion for early childhood education has led her to the role of Provincial Director for the Canadian Association for Young Children, Saskatchewan Chapter. Jorie is also very active on the Saskatchewan Literacy Network Executive Board. She has recently completed a Master of Education Degree in Curriculum and Instruction. In addition to teaching Kindergarten, she is teaching at the University of Regina in the Faculty of Education as a Sessional Lecturer. Email: marjoriegilroy@hotmail.com.

Troy Krushel, B.A. '97 – Troy is Senior Legal Counsel with the Royal Bank of Canada in Toronto, ON.

Patti McCann, B.Sc.N. '97 – Following graduation, Patti worked as Staff Educator at Rideau Park until the summer of 2002, when she accepted the position of Occupational Health Nurse for the Brandon Regional Health Authority (BRHA), where she continues to work. She completed the Grant MacEwan Occupational Health certificate course in 2005 and in 2006 she obtained her Canadian Nurses Association certification in Occupational Health Nursing.

Diana Shultz, B.Sc.N. '97 – After graduating in 1997, Diana continued to live in Brandon until 1999 and was employed part-time at the Hartney nursing unit. She later relocated to Morden, MB, where she continues to reside today. She accepted a full-time position as a Continuing Care Case Coordinator with the Manitoba Home Care program for the city of Winkler. Her office is located in the Boundary Trails Health Centre half way between Morden and Winkler.

Lorraine Poirier, B.Sc.N. '98 – Lorraine relocated to northern Saskatchewan and gained employment with the University of Saskatchewan, Northern Medical Services branch in the community of La Ronge. As a Primary Care Nurse, her role involves working with a multi-sectoral team including Lac La Ronge Indian Band, Mamawetan Churchill River Regional Health Authority, Northern Medical Services Branch as well as Saskatchewan Health with their Primary Health Services initiative. With initiative from Saskatchewan Health and her employer, she was successful in attaining an Advanced Clinical Nurse Practitioner Certificate in August 2003. In 2005 Lorraine and her husband relocated to Brandon, MB. She is temporarily employed with the Assiniboine Regional Health Authority in a Public Health Nurse/Families First Supervision capacity and contemplating returning for a Master's degree. Lorraine is looking forward to reuniting with colleagues and professors at Homecoming 2008.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Chris Zegalski, B.Sc.P.N. '98 – Upon graduation, Chris moved to Dauphin, MB. He was employed at the Dauphin Hospital on the Adult Psychiatric Unit, where he worked for two years as an inpatient nurse with Dr. Al Gunson. He later moved to Winnipeg where he worked for seven years at the Health Sciences Centre on the Child and Adolescent Inpatient Psychiatric Unit. In April 2007, Chris started a position with P.A.C.T. (Program for Assertive Community Treatment) as a service coordinator. Chris plans on furthering his education at the Health Sciences Centre and working with nurse therapists and psychiatrists to mentor him as a nurse therapist with a focus on psychotherapy.

Stephanie Lukin, B.Sc. '98, B.Sc.P.N. '06 – Stephanie works as a psychiatric nurse for Westman Crisis Services. Stephanie and her husband have one child and reside in Brandon, MB.

Wanda Raison, B.Sc.P.N. '98 – Upon graduation in 1998, Wanda moved to Calgary, AB. She was employed by Wood's Homes, an adolescent treatment agency supporting youth from all across Canada, for five years. She worked in several different roles including: Youth/Family Counselor, Residential Nurse, Campus Nurse, Program Supervisor and Team Leader of Nursing Services. In 2003, she returned to her roots in Manitoba while on maternity leave. In July 2004, she became employed by the Brandon Regional Health Authority in her current profession as an Intensive Case Manager/Community Mental Health Worker for the Psychosocial Rehabilitation Program. Since returning to Brandon, she has also assisted the BU School of Health Studies as both a preceptor and Clinical Advisor for students in the B.Sc.P.N. program. She resides in Brandon with her partner Hugh Brine, son Dylan (eight) and daughter Morgan (four).

Michael Bidinosti, B.Sc. '00 – After graduation, Michael took the following year off and spent some time travelling (mostly in Europe). Following that, he entered graduate studies at McGill University and is hoping to complete his Ph.D. in Biochemistry in about one year. He is working in the laboratory of Professor Nahum Sonenberg in the Department of Biochemistry at the McGill Cancer Centre.

Tara Klassen, B.Sc. '02 – Tara completed her Ph.D. in Physiology and Cell Biology at the University of Alberta in Spring 2007. Dr. Klassen now resides in Houston, TX, where she is a Postdoctoral Fellow in Neurology at the Baylor College of Medicine. She is working in collaboration with the Human Genome Center to research the molecular basis of non-inherited epilepsy (www.hgsc.bcm.tmc.edu/ionchannel/index.jsp).

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Ryan Slashinsky B.Mus./B.Ed. '02 – Ryan is teaching in Toronto, ON and is artistic director of Riverdale Youth Singers (www.riverdaleyouthsingers.org/stories/new_artistic_director.html).

