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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We're told that 90% of the discoveries in research have occurred in the last 50 years. Before the turn of the last century, research, when it was done, was done primarily at universities, usually by individuals, which meant men and their acolytes. Things have changed in the last 25 years. The research model that is prevalent throughout the world was developed in Germany during and after the World Wars. It is one that has moved beyond a single person buried in the archives or in the laboratory, making singular discoveries to mega projects involving teams of people from a wide-variety of disciplines and institutions. More often than not, it involves partnerships between institutions and with industry. While many academics are uncomfortable with this science/engineering view, it does prevail. This individual frontier has been left to the philosophers, writers and most importantly, the performers. Virtuosity, when you see it, usually emanates from these quarters.

Likewise, there has been a transformation of what constitutes research and who does it. We have stepped beyond the mere of quantitative research into the realm of qualitative. Surveys, opinions and narratives are all a part of modern-day research. Indeed, women have taken the place alongside their male counterparts as active participants in the research enterprise. There are some who criticize the focus on applied research. At large institutions, there is an increasing emphasis on dollars, applications and technology transfer. There is a real danger in this trend. Whether qualitative or quantitative, there is still a huge need for pure, unadulterated, curiosity-driven research. That is what universities are all about. The fountainheads for all applications are ideas. Ideas produce pure research, more out-of-the-bounds performance and creative thinking. We need more of this, not less. We also need good policy to ensure the support of peer-research, especially at small institutions. You can judge the country by how well the researchers do at the small institutions. The health of the whole system depends on the research vibrancy at places, for example, like Brandon University, Acadia and St. Francis Xavier. Surveys have shown that the best graduate students in the United States had their origins at smaller institutions. Long live research at the small universities in Canada.

Regards,

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

Research Makes Sense

This issue of Alumni News celebrates some of the research successes of our faculty and students. It is most appropriate that we take the time to do so, for the idea of a university without research brings to mind a variety of comparisons – a train without tracks, a forest without trees, an orchestra without violins. Research is as integral to our purpose, our mission and our identity as an institution as is the teaching that we do in the classroom.

Importantly, research and teaching are profoundly related activities. The research side of life on our campus is not limited to the contributions of our skilled faculty and staff. Research activity is also a part of the BU experience for many of our undergraduates. When students have the opportunity to study with world-class researchers and scholars they benefit from the chance to learn not only the content of their discipline, but also to directly engage the work and commitment it takes to make original contributions to knowledge. I am exceptionally proud of the extent to which Brandon University continues to live out its commitment to providing opportunities for undergraduate research experience. While laboratory research experience invites the near-cliché image of lab coat and microscope, the real face of student research extends well beyond this important activity. Our students are actively engaged in research endeavours that take them to the field to survey wildlife habitats, engage in archeological digs, assist in developing best professional practices, mount graduating art exhibits, interview community members for thesis work and perform graduating recitals.

The research successes on this campus are many and they are diverse. We are grateful for the leadership that has been shown by the federal and provincial governments in supporting programs such as the Canada Research Chairs, the National Granting Councils, the Canada Foundation for Innovation and the Manitoba Graduate Scholarship Fund. These programs and others like them provide important dollars that directly support the research activities of faculty and students. Additionally, the annual support of alumni donors provides important resources for maintaining laboratories, supporting library collections and ensuring that our student researchers have the resources they need to succeed. On their behalf, I thank you for your continued support.



Scott Grills

Vice-President, Academic & Research



2008 DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARDS



Ryan Diehl (B.A. '00; B. Ed. '02), Glenboro School – Glenboro, Manitoba

Ryan Diehl grew up in Glenboro, Manitoba where he attended Glenboro School from Kindergarten to Grade 12. Upon graduation, Ryan attended Brandon University, receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree in 2000 and a Bachelor of Education (AD) in 2002. Ryan returned to Glenboro School in the fall of 2002 to begin his teaching career. He is currently finishing his sixth year in Glenboro where he teaches Grade nine to 12 English. His extra curricular activities include Varsity Boys Golf, Varsity Boys Basketball, Varsity Boys Baseball, Drama Production Director and Manitoba Theatre Centre Group Coordinator.



Kevin Doell (B.Mus.; B.Ed. '92), Sunrise School Division – Oakbank, Manitoba

Kevin Doell received his Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Education from Brandon University in 1992. 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 Doell 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.



Wayne Ewasko, Edward Schreyer School – Beausejour, Manitoba

Wayne Ewasko has taught grades six to 12 at Edward Schreyer School (Sunrise School Division) in Beausejour for 13 years. He has a Bachelor of Education Degree as well as a Post-Baccalaureate in Education and prerequisites for a Master's Degree in Counselling. He is currently working towards his Level One Administration Certificate. Wayne began his career working with youth who had social and behaviour issues within the school setting. As such, he spent two years teaching all core subjects at the grade seven and eight levels and three years teaching at the high school level (grades 11 and 12 Pre-Calculus, grade nine Math and the Physical Education curriculum's Health Components). For the last five years he has been in a counsellor role. In addition, Wayne is the Alternate Facilitator for the Future to Discover Project with the Department of Education and Youth for the Province of Manitoba; a member of the Achievement, Behavior and Citizenship Committee and Convener for the high school Zone 13 Curling Playoffs in the Sunrise School Division; Teacher Advisor for South Interlake Credit Union Student Branch; Curling Coach and Aboriginal Academic Achievement leader for Edward Schreyer School and is involved with the student groups Teenagers Against Drunk Driving and Peer Tutors. Wayne has been a hockey coach for four years; a lacrosse coach for two years; a soccer coach and a Past-President of the Beausejour Curling Club.

2008 BU SENATE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING RECIPIENT



Susan Medd (B.A. '86), Assistant Professor – Department of Religion

Susan Medd, born in Brandon, obtained her undergraduate degree at Brandon University, majoring in Religion and English. After graduating in 1986 she proceeded to the University of Calgary for her Master's degree in the Nature of Religion. Returning to Brandon with her M.A. in Religion, Susan taught in BU's Religion department as a sessional lecturer from 1988 to 1999. She received a full-time appointment at Brandon University in 2000 where she continues to teach as an Assistant Professor. During this full-time appointment she has also undertaken doctoral work at the University of Calgary and is currently writing her dissertation on *Divine Narratives: Contemporary Women's Myth-Making*. Since 1988 she has offered twenty-one different courses, including introductory courses on Eastern and Western religion and senior courses on topics such as psychology of religion, theories and methods in religion, mythology, death and concepts of future life and gender and sexuality.

2008 HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Dr. Tom Breneman graduated from the University of Manitoba Faculty of Dentistry in 1969. He has worked both in private and group practices and was an active staff member at the Brandon General Hospital for 30 years. He is a current member and Past-President of the Western Manitoba Dental Society and the Manitoba Dental Association and a fellow of the International College of Dentists, Pierre Fauchard Academy and Academy of Dentistry International. In 2002, Dr. Breneman was installed as the President of the Canadian Dental Association (CDA), a position he held until 2003. Dr. Breneman's involvement with Brandon University as a Past-President and long-serving member of the Brandon University Foundation (BUF) has been considerable. In 1990-91, Dr. Breneman served as Volunteer Committee Chairperson for BU's Building from Strength Campaign and in 2004 he took the role of Campaign Chair for the BU & YOU Campaign, BU's most ambitious and successful fundraising campaign to date. In 2007, Dr. Breneman received the Brandon University Foundation Honorary Trustee Apex Award, the Foundation's highest honour, presented annually to an individual who demonstrates meritorious leadership and service to the Brandon University Foundation.



Dr. Kenneth Dorter was born in the Bronx, New York City in 1940. He attended Queens College of the City University of New York as an undergraduate, where he received his B.A. in 1962. He pursued graduate studies at Pennsylvania State University, where he was awarded a Ph.D. in 1967. He has been a member of the Philosophy Department at the University of Guelph since 1966 and in 2003 was presented with the University of Guelph Faculty Association Distinguished Professor Teaching Award. He has published approximately 50 articles on various aspects of philosophy and three books on Plato, including *The Transformation of Plato's Republic* (2006) which was named an Outstanding Academic Title for 2006 by the American Library Association journal *Choice* and won the Canadian Philosophical Association/Broadview Press Prize in Ethics, Political Philosophy and History of Philosophy for 2007. He is currently writing a book on comparative philosophy, entitled *Parallel Minds: Comparative Studies in East-West Philosophy*.



Erín Moure is a poet and translator (from French, Galician, Portuguese and Spanish to English). Of her 13 books of poetry and seven of poetry in translation, six were finalists for the Governor General's Award (one, *Furious*, won the GG in 1988) and two were finalists for the Griffin Prize for Excellence in Poetry. Moure has given readings in English, French and Galician in Canada, the USA, England, Wales, France, Spain, Portugal, Slovenia and Japan, as well as seminars in translation, language and construction of identity and poetics. Her next book of poetry, *O Resplendor*, will appear in 2010. She is currently completing a book of essays, *My Beloved Wager*, translating Chus Pato's *Hordas de Escritura*, working on a new book of poetry, *The Unmemntioable* and finishing a collaborative book of poetry with Oana Avasilichioaei. A contributing editor to *The Capilano Review* (Vancouver) and a member of the editorial board of the *Galician Review* (Birmingham, UK), Moure lives in Montreal and works as a commercial translator.



Cellist **Lorne Munroe** must be accounted one of the premier string artists of his generation. Munroe served 45 seasons in the principal chair for two of North America's great orchestras: the New York Philharmonic (NYP) (1964-1996) and the Philadelphia Orchestra (PO) (1951-1964). He has enjoyed a distinguished solo career, appearing in recital and with orchestras throughout North America and recording major solo works with NYP and PO. Teaching at institutions including the Juilliard School, Manhattan School of Music, Temple University and Philadelphia Music Academy, he mentored cellists who now hold positions in orchestras and universities throughout North America. Born in Winnipeg, he began cello lessons at three and at 10 won the senior cello award at the Winnipeg Music Festival. Munroe so impressed the festival adjudicator, British composer Arthur Benjamin, that Benjamin sponsored Munroe's studies at London's Royal College of Music, which Munroe attended from 1937 to 1939. Munroe completed his studies at the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia with a flourish, winning the 1949 Naumburg Competition and the appointment to the Cleveland Orchestra. From Cleveland, he went on to the principal cello chair in the Minneapolis Symphony and from there to positions in Philadelphia and New York.



Shirley Josephine Paine (née Tomlinson) was born, raised and educated in Saskatchewan. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Saskatchewan in 1953 and a Master of Science (Education) from the University of Western Ontario in 1973. The majority of her professional work experience was in nursing education: she held positions at the School of Nursing, the Saskatoon City Hospital, the Children's Hospital of Winnipeg and the Brandon General Hospital School of Nursing. Paine retired in 1992, having been the Director of the Brandon General Hospital School of Nursing since 1977. Beginning in 1974 and continuing to 1993, she was actively involved in a wide variety of efforts to establish a degree program in nursing at Brandon University. In 1987, she was seconded from Brandon General Hospital and Appointed Acting Chairperson, Department of Nursing, Faculty of Science, at Brandon University. This was the beginning of the post-diploma baccalaureate program in nursing at Brandon University. Paine was married to musician Leslie "Cham" Paine in 1953 and together they raised three children: Matthew, Nancy and Patricia. The family settled in Brandon in 1964 which has been home ever since.



BU NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS

Brandon University unveils floor plans and artist's rendering of new healthy living centre

Brandon University unveiled architectural floor plans and an artist's rendering of its planned new healthy living centre, which will be located at Louise Avenue and 20th Street and incorporate the University's existing gymnasium building, at a press conference on January 17, 2008. The new \$14 million facility will incorporate renovations to BU's current 30,000 square-foot facility into new construction that will expand to increase the centre's total size to almost 70,000 square feet. The new facility will compliment other fitness and wellness facilities in the Brandon community and enhance fitness and recreation options for Westman residents by including an indoor walking track; a cardio fitness facility; weight resistance exercise machines; a multi-purpose area; an expanded sport/medical facility; enhanced programming for BU staff and students and the Westman community; three full-size gymnasiums; 1,300 bleacher seats; modern change rooms and washrooms; a hall of fame area; added classroom space; and 150 new parking stalls. The new facility will be built to the green standard of LEED Silver, making it one of the most energy efficient facilities in Brandon. Private funding will account for approximately one-third of the centre's anticipated \$14 million cost, while the other two-thirds will be provided through federal and provincial funding. To date, \$1.7 million dollars have been raised for the project from private donors.

