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**Dr. Karen Rempel spearheads
two community-based projects
in rural Manitoba**

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**Henry Champ
1937–2012**





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A close-knit and friendly place, Brandon University (BU) has inspired a multitude of heart-warming stories. As alumni, you undoubtedly have much to tell about the relationships that you developed while at BU. Was it the meeting ground for you and your spouse, a business partner or a great friend? Perhaps you developed a lifelong mentorship with a special faculty member?

If you have any suggestions or know of an outstanding alumna/alumnus you believe should be featured in *Alumni News*, please contact the Alumni Office. Your ideas and feedback are most welcome.

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Dear Alumni and Friends of BU,

As 2012 comes to an end, I want to wish you the happiest of holidays and the very best wishes for the New Year. The fall has been hectic and productive.

We look forward to seeing some of you at the opening of the Healthy Living Centre in the beginning of 2013. This is a fabulous facility and we want you to see it, and for those of you who live close, to use it.

We are still in fundraising mode. We thank those of you who have so generously donated and ask that those of you who have not done so to please contribute. This is about the success of BU students now and in the future. We can only reach our goals with your help!

This issue has a number of interesting feature articles including some on alumni, faculty and friends who have passed. Brandon University has been fortunate to count these leaders amongst our family and each of them will be greatly missed.

If we haven't heard from you in a while, please let us know what you are doing and where you are.

We hope you enjoy the issue. Feedback is always welcome.

Best wishes and I look forward to seeing many of you in 2013,

Deborah C. Poff, PhD
President and Vice-Chancellor

In Memory of Henry Champ

July 12, 1937—September 23, 2012

Chancellor 2008—2012

Brandon University mourns the passing of Henry Champ—student, Chancellor and lifelong supporter—whose commitment to our institution guided many to our doors and endeared him to all.

A native of Hartney, MB, Henry attended Brandon University (BU) in 1957 and 1958 when it was known as Brandon College.

Long-time friend Dick McDonald (BA '60, BEd '67) remembers Henry during his student days as “a brilliant guy, great speaker and top basketball player—one of the top scorers.” He was an ardent supporter of campus athletics, his rich voice often heard urging on the Caps hockey team.

Henry landed his first job as a stock broker in Brandon with Richardson Securities but soon decided journalism would be his calling. In 1960, he became a sports writer with the *Brandon Sun*, launching a career that would span five decades and establish Henry Champ as one of the world's top foreign correspondents.

In the 60s and 70s, Henry reported for CTV from Washington DC, London and Vietnam, and is regarded as one of the last correspondents to leave Vietnam during the fall of Saigon. During the 80s and 90s with NBC, Henry provided coverage from El Salvador, Nicaragua, Chile and the Middle East. Joining CBC News in 1993, Henry eventually returned to Washington as the network's correspondent in the US capital. He retired in November 2008 following the election of US President Obama but continued to write a blog for CBC until his passing.

Despite his globe-trotting career, Henry never forgot his Wheat City roots, serving BU in many capacities including as member of the Brandon University Foundation. In 2005 he was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree for his service.

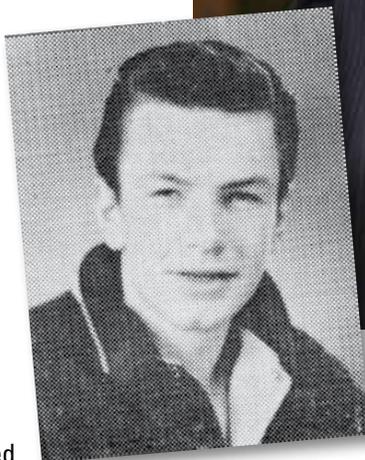
BU President Deborah Poff says, “When I talked to Henry, he always seemed like you were the only person in the world that he wanted to talk to.”

Installed as BU's sixth Chancellor in November 2008, he enjoyed visiting the campus and reminiscing about his own time spent here. Thanks to online broadcasting, he rarely missed a Bobcat game and took part in a conference call to the Bobcat Booster Club three days before he died.

Henry also had a special interest in recruiting international



photo Keywest Photo



students to BU who otherwise would not have had the opportunity to attain a post-secondary education.

Bobcat point guard Ilarion Bonhomme, Canada West Rookie of the Year in 2012, came to BU from Washington DC and credits Henry with changing his life.

Biology student Kristina Richbow met Henry during her senior year of high school in Washington and he convinced her to attend BU.

“I think the most important thing will be for me to finish school here, and do my best at everything,” says Richbow. “I think his main goal was for us to be successful, so I think me being successful will be a great way to basically say ‘thank you’.”

Henry died September 23rd on his farm outside Washington, DC, after battling lung cancer. He leaves behind his wife Karen DeYoung and five children.

As a journalist, he empowered people with information to shape opinion, influence policy and make the world better. As our friend, Henry Champ represented and tirelessly championed the qualities which make Brandon University better. We will miss him. ■

Battle on the Border

Players, fans and even mascots made the trip to the International Peace Garden in September for the 2nd annual "Battle on the Border" between Brandon University (BU) and Minot State University (MSU).

The dodgeball tournament, aimed at forging a cross-border bond between the universities, is fast becoming a highlight event. 150 students took part in the day of competition and camaraderie at the 49th parallel.

"This year's event," said David Rowland, Dean of Students at BU, "resulted in not only a high level of participation from both universities, but many cross-border friendships being established, which is ultimately the objective both universities are hoping to achieve."

MSU reigned supreme in 2012, however, next year BU students will have their opportunity to bring home the title.



Nursing Partnership Agreement between BU and ACC

A new agreement between Brandon University (BU) and Assiniboine Community College (ACC) will enable nursing students to transfer college credits towards a Bachelor of Nursing degree.

The block-transfer-credit is an opportunity cemented with a Memorandum of Understanding signed between BU and ACC. Through the new collaboration, Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) grads can attend BU for two years resulting in a Registered Nursing degree. Demand for the new LPN-BN program is expected to be high.

Judy Marvin, Assistant Professor in the Department of Nursing, and one of the BU faculty members actively engaged in this initiative says, "This change represents an important step in Brandon University's efforts to work with stakeholders and partners to meet the needs of the health region."

photo: Keywest Photo

Healthy Campus

Don't be surprised, but university and college students are at risk of unhealthy behaviours—drinking, drug use, poor diet and stress. Brandon University School of Health Studies is in the final stages of a three-year study to offer action solutions to these challenges.

Dr. Dean Care, Dr. Fran Racher and a team of faculty members have engaged more than 1,000 students at post-secondary institutions in Brandon, MB and Prince Albert, SK in surveys and focus groups to better understand health attitudes of students in smaller, rural-based institutions. Two grants from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) have contributed to this quality-of-life research.

Results and findings are being rolled out to students through lunch-and-learns and town hall meetings. A final report is planned in 2013 to generate action at the policy-makers' level.

For more information, visit www.healthycampus.ca.



Cycling is one step towards a healthy lifestyle



Mike Janzen (piano), George Koller (bass) and Larnell Lewis (drums)

Mike Janzen Trio

Alumnus Mike Janzen (BMus '91) brought his trio of top tier Canadian players back to his alma mater for a Sunday night performance at Brandon University's Lorne Watson Recital Hall.

Mike also holds a Master of Composition from the University of Toronto and has focused over the last two decades on composing, improvising and playing jazz. He has studied with Hilario Duran, Jim McNeely, Chan Ka Nin, Christos Hatzis, David Braid, Dave Restivo, Mark Eisemann, Paul Read and Wayne Bowman.

Kiwanis Club makes Contribution to Healthy Living Centre



The Kiwanis Club of Brandon presented a cheque for \$25,000 towards the multi-purpose space located on the second level of the new Healthy Living Centre. The multi-purpose space is set to regularly host recreation, fitness and wellness programming, and will be available for booking through the facility once construction is completed.

International Peace Garden Conference Still Going Strong

October 12, 2012 marked the 60th anniversary of the International Peace Garden (IPGC), at which students from Minot State University and Brandon University (BU) gather to exchange views on international and political issues. This year, discussions ranged from US and Canadian elections, to international relations, to gun control.

