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**If you have computer problems or a general question about information technology (IT), you can go to the IT Solution Centre in E610 University Hall for help. Nothing surprises the centre's team, which includes: (BACK ROW l-r) Wesley Penner, Tony Stannard, Team Lead Chris Robinson, Aaron Vermeer, Bryan Galambos, Ron Schreiber, (FRONT ROW l-r) Ryan McDonald, Laurie Martin and James Marshalsay.**

## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION CHALLENGE

BY ROSI Z. GREGORY

It is the time of year when individuals start to think about what resolution(s) they will make for the new year. Often the resolutions are focused around improving one's health by committing to losing weight, quitting smoking or becoming fit (or all of the above).

As we start the new year, I would like to challenge you to make a resolution to reduce your risk of injury.

In the winter, everyday activities such as walking and driving can present more risks because of snow and ice. A slip-and-fall accident on ice can result in a trip to the emergency room. Resolve to wear a good pair of shoes or boots with non-slip soles, ensure your sidewalks and steps are cleared and sanded and, most importantly, use caution and be aware of where you're walking.

The Canadian Health Network suggests that you can prevent hypothermia and frostbite when outdoors by dressing in layers. Start with a snug inner layer under a loose and warm insulating layer. Complete your outfit with a waterproof outer layer. The network also recommends that you keep a well-stocked emergency kit in your vehicle.

In the workplace and at home, remember to warm up prior to any kind of heavy work. Use good lifting techniques and principles and, if the object is really heavy, ask for help. Allow yourself a few extra minutes to warm up when it is cold outside. For a refresher on warm-up stretches or a review of lifting techniques, contact the U of L Employee Health and Wellness office. Please take this challenge and do your part to ensure that you enjoy a safe and healthy 2008.

[Coordinator, Employee Health and Wellness, Rosi Gregory invites questions and story ideas from University staff and faculty. You can e-mail her at \[rosi.gregory@uleth.ca\]\(mailto:rosi.gregory@uleth.ca\).](#)

## STRENGTH IN NUMBERS THE HELP DESK AND DESKTOP SUPPORT UNITE

BY SHELAGH MCMULLAN

If you haven't called the Information Technology (IT) help desk lately, you might be surprised when you dial 329-2490 only to be greeted by a human being instead of an automated phone service.

IT Executive Director Trevor Woods says the new personalized service gives voice to the department's renewed emphasis on offering proactive support to faculty, staff and students.

"IT is in the process of realigning itself to better serve the University's key objectives of teaching and research as well as the administrative units that support those core activities. In order to accomplish this goal, we are restructuring, redefining positions, hiring new

people and strengthening our skills and knowledge," says Woods.

One of the most visible examples of IT's transition is the recent streamlining of desktop support and the help desk into a new unit working in the IT Solution Centre (formerly known as the help desk) in E610. Instead of having the help desk provide front-end services while desktop support works behind the scenes, the two units now work as one team.

"By bringing the two groups together and expanding their skill set, we can improve communications within IT and build on all of the team members' knowledge and expertise. We want to be as accurate and efficient as possible in our assessments of how to solve people's problems," says Woods, who credits Manager Judy Seleski and Team

Lead Chris Robinson for being very instrumental in the success of the restructuring.

Woods emphasizes that staff and faculty don't have to wait for an emergency to call the IT Solution Centre. IT is available to help research technical solutions to academic and business challenges.

"If you're looking for advice on how to deal with an issue where technology might be able to help, the IT Solution Centre is the place to go," says Woods.

Of course, with upwards of 2,000 computers in classrooms, labs and offices and more than 200 servers on campus, technical emergencies will arise. Fortunately, the knowledge that the Solution Centre team acquires in their proactive research also enhances their reactive work.

Woods says the U of L's diverse technology applications and platforms present an almost endless learning curve.

