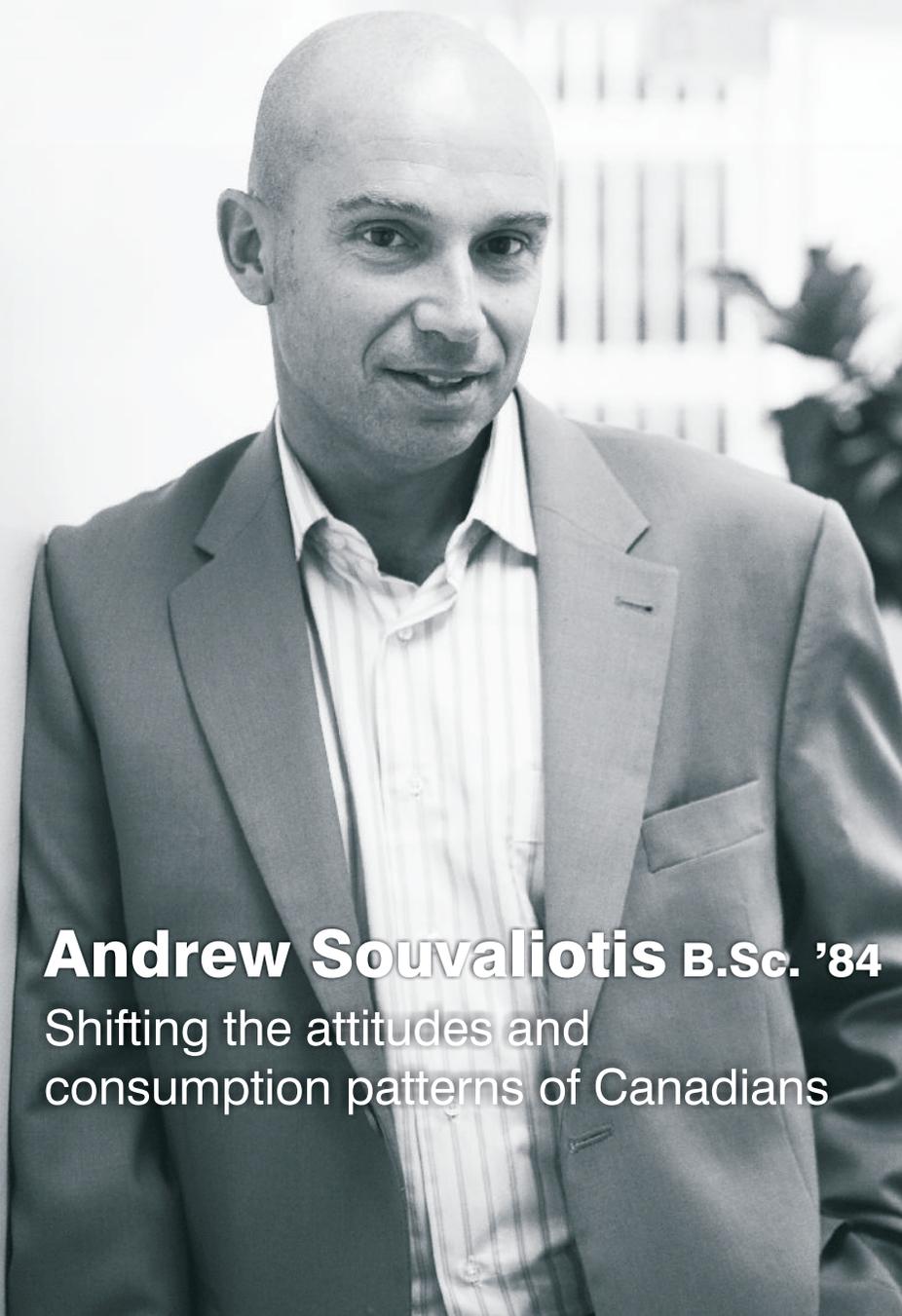


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Transitions can be difficult periods in the lives of individuals and universities. That is because growth and differentiation mean a change away from what you were.

Often, these kinds of events make history. We witnessed one such change on November 4th. It signalled a change in direction and the new leadership was a harbinger of the possibility of progress and a better world. Only time and sustained effort will be effective in realizing the hopes articulated in the rhetoric of election fever.

So also with institutions. The last nine years have seen the growth and development of your Alma Mater. We had a vision of establishing the University as a real jewel of the Midwest. If it has become so, it is because the ingredients for excellence were there all along. What was needed was a maestro to conduct the orchestra and a poet to make sure that the narrative was a good one.

Someone recently asked me what kinds of people are needed in political leadership and I responded, without hesitation, "More poets, artists, and musicians." Looking at our institutions and countries, no one can deny that science, business and government need an infusion of a different kind of talent beyond mere debit-credit columns and profit-loss notions based on wealth. This University was built on values and its original motto is something that everyone can learn from. Modesty, hardwork, and a lot of "speaking the truth in love".

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Louis Visentin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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



BU Dean of Education Jerry Storie, MB Deputy Minister of Education, Citizenship & Youth Gerald Farthing and BU VP, Academic & Research Dr. Scott Grills open the BU Centre for Aboriginal and Rural Education Studies.

BU Faculty of Education Graduate Studies Department opens Centre for Aboriginal and Rural Education Studies

The Brandon University Faculty of Education held the official launch of the Brandon University Centre for Aboriginal and Rural Education Studies (BU CARES) on November 21, 2008. With the motto "Research knowledge in action", the Centre was created for the purpose of promoting the research activities of Faculty of Education graduate students working in conjunction with members of the Faculty, local school divisions and First Nation education authorities and school teachers and administrators. BU CARES will work with educators in the field to answer school and classroom-based research questions and improve teaching and leadership practices through a research-driven process. The Centre is funded in part by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada's Aid to Small Universities Program and has also received significant support from the Manitoba Education Research Network.



New School of Health Studies Dean Dr. W. Dean Care speaks at an Open House event in September 2008.

Brandon University welcomes Dr. W. Dean Care as Dean of the School of Health Studies

Brandon University is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. W. Dean Care as Dean of the School of Health Studies effective August 1, 2008. Dr. Care received his Registered Nursing diploma from Winnipeg General Hospital in 1972 and his Bachelor of Nursing from the University of Manitoba in 1976. He was awarded his Master of Education in 1984 from the University of Manitoba and his Doctor of Education at Nova Southeastern University (Fort Lauderdale-Davie, Florida) in 1995, with a major in Adult Education. From 1972 to 1997, Dr. Care worked in various positions at St. Boniface General Hospital in Winnipeg. In 1997, he joined the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Nursing as an Assistant Professor and Urban Program Coordinator. During his time at the U of M, he worked in several positions within the Faculty of Nursing before becoming Acting Dean in 2004 and then Interim Dean from 2005 to 2007. Dr. Care was named a full professor at the University of Manitoba in 2007. In addition to his wealth of practical, research, teaching and administrative experience, Dr. Care has an extensive publishing history in nursing education and distance education and is the recipient of several awards for teaching.

Brandon University receives 'A' grades in several *Globe and Mail* University Report categories

The *Globe and Mail* released its Seventh Annual *University Report* on October 23, 2008 and Brandon University received grades of A- to A+ in a variety of categories including: 'Most Satisfied Students' (A-), 'Quality of Education' (A-), 'Quality of Teaching' (A-), 'Student Faculty Interaction' (A), 'Class Size' (A+), 'Ease of Course Registration' (A) and 'Libraries' (A-). The *University Report* is an online and print publication geared toward giving undergraduate students at Canadian Universities an opportunity to voice their student experiences, as well as enabling prospective undergrads to gain insight about what kind of experience they can expect from different universities. This year, about 43,400 undergraduates participated and 55 universities were rated.



Brandon University received A- to A+ marks in several important categories in the *Globe and Mail's* 2009 University Report.

Brandon University Board of Governors selects Mr. Richard Lonstrup as new Chair

On April 24, 2008 the Brandon University Board of Governors selected Mr. Richard Lonstrup as their new Chair. Mr. Lonstrup replaces Mr. Jake Janzen after an eight-year term. Mr. Lonstrup graduated with his B.A. from Brandon University in 1994 and then from Queen's University Faculty of Law in 1999. After seven years of private practice he began work with Legal Aid Manitoba's Westman Community Law Centre in 2007, practicing in criminal law. Mr. Lonstrup is a Past President of the Western Manitoba Bar Association and has served as one of the Westman representatives on the council of the Manitoba Bar Association since 2003. In 2001, Mr. Lonstrup joined the Brandon University Alumni Association (BUAA) as a board member and has remained with them since, including serving two years as President of the BUAA. Mr. Lonstrup initially joined the BU Board of Governors in 2005 as a BUAA representative. Mr. Lonstrup is married to Taja, his lovely wife of six years and has a son, Ross.



Mr. Rich Lonstrup was named Chair of the BU Board of Governors on April 24, 2008.

BU establishes new Sculpture Garden in Kevin and Els Kavanagh Courtyard

Brandon University, with the help of several generous donors, established the BU Sculpture Garden in the Kevin and Els Kavanagh Courtyard in spring 2008. To date, three sculptures have been installed in the garden: *Exploring the Third Dimension*, or *The Explorer*, by Mr. Victor Tolgesy, which was created on commission for inclusion in the "Man and His World" exhibition at Expo '67 and presented to Brandon University in the fall of 1968; *Gyraton*, by BU Visual and Aboriginal Arts Instructor Lin Xu, which consists of six slender porcelain cylinders ranging from seven to eight feet high and representing the essential contemporary technologies of Text, Data, Voice, Image, Networking and the Human Factor, as well as the unknown; and *The Lookout (Bobcat)* by Manitoba Master Bronze Sculptor Peter Sawatzky, which represents BU's mascot and was installed with the generous support of the Whitehead Foundation for Western Manitoba, Incorporated.



The Lookout (Bobcat) by Peter Sawatzky, is the most recent installation in the Brandon University Sculpture Garden.

BU NOW Information System keeps staff, students up-to-date and enhances campus security

In the fall of 2007, the Brandon University Students' Union, in cooperation with BU Administration, launched the BU NOW information system on campus. The system provides up-to-the-minute news, event information and alerts to the BU community and features a function that allows the interruption of streaming content on the monitors with alert screens that will combine with other campus communications systems to provide immediate instructions to staff and students in the case of a campus-wide emergency. BU NOW can deliver static messages as well as graphics, video and audio content across campus through the system's 23 monitors and is also available to BU residence students in their rooms via campus cable. In addition to the Brandon University Alumni Association, special thanks, on behalf of BU and BUSU, go to the following sponsors and supporters of the BU NOW Information System: Pepsi Canada, Audio Video Unlimited and Westman Communications Group (WCG).



Brandon University President Dr. Louis P. Visentin and former BU Students' Union President Nathan Peto speak at the official launch of the BU NOW system.



Mr. David Rowland was appointed Dean of Students in August 2008.

Brandon University welcomes Mr. David Rowland as Dean of Students

Brandon University is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. David Rowland as Dean of Students, effective August 1, 2008. Mr. Rowland came to BU from Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick, where he had served as Dean of Students since 2006. Originally from Toronto, Mr. Rowland attended Coastal Carolina University in Conway, South Carolina on an athletic scholarship, attaining a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education in 1997. He continued his studies at the University of Charleston in Charleston, South Carolina, where he received his Master of Education degree in Special Education in 1999. During his time studying in the U.S., Mr. Rowland distinguished himself by becoming an NCAA Division 1 Conference Champion with the Coastal Carolina Chanticleers and an Academic All American in 1994, 1995 and 1996. Mr. Rowland was hired as a graduate intern at the College of Charleston in the Student Affairs Office in 1997 and from 2000 to 2005 worked as the Assistant Dean of Students. In 2006, he moved into the position of Dean of Students at Mount Allison. Mr. Rowland lives with his wife Elaine and their three Labrador dogs Jackson, Jordan and Daisy.