The IPGC is one of the most enduring extracurricular activities in BU's history, initiated, among others, by Heath McQuarrie, then an instructor and head of the International Relations Club at the College, as BU was formerly known.



Brandon University and Minot State University students and faculty at the 2012 Peace Gardens conference

Santa Parade

The BU float was beautiful, the singers enthusiastic and the weather ideal during Brandon's Santa Claus Parade, held November 17. Twenty vocalists from the School of Music, under the direction of Dr. Wendy McCallum, accompanied our entry through the downtown route.



BU students entertain the crowd

photo: Brandon Sun

ACTION RESEARCH

Building Capacity in Rural Communities

She calls it action research.

“That means,” says Dr. Karen Rempel, Director, Centre for Aboriginal and Rural Education Studies at Brandon University (BU), “that people can use the research information in a timely manner. It’s about real issues, real problems that the communities are asking about.”

Dr. Rempel is currently involved in two major research projects designed to provide First Nations, Métis, Inuit and northern communities with new tools to assess and devise strategies for improved youth success.

The Vital Outcomes Indicators for Community Engagement (VOICE) project is the largest, involving several northern communities and educational organizations in Manitoba including Thompson, Opaskwayak Cree Nation and The Pas. Dr. Alex Michalos, Adjunct Professor of Philosophy at Brandon University, past Director of Research for the Canadian Index of Wellbeing and Emeritus Professor in Political Science at the University of Northern British Columbia is the co-investigator.

“The goal of the VOICE project is to help children and youth achieve success in their communities,” says Dr. Rempel. “We use a broad definition of success—primarily education success but it can also be leadership, employment, recreation or physical well-being.”

Local community groups have been established to define the priorities in each location. Dr. Rempel maintains, “The absolute foundation is community involvement. We have community circles. Our objective is to listen to the communities. The communities tell us what the issues are.”

The number of school drop-outs is a common thread. Dr. Rempel admits that graduation rates are a big issue, with kids dropping out as early as Grade 5 and 6.



**Dr. Karen Rempel, Director,
Centre for Aboriginal and
Rural Education Studies**



“It’s a very serious problem for all Manitobans. For example, we know if kids drop out of school, they are at serious risk for chronic interrupted employment, low socio-economic standards of living, health problems, homelessness and future problems for the next generation.”

In 2011, the VOICE project garnered a five year, \$1 million Community-University Research Alliance (CURA) research award from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).

This marks the second time BU’s Faculty of Education has received a national SSHRC-CURA grant, which is a significant accomplishment. Rempel believes that the Faculty’s success comes from its close connection to rural and northern communities.

“We are really trying to work with our constituents who come from aboriginal and rural areas, including Brandon,” says Dr. Rempel. “We are really dedicated to that.”

Part of the SSHRC-CURA project is also to build capacity within communities to perform their own research and to create solutions and programs. Dr. Rempel says this is the real value in applied, or action, research.

“It’s not like a researcher coming in, gathering information, writing a report, then leaving and saying ‘Oh, here’s your report and thank you for letting us into your community’. We believe the capacity to explore community issues should be developed at the community level. Once that local research capacity has been developed with local research-practitioners, there’s no reason why a community organization such as a school, parents group or school board cannot identify an issue or community priority and then carry out research that is relevant, timely and leads to community-based actions.”

The second major project underway involving BU’s Centre for Aboriginal and Rural Education Studies explores the largely hidden population of youth-at-risk in a number of rural and remote Manitoba communities.

“This is a population of young people—age 15-29 – who are not in school or have chronic interruptions to employment. Many have high rates of mobility—they become couch surfers and are at high-risk for being homeless. Many lack any type of personal identification—no bank account, drivers’ license, social insurance number or health card. Nothing. They literally become a hidden population. In my

opinion, it’s a shocking situation.”

The research is based on nearly 1,800 surveys from youth in thirteen rural and northern communities in Manitoba, including the City of Brandon.

“We had community researchers actually go out and find these kids in hockey rinks, employment centres, malls, and drop-in centres,” says Dr. Rempel. “We found 1,800 of them, which to us is a large number. And those are just the ones that the community researchers found. We actually do not have a clear picture of the whole population. These kids are so mobile. Some have moved as many as five times per year.”

Dr. Rempel says that for its size, Brandon has a higher proportion of youth-at-risk moving in and out of the city than does Winnipeg. “The data also show that many of these youth are parents. However, we don’t

know if their children are moving with them.”

One positive finding is that the majority of these youth, despite dropping out, recognize that education is critical for employment.

“The number one thing they want,” according to Dr. Rempel, “is a high school education, even though they didn’t make it in a traditional

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K-12 school. They are the kids with attendance problems; family problems; they may be looking after siblings or trying to work; and that won’t allow them to get to school on a regular basis.”

By age 21, many drop-outs have accessed adult learning centres to obtain a high school diploma. Dr. Rempel says knowing this kind of information can help service providers re-think the way they deliver programming.

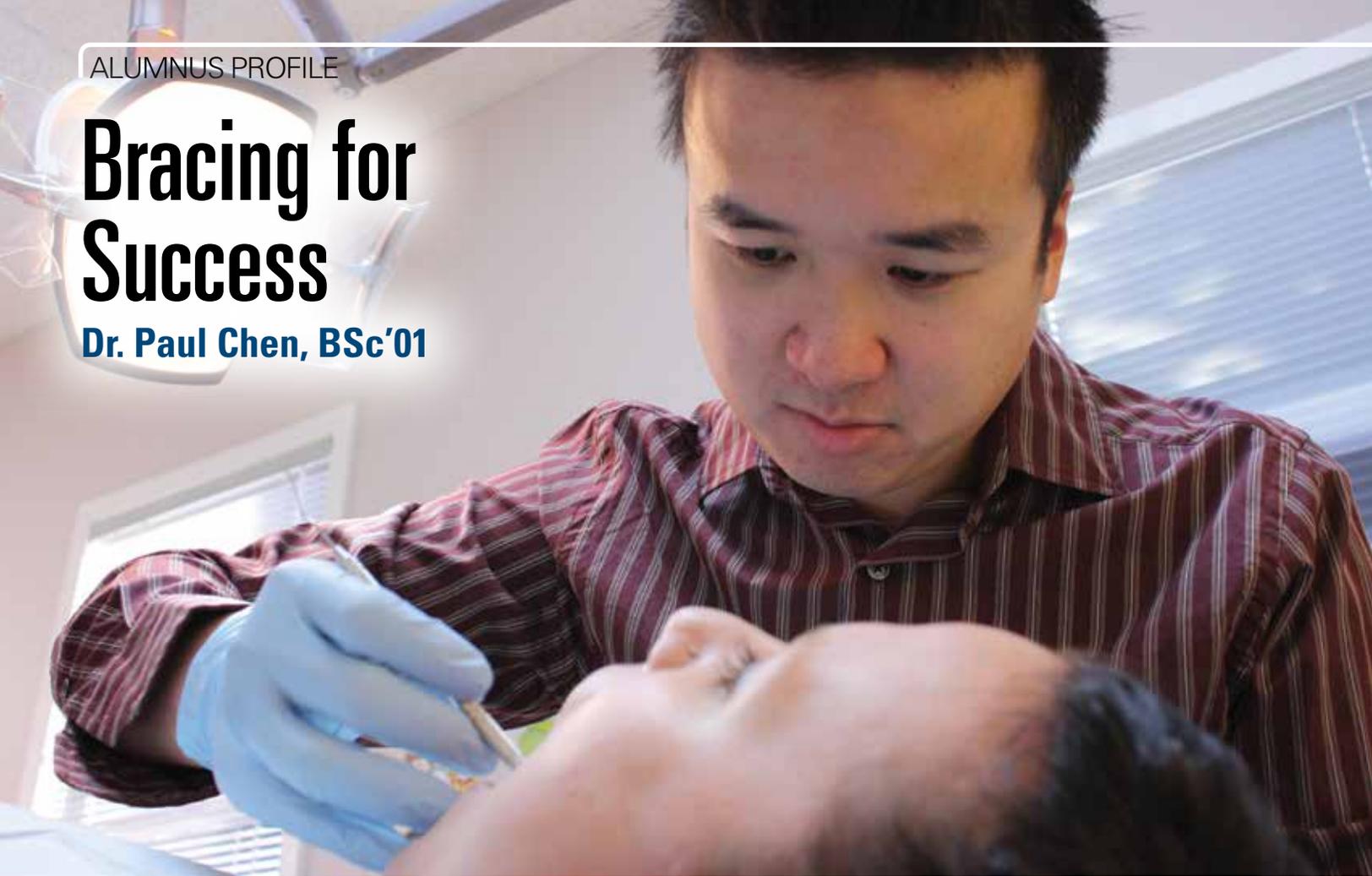
“If these kids are moving around,” she says, “why would you put on employment or education programs for 6 months in a community? Perhaps we need to think about workplace training programs that help these youth finish high school while working and earning an income to support themselves.”