"At a university where researchers and professors need specific tools to do their work, we can't use one type of computer and one operating system. Supporting this range of technology requires an exceptional level of knowledge and troubleshooting skills," says Woods.

While the IT restructuring is ongoing, Woods says the campus community can dial up the IT Solution Centre at 329-2490 or e-mail [help@uleth.ca](mailto:help@uleth.ca) whenever they wish.

"Don't just call us when you have a problem – call us when you have an idea. We are a resource that is here to help," says Woods.



## BILL BOARD

January 2008 marks the end of the University of Lethbridge's year-long 40th anniversary celebrations. The commemorative events that ran throughout 2007 brought past and present members of the U of L community together to mark a significant milestone in the University's history. Thank you to everyone who participated in the events and helped to make the anniversary a wonderful experience for students, alumni, faculty, staff and the many friends of the University.

Last year concluded with a very successful holiday season for Operation Red Nose. Community members called on Operation Red Nose to receive safe rides home in their own vehicles. While no fee is charged, donations for Pronghorn Athletics are accepted. Between Nov. 30 and New Year's Eve, Red Nose volunteers provided approximately 1,131 rides and, in the process, delivered nearly 3,000 people safely to their destinations. While the final numbers aren't in, it's estimated that more than \$30,000 was raised. Congratulations to Sport and Recreation Services and the approximately 600 volunteers on the success of this important community service and fundraiser.

The University raised \$4,000 for the annual United Way of Lethbridge and South Western Alberta fundraising campaign through the sale of "cash calendars" for daily prize draws in November and December. Thanks to everyone who participated in this fun fundraiser by selling or purchasing these calendars, and congratulations to all of the winners.

As most of you already know, there has been a mumps outbreak in southern Alberta. Chinook Health reports that the number of confirmed cases has risen from five in November 2007 to 100 as of Jan. 2, 2008. Due to the work of staff, faculty, students and Chinook Health, more than 59 per cent of the eligible U of L student and employee population received protection from the mumps through immunizations between Nov. 2 and Dec. 3, 2007. It was fortunate that so many people were immunized before Alberta Health and Wellness suspended all mumps vaccinations on Dec. 11 because of serious allergic reactions to the vaccine in five individuals immunized during Alberta's recent mumps campaign for young adults. None of the reported reactions occurred at any of the University of Lethbridge campus clinics. More information and advice on how to prevent the spread of the mumps is available on the Notice Board at [www.ulethbridge.ca/notice](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/notice).

In late January, a crew from Vision Media Television will visit the Lethbridge campus to film the University and interview members of the University and Lethbridge communities. The U of L and its water research program are being profiled by the National Education Report series for U.S. public television. This educational series, which is hosted by Hugh Downs, is including Canadian schools as part of its 2008 programming.

I wish you all the best in the Spring 2008 Semester. To stay up to date on upcoming events on campus, please visit the Notice Board at [www.ulethbridge.ca/notice](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/notice).

## FROM STUDENT TO EMPLOYER REAPING THE BENEFITS

BY LYNETTE LACROIX

U of L co-op alumna Shehla Awan (BMgt '04) knows the value of the Management Co-op program first-hand. Taking full advantage of the program and what it has to offer, Awan worked for three different organizations and gained two years of valuable experience in the process.

Crediting her first position out of university to her co-op experience, she has been recruiting students from the program herself ever since. "Some employers place a high value on previous co-op experience and, as a result, I was short-listed by Syncrude for its new grad program," says Awan.

“As employers, we look for individuals who fit with our organization – co-ops are a great way to find potential employees for the future.”

### Shehla Awan

Knowing how easy it is to work with the co-op program, the quality and enthusiasm of the students and having personal knowledge of the curriculum all contribute to Awan's continued support of the Management Co-op program.

Awan, who is now a human resources representative with Syncrude Canada Ltd., recently shared her thoughts on the Management Co-op program with the Legend.