Current plans have Brandon University breaking ground on the new healthy living centre in 2009.

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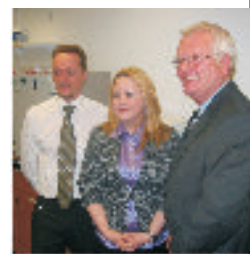
Brandon University's Louis Riel Room.

BU names Louis Riel Room in honour of Manitoba Métis Federation and Louis Riel Institute contributions

Brandon University has renamed one of its most frequently used dining rooms the Louis Riel Room in honour of the Métis leader's contribution to Manitoba's history and heritage, as well as in honour of ongoing contributions to the University made by the Manitoba Métis Federation and the Louis Riel Institute. Formerly designated as the Private Dining Room, the Louis Riel Room is often used to host dignitary dinners, awards and recognition ceremonies, seminar and conference sessions and other special events. The room was recently upgraded with new furniture, artwork and carpeting, as well as a plaque designating it as the Louis Riel Room. The Manitoba Métis Federation and the Louis Riel Institute have contributed \$738,500 to BU for scholarships and bursaries which, when matched by Manitoba Scholarships and Bursaries Initiative, totals \$1,277,000. The Brandon University Louis Riel Scholarship Fund and Louis Riel Bursary Fund provide valuable ongoing financial support to Brandon University students of Métis heritage.

Brandon University celebrates new Chemistry and Biology research laboratories

Brandon University held an event on Monday, January 21, 2008 to showcase and celebrate two new research laboratories on campus in the Departments of Biology and Chemistry, as well as honour Dr. Bernadette Ardelli (Department of Biology) and Dr. Mark D. Berry (Department of Chemistry), whose important research led to the funding for these labs. Dr. Ardelli, an Assistant Professor in Brandon University's Department of Biology, and Dr. Berry, Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry, recently received a combined \$429,000 in funding from the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI), the Manitoba Research and Innovation Fund (MRIF) and Brandon University to build and equip these laboratories, which will be utilized by faculty and students in several departments within the Faculty of Science.



Dr. Mark D. Berry (left) and Dr. Bernadette Ardelli (middle) celebrate the opening of their new CFI labs with Brandon-Souris Member of Parliament Merv Tweed.

Government of Canada funding for Brandon University project helps bridge gap between research and industry

In February 2008, Western Economic Diversification Canada contributed \$338,500 to the establishment of an Analytical Scanning Electron Microscope Facility at Brandon University. The facility, located in the J. R. Brodie Science Centre, will give students and researchers access to new technologies and increased commercialization opportunities. The investment included funding for an analytical scanning electron microscope, related user training, and support equipment used to educate and train undergraduate students and industry participants. Brandon University professors in several science disciplines will use this facility for basic and applied research and it will anchor Brandon University's proposal to establish an Interdisciplinary Master of Science degree, which will help to attract and retain high-quality staff and students.



(L to R) Dean of Science Dr. Austin Gulliver, BU President Dr. Louis P. Visentin and Brandon-Souris MP Merv Tweed announce the opening of BU's new Scanning Electron Microscope lab.

Brandon University appoints CBC Washington correspondent Henry Champ as sixth Chancellor

The Brandon University Senate is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Henry Champ as the University's sixth Chancellor, effective November 1, 2008. The Chancellor is the titular head of the University and confers all degrees of the University. Where possible, the Chancellor attends official functions on behalf of the University and may take on special projects in keeping with the goals of the University. Dr. Champ's three-year term as Chancellor will continue until October 31, 2011. He will then be eligible for re-election to one more three-year term. Champ, a native of Brandon and a student at Brandon University in 1957 and 1958, is CBC Newsworld's correspondent in Washington, D.C., delivering Canadian viewers the latest developments in the U.S. political arena. Recently, he has been a leading Canadian voice in coverage of the war on terrorism, the war in Iraq and the growing concerns over the Canada-U.S. relationship. He was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws (LLD) Degree by Brandon University in May 2004.



Dr. Henry Champ has been named as the sixth Chancellor of Brandon University, effective November 1, 2008.

BU NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS



New Bobcats men's basketball Head Coach Keith Vassell greets the media and Bobcats supporters on April 6.

Former Bobcat player Keith Vassell appointed as Head Coach of BU men's basketball team

Brandon University is pleased to announce the appointment of Keith Vassell as Head Coach of the BU Bobcats men's basketball team, effective April 1, 2008. Coach Vassell is a former Bobcat who led the team to five National Championship appearances and is the second-leading Bobcats scorer of all time. Vassell was a member of the Canadian Men's National team for 11 years and brings experience as a professional coach in Europe, including as the Men's Head coach for Iceland's national team.



Dr. Chris Malcolm demonstrates to Brandon East MLA Drew Caldwell how VHF transmitters will be attached to northern pike for Dr. Malcolm's tracking project.

Province provides grant in support of BU researcher's northern pike tracking research on Little Saskatchewan River

In March 2008, the Province of Manitoba Fisheries Enhancement Fund (FEF) awarded Brandon University Department of Geography faculty member Dr. Chris Malcolm a grant of \$25,000 to support his research into the movement and habitat use of northern pike in the Little Saskatchewan River. During Dr. Malcolm's project a total of 60 Northern Pike, from Lake Wahtopanah, Rapid City Reservoir, Lake Minnedosa and Lake Audy will be tagged with radio transmitters. The pike tracking will be accomplished by air and boat from April 2008 to the end of May 2009, with the tracking also to involve the collection of habitat characteristics where pike are located. While the FEF grant forms the majority of funding for this project, it is a collaborative effort. Funding has also been received from the BU Research Committee, BU Community Outreach and the Brandon University Students' Union Work Study Program. Riding Mountain National Park is contributing equipment and staff time. In addition, the Assiniboine Community College School of Agriculture and Environment will be contributing equipment. Local fish & game associations are also collaborating.



BU anthropology students, led by Ms. Suyoko Tsukamoto, help Brandon police investigate the discovery of two skeletons suspected to be more than 100 years old.

BU Anthropology students help with investigation

Brandon University anthropology / archaeology students got some real life experience when they were called upon by Manitoba's Historic Resources Branch to help with the investigation of two skeletons discovered on a property in Brandon. The students, led by faculty member Ms. Suyoko Tsukamoto (in BU t-shirt), helped to sift through the soil around the skeletons looking for evidence of their origins while the skeletons were removed.

Province announces \$450,000 in funding for Brandon University science teaching lab equipment

The Manitoba government is investing \$450,000 to modernize Brandon University's science teaching laboratory equipment. Brandon East MLA Drew Caldwell made the announcement on behalf of Advanced Education and Literacy Minister Diane McGifford, on April 8, 2008. The announcement is part of a \$4.2 million investment in support of laboratory space and equipment upgrades at BU, the University of Winnipeg and the University of Manitoba. The announcement came a little more than two months after the Brandon University Students' Union and BU Administration partnered on a petition lobbying the province for special funding to fill gaps in teaching lab and clinical studies equipment. The petition gathered 1,000 signatures. The funding will be used to purchase new microscopes for various BU teaching labs, as well as to upgrade other equipment.



Brandon East MLA Drew Caldwell (right), with BU Dean of Science Dr. Austin Gulliver, announces \$450,000 in funding from the Manitoba government.

Yul Michel and Ashley Creighton named athletes of the year at BU 2008 Athletic Awards banquet

Brandon University Bobcats men's basketball guard Yul Michel and women's volleyball middle Ashley Creighton were named the male and female athletes of the year at the 2008 BU Athletics Awards Banquet, held at the Canad Inns Brandon Roadhouse on April 10. The annual celebration of athletic and academic excellence at BU, hosted by Athletic Director Kirk DeFazio, was attended by some 200 faculty, coaches, supporters, players and family members, who saw awards handed out in a number of team-specific and overall categories. Congratulations to all of this year's honorees!



BU Campus Recreation Director Dr. Nancy Stanley presents the Nancy Stanley Trophy for Outstanding Female Athlete to Bobcats volleyball middle Ashley Creighton.

Brandon University appoints Bonnie Proven as Director of Campus MB

Brandon University is pleased to announce the appointment of Bonnie Proven as Director of Campus Manitoba, a distance learning consortium that represents all of Manitoba's post-secondary education institutions headquartered on the Brandon University campus. A regular on Chatelaine magazine's annual "Who's Who of Canadian Women" list since 1998, Proven is an alumna of Brandon University who returns to the campus from Assiniboine Community College (ACC), where she worked in various academic, management and leadership capacities since 1981. During that time, Proven has been instrumental in the development of many new programs, initiatives and policies at ACC. Most recently, she served as Vice President, Academic at ACC from the fall of 2006.



BU President Dr. Louis P. Visentin presents the R. J. McCarthy Trophy for Outstanding Male Athlete to Bobcats basketball guard Yul Michel.

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.brunu.ca/news. To stay up to date, sign up for the BU News & Highlights email by sending a message to communications@brunu.ca.



Brittany Williams (B.Sc. '07) transfers fungi isolated from polar bear fur to new media in the Mycology Research Laboratory.

PASSING THE TORCH:

Faculty and New Research Labs Provide Hands-On Experience for BU Students

BY ROBIN SALIBA
Coordinator of Research Services
& STACEY WILSON (B.A. '07)

Over the past number of years, the landscape of research activities at Brandon University has changed and grown. Five Canada Research Chairs have been recruited and new appointments in a variety of departments have brought new research agendas to the campus. The University's commitment to building research capacity has also led to the establishment of a number of new research laboratories created to enhance the research experiences of both faculty and students. Funding from the Canada Foundation for Innovation, the Province of Manitoba and private corporations have combined to provide more than \$3.5 million over the past six years to support the enhancement of existing laboratories as well as the creation of entirely new research facilities at Brandon University.

Within the research laboratories, BU researchers and their student research assistants are studying important issues that touch us all: the impact of climate change on the animals and plants that populate our planet; the diseases and parasites that affect humans the world over; the make-up of

the mineral resources around us; and developing innovative artistic and poetic productions in new media.

The University recently celebrated the grand opening of several new research laboratories on campus. One of these, the University's Environmental Science Laboratory in the John R. Brodie building on campus, is headed by Dr. David Greenwood and Dr. Terence McGonigle, who teach in BU's new Biology department. In his research, Dr. Greenwood investigates climate change through millions of years of earth history by studying fossil plants, insects and pollen. Dr. McGonigle explores how roots interact with mycorrhizal fungi in field soils to acquire the minerals that are essential to plant growth. The new Environmental Science Laboratory provides the microscope and analytical tools to allow Drs. Greenwood and McGonigle to collect this data on climate change and soil-plant relationships for presentation at international conferences and for publication in peer-reviewed scientific journals.

Drs. Greenwood and McGonigle have hired student research assistants to work with them. Last year Karla Stouffer, a Zoology major, held a Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council Undergraduate Summer Research Award with Dr. Greenwood working in the labs on fossil pollen extracted from 64 million year old coal from near Deloraine and Turtle Mountain in southwest Manitoba. Project student Ashley Greenley works with Dr. McGonigle in the lab for analysis of samples from tundra with support from the Canadian Northern Studies Centre and Brandon University. Greenley is investigating the relationship between soil conditions and the mycorrhizae of the tundra, a question of ever-increasing significance given our need to understand the way that Canada's vast northern field communities may be modified by ongoing environmental change.

Stouffer's experience is not unique. At Brandon University, undergraduate students are gaining valuable research and career-specific experience by working one-on-one with highly qualified faculty members on a variety of research projects. Thanks to several external and internal grants, BU offers its students a number of opportunities to engage in research over full-time (summer) or part-time (school year) employment.