Four Blue Phones have been installed on the BU campus for the enhancement of safety and security.

Brandon University enhances campus security with Blue Phones

As part of ongoing efforts toward enhancing campus safety and security, Brandon University has installed four Emergency Blue Phones on campus. The phones can be used by students, staff and anyone else on campus to connect directly to a 911 operator. When the button on the phone is pressed, a bright blue rotating light activates at the top of the phone and the caller is connected to 911 through a speaker and microphone system. The Blue Phones are the latest in a series of security enhancements on campus funded for the most part by the Province of Manitoba through the office of the Minister of Advanced Education. Brandon University has already installed card access systems on all of its buildings with help from this funding.



Dr. Lawrence Van Beek was appointed Registrar in August 2008.

Brandon University welcomes Dr. Lawrence VanBeek as University Registrar

Brandon University is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Lawrence VanBeek as University Registrar for a five-year term effective August 1, 2008. Dr. VanBeek came to BU from Rocky Mountain College in Calgary, where he had served as President since 2006. Dr. VanBeek completed his Bachelor of Theology Degree at Central Pentecostal College in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan in 1985 and his M.A. in Theology from Providence Theological Seminary in Winnipeg in 1991. He then went on to study at the University of South Africa, Pretoria, where he completed his Doctorate in Theology in 1997. From 1985 until 2004, Dr. VanBeek taught history, languages and university transfer courses at various post-secondary institutions in British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. He began his career in academic administration as an Interim Principal at Zion Christian Academy in Winnipeg in 1989-1990 before moving into the position of Dean of the Native Studies Program at Central Pentecostal College, where he remained from

1991 until 1997. From 1997 until 2006, Dr. VanBeek served as the Executive Director of Enrolment Services at Trinity Western University in Langley, British Columbia.

Brandon University welcomes Dr. Michael Kim as Dean of School of Music

For more on Dr. Kim, please see page 22.

Dr. Meg Carrington's Canada Research Chair in Scientific Systems and Modeling renewed

In the fall of 2008 Brandon University announced the successful renewal of Physics and Astronomy Professor Dr. Margaret Carrington's Canada Research Chair in Scientific Systems and Modeling. The Chair, which will bring \$500,000 to the University over the next five years, is awarded to individuals displaying research excellence in their field. The basic goal of Dr. Carrington's research is to develop a mathematical description of a highly interactive and/or non-equilibrated many-body system. Such a system existed in the early universe, microseconds after the Big Bang and it might be possible to identify a signature of this state in the universe as it exists today. There is much current interest in the question of how matter was created during the early stages of the evolution of the universe and why the universe (or at least our part of the universe), contains so much more matter than anti-matter. Dr. Carrington came to Brandon University in 1997 and became the University's first Canada Research Chair in the summer of 2003. She is currently a Professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy.



Dr. Meg Carrington's Canada Research Chair in Systems and Modeling was recently renewed.

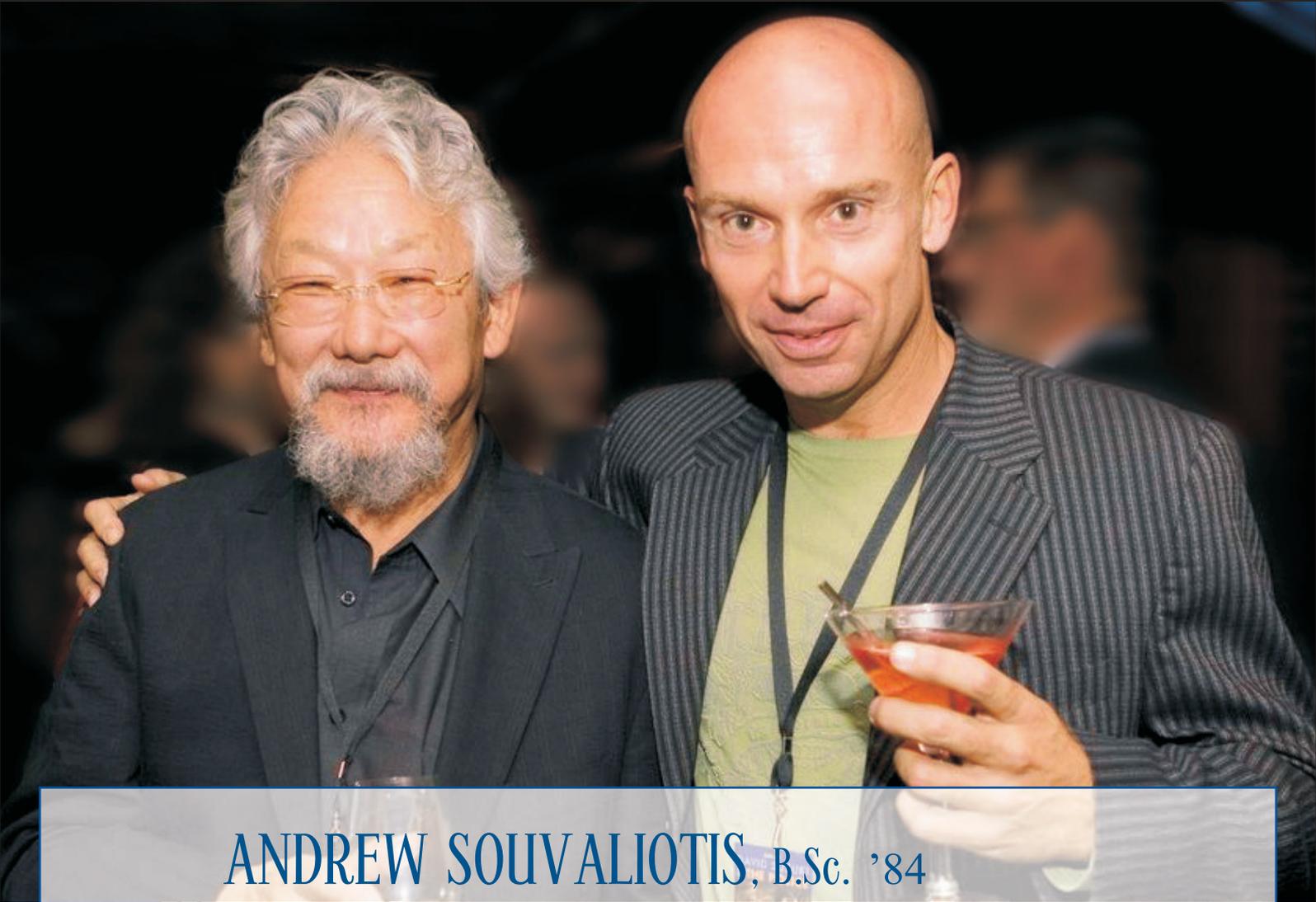
BU alumnus selected to perform for Governor General after being only Canadian to reach Montreal International Music Competition finals

Brandon University alumnus Sergei Saratovsky (M.Mus. '06) was selected to perform for Governor General of Canada Michelle Jean in Quebec City on May 30, after being the only Canadian musician to reach the finals in the Montreal International Music Competition, held this spring. Saratovsky received a \$4,000 finalist award and a \$5,000 award for being selected as the Best Canadian Artist at the competition's Gala Awards Concert. Saratovsky, a pianist, has won numerous competitions around the world and has performed with the Portugal National Orchestra, the Portugal Chamber Orchestra and in regular solo engagements with the State Symphony Orchestra of Karelia in his native Russia. He has toured extensively, performing for audiences in France, Italy, Portugal, Canada, the United States and Russia. In 2002, Saratovsky was honoured by Russian President Vladimir Putin with an award recognizing his extensive achievements in music. In 2009 and 2010, he will travel across Canada as part of the Jeunesses Musicales Young Artist Program. A non-profit organization founded in 1949 with a dual mission: to promote the performance of classical music, especially for young audiences and to help young professional instrumentalists, singers and composers to develop their careers at the national and international levels.



Sergei Saratovsky, M.Mus. '06

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.



ANDREW SOUVALIOTIS, B.Sc. '84

GREEN REWARDS: BU alumnus makes career out of shifting the attitudes and consumption patterns of Canadians

BY KELLY STIFORA

By the time Andrew Souvaliotis (B.Sc. '84) returned to Brandon University in April 2008 as a representative of former U.S. Vice-President Al Gore's Climate Project and to give a presentation on Gore's 2006 environmental impact documentary *An Inconvenient Truth*, he was entering the latest phase in a life and career that had already garnered him much success.

Souvaliotis was one of only 275 Canadians chosen to participate in Gore's Climate Project training initiative, which was aimed at preparing participants to help spread the message of environmental responsibility in the face of accelerating climate change that Gore warned us about in his Academy Award-winning film.

After being selected, Souvaliotis took part in an intensive training session on issues surrounding climate change led by Gore, his scientific advisor Dr. Andrew Weaver and Dr. David Suzuki and received technical training which would

allow him to become one of a group of experienced communicators of a version of the slide show that the film, as well as a best-selling book of the same name, were based on.

Now, Souvaliotis travels across Canada with Gore's blessing, speaking mostly to business and academic audiences not only about the real impacts of climate change but also about the immense opportunities for Canadians to re-design their lifestyles and for Canadian businesses to succeed through 'green' leadership and innovation.

How did he come to be described by Gore as an "outstanding example of the millions of Canadians who have been energized by the call to action on the climate crisis," and to be chosen as one of Gore's representatives on the road?

To tell the full story, we'll have to start at the beginning.

"I was born in Athens, Greece and raised as an 'airline brat,' as I was the son of an Air Canada executive employed in Greece," says Souvaliotis. "Enjoying the benefit of free flights provided me with a unique bridge to Canada and specifically to Winnipeg, which began to feel like my family's second home over the years. By the time I was finishing high school in Athens, my heart was set on immigrating to Canada and I thought I was on my way to the University of Manitoba, where I wanted to pursue a Math and Computer Science degree."

Souvaliotis soon found out, however, that his parents had a different idea.

"As it turns out, the choice of school wasn't quite up to me," he says. "After having invested in intensive classical piano training for me from the time I was four years old, my parents were not keen to see me change directions entirely, so they found a compromise – they would send me to Brandon University, where I could still chase my dream of a degree in Math and Computer Science while also enjoying the influence of the great musical culture that surrounds BU's School of Music."

It didn't take long for Souvaliotis to make a mark on his new home town.



"A lot of very interesting things can happen when you take an energetic, loud and shameless young man from a European city of four million people and put him in a tranquil prairie town of about 40,000" chuckles Souvaliotis, who still hears stories about the impressions he left more than twenty years ago on Brandon. "Within weeks of showing up, I was running and anchoring a weekly local Greek community television program, I was teaching Greek language to kids, I was giving piano lessons, I had mastered the art of using and sometimes abusing my father's airline passes to fly all the way to Greece for surprise weekend visits. I was charming my way into every Greek-owned restaurant in town for free meals and, on top of everything else, I was sporting a head-turning 'afro'-style hairdo."

"It was a classic big-fish-in-a-small-pond scenario," he continues, "and everyone seemed to know about me!"

Somehow, in-between everything else, I was able to find time to make it to class as well, where the legendary Professor Ellie Cristall, along with Gwyn Richards, George McMaster and Gerry Dueck made huge impressions on me."

"I think it's important to make each day unforgettable, unique and useful."

Souvaliotis graduated just in time to get in on the ground floor of the booming mid-1980s computer and information technology industry, however, he says that it was not only the degree he received from BU that contributed so greatly to his later success.