#### Q. Why do you recruit from the U of L's Management Co-op program?

A. It's a great program with high-quality students. Students in the co-op program tend to be more dedicated, have a genuine interest in gaining great work experience and take the experience more seriously. As employers, we look for individuals who fit with our organization – co-ops are a great way to find potential employees for the future.

#### Q. What qualities make our students strong candidates?

A. Co-op students are more knowledgeable about the interview process and come to the interview prepared. They make great first impressions (in terms of dress, manners, etc.) and have researched the organization to know what it is all about. These students tend to be more enthusiastic and interested in gaining quality experience.

#### Q. Do you look to the co-op program to find future employees?

A. Yes. The whole idea behind hiring



Management co-op alumna Shehla Awan is a human resources representative with Syncrude Canada Ltd. who recruits U of L management co-op students.

from the co-op program is to provide students with a great experience and hope they will be interested in permanent opportunities with our company when they graduate.

The U of L Management Co-op program is more structured and focused within the various majors of the bachelor of management degree. It helps students gain meaningful

work experience in their fields of study, which makes them more employable when they graduate.

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# ABOVE THE CALL OF DUTY

When U of L President Dr. Bill Cade joined the University, he was surprised to learn that there was no award for administrative and support staff.

“There were awards for distinguished teaching and research as well as a number of awards for student performance, but there was no formal way to say ‘job well done’ to the administrative and support staff,” says Cade.

With the assistance of Vice-President (Finance & Administration) Nancy Walker and Human Resources, Cade presented the first-ever President’s Award for Service Excellence for AUPE support staff and APO/Exempt support staff in 2003.

“The President’s Awards honour staff for distinguished service in their work and in the community. It was important for the award to recognize community service since the U of L wouldn’t be here if it wasn’t for the people of Lethbridge,” says Cade.

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The awards for AUPE support staff and APO/Exempt support staff are offered annually, with the winners each receiving a certificate of recognition and \$1,000 for their professional development accounts. The honorees are recognized at the Long Service Awards and Retirement Recognition Ceremony held each May and acknowledged at the spring convocation ceremonies.

Pensions and Benefits Manager Marie Yolland Chairs the President’s Award for Service Excellence Committee. She says the two AUPE, two APO and one Exempt support staff representatives on the committee with her work very hard to uphold the integrity of the awards.

“Everyone on the committee is impressed by the number of staff who are not only doing their jobs extremely well, but are enhancing the reputation of the University by their work in the community,” says Yolland. “A great deal of time, thought and consideration goes into selecting the recipients.”

Nomination forms and more information on the awards are available from the Human Resources site at [www.ulethbridge.ca/hum](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/hum). **The deadline for nominations for the 2008 awards is March 7.**

If you have a nominee in mind, it’s best to begin the nomination process as soon as possible. Writing the narratives and collecting the ref-

erences that uphold the President’s Award standard of excellence can take some time.

Yolland encourages staff, students and faculty to take this once-a-year chance to publicly acknowledge an AUPE or APO/Exempt staff member.

“While not everyone can win, all nominees receive commendation letters from the president. Just knowing that colleagues made the effort to nominate them can mean a great deal to nominees,” says Yolland.



(l-r) Dr. René Boéré, Senior Maintenance Worker Carl Budny, Dr. Marc Roussel and Dr. Cameron Goater

## AND THE OSCAR GOES TO...

Senior Maintenance Worker Carl Budny didn’t know what to think when he received an unexpected invitation to the President’s Office last spring. When it turned out that President Dr. Bill Cade wanted to congratulate Budny on being awarded the 2007 President’s Award for Service Excellence for AUPE support staff, Budny’s reaction was “shock.”

The award was no surprise to Budny’s nominators, who included Dr. René Boéré (Chemistry & Biochemistry), Dr. Marc Roussel (Chemistry & Biochemistry) and Dr. Cameron Goater (Biological Sciences).

“We got people from Physics, Biological Sciences and Chemistry & Biochemistry together to nominate Carl because we all had been touched in various ways by his

superb work. For many years, he has made our lives much easier,” says Roussel.