The Laboratory for Applied Research in Resource Geology (LARG), overseen by Dr. Hamid Mumin and Dr. Simon Pattison, is a state-of-the-art petrographic and analytical research facility that provides a focal point for Geoscience Research at Brandon University, and for university, government and industry collaborations. Research is conducted on the geology, mineralogy and chemistry of mineral and energy resources in various locations across Canada and internationally. About 100 senior students, research assistants and collaborators have benefitted from training and use of these facilities since their inception in 2001.

In 2002 nearly \$1 million was used to enhance the University's Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) facility with the purchase of a spectrometer console and a superconducting magnet. For a number of years this facility was used by Dr. Ronald Dong and his Physics students to study the physical properties of liquid crystals and biological molecules. Dr. Dong retired from BU in 2007 and Dr. Bryan Hill is now responsible for the lab. Dr. Hill's research is focused on Synthetic Organic Chemistry, whereby he and his student research assistant modify organic molecules with the intent of developing novel compounds that will have applications in everyday life. Some compounds might be medicines (to improve health), or catalysts (to improve the environment), or exotic materials (to be used in the latest gadget). His interests are more specifically in the development of novel compounds that might cure disease.

Dr. Mark Berry, Associate Professor in the Chemistry department and Dr. Bernadette Ardelli, Assistant Professor of Biology, are conducting their research in two of the newest CFI-funded research laboratories at BU. In the Cell Biology and Neuroscience Laboratory, Dr. Berry's research is focused on the brain. He is specifically interested in studying the normal control mechanisms governing how nerve cells function. This is of potential relevance to various psychiatric and neurologic disorders such as schizophrenia, mood disorders and drug abuse/addiction. He is also interested in the mechanisms by which cells die, which has potential relevance to neurodegenerative disorders such as Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, stroke and also to the development and treatment of cancers. Dr. Berry currently has two BU undergraduate honours students working with him in the lab.

Dr. Ardelli's research in the Functional Genomics Laboratory utilizes functional genomics to study the effects of drugs on parasites, in particular the mechanism of drug resistance and action. Functional genomics is a sub-discipline of molecular biology that uses the data produced from genome projects (projects that have determined the sequence of all of the genes of an organism) to elucidate gene function and interactions. Dr. Ardelli and her five student research assistants are studying the processes of transcription and translation and how protein-protein interactions are affected by drugs.

Across campus, on the first floor of historic Clark Hall, is BU's Poetry Video Laboratory. This lab is part of Dr. Di Brandt's five-year Canada Research Chair project, entitled "School for Ecopoetic Experiments (SEE)." The purpose of the lab is to develop multimedia poetry practices as a way of exploring and disseminating poetry and ecopoetic thinking in a broad interdisciplinary and public cultural context as we head into the critical stage of the current environmental crisis. The lab includes production facilities for graphic and audio-visual production and website design, and facilitates the use of these media in conjunction with performance and other innovative and dialogic forms of poetry and poetic production. Cory McMurachy, a fourth-year BU Fine Arts student, provided research and technical assistance in website design during the past two years. Mr. Derek Gunnlaugson, a local multimedia artist and technician, is the technical manager of the lab and audio-visual tutor. The lab has been used for courses in poetry, taught by Dr. Brandt and multimedia visual arts, taught by Professor Kevin DeForest, as well as several tutorials for BU professors in new media production, and has been utilized by 12 students in Creative Arts to create original multimedia works, many of which have been presented at a national graduate student conference and featured in a national literary magazine.



Chemistry student Clare McConkey inserts her sample into the 400MHz Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometer for analysis.



Kai Choy, (B.Sc. '06) checks the nodes of the High Performance Computing Cluster. Mr. Choy graduated from BU in 2006 and went on to the Master's of Physics degree program at the University of Alberta.

Canada Research Chair and Biology Professor Dr. Wendy Untereiner works in BU's Mycology Research Laboratory with her students and research technicians studying fungal systematics, fungal ecology and fungal physiology. Since it opened in 2002, seven research assistants, four holders of NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Awards (USRAs) and two honours students have worked in the Mycology Research laboratory. Currently, Christopher Lowen, a fourth-year Zoology student and Brittany Williams, (B.Sc. '07) work in this laboratory; they will soon be joined by Kyle Froese, a third-year Zoology student and recipient of a 2008 NSERC USRA. Mary-Jane Orr, (B.Sc. '07), who conducted research in this laboratory under Dr. Untereiner's supervision between 2005 and 2007, is now a M.Sc. student at Purdue University.

In the past few years more than 10 BU students have conducted research with Canada Research Chair and Professor of Physics Dr. Margaret Carrington and other BU researchers in her high performance cluster computer research laboratory. Students have worked with Dr. Carrington and others on research in non-equilibrium field theory, field theory at high temperatures and large densities, quantum computing, black hole dynamics, the surface mapping of stars and other computationally intensive areas of the sciences.



Derek Gunnlaugson, technician, assists students in the development of electronic multimedia art works in the Poetry Video Laboratory.



Geology student Jenna Phillips examines a thin section of sedimentary rock using a state-of-the-art microscope with digital imaging capability in the Laboratory for Applied Research in Resource Geology as part of her B.Sc. Honours Thesis project.

Canada Research Chair and Anthropology Associate Professor Dr. Mary Malainey conducts her research in the Archaeological Residue Analysis Laboratory located below the John E. Robbins Library in the George T. Richardson Centre. With her research assistant Timothy Figol (B.A. '02), she draws on techniques associated with chemists and engineers to recover information from Late Precontact Aboriginal pottery from Western Canada and other artifacts. Dr. Malainey's research involves the identification of the former contents of precontact Aboriginal pottery as part of an overall functional assessment of the vessels. She also analyzes residues from ancient cooking rocks (used in stone boiling), grinding tools and cooking pit soil to identify the foods that were prepared. Dr. Malainey works closely with professional archaeologists and has analyzed residues from many different parts of North America as well as North and South Africa and Central Europe.

With funding from external granting agencies, private corporations, and generous alumni and friends, the University has succeeded in building and maintaining state-of-the-art research laboratories that are providing BU researchers and students with valuable experience studying a variety of issues that affect our communities. We invite you to learn more about all of Brandon University's CFI-funded research laboratories as well as other interesting research happening at BU by visiting our campus, and by viewing a wealth of research stories and photos online at:

www.brandonu.ca/administration/vpacademic/research.

BRANDON UNIVERSITY

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GREETINGS

Dear fellow Alumni,

The old adage "time flies when you're having fun" really is true. It's hard to believe that three years have passed so quickly, but here I am composing my last message as President of the Brandon University Alumni Association (BUAA).

It has been a privilege to work closely with so many committed Board members who truly have the best interests of all BUAA members at heart. We have worked hard to remain relevant to all alumni and to the university body as a whole. It is not an easy task. In today's world there are many competing priorities for all of us. It is a continual challenge for the current Board to build on the good work done by previous boards, to remain true to our objective of building on friendships and to support the current and past student bodies to the best of our ability.

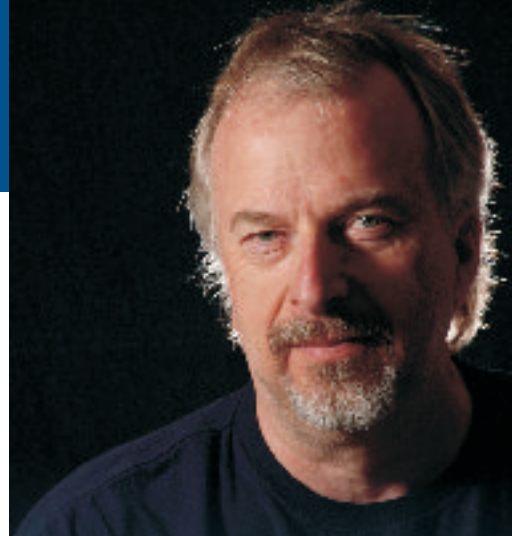
Alumni organizations across the country are constantly re-evaluating their roles and missions, work that will need to continue if alumni associations are going to continue to meet the needs of their graduates. The BUAA is no exception. I believe we have made a good start at strengthening our organization. Annual planning sessions have allowed us to set short and long-term goals. Over the next months and years the BUAA will strive to be more visible to our membership wherever you live and also the community of Brandon and area at large. We have established strong links with the Brandon University Students' Union, which is after all, where future alumni come from. The Board has the benefit of solid support from the Administration and from the Department of Institutional Advancement. In short, we are in good shape to take on the challenges of the future.

I'd like to end by extending a special thanks to Carla Eisler, our Alumni Relations Officer, for all of her assistance and support during my term in office. I know many of you will agree that she truly is the glue that holds our organization together. It's been a great ride!



John Scott, '74

President, Brandon University Alumni Association



Mr. John Scott, BUAA President

BRANDON UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (BUAA)

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REGISTER NOW! DON'T MISS OUT!

Join us for a weekend full of activities as we celebrate many milestones. Homecoming is about renewing friendships, reminiscing and acknowledging the achievements of our alumni and our institution.

This year we will recognize the:

- Graduates from the class years of 1938, 1948, 1958, 1968, 1978, & 1983 from all faculties.
- 20th Anniversary of the first post-diploma graduates in Nursing (B.Sc.N.) and Mental Health (B.Sc.M.H.)
- 10th Anniversary of the first graduates in the Bachelor of Science in Psychiatric Nursing (B.Sc.P.N.) program
- 2nd Anniversary of the first graduates of the Bachelor of Nursing (B.N.) program
- 10th Anniversary since the beginning of the First Nations & Aboriginal Counselling (F.N.A.C.) program

Call your friends and classmates and spread the word! You are what will make the reunion a success! We hope you can attend.

A block of rooms has been reserved for you at Royal Oak Inn & Suites
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Brandon, Manitoba R7B 0N2

To book a room call
Royal Oak Inn & Suites toll free at:
1.800.852.2709 or at 204.728.5775
Group Booking Agreement
ID # 120242

A hospitality room has also been booked for your convenience both Friday, October 17 and Saturday, October 18 until midnight. Enjoy the opportunity to meet and visit with others at your leisure in the hospitality room with glasses, ice and munchies provided. You are welcome to bring your own beverages.



fall HOMECOMING October 17 - 19, 2008



Brandon University

HOMECOMING EVENTS:

We have a selection of events lined up so you may choose those that are of interest to you. We encourage you to take in as many as you can!

Friday, October 17

7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 18

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Opening Ceremony – No Cost

Ceremony Room – Main Level of the Health Studies Complex

Welcome back! Join in the Opening Ceremony with drum songs and a sacred fire, hosted by the First Nations & Aboriginal Counselling Program.

Wine and Cheese Welcome Reception – Cost: \$12.00

Lower Level of the Health Studies Complex

Following the ceremony, enjoy the company of fellow graduates at the Wine and Cheese Welcome Reception. Pick up your name tag and your homecoming schedule and check to see who else is coming home for the weekend.

Class Reunions – Class of 1938, 1948, 1958, 1968, 1978 & 1983 – No Cost

The Gathering Space – John E. Robbins Library

Bring your old photographs and Sickles and grab a cup of coffee as you walk down memory lane. View a slideshow from the past and tour the S.J. McKee Archives. Find your class flag and read the headlines from past issues of The Quill.

Class Reunions – School of Health Studies graduates – No Cost

Health Studies Complex

View displays featuring the history of the School of Health Studies. Join in the class reunions and find out what everyone has been up to since their time at BU. All School of Health Studies alumni, faculty and friends, including former B.G.H. School of Nursing students and former B.M.H.C. School of Psychiatric Nursing students who took classes at BU are welcome to attend.

Luncheon and Dedication in honour of

Dr. Thomas McLeod '40 (posthumously) – Cost: \$10.00

Second Level of the John E. Robbins Library

Come together for a light lunch followed by a special dedication to alumnus Dr. Thomas McLeod, B.A. '40 (posthumously) and his wife Mrs. Beryl McLeod in acknowledgement of their contributions to Brandon College/University.

Campus Tours – No Cost

Room 104 Clark Hall

Your guided tour will begin in the old Chapel Room in Clark Hall. Take a journey into the past as you walk down the halls of campus buildings old and new.