When completed, Dr. Rempel hopes the findings from both projects will become “real-life, usable” information for communities, educators and decision-makers to help children and youth achieve success.

“I am really proud that these are the kinds of real issues that many of us at Brandon University are trying to tackle,” says Dr. Rempel. “We can help make a difference—our children and youth are too valuable and too important for us to ignore.” ■

Bracing for Success

Dr. Paul Chen, BSc '01



He hadn't planned on attending Brandon University (BU). He didn't even plan on working in Brandon.

Today, Dr. Paul Chen (BSc '01) is the new co-owner of the largest dental practice in Manitoba outside of Winnipeg—the West-Man Dental Group serving 10,000 patients in Brandon and area.

And he has high praise for his undergraduate years at BU.

"Going to BU helped me prepare for and get accepted into dental school," he says, relaxing in a quiet office at West-Man Dental Group.

It wasn't going to be this way.

The son of a pharmacist, Dr. Chen emigrated from Taipei to Brandon with his family at the age of 8. Here, he found a quieter lifestyle. "Schooling in Taiwan, kindergarten to Grade 12, is really intense. A lot more material is covered, more homework, more exams. To do well," he says, "you have to study at lot more."

Intent on becoming a dentist, Dr. Chen applied to Queens University during his Grade 12 year in Brandon. He had already picked courses and arranged for on-campus residence. Then, a letter arrived from BU.

"In August, three or four weeks before school started, BU offered me a scholarship. Half of the tuition." He says in hindsight, "without the scholarship I would have probably gone to Queens."

Entering the Faculty of Science in 1997, Dr. Chen applied himself to a major in chemistry, benefitting from the smaller class sizes at BU.

"The professors knew you by name, knew who you are," he says. "You had a lot more one-on-one time. Whereas, say at the U of M, they don't know who you are. They don't even know if you show up one day of the year."

Dr. Chen credits BU first-year chemistry lab instructor Dave Ford in particular with helping prepare him for Dentistry School at the University of Manitoba, into which he was accepted in 2003 with a 3.84 GPA.

"He was really strict in the lab," says Dr. Chen. "When we were doing experiments, everything had to be to the third decimal—accurate and precise—or it wasn't good enough. I learned a lot from that instructor and that course."

Never expecting to return to Brandon after graduation, Dr. Chen was urged by colleagues and newly-graduated dentists to practice in his home community. He recalls being told, "If you go to a larger centre you won't be as busy. There are more patients but also more doctors. As a new grad, you wouldn't get the experience as quickly or even the income."

He joined West-Man Dental Group in 2007 as an associate and, with a partner, purchased the operation in November 2012 from the three founding partners.

Despite owning a thriving practice with a staff of 30, Dr. Chen remains modest about his accomplishments.

"I'm just coming in to work every day like normal," he shrugs. "Nothing has really changed. I'm still the same person." ■

Stretching Boundaries

Tatiana Warkentin, BA'06 and Johnathan Hammell, BSc'04



ttigen is a small municipal district near Berne, Switzerland, which boasts more Brandon University (BU) grads per capita than any other Swiss centre.

Alumni Tatiana Warkentin (BA '06) and Johnathan Hammell (BSc '04) moved there in 2011, pushing the BU grad index to one per 5,480, or two in total.

"It's huge to go and restart your life somewhere else," said Tatiana, who was born in Winnipeg and raised in various Canadian university cities. "We not only turned our lives upside down, but our families' as well. It was rough."

Last year, Johnathan accepted a position in Switzerland with the Universal Postal Union (UPU), a specialized agency of the United Nations that coordinates postal policies among member nations.

Tatiana had previously spent a summer overseas as an undergraduate and was thrilled to join her husband in Europe, fulfilling her dream of working beyond Canadian borders.

"We always figured if we put it out to the universe, it might happen," she says. "It was always there, in the background."

Jonathan explains that he was hired as part of an effort to provide better access to money in rural areas of the Asia-Pacific region. "There are a lot of migrant workers who move all over the world and need to get money home. Post offices usually do it cheaper and more securely, and they have good distribution because there are post offices everywhere."

Jonathan grew up in Pierson, MB and admits it has taken some time to adjust from the prairies to the Swiss peaks.

Food in Switzerland is more expensive—two small steaks cost about \$50. Language is also a challenge.

"Most people, if you press them, will speak some English," says Jonathan. "But

I really wish I knew French a bit better, and you can't understand Schweizerdeutsch."

He says Tatiana is fluent in German but finds the Swiss dialect very difficult to understand. "And all of their rules are based on the idea that it's a small place and we all have to get along. Canadians are very polite, but (the Swiss) make Canadians look positively rude. It's just different."

Johnathan's work regularly takes him away from Switzerland for training and software installation to Malaysia, Indonesia, Kurdistan, and Dubai. Tatiana is hoping to pursue her dream of writing a novel.

"It's been great, says Jonathan. "Being in the centre of Europe, with cheap flights or train tickets to wherever you'd like to go, if you're willing to take the time to do it, it's great to explore. Upon reflection, we're happy with the move." ■

VOICES AND CHOICES

A Journey from the Wilderness and Back

**Dr. Sherry Peden, BEd'82,
Associate Professor,
Faculty of Education**



It's well past 5:00 PM and Dr. Sherry Peden (BEd '82) is trying to get away. "I come from the bush northwest of Grandview," she says, jammed into her tiny office surrounded by stacks of documents, bookshelves and file cabinets. "At about 6:00, I am heading back to the bush."

Raised on a subsistence farm, Dr. Peden, Associate Professor, Faculty of Education-Teacher Education remains close to the land. But growing up in a home without running water or electricity, education provided her with options, the voice to make change, and the ability to help others achieve the same.

"Without the Brandon University Northern Teacher Education Program (BUNTEP), I wouldn't have had the opportunity to get a post-secondary degree, build connections and develop the sense of self that has been a foundation in both my career and life."

Dr. Peden became the first person in her family to attend university; the first with a PhD; a respected educator and community program developer. Inspired by her journey, Dr. Peden's two sisters enrolled in university. Their mother also attended post-secondary school and became a nurse.

But schooling has never come easy. As a child, Dr. Peden attended a one-room rural school with her two sisters and brother. "We didn't have bus service," she recalls. "We didn't even have a road to our place at that time."

The family lived on the south face of Duck Mountain Provincial Forest, near Grandview, MB. Her mother had lost her right to live on the nearby Tootinawzaibeing Treaty Nation by marrying a non-Aboriginal man.

"Back then," she recalls, "the Indian Act legislation marginalized women. If a Status Indian married someone who wasn't recognized as Indian under the Act, she would lose her status and be kicked off the reserve. We have to remember that this was in 1958. Indian people didn't get the right to vote in all elections until 1960."

Her father provided for the family as best he could with a Grade 5 education, working at labour intensive jobs and fixing farm machinery.

