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The road from Transcona to Parliament Hill is a long and winding one, but no matter how you look at it, it runs straight through the University of Winnipeg.

It was there in the fall of 1969 that a 19-year-old with a bushy head of hair atop a 6'6" frame began his post-secondary studies. By the time William Alexander Blaikie left four years later he had earned a BA and was just one course short of making it an honours degree in philosophy. He would also earn a Rockefeller Fellowship, setting in motion further studies that would make Blaikie an ordained minister in the United Church. But more importantly for Blaikie's career path, by the time this young Tory left the UWinnipeg, he had become a New Democrat. "The University of Winnipeg has a good left-wing tradition," is how Blaikie now explains his political epiphany. Following in that tradition didn't lead to any immediate political success for Blaikie. A run for the post as vice-president of the UWSA in the spring of 1972 came up empty. Of course, there would be plenty of political victories to come.

"What happened to me at the University of Winnipeg is a classic case of what a liberal arts education should be, which is to think critically about the assumptions you have grown up with, assumptions of your culture and the dominant culture. I was changed by my time at the University of Winnipeg."

Among those changes was putting aside plans to pursue a law degree and the pay cheques that would accompany it and becoming a man of the cloth. Carl Ridd, who now wears the title of Fellow at the University, remembers Blaikie as a student who was a giant both physically and intellectually. "He had this large head with many brains in it and bushy hair," Ridd says. "He was a most imposing presence." Alas, as a basketball fanatic Ridd wasn't able to harness any of Blaikie's height to the advantage of the Wesmen on the hardwood. But Blaikie's brain, well, Ridd still marvels at it and what he has been able to do with it on Parliament Hill. "The thing that was really imposing was his mind. He seemed to know things he had no right to know. He would utter things which would blow me away sometimes and would astonish his classmates."

Ridd was so impressed with Blaikie's grasp of ethical, spiritual, and human issues that he nominated him for the Rockefeller Fellowship that allows recipients to spend a trial year in the seminary. Blaikie would land the prestigious award that would lead to a master of divinity in Toronto. From there Blaikie followed in the footsteps of J.S. Woodsworth doing outreach ministry at the Stella Mission on Winnipeg's inner city streets and then in 1979, to Parliament as an MP.

As this article is written it's the end of January and Bill Blaikie is in full-thunder mode as he makes one last leadership pitch to the NDP party faithful. He is going after the Liberals over health care funding. He is rejecting the corporate model of globalization. And he is evoking the spirit of John Lennon's song Imagine as he lays out his vision of a social democratic conscience for Canada. "Politics is more than just a matter of competing interests," Blaikie tells the party's convention. "Politics is about finding and implementing an ethical response to the problems we face."

It was vintage Blaikie, but at the end of the day Jack Layton won the party's top job. Layton, however, does not yet have a seat in the Commons. So both the government and Canadians have not heard the end of Blaikie and his stem-winding speeches as he now serves as the NDP's parliamentary leader. "I'm happy to be the parliamentary leader, taking the lead-off question and going after the government," Blaikie explains of the latest stop in his political journey.

UPDATE YOUR ALUMNI RECORD





Cheryl Bayer with proud parents Barbara and Mike.

like mother (and father) *like daughter*

TEXT: Randy Matthes '88

Maybe it adds up that Cheryl Bayer, first-ever winner of the Family of Alumni Achievement Scholarship, is majoring in Biochemistry. Her parents are Science graduates who first locked eyes across an organic-chemistry lab at UWinnipeg.

"Mom and Dad always told me UWinnipeg was a really good school for Science," says second-year student Cheryl, who is interested in a career in Optometry or Medicine. Whether you credit nature or nurture, proud parents Mike and Barbara are thrilled with their daughter's accomplishment. "We were absolutely delighted, because the University is in our hearts," says Mike, who serves on the 2002/03 Alumni Council as the Assistant Team Leader of Events and Outreach. "But the scholarship is Cheryl's achievement, not ours."