The award nomination not only praised Budny’s efforts to set up and maintain offices and labs at the University, but his contributions as an active member of the U of L Judo Club and the Canadian Polish Association.

“When people do a really good job, that should be acknowledged. People who do their job well make a real difference in our working lives and that translates directly into a better experience for students,” says Boéré.

Budny says he appreciates the honour. “This is like the Oscars for support staff at the University, so thank you very much. I would encourage my friends and other AUPE members to work really hard so they too will be recognized,” says Budny.



(l-r) Accounting Assistant, Management, Patti Leeb and Executive Director, Financial Services, Carrie Takeyasu

## PEER PRAISE

Accounting Assistant, Management, Patti Leeb says Executive Director, Financial Services, Carrie Takeyasu was the first person to come to mind when she heard about the President’s Award for Service Excellence.

“To me, Carrie is the epitome of what the award is about. She is really service oriented and a good ambassador for Financial Services and the University as a whole,” says Leeb.

Leeb and Takeyasu had worked together in Financial Services for approximately 16 years when Leeb nominated Takeyasu for the award in 2006. “I reported to Carrie for quite a few years, and I was totally impressed by her. When I asked people to provide references for her nomination, they were all thrilled to do it. The nomination definitely became a team effort,” says Leeb.

The nomination praised Takeyasu’s lifelong commitment to learning as exemplified by her certified management accountant designation and master’s of business administration. Takeyasu was also recognized for her past volunteer work with the Lethbridge Minor Football Association and the West Castle Disabled Ski Association.

Takeyasu went on to win the 2006 President’s Award for APO/Exempt support staff. While she is very appreciative of the award, Takeyasu says being nominated by Leeb and the other references was a great honour in itself.

“I am really touched to have been nominated by someone I worked with for so many years,” says Takeyasu.

Leeb and Takeyasu encourage anyone considering nominating an AUPE or APO/Exempt support staff member for a President’s Award to “just do it.”

“There are so many individuals who truly deserve to be nominated for this award. Their service to the U of L and to the community is exemplary. It does not take a lot of effort, so please consider nominating someone this year,” says Takeyasu.

## TAKEYASU APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

Carrie Takeyasu has been appointed executive director, Financial Services, effective Jan. 1, 2008. Takeyasu first began working at the University as a summer student in Human Resources before becoming a full-time employee in 1989. She has served as acting executive director of Financial Services since May 2007.

## NOMINATE A TEACHER OR RESEARCHER

The U of L is calling for nominations for its 2008 teaching and research awards.

**The Distinguished Teaching Award** is open to all full- and part-time members of the academic staff who have taught during some part of the 2007/2008 academic year.

It recognizes the central importance of teaching to the philosophy and goals of the University of Lethbridge and is given to provide recognition to those members of the academic

staff who excel in teaching. Each year the selection committee selects a member of the academic staff for the award. It consists of a medal and certificate presented to the recipient at convocation. The deadline date for nominations is Feb. 8, 2008.

**The Ingrid Speaker Medal for Distinguished Research, Scholarship or Performance** is open to all full-

and part-time members of the academic staff currently employed at the University of Lethbridge – or in the case of retired academic staff members, to those who have a contract agreement with the University.

The Ingrid Speaker Medal Endowment is an endowment fund to award medals for distinguished research, scholarship or performance by a

member of the academic staff. The medal may be awarded at spring or fall convocation. The deadline date for nominations is Feb. 29, 2008.

Nomination forms for both awards are available from the President’s Office, which can be reached by phone at 403-329-2201, or online at [www.ulethbridge.ca/pub/awards](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/pub/awards).

# LIBRARY RESOURCE

OF THE MONTH:

## MAPS & ATLASES

BY JUDY VOGT

Maps, like pictures, convey tremendous amounts of information quickly and powerfully.