Miranda Hyndman, B.G.S./B.Ed. '03 – Miranda has been working in Flin Flon, MB, at Ruth Belts School since graduation. She teaches grade five and keeps busy working with the Student Council, Mathletes and coaching wrestling.

Michael Gowan, B.G.S. '03, B.Ed. '05 – Michael is teaching Physical Education in his home town of Thompson, MB at R.D. Parker Collegiate, after his first job teaching at Gladstone Elementary School. Michael is currently involved with extracurricular activities, coaching the boys senior volleyball team. He is also one of two high school teacher representatives in the Thompson Teachers Association. Michael says, "It's great to be teaching but I still enjoy the great memories of the Education Faculty and McMaster Hall!"

Kathleen Burr, B.B.A. '05 – Kathleen recently completed her M.A. in International Development Studies at Dalhousie University. Her research focused on women's labour rights and economic organizing in India's informal sector. She plans to work in the non-governmental sector while contemplating further academic study. Kathleen fondly recalls her time at Brandon University and sends her best to professors, colleagues, administration and fellow students!



Miranda Hyndman



Kathleen Burr

IN MEMORIAM

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July 6, 2007

Norval M. Lynd, B.A. '35
June 27, 2007

John E. McTavish, B.A. '37
July 2, 2007

Nettie Schurko, B.A. '45
October 25, 2007

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July 13, 2007

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September 6, 2007

Alvin Yaskiw, T.T.C. '63
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September 4, 2007

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Delorus J. Percival, B.T. '73
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August 7, 2007

IN YOUR WORDS



THE BEAUBIER FAMILY

BY GERRY BEAUBIER, '77

Three Generations of Brandon College/University Alumni

Brandon College/University has had many outstanding graduates but only one that we know of has had a town named after them – Eleanor Beaubier, for whom the town Beaubier, Saskatchewan was named.



Thomas Jefferous Beaubier, accompanied by his sons David and Jeffrey, arrived in Brandon in 1880, becoming one of the first 100 families to settle in Brandon. The following year, his wife Elizabeth and the seven remaining family members joined them in Brandon from Parkville, Canada West. Thomas went into business and built and operated Beaubier House and the Beaubier Hotel, which he later sold in 1903. The Beaubier Hotel will be torn down in May 2008 to allow expansion for the new YMCA building in downtown Brandon.

Following in their father's footsteps, Jeffrey and the youngest son Harry, built and operated the Cecil Hotel in Brandon. His son David also became involved in the hotel business and built the Empire Hotel, which was located on Rosser Avenue. He expanded into Saskatchewan purchasing hotels in Saskatoon and Moose Jaw. David married Lucy Homer and had nine children: Thomas Henry, who died as an infant, Eleanor, Beaty, Dave, Jack, Jerry, George, Phil and Barbara.



Eleanor Beaubier



Lt. Dave Beaubier

In World War I, David Beaubier was appointed a Lt. Colonel and given the command of the 181st Brandon Overseas Battalion. His son Beaty, who was studying Agriculture at the University of Manitoba and his son Dave, who was attending McGill University, enlisted in the army. They trained in Winnipeg and were commissioned in the Brandon Battalion

and saw service in France. Dave returned from the War and attended Brandon College, earning a B.A. in 1920. He later obtained an M.A. from McMaster University and began teaching school in Saskatchewan.

David's daughter Eleanor also pursued an education. She graduated from the Manitoba Agricultural College in Domestic Science and from Brandon College in Arts in 1918. That same year, she accepted a position as a teacher in Sonnefeldt, Saskatchewan. That year, the Spanish flu epidemic broke out and all public facilities were shut down. With her school closed, she volunteered to nurse flu victims. She established sick rooms in the district and went from house to house to tend to patients. Unfortunately while assisting the ill, Eleanor caught the flu and soon died. She is buried in Brandon. In 1927, in recognition of Eleanor's dedication to others, the town fathers elected to change the name of the village to Beaubier.

George married Lilian Edmison, the daughter of Dr. Edmison who practiced medicine in Brandon and also served as MLA in the Manitoba Legislature. Lilian graduated from Brandon College with a B.A. in 1924 and later taught school in Brandon.

Phil married Jean Gammon. Jean was captain of Brandon College's basketball team that won the Manitoba Women's championship in 1928 and graduated the same year from Brandon College with a B.A.

Lt. Col. David W. Beaubier was elected to the Parliament of Canada representing the Brandon Constituency and died in office in 1938.

The Brandon College/University tradition continued as Beaty's son, Gerry, graduated from Brandon University with a B.Sc. in 1977. Gerry and Joyce's son Dean received a B.A. from the University of Saskatchewan. He then attended Brandon University obtaining a B.Ed., becoming the third generation of Beaubiers to graduate from Brandon College/University. Dean later obtained his Master's in Education from Queen's University, followed by a Doctorate in Education from the University of Nebraska. Dean also met and married Dr. Shannon Gadbois, who is an Assistant Professor of Psychology at Brandon University.

The Beaubier Family Reunion was held in August in conjunction with the Brandon 125 Celebration and the 80th Anniversary of the naming of the Village of Beaubier, Saskatchewan. Over 50 relatives attended the reunion and most were able to visit Beaubier, Saskatchewan where they were honoured for Eleanor's contribution to the community.