City Bus Tour – Cost: \$5.00

Meet in front of Clark Hall

Take a tour of the City of Brandon including brief stops at the newly renovated Brandon Regional Health Centre and the former Brandon Mental Health Centre Nurses' Residence (now Assiniboine Community College's Manitoba Institute of Culinary Arts).

Reception – Main Dining Hall – Brandon University – Cash Bar

Enjoy a refreshment as you prepare for a relaxing evening amongst friends.



REGISTER NOW!

There are four ways to register or receive further information:

1. Online: alumni.brandonu.ca/homecoming
2. Call: 1.877.282.4483 or 204.727.9697
3. Email: alumni@brandonu.ca
4. Mail: Brandon University Alumni Association, 270 – 18th Street, Brandon, MB R7A 6A9

Post a message on the Homecoming Message Board
on our website at <http://alumni.brandonu.ca/homecoming/>

Call now to help organize your class reunion - it's not too late!
Plan now for next year's reunion - it's not too early!

Saturday, October 18
6:30 p.m.

Banquet and Awards Presentation: Cost: \$30.00
Main Dining Hall – Brandon University
After a full course buffet meal, join in the celebrations as we recognize the accomplishments of the 2008 recipients of the Alumni Wall of Fame Award, Excellence in Teaching Award and the Distinguished Service Award.

Anders the Magician:

Main Dining Hall – Brandon University
Sponsored By:

The Brandon University Alumni Association

Following the awards, Anders the Magician will take the stage. You will be entertained and amazed by the magic and comedy of Anders. A graduate of Brandon University, Anders Boulanger, B.Sc. '99, will fascinate you with his high calibre performance.

Workshops hosted by the First Nations & Aboriginal Counselling Program

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Workshop: No Cost

Ceremony Room – Health Studies Complex
"Exploring Indigenous and Western Professional Ethics."

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Workshop: No Cost

Ceremony Room – Health Studies Complex
"Establishing Indigenous-Centered Protocols or Guidelines for Practice Ethics."

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Workshop and Traditional Feast: No Cost

Ceremony Room – Health Studies Complex
"Establishing a Professional First Nations and Aboriginal Counselling Association – Learning from other Helping Professions."

Sunday, October 19

Sunrise Ceremony: No Cost

Everyone Welcome
Time & location to be announced on Saturday, October 18. Hosted by First Nations & Aboriginal Counselling Program.

10:00 a.m.

Farewell Brunch: Cost: \$15.00

Private Dining Room – Brandon University
Wake up, join in a warm farewell breakfast and tell your stories during our informal open microphone session. Say goodbye to friends until next time!

REGISTRATION

Please fill in the registration form below (please print clearly):

Name: _____

Graduation Year: _____ Degree Type(s): _____

Spouse/Guest(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____

Country: _____ Postal/Zip Code: _____

Phone (Home): _____ (Work): _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

☐ Please check here if we can include your name on our website as an attendee of this year's Homecoming.

I want to register for:

Friday, October 17

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Wine & Cheese Welcome Reception: _____ # at \$12.00 = _____
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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School of Health Studies Graduates

Luncheon & Dedication: _____ # at \$10.00 = _____
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Brandon University Campus Tour: _____ # at no charge = _____
1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

City of Brandon Bus Tour: _____ # at \$5.00 = _____
2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Homecoming Reception, Banquet Awards & Entertainment: 6:00 p.m. _____ # at \$30.00 = _____

First Nations & Aboriginal Counselling Graduates – Workshops:

"Exploring Indigenous and Western Professional Ethics:" _____ # at no charge = _____
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

"Establishing Indigenous-Centered Protocols or Guidelines for Practice Ethics:" _____ # at no charge = _____
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

"Establishing a Professional First Nations and Aboriginal Counselling Association – Learning from other Helping Professions:" _____ # at no charge = _____
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 19

Sunrise Ceremony _____ # at no charge = _____

Farewell Brunch: 10:00 a.m. _____ at \$15.00 = _____

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KEEPING IN TOUCH

Saziye Kurtoglu (née Kahyaoglu), B.A. '70 – Saziye worked with Dow Chemical Turkey for 22 years in various positions such as Logistics, Purchasing, Credit and Collections and retired in 1998 as Customer Service Specialist. She then opened a translation office and worked from home, mainly doing translations for Dow, until 2006.

In 1999, Saziye volunteered her services to the Association for the Support of Contemporary Living in the Rehabilitation Centers for the children of families who lost their homes and were living in tents after the Kocaeli Earthquake disaster. She also worked in the crisis center, where needs of the earthquake area were established and supplies were sent to the stricken areas, mobilizing the donations made from the companies and the community. She has voluntarily contributed to and/or led activities for the association, including the Snow Flowers Project aimed at increasing enrollment of girls in schools in the geographically and economically disadvantaged areas of Turkey and the slums of big cities. She was also involved with the 12 month Democracy and Human Rights Project informing people of the new changes in Turkish legislation regarding human rights and the instruments available in case of breach of rights, which reached over 9,000 people in 314 coffee houses. Saziye also involved herself with the European Voluntary Service and was instrumental in securing funds for Classrooms for Preschoolers and the Natural Sciences Laboratory.

Saziye is married to an engineer in the natural gas pipeline business, who is now retired. Her son is working toward a Master's Degree in Private Law at Galatasaray University and her daughter is a Cinema Research Assistant in the Marmara University Communications Faculty and is working towards her Ph.D. in Cinema. Saziye lives in Istanbul but is thinking of slowing down and spending more time in their home at Bodrum. She may be contacted at sazikurtoglu@gmail.com.

Allison Stefanyshyn, B.A. '72 – Allison has been married for 30 years to Richard Stefanyshyn (L.L.B., U of M '75). They were both basketball players and though they have three children over six feet tall, not one of them played Allison and Richard's favourite sport. Their son Michael (28) is a third degree black belt Tae Kwon Do instructor, daughter Kelly (25) is an olympic swimmer on the Canadian National team and daughter Deanna (23) was a nationally ranked swimmer. After several years at home with her family, Allison has been teaching at St. Mary's Academy in Winnipeg. She and her husband enjoy travelling and still attend basketball games on a regular basis. She may be contacted at rstefany@shaw.ca.

Timothy Stouffer, B.Sc. '82 – Tim Stouffer currently works with National Defence as the Manager of Human Resources for the Air Force in the Prairie Region.

Thaddeus Noga, Associate '85 – After leaving BU in 1983, Thaddeus held various positions in the Information & Technology field from Programmer/Analyst to Technical Support back to Systems Analyst. He has had the opportunity to work on varied platforms from Mainframes to PCs to mid-range. He says, "it is quite an experience working with varied software and operating systems and seeing how technology has improved and at the same time not changed."

Debbie Phythian, B.Ed. '83 – Debbie married Mark Phythian in August 1983 and has lived in Rivers, MB since 1984. Their son Scott, born in 1987, is currently attending Brandon University. Their daughter Britney, born in 1999, attends Rivers Elementary School. Debbie's career has included Nursery School Teacher (Rivers), Grade 1 & 2 teacher (First Nations community of Crane River), Executive Director of Preschool Daycare Centre (Manitoba Métis Federation, Southwest Region) and Distance Education Instructor for Red River College. Debbie is currently a full-time Instructor at Assiniboine Community College in the Early Childhood Education program.

John Gilbert, B.A. '84 – John recently married Vera Fominykh and is pursuing an education degree in teacher education from the University of Nottingham.

PK Raja Kanniah, B.A. '85 – After working and living in Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia, PK Raja has been in sunny California for the last 17 years. He says, "My time at BU was the best of my life and I will never forget it."

Rhonda Kramarchuk, B.A. '85 – Rhonda currently resides in Regina, SK with her husband of 23 years, Bruce Kramarchuk and her sons Dylan and Spenser aged 17 and 15. Rhonda works in the General Medicine Division of Boehringer Ingelheim as a Medical Sales representative in the therapeutic areas of Cardiology and Neuroscience. Rhonda's husband Bruce is a Forensic Scientist working at the Regina Crime Lab managing the Firearms section.

Carla Darling-Knott, Associate '86 – Carla has been living in Whakatane, New Zealand and works part-time as a speech-language pathologist in her private practice, TalkAbout Communication Ltd. She is married to Richard Knott and they have a four year old daughter named Lucy. Leisure time is filled with triathlons, socializing with other families and a lot of time at the local beach.



Carla Darling-Knott & Family

Laurie Clark, B.Sc. '86, B.Sc.N. '88 – Following graduation, Laurie worked as a Nurse Educator in the R.N. Diploma Program at Brandon General Hospital. In 1995, the Diploma Program closed and Laurie took a lecturer position in the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Manitoba, Brandon Site. Laurie graduated with her Masters Degree in Nursing from the University of Manitoba in 1997 with a focus on Gerontological Nursing. During the same time (1988 – 1998), Laurie had founded and operated the private health care company NewLife Health Care. In the fall of 1998, Laurie had a severe stroke. By 2003 she had gradually worked her way back to her teaching position with the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Manitoba. When the U of M Nursing Program closed its Brandon Site in 2004, Laurie joined the new Brandon University Bachelor of Nursing Program as a lecturer and Chair of the Nursing Department. In 2006, Laurie left Brandon University and began a new position as a Staff Educator at Fairview Personal Care Home in Brandon, where she remains today.

Karla Ruggieri, B.G.S. '90 – Karla is happily married to Rodrigo and loves to spend much of her time with their two children, Roma (12) and Landon (five). She has taught with the Regina Public School Division for the past fifteen years as an Arts Education Teacher. She continues to focus on Music, but also includes Visual Art, Dance and Drama in her program.

Karen F. Barteaux, B.Sc.N. '91 – After becoming an R.N. in 1960, Karen continued her education at Brandon University earning her B.Sc.N. in 1991 and in 2002, becoming a Lactation Consultant. In January 2008, Karen celebrated her retirement from the Community Postpartum Program in Public Health in Brandon.

Matthew Barteaux, B.Sc. (Spec.) '92 – After graduating from Brandon University, Matthew continued his education earning a LL.B. at the University of Manitoba and a LL.M. at the University of Minnesota. Matthew and his fiancée Poroshad Mahdi will be married May 31, 2008. They are both practicing law in Toronto, ON.



Matthew Barteaux & Poroshad Mahdi

Wilson Goh, B.A. '94 – After graduation, Wilson became a Graduate Assistant at KPMG Singapore handling US expatriate personal income taxes. One and a half years later, he joined the Ministry of Education in Singapore as an administration manager at a secondary school for 11 years. In 2007 he decided to leave government service and went into insurance sales. Near the end of last year, he returned to the role of an administration manager at an Indian international school.

Wayne Inkster, B.Ed. '94 – Wayne spent 11 years teaching in various communities throughout the Parkland area of Manitoba, having taught all grades from kindergarten to grade eight in both single-grade and multi-grade classrooms. He furthered his education and was a Reading Recovery teacher at Ethelbert School for three years before moving on to Frontier School Division in 2003. Wayne is currently living in Winnipeg with his partner of two years, Darrell, and is working as a Community Outreach Worker with Winnipeg Regional Health Authority. His teaching has left the classroom and has entered the community – providing marginalised populations with sexual health information, advocacy, referrals and harm reduction supplies.



Wayne Inkster

Jennifer Klippenstein (née Funk), B.Ed. '96 – Jennifer and her husband Charles have been married for 11 years and have two kids, Austin (seven) and Julie (five). She works at the Winkler Community Learning Centre where she facilitates learning for adults working towards their high school diploma. She is also the Secretary for the Kiddie Sunshine Centre and continues to run the community basketball skills program for the town of Altona, which is entering its tenth year this fall.

Glen Nowell, B.Mus. '96 – Glen is a Speech-Language Pathologist with a focus on voice disorders. He and his wife Carly (née Ammeter, B.Mus. '98) and their two children now live in Hamilton, ON. Glen works in private practice as an associate of the Voice Laboratory and Treatment Centre of Ontario Associates and also works at Hamilton Health Sciences. Glen is on faculty at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto.