From street maps of present-day Lethbridge to historical atlases of Aboriginal settlements, from bathymetric maps of the ocean floor to topographic maps of the lunar surface, an ever-increasing amount of information is available in map format.

As a depository library for the Canada Map Office, the University Library's map collection contains topographic maps for every square inch of Canada, with the greatest emphasis on Alberta. In addition, the Library selectively collects maps and atlases that portray cultural and historical landscapes as well as geographical terrain. We have atlases for most regions of the world as well as thematic maps in a wide range of subjects such as geology, land use, epidemiology, history, electoral boundaries, population and climate.

Maps are filed in map cabinets and require the use of an accompanying index to locate the appropriate map sheet. Many of our maps can also be found through the Library's catalogue.

The catalogue can also be used to locate atlases, which provide both visual and textual information, and gazetteers that provide lists of places and their location, historical significance and name changes. The Library's web site also links to government agencies, such as Natural Resources Canada, that provide a large array of maps online.

Maps uniquely and powerfully explore and explain geographical facts and features in a visual format. Visual information can be strongly persuasive and easily misleading, and so it must be critically evaluated with the same rigour as information found in print sources. Along with maps, atlases and gazetteers, the Library provides books on the principles of cartography, map reading, analysis and interpretation.

For additional information, please contact your subject liaison librarian or ask at the Information & Research Assistance Desk. This column is a monthly feature by Librarian Judy Vogt. Please e-mail your story suggestions to Vogt at judy.vogt@uleth.ca.

# SHOWING STUDENTS THE WORLD



(l-r) The Faculty of Management's International Programs team includes Director, International Programs, Andrea Amelinckx and Coordinators Rhonda Crow and Candace Jesson.

BY SHELAGH MCMULLAN

Showing students the world is a pretty big mission statement, but in essence that's what the Faculty of Management's International Programs office strives to do.

Director, International Programs, Andrea Amelinckx says, "Our aim is to enable management students to understand and value the complexities of culture, business and communities worldwide and encourage a global mindset."

Promoting a global perspective requires a diversity of programming, including a bustling student-exchange program with 19 partner institutions in 15 countries as well as faculty exchanges. There is also a wide-range of programs to support both incoming and outgoing exchange students.

The Faculties of Management and Fine Arts jointly offer work-study programs in Malaysia and India, and the Faculty of Management partners with the Department of Native American Studies on the Bachelor of Management in First Nations' Governance program.

Amelinckx, who is also the director of the First Nations' governance major and area coordinator for the Faculty's international management major, works with Coordinators Rhonda Crow and Candace Jesson. Crow coordinates the First Nations' governance major and works with incoming exchange students, while Jesson supports outgoing exchange students.

Nourishing a global mindset in students and faculty is one of the core values of the Faculty of Management's strategic plan, Strategic Road Map 2016. In a world where internationalization is affecting everything from economics to our health, Amelinckx says an informed worldview is beneficial in ways that go far beyond the borders of the classroom or the corporate world.

"While gaining a greater appreciation of differences worldwide does make good business sense for students, it is also valuable in and of itself," she says.

In a recent interview with the Legend, Amelinckx talked about how the Faculty is helping increasing numbers of students gain a greater appreciation of cultural differences.

**Q. How many U of L students and faculty are participating in the exchange and work-study programs?**

**A.** In a typical academic year, we send between 75 and 85 U of L students on exchanges and host about the same number of incoming students. Interest in the exchanges is growing across the majors. Of the more than 34 students confirmed to go on exchanges in the spring semester, there are finance, human resources and general management majors as well as international management students.

There are usually 15 to 20 students participating in the Malaysia work-study program.

We had 11 participants in the first-ever India work-study in 2007, and we have 12 students participating in the 2008 India program.

We usually assist three U of L faculty per year with short exchanges to our partner institutions. The exchanges build good will between the schools, expose their students to outside faculty and help to internationalize our faculty.