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WELCOME RECEPTION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2007



Mr. Jeff Carter '67
& Dr. Brian Phillips '67



Mr. Gary Belecki '67
& Dr. Norma Walmsley



Ms. Amanda Rose Bourget,
BU student with her Grandmother,
Viola (Bjarnason) Hilton '57



Mrs. Rita Blackmore '62
& Mr. Keith Blackmore



Mr. Grant Sutherland, Mrs. Gwen Sutherland '37,
Dr. Louis P. Visentin & Mrs. Mary Visentin



Dr. Brian Phillips '67, Mr. Barry Burdeny '67,
Mr. John Scott '74 & Mr. Jeff Carter '67



Mrs. Elaine (Fraser) Rust '58,
Mrs. Barbara (Mills) Bannatyne '57,
Mr. Barrie Burch '57, Mr. Barry Bannatyne
& Mrs. Joyce (Thompson) Konopski '58



Mr. Jim Quinn '67, Mrs. Mary Gooden '42,
Mr. Ed Mazer '69 & Mrs. Marion Mazer '70

ART EXHIBIT & RECEPTION

The work of renowned artist and Brandon University alumnus Mr. Barry Burdeny, Class of 1967, was featured at the Glen P. Sutherland Gallery of Art with an Art Exhibit and Reception held on Friday, October 19, 2007, as part of the Homecoming celebrations.



Mr. Barry Burdeny '67 & Mr. Bill Dewar



BU School of Music Student Jazz Trio



Mr. Barry Burdeny '67 & Dr. Louis P. Visentin



Mrs. Cheryl Johnston '67, Dr. Brian Phillips '67,
Mr. Gary Brawn '67 & Mr. Jim Quinn '67

AWARDS LUNCHEON

On Saturday, October 20, 2007, the Brandon University Alumni Association recognized three outstanding individuals at the Homecoming Awards Luncheon.



Dr. Louis P. Visentin, BU President & Vice-Chancellor,
The Rt. Hon. Edward Schreyer, BU Chancellor,
Mrs. Keay Dobson-Golletz & Mr. John Scott, Alumni Association President

Brandon University Alumni Association Award for Distinguished Service Mrs. Keay Dobson-Golletz '79

Keay Dobson-Golletz's leadership and volunteerism with many organizations make her a role model in her community. Keay helps steer Brandon's youth through several volunteer efforts including her role as Chairperson of the Youth In Philanthropy division of the Brandon Area Community Foundation, which teaches youth the importance of giving back to their community. She has also volunteered for many years teaching Tae Kwon Do, sharing her determination and love for the martial arts with her students. She is active within Brandon's schools as well, having served as a stage manager for several Neelin High School productions and as a volunteer in the classroom at Valleyview School. Keay's volunteer efforts also go far beyond her youth services. An original board member and organizer of the Brandon Folk Music and Art Festival, Keay was instrumental in the creation of the Festival, and also took part in organizing the Brandon 125 Celebration.



Dr. Louis P. Visentin, The Rt. Hon. Edward Schreyer,
Mr. Alexander Tselyakov & Mr. John Scott

Brandon University Alumni Association Excellence In Teaching Award Mr. Alexander Tselyakov

World-renowned pianist Alexander Tselyakov is an Associate Professor of Piano at Brandon University's School of Music. Several of his students have developed into fine concert musicians themselves, winning prizes at major competitions. Alexander began his career with the Azerbaijan State Philharmonic, Moscow Philharmonic, Warsaw National Philharmonic Orchestra and the Toronto Symphony. His commercial recordings have received universal acclaim. Alexander's students describe him as "an outstanding academic with vast knowledge and positive enthusiasm who provides his students with information corresponding to their capabilities," adding, "he sets very high standards for his students and I appreciate the way he has pushed me to achieve new levels in every aspect of my playing," and "any witness of his performances knows how much passion he has for music and his teaching is much the same."



The Rt. Hon. Edward Schreyer, Dr. Adriaan de Hoog,
Dr. Louis P. Visentin & Mr. John Scott

Brandon University Alumni Association Wall of Fame Award Dr. Adriaan de Hoog '67

Adriaan de Hoog received his first degree from Brandon College (B.Sc. '67). He studied in Saskatchewan (M.Sc. '69) and as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford (D.Phil. '74). Upon completion of his studies, Dr. de Hoog entered the Canadian Foreign Service, with the Department of Foreign Affairs. His first posting took him to Kenya from 1976 - 79, doing aid, environment and bilateral political work. From 1983 - 87 he was an Economic Counselor at the Canadian Embassy in Bonn. In 1992, a new posting took him to Berlin as Consul General. In 2004, Dr. de Hoog retired from the foreign service and pursued a career in writing. His first novel, *The Berlin Assignment*, was published in 2006. *Borderless Deceit*, his follow-up book was published this fall.



Dr. Adriaan de Hoog gives
keynote address followed by
a book signing.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Brandon University Alumni Association 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 significant achievements in their personal career since leaving Brandon College/University.