"We had to learn to take care of ourselves," she says. "We harvested our

food—wild food, wild animals. We had chickens and pigs. A huge garden. We picked berries. Learned how to preserve all the food. In today's language, we lived a very sustainable life."

Although her mother had attended residential school, she would instill the value of education in her children. But Dr. Peden laughs when pointing out, "People wondered why my sister and I worked so hard at school. I tell them that it was easier than staying at home!"

In the mid-1970s Dr. Peden completed grade schooling in Grandview, MB. She and her sister were the first aboriginals to graduate from that school. Her mother had hoped Dr. Peden would continue her education, "But when nobody in the family has gone to university, you don't have any connections on how to go or what to do."

After high school, she laboured in various unsatisfying jobs around Dauphin, noting that "I saw people who had went to university, and they seemed to have choices."

In 1978, Dr. Peden enrolled in BUNTEP based in Swan River, which offered university education through off-campus programming, and she began working towards her teaching degree.

"That was the best thing that happened to me," she insists, "because it gave me a foundation, a start at university, and a life more satisfying in terms of being able to make a difference for others."

The hard part came once she moved on-campus to Brandon University in 1980. She was the only aboriginal student in her classes. Feeling alone and overwhelmed, her grades fell.

"When you are young, and a minority person," she observes, "it can take time to overcome pride and learn what questions to ask, how to ask and who to ask. Off-campus, we had a sense of community because we all knew each other. Coming on-campus, it was so big. You didn't know anybody. So coming on-campus was really tough for me."

Anxious to return to 'the bush', Dr. Peden finished her four year degree in three years and began teaching in northern Manitoba in 1981.

She received a Masters of Education

in 2004 and PhD in 2011. Community-based programming remains her passion, having been a student, education assistant, teacher and program administrator.

"Any type of program that provides alternate delivery is important," she believes. "If we can be creative and innovative, harness the improving technology and think outside the traditional university boxes for delivering programs; we can get the education to more people like me. We need to explore those options."

With First Nations-Métis as the fastest-growing population in Canada and with Manitoba having a high First Nations/Métis population, Dr. Peden says accessible education must remain a priority. Rural and northern students who move on-campus still struggle with housing, daycare, and isolation from family and support networks.

"We have made progress but there are still barriers." She says, "If you don't have people within your immediate circle who have that experience, who is your go-to person? And, if you are living in a community paying \$15 for a jug of milk, how

reasonable is it that you are going to get to university?"

Sherry now lives and works in Brandon but remains connected to the bush. She has a cabin without electricity or running water on the property her father once owned, where she enjoys spending time with her immediate and extended family and friends.

"The land doesn't belong to us," she says, "we belong to the land."

The clock in her office is moving towards 6:00 and the cabin is nearly a 3-hour drive. She tries to spend 65-70 nights a year there—Christmas, summer, when berries are in season and during hunting season. She has taken friends, colleagues and international visitors to that special place.

"I wanted them to have that experience of living in quieter times, and to learn the value of sitting around and visiting; how to handle food properly; how to still be clean in the absence of showers; how to conserve water." Pausing, she adds, "Those things are so important to me. They speak to basic life skills that so many of our children have lost in our fast-paced world." ■



August 21, 2012 – Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba Faculty & Community Event, a first time event in Brandon with the express purpose of creating a place for dialogue and further understanding about how "we are all treaty people." Left to right: Connie Wyatt-Anderson, Treaty Education curriculum writer; Cynthia Bird, Treaty Education project manager; Sherry Peden; Commissioner James Wilson, Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba; Dr. Jean Friesen, historian for Treaty Relations Commission and U of M Professor.

Alumni Spotlight

Congratulations to BU Alumnus Kevin Vint, BSc'08

At the 2012 University of Manitoba Convocation, Kevin received the Gold Medal from the Faculty of Dentistry, plus seven additional awards. He has been accepted into the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery program at U of M starting in 2013, turning down offers from McGill and the University of Toronto to remain in the province and be closer to family and friends. Currently, Dr. Vint is involved in a one-year internship at the Health Sciences Centre, under the tutelage of Dr. Chris Cottick.



Toronto Reunion. Friends from the class of 1958 met in Toronto and enjoyed a weekend together this past September.



Left to right: Elaine (Fraser) Rust, Dilys (Pearce) Collier, Heather Stewart, Eleanor (Bryan) Walenius, Janet (Southern) Adams, Joyce (Thompson) Konopski.

Alumni Cheer on the Bobcats in Winnipeg. Members of the Winnipeg Alumni Chapter showed their school spirit at the BU men's basketball game November 15 as the Bobcats took on the U of W Wesmen at the Duckworth Centre in Winnipeg. The BU alumni group also hosted a pre-game gathering.



National Alumni Chapters

We are launching alumni chapters across the country and we would like your help! If you are interested in becoming involved with this initiative in your area, please call the Alumni Association.

Alumni Events

Winnipeg, Manitoba
April 4, 2013

Watch for upcoming events in Vancouver, Toronto and Calgary.

Homecoming Weekend 2013 October 12-14

Celebrating the Class Years of 1953, 1963, 1973, 1983 & 1988. Everyone is invited! Help organize your class reunion. Call the Alumni Association now!

IN TOUCH

Stay connected with university friends and classmates

John Stonehouse, BA'70, BEd'74

— John recently published an e-book called, *English to the Rescue: A Primer for Workplace Writing*. www.smashwords.com.



year. After graduation, Wayne studied systems ecology at McGill University, and was awarded an MSc in 1973. He later spent some time writing for the *Brandon Sun*. Currently residing in Winnipeg, Wayne remains active in the field of human rights advocacy.

Susan (née Dyer) Murphy, BA'72

— Susan was recently elected as National President of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW), an equality seeking organization with representation in every province. Susan worked for both the federal and Manitoba government for many years in Winnipeg, MB. She and her husband Bob have lived in Nanaimo, BC since 2000 where she is active with a number of volunteer organizations.

Wanda Hoskin, BA'72 –

Wanda retired after 26 years with the Canadian government and two-and-a-half years with United Nations Environment Programme in the area of mining, minerals, metals and the environment. She has now launched a company, Just in Time Transition Services, helping seniors downsize and move.

Wayne S. Miller, BSc'72 –

Wayne recently published a non-fictional work *A Field Theory of Evolution - avifaunal studies*. This book covers bird observations made as a protégé of Brandon Ornithologist the late Dr. John Lane and is based on field data from southwestern Manitoba. The monograph is available from McNally Robinson and will be of particular interest to biologists. Wayne will be most remembered as the recipient of the Governor General's Gold Medal, the Lieutenant Governor's Gold Medal, and the Brandon University Gold Medal in his graduating



Joy Adams Bauer, BA'81 –

Joy is a communications officer for Vancouver Island Regional Library based in Nanaimo, BC. Joy was a professional communicator in Saskatoon, SK for almost 20 years for the Government of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon Health Region and Saskatoon Public School Division. Joy and her husband Chester are thrilled to be ending their careers on the spectacular west coast.



Scott Winslow, BA'86 –

After graduating, Scott spent three years in Europe where he met and married his former wife Sylvie. He has two sons, Ben ('93) and Tommy ('96). Scott spent a few years consulting in Oregon in the late '90s, and now works in IT for the City of Winnipeg.



Karen Lam, BA'91

— Karen is a series director for a true crime television documentary series for the American Investigation Discovery channel (ID). The show is called *Very Bad Men*.

Patrick Lavigne, BA'92 –

Patrick is a Chiropractor for Newmount Chiropractic in Brandon, MB. He may be reached at drpat6@yahoo.com.