"The other very important element, as a new immigrant, was the true cultural immersion I experienced during my years in Brandon," says Souvaliotis. "If I had started out in a larger city with an even more ethnically diverse community, it might have taken me much longer to truly understand Canada and to feel as connected as I do to this land, its history, its people and its immense pride. Spending my first few years in Canada in a beautiful, small Prairie town made an enormous difference."

Souvaliotis spent just 18 months working as a computer programmer before he realized he needed a broader career challenge.

"While I felt I was good at it and found it was very easy for me, I also became excruciatingly bored," he says. "So I packed up, moved to Toronto and jumped into a Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) program at McMaster University."

Souvaliotis specialized in international marketing and after graduating he spent almost a decade helping Canadian software and hardware companies expand their business overseas. Then, in 1997, he made a jump into the marketing services industry, first as a senior executive at a global marketing agency and later as the Chief Executive Officer of Canada's oldest retail marketing agency.

And then, a couple of years ago, another change was in store. In addition to making him a proud Canadian ("I believe in our implicit, yet very unique and powerful core Canadian value of mutual respect," he says), Souvaliotis' years in Brandon also helped him to appreciate the natural world and our fragile climate balance a lot more.

"Ultimately, it tuned me in to the enormous issue of climate change that is now beginning to reshape and redefine our world economy" he says.



Andrew delivering a lecture on climate change



The Green Rewards Founding Team Members

So suddenly, in early 2007, Souvaliotis was bitten by the entrepreneurial bug and by combining his concern with and passion for issues surrounding climate change with his knowledge of the consumer loyalty industry, he started building a new national loyalty program for Canada, called “Green Rewards”.

“A lot of very interesting things can happen when you take an energetic, loud and shameless young man from a European city of four million people and put him in a relatively tranquil prairie city of about 40,000.”



“We quickly captured the imagination of many prominent brands and many more prominent journalists across the country and gained a reputation as the brave young firm that was going up against the two gigantic coalition loyalty programs that dominate the Canadian market: Air Miles and Aeroplan,” says Souvaliotis. “The beautiful conclusion to my ever so brief phase of

entrepreneurship was the recent acquisition of my company by Air Miles, who recognized a great opportunity to make a real difference in Canada by combining their massive reach across the country with our powerful concept and our solid credentials.” The acquisition brought Souvaliotis into the latest chapter of his career.

“Now I’m faced with the expanded mission of ‘greening’ the whole Air Miles program – the most successful loyalty program in the world. And with over 70% of Canadian households already enrolled in the program, it’s as if someone just handed me the best tool and license to start shifting the behaviour of consumers across our entire country,” he says. “It’s the most gratifying and inspiring challenge of my whole career!”

“If I had started out in a larger city, it might have taken me much longer to truly understand Canada.”

And one that Souvaliotis plans to support and combine with the continued carrying of Al Gore’s torch across Canada.

“I think it’s critically important to continue speaking across the country on the topic of climate change and more specifically on how business leaders can embrace and leverage environmental awareness and responsibility as a very significant competitive differentiator in our new economy,” he says. “Our story at Green Rewards and now Air Miles, is a perfect inspiring example for most. Interestingly, my very first shy speech on this topic was at Brandon University!”

Souvaliotis is also currently the Chair of the Toronto chapter of the Young Presidents’ Organization, a global association of more than 12,000 young Chief Executive Officers of medium or large businesses.

How does he keep up?

“I enjoy generating more energy than I receive from others,” he says, “and I think it’s important to make each day truly unforgettable, unique and useful.”

*Pioneer in treatment of deafness and his wife continue
to support BU more than 60 years after graduation*



Dr. James Brown

When Dr. James Brown (Brandon College B.Sc. '44) decided in the spring of 2008 to reveal himself as the anonymous donor of \$1 million to the Brandon University Healthy Living Centre project in December 2007, he did so not out of vanity, or for want of recognition, but out of a desire to help the project as much as he could. Dr. Brown hoped that by making his donation known, he could inspire others to come forward with support. He did so out of love for his hometown and for the institution that set him on his career path more than 65 years ago.

"I have travelled to many cities and countries all over the world, where I have lectured, operated, or played hockey," says Dr. Brown. "I have enjoyed these experiences, but sentimentally, I look back on my years as a boy and a young man in Brandon as the very best time of my life. Brandon only had 14,000 people then, with a mixture of Protestants, Catholics, Jewish, Chinese, Japanese and Europeans. Somehow we all got along together, and we shared each other's customs and experiences."

"Even at that time, a very small Brandon College was such an important part of Brandon to all of us," he continues. "This college had so much to offer, even during the severe Depression,

in the form of a higher education and degrees in a great variety of subjects, including world class instruction in Geology and Music. The most important factor, perhaps, was that when your funds were limited, you could stay at home with your family, and get a college degree."

Dr. Brown has many fond memories of his time at Brandon College, where, in addition to his studies, he played for the Brandon College Caps hockey team from 1939 to 1944, and also lettered in tennis in each of his five years at University of Manitoba (he also played professional hockey for six years out of London, England while he was completing his post graduate studies). One memory, however, sticks out for him above the rest.

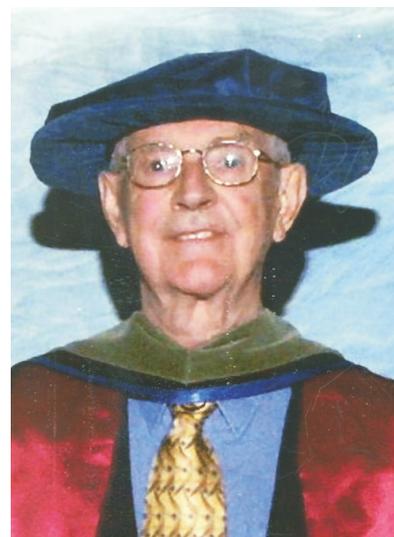
"I particularly liked the daily morning chapel where all of the staff and students from all of the departments spent 30 minutes together as one family, sharing a prayer, a hymn and the day's announcements," says Dr. Brown. "And sometimes important speakers like Stanley Knowles, Tommy Douglas and Thomas McLeod – one of my classmates – came in to speak to us."

"When you take a moment to think about it," Dr. Brown continues, "isn't the greatly enlarged and beautiful Brandon University of today serving the people of Brandon in the same way that the small Brandon College did so many years ago?"

Dr. Brown was born in Brandon and attended Central and Earl Haig schools, as well as Brandon Collegiate before attending Brandon College. After graduating, he entered the University of



Dr. James Brown
Photo taken from *The Sickle* (1944)



At the Brandon University Spring Convocation on May 29, 2004, the degree, Doctor of Science (honoris causa) was conferred upon Dr. James Brown.

LETTER TO BU ALUMNI

Manitoba Medical School, where he graduated with an M.D. degree in 1949 and won a four-year David Stewart Memorial Scholarship, finishing fourth in his class of 60 and achieving honours in biochemistry and bacteriology, as well as a gold medal in obstetrics and gynecology.

On July 12, 1949 Dr. Brown started his residency at the University of London in England, working and studying at various institutes and hospitals. In the next seven years he received his Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons (England), Diplomas in Otorhinolaryngology (England) and Ophthalmology (England), a Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons (Canada) and a Fellowship of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Brown was a resident of Mr. William McKenzie and Sir Terrance Cawthorne, two English surgeons who were pioneers in the study and treatment of deafness and later spent a year as a Fellow with Dr. Julius Lempert, who did the first successful deafness operation in 1937, in New York.

Dr. Brown decided to devote the rest of his life to the surgical treatment of deafness, founding the private Brown Clinic in Calgary in 1959. The clinic was a complete facility, with operating and recovery rooms, a department of radiology, a clinical lab, a large and well-equipped neurology department for the diagnosis and treatment of patients who were deaf or dizzy, and a full nursing staff. It even included an accompanying apartment building for patients who had travelled a long way.

***“I look back on my years as a boy
and a young man in Brandon
as the very best time of my life.”***

Dr. Brown has done over 31,000 operations throughout his career, including 12,506 for the treatment of deafness, with a cure rate of 85%. In 1952 Dr. Brown met and later married Miss Lucille Millions, a graduate of the Brandon General Hospital School of Nursing, with whom he has lived in Calgary since 1956. They have two sons: John and David; and two daughters: Maryann and Michelle.

In May 2004, on the 60th Anniversary of his graduation from Brandon College, Dr. Brown received an Honorary Doctor of Science Degree from Brandon University in recognition of his outstanding commitment to the advancement of medical and surgical knowledge in his field and for his continued affiliation with and contribution to Brandon University, for which he continues to sit on the Brandon University Foundation Board of Directors.

Dear Alumni and Friends of Brandon University:

During the past several years, Brandon University has been working on a plan to develop a new fitness centre. This facility is urgently needed at BU as the current gymnasium facility was built in the 1960s and has had little to no upgrading. Our students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members deserve a better facility, comparable to those at the University of Manitoba and the University of Winnipeg.

The Brandon University Healthy Living Centre is a proposed \$15 million project. At this time, Brandon University has raised close to \$7 million through private donations. By a majority vote, Brandon University students endorsed a plan proposed by Brandon University to establish a Fitness Fee in support of the facility. The Premier of Manitoba has verbally said he will commit money through the federal and provincial Canada-Manitoba Infrastructure Program.

Several proposals have been presented to the Manitoba Government. The University has been continually told to re-apply. I encourage students, alumni, Brandon University Foundation members, Board of Governors members and members of the community to write to the Premier of Manitoba requesting that the money he verbally committed be forthcoming. We, in Brandon, deserve a facility that will meet our current needs.

Please write to the Premier of Manitoba stating the need for such a facility and for provincial funding support:

The Premier of Manitoba, Mr. Gary Doer
204 Legislative Building
450 Broadway
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0V8

Sincerely yours,





“(At BU), I got to take on field and lab assistant as well as supervisory roles that would normally be assigned to graduate students.” Photo By Colin Corneau

When Brandon University graduate and current Biological and Forensic Anthropology Lecturer Suyoko Tsukamoto became a supervisor for the BU Anthropology Department’s Archaeology Field School in the fall of 2007, her educational career had, in some respects, come full circle.

“The most positive memories I have from my student career are of the practical, hands-on experience I gained from the Archaeological Field School, as a student and as a field assistant for the school during summers and an archeological lab assistant during the school year,” says Tsukamoto. “Because BU is primarily an undergraduate university, I got to take on field and lab assistant as well as supervisory roles that would normally be assigned to graduate students.”

“All that practical experience has been invaluable to my career,” she continues. “Particularly the field experience, because (Anthropology Professor) Dr. Bev Nicholson was doing archeological field work every year, and students don’t often get to excavate every summer. Add that, of course, all of the materials excavated in the field had to be taken back to the lab to be washed, sorted, catalogued and analyzed, and I was given the opportunity to look at thousands of bone fragments – probably the best experience I could have had in terms of honing my identification skills.”

Skills very important to a Forensic Anthropologist, though that isn’t what Tsukamoto initially set out to become.

“I’ve always been interested in skeletal remains,” says Tsukamoto, “but it wasn’t until late in my academic career that I realized archaeology and biological anthropology were the disciplines where one could study skeletons – prior to that, I thought one had to be a radiologist.”

FACULTY ALUMNA PROFILE: SUYOKO TSUKAMOTO, B.A. '99

Tsukamoto discovered her love of archaeology and anthropology at the tail end of studying for her first degree, a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology and Immunology from McGill University.

“My last elective in my last year was an archeological pre-history class,” she says. “That’s when I realized ‘Whoops, time to change direction!’” For Tsukamoto, who was born and raised in Brandon, that change in direction meant a return home. “I knew then that Dr. Nicholson had an archeological field school and program at BU,” she says.