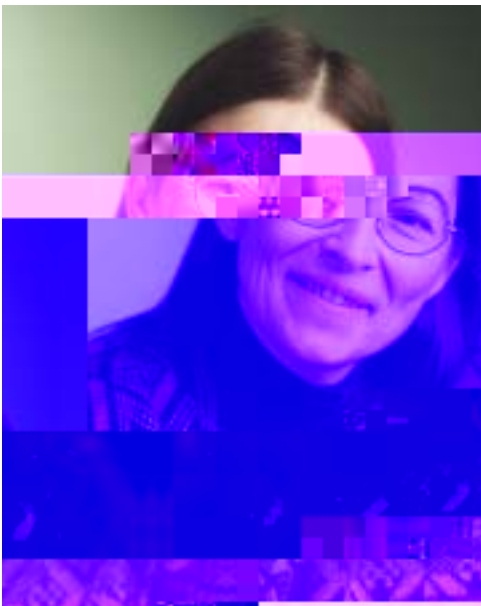
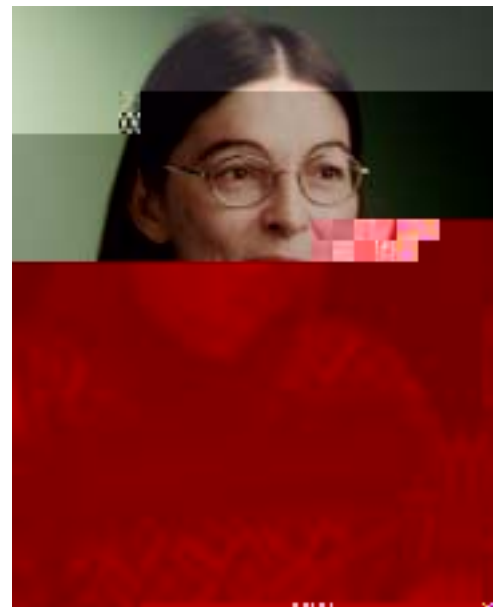
The Achievement Scholarship is one of two \$2,000 Family of Alumni Scholarships offered annually by the Alumni Association to family members of University of Winnipeg graduates. This award is Cheryl's second honour from the Alumni Association. As a new student, she received an Alumni Entrance Scholarship in 2001.

Extra-curricular activities on campus or other activities demonstrating innovation and entrepreneurship are a factor in eligibility. Cheryl fits the bill on many counts. As a graduate

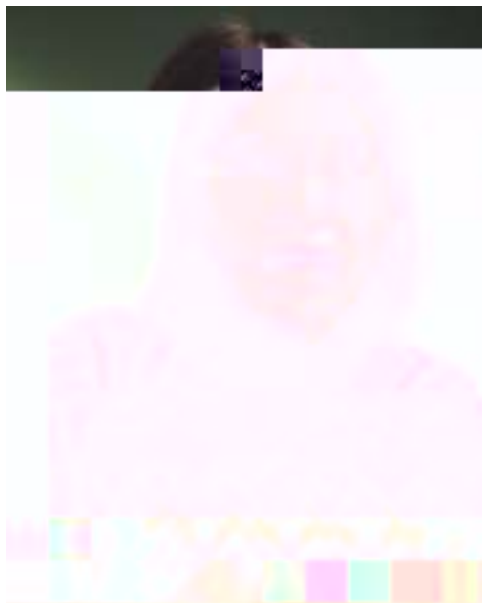
of Collège Béliveau's High School French Immersion Program, Cheryl is fluent in French and an active volunteer with several French-language organizations. She is also a volunteer with the Manitoba Brain Injury Association and works as a lifeguard and swimming instructor with the City of Winnipeg. Family ties aside (an aunt and uncle also attended the University), Cheryl says the University's recruitment presentations and its reputation were big reasons why she chose the school. "I went on tours of the University and I felt welcome," she says. "And I heard from other people that UWinnipeg was a great place."

The Family of Alumni scholarships are one more way to build connections between past, present, and potential students, says Chris Cottick, Vice-President, Alumni Council. "At the awards ceremony last fall, one of the winners attended with her grandmother, an alumna. It was touching," says Cottick. "We intend for these scholarships to keep fostering and strengthening connections to this University." As one of this year's recipients, Cheryl appreciates the encouragement. "The scholarship is an honour, and it makes a big contribution toward tuition."

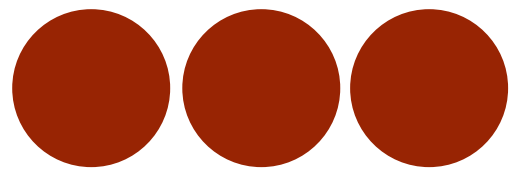
For more information on Alumni scholarships visit www.uwinnipeg.ca/web/alumni/scholarships.shtml 



ANN WATERS-BAYER: CULT









ALUMNI AUTHORS

David Bergen's third novel, *The Case of Lena S.*, made the shortlist for the 2002 Governor General's Award for fiction. The

Case of Lena follows the life, loves, and coming-of-age of 16-year-old Mason Crowe, a wannabee poet. Mason and girlfriend Lena float through various stages of love, torture, indecision, rejection, and, ultimately, failure. In spare, precise prose infused with intellectual playfulness and deadpan humor, Bergen captures the innocence, the wisdom, and the yearnings of youth.