Sherri-Lynn Pearce (née Hryhorko), B.Ed. '96 – Sherri-Lynn is currently working on a Masters in Counselling Psychology. She is preparing for her final year in which she will be writing a thesis on cyber bullying. Since she graduated from Brandon University in 1996, Sherri-Lynn has been teaching for the Calgary Catholic School District and loving it.

Audrey Foure, B.Ed. '97 – After graduation, Audrey spent eight years teaching in a First Nation community. She is currently enrolled in a new program that is mentoring her to become an Aboriginal Midwife. You may email Audrey at audrey4e@hotmail.com for information on what an aboriginal midwife can do for you.

Send us your updates!

Tanya Denys, B.Sc.P.N. '98 – Since graduating from BU, Tanya has worked on a permanent basis with Westman Crisis Services and casually with many other services. She has recently taken on an additional role in Killarney at the Tri-Lake Health Center as the Mental Health Resource Nurse.



Dean Kidd

Dean Kidd, B.A. '98 – After graduating from BU, Dean moved home to Keeseekoowenin First Nation and worked for the Bands Trust as Project Development Coordinator and was later elected to Office as Band Councillor. He later moved to Calgary to work for the Canadian Red Cross in the Social Work area. He returned home to help establish a museum/ interpretive centre in Riding Mountain National Park where he currently works and resides.

Erika Lange, B.Sc. '99 – After graduation, Erika moved to Calgary and worked in the petroleum industry for a year. She then moved to Northeastern BC to do well-site geology and gain field experience. She later met her husband and moved to Fort St. John. Erika has been a Well-Site Geologist since 2000.

Crystal Debaar-Berger, B.Sc.P.N. '02 – Crystal moved to Edmonton, AB and spent her first years working as a psychiatric nurse at the Eating Disorder Clinic at the University of Alberta Hospital. In November 2006, she graduated from the University of Alberta after-degree program with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and is now working at the Grey Nuns Hospital in Labor and Delivery.

Laura McGorman (née Van Mulligen), B.Sc.P.N. '02 – Laura has been employed with the Brandon Regional Health Authority since attending BU. She worked for five years at the Centre for Geriatric Psychiatry and for the past two years with Mental Health Services for the Elderly.



Jeff Osadec and his wife Pamela

Jeff Osadec, B.G.S./B.Ed. '02 – After graduating in 2002 with both a Bachelors of General Studies and an After-Degree in Education, Jeff entered University of Manitoba where he completed a Degree in Exercise and Sport Science and met his wife Pamela. They reside in Calgary where Jeff works as a strength coach and exercise physiologist to developmental athletes while completing his Masters Degree in Kinesiology.

Becky Sourisseau, B.Sc.P.N. '02 – Becky is currently working full-time as an intake worker with the Adult Community Mental Health Program in Brandon.

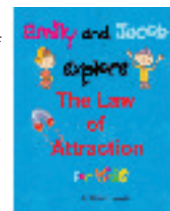
Jenna Lee Heaman, B.Sc.P.N. '05 – After graduation, Jenna worked full-time in Saskatchewan at the Weyburn Mental Health Center, In-Patient Unit. She took a one year leave in 2007 – 2008 to work in the adult rehabilitation program in Estevan, SK as a Community Mental Health Nurse for the Estevan rural region.

Alumni Highlights:

Dr. Gordon Williams, B.Sc. '55 was sworn into office as the 89th president of the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta (APEGGA) at the association's 2008 Annual General Meeting held in Edmonton on April 19. Williams, a graduate of Brandon College, obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Alberta, the first such degree granted in geology by the university. Early in his career, Williams worked as an Exploration and Development Geologist in the oil and gas sector. In 1961, he joined the University of Alberta where he taught both undergraduate and graduate courses covering a variety of disciplines in geology and served as chair of the Department of Geology. Upon leaving the University of Alberta in 1985, he worked with Suncor Incorporated as district geologist and practiced as a geological consultant before joining Calgary's Mount Royal College in 1990 as the dean of science and technology. He returned to consulting in 1995 and currently works in the area of computer applications in geology, including database design, statistics and geological mapping.

Ray Bailey, B.Sc. '45/B.Ed. '57 recently donated a collection of photographs from the time his father served with the 181 Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force in WWI to Dick McDonald, (B.A. '60), Honorary Colonel for the 26th Field Regiment RCA, for the Manitoba Dragoon Museum at the Brandon Armory.

Shawn Halwas, Associate '87 recently completed his second book entitled, *Emily & Jacob Explore the Law of Attraction*, an easy-to-understand conversation that will really make you think! How can you explain The Law of Attraction to kids? Emily and Jacob are just two regular kids who know how – they just talk about it using every day language! Their practical examples for applying The Law of Attraction teach children how to create their own success. For further information, visit: www.emilyandjacob.com



On April 14, 2008 in Vancouver, BC five BU graduates enjoyed a dinner party hosted by **Jean McIntosh, (née Hannah, B.A. '56)** and her husband Dr. Dave McIntosh. Attending were **Marjorie Pringle (B.A. '55)**, **Verda McDonald (née Peden, B.A. '55/P.E.Ed. '56)** and **Dick McDonald (B.A. '60)**, **Laurie Craddock (B.A. '56)** and his wife Karen.



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IN MEMORIAM

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December 25, 2007

Kenneth Knight, B.A. '48
March 31, 2008

John (Jack) R. Muir, B.Sc. '51
March 24, 2008

David Shaw, B.Sc. '54
February 12, 2008

Dr. Thomas H. McLeod, B.A. '40, Hon. Degree '87
January 1, 2008

Dr. Wilfred W. McCutcheon, Hon. Degree '89
March 31, 2008

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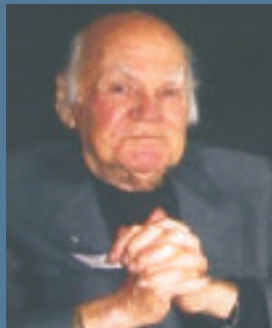
Associate Professor, Faculty of Education 1968 - 1986
February 11, 2008

IN MEMORIAM

Teacher, Civil Servant, Author

Dr. Thomas H. McLeod, 1918 – 2008

B.A. '40 (Brandon University), A.M. (Indiana University), M.P.A. (Harvard University), Ph.D. (Harvard University), LL.D. (Brandon University) LL.D. (University of Saskatchewan)



Tommy McLeod was born in Weyburn, Saskatchewan on August 11, 1918, an only child. He took his schooling in Weyburn, graduating from Weyburn Collegiate with honours. It was in Weyburn that Tommy met Thomas C. Douglas, the young Baptist minister who would play such an important role in his life. During the Depression, Douglas organized a boys' group which devoted its time to sports and boxing and to debating and drama. Douglas was a graduate of Brandon College and persuaded several of his 'boys' to attend that venerable institution. There Tommy received a B.A. with distinction.

After a Masters degree from Indiana University, Tommy was urged by President Evans to come back to Brandon to teach Economics, where he stayed for three years and met his beloved wife Beryl. In 1944, when T. C. Douglas led the CCF party to a landslide election victory in Saskatchewan, Premier Douglas asked Tommy to come and work for the new government. Tommy said that he would have to consult with the College; Douglas breezily replied that he had already sent his resignation to the President. Thus began an exciting period of

his life, beginning as advisor to the premier and general troubleshooter, taking on assignments as Secretary of Health Services Planning, Secretary of the Economic Planning Board, Chair of the new Budget Bureau and ending as Deputy Provincial Treasurer. In between jobs, he earned two degrees from Harvard University, a Masters in Public Administration and a Ph.D. in Economics.

When University of Saskatchewan President W. P. Thompson called in 1952, offering the position of Dean of the College of Commerce, Tommy decided to begin a new challenge. He enjoyed the Saskatoon experience immensely. During this period he also served on several boards and commissions, chairing the Saskatchewan Commission on Taxation. In 1964 Tommy returned to Regina as Dean of Arts and Vice-Principal at the new university.

In 1971, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) offered a broader mandate, where Tommy joined the senior ranks of CIDA travellers, attempting to sort out administrative problems in several countries, including Turkey, Iran, Nigeria and Botswana. So the family moved to Ottawa, where they stayed for 26 years. Tommy moved from CIDA to the Federal Management Institute, acted as administrator of the Anti-Inflation Board and held other management positions.

Among other honours, he was especially pleased to be awarded the Vanier Medal from the Institute of Public Administration in 1971 and the Order of Canada in 2003. He co-wrote a popular biography of T. C. Douglas with his son Ian – *Tommy Douglas, Road to Jerusalem* was published in 1987.

In 1997 Tommy moved to Victoria, BC, loving the gardens and lifestyle. He died there peacefully on January 1, 2008.

This information was provided by the Manitoba Historical Society.

Fond Memories of a Distinguished Educator

Dr. Wilfred Whyte McCutcheon, 1919 – 2008

B.Sc. (McGill University), B.A. (Sir George Williams University), B.Ed. (Acadia University), M.A.S (University of Toronto), Ed.D. (Cornell University), LL.D (Concordia University), Associate – Institute of Education (London), D.Ed. (Hon) (Brandon University)

From 1954 to 1967, Dr. McCutcheon was Dean and Professor of Education at Brandon College. It was at this time (in 1955 – 1956) that the first Brandon Teacher Training Course program was initiated. Dr. McCutcheon and Dr. J. R. C. Evans, President of Brandon College were a powerful team. They recognized that for the first time in Manitoba, elementary teachers should be prepared within a degree-granting environment. They were breaking new ground and making it possible for many rural western Manitoba young people to start a career in education.

Dr. McCutcheon was highly respected by the students. He had drawn to the Faculty a team of highly qualified and experienced professionals. They shared their practical knowledge of the educational process and imbued students with a vision of one's responsibility to develop the greatest potential in one's students, as well as in one's self.

From 1967 to 1974, Dr. McCutcheon was employed by the Ottawa Teachers College, (later integrated with the Faculty of Education at the University of Ottawa). He was a faculty member until his retirement.

Dr. McCutcheon worked closely with Ms Joan Garnett, Co-ordinator of the Office of BU Alumni Relations, to establish many awards through his perseverance and from his own purse. With the collaboration of Mr. T. C. Douglas, Mrs. J. G. Diefenbaker and Mr. D. L. Campbell, he helped initiate a Loan and Bursary Fund at Brandon College as a memorial tribute to Dr. J.R.C. Evans, a past-president of our institution.

In recognition of the contribution of Dr. McCutcheon to the establishment of the first Teacher Training College course for elementary teachers at Brandon College, the alumni of that first class took the initiative to establish a scholarship in his honour. It is named: The Dr. Wilfred W. McCutcheon Scholarship in Education. Two awards of up to \$1,500 have been provided each year since 1999. The awards have recently been increased to \$2,000 each. To date 17 awards have been given, one of which each year has been designated for an aboriginal student. The response from the alumni has been substantial. The



Dr. McCutcheon and the TTC class of 1956 at their reunion in 1997 at which time they initiated the McCutcheon Scholarship in Education.

Endowed Scholarship Fund now stands in excess of \$87,000. This is a lasting legacy from the alumni to the University in his memory. Dr. McCutcheon has referred to it as the 'icing on the cake' of all of his awards.

Over the years, Dr. McCutcheon has given further evidence of his generosity by donating over a dozen original Group of Seven art works from his personal collection to the Art Gallery of Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, his alma mater and to Brandon University. This collection represented different periods and styles from 1880-1971.

Dr. McCutcheon was a man of integrity and personal warmth, enduring loyalty and selfless service. These qualities greatly enhanced his academic and professional qualifications, earned him the respect and esteem of his students and colleagues alike and endeared him to many. His was a careful and well-informed mind, unlikely to be misled by superficial appearances. He was a most earnest, thorough and scholarly person.

A quote from Goethe that he often shared reminds us of his principles and purpose: *"Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do."*

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald R. Brown, T.T.C. '56/B.A. '63
Winnipeg, MB

BRANDON UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION ADVANCING BU

Greetings alumni. As president of the Brandon University Foundation, I am pleased to inform you that with your support, the past year has brought much success to the University. Thank you everyone!