After receiving her Bachelor of Arts with distinction from BU in 1999, Tsukamoto went on to complete a Master of Arts in Physical Anthropology at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia in 2004, an experience that led to a job working on one of Canada’s most widely-reported serial-killer cases in recent years: the investigation into Robert William Pickton, a Port Coquitlam, British Columbia farmer who is accused of killing 27 women.

“I worked on the Royal Canadian Mounted Police – Vancouver Police Department Joint Missing Women Task Force Project Evenhanded for almost two years,” says Tsukamoto. “I spent 17 months as an Anthropology Search Technician on the Pickton property searching for items of potential forensic significance and four months with the project’s Disclosure Unit.”

An experience and opportunity Tsukamoto says she may not have had were it not for her hands-on education at BU.

“Because of all of my field and lab experience, I was allowed to serve as a Forensic Anthropology Field Assistant and Assistant Field Supervisor during the course of the investigation,” she says. “This meant that, in the absence of the on-site Forensic Anthropologists, I

oversaw excavations that required hand, rather than machine, recovery. My role involved supervising designated Search Technicians in the excavation, recovery and cataloguing of materials for Forensic Anthropologists to later examine.”

Today, as well as pursuing a Ph.D. in Biological/Forensic Anthropology from the University of Toronto, Tsukamoto is working hard to give her students at BU an additional level of practical experience. Besides teaching courses in Human Origins, Physical Anthropology and Zooarchaeology and acting as a supervisor for the Archaeology Field School, Tsukamoto introduced an experimental course in Forensic Anthropology during her first semester as a BU Lecturer in the fall of 2007, and brought together a team of volunteer BU Anthropology students to form the BU Forensic Anthropology Search Team (BU FAST), with the hope of finding some real world work for them to do.



“My students were game, but probably thought I was crazy,” says Tsukamoto. “How often do cases of found human remains come up in Brandon?”

As it turned out, the students didn’t have to wait long. They were very busy during the summer of 2008 when a Brandon construction company unearthed a skull while digging on a residential property. Tsukamoto’s team was called in by the Brandon Police Service and the Manitoba Historic Resources Branch to assist in excavating the site and ensuring that all of the bones present were found and properly catalogued. With their help the remains of five Aboriginal people were unearthed on what is now thought to have been a 100 year-old Dakota burial site. Two weeks later, the team was called to assist with the search of another site uncovered by road crews in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

Like Tsukamoto’s first experiences with the Archaeology Field School, it provided an experience her students will likely not soon forget, and one that they will carry with them throughout their careers.



BRANDON UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GREETINGS

I am pleased to be writing my first message to you as President of the Brandon University Alumni Association.

I've had the opportunity over the past few years to participate as a board member of the Alumni Association and I am excited to now take on the leadership role as we continue to grow and expand the programs and services that the Association has to offer.

It is important to the Alumni Association to keep connected to our graduates and to encourage alumni to keep in touch with us by sending in stories and updates for the *Alumni News* magazine and to ensure we have your most recent contact information. We always enjoy hearing from you!

As we recently held our 2008 Homecoming Weekend, I can't help but think of those of you who came back to Brandon University to celebrate your 40th, 50th & 60th anniversaries since attending Brandon College, now Brandon University. It was easy to recognize the genuine friendships that were formed many years ago and the sense that, although many years have past, these friendships remain strong. This is what Homecoming is all about.

As we plan for next year's Homecoming Weekend, we hope that you will seriously consider joining in the festivities as we celebrate many more milestone years – classes of 1939, 1949, 1959 and 1969. If you have a group that you would like to reunite with during Homecoming Weekend, please let us know and we will work together to make it happen.



Amanada McGregor with new baby boy Kai William Roy McGregor, born November 6, 2008.

Each year we like to take the opportunity to visit you in your communities by holding alumni events across Canada. If you are interested in hosting an event in your community or have special event ideas, please contact the Alumni Association Office. Be sure to watch for upcoming events in your area!

We look forward to another great year!

Amanda McGregor, BBA '03
President
Brandon University Alumni Association



Mrs. Amanda McGregor, BUAA President

BRANDON UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (BUAA)

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KEEPING IN TOUCH

Glenyce Tweed (née Currie), B.A. '59 – Glenyce now lives in Toronto and spends her time in Manitoba during the summer and in New Zealand during the winter.

John Horner, B.A. '66, B.Ed. '70 – After attending Brandon College, John continued his education at the University of Manitoba (U of M) in 1968 to earn a Certificate in Education. In 1970 he completed a B.Ed. at the U of M. He taught high school in Manitoba and the Yukon for a total of 32 years. John would like to make contact with the many friends he made while studying at Brandon College with whom he has lost contact. He may be reached by email at: vjhorner@shaw.ca.

Edward Stozek, B.A. '73 – In 1974 Ed began teaching grade six in Dauphin, MB and continued this for six years. He spent the rest of his career teaching English, as well as grade 11 Canadian History and grade 12 World Issues at the Dauphin Regional Comprehensive Secondary School. Ed retired from teaching in June 2007. In November 2007, he released his first book, *The Sawmill Boys, P.O.W.'s and Conscientious Objectors: Stories from the Parkland*. The book took three years to complete and contains many interviews, as well as photos to support the historical research. Ed has just released his second book, *A Slice Of The Parkland*. This book deals with the Eastern Europeans of Ukrainian and Mennonite descent, the relief camps during the Great Depression, the disappearing country store, the importance of the wood industry, plane crashes and crimes during the 1930s. Ed has given numerous presentations which include slides, stories and original songs based on *The Sawmill Boys* and *A Slice Of The Parkland*. Both of Ed's books may be purchased at Pennywise Books and Candlewood Books in Brandon, Chapters and McNally-Robinson in Winnipeg or from Ed. Ed may be contacted at estozek@hotmail.com or 204.638.4114.

Jeffrey Toews, B.A. '79 – Jeffrey was recently appointed to the position of Education Director with the Office of Continuing Education, Faculty of Medicine, University of Manitoba. Jeff was seconded from the Faculty of Education where he developed and directed the office of Professional Learning Opportunities for Educators. From 1980 to 1988 Jeff served as the High School and Community Liaison officer for Brandon University. Jeff is married to Dr. Clea Schmidt, an Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Education at the University of Manitoba.

Cheryl Powder (Breim), Associate '81 – Cheryl attended Brandon University in 1980-1981. She is originally from Wabowden, Manitoba and was known as Cheryl Briem. She presently lives in Spring Creek, Nevada and is a singer/songwriter/recording artist. Her first single *Burn* from her debut CD, *Can't Wait To Fly* hit Number 1 on October 11, 2008 on Winnipeg's NCIFM Top 30 Aboriginal Countdown. For more information, please visit www.cherylpowder.com.

Vicki Carey Reese B.A. '81 – Vicki lived in Germany for a short period of time then for the next seven years, worked in camps as a baker. Since 1993 she has worked as an elementary school teacher in Port Coquitlam, BC. She is involved in belly dancing, running half marathons and target shooting and has just come back from a fantastic trip to Australia this summer.

Brent Legg, B.Mus. '85, B.G.S. '89, A.R.C.T. '02 & '03, M.Mus. '06 – Since graduating with his Master's in Music Education in 2006, Brent has been involved with the Brandon University Collegium Musicum as Assistant Director and is acting as part of the support staff for the Theory and History Department in the School of Music. Along with an active performing career, he has continued his teaching association with the Eckhardt-Gramatté Conservatory of Music. In 2009, he will be stepping

up as Director of the Collegium Musicum as a sessional instructor. He would like to encourage anyone with an interest in rehearsing and performing early music in a flexible, relaxed setting to come out and participate. He can be contacted at Brent.Legg@gmail.com

Gaye Sparvier, Associate '87 – Gaye completed a diploma in business management and is now a coordinator for urban and off reserve employment & training. She resides in the city of North Battleford, SK. She is planning to finish her degree in administration or in a law program. She has travelled the prairie provinces, British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec, along with many of the American states and has yet to see the Maritimes, Yukon, and the Northwest Territories.

Kent Ranson, B.Sc. '91 – Kent completed a medical degree at McMaster University in 1995 and a Master's in Public Health (epidemiology and biostatistics) at Harvard University in 1996. He spent a year working in the India Department at the World Bank in Washington, DC. He completed a one-year internal medicine internship in San Francisco (Kaiser Permanente Medical Centre) in 1997-1998. In 2002, Kent completed a Ph.D. in health economics and financing at the University of London (UK). He spent the subsequent four years leading a research project on improving access to health insurance among the rural poor, for the University of London, in Gujarat, India. Kent is now a Technical Officer with the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research (HPSR) at the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland (www.who.int/alliance-hpsr/en/). The Alliance HPSR aims to promote the generation and use of health policy and systems research as a means to improve the health systems of developing countries.

Jeffrey Trapp, B.Ed. '91 – Jeffrey recently accepted a new position with the University of Toronto, Rotman School of Management as Assistant Director, MBA Recruitment and Admissions.

Martin Hogan (Pohl), Associate '96 – After completing a year at Brandon University, Martin completed his B.Com. degree at the University of Victoria in BC. In 2000, he returned to Germany and worked for five years with Deutsche Bank Group, before marrying Cara and getting a Masters in Finance at London Business School (UK). Martin is now project manager with McKinsey & Company in their Corporate Finance practice. He lives in Zurich, Switzerland with Cara and their newborn daughter, Louise.



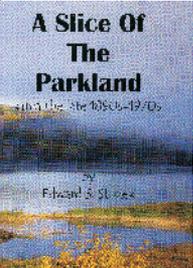
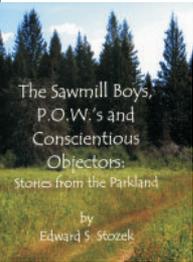
Martin, Cara & Louise Hogan

Kevin Hohn, B.A. '95, B.Ed. '97 – After graduating in 1997, Kevin taught in Brandon for a year before going overseas to teach in Africa for a year. For the past seven years, Kevin has been in southern Alberta teaching just about everything under the sun!

Scott Wiley, B.A. '98 – Since graduating from Brandon University, Scott worked for three years with the Federal Government then later became a Police officer. He also joined the Army Reserve and continues to serve both the forces and the Winnipeg Police Service. Scott has been married for 18 years to Caroline. They have three children ages 16, 15 and 10. Scott says, "I am no longer involved in politics, which will shock my old friends and I spend a great deal of time coaching hockey and running a youth cadet program for inner city children. My time at BU certainly helped define who I am. I enjoyed my time as BUSU president and as a member of the Board of Governors and realize now that this experience has aided me in my professional career and in my volunteer endeavours. My very best to all other graduates."

Peter Bignell, B.Ed. '98 – Peter has been working for the Winnipeg School Division for five years. He is presently teaching Grade 7/8 Science at Niji Mahkwa School. He has also worked with a Math curriculum team from Joe A Ross School on Opaskwayak Cree Nation, MB, developing grade specific Math and ELA assessments from Grades 1 – 6.

Michelle Majdoub, B.A. '98 – Michelle continues to teach English at a University in France. Michelle and her husband Karim and daughter Miriam (six) recently welcomed a new member to the family, Emma Rose, who was born in June 2008.



Jeffrey Toews



Cheryl Powder

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Camilla & Drake
Anderson

Camilla Anderson (née Szaklay), Associate '99 – Camilla is a high school chemistry and biology teacher. She is currently on maternity leave with her first child, Drake born on September 6, 2008.

Georgina Otsuji, Associate '99 – After graduating from BU, Georgina continued her education completing a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music. She worked as a music and recreational therapist at two nursing facilities before moving to Ohio where her husband is from.