Bergen's last novel is the internationally acclaimed *See the Child*. His other fiction includes *Sitting Opposite My Bother*, a finalist for the Manitoba Book of the Year, and *A Year of Lesser*, a New York Times Notable Book and winner of the McNally Robinson Book of the Year Award. Bergen was awarded the 2000 CBC Literary Prize for Fiction.

Linda Holeman's *Search of the Moon King's Daughter* offers a realistic and unromanticized

snapshot of 1830s England. A bygone era is brought to life in this story of an extraordinary young woman and her ability to take responsibility for her family when the adults in her life have failed her. Squalor, addiction, and abusive child-labour practises feature in this graphic portrayal of times gone by.

Holeman's works have received numerous honours and international recognition. For young adults she has written a collection of stories, *Saying Good-bye*, as well as the novels, *Promise Song*, *Mercy's Birds*, and *Raspberry House Blues*. She has also written a children's picture book and two collections of short stories for adults.

Catherine Hunter's In the *First Early Days of My Death* is a Zen ghost story that blends super-

stition and the afterlife.

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From the UK to UWinnipeg

TRAVELLING ANDY FINDS A HOME

текст: Bryan Osborne '89 фото: grajewski.fotograph

Professor Andy Lockery may have retired, but the former Environmental Studies professor and department chair works as hard today building and promoting UWinnipeg as when he arrived in Canada 35 years ago.

Known for his distinctive accent, the gregarious professor was born in Grappenhall, Cheshire but raised in Penrith, in the beautiful Eden Valley of northern England. Living in an area with a name like Eden, it is hardly surprising that Lockery fell in love with the intricacies of the natural world.

He organized Outward Bound survival courses at the Brathay Institute, and a favourite teacher stimulated his deep interest in geology, which he followed to Durham University, one of Europe's top geography schools.

As an undergraduate, Lockery spent his summers in Italy, where he compared alpine agricultural systems to those back home and began his lifelong study of the Italian language. His graduate work focused on “isostatic rebound,” the gradual rise of landforms which have been compressed by glaciers. While his research was conducted in the North Sea, Lockery maintained an interest in the shores of the Hudson Bay, where this isostatic rise is measurable with changes in sea level. With three job offers on the table at the completion of his PhD, Lockery chose UWinnipeg. “I wanted to be working near the Bay, and I heard the University of Winnipeg was right across the street,” says Lockery, only half-joking about the nearby department store named after the prominent geographical location. With several new universities opening up in those days, many professors were coming to Canada from the UK, but the size of the country and relative locations were not well known.

Upon his arrival in 1968, Lockery set to work designing UWinnipeg’s geology labs to replicate those at Durham University. “Given budget limitations, it was a challenge, but our labs here were developed as a 1/3 scale model of those of Europe’s top geology school,” Lockery explains. “We were able to do some amazing work here.”

In 1970, Lockery founded Canada’s first undergraduate Environmental Studies program—13 years ahead of any other undergraduate school. “With all the environmental concerns emerging then, we saw an opportunity to take the lead,” says

Lockery. He built a broad and successful program, and with his skill in scuba diving and interest in marine archaeology, he became one of the first oceanography instructors on the Prairies. Lockery also went on to pioneer work in the recovery of fur-trade artifacts from the Winnipeg River and whaling fleets of the Arctic.

As a researcher, professor, and mentor, Lockery’s work has received acclaim from students and the broader community alike. In 1983 the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) recognized the effectiveness of UWinnipeg’s Environmental Studies Program, recommending it as a model program. His students showed their support as well, honouring Lockery with the Clifford J. Robson Award for teaching excellence (1996-1997).

Today, while retired from his professorial duties, Lockery continues to support UWinnipeg as acting director of the Enrolment Services department. His ability to articulate the benefits of a UWinnipeg arts and sciences education to students across Manitoba and Ontario has been a major contributor to recent enrolment increases, particularly from northern Ontario. Lockery has literally hundreds of high school visits to his credit, but he’s just as committed to UWinnipeg’s grads as he is to potential students. Lockery meets with alums each month to offer ongoing support and stay in touch, ensuring there is always guidance available on the journey from classroom to workplace. To contact Lockery, e-mail a.lockery@uwinnipeg.ca 📧

BORN TO RIDE

TEXT: Annette Elvers '93

When it comes to fashion, a tweed jacket and tie would fit the bill nicely for any proper British professor. Andy Lockery didn’t mind putting on the suit for the photo-shoot, but underneath it’s all neon. Cycling gear, to be precise.