Bradley Milne, BA'92 –

Brad obtained a Master of Arts degree in history from the University

In Memoriam

ALUMNI

Beverley S. Basdeo, BA'71
August 17, 2012

Clifford Bowes, BA'39
August 24, 2012

Henry Champ, Associate '58
September 23, 2012

Mona Lewandoski, BA'72
September 24, 2012

Alice Little, Cert. of Ed.'60, BEd'76
July 23, 2012

Jacob Loewen, BA'74
October 8, 2012

Patricia A. MacDonald, BEd'81
August 23, 2012

Don Raleigh, Associate '49
August 21, 2012

Ernest K. Shaw, BSc'51
September 8, 2012

Jean L. Varcoe, BA'38
September 30, 2012

STAFF / FACULTY

J. Errol Black, BA'65
Professor, Dept. of Economics 1970-2002
November 3, 2012



photo: Brandon Sun

Brandon University mourns the passing of Errol Black—friend, social justice advocate and long-time educator—who died November 3, 2012 at the age of 73 from Lou Gehrig's disease. Errol taught economics and industrial relations at Brandon University for 32 years, retiring in 2002 as Professor Emeritus.

Born in Brandon in 1939, Errol committed his life to making the world better for all. His compassion led him to battles with stacked odds but he never backed down. His classroom was a place where students and instructor would learn, together. Errol exemplified Brandon University's motto, "Speaking the truth in love."

of Manitoba in 1997 and joined Meyers Norris Penny (MNP) as a technical writer that same year. In 2008 he obtained his designation as a Chartered Insolvency and Restructuring Professional (CIRP) and is also a licensed Trustee in Bankruptcy. Brad is currently a partner of MNP Ltd. working in the area of insolvency and corporate recovery. Brad married Carla Lischka '97 in 2010 and they welcomed their first child, Presley Hope on June 13, 2012.



Isabel Cuerrier, BSc'98 – After graduation, Isabel assisted with the Program for the Education of Native

Teachers (PENT) at BU. She later taught writing, study skills and math fundamentals for the Brandon University Northern Teacher's Education Program (BUNTEP). Isabel spent time in South Korea teaching English to children and was a counsellor for the local women's shelter. She has written seven children's stories, two autobiographical novels, and *The Upsider*, first novel of a planned Sci-Fi fantasy trilogy. She has facilitated workshops on grief and childhood sexual abuse and is an energy-healing practitioner. In 2010, she was awarded the YWCA Women of Distinction award. Also in 2010, Isabel and her husband Charles adopted their little girl Sapphira.



Vicki East, BSc'98 – Vicki worked for Ducks Unlimited Canada for 10 years. She later became the watershed

coordinator for the Upper Souris Watershed Association. In 2011, Vicki received the Saskatchewan Lieutenant Governor's Greenwing Conservation Award for her outstanding contributions to wetland conservation.



Erika (née Einarson), BA'08 and Jarrod Martin, BA'07 – After graduation,

Erika went on and earned a Masters of Library and Information Science at Western University and now works as a reference librarian in Kamloops, BC. Jarrod went on to

Carleton University and earned a degree in public policy and political administration. He now works for the provincial government in family maintenance.



Amy Boyes (née Esler), BMus'08 – Amy completed a MMus (Piano Pedagogy) at the University of Alberta

in 2010. Amy presented her graduate research work internationally and looks forward to her first publication early next year. Living in Ottawa with her husband Josh, Amy is a busy piano teacher, adjudicator, council member for the Ontario Music Teachers Association, and a performer in a duo-piano ensemble.



Josh McPhail, BBA'09 – After graduation, Josh took a job in Winnipeg, MB with Philips Lifeline

working as a product representative for the home health care division. He later moved to the US to accept a business development position with a dialysis company called Fresenius Medical Care. After two years in the US he moved back to Canada to become Territory Manager for all dialysis related products throughout BC and Alberta. Josh currently resides in Vancouver, but always enjoys his regular trips to Brandon to see family and friends.

Yi Victor Wang, BA'12 – Victor is currently a first-year graduate student in the Master of Science program in Disaster Science and Management at the University of Delaware.

Carol Gronsda, BMus'79 – Carol graduated from the School of Music in 1979 with the Gold Medal in hand. After graduation, she worked in Calgary accompanying singers and instrumentalists. She lived and worked in Vancouver for 20 years, accompanying auditions for Vancouver Opera, Vancouver Chamber Choir, CBC, and accompanying/teaching at Vancouver Community College. She and her husband recently moved back to the Prairies (Saskatoon) where they teach and take an interest in travel. ■

Call for Nominations

Nominate a Fellow Graduate
The Brandon University Alumni Association invites you to nominate candidates for the following awards:

Outstanding Young Alumni Award

This award is presented to a Brandon University graduate from the last ten years who is 35 years of age or younger, in recognition of significant achievements since graduation, either in his/her profession, sport or community services.

Brandon University Alumni Award

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

BU Alumni Award for Distinguished Service

This award is presented to alumni who have made an outstanding contribution to community service.

Wall of Fame Award

This award is presented to alumni who have made a significant achievement in their personal career on a provincial, national or international level since leaving Brandon College/University.

Deadline for nominations is May 31, 2013.

For further information and nomination forms, please go to www.brandonu.ca/alumni/ or contact Carla Eisler at 204-727-9697.

Are you interested in serving on the Brandon University Alumni Association Board of Directors? If so, call the Alumni Office at 204-727-9697 or email at alumni@brandonu.ca.

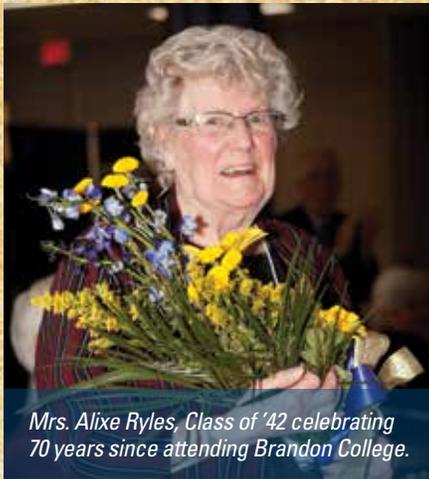
Homecoming 2012

Brandon University celebrated this year's Homecoming, October 10-14. Alumni visited and reunited with friends and classmates during the many events that were scheduled throughout the weekend.

Special congratulations to the classes that celebrated milestone anniversaries. To view more Homecoming 2012 photos, please visit our website at www.brandonu.ca/homecoming/gallery/.



Class of 1952 celebrating their 60th Anniversary
L-R: Murray MacDonald, Cam Finlay, Catherine (Crawford) Hardman, Gary McMahon, Isabel (Lyon) Sokol, Paul McKinnon



Mrs. Alixe Ryles, Class of '42 celebrating 70 years since attending Brandon College.



Class of 1962 celebrating their 50th Anniversary
Back Row (L-R): Ron Borotsik, Wayne Fawcett, Hugh McRuer, Bill Godolphin, Ron Keeler, Wayne Johnston, Don Axford, Ian Barnes, Dennis Holmlund, Glen McKinnon. Front Row (L-R): Margaret (Young) Borotsik, Lonnie (McDonald) Whitmore, Dawn (Wellman) Kirbyson, Florence (English) Phillips, Lorraine (Oscar) McLaren, Margaret (Fargey) Roy, Karen (Smeltz) McKinnon



Class of 1962 TTC celebrating their 50th Anniversary
Back Row (L-R): Lorette (Schoonbart) Green, Lavona (Shust) Susinski, Jeanne (Collinson) Bryan, Neta (McArter) Mains, Shirley (Stovin) Brown. Front Row (L-R): Maureen (Hay) Nichols, Murray Sangster, Rosemary (Smith) Shackel, Bill Shackel, June (Lund) Pedlow, Rita (Peloquin) Blackmore



Celebrating 40 & 41 Years
Back Row (L-R): Wo Yuen '72, Tom Sclater '72, Robert McCamis '71. Front Row (L-R): Olga (Peech) Jesson '71, Naomi (Marumoto) Yuen '72, Betty (Conroy) McCamis '71, Karen (Anderson) Dunbar '71, Ron Jesson '71



Celebrating 25 & 30 Years
L-R: Doug Adams '87, Gerald Letkeman '87 and Brett Nightingale '82

Nickole Wlasichuk, Awards Committee Chair and Dr. Deborah Poff presented the Outstanding Young Alumni Awards to two deserving BU graduates. For award details, please visit: www.brandonu.ca/alumni/awards.