Heather Nowosad, B.Sc. '01 – Heather graduated from the University of Manitoba with her Doctor of Medicine in 2008. She is completing her residency in Fredericton, NB.



Corah Enns

Corah Enns, B.Mus./B.Ed (AD) '07 – Corah Enns is currently the Music Specialist at École Dugald School, in Dugald, MB where she teaches K – 5 elementary music, middle years band and jazz band.



Eric Skoglund

Eric Skoglund, B.Mus./B.Ed (AD) '07 – Eric is in his second year of teaching and is currently the Band Director in Carberry, Manitoba. He began his first year of teaching at Ruth Betts and McIsaac School in Flin Flon, Manitoba. While attending Brandon University, Eric taught many clinics across Manitoba, taught private lessons and assisted at many educational events.

Janelle Badiou, B.Mus./B.Ed. (AD) '08 – Janelle is currently in her first year of teaching at Windsor Park Collegiate and General Vanier School in Winnipeg, MB directing grades 6 – 12 band and grades 9 – 12 jazz band and choir.



Janelle Badiou

Graydon Cramer, B.Mus./B.Ed. (AD) '08 – Graydon is the junior high band director for Brandon West at Waverly Park School where he teaches concert and jazz bands. Graydon has been performing and teaching jazz drum-set since the age of 15. He also maintains a private teaching studio and sessionally teaches a Jazz ensemble at Brandon University.



Graydon Cramer

Alissa Watson, B.Mus./B.Ed. (AD) '08 – Alissa, a recent graduate of Brandon University, has toured as a percussionist with the National Youth Band of Canada in May 2005 and 2007. With an extensive theatre background, Alissa performed in five consecutive university productions. She continues to study theatre as a member of Prairie Theatre's Adult Company. Currently, Alissa is teaching kindergarten to grade 5 music in St. James-Assiniboia School Division, in Winnipeg.



Alissa Watson



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Clive Bate, B.A. '54
October 12, 2008

Douglas B. Vestby, Associate '90
July 24, 2008

Margaret E. Goodman, B.A. '49
July 5, 2008

Robert J. Stouffer, B.G.S. '96
July 30, 2008

Meryleen Mitchell, T.T.C. '68/B.G.S. '78
July 3, 2008

STAFF/FACULTY:

Marilyn Harry, Associate '78
November 5, 2008

Dr. Calvert Bristol
Associate Professor, Department of Geology
July 15, 2008

John D. Serle, Associate '78
October 29, 2008

Dr. W. Leland Clark
Associate Professor, Department of History
August 10, 2008

David J. Gonzo, B.A. '83
August 1, 2008

Jessie A. Poole
Clerk – Student Services
September 30, 2008

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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. *Deadline for this nomination is March 31, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.*

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 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, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. For specific criteria and nomination forms, please contact Carla Eisler, Alumni Relations Officer at 204.727.9697 or by email at alumni@brandonu.ca or visit our web site at alumni.brandonu.ca.

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When Karen Hamberg (B.Sc. '93) began her studies at Brandon University in the fall of 1989, it was intended to be a limited engagement.

"The widely accepted course of action was that you did your first year at Brandon University and then moved on to a larger school," she says. "The assumption of course was that larger was better."

The sudden death of her mother, however, changed Hamberg's plans.

"After that, I could not have imagined leaving home and changing schools for the sake of it," she continues.

And Hamberg was especially glad that she stayed as she got further and further into her studies in the Brandon University Geography Department, which she had chosen for her interest in environmental studies and environmental sciences – topics which few universities offered programs in at the time.

"The opportunities that were available to me at BU far exceeded anything I could have gotten doing an undergraduate degree at another school," says Hamberg. "High levels of faculty interaction, the availability of teaching and research assistant positions, fourth-year mini-thesis projects, grad school reference letters from professors who know me and my work well – I simply would not have had any of those advantages in a larger school."

Hamberg recalls a fourth-year trip for senior Geography students and faculty as one of the fondest memories of her time at BU and also as an experience that opened her eyes to career possibilities that she had not previously considered.

ALUMNA PROFILE: KAREN HAMBERG B.Sc. '93

Expert on sustainability and environmental performance began studying green before there were places to do so.

"We took a road trip to the Prairie Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers conference near Batoche, Saskatchewan," she says. "Students were strongly encouraged to deliver papers, participate in discussions and network with students and faculty from other schools. Besides being a fun weekend, it introduced us to the idea of academic research – research as a career, research as a passion, research as ongoing learning and discovery. I actually think now that there were topics, issues and ideas discussed at that conference that I could study today as part of a Ph.D. program!"

After graduating from BU in the spring of 1993, Hamberg moved to Kingston, Ontario to pursue a Master of Arts at Queen's University. She returned to Brandon upon her graduation from Queen's for a short time before moving on toward Calgary and the west coast.

Today, Hamberg is the Director, Sustainability and Environmental Performance for Westport Innovations in Vancouver, British Columbia (www.westport.com), a global leader in alternative fuel and low-emissions technologies that enable heavy-duty diesel engines to operate on clean-burning fuels such as compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, hydrogen and biofuels such as landfill gas. In a little more than a decade, Westport has grown from its inception in a University of British Columbia laboratory to its current position as a global leader offering solutions to a world that is increasingly concerned about climate change, energy security, carbon management, healthy cities, air quality and environmental sustainability.

"My role has both an internal and an external focus," explains Hamberg. "Obviously, as a clean-

technology company, Westport's operations are held to high standards of efficiency, environmental performance and measuring environmental impacts, setting goals and targets for improvement and externally reporting our progress takes up a significant portion of my time."

"However, one of the more challenging aspects of my job is related directly to the environmental performance of Westport's technology," she continues. "It is challenging in the sense that I am not an engineer, yet I am working closely with engineers to quantify environmental benefits and calculate emissions of greenhouse gasses and pollutants. I lead projects to conduct well-to-wheels greenhouse gas emissions analysis for transportation applications and I also follow regulatory changes related to greenhouse gas emissions across a number of jurisdictions, as well as trying to keep up with carbon trading and the carbon markets."

"The opportunities that were available to me at BU far exceeded anything I could have gotten doing an undergraduate degree at another school."

In 2007, Hamberg was seconded on a part-time basis to Canadian Business for Social Responsibility (www.cbsr.ca), where she worked on a climate change resource book for Canadian businesses.

"We published the *Climate Change Guide: Responsible Business Action on Climate Change* in late 2007," says Hamberg, "and the response has been incredibly positive, with thousands of copies distributed to many of Canada's largest corporations and all levels of government."

In addition to her work for Westport, Hamberg teaches part-time in the School of Business at Kwantlen Polytechnic University in British Columbia and works as a St. John's Ambulance therapy dog handler every Saturday morning, when she takes her 13-year-old deaf border collie Charissa to visit elderly residents at an extended care facility in Ladner, British Columbia.

Karen and Charissa live with Karen's husband, Rob Parsons and another border collie named Gus in Tsawwassen, British Columbia.



All photos are listed Left to Right.

Welcome Reception

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HOMECOMING HIGHLIGHTS

October 17 - 19, 2008



Mrs. Eryl Kells '68,
Mr. Paul Schneider '68,
Mrs. Janice Ross '69



Ms Norma Bataluk '68,
Mrs. Henriette Lemieux '68,
Mrs. Joann Sauve '68



Mrs. Lana Myers '68,
Mr. Harry Van Mulligen '68,
Dr. Louis P. Visentin



Ms Linda Lansard '98,
Mrs. Erin Hayward '98,
Ms Niki Driver-Gagnon '98,
Ms Tanya Denys '98

Luncheon & Dedication in Honour of Dr. Thomas McLeod (Posthumously) & Mrs. Beryl McLeod



Official Ribbon Cutting for the opening of the Tommy McLeod Curve Gallery. Dr. Louis P. Visentin, BU President; Mrs. Linda Burridge, University Librarian; Mrs. Beryl McLeod, Dr. Jeff Bales, BU Foundation President.



The McLeod Family with BU President Dr. Visentin and Mrs. Mary Visentin



Dr. Bev Bailey, Mr. Brian McLeod, Ms Lorraine Thomas, Mrs. Beryl McLeod, Dr. Louis P. Visentin

Class Reunions



Mrs. Yvette Lennon '94 & Mrs. Judy Wright '01



Mrs. Joan Dickson '91, Dr. Renee Robinson,
Mrs. Dianne Brown '93, Mrs. Diane Harder '94



Mrs. Myrna Black '58,
Mrs. Leah Smith '58,
Mrs. Olga Stevenson '58,
Mrs. Marion McKay '58

Homecoming Banquet



Mr. Doug Racher,
Dr. Fran Racher '89,
Mrs. Debra Carnegie '76,
Dr. May Yoh



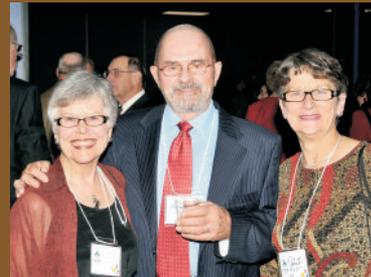
Mr. Hilton Stewart '56,
Mrs. Margaret Stewart '64,
Dr. Kenneth Adams '55



Mrs. Iris Thomas
Mr. Garth Thomas '48



Mrs. Doreen Shanks '48,
Mr. Gerald Brown '56,
Dr. Kathryn Hyndman



Mrs. Janet Adams '58,
Mr. Michael Czuboka '57,
Mrs. Elaine Rust '58



Mrs. Margaret Gregory '58
Mrs. Beth Hammond '58

Class Photos



Class of 1948

Mary (Terrell) Lutes, Doreen (Kite) Shanks,
Garth Thomas, Lois (Dickey) Daly, Jackie Fleming



Class of 1958:

Back Row: Harold Hutton, Jim Callander, Alf Brooks,
Keith Harrison, Bill Gates, Brian Thorkelson, Ian Dickson
Middle Row: Elaine (Fraser) Rust, Donna (McDonald) Dickson
Front Row: Joyce (Thompson) Konopski,
Janet (Southern) Adams, Heather Stewart,
Dilys (Pearce) Collier



Class of 1958 - Teacher Training Certificate (TTC):

Back Row: Sheila (Cross) Miller;
Heather (Mundell) Moore, Olga (Migas) Stevenson,
Marion (May) McKay, Myrtle (Byram) Wilson,
Janice (Carmichael) Minkus; Lois (Baker) Parypa
Middle Row: Emily (McKinnon) Wondrasek;
Elizabeth (Innes) Hammond;
Myrna (Black) Hall; Leah (Perrett) Smith
Front Row: Ruth (Babcock) Hanke,
Donna (Miller) Ewasiuk, Holly (Rudy) Nahachewsky,
Mona (Kennedy) Burnside;



Class of 1968:

Harry Van Mulligen, Eryl Kells, Dunlop Kells,
Mary (Sprott) Kalberg, Henriette (Raine) Lemieux,
Murray Shelton, Lana Myers, Paul Schneider



Class of 1968 - Education 1A:

Back Row: Judy (Smith) McIntosh, Shirley (Donahue) Davidson,
Brenda (Birks) Latte, Bob Weller, Henriette (Raine) Lemieux
Front Row: Mary (Sprott) Kalberg, Norma (McCreary) Bataluk,
Joanne (O'Rourke) Sauv , Jean (Wilson) McCallum, Marina (Downey) Dell

Fall HOMECOMING Award Winners



Mr. Warren Murray, brother of Mr. Andy Murray, accepts the Wall of Fame award on Andy's behalf. Dr. Louis P. Visentin, BU President; Mr. Warren Murray; Mrs. Amanda McGregor, BUAA President.