“While gaining a greater appreciation of differences worldwide does make good business sense for students, it is also valuable in and of itself.”

**Andrea Amelinckx**

**Q. How does the office balance such diverse programs as student exchanges and the First Nations' governance major?**

**A.** The cross-fertilization between our programs is enriching. For example, four of our First Nations students have gone on exchanges to Germany. We've also had Aboriginal families participate in our Friendship Family program and host international students.

We currently have 12 students in the First Nations' governance major, and the program is growing. For example, we're beginning to work more closely with the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies

to provide \$500 bursaries to assist several of their students to transfer into the program as soon as next fall.

Once we have a critical mass of students in the program, we will start to build co-op and exchange opportunities with Aboriginal organizations internationally. I want to look for funding to create international indigenous linkages. At present, we are looking for global partners that have strong indigenous studies programs, such as programs in New Zealand, Australia and possibly the U.S.

**Q. What are the office's other future goals?**

**A.** We are working to introduce new student-exchange opportunities in Africa, Europe and Central America. Historically, our programs have been in non-Anglophone countries where students can study in English, but be challenged to live their day-to-day lives in another language.

Working in collaboration with the Management Co-op office, we're also looking at offering a co-op program in Hong Kong. There are quite a few U of L alumni there who are strong supporters of the U of L. Expanding the co-op program to Hong Kong could be a way to build connections with our alumni while offering our students a new opportunity to gain international work experience.

# NEWS & NOTES

## FINE ARTS UPDATES

Work by Fine Arts Technician Lana Gabor is featured in the Double Happiness exhibition running until Feb. 16. The exhibition is at the New Gallery in Unit B27 at 200 Barclay Parade SW in Calgary.

Gail Hanrahan (Theatre and Dramatic Arts) has been elected as a director-at-large for southern Alberta on the Theatre Alberta Board of Directors. She was also accepted for an artist residency in a Leighton Studio at the Banff Centre from Dec. 15 to 22 to work on her one-person show. The Leighton Studios offer a concentrated retreat environment to professional artists engaged in the creation of new work.

Accompanying vocalist Sheena Lawson, Dale Ketcheson (Music) played Christmas music live on The River radio station last month. You can enjoy his classical guitar stylings on the last Friday of every month at Mocha Cabana at 317 4 St. S in Lethbridge.

Dr. Anthony Radford (Music) presents his paper Finding Figaro's Voice: Informing Today's Casting Choices in January at the 2008 National Opera

Association conference in Los Angeles, CA. Radford is also singing a solo recital of songs and arias in Fernie, BC, in March. He has been elected president of the Lethbridge/Medicine Hat Chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing.

## A TRIP INTO THE WOODS

Imagine what would happen if fairy tale characters didn't live happily ever after. To find out, Into the Woods takes a look at several well-known fairy tales and turns them on their heads.

With music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and a book by James Lapine, Into the Woods runs in the University Theatre from Feb. 12 to 16 at 8 p.m. nightly with matinees at noon on Feb. 13 and 14. Into the Woods is a co-production of the departments of Music and Theatre and Dramatic Arts.

## MUSIC AND FANTASY

On Friday, Jan. 25, Music Department faculty and students present a concert celebrating music and imagination at the Lethbridge Public Library Theatre. The evening starts at 7:30 p.m. with a pre-concert talk about musical imagination by Dr. Brian Black, with the concert following at 8 p.m. Admission is free, but a free-will donation is appreciated.

"The program brings together a colourful collection of some of the most fantastical works in the repertoire – from those animated by the vision of childhood, to those inspired by folk myths and fairy tales," promises Black.

Offerings include excerpts from Ravel's delightful Mother Goose Suite for piano duet to Schumann's touching Scenes From Childhood and Liszt's passionate Hungarian Rhapsody No. 6.