Well over six feet tall and slender as a greyhound, Lockery has the build of an elite cyclist. While it’s been some time since he competed, he is still passionate about his sport and can’t be stopped by rain, snow, or even broken bones.

Despite an accident last summer that left Lockery with bumps, bruises, and a pelvis broken in three places, in less than a week he was back on his bike. “[My wife] Val had to help me onto my bike,” says Lockery. “It was very painful, tears were streaming down my face.” He started with short trips just the length of the driveway,

but was soon off and speeding down the highway, making sure he didn’t miss his weekly breakfast with a local cycling group. “You have to keep at it, that’s the key,” says Lockery, who still rides daily.

Throughout his time as a cyclist Lockery has ridden his bicycle in Italy, Switzerland, the UK, the US, and Canada. With more than 200,000 miles under his belt (about 321,869 km), if you stretched his trips end to end he would have cycled across Canada 58 times.

When he’s not working in the recruiting office at UWinnipeg, Lockery can often be found at Olympia Sport and Cycle on Portage Avenue where he sells and repairs bikes of all kinds, as well as other sporting equipment. Of course, you might just as easily find him cycling down the open road - rain or shine.

CKU



HOMEGROWN RADIO

TEXT: Jill Wilson '93

For almost 30 years, UWinnipeg's CKUW radio station was really just a public address system, piped into Lockhart Hall, the Buffeteria, and later, the Bulman Student Centre.



Despite the fact that Winnipeg was for many years the largest metropolitan area in North America without a campus/ community radio station, the concept of getting CKUW on the air seemed like a pipe dream. But since 1999, listeners from all across Winnipeg have been able to tune in to CKUW at 95.9 FM, and from all indications, they like it a lot.

And what's not to like? CKUW's programming runs the gamut with shows for all ages from kids to seniors and music from classical to punk and blues. Like the University that CKUW calls home, the station also opens up topics for debate, offering alternative political viewpoints and philosophies not often voiced in the mainstream media.

So how did CKUW make the leap from lowly PA system to a homegrown FM entity? About 10 years ago, an undaunted group of students and alumni formed a steering committee with the goal of getting CKUW on the air. They schemed,

Ariel Zylberman—philosopher, teacher, and student of life—is rarely at a loss for words. But as he and his friends sat around a campfire only days before his family was scheduled to leave their homeland of Argentina, there were no words to describe what he was feeling. “Fond memories came flooding back— languorous Sunday barbecues, conversations, and pizza that lasted till the wee hours of the morning. Leaving my friends felt like losing a part of myself.

“Everything after that happened too quickly for fears and reservations to register,” he recalls. Immersed in a new culture with an unfamiliar language, Zylberman’s family adopted an optimistic outlook. “Instead of seeing obstacles, we saw opportunities for growth.”

Zylberman brought out the best in others through his work as editor of the *Western Undergraduate Journal of Philosophy* and in his founding of the current Philosophy Department lunch-hour seminars. In addition to volunteering with the Jewish Child and Family Services as a Big Brother, he devoted himself to his work as a Teaching Assistant. “It was uniquely satisfying to watch students making new discoveries. Their eyes shine with a brighter light, as if it were a sign that in that moment nature had unveiled a secret and they had become a little wiser.”

This fall Zylberman plans to pursue a master’s degree in Philosophy at Oxford. He sees his work there as a continuation of what he began at UWinnipeg. “Knowledge and understanding

RHODES SCHOLAR EMBARKS ON

TEXT: Paula Denbow PHOTO: grajewski.fotograph

Aware of the sacrifices his parents made to give their children a better life, Zylberman seized every available opportunity—including a university education. When he arrived on campus, he knew only that he wanted an education; the choice to take Philosophy was random. “I started without a map. My only guidance came from a drive for inner exploration.” Philosophy struck a chord, he remembers. “As I studied, what once seemed obvious and true was called into question. This approach has been essential in making me the kind of thinker I am today.”

Throughout his studies Zylberman has worked as a tutor in ESL and Spanish while maintaining an exceptional academic record. Along the way he has received numerous honours, including a Rhodes Scholarship from Oxford University and UWinnipeg’s most prestigious award, the Sir William Stephenson Scholarship. “Ariel is an outstanding scholar,” says Brian Keenan, Chair of the Philosophy Department. “In over 25 years of teaching he has been one of my best students and among the finest people I’ve ever met.”

are like a big ball of clay,” he offers, “continually reshaping as you grow. The exploration I began here has no end. On a few occasions I have found myself talking with professors about the exciting ideas of various authors—only to discover that next year I will be studying with these people. What could be more thrilling?” After completing his PhD, he hopes to return to the University of Winnipeg as a professor of Philosophy. “Teaching here would be enormously gratifying.”