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

The Brandon University Alumni Association 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, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. For specific criteria and nomination forms, please contact Carla Esler, Alumni Relations Officer at 204.727.9697 or by email at alumni@brandonu.ca or visit our web site at alumni.brandonu.ca.

FALL HOMECOMING BANQUET

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2007



Class of 1957: Dr. Louis P. Visentin, Barbara (Mills) Bannatyne, Barrie Burch, Michael Czuboka, Jack Fotheringham, The Rt. Hon. Edward Schreyer



Class of 1962 T.T.C.: Back row: Laurette (Schoonbaert) Green, Isabel (Lowden) Zarn, Joyce (Wardle) Williamson, Maureen (Hay) Nicholls, Neta (McArter) Mains, Lavona (Shust) Susinski, Rosemary (Smith) Shackel. Front row: Rita (Peloquin) Blackmore, Robert Moshenko, Bill Shackel, June (Lund) Padlow.



Class of 1957 T.T.C.: Back Row: Dr. Louis P. Visentin, Wallace Henderson, Edward Kostecki, The Rt. Hon. Edward Schreyer. Middle Row: Jean (Melnyk) Mitchell, Ann (Harland) Domytrak, Francis (Wilson) Taylor, Marjorie (Skelton) Andrew, Irene (Roberts) Pettapiece. Front Row: Hazel (Hargreaves) Henderson, Mina (Williams) Dyck, Phyllis (Anderson) Murray, Irene (Small) Magwood.



Class of 1967: Back Row: Dr. Louis P. Visentin, Dewey Evans, Wayne Rosenman, Gary Brawn, Adriaan de Hoog, The Rt. Hon. Edward Schreyer. Middle Row: Marianne Wiun, Karen (Gusdal) Doak, Jim Doak, Gary Belecki, Angela (Martin) Brawn, Reg Tolton, Jim Quinn, Linda (Armitage) Schrader. Front Row: Michael Czuboka, Jocelyn Godolphin, Barry Burdery, Norma Walmsley, Darlene Lazenby, Brian Phillips, Cheryl (Pomeroy) Johnston.

Class of 1937:
Gwen Sutherland, Einar Egilsson



*Watch for upcoming events
in Saskatoon, Winnipeg
and Victoria!*

Plan now to attend
HOMECOMING 2008
being held October 17, 18 & 19!

We will be celebrating the class years of
1938, 1948, 1958, 1968, 1978 and 1983.

Everyone Welcome!

Brandon University's Fall Homecoming
will also feature a special celebration
of Brandon University's
School of Health Studies

- 20th Anniversary of the first post-diploma graduates, in Nursing (B.Sc.N.) and Mental Health (B.Sc.M.H.)
- 10th Anniversary of the first Bachelor of Science in Psychiatric Nursing (B.Sc.PN.) graduates
- 2nd Anniversary of first Bachelor of Nursing (B.N.) graduates
- 10th Anniversary Year since the beginning of the First Nations & Aboriginal Counseling (F.N.A.C.) program

Brandon University has been providing education in nursing and psychiatric nursing since the 1960's. We invite all alumni and friends, including former B.G.H. School of Nursing students and former B.M.H.C. School of Psychiatric Nursing students who took classes at BU, to join in this special celebration.

Homecoming provides an opportunity to reunite graduates, students, faculty, staff and friends for a weekend to celebrate the traditions and successes of Brandon University, and our graduates, and to inspire pride in Brandon University.

A Message for the Class of 1958

Calling all class members of 1958 Arts, Science & Education:

Our 50th anniversary will be celebrated in October 2008. Joyce Konopski, Heather Stewart, Elaine Rust & Ian Dickson are starting to plan for the weekend. To make this a really memorable event, we want/hope/expect as many of you as possible to attend.

To help us, please contact one of us: Ian at 204.895.4027, Joyce at konopski@westman.wave.ca or Elaine at 54 Almond Cres., Brandon, R7B 1A1. We'd like any suggestions you may have for weekend activities. If you have contact information for other class members please forward it to us so we can ensure that we don't miss anyone, as there are some classmates that we do not have addresses for. We hope that the Teacher Training Class are planning to be part of the weekend celebration and are also contacting their classmates.

Sincerely,
Joyce (Thompson) Konopski '58, Ian Dickson '58, Elaine (Fraser) Rust '58, Heather Stewart '58

Start calling your classmates and plan to attend.
For more information, please call
Carla Eisler, Alumni Relations Officer, Brandon University at:
204.727.9697 or e-mail at alumni@brandonu.ca.

BRANDON UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION ADVANCING BU

The Brandon University Foundation has a deep commitment to the advancement of higher education at BU and to the improvement of its facilities and programs. During my term as President, I look forward to the opportunity to develop the focus and strategy of the Foundation with my fellow board members, and the chance to meet and work with you, our alumni.

As you know, the Foundation worked with the Department of Institutional Advancement over the past three years on the monumentally successful \$9.3 million *BU & YOU* Campaign. We are now focused on our newest fundraising effort, the *Standing Ovation* Campaign. The first-ever major funding initiative for the School of Music, the Campaign has raised an impressive total of \$355,422 to-date. You will read much more about the successes and the outlook for the next year of this exciting Campaign on the following pages.