## ROMANTIC MUSIC

Trio Amaranth returns to the U of L Recital Hall stage for an evening of romantic chamber music on Feb. 2 at 8 p.m. The concert is the fourth offering of the 2007-2008 Faculty Artists and Friends Series.

The recently formed music faculty trio – consisting of violinist Peter Visentin, cellist Dr. Tido Janssen and pianist Dr. Deanna Oye – performs three stunning 19th-century piano trios, beginning with Ludwig van Beethoven's Trio Op. 70, No. 1, the Ghost. The recital also brings to life the fantastical world of the Dumky Trio by Bohemian composer Antonín Dvořák and the brooding lyricism of Ernest Chausson's Piano Trio in G Minor.

Tickets for the Trio Amaranth concert

are \$15 regular and \$10 students/seniors at the U of L Box Office at 329-2616. The complimentary shuttle bus for concert-goers runs to and from the North Lot 45 minutes before and 30 minutes after the concert.

Trio Amaranth repeats the program on Feb. 9 in Fernie, BC, as part of their inaugural concert series in the Fernie Fellowship Baptist Church.

## A SNOW BALL CABARET IS COMING TO TOWN

Get your tickets for the U of L Wind Orchestra's cabaret, A Snow Ball, on Saturday, Jan. 19, at the U of L Ballroom. Festivities start at 8 p.m. and include door prizes, a silent auction and dancing to the Lethbridge Big Band. Tickets are \$23 each or \$160 for a table of eight. Tickets can be purchased at the U of L Box Office at 329-2616 as well as Leister's Music and Note-able Music.

## DARK SOCIAL SATIRE

Finding Regina by Shoshana Sperling is a sharp and witty account of life in the Saskatchewan capital. Characters Rae, Josh and Annabel have gathered after learning about their friend Clarky's suicide attempt. The three were inseparable in high school, but have since moved on to different and not necessarily more fulfilling lives. They reconnect, throw their weight around, smoke up,

bemoan their current lives and chip away at the past and each other with emotional ice picks.

The play appears in the David Spinks Theatre from Jan. 24 to 29 as part of TheatreXtra. It runs nightly at 8 p.m. with a 2 p.m. matinee on Jan. 29. Tickets are \$11 regular and \$7 student/senior at the U of L Box Office at 329-2616. (Mature content)

## CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION

**Sports Field Complex** – The rough civil grading is now complete. Work on the utilities infrastructure continues and tender packages for the final grading and sports surfaces will be released in January.

**Alberta Water and Environmental Science Building** – Work on the roof began in mid-December. It is hoped that the building will be enclosed by the end of January.

**Turcotte Hall Addition** – The Faculty of Education has moved into levels 3 and 4, and Counselling Services and the Physical Plant and Capital Projects administration have moved into levels 2 and 1, respectively.

**Markin Hall** – Final work is being done on the tender drawings and specifications. It is hoped that excavation and piling work will start in February.

## U OF L TECHNOLOGY GOES BIG



BY BOB COONEY

A device developed by a team led by Dr. David Naylor (Physics) is going to help one of the world's largest telescopes "see" better. Naylor's group has developed the Infrared Radiometer for Millimetre Astronomy (IRMA), which is an instrument that can be used to identify the very best locations for mounting the next generation of extremely large telescopes.

(l-r) Naylor, Faculty of Arts & Science Electronics Technician Greg Tompkins and PhD student Richard Querel are pictured with partially assembled IRMA units. Master's student Regan Dahl (not pictured) is also working on this project.

"While an astronomical site may seem of high quality to the naked eye, when viewed at infrared wavelengths the atmosphere can be extremely bright," says Naylor. "This infrared emission arises from atmospheric water vapour, which is not observable at optical wavelengths."

IRMA uses infrared technology to measure variations of water vapour more accurately than conventional methods.

According to a recent article in the science magazine New Scientist, the Giant Magellan Telescope is scheduled to be operational in Chile by 2016. The project will use seven 8.4-metre mirrors arranged into a super dish with an effective aperture of 24.5 metres. It will be able to produce images up to 10 times as sharp as the Hubble Space Telescope.