Dr. Louis P. Visentin, BU President; Dr. Steven Robinson; Mrs. Amanda McGregor, BUAA President



Dr. Louis P. Visentin, BU President & Mr. Kevin Doell '92



Dr. Louis P. Visentin, BU President; Mrs. Deborah Wright-Nantel '74; Mrs. Amanda McGregor, BUAA President



Mr. Junaid Malik '00 – Mr. Junaid Malik was unable to join us at Homecoming Weekend to receive his award. We look forward to presenting this award to Mr. Malik at an upcoming Alumni Event.

Mr. Andrew Murray, B.A. '72: Wall of Fame Award

Andy Murray is one of hockey's most respected coaches with over 30 years of coaching experience, including seven seasons as an NHL assistant or associate coach with the Winnipeg Jets (1993-95), Minnesota North Stars (1990-92) and Philadelphia Flyers (1988-90). As an assistant coach in Minnesota, Murray reached the Stanley Cup Finals in 1991. He was named head coach of the St. Louis Blues on December 11, 2006. Prior to arriving in St. Louis, Murray coached the Los Angeles Kings from 1999-2006.

In addition to his NHL service, Murray has a tremendous amount of international coaching experience. He is the only head coach to lead Team Canada to three IIHF World Hockey Championship titles and captured gold medals in 1997, 2003 and in 2007. Murray was the head coach of the Canadian National Team from 1996-98. During the 1998-99 season, Murray split his time as head coach for Shattuck-St. Mary's in Faribault, Minnesota, where he led the prep school to a 70-9-2 record and the Midget Triple-A USA Hockey national championship and as general manager at Koln of the German Hockey League. As an assistant coach for Team Canada in 1996, he collected silver medals at the World Cup of Hockey and the World Hockey Championship. Murray also served as an associate coach for Team Canada under Marc Crawford at the 1998 Olympic Games in Nagano, Japan. Additionally, he has a record six gold medals as a coach for Canada at the Spengler Cup Tournament in Davos, Switzerland.

From 1976-78, he served his first head coaching position with the Brandon Travelers of the Manitoba Junior-A Hockey League. He moved on to become head coach for Brandon University from 1978-81 and led the Bobcats to a league championship and the No. 1 ranking in Canadian University hockey during his final year. In 1981 Murray moved to Switzerland, where for the next seven years he coached several Swiss-A Division teams, including Kloten Zurcher and Zug, with success.



Dr. Steven Robinson: Excellence in Teaching Award

Dr. Steven Robinson has been a university instructor since 1987 when he got part-time work at the University of Regina teaching Philosophy courses, Astronomy labs, and English composition tutorials after completing his M.A. in Philosophy at the University of Guelph. He then went to Queen's University at Kingston to study Classics before beginning his Ph.D. in Philosophy at Guelph. While pursuing his doctoral studies he moved to Athens, Greece for one year with his wife Kelly and their first child, Sidney. Since then they have had three more boys: Stephen, Hector & Ivan. He came to Brandon University in 1996 and was promoted to Associate Professor in 2003. Steve teaches in the history of philosophy, social & political philosophy, metaphysics and ethics, including environmental ethics. His main research interests lie in ancient Greek philosophy, philosophical anthropology, and democracy. Steve has been Acting Dean of Arts at Brandon University since January 2008.

Mr. Kevin Doell, B.Mus/B.Ed. '92: Brandon University's Distinguished Teacher Award

He began his teaching career in Dauphin, MB where he worked as a band instructor for seven years. After Dauphin, Kevin moved to Oakbank where he enjoyed instructing band for a number of years before accepting the position of Assistant Principal and Music Consultant for Sunrise School Division. Kevin has presented for the Manitoba Education Research Network, the Manitoba Association of School Trustees and the School of Music at both Brandon University and the University of Manitoba. Kevin has been invited as a guest conductor for the Westman Honour Band, the Parkland/Norman Honour Band, the Louis Riel Honour Band, the Pembina Trails Honour Band, the Manitoba Provincial Honour Band, the St. James Summer Band Camp and has conducted a session at the International Music Camp.

Mrs. Deborah Wright-Nantel, B.A. '74: Distinguished Service Award

Deborah Wright-Nantel graduated from Brandon University in 1974 with a Bachelor of Arts and went on to work in areas involving human life issues including spousal abuse, the aged and infirmed and twenty years in mental health. She works with individuals suffering with severe and persistent mental illness. This work has been both challenging and rewarding for her due to the stigma about the mentally ill, which still exists in our society. Ten years ago she was given the opportunity with a co-worker to develop a program within the Brandon Regional Health Authority in Mental Health which was the first of its kind in Canada called Community Support Service. She has had a number of opportunities at the local, provincial and national level to speak about her work in Mental Health Services. Away from work, her interests are in working with people and for her community. She is a board member and active volunteer for the Westman & Area Traditional Christmas Dinner, past member and chairperson for the Brandon Social Planning Council and member of the City of Brandon Poverty Committee. She also volunteers with fundraising for various groups. Debbie is married to her husband Lee who also works for the Brandon Regional Health Authority.

Mr. Junaid Malik, B.B.A '00: Distinguished Service Award

After acquiring a hospitality management Honors diploma from the Netherlands and Hotel Management Honors from Cyprus, Junaid moved to Canada in the 1990's to finish a Business Administration degree at Brandon University. Junaid completed his degree in 2000 and soon moved to Calgary where he worked as coordinator for the Canadian Cancer Society for over two years, contributing in the fight against Cancer. In 2002, Junaid moved into the business of Real Estate and has continued to learn, grow and excel in what he does. While at Brandon University, Junaid was elected to the University Senate, wrote for the Quill, sat on several different senate committees and participated in Shinerama, an event with proceeds directed to help fight Cystic Fibrosis. In 1999, the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) Students' Association created a community award in recognition of his outstanding dedication to their Students' Association and volunteer work for the SAIT Community. In 2004, he was selected as one of three finalists for the Immigrant of Distinction Award. This award is presented to an immigrant who has provided meritorious services to the City of Calgary and the immigrant community as a volunteer. With this and much more in his repertoire, Junaid continues to stay active, stay involved and strive towards building a healthy community.

BRANDON UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

The Foundation has an important role in the work of Brandon University. As part of our mission, we will continue to be involved in the fundraising efforts of the *Standing Ovation* Campaign for the School of Music. We will also actively participate in ensuring that the University is successful in its goal to provide Brandon University and the Westman community with a new Healthy Living Centre.

To date, the *Standing Ovation* Campaign has raised close to \$600,000 and we are now past the midway point for seats sold in the Lorne Watson Recital Hall. We look forward to working with the new Dean of Music, Dr. Michael Kim towards reaching and hopefully surpassing our goals for the campaign.

Close to \$7 million has been raised solely through private donor support for the new Healthy Living Centre. However, there is much work still to be done if we are to achieve our overall goal of \$15 million. Continued lobbying of provincial and federal government is important if we are to be successful in obtaining the remaining \$8 million required.

When you are on campus next, I invite you to stop by the front of the John E. Robbins Library to view *The Lookout (Bobcat)* created by Master Bronze Sculptor Peter Sawatzky. The commission of this bronze sculpture was made possible by a generous donation from The Whitehead Foundation for Western Manitoba Inc. I was pleased to be at its dedication. *The Lookout* is a great addition to the sculpture garden located in the Kevin & Els Kavanagh Courtyard.

Finally, I would like to welcome three new members to the Foundation: Mrs. Diane Peters, Mr. Shawn Chambers and Mr. Jeff Fawcett. I look forward to working with the Foundation team members over the next year as we strive to reach our fundraising goals.



Dr. Jeff Bales

President, Brandon University Foundation

ANNUAL FUND

Increased scholarships and bursaries, new instruments, lab equipment and library books – these are just a few of the many improvements made possible for students at Brandon University thanks to our alumni who collectively gave more than \$70,000 to last year's Annual Fund.

In October, the 2008-09 Annual Fund was launched to raise funds for the School of Music's *Standing Ovation* Campaign, the new Healthy Living Centre and for the most pressing needs of the School of Health Studies and the faculties of Arts, Science and Education. Whatever its size, your gift to these, or other areas of interest to you, can help us surpass last year's total raised so we can make even more enhancements for our students. **Whether you give \$25, \$100, \$1,000 or more, the Annual Fund enables us to pool our contributions together to make Brandon University the best it can be.**

You may have already received a letter or telephone call from a BU student asking for your support – if not, or if you would like more information on giving, please contact:

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Dr. Jeff Bales, BU Foundation President

BRANDON UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

The Brandon University Foundation was incorporated in 1980 with a mission to promote the advancement of higher education at Brandon University and to improve its facilities and activities. Since then, the Foundation has helped to raise and steward over \$30 million.

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To be eligible for a 2008 income tax receipt, all donations to Brandon University must be postmarked on or before December 31, 2008. Cheques should be made payable to the Brandon University Foundation. Gifts can be made online at: alumni.brandonu.ca/contribute.asp.



STANDING OVATION CAMPAIGN

The *Standing Ovation* Campaign celebrates 100 years of music excellence in training and performance at Brandon University. I am proud to inform you that the Campaign has raised close to \$600,000 to-date and we sold over half of the seats in the Lorne Watson Recital Hall.

I am extremely happy to have joined Brandon University's School of Music this year. Under the guidance of our distinguished and internationally renowned faculty, our alumni continue to distinguish themselves on national and international stages. They have won many prestigious awards at national and international competitions and hold positions with opera companies, major orchestras and educational institutions from coast to coast and throughout Europe and Asia. Many private, school and college/university music teachers around the world hail from the School of Music. We also have one of the finest Conservatories in Canada, which caters to the needs of the wider community.

The ongoing success of the School of Music is built on the shoulders of our very dedicated past and present deans, faculty, students, friends and especially our alumni. By taking an active role as investors in the future of the School of Music at Brandon University, they have helped to assure and enhance the legacy of excellence and personalized attention that has long been the defining hallmark of one of Canada's most distinguished music schools.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity.

Dr. Michael Kim, Dean, School of Music; Chair, *Standing Ovation Campaign*

Dr. Michael Kim is a well respected recitalist, chamber performer, concerto soloist, teacher, adjudicator and clinician. The *Boston Globe* stated of his performances that "Kim was most effective and expressive... He has a big technique and a razor sharp attack." And with accolades such as this, Dr. Kim will continue performing and contributing to Canada's musical landscape as both performer and now, academic administrator.



LORNE WATSON RECITAL HALL SEAT SALE

Thanks to many BU alumni and friends, the Lorne Watson Recital Hall Seat Sale has raised over \$100,000.00! All monies raised will be put toward an endowment to support the most pressing needs of the School of Music in perpetuity. There are still seats available, so if you haven't done so already, you too can recognize your ties to Brandon University and/or the School of Music by supporting this appeal. With a tax-deductible donation of \$1000, you or a loved one will be permanently recognized, honoured or remembered with a bronze nameplate on one of the 200 seats in the Lorne Watson Recital Hall, the heart of the School of Music. For more information, or to make a donation, please contact:

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Portage Mutual Insurance Gift Generates \$1,500 Annual Award for School of Music

With a generous donation of \$15,000 over the past three years, Portage Mutual Insurance has established an endowment to support a scholarship/bursary for Brandon University School of Music students. Their contribution has been matched with an equal amount from the Manitoba Scholarships and Bursaries Initiative.

The Portage Mutual Insurance Scholarship/Bursary, valued at approximately \$1,500 per year, will be awarded annually to students enrolled in the School of Music who demonstrate musical excellence and financial need. This valuable award will help outstanding students gain access to the intimate, supportive and unique environment of Brandon University's School of Music. The Portage Mutual Insurance Scholarship/Bursary is one of the largest at the School of Music and will attract a world-class group of applicants each year.