We could not have achieved such success on Campaigns like *BU & YOU* and *Standing Ovation* without our volunteers. These individuals are the key to the advancement of the University, and for that reason we recognize some outstanding ones each year. The Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser Award was given to Dr. Ian Dickson and Ms Joan Garnett for their years of service to BU, including their work as co-chairs of the Legacy Campaign. The Apex Award for Service to the Brandon University Foundation was awarded to Dr. Tom Breneman, a Past-President of the Foundation, Chair of the *BU & YOU* Campaign and incredibly dedicated Foundation board member for many years. These three individuals are just a few of the people who have allowed the Foundation to thrive over the past 27 years and it is my pleasure to recognize their efforts.

Throughout the coming months, I hope to connect with many of you at Presidents' Circle or Alumni events. I hope you will contribute to our Annual Fund Campaign, which is described below. If you already have, I offer my sincere thanks for your ongoing generous support. Your commitment to Brandon University continues to be appreciated on a daily basis by students, staff and faculty.

Best wishes,



Dr. Jeff Bales
President, Brandon University Foundation

ANNUAL FUND

Thanks to alumni throughout Canada and beyond, the Annual Fund is a catalyst for enhancing and improving Brandon University for today's students. Last year we raised over \$60,000 benefiting a variety of areas on campus including library acquisitions, scholarships and bursaries and lab equipment.

In October the 2007-08 Annual Fund was launched to raise funds for the School of Music's *Standing Ovation* Campaign, and for the most pressing needs of the School of Health Studies and the Faculties of Arts, Science and Education.

We hope you'll join in the proud tradition carried out by the alumni who came before you, whose generosity helped to enhance your college/university experience. **Whether you give \$10, \$100, \$1,000 or more, the Annual Fund enables us to pool our contributions together to achieve great things for BU.**

You may have already received a letter or phone call from one of our students asking for your support – if not, or if you would like more information on giving, please contact:

Shawna English, Development Officer
Phone: (204) 727-9715
Toll free: 1-877-282-4483
Email: annualfund@brandonu.ca



Dr. Jeff Bales, BU Foundation President

BRANDON UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

OUR MISSION

The Brandon University Foundation was established to promote the advancement of higher education at Brandon University and to improve the quality of its facilities and activities.

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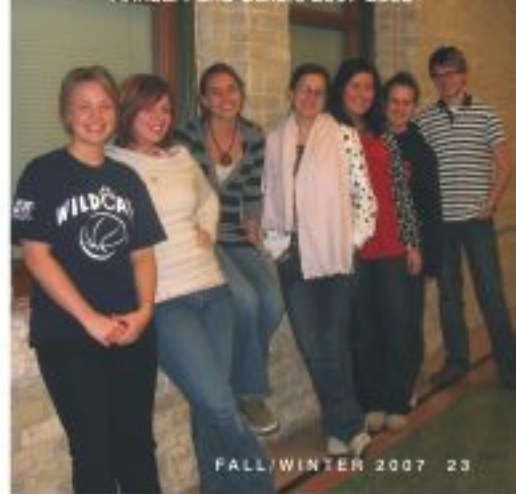
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Annual Fund Callers 2007-2008





Brandon University has been teaching music to students from around the world for over 100 years. This year, 200 students registered in the School of Music and 500 more registered in our Conservatory. These students have come to us from across Canada (Nova Scotia to Vancouver Island), the United States, Mexico, Germany, China, Japan, Costa Rica, Hong Kong, Indonesia and Korea.

In addition to the students passing through our doors each week for music classes, there are many others attending concerts and lectures at the School on a regular basis. It's terrific to see people taking advantage of the opportunities afforded by having a major School of Music in western Manitoba.

The School's first-ever fundraising Campaign has attracted over \$355,422 to-date in new funding, much of it from our generous Alumni. On behalf of the students, staff and faculty of the School of Music, I sincerely thank everyone who has donated to the Campaign. New instruments and equipment have been purchased, new scholarships have been created, the student lounge has been renovated and refurbished, ensemble touring has been funded, the jazz studies program has expanded – the list goes on and on. In short, we have been able to fund new initiatives, including enhanced community outreach thanks to donors like you.

If you haven't yet contributed to the Standing Ovation Campaign, I look forward to discussing with you ways in which you can ensure that the next century at the BU School of Music is as successful as the first!



Dr. Glen Carruthers
Campaign Chair & Dean, School of Music

Questions about the Campaign? Want to make your gift today?

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www.brandonu.ca (and follow the Standing Ovation Campaign links.)

CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES

The *Standing Ovation* Campaign addresses the changing needs of the School of Music through support for musical instrument acquisitions, outreach programs to facilitate ensemble touring and other special initiatives, technology and equipment purchases, teaching support and new scholarships and bursaries.

To this end, the *Standing Ovation* Campaign will focus on the following key needs over the next year:



A Musical Instrument Repair & Maintenance Endowment, paying out at least \$10,000 per year will ensure that the School's fleet of instruments remain in pristine condition.