Holly Linski, BGS/BEd'05, MEd'11



Marlyce Shangreaux, BA'02, Grad. Dip. Rural Dev. '10



Recipients of the newly-established Enbridge Dakota Language Scholarship were recognized at a luncheon held October 27. Left to right: Nathan Peto, President - Brandon University Foundation, Jamie Honda-McNeil, Manager of Aboriginal Affairs - Enbridge, Dr. Deborah Poff, President and Vice-Chancellor - Brandon University, Janine Morin-West, student recipient, Sheree Blacksmith, student recipient, Michael McLaughlin, Aboriginal Affairs Advisor - Enbridge, and Dr. Bruce Strang, Dean of Arts - Brandon University.

Before It's Too Late **BU's Dakota Language Program**

The person overseeing Brandon University's languages programming pulls no punches. "Aboriginal language arts in Canada are under threat of extinction," says Dr. Bruce Strang, Dean, Faculty of Arts. "There's a real importance to this issue because Aboriginal culture and philosophies, Aboriginal knowledge of the land and environment, are tied directly to language."

In a dedicated effort to preserve Aboriginal languages, Aboriginal faculty members at Brandon University (BU) led by last year's Chair of Native Studies, Dr. Laurelyn Whitt, have developed a new vision for programming.

"In the past," says Dr. Strang, "we taught through a linguistic approach, an academic study of the language through reading and writing. The spoken language was less important. What we are doing now is employing speakers in the classroom so the teacher of Dakota is a Dakota speaker."

By summer 2013, a new instructor fluent in Dakota, Cree or Ojibway will be in place at BU working with speakers of other Aboriginal languages to deliver increased course offerings.

"The Department is dramatically expanding the number of language courses that we offer," says Dr. Strang.

BU currently offers a minor in Aboriginal languages but Strang hopes to add minors in specific languages, training people at BU to function as language teachers in immersion settings. Local elder Norman Fleury will teach the Métis traditional language Michif, thanks in part to federal government funding.

"It's novel to Manitoba," he points out. "It's certainly an innovation here."

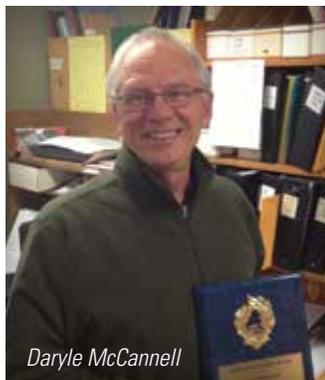
BU has partnered with Manitoba First Nations Educational Resource Centre (MFNERC) and the Southern Chiefs Organization (SCO). All recognize the need to preserve Aboriginal languages, but Dr. Strang admits the University's role is challenging.

Enbridge is another important partner. In October, the energy company committed \$60,000 over the next three years to BU's Dakota Language Program, including two annual scholarships valued at \$2,500 each.

Strang adds funding will also assist an elder from the Dakota community to increase his knowledge of the language, with the ultimate goal of the elder becoming a university teacher.

"The next big issue for BU is going to be indigenizing the curriculum. How do we generally distribute indigenous knowledge and Aboriginal epistemology across the curriculum? We're not there yet to tackle that one," says Strang. "There's work to do before we get to that point." ■

FACULTY UPDATES



Daryle McCannell

Laugh More, Lift More

A 25 year BU veteran was recognized in November for his significant contribution to physical education by the Manitoba Physical Education Teachers Association (MPETA).

Daryle McCannell, Chair and Assistant Professor in the Department of Physical Education, received the Innovator Award, given to educators who devise an innovative approach to instruction, write new curriculum material, or create new devices or aids that improve the educational experience of students.

His belief that laughter and humour are good for the body and soul has put him in demand as a speaker, motivator, and presenter at community, provincial and national health initiatives.

"Daryle has a solid reputation for bringing the educational experience to life and continues to find new ways to connect with the students through his innovative approach," says Dr. Glenn Cockerline, Acting Dean of Education.



Dr. David Greenwood

It's a Dry Cold

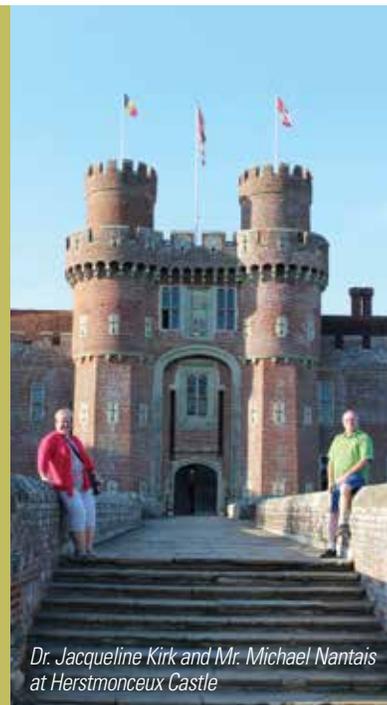
Dr. David Greenwood contributed to a paper published in August in the prestigious British scientific journal *Nature*. "*Nature* is considered in all of the sciences the pinnacle for scientific publishing," said BU's Coordinator of Environmental Science Program, "and it's very hard to get published there."

His research, with funding from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), showed that parts of Antarctica displayed near-tropical conditions approximately 52-54 million years ago, with palms and other trees flourishing.

Education Conference in England

In a beautiful 15th century English castle, Michael Nantais and Jacqueline Kirk from the Faculty of Education presented their study "Using Social Media to Engage Teacher Candidates in Relevant, Timely, and Rich Learning Experiences" at the Ninth International Conference on Self-Study of Teacher Education Practices.

This peer-reviewed conference, held August 15-19, 2012, included researchers from around the world who shared their research that had been conducted using self-study methodology. The setting for the bi-annual event is the Herstmonceux Castle in East Sussex, England.



Dr. Jacqueline Kirk and Mr. Michael Nantais at Herstmonceux Castle

In 2009, Dr. Greenwood was also published in *Nature* for an Arctic study.



Kerry DuWors

photo Donna Santos

Prized Violin

Congratulations to Kerry DuWors from the Brandon University School of Music for again winning access to a prized instrument from the Canada Council Instrument Bank.

For the next three years, Kerry, Assistant Professor, Violin &

Chamber Music, will use a 1902 Enrico Rocca violin worth about \$225,000. It's the same instrument she selected nine years ago after first succeeding in the competition held by Canada Council for the Arts.

This is Kerry's fourth access win. She was among 28 musicians auditioning for 17 instruments available including Stradivari violins worth millions of dollars.



Dr. Leanne Zacharias

photo Chris Hughes

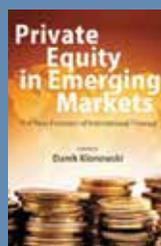
Performances Afar

In addition to performances with the Boundary Ensemble, Ritornello Festival, Group of 27 Orchestra and Brandon Chamber Players, Dr. Leanne Zacharias recently unveiled her *Listening Booth* solo project in New Brunswick to great acclaim. The new year will see her curate a public art/sound installation at The Forks in Winnipeg, MB, give a site-specific solo performance on a Texas lake

BU Professor's Latest Book

Dr. Darek Klonowski, Professor of Business Administration at BU, is writing a new book, *Strategic Entrepreneurial Finance: From value creation to realization* (2014; Wiley). Working in the venture capital industry for more than fifteen years, Dr. Klonowski has advised clients including the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and the International Finance Corporation (IFC).