Taylor McCaffrey Contributes \$10,000 to *Standing Ovation Campaign*

Taylor McCaffrey LLP has contributed \$10,000 to the *Standing Ovation Campaign* in support of library acquisitions for the Jazz Studies Program at BU. The gift will provide Jazz Studies students with an extensive collection of resources essential to their studies in Jazz. In recognition of their generous donation, the firm will be permanently recognized by naming a practice studio in the School of Music the Taylor McCaffrey LLP Jazz Practice Studio at Brandon University.

"Taylor McCaffrey has valued very much its association with Brandon University over the past 20-plus years," says Taylor McCaffrey representative Grant Mitchell, QC. "We have seen many presidents and vice-presidents come and go, but the representatives with whom we've worked have been consistently first rate, committed academic administrators who have been stimulating, knowledgeable, professional, respectful and appreciative. We appreciate very much the opportunity to work with BU and the opportunity to show our appreciation in the form of our donation to the *Standing Ovation Campaign* and the Jazz Studies Library. We look forward to many more years of working together!"

The introduction and growth of the Jazz Studies Program at BU has had obvious implications for library holdings within the School of Music. This contribution to the *Standing Ovation Campaign* from Taylor McCaffrey LLP will allow three types of School of Music library holdings to be expanded: Jazz Studies Recordings, Jazz Studies Books and periodicals and Jazz Studies Scores. Development of the Jazz Studies Library will enable students at various stages and levels of participation to have access to the most up-to-date musical scores and collections, providing them with essential learning resources.



William Chefurka Gives Second Rare Violin to BU

Brandon University alumnus Dr. William Chefurka (B.Sc. '46), made a significant donation to BU's School of Music this fall when he gifted the School with an extremely rare Daniel Parker Violin, made in 1717. The instrument is believed to be one of only 19 in the world.

Dr. Chefurka has loved playing violin since he was young, but gave up the hobby in order to prepare for his career as a research scientist. His love of violins never faded and he began collecting rare instruments in the 1960s. A few years before his retirement, Dr. Chefurka put his collection to use and began playing again. He currently performs in both his community orchestra and a string quartet in Ontario.

This is not the first time Dr. Chefurka has shared his collection. Just three years ago, he contributed a 162-year-old Villaume violin, valued at over \$50,000, to the School of Music. He attributed his generosity to a desire to give back to the school that once helped him so much. As a student, Dr. Chefurka earned his tuition by working on campus, and wanted to give something back to the school that enabled him to pursue his career in science and education.

Brandon University is extremely grateful for Dr. Chefurka's generosity. As with the Villaume violin, his recent gift came with only one stipulation – that the violin be played by students and faculty. The violin majors are more than happy to oblige.

Brandon University Foundation Presidents' Circle

Now in its seventh year, the Brandon University Foundation Presidents' Circle brings together dedicated supporters who believe in the importance of fostering the future of Brandon University, our students and our faculty. In appreciation of their valued support, Presidents' Circle members are invited to participate in exclusive events that feature exciting campus accomplishments and activities. A donation of \$1,000 or more within one year is recognized as a Presidents' Circle level gift.

Presidents' Circle level contributions help provide a solid educational foundation for the students and faculty of Brandon University. These contributions directly facilitate the growth of programs and innovative new projects, allowing us to continue to develop as an academic centre of excellence. Presidents' Circle donors may give to any area on campus. As we celebrate our seventh year, contributions totalling \$7,000, or only 7 donations to any one of the following areas would provide our students with the following:

- School of Music *Standing Ovation* Campaign:
One or two new musical instruments for School of Music students
- Brandon University Healthy Living Centre:
Create an endowed scholarship for student athletes, or purchase individual equipment items for the facility
- Research and Innovation:
Provide funds for lab equipment within the Faculty of Science

Since January 1, 2008, we have received over \$200,000 from our generous Presidents' Circle members. In recognition of their support, members were invited to a very special Holiday concert of the J.S. Bach concerti for two, three and four pianos, featuring Professor Alexander Tselyakov's piano ensemble class, with the School of Music Chamber Orchestra, featuring faculty members Kerry DuWors, Gerhard Ginader and Leanne Zacharias, conducted by Professor James W. Mendenhall.

For more information on the Presidents' Circle, please contact Cindy Yacyshen in the Department of Institutional Advancement at 204.727.9689, or via email at yacyshen@brandonu.ca.

Brandon University Beautifies its Campus with Courtyard Sculpture Garden



(L-R): Mr. Murray Whitehead, Dr. Jeff Bales, Dr. Louis P. Visentin and Mr. Peter Sawatzky at the official unveiling of *The Lookout (Bobcat)* in August 2008.

With generous support from The Whitehead Foundation for Western Manitoba Inc. Brandon University has unveiled *The Lookout (Bobcat)*, the third statue in the new Sculpture Garden in the Kavanagh Courtyard. The new sculpture was created by Master Bronze Sculptor Peter Sawatzky to represent the strength, power and agility of Brandon University's official mascot, the Bobcat. The one-of-a-kind statue now stands in front of the John E. Robbins Library building.

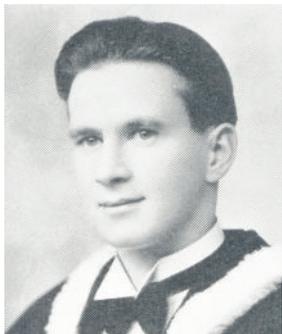
"The Whitehead Foundation for Western Manitoba Inc. was created to support the arts in western Manitoba," says Murray Whitehead, General Manager of the Foundation. "With sculpture as part of our visual arts mandate, it is a perfect opportunity for us to support Brandon University's creation of a sculpture garden with a sculpture depicting the strength and beauty of the University mascot."

Born in Glenboro, MB, Peter Sawatzky is one of North America's premier wildlife sculptors. His work can be seen across Canada, including in Brandon where he has created the deer statues in Eleanor Kidd Park and the herons at the Riverbank Discovery Centre. Mr. Sawatzky was inducted into the Order of Manitoba on July 10, 2008.

The Lookout (Bobcat) is a beautiful addition to the campus, and hopefully a lucky one as well. The Bobcats sport teams have started a new tradition of rubbing the statue for luck before games.

"The Whitehead Foundation has made a huge difference to the City of Brandon through the sponsorship of many public art projects," says Brandon University President & Vice-Chancellor Dr. Louis P. Visentin. "I think our Bobcat is one of the best. This is public art in the context of Brandon University and the context of university education. Art is an integral part of educating people to think creatively. My hat goes off to The Whitehead Foundation for its vision and support."

JOSEPH ROBERTSON, B.A. '39: A LASTING LEGACY



Brandon University received its largest gift ever this spring in a \$4 million bequest from alumnus Joseph Robertson, B.A. '39. This generous contribution was made in memory of his sister Kathleen Robertson Weisbrod and brother Arthur Robertson, who were also both graduates of Brandon College. Mr. Robertson had demonstrated his great generosity to BU many times over. In December 2007 he contributed \$500,000 to BU's Healthy Living Centre and had also made regular donations to the Annual Fund, of which he said "I get much joy from giving a gift to BU each year."

Joseph was born in Neepawa, MB and moved with his parents to Brandon at a young age. He graduated from Brandon College (now Brandon University) with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1939. This laid the foundation for his graduate degree, which he received from the University of Toronto in 1941.

Heavily involved in athletics as a student, Mr. Robertson was a member of Junior Varsity Basketball in 1935-37 and a Basketball Junior Varsity All-Star in 1936-37. He also played a great deal of tennis during these years and was the 1936-37 Singles Tennis Champion.

After receiving his Master's Degree, Mr. Robertson joined Domtar Pulp and Paper Limited in Cornwall, ON as a research chemist and was subsequently appointed



Joseph Robertson, Front Row, Left

Technical Superintendent, Head of Paper Research and Development, Assistant to the Director of Research and Technical Director. In 1961, he was appointed General Manager, Howard Smith Division at Domtar. He continued to move up through the ranks until he was named Executive Vice-President and Executive Director, Domtar, Incorporated in 1979.

Mr. Robertson's gift will have a widespread impact upon Brandon University, benefiting a variety of departments and programs. It is expected that a portion of the bequest will be directed to BU's new Healthy Living Centre, an initiative that was close to his heart.

"This is an extremely significant donation for Brandon University," says Dr. Louis Visentin, BU President and Vice-Chancellor. "It will certainly assist us in making huge strides in the development of our Healthy Living Centre as well as improve many other areas of the University."

Brandon University Healthy Living Centre



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Thanks to the generosity of Brandon University alumni Dr. James Brown, '44, Mr. Joseph Robertson, '39 and others, close to \$7 million has been raised for the Healthy Living Centre. Our goal of \$10 million in private donations is within sight. The estimated cost for this project is \$15 million.

Our new expanded facilities will include:

- Indoor walking track
- Cardio fitness facility
- Multi-purpose area
- Additional classroom space
- Three full-sized gymnasiums
- Expanded sports medicine facility
- 1,300 new bleacher seats
- Modern change rooms and washrooms
- New Bobcat athletics hall of fame area
- New weight resistance exercise machines
- 150 new regular parking stalls,
plus five new stalls for disabled persons.



Steve Dzubinski (right), Athletic Therapist since 1975

You can give to the Healthy Living Centre in a variety of ways:

Wall of Thought: You can immortalize your support of this innovative facility with an inspirational quote on a brick, which will be located on our Wall of Thought – \$100 per brick.

Bleacher Seat Sale: In recognition of your support of our Bobcat athletes you can name a seat in the gymnasium. An inscribed nameplate will be permanently displayed on a seat in appreciation of your support – \$200 per seat.

Bobcat Lockers: Our four Bobcat teams have 20 individual lockers each. This initiative allows you to recognise a former Bobcat star by prominently displaying their name above one of these 80 lockers – \$400 each locker.

General Contributions: You may also support the areas of greatest need within the new facility by making an undesignated contribution in any amount to the Healthy Living Centre.



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To make a donation please contact the Department of Institutional Advancement at 204.727.7374.

DEPARTMENT PROFILE: PHYSICAL PLANT

Brandon University currently meeting 2020 emissions standards thanks to ongoing energy efficiency program



An aerial view of the Brandon University campus. Photo by Sandy Black.

Brandon University's stated vision and mission are to become the educational destination of choice for those seeking access to a personalized, quality education and to shape the whole person of students who study at BU; to provide an education that enables students to make a positive difference in their community as citizens and as leaders while they study and after they graduate.

To that end, BU is an institution with a rich history of investing in the future. Over the years, BU has consistently worked to expand and modernize not only its programming, but also the campus itself. The addition of new buildings and improved infrastructure are a regular feature in BU's 109-year history.

Today, of course, investing in the future means much more than expanding programming and adding buildings to the campus. As such, over the past few years BU has begun a renaissance in its day-to-day operation that has brought vast improvements to the campus' energy efficiency and the size of its ecological footprint. Today, thanks to its ongoing energy efficiency program, Brandon University has successfully reduced its electricity, natural gas and fuel oil consumption, as well as its greenhouse gas emissions to the level of its 2020 emission reduction obligations under Kyoto Protocol.

The unsung heroes of this renaissance are the men and women who work in BU's Physical Plant, led by Physical Plant Director Bill Myers and Maintenance Supervisor Tom Koritar.

When Myers and Koritar joined BU's Facilities Management team, they brought with them a wealth of world-class energy conservation experience. Eager to apply the successes they saw in the health care field, they hired Winnipeg's Demand Side Energy to perform an inventory of all of the energy-using devices across the entire campus and to create an energy use snapshot of BU's 2003/2004 fiscal year.