The School of Music's *Standing Ovation* Campaign is going very well, with a campaign tally of \$504,008 to date. On the following pages are details of the wonderful things happening at the School of Music thanks to the Campaign, including new scholarships and bursaries, new instruments, improvements to the Jazz Studies Program and the success of the Lorne Watson Recital Hall Seat Sale, to name just a few. This success is due largely to the tremendous participation of our alumni, who have contributed over 30 thousand to the Campaign.

Our regular programs: the Annual Fund, Presidents' Circle and Legacy Giving continue to be very successful. The Annual Fund has had another great year, with your generous donations totalling over \$70,000. I greatly enjoyed our Presidents' Circle season. At our Christmas event, which showcased the School of Music, I was able to connect with many alumni and share news about the Foundation and University. This past year was also one of our biggest ever for Legacy Giving at BU. Many thoughtful donors informed us of their plans to assist Brandon University in the future.

The Foundation has spent much of the past year hard at work on the business of planning and self-evaluation. To this end, we have updated the Foundation Handbook which describes the organizational structure, roles and responsibilities of the Foundation and its committees. We hope to utilize the handbook over the coming years as we recruit new members to join the Foundation. If you would like more information about, or would like to assist the Brandon University Foundation, please contact the Department of Institutional Advancement at Brandon University. We look forward to speaking with you.



Dr. Jeff Bales
President, Brandon University Foundation

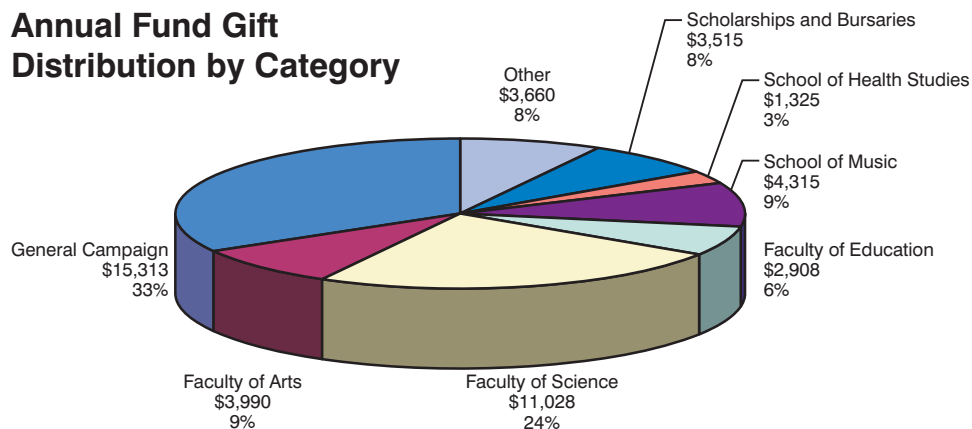
ANNUAL FUND 2007-08 raises \$71,299.51

Thanks to alumni across Canada and beyond, the Annual Fund is a catalyst for enhancing and improving Brandon University for today's students. This year's campaign involved two separate appeals. The first, in April 2007, was directed to our School of Music alumni in celebration of the School's 100th Anniversary and the *Standing Ovation* Campaign and raised \$25,245. Our second appeal, launched in October and directed to all of our alumni, raised an additional \$46,054.51 with a focus on the following areas:

- School of Music – *Standing Ovation* Campaign
- School of Health Studies – Dean's Fund*
- Faculty of Arts – Dean's Fund*
- Faculty of Science – Dean's Fund*
- Faculty of Education – Dean's Fund*
- Area of Greatest Need
- Presidents' Circle (\$1,000+) Campus Beautification

*Funds raised through the Dean's Funds are used for the most pressing needs of each faculty.

Annual Fund Gift Distribution by Category



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 the quality of its facilities and activities. Since then, the Foundation has helped to raise and continues to steward over \$30 million.

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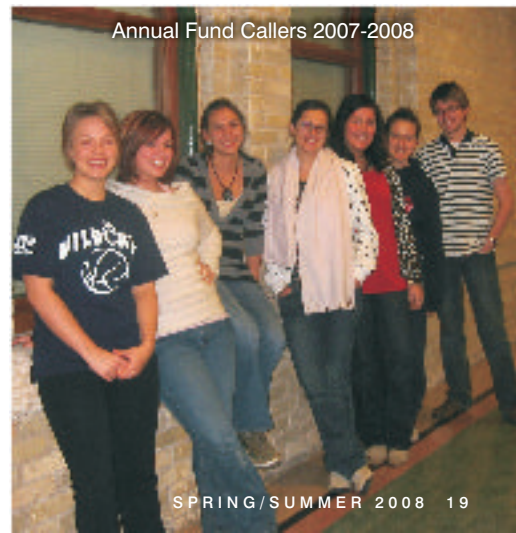
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Sharon Moore
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Lily O'Driscoll
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Fenny Khono

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Dawna J. Deroy
Caroline A. Harvey
Glenna J. Lee
Douglas A. VanDamme

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Margaret Spence

2003
Wendy J. Ardron
Shauna Kotschorek

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Dianne K. Bauman
Chad H. Cobbe
Larry D. Eagle
Collene D. Sand

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STANDING OVATION C A M P A I G N



The *Standing Ovation* Campaign was launched in November 2006 to celebrate the centennial anniversary of music programming at Brandon University. I am pleased to announce that the Campaign has raised nearly half a million dollars to date. Much of that success is thanks to our alumni, who have contributed almost \$50,000 and our faculty who have contributed more than \$15,000.

Thanks to this generosity, major enhancements to the School have

already begun. Our Student Lounge has been completely renovated, so that broken furniture and stained carpets are a distant memory. New instruments including a set of orchestral chimes, bari sax, bass trombone, 5-octave marimba and a much-needed set of tympani have been purchased. Student ensembles have received increased funding to tour Manitoba and many scholarships and bursaries have been created or increased.

Despite these numerous improvements, we still have important work to do. Students and faculty would benefit tremendously from increased library acquisitions in Jazz Studies. We hope to secure enough funding to send more of our ensembles out across Canada and beyond annually. An endowment to fund the repair and replacement of musical instruments would be invaluable. There is always a pressing need for more bursaries and scholarships for our outstanding students.

To those of you who have made a gift to the Campaign, I extend my sincerest thanks. You have helped to preserve and enhance our superb School of Music. If you haven't yet contributed, I encourage you to do so. I would be happy to discuss the multitude of projects, funding options and payment plans available to you.

With my best wishes,

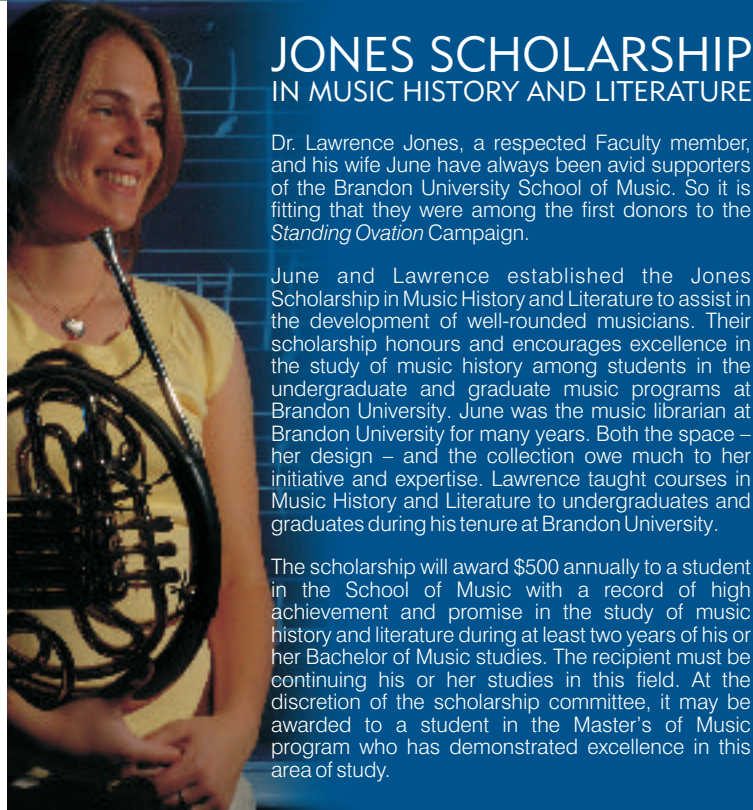


Dr. Glen Carruthers
Dean, School of Music
Chair, Standing Ovation Campaign

STANDING OVATION CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES

The *Standing Ovation* Campaign addresses the changing needs of the School of Music through support for musical instrument acquisitions, outreach programs, technology and equipment purchases, teaching support and new scholarships and bursaries. To this end, the *Standing Ovation* Campaign will focus on the following key needs:

- Musical Instrument Repair and Maintenance Endowment
- Acquisitions of new brass, jazz studies, woodwind and percussion instruments
- Ensemble touring across western Manitoba, Canada and internationally
- Jazz Studies concert/workshop series
- Technology updates to classrooms and the media room
- Library acquisitions in Jazz Studies
- Increased value and number of scholarships and bursaries

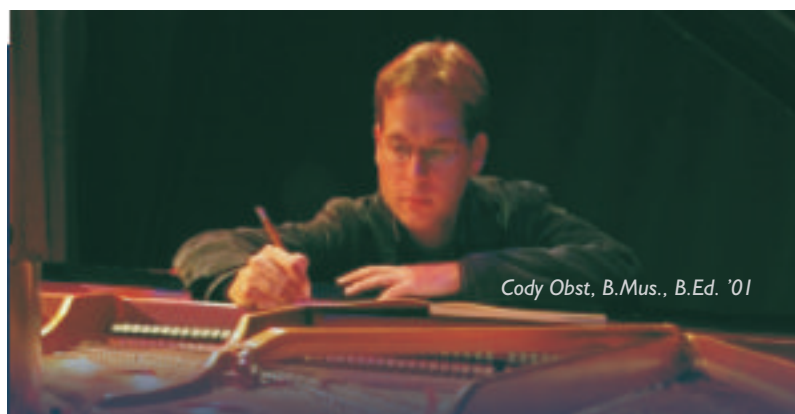


JONES SCHOLARSHIP IN MUSIC HISTORY AND LITERATURE

Dr. Lawrence Jones, a respected Faculty member, and his wife June have always been avid supporters of the Brandon University School of Music. So it is fitting that they were among the first donors to the *Standing Ovation* Campaign.

June and Lawrence established the Jones Scholarship in Music History and Literature to assist in the development of well-rounded musicians. Their scholarship honours and encourages excellence in the study of music history among students in the undergraduate and graduate music programs at Brandon University. June was the music librarian at Brandon University for many years. Both the space – her design – and the collection owe much to her initiative and expertise. Lawrence taught courses in Music History and Literature to undergraduates and graduates during his tenure at Brandon University.

The scholarship will award \$500 annually to a student in the School of Music with a record of high achievement and promise in the study of music history and literature during at least two years of his or her Bachelor of Music studies. The recipient must be continuing his or her studies in this field. At the discretion of the scholarship committee, it may be awarded to a student in the Master's of Music program who has demonstrated excellence in this area of study.



Cody Obst, B.Mus., B.Ed. '01

LORNE WATSON RECITAL HALL SEAT SALE

The Lorne Watson Recital Hall Seat Sale was launched in conjunction with the *Standing Ovation* Campaign in Spring 2007 to raise funds for the School of Music. Since then, 91 of the 206 available seats have been sold, raising \$91,000 for an endowment that will support the greatest needs of the School of Music in perpetuity. In addition to businesses, staff, faculty and other donors, we thank the 28 alumni who have already supported the Seat Sale.

One of those is alumnus Cody Obst who received his Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Education in 2001.

He says, "When I found out about the Seat Sale I was drawn to the idea because I wanted to give back to Brandon University and also to my mentor, Dr. Joan Miller. This was the perfect way to help future music students and to honour my teacher and friend. My study at BU really helped to shape who I am as a musician and I still use so much of what I was taught there in my day-to-day work."

Cody Obst completed his Master of Music at the University of Calgary in 2004 and is now a conductor, pianist, and vocal coach living in Calgary, AB.