He has written extensively on entrepreneurship and venture capital, with his research appearing in the *Journal of Private Equity*, *Venture Capital: An International Journal of Entrepreneurial Finance*, and *Journal of Applied Corporate Finance*. His books include *Financial Management: Principles and Practice* (2006; Pearson), *International Perspectives*



on *Strategic Management: A Casebook* (2007; Prentice Hall), *The Venture Capital Investment Process* (2010; Palgrave MacMillan), *Private Equity in Poland: Winning Leadership in Emerging Markets* (2011; Palgrave MacMillan) and *Private Equity in Emerging Markets: The New Frontiers of International Finance* (2012; Palgrave MacMillan).

presented by the Austin Museum of Art, lead a collaboration between the Correction Line Ensemble and Camerata Nova choir, and premiere a new cello concerto by T. Patrick Carrabre in British Columbia.



photo Ken Epp

Wendy McCallum receiving the Award of Distinction from nominee and BU alumna Chloe Plamondon, BMus/BEEd (AD)'10

Award of Distinction

Dr. Wendy McCallum was presented the Manitoba Band Association's 2012 Award of Distinction for her outstanding contribution to music education in the province.

At the ceremony in October, BU's Associate Professor in the Department of Music was recognized as a person passionate about music and music education, evoking that passion in every person she encounters.

Friends and colleagues saluted Dr. McCallum as a tireless mentor advocating music across

North America; taking the time to cultivate wonderful rapport with her students.



Colleen Cutschall

A Distinguished Career

Following an internationally-renowned career, acclaimed artist, educator and curator/writer Colleen Cutschall retired from Brandon University on August 31, 2012. For over twenty-seven years Colleen has resided in Southwest Manitoba and taught art and art history at Brandon University in Native Studies and the Visual and Aboriginal Arts Department, a unique accredited program that she spear-headed and developed.

In 2007, Colleen received the Brandon University President's Medal for excellence in teaching, research and community service. Colleen's work has also been featured in a public exhibition of First Nations, Inuit and Metis art at the Vancouver 2012 Winter Games. Brandon University thanks Colleen for her years of dedicated service and wishes her continued success.



Photo by Kevin Bertram. Image courtesy of the artist

Solo Exhibition

Ben Davis' 2012 solo exhibition at the Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba showcased work exploring his relationship to new and unfamiliar contexts – to people, culture, and land. Having moved to Manitoba in 2008, Davis, a sessional instructor in Brandon University's Department of Visual and Aboriginal Art was inspired to begin this new body of work based on his experience of driving through local agricultural land, specifically focusing on a mile-by-mile section south of Brandon. This distinct area became the starting point for work exploring divisions signifying ownership, colonization, and difference. His large-scale drawings, paintings, and video installation (created in collaboration with cellist Leanne Zacharias and videographer Derek Gunlaugson) contrast the vastness of the prairies with the numerous boundaries contained within it, the elaborately layered pieces suggesting how land is framed and drawn through its multiple uses.

Research @ BU



Research Grants

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Insight Grant (IG)

① Dr. Alison Marshall was successful with her application to the SSHRC Insight Grant program. She was awarded \$287,395 (over 5 years) for her project entitled *Understanding Chinese Experiences of Racism through Sport Participation and Entertainment Production in Northern Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta*. The project aims to examine Chinese experiences of racism in Northern Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta villages, towns and small cities. While the focus is on men's experiences between the 1880s and 1947, Dr. Marshall also wants to consider the later period up to 1960.

valued at \$17,500 each. This program seeks to develop research skills and assist in the training of highly qualified personnel by supporting students in the social sciences and humanities who demonstrate a high standard of achievement in undergraduate and early graduate studies.

- ② Christopher Bentley – History
- ③ Flint Schwartz – Psychology
(Recipient deferred funding until 2013)
- ④ Britton Woods – Psychology

Brandon University Manitoba Graduate Scholarships (BUMGS)

Funded by the Province of Manitoba and managed by Brandon University, the purpose of the BUMGS is to ensure that Manitoba's best students continue their education in Manitoba. In 2012, five \$15,000 scholarships were awarded to full-time students pursuing a research-based Master's degree at Brandon University.

Research-Based Scholarships

SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarships - Master's (CGSM)

Three BU students were awarded one year scholarships

- ⑤ Randeem Cayer – Education
- ⑥ Michelle Lemoine – Rural Development
- ⑦ John Lovell – Rural Development
- ⑧ Shawn McKinney – Rural Development
- ⑨ Immaculate Nabiser – Rural Development

Dr. Tom Brenemen Lends His Expertise and Enthusiasm to the BUILD Campaign

With his warm smile and palpable friendliness, Dr. Tom Breneman is no stranger to volunteerism and philanthropy. Brandon University (BU) is thrilled to have Tom working directly on students' behalf as an ambassador of advancement and a lead connector to the community.

As chairperson of Brandon University's BUILD Campaign, Tom is utilizing his extensive fundraising experience to support BU's key priorities for growth and expansion. Tom is the team captain of a motivated, diverse group of volunteers at the local, provincial and national level—individuals donating their time, expertise and connections to develop BU and our students.

Over the next three years, the BUILD Campaign will become Brandon University's most successful fundraising effort with a projected goal of \$22 million. These funds will be invested directly to support our students' success.

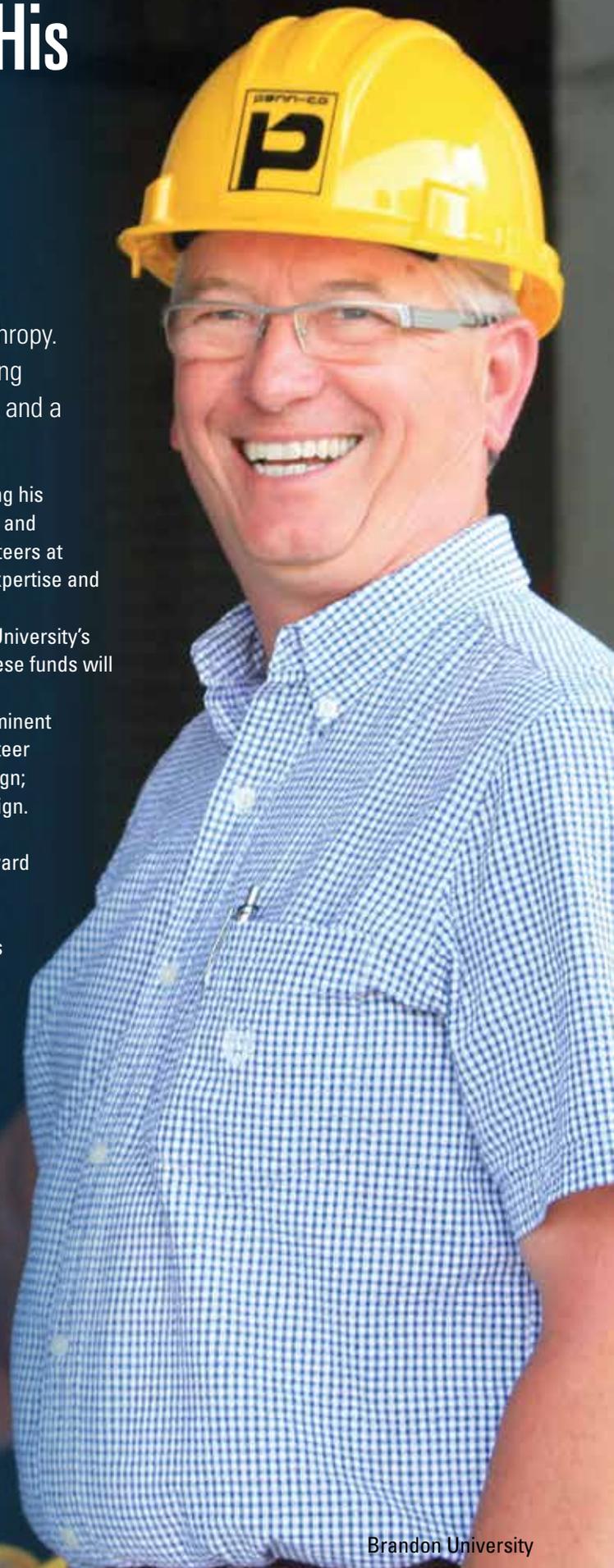
Tom is Past President of the Brandon University Foundation, and a prominent fixture in previous successful fundraising efforts. He first served as Volunteer Committee Chairperson in 1990-91 for BU's Building from Strength Campaign; taking on a leadership role again in 2004 as Chair of the BU & YOU Campaign. In recognition, Tom was awarded the 2005 Brandon University Foundation Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser Award, the Honourary Trustee Apex Award in 2007, and an Honourary Degree from Brandon University in 2008.