The acquisition of new **Brass, Jazz Studies, Woodwind and Percussion Instruments** will aid in attracting students of the highest calibre to study at BU. Musical instruments are the most important tools used in training our musicians; new instruments will allow our students to excel.

Support for **Ensemble Touring** gives BU music students valuable performance experience and allows audiences across western Manitoba, Canada and internationally to see the level of excellence that our School of Music students attain.

A **Jazz Concert/Workshop Series** will be the next step in continuing to build our newest program: Jazz Studies. The

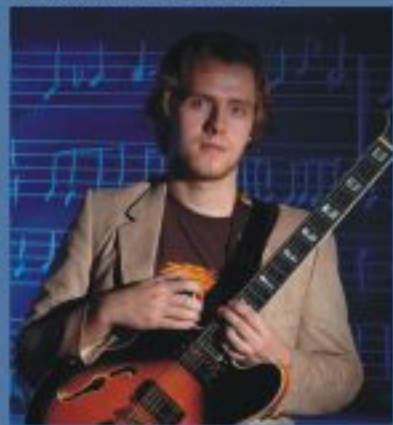
series will provide jazz students with an additional avenue towards musical growth.



Technology Updates in classrooms and the media room will ensure that our students and faculty have the best possible tools to prepare for life after university.

Library Acquisitions in Jazz Studies support our Faculty and students by giving them the building blocks of music – the notes to play.

Scholarships and Bursaries are an ever-increasing necessity in the post-secondary environment. In order to attract and retain the best and brightest students, we must be able to provide competitive financial support.



We sincerely thank all of our year one Standing

WE THANK ALL OUR
 GENEROUS DONORS,
 PLEASE READ ON
 AS WE HIGHLIGHT
 JUST A FEW OF THEM.



The **Brandon University Alumni Association** and **Brandon University Students' Union** jointly funded the \$26,000 renovation and refurbishing of the School of Music Students' Lounge, providing students with a cozy space to rest and study between classes.



BU alumnae **Daphne Wagner**, her husband **David Green** and their children **Lita** and **Michael**, have created a new bursary for School of Music students in honour of Daphne's parents. Their donation will establish The Al and Bee Wagner Bursary in Music and will be matched by the Manitoba Scholarships and Bursaries

Initiative to create an endowment, which will provide financial support for music students in perpetuity.



The **Harrison McCain Foundation** generously supported the Campaign with a \$6,400 gift. Designated towards the acquisition of new musical instruments, this donation funded the purchase of a new set of Yamaha Chicago Deagan Chimes.



Lorne Watson Recital Hall SEAT SALE



This holiday season, consider a gift
 to the Lorne Watson Recital Hall Seat Sale
 Limited Number of Seats Available!



Photo courtesy of the Brandon Sun

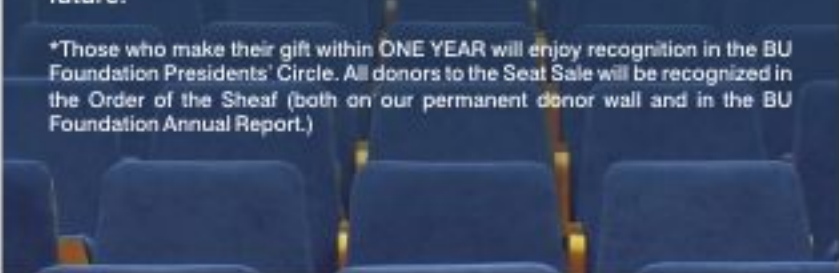
The Lorne Watson Recital Hall is the heart of the School of Music. Perhaps your child, your colleague or you yourself have performed on its stage. Maybe you are simply one of the tens of thousands of supporters who have sat in the seats of this hall and felt the impact that great music can make. Either way, you know that this hall brings together Brandon and western Manitoba's greatest music lovers and performers.

The Lorne Watson Recital Hall Seat Sale gives you the opportunity to make a lasting impact on the School through a gift of \$1,000.* In recognition of this generous donation, Brandon University will place a brass nameplate, bearing your name or that of a loved one, on a seat of your choice within the Recital Hall.

These seats are wonderful holiday gifts! The Department of Institutional Advancement will send personalized notification to the recipient of your thoughtful gift in their name.

Contributions to the Seat Sale will be directed to a special endowment fund, created to support the School's greatest needs in perpetuity. By making a gift, you will have a real impact on the BU School of Music today, and well into the future.

*Those who make their gift within ONE YEAR will enjoy recognition in the BU Foundation Presidents' Circle. All donors to the Seat Sale will be recognized in the Order of the Sheaf (both on our permanent donor wall and in the BU Foundation Annual Report.)



Ovation Campaign Donors

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Brandon University Foundation Presidents' Circle

The Brandon University Foundation Presidents' Circle brings together the University's most dedicated supporters to participate in campus accomplishments. Now in its sixth year, the Presidents' Circle recognizes the generous contributions of these donors with invitations to a variety of unique events highlighting the diversity of our campus and programs. These exclusive invitations give Presidents' Circle members a first-hand opportunity to participate in the accomplishments of Brandon University students and faculty.