**To Dr. Joan Miller For Your Inspiration
CEO, BMus BEd '01**

Seats are still available and for a tax-deductible donation of \$1,000, payable in installments, businesses, donors, or their loved ones will be recognized, honoured, or remembered with a bronze nameplate on one of the seats in this world-class venue. For more information, contact Shawna English, Development Officer at 204.727.9715, or visit our website: www.brandonu.ca/standingOvation/seat_sale.asp.

Brandon University Foundation Presidents' Circle

The Brandon University Foundation Presidents' Circle brings together the University's most dedicated supporters to participate in campus accomplishments. Membership in the Presidents' Circle begins with a minimum contribution of \$1,000 (or installments of as little as \$19.25 per week). A single donation greatly assists students and faculty; purchasing a much needed instrument for the School of Music, a research and technology item for the Faculty of Science or significantly enhancing a scholarship or bursary.

Now in its fifth year, the Presidents' Circle recognizes the generosity of its donors with invitations to a variety of unique events highlighting the diversity of our campus and programs. These exclusive invitations give Presidents' Circle members a first hand opportunity to participate in the accomplishments of Brandon University students and faculty. These unique opportunities have included a Vernissage art and music exhibition and auction, an exclusive tour of labs and displays of research equipment in science, as well as field trips to an archeology dig site and Hutterian Colony.

A Broadway Christmas at University House

This December, Presidents' Circle members were treated to **A Broadway Christmas at University House**. The afternoon open-house featured excellence in musical education at BU and guests were treated to a choral performance by faculty member David Playfair and his vocal students and a jazz trio led by faculty member Greg Gatien.

A delectable array of New York-style cuisine, including lox and cream cheese, dim sum, soft pretzels and of course, New York cheesecake was enjoyed all afternoon. Later, as the event came to an end, guests were presented with a bottle of Presidents' Circle Reserve wine courtesy of The Happy Corker and a limited edition Brandon University holiday ornament, adorned with a line drawing by Dr. Visentin. We thank all our members who attended this event for making it so memorable.



Mrs. Carol Turabian, Dr. Michael Turabian, Mrs. Lana Myers, '86, Dr. Bill Myers, '86, Mrs. Mary Visentin

Courtyard Sculpture Garden

In celebration of the fifth anniversary of the Presidents' Circle, members were given the first opportunity to support a special initiative on campus: the creation of a sculpture garden in the courtyard behind historic Clark Hall. Heather Stewart became the first Presidents' Circle member to make a contribution to this project. A class of '58 alumna, Heather felt strongly about supporting campus beautification: "I was delighted to see that Communities in Bloom was active in Brandon and wanted to support the BU initiative. It also inspired me to promote the initiative in my town, Mission, BC where it is now an active program. Anything I can do to support the project at Brandon University is important to me and I was also prompted to make a gift now because it is the 50th anniversary year of my class. I would strongly encourage my fellow '58ers to make similar contributions!"

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

WHY INFORM BRANDON UNIVERSITY OF YOUR LEGACY GIFT?

As an alumna/alumnus of Brandon University, you will have had the opportunity to establish many strong and valued connections with your fellow graduates. Our graduates are a great source of pride for BU. You are our best ambassadors and our most valued advocates.

During the years after graduation, we hope that your connection with Brandon University will grow and enable you to develop new and interesting connections with your alma mater. At various times in our lives, we might think of how we can help support future generations of students. There are a variety of ways in which you can do this. Whether through the designation of a life insurance policy/premiums, transfer of shares, or listing the University in your will, we would look forward to hearing from you.

The importance of informing Brandon University of your legacy gift today is useful for a variety of reasons. In talking with one of the University's Development Officers in advance, we can provide you with details on a program, or area of choice and help you establish your wishes so that at such time as they are realized, you will have the comfort of knowing that the intent of your gift will be carried out exactly as you had planned. Discussing your future plans with the University today, can give you the peace of mind of knowing that your gift will provide the maximum benefit to Brandon University students in the future.

Discussing your legacy gift with a representative of the Institutional Advancement Office will help us to recommend the type of gift that would give your donation the most impact. For example, you might find it convenient to set up a legacy gift by making small contributions in the early stages of your career. By making regular contributions to this plan, you will enjoy personal tax savings with very little effort and provide the University with significant benefits in the future.

When you inform the University of your plans for the future, the University will also have the opportunity to proudly recognize you, or a loved one, as a member of our A. E. McKenzie Legacy Society.

For further details on Brandon University's Legacy Giving program, please call the Institutional Advancement Office at 204.727.7374, or you can visit our page on the web at alumni.brandonu.ca/giving/planned.asp. The legacy you leave today, will make a significant difference for our students and campus for many years to come.





Dr. Glen Carruthers (B.Mus. '77)

BU School of Music Dean Dr. Glen Carruthers was born in Winnipeg and discovered the world of classical music at the age of 10, when he heard a recording of Tchaikovsky's "First Piano Concerto" at a friend's house.

"Although I wouldn't have put it in these terms then," he says "even at a young age I believed that music's interest and importance was more historical and cultural than theoretical and analytical. I started reading everything I could find about music history at our local library. By the time I was 14, I had my sight sets on a career in music."

After hearing Lorne Watson play a concert of Canadian music in Winnipeg in November 1971, Dr. Carruthers says his course became clear.

"After talking with Lorne following his recital – which was brilliant – and chatting with my teachers at school about Brandon," he says, "it became clear that BU was the place to be if I wanted to learn more about music. Even in the early 1970s, BU's reputation for music was second to none. I hitchhiked out to Brandon to play an audition, was accepted, and completed my Bachelor's degree at BU from 1972 to 1977.

Once he became Dean of the School of Music in 1998, Dr. Carruthers' interest in musicology (specifically in

pianist-composers of the 19th and early 20th centuries) was supplemented by a burgeoning interest in music education.

"In the past 10 years I've been researching and publishing in both areas," he says. "Most recently, in the field of musicology, an article on Rachmaninoff appeared in *The Musical Times* and in music education, an article on post-secondary music schools appeared in the *International Journal of Music Education*. I've been privileged to deliver conference papers and guest lectures across Canada and the United States, as well as in France, England, Ireland, Sweden, Australia, Malaysia, Vietnam, Serbia and Spain."

Dr. Carruthers' current research involves interpretation and performance practices among 20th-century pianists (he is giving a paper on this topic in Italy in July 2008) and notions of musical democracy in the life and works of the Australian composer/pianist Percy Grainger (on which he will deliver a paper in Melbourne in December 2008). Carruthers' other current projects include invited chapters for two books on music education, both to be published in Australia in 2009 and a study of the career of Canadian pianist Ronald Turini.

ALUMNI PROFILES



Dr. Arnold Novak (B.Ed. '70)

Arnold Novak was born in Neepawa, Manitoba and graduated from the Neepawa Area Collegiate Institute in 1966. Having decided to pursue a teaching degree and having been awarded a scholarship to attend Brandon University, he says his immediate career path seemed destined.

"After graduating in 1970 and testing the waters in secondary classrooms, an opportunity became available in September 1971 in BU's Faculty of Education as an assistant in the audio visual department," says Dr. Novak. "The rest, as they say, became my history."

"The area of audio visual methods to improve classroom instruction has always been important to me as a teacher and to my role as a teacher educator," he continues. "This directed me on a path to receiving a Masters of Science in Educational Technology from the University of Wisconsin-Stout in 1976 and later a Doctorate of Philosophy from Indiana University in Instructional Systems Technology in 1994. In both cases and at that particular time, the programs in the US were more appropriate than those offered in Canada."

As Brandon University became a leader in international development initiatives during the 1970s, Dr. Novak

became involved in the Faculty of Education's teacher education initiatives in sub Saharan Africa, specifically, in Swaziland and Malawi.

"The area of educational technology has always been an integral part of teacher education," says Novak. "And my personal research agenda has always been in the areas of instructional technologies, and more specifically, how the teaching and learning process can be strengthened and improved through thoughtful and effective integration of technology. To this end, I was involved in several small studies during my time in Africa."

"My research interests were somewhat 'put on hold' upon returning to BU in January 2004," he continues. "This was due to a shift to administrative responsibilities when in April 2004 I was appointed as Chair of the BU Graduate Studies Department. Currently, the Graduate Studies Program in the Faculty of Education serves more than 180 educators in rural and northern communities."

"My research efforts have therefore shifted from a personal agenda to that of involving and supporting teacher professionals in developing their own research skills and interests in action research, in their classrooms as a means to promote the process of school improvement."

Dr. Fran Racher (B.Sc. Nursing / B.A. Psychology '89)

Born in Souris, Manitoba, Dr. Fran Racher received her nursing diploma from Brandon General Hospital in 1972 and was working with the Souris District Hospital and Homecare when she realized that she wanted more education.

"I wanted to be a Homecare Case Coordinator," she says, "but you needed a nursing degree. Since one wasn't available from BU, I started taking other courses and looking into how I could help change that."

The result was an opportunity to speak to the O'Sullivan Commission on Nursing Education in Manitoba to determine if a nursing degree program should be offered in Western Manitoba. BU introduced a post-diploma nursing degree in 1986. Three years later, Dr. Racher completed two concurrent degrees, a B.Sc. in Nursing (receiving the Manitoba Association of Registered Nurses' Gold Medal) and a B.A. in Psychology.

Dr. Racher returned to work in Souris and later came back to join BU's WESTARC office (later the Rural Development Institute). There, she helped pilot a grass roots project that led to the Westman Integrated Strategy for Health to improve health care services in the region with a focus on collaborative health care delivery.

Interested in access to health services by rural residents, Dr. Racher began examining the health care resources

available to rural senior couples for self sufficiency and ways to establish community supports for keeping them together, in their homes, so they could 'age in place'. This led to completion of a M. Sc. in Community Health Sciences in 1996. In January 1997, she began teaching in the BU Faculty of Science's Department of Nursing.

Dr. Racher continued to work with WESTARC and began pursuing a Ph.D. in nursing and rural health, continuing her research into support and access to care for elderly rural couples. She took a leadership role in launching the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada funded project, "Determinants of Health of Rural People and Communities," to build a rural community health assessment workbook and a health action model for community development.

Since she began teaching at BU, Dr. Racher has contributed to the development of BU's School of Health Studies, continued her research with rural communities and focussed on "Community Collaboration to Improve Access to Health Services by Northern Residents," a project funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. In addition, she is working to develop partnerships and a research proposal for examining the factors that contribute to a healthy rural campus and the ensured quality of life of its students.



ALUMNI PROFILES

Dr. Simon A. J. Pattison (B.Sc. '85)

Dr. Simon A. J. Pattison was born in England and moved to Brandon with his family when he was in grade two, where he attended Meadows School and Vincent Massey High before attending Brandon University.

"I liked the idea of attending BU because it was close to home and my friends, had small class sizes and had an excellent reputation for undergraduate education," says Pattison.

Originally intending to major in Physics and minor in Math, Pattison took an Introduction to Earth Sciences class with Dr. Harvey Young and Dr. John Welsted (both now Professors Emeritus at BU).

"I became fascinated by the natural world and environmental change through time," he says, "and was inspired to continue in Geology."

After completing his undergraduate degree, Dr. Pattison went on to McMaster University, where he finished his M.Sc. in 1987 and his Ph.D. in 1991. He was then hired as an Exploration Geologist by Imperial Oil Resources Limited in Calgary, where he worked until 1992. Pattison was then recruited into a Shell International-sponsored Senior Research Fellowship based at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland.

This successful fellowship paved the way for Dr. Pattison's entry into the prestigious expatriate staffing

pool at Shell International as a global expert in clastic sedimentology, sequence stratigraphy and reservoir modeling, where he worked for four years as a Senior Reservoir and Production Geologist and local staff trainer.

In late-1998, Dr. Pattison joined the BU Department of Geology. He has developed and taught 10 undergraduate courses at BU, receiving consistently positive feedback from his students; Dr. Pattison is the only professor at BU to have received both the BU Alumni Association Excellence in Teaching Award (2001) and the BU Senate Award for Excellence in Teaching (2004).