Tom's outstanding guidance in previous campaigns bodes well for the highly ambitious BUILD initiative. His unflagging support of BU exemplifies his dedication to our students.

Well-known within the City of Brandon as a dentist at West-Man Dental Clinic, Tom is a graduate of the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba. He is a current member and Past President of both the Western Manitoba Dental Society and the Canadian Dental Association; member of the Manitoba Dental Association; and current Fellow of the International College of Dentists, the Academy of Dentistry International and the Canadian Trustee for the Pierre Fouchard Academy. He was recently honoured by the University of Manitoba as recipient of the Faculty of Dentistry Alumni of Distinction Award.

Tom has volunteered with numerous organizations—in chairperson and leadership roles with the Brandon Regional Health Authority, St. Augustine's Parish, Male and Female Soccer for the Canada Games, Brandon United Way, Westman Heart and Stroke Foundation, Brandon General Hospital Campaign, Kinsmen Club of Brandon and the National Association of Kinsmen Clubs.

With the BUILD Campaign gaining momentum, watch for Tom Breneman working tirelessly locally, provincially and across Canada on behalf of Brandon University. ■



Q & A with Brett McGregor, President, Guild Insurance

Guild Insurance is a locally owned and operated insurance brokerage in Brandon. In business since 1990, Guild has always worked to support the community. Guild believes in cultivating a working environment that offers employees opportunity for growth and advancement, personal satisfaction in work accomplishments, and the means to share in the company's success.

How are you connected to Brandon University?

Many staff of Guild Insurance Brokers are alumni of Brandon University. In 2006 Guild Insurance Brokers established an endowment fund, The Murray Guild Memorial Fund to be awarded to a full-time student in the Bachelor of Business Administration program, based on academic achievement, community leadership and financial need.

We place a high value on education with our own staff and believe in life-long learning. We support the University in its efforts to keep our students in the city, recruit new students to our area and provide education to enhance the workforce.

What inspired you to choose to support the Healthy Living Centre? How do you feel the Healthy Living Centre will enhance our community?

Being locally owned allows us to re-invest our profits back in the community, supporting causes that will in turn provide energy for a stronger Brandon. Guild strongly believes in supporting the City of Brandon and achieves this through sponsorship of



various organizations and events as well as the volunteering of our time to aid in worthwhile projects.

Brandon University's Healthy Living Centre is a project that we have identified that will add great value to Brandon. The addition to the campus will be a great drawing card for student recruitment, in turn boosting the city's economy. Construction of the facility also comes at a time when overall health and wellness has become a key factor in finding a balanced lifestyle for individuals. We believe a healthy population helps create a strong and vibrant community.

What do you wish other people knew about the Healthy Living Centre?

The Healthy Living Centre is not only the host to the Bobcat athletic programs. The centre will be open to the entire community, offering a diverse selection of health and wellness options unique to our city, such as the indoor walking and jogging track.

What would you tell someone who is thinking about making a donation to the Healthy Living Centre?

Contribution to the facility is an investment into the health of our citizens, our community and Brandon University itself. ■

Photographs on this page were selected from the scrapbook of Georgina Matiation (nee Hill) held in the S.J. McKee Archives, Brandon University. Georgina Hill attended Brandon College from 1954-1956. Originally an Arts student, Hill graduated with the Teacher Training Class of 1956. Her photograph album was donated to the Archives in 1998.

If you have any questions about the photographs or have materials from your days at Brandon College/University that you would like to donate to the McKee Archives, please contact Christy Henry at henryc@brandonu.ca.



1. On stage – George Bell, Frank McKinnon, Gord Williams and Don Burrows. 2. Vote Leckie – S. Curry, M. Sills, S. Popple, N. Christie, M. Townsend, R. Martin, D. Scharff, J. Gerrard, R. Mitchell, N. McD. 3. Suited up – Mr. Wong, Dr. Kidd, Mr. Perry, Dr. Perdue, Mr. Birkenshaw, Dr. Younge. 4. “The night at 12 when all the posters went up.”

school of music the pro series

Tuesday, January 8 The Faculty Concert

The featured performers in this favourite annual pro series concert are none other than the School of Music’s very own instructors, who maintain their outstanding musicianship while imparting their experience and knowledge. They will interpret music representing various periods and genres.

Friday, February 8 Couloir: Ariel Barnes, ‘cello Heidi Krutzen, harp

Programme: Boccherini – *Sonata in A Major*; Morlock – *Three Mediations on Light*; Debussy – *Sonata in D Minor*



Couloir

Principals in the Vancouver Opera Orchestra, Barnes and Krutzen also perform with the Turning Point Ensemble and individually at festivals and concert series in Canada and beyond. As a duo, they often commission music by Canadian composers.

Monday, March 18 Karnel Wolak, clarinet Chris Donnelly, piano

Programme will include Gershwin – *Rhapsody in Blue*; Yadzinski – *A Paganini*; Donnelly – *Henry’s Song and Dance*; Mozart – *Adagio from Clarinet Concerto*



Karnel Wolak and Chris Donnelly

Born in Bialystok, Poland, Kornel was a scholarship student at Indiana University’s Jacobs School of Music, where he earned a Master of Music degree. He has performed in Europe and North America, with prestigious ensembles like the Wieniawski String Quartet and Quartetto Gelato. Chris Donnelly, a professor at the University of Toronto, is an award-winning jazz performer.

Friday, March 29 Faina Lushtak, piano

Programme to be announced
Known for her lyricism and romanticism, pianist Faina Lushtak will make her long awaited pro series debut. Born and raised in the Soviet Union, she was a child prodigy, who has had long, successful teaching and performing careers.



Faina Lushtak

2013 Brandon University Bobcats Schedule

Home games

Away games

Numbers in brackets indicate start time in PM.

Date	Women's Basketball	Men's Basketball	Women's Volleyball	Men's Volleyball
Canada West Conference Schedule				
Thursday, Jan. 10			Trinity Western (6:00 pm)	Trinity Western (8:00 pm)
Friday, Jan. 11	Mount Royal (6:00 pm)	Mount Royal (8:00 pm)		
Saturday, Jan. 12	UNBC (5:00 pm)	UNBC (7:00 pm)	Trinity Western (12:30 pm)	Trinity Western (2:30 pm)
Friday, Jan. 18	UBC (6:00 pm)	UBC (8:00 pm)	Alberta (6:00 pm)	Alberta (7:45 pm)
Saturday, Jan. 19	Victoria (5:00 pm)	Victoria (7:00 pm)	Alberta (5:00 pm)	Alberta (6:45 pm)
Friday, Jan. 25	Saskatchewan (6:00 pm)	Saskatchewan (8:00 pm)	Saskatchewan (6:15 pm)	Saskatchewan (8:00pm)
Saturday, Jan. 26	Saskatchewan (5:00 pm)	Saskatchewan (7:00 pm)	Saskatchewan (6:15 pm)	Saskatchewan (8:00pm)
Friday, Feb. 1	Lethbridge (6:00 pm)	Lethbridge (8:00 pm)	UBC (6:00 pm)	UBC (7:45 pm)
Saturday, Feb. 2	Lethbridge (6:00 pm)	Lethbridge (8:00 pm)	UBC (5:00 pm)	UBC (6:45 pm)
Friday, Feb. 8	Calgary (6:00 pm)	Calgary (8:00 pm)	UBC-Okanagan (6:00 pm)	UBC-Okanagan (8:00 pm)
Saturday, Feb. 9	Calgary (5:00 pm)	Calgary (7:00 pm)	UBC-Okanagan (5:00 pm)	UBC-Okanagan (7:00 pm)
Friday, Feb. 15	Regina (6:00 pm)	Regina (8:00 pm)		
Saturday, Feb. 16	Regina (5:00 pm)	Regina (7:00 pm)		
Canada West and CIS Playoffs TBA				



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