Presidents' Circle 2007-2008 Season

A Broadway Christmas at University House – December 16, 2007
Vernissage '08 – a Mosaic of Art and Music – April 4th, 2008

Our members are also invited to additional events throughout the season. These unique opportunities arise throughout the year and have previously included a field trip to a BU Archaeology Dig in Lauder, MB and a reception and tour of the Faculty of Science Observatory. Presidents' Circle members attend these events as guests of Brandon University President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Louis Visentin and Brandon University Foundation President, Dr. Jeff Bales.

In honour of the sixth anniversary of the Presidents' Circle, alumni and friends have the opportunity to designate their gift to a new initiative on campus. Over the past six years, Brandon University has embarked on an extensive campus beautification program, which includes the creation of a sculpture garden in the courtyard between historic Clark Hall and the George T. Richardson Centre. This area provides a venue for students, faculty and staff to relax and is enjoyed by all members of the campus and extended Brandon community. As part of our commitment to make the University a welcoming and beautiful place, we are pleased to provide Presidents' Circle donors with the first opportunity to contribute towards this innovative courtyard beautification.

A minimum of five Presidents' Circle level gifts to this initiative will enable the University to install a sculpture that will forever recognize the impact of Presidents' Circle members on our campus. This initiative is carried out in association with our Visual and Aboriginal Arts Department. Alternatively, our members may always choose to support a faculty or department of their choice.

Membership in the Presidents' Circle begins with a contribution of \$1,000, payable in installments of as little as \$19.25 per week through automatic deduction. A single Presidents' Circle level donation greatly assists students and faculty; purchasing a much needed instrument for the School of Music, a research and technology item for the Faculty of Science, or providing students with scholarship and bursary support.

For further information or to become a member of the Presidents' Circle, please contact Cindy Yacysen in the Department of Institutional Advancement at 204.727.9689, or via email at yacysen@brandonu.ca.

THE BENEFIT OF DONATING SECURITIES

In recent years, people have been donating millions of dollars in stocks, mutual funds and other securities to charities across Canada. Why should you consider donating a gift of securities? Because it will generously support Brandon University and our students while reducing the amount of tax you have to pay.

In 1997, the Federal Government provided an incentive for people to donate securities to charities. The incentive was to reduce the amount of any capital gain that resulted from the gift that the donor was required to include in his or her income. This is because when you donate anything, the Canada Revenue Agency deems that you dispose of the property at its fair market value (FMV). If the value at the time you donate it is higher than the cost of the property, you have a capital gain. Typically, the 1997 rules required that you report 50% of that gain as income in the year you make the gift.

Thanks to the new tax break introduced by the 2006 Federal Budget, donors will now be exempted from capital gains taxes. Donors will also receive a tax receipt for income tax purposes for the full market value of the securities at the date of the transfer. Therefore, whether you donate cash or appreciated securities, you will receive a tax receipt that creates a tax credit.

Not only will a gift of securities benefit a donor's individual tax situation, it will also greatly assist Brandon University in a variety of ways, enhancing the learning experience for students and faculty alike. A win-win for everyone! For further information on how to make a gift of securities to BU, please contact Cindy Yacysen in the Institutional Advancement Office at: 204.727.9689 or via email at yacysen@brandonu.ca.

This article is intended to provide general information and not to advise anyone on what he or she should do in a particular situation. As everyone's situation is different, we recommend that you consult with your professional advisor(s) before making any decisions pertaining to planned giving.



The Department of Institutional Advancement is pleased to welcome Chris Szabo to the position of Financial and Administrative Clerk. Chris has worked at Brandon University for over seven years and has held a variety of positions within Financial & Registration Services. She is currently in her third level of the Certified General Accountants program and will work within the department to provide tax receipting, Foundation reporting and campaign support. If you have any questions regarding your tax receipt, contact Chris at 204.727.9722 or via email at szaboc@brandonu.ca.



To be eligible for a 2007 income tax receipt, all donations to Brandon University must be postmarked on or before **December 31, 2007**. Cheques should be made payable to the Brandon University Foundation. Gifts can be made online at: alumni.brandonu.ca/contribute.asp

SCHOOL OF MUSIC *PRO SERIES PLUS* SCHEDULE

(All concerts take place at the Lorne Watson Recital Hall)

January 15, 2008 • 8:00 PM

The Faculty Concert

"A painter paints pictures on canvas. But musicians paint their pictures on silence." – Leopold Stokowski. The School of Music is home to an array of world-class performers, scholars, composers and teachers. In this annual *pro series* concert members of the faculty are featured in solo performances and in chamber music.

January 22, 2008 • 8:00 PM

Tom Wiebe, cello; Megumi Masaki, piano

Programme: Eckhardt-Gramatté – "Duo Concertante, E. 146"; "Schnittke – Sonata for Cello and Piano No. 2"; Prokofiev – "Sonata for Cello and Piano in C major, Op. 119." Tom Wiebe, a founding member of the Duke Trio, teaches at the University of Western Ontario. He was a finalist in the Luis Sigall International Cello Competition, and won first prize at the Juilliard and Yale Concerto Competitions and at the Canadian Music Competition. In this concert of 20th-century music, he will be collaborating with award-winning pianist and conductor Megumi Masaki, a BU School of Music faculty member since 2006.