Dr. Pattison continues to be an active researcher, specializing in reconstructing ancient environments, especially those from the Cretaceous period of Western North America and studying sedimentary rocks in order to unravel the physical and biological characteristics of ancient depositional environments. His research has been supported by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, the Canada Foundation for Innovation, Shell International and a variety of international petroleum companies. In addition to this, Dr. Pattison has several book chapter and journal publications and international conference presentations to his name.



The Department of Biology is the youngest department at Brandon University, coming into existence in November 2007 through the merger of the former Botany and Zoology Departments. The department offers three-year, four-year and four-year honours degrees in Botany and Zoology, which in the future will be combined into a Biology degree. In collaboration with other departments, a four-year degree in Environmental Science is also offered.

"Biology is an exciting, dynamic field that examines all aspects of life, from how organisms work at the cellular and molecular level, to their ecology and evolution," says Department Chair (and Environmental Science Coordinator) Dr. David Greenwood. "It includes the study of the estimated 30 million species currently living on the earth as well as the millions of other species that have gone extinct. Biology is a modern and rapidly changing area of study and touches every aspect of our lives, from the conservation of native species, to the food on our table and our health."

Courses and degree programs in the BU Department of Biology deal with medical biology and the scientific study of animals and plants, as well as fungi and other microbial life.

Students graduating from its programs have successfully gone on to enter professional schools such as dentistry, medicine, optometry and veterinary medicine, as well as graduate schools across Canada and the US for more specialized study in a sub-field of biology.



BU Environmental Science student and researcher Karla Stouffer at work in BU's new Environmental Science laboratory, which opened in November 2007.

DEPARTMENT PROFILE: BIOLOGY

BY DR. DAVID GREENWOOD
& KELLY STIFORA

"I am excited to see that Brandon has adopted a generalized biology approach to the department, including the bio-medical stream for pre-professional programs," says Jonathan Bush (B.Sc. '05), a BU alumnus who is currently in his third year of medical school at the University of Manitoba. "I have continued to pursue basic science research at the M.D. level and feel that it was the support from both the Zoology and Botany professors during my undergraduate degree that has allowed me to do so. The new Biology department will only further strengthen future student skills, both in medicine and other professional programs and also provide well qualified researchers."

"The biology program at BU not only prepared me for the post-graduate education I am currently receiving, but it put me at an advantage over many of my classmates," says BU alumnus Ryan Auger (B.Sc. '06), who is currently studying at the New York Chiropractic College in Seneca. "The anatomy and physiology classes I attended while at BU not only provided me a basic knowledge of physiologic processes and human anatomy, but the structure of these classes was such that the freedom we were granted to study allowed me to develop a learning technique that I find to be most effective."

*"Through these programs,
I have learned how to
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manage my time, plan my future and
be a scientist."*

"The biology department is such a close knit community," Auger continues. "At BU there was always someone to help – both instructors and students. The friendships and contacts I made while at BU I will keep throughout my life and career."

With a number of its alumni now professors at other Canadian university biology departments, the fraternity apparent amongst BU Biology faculty and alumni is sure to spread.

"Certain professors in the department are more than just teachers; they are incredible mentors," says Heather Crowe (B.Sc. '06), a BU alumna who is currently in her second year of medical school at Australia's University of Queensland. "Their support and encouragement not only inspires students, but provides the confidence necessary for any student to achieve their goals."

Those professors include nationally recognised researchers, spanning diverse fields such as functional genomics and phylogenetics, conservation biology, environmental biology and palaeontology. Their research is supported by new research laboratories and equipment funded by the Canada Foundation for Innovation and Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC). Students also have opportunities to participate in research for summer work experience for degree credit, often working with their professors on projects funded by NSERC, Manitoba Conservation, the World Wildlife Fund (Canada) and Ministry of Defence / Canadian Forces Base Shilo, or in research internships with Parks Canada and Agriculture & Agri-Foods Canada.

"The Zoology and Environmental Science programs have given me the knowledge and skills I need to succeed in life," says current student Andrea Dransfield, who is pursuing a double major in Zoology and Environmental Science. "Through these programs, I have learned how to think critically, write scientifically, manage my time, plan my future and be a scientist. This program has challenged me and encouraged me to strive for excellence. I have had the best opportunities I could ever imagine in these programs. The professors are always helpful, very knowledgeable and offer students amazing research experience."

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

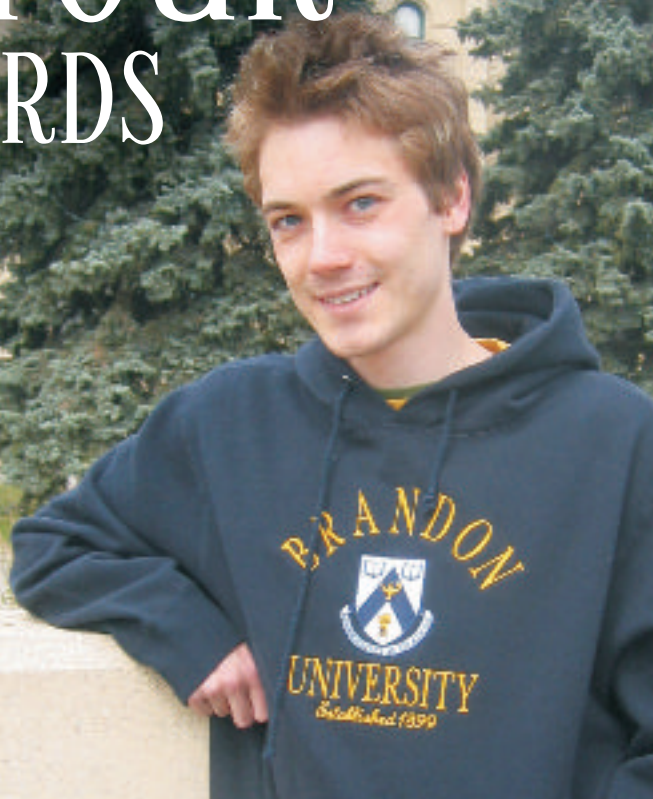


Biology and Environmental Science major Andrea Dransfield is currently conducting research into the development of a recovery strategy and action plan for the endangered northern prairie skink, as well as habitat selection modelling for harbour porpoise in Clayoquot Sound, British Columbia.



Environmental Science Coordinator and Biology Chair Dr. David Greenwood, Biology Professor Dr. Terrence McGonigle and Dean of Science Dr. Austin Gulliver officially open the new Environmental Science lab.

IN YOUR WORDS



ANDRÉ TARDIFF B.Sc. '05

BU alumnus hopes reality show will lead to broadcasting career

I am a second generation Brandon University graduate. Both my parents graduated from Brandon University, as have my brothers. At Brandon University I completed a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science with a minor in Mathematics. Unsure what to do after completing my degree, I decided to explore other fields. I enrolled at the University of Winnipeg and after some exploration decided to focus on Biology. Last December, I found myself with almost two full science degrees under my belt (completing the last one in April 2008) and still thinking of where I wanted to go with my life. Around the same time, I received an email from *bebo.com*, a social networking site similar to *Facebook* and *Endemol* asking for video auditions for a new traveller's reality-documentary show called *The Gap Year*.

The Gap Year would take six lucky adventurers from six participating countries and send them to different ends of the globe for six months. There would be an equal gender split and one participant from each of Canada, USA, Australia, New Zealand, Ireland and the UK. These six travellers would go off on their own individual adventures and tell their own stories while crossing paths and intertwining their lives with the other five participants. During the audition process, I created several audition videos (which turned out nicely thanks to my technical background in Computer Science). The initial Canadian

applicants were short-listed down to seven hopefuls who were then required to create another audition video. From there they flew the Canadian finalists to Toronto for a group interview and to meet the producers from the UK. Shortly thereafter I was short-listed with a girl from Toronto and, of course, more videos were required. Finally, on April 11, I was announced as the Canadian finalist. During this process, I realized I loved filming, being on camera and editing and producing videos. I would spend hours and hours working on my projects. It was something I often noticed through University as well. Whenever an opportunity to create a presentation in class arose, I found myself going all out; usually above and beyond expectations. The exposure from this reality show could open countless doors for me and because of it I plan to pursue opportunities in fields of media and broadcasting upon my return.

When I reflect on my time at Brandon University I see it as a period in which I transitioned from a timid teen just out of high school to a confident and strong young adult, socially active and involved. It prepared me for coping with the stresses of life. I entered BU as a shy and completely directionless 18-year-old. Through the hard work required, I learned discipline, study habits and the ability to interpret and absorb information. In my classes, which had the benefit of being small in size, I learned how to interact and form bonds with my professors and became quite close to my peers, forming strong friendships. As a senior in the Computer Science faculty I often spent up to 16 hours a day working on assignments with my classmates in our senior student lab in the basement of the Brodie building. Hot 'n' ready \$5.00 pizzas from Little Caesars became a regular dietary item on those eleventh-hour assignment cram sessions.

At BU, I also took my first steps in becoming involved with student associations and school spirit. I volunteered for two years as a Student Leader for New Student Orientation and I took part as an executive in two Brandon University Students' Union campus clubs. Later I took those experiences and became involved as a member of the University of Winnipeg Students' Association Board of Directors, as twice-selected Director of Science. I was also involved with community theatre with Mecca Productions and Seven Ages, and regularly played indoor and outdoor soccer.

I must admit one of my favourite BU memories is attending Bobcat games. This became strikingly prevalent after I took some friends from U of W to attend some semi-final playoff games in Brandon. We were dedicated Wesmen fans for the three years I spent at U of W and regularly attended games, but were awestruck by the community support and raw energy we encountered while crammed into the BU gym, watching the Bobcats take on the Regina Cougars. We sat there grinning, surrounded by both young and old from the Brandon community, side by side shouting at the top of our lungs for the Bobcats' success. My friends said there was so much energy there they didn't care that the Bobcats weren't their team; they just wanted to see them win! They really enjoyed themselves and it made me realize just how integrated Brandon's community is with BU. There's always something going on, from sports to the various concerts and jazz festivals put on by the School of Music. It's the sense of community one feels that makes Brandon University so special. Brandon University was where I took my first steps out of adolescence and the University of Winnipeg represents my last steps into adulthood. Combined, my university experiences have prepared me for whatever adventures and paths I will take on next, and regardless of the outcome, I'm a better person because of it. I am who I am today because of my past choices and experiences and I am grateful for all of it.

To follow my adventures, visit *Bebo*, which is broadcasting the show online globally. My profile is www.bebo.com/AndreTardiff-Canada and weekly episodes will likely be broadcast on www.bebo.com/TheGapYear starting May 21, 2008.

IN YOUR WORDS

If you have some wonderful stories to tell, we invite you to submit articles *In Your Words* for consideration for this section of the *Alumni News* magazine.

Please send article and photo to: communications@brandonu.ca or call 204.727.9762 for more information.

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

ALUMNI EVENTS



Dr. Scott Grills, Vice-President, Academic & Research,
Mr. Brook Kiddell and Mr. Robert Kiddell, '75

Victoria Alumni Event

On Saturday, March 8, 2008 the Alumni Association held an alumni gathering at the Chateau Victoria in Victoria BC. Brandon University President, Dr. Louis P. Visentin shared highlights of the latest developments at Brandon University, while Dr. Scott Grills, Vice-President, Academic & Research provided an update on the programs and research at BU. Mr. John Scott, Alumni Association President, brought greetings on behalf of the Alumni Association Board and informed guests of the work that the Alumni Association is doing.

Exam Relief for Students

On April 7, 2008 the Alumni Association served ice-cream cones to the students in the Kavanagh Courtyard on campus, as a perk for students before exams!



Mrs. Louise Lamont, BUAA Board Member
at Alumni After Work @ SUDS Event

Alumni After Work @ SUDS

On Thursday, April 10, 2008 the Alumni Association hosted an alumni event at SUDS on the BU campus, which included a rubber chicken toss and a chance to win some great alumni merchandise. Alumni After Work @ SUDS is an opportunity to gather with other Brandon University alumni in an informal setting.



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

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WE NEED YOUR HELP

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