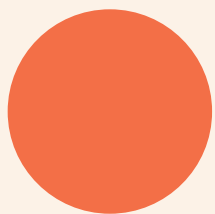
Zylberman recognizes that he has come full circle. “I find myself sad about leaving home once again; however, my sadness is tempered with the knowledge that each physical move has been a stepping stone in a profound philosophical journey.” ■



PHILOSOPHICAL EXPLORATION

Rhodes Scholarships are awarded annually throughout the Commonwealth, in the United States, and Europe. Only three such scholarships are allotted to the prairie region of Canada, which includes Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba.

Students from UWinnipeg, home to approximately four per cent of the Western Region student



'78 **Lori Toews Friesen** is director of finance for MBMS International, a global mission agency of the Mennonite Brethren Church of Canada.

'78 **David Henteleff**, Associate Alumnus won the Liberal nomination in the ridin

'92 **Darlene (Mansell) Werbiski** owns Cuts Ahead hair salon in Dauphin, Man. Darlene is married with two children.

'93 **Harvey Chochinov** was named Canada's first Research Chair in Palliative Care at the University of Manitoba. Harvey, a University of Manitoba professor of Psychiatry, was also awarded \$122,000 to set up a multidisciplinary research unit at CancerCare Manitoba.

'93 **Kevin Longfield's** play *Sunset or Sundown* was read in December at the Public Theater of Kentucky.

'93 **Lisa MacKenzie** certified as a project management professional in 2002.

'93, '90 **Collegiate Wah Choo** is finance and business manager for Comm. Passion Mobile P/L in Singapore.

'93 **Keng Siew Koay** is service planning manager at Fuji Xerox Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd. in Kuala Lumpur, Singapore.

'93 **Soo Ching Lim** is senior executive officer at Methodist Welfare Services in Singapore.

'93 **Keng Keong Phang** is a program manager at Siemens, Malaysia.

'94, '98 **Martha Fortier** and husband Ray announce the birth of their first child, Stephan Paul Fortier, who was born on NnB8(eong Pha19.727e)19.7(a multi)144.0707 Tmis



IN MEMORIAM

Barthelemy (Routledge), Louise BA '34

Block, Rev. Isaac MST '86 on September 25,

Gratitude

TEXT: Patti (Clark) Tweed '95

Expressing gratitude takes many forms. It can be a simple "thank you" for a job well done. A small but thoughtful gift, chosen with care for a loved one. A single dandelion, given with love, by a child to her grandparent.

Throughout the journey of life heartfelt gratitude inspires continued generosity. In the context of the University setting I see the many ways in which gratitude brings out the best in people. The recent graduate who gives the gift of time to the Alumni Association; the group of family and friends who create a scholarship to celebrate the life and work of a beloved professor; the United College alumnus who recalls fond memories of life in residence who makes a gift to the Housing Initiative. In each case, an outpouring of appreciation is at the root of it all.

Recently, it was my privilege to meet a man named Philip Weiss. Through the joys and the sorrows that a long life may bring, Philip has an extraordinary way of expressing gratitude in all circumstances. Philip's history with the University of Winnipeg has been long and productive. For nearly 20 years he has shared his experience of the Holocaust with students at the University. From regularly scheduled lectures and seminars to private gatherings, Philip's dedication has been expressed each year. "For the best of reasons Philip Weiss wants to teach, to ensure that the Holocaust will never be forgotten or diminished in any way," says History Professor Robert Young, whose classes

have been enriched by Philip's presence. "I am but one who has been moved by such fierce determination within a gentle and reflective man." Philip has also expressed his personal commitment to the education of the younger generation by creating a special Holocaust Memorial Essay Prize. This annual cash prize is awarded to a first-year UWinnipeg student for the best essay on the Holocaust experience. Philip attends the award ceremony, listens to the presentation, and receives a copy of the winning essay for his own archives.

Last fall Philip was at it again. Retiring in August of 2002, after 50 years of producing quality custom furniture, Philip offered to help the Division of Continuing Education (DCE) furnish their space with beautiful pieces from his factory. Knowing the great needs for furniture in the rest of the University, and knowing the generous capacity of Philip Weiss, we humbly asked him to expand the gift to include furniture for the main campus. With his characteristic generosity



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