"That report revealed to us how energy was being used across the campus," says Myers, "and the information it contained was employed to create a list of changes that we could make to ensure the highest possible efficiency of energy use in BU buildings and facilities."

Many of these changes have gone unnoticed by BU's staff and students, as much care has been put into ensuring that the conservation of energy on campus did not have to come at the cost of comfort for BU community members.



Many of the fluorescent light fixtures at BU now use more energy-efficient bulbs.

"For instance," says Myers, "the fluorescent lighting in BU buildings was the best and most efficient available at the time of construction, which was during the 1960s or earlier for most campus buildings, but newer fluorescent technology uses only 70% of the energy to produce the same amount of light. Also, thousands of incandescent fixtures on campus have been replaced with newer, more efficient compact fluorescent bulbs or LED signs, with no sacrifice to the quality and effectiveness of the lighting."

The greatest benefits, given Manitoba's varied and often harsh climate, were found in upgrades to building heating and ventilation. In recent years, an intelligent building

automation system (BAS) has been applied to all BU buildings that can refer to the campus' own real-time weather station (located on the roof of the Health Studies Complex). This system sends information to the heating and cooling equipment located in each building and helps to lessen the tendency of buildings to overheat or overcool during mild weather, as well as taking advantage of cool summer evenings to minimize the energy needed for air conditioning during the day. The building automation system also alerts maintenance staff when there is an equipment problem.

Perhaps most important of all, however, is what these new systems do when there is no one in campus buildings.

"Many areas of the campus are empty for more hours than they are occupied," says Myers "and the building automation system adjusts for those times, similar to how a home programmable thermostat would, dropping the temperature a few degrees and allowing the ventilation systems to operate at a reduced capacity, thereby conserving energy."

What's even more impressive is that the new system also monitors the severity of the weather at any given moment to predict when it should resume heating or cooling and ventilation operations to ensure a comfortable environment for staff and students. When the building is occupied beyond normal operational hours, the building automation system will detect an increase in carbon dioxide from the occupants and adjust the ventilation accordingly.

No opportunities for increasing energy efficiency were overlooked: "Smart" parking outlets in campus lots indicate if a car's extension cord is faulty and modulate the power to the block heater to keep the engine warm regardless of the weather. Low flow showerheads were installed in residences to conserve water and save on heating.

"Lower energy costs mean more dollars for education – Brandon University now saves \$200,000 annually thanks to recent energy efficiency initiatives."

These changes add up to a 22% reduction in Brandon University's electricity and natural gas consumption, compared with the 2003/2004 audit year. The 21,800 gigajoules of saved energy is enough to provide all the annual power needs of nearly 200 houses (or 400 apartments) in Manitoba!

Of course, the lower energy cost also means more dollars for education. Brandon University now saves \$200,000 annually – money that goes directly back into improving programs, operations, and services for BU students.

Manitoba Hydro and Natural Resources Canada also deserve credit for these positive changes. Without the financial incentives offered by these organizations, which contributed \$500,000 of the \$850,000 spent to make the improvements, they might not have been possible.

So what's next?

Myers says he, Koritar and the 10 Physical Plant maintenance staff members work diligently to make sure that the new systems continue to operate at peak efficiency and are planning to upgrade the campus heating systems over the next few years from hot water and steam to an anti-freeze mixture, which will reduce the risk of equipment being damaged when the buildings switch into off-hours "sleep mode."

"A systematic cleaning, re-calibration and replacing of equipment is also ongoing," Myers continues. "The Queen Elizabeth II Music building, for example, will soon have a control system upgrade to allow for better climate control for preservation of the pianos and other instruments."

These and other changes continue to whittle down energy waste.

These changes do not just provide economic benefits. While the 726 fewer tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions is difficult for most to appreciate, consider the following: in terms of volume: that would fill 161 Olympic-sized swimming pools – its weight, on the other hand, is three times that of the peak daily population of the BU campus.

With nobody noticing any difference in comfort, how do we really know BU is making a difference? Well, our children will know. And that's what investing in the future is all about.



IN YOUR WORDS

Brandon University Alumna Volunteers in Africa

SUBMITTED BY:
LESLEY KRETAI, BA '95, BEd '02

In 2003, I made a decision to become a volunteer with the international agency Voluntary Services Overseas (VSO); a decision that provided me with a profound experience both personally and professionally. After being accepted into the program, I received and accepted an offer to volunteer in Ghana, West Africa. This was to be a two year placement (September 2004 to September 2006) with Ghana Education Services as a Teacher Support Officer. Upon my arrival, I found myself welcomed with open arms into both the community and workplace by the very friendly Ghanaian people.

I lived in the small city of Wa, located in the Upper West Region. I use the term city loosely. While Wa may have a population of over 60,000, it is underdeveloped with few amenities. I was fortunate, however, to live in a fairly nice cement block house with access to somewhat regular electricity and water. As a Teacher Support Officer, it was my duty to train teachers in the schools to teach more effectively (by using a variety of teaching strategies and teaching and learning materials in the classroom); the goal being to improve teaching and learning in Wa Municipality.

My experience in Ghana was challenging and fulfilling. I learned a lot from my colleagues in the workplace and friends in the community. This experience helped me to

dispel certain ideas I had about developing countries. While there are certainly a lot of strife and challenges in developing countries, it is not all bad. While we can offer a lot to these countries, we can also learn a lot from their people. I have learned to appreciate what I have and to realize that I CAN do without. Regardless of the challenges that these people face from day to day and the conditions some of them live in, they are happy and they NEVER GIVE UP!

I enjoyed my time spent in Ghana so much so that I extended my placement contract by almost two years, only recently returning to Canada and resettling in Brandon in April 2008. Whilst in Ghana I married and I am currently in the process of sponsoring my husband's application to join me here so that he can meet my family and understand where I come from. We are still waiting for his application to be accepted. I currently work with Westman Immigrant Services as an EAL Teacher and Brandon Support Services as a Personal Support Worker.

For those interested in more information about volunteering in a developing country, please check out CUSO-VSO at their website: www.vsocan.org.

Lesley served on BUSU council from 1992 – 1995 and held the position of BUSU President in 1995. She also served on several BU committees, Senate and the BU Board of Governors during this time.

IN YOUR WORDS

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Articles should be no longer than 500 words. We look forward to hearing from you.

SCHOOL OF MUSIC *PRO SERIES PLUS* SCHEDULE

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

January 13, 2009 • 8:00 PM

The Faculty Concert

"And the night shall be filled with music and the cares that infest the day, shall fold their tents, like the Arabs and as silently steal away." – Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. An annual *pro series* tradition, the Faculty Concert showcases members of the School of Music faculty. These committed educators and professional performers will present a varied programme. Always one of the season's highlights, this concert features solo or collaborative works from the Baroque period to today.

January 27, 2009 • 8:00 PM

Pascal Gallet, piano

Programme includes Ekrem Zeki Ün – *Sonata*; Lowell Liebermann – *Sonata for Flute & Piano*. This duo, which has collaborated on numerous occasions over the years, returns to the *pro series*. Not only have they performed unusual repertoire together, they also have recorded many such works for flute and piano. An accomplished flutist, Robert Ford is also a member of the School of Music faculty, while Claudette Caron maintains a busy Brandon-based studio, along with performing, giving masterclasses and adjudicating.

February 10, 2009 • 8:00 PM

Robert Ford, flute; Claudette Caron, piano

Programme includes Ekrem Zeki Ün – *Sonata*; Lowell Liebermann – *Sonata for Flute & Piano*. This duo, which has collaborated on numerous occasions over the years, returns to the *pro series*. Not only have they performed unusual repertoire together, they also have recorded many such works for flute and piano. An accomplished flutist, Robert Ford is also a member of the School of Music faculty, while Claudette Caron maintains a busy Brandon-based studio, along with performing, giving masterclasses and adjudicating.

February 24, 2009 • 8:00 PM

Daniel Bolshoy, classical guitar

Programme will include works by Bach, Barrios, Assad and others. Often heard on CBC Radio 2, guitarist Daniel Bolshoy has been appreciated by audiences across the country and the United States, thanks to his Daniel Bolshoy musicianship and his informative talks from the stage. He has collaborated with some of North America's most prestigious orchestras as well as with vocalists. When not concertizing, he teaches guitar at Concordia University.

March 3, 2009 • 8:00 pm

The New Music Series 2008-2009

Ben Reimer, percussion; Catherine Wood, clarinet; Megumi Masaki, piano

Returning to the Lorne Watson Recital Hall stage, the Brandon New Music Festival is a three-day event celebrating contemporary and newly composed works. Along with pieces for piano, clarinet and percussion, the Tuesday evening concert will introduce two newly commissioned works — one for percussion and the other for drum set.

Programme: John Luther Adams – *Red Arc/Blue Veil*; Diana McIntosh – *Percussion solo work*; Nicole Lizée – *Solo drum set work*; Jocelyn Morlock – *QUOI??? for piano & percussion*; Christos Hatzis – *Lazy Afternoons by the Lake*

March 4 & 5, 2009 • 8:00 PM

Brandon New Music Ensemble

Wednesday and Thursday performances feature a student ensemble, led by Megumi Masaki, devoted to exploring the range of new works available today. Brandon New Music Ensemble Programme to include works by Jorge Cordova Valencia, Michael Matthews, Jocelyn Morlock, Nicole Lizée and T. Patrick Carrabré.

March 10, 2009 • 8:00 PM

David Playfair, baritone; Sharon Rogers, piano

Programme: Gene Scheer – World War II Songs; a setting by John Kander – *Letter from Sullivan Ballou (Civil War)*; Jocelyn Morlock – *Involuntary Love Songs*. Returning to the stage with collaborative artist and Eckhardt-Gramatté Conservatory of Music instructor Sharon Rogers, vocalist and School of Music faculty member David Playfair brings 25 years of experience to his interpretations. He has created more than 70 roles during his career, including Thomas's *Hamlet*, Valentin in Gounod's *Faust*, and *Pelléas* in Debussy's *Pelléas et Mélisande*.



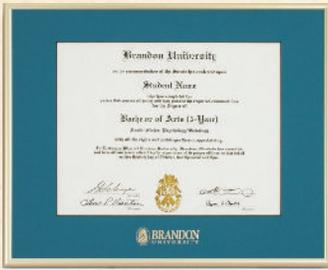
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		Men's Basketball	Women's Basketball	Men's Volleyball	Women's Volleyball
Friday	2 Jan	Simon Fraser University	Simon Fraser University		
Saturday	3 Jan	Trinity Western University	Trinity Western University		
Thursday	8 Jan	University of Winnipeg	University of Winnipeg	University of Winnipeg	University of Winnipeg
Saturday	10 Jan	University of Winnipeg	University of Winnipeg	University of Winnipeg	University of Winnipeg
Friday	16 Jan	University of Saskatchewan	University of Saskatchewan	Thompson Rivers University	Thompson Rivers University
Saturday	17 Jan	University of Alberta	University of Alberta	Thompson Rivers University	Thompson Rivers University
Friday	23 Jan	University of Manitoba	University of Manitoba	University of Calgary	University of Calgary
Saturday	24 Jan	University of Manitoba	University of Manitoba	University of Calgary	University of Calgary
Thursday	29 Jan	University of Winnipeg	University of Winnipeg		
Friday	30 Jan			Trinity Western University	Trinity Western University
Saturday	31 Jan			Trinity Western University	Trinity Western University
Sunday	1 Feb	University of Winnipeg	University of Winnipeg		
Friday	6 Feb	University of Regina	University of Regina		University of British Columbia
Saturday	7 Feb	University of Regina	University of Regina		University of British Columbia

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