February 5, 2008 • 8:00 PM

Anne-Julie Caron, marimba; Akiko Tominaga, piano

Programme: Piazzolla – "Cinco Piezas"; Saint-Saëns – "Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso (arr. Caron)"; Séjourné – "Katamiya." A graduate of the Conservatoire de musique de Québec and the Boston Conservatory, Anne-Julie Caron is forging a solo career as well as performing part-time with the Orchestre symphonique de Québec. She has participated in many summer festivals including the Festival international de Lanaudière, and her performances have been aired on Radio-Canada. This concert is part of her Prairie Debut tour. Collaborative artist Akiko Tominaga, a sought-after chamber musician, is currently pursuing a doctorate at the Université de Montréal.

February 19, 2008 • 8:00 PM

Winds of the Southern Cross

Programme: Mozart – "Don Giovanni Overture"; Mozart – "Vedrai Carino & Batti Batti"; Mozart – "Piano quintet, K. 452"; Stanhope – "Songs for the Shadowlands"; Ravel – "Tombeau de Couperin"; Canteloube – "Songs of the Auvergne." This Australian ensemble has established an international reputation

since its formation in 1995. The unusual sextet tackles a variety of music – from baroque cantatas to classical and romantic works for winds and piano to new compositions weaving voice and instruments.

Tuesday, February 26 • 12:40 pm

Brandon New Music Festival I

The Brandon University New Music Ensemble (BUNME)

Megumi Masaki, Director

Programme includes works by Peter Garland, Jack Behrens, Christos Hatzis and Karlheinz Essl. Brandon University New Music Ensemble, comprised of Brandon University students dedicated to new music, gives its inaugural concert in the revived Brandon New Music Festival. Director Megumi Masaki spent several years in Germany, where she taught, conducted the ESF Orchestra and founded the International Virtuosi Concert Series. She is the new Artistic Director of the Eckhardt-Gramatté National Music Competition.

February 27, 2008 • 8:00 PM

Brandon New Music Festival II (Percussion Ensemble)

Programme includes works by Minoru Miki, Michael Burritt, Ney Rosauro, Claude Vivier and Jocelyn Morlock. The Brandon University Percussion Ensemble was founded by its director, Ben Reimer, an instructor at the School of Music since 2003. He often performs with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, the Manitoba Opera Society, and Groundswell. Montreal-based percussionist Shaven Mativetsky performs traditional and new Western, Indian classical and world music.

March 4, 2008 • 8:00 PM

Rocca String Quartet

Programme: includes Mozart – "Clarinet Quintet in A Major, K. 581"; Brahms – "String Quartet in A minor, Op. 51, No. 2." Award-winning violinist and School of Music faculty member Kerry DuWors is one of the founding members of the Rocca String Quartet. Formed in 2003, the group gave a memorable *pro series* concert two seasons ago. A graduate of the University of Michigan, clarinetist Micah Halbrunn is currently principal clarinet of the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra. He has also held this position with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, Symphony Nova Scotia, Manitoba Opera and the National Youth Orchestra of Canada.



BOBCAT SCHEDULE

= Home Game
 = Away Game

		Men's Basketball	Women's Basketball	Men's Volleyball	Women's Volleyball
Friday	4 Jan	University of Fraser Valley	University of Fraser Valley		
Saturday	5 Jan	Thompson Rivers University	Thompson Rivers University		
Friday	11 Jan	University of British Columbia	University of British Columbia		University of British Columbia
Saturday	12 Jan	University of Victoria	University of Victoria		University of British Columbia
Friday	18 Jan	University of Lethbridge	University of Lethbridge	University of Manitoba	University of Manitoba
Saturday	19 Jan	University of Calgary	University of Calgary	University of Manitoba	University of Manitoba
Friday	25 Jan	University of Manitoba	University of Manitoba	University of Saskatchewan	University of Saskatchewan
Saturday	26 Jan	University of Manitoba	University of Manitoba	University of Saskatchewan	University of Saskatchewan
Friday	1 Feb	University of Regina	University of Regina	University of Regina	University of Regina
Saturday	2 Feb	University of Regina	University of Regina	University of Regina	University of Regina
Thursday	7 Feb	University of Winnipeg	University of Winnipeg	University of Winnipeg	University of Winnipeg
Saturday	9 Feb	University of Winnipeg	University of Winnipeg	University of Winnipeg	University of Winnipeg
February 15-17		Can West Playoffs	Can West Playoffs	Can West Playoffs	Can West Playoffs
February 22-23		Can West Playoffs	Can West Playoffs	Can West Playoffs	Can West Playoffs
February 29 - March 4		Can West Playoffs	Can West Playoffs	CIS Championships	CIS Championships
March 7-8			CIS Championships		
March 14-16		CIS Championships			

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