"It is exciting to be involved in projects of this magnitude. Since we are supporting site testing for two groups of researchers putting forward competing locations and design concepts, we are precluded from publishing the results of our work," says Naylor. "Once built, it is foreseen that IRMA will play a role in optimally scheduling infrared observations with these telescopes."

# SOMETHING TO WRITE HOME ABOUT



BY BOB COONEY

Canada Post recently selected U of L additions counselling student Cindy Deschenes (second from left) to receive a \$1,000 Canada Post Aboriginal Education Incentive Award.

At the scholarship presentation in December, Deschenes was congratulated by: (l-r) Addictions Counselling Program Director

and Coordinator Dr. Gary Nixon; Canada Post Local Area Manager Clint Schafer; Native Student Advisor Elizabeth Ferguson; School of Health Sciences Dean Dr. Christopher Hosgood; and Canada Post Superintendent, Lethbridge, Kurt Selke.

"One of the challenges facing Alberta is the issue of educational attainment among Aboriginal people," says Schafer. "Cindy is

an excellent role model for Aboriginal students. Her experience shows that higher education is possible and achievable despite many challenges."

Deschenes is one of seven Aboriginal Education Incentive Award recipients in Western Canada. She wants to continue her education by pursuing a master's degree in human services.

# BOOKS BUILD BI-NATIONAL BRIDGES

BY SHELAGH MCMULLAN

For the past 40 years, the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI) has been facilitating academic activities that promote bi-national awareness between India and Canada.

The U of L, which joined in 1997, is one of 29 Canadian and 41 Indian member organizations of the SICI. With funding from the Canadian and Indian governments, the institute's comprehensive programming includes support for research, faculty and student exchanges, seminars, conferences and libraries.

Librarian Lorelei Harris says the SICI provides annual funds for libraries at its Canadian member organizations to purchase any materials published or produced in India. The University Library has used the Indian rupees it receives to purchase more than 2,100 items over the years. While most of the items purchased to date have been books, Harris can also choose journals and multimedia resources.

"The cross-disciplinary India studies collection that we have developed includes religious studies, economics, sociology and political science resources. Without the SICI's support, we may not have been able to provide these materials to our users," says Harris.

Dr. Hillary Rodrigues (Religious Studies) has served on the SICI's India Studies Committee for the last two years. He says that the SICI library materials have added substantially to the U of L's holdings in the areas of Indian religious culture and philosophy.

"Our Religious Studies departmental library budget allocations are divided among the various religious traditions that we teach, often leaving each area with inadequate funding. The SICI materials have helped to supplement our collection," says Rodrigues. "We initially sought to acquire works that would enhance undergraduate research, but have begun to broaden the collection to facilitate my own work and graduate research."

Rodrigues adds that some of the books obtained from India through this program are not available through the standard North American publishing channels.

In November, SICI's president, Dr. Gary vanLoon of Queen's University, and library program advisory committee Chair, Moninder Bubber of Simon Fraser University, visited the U of L. Harris, Rodrigues and more than a dozen faculty from various departments met with the SICI representatives for a roundtable discussion of India studies at the U of L.

Rodrigues was impressed by how the community of scholars with an interest in India has grown at the U of L.

"Prior to the roundtable, I thought we were a much smaller group. The meeting also made me aware of the variety of disciplinary areas (such as information technology and the sciences) in which the SICI has become much more relevant than it was even a decade ago," he says.

From the Library's perspective, the meeting provided additional insight into the types of resources needed to support India studies at the University. "Faculty and other researchers with suggestions for new India studies information resources are welcome to e-mail me at lorelei.harris@uleth.ca," says Harris.

To learn more about the SICI's programs, please visit its web site at [www.sici.org](http://www.sici.org).

To view the SICI-funded resources in the University Library, search the catalogue at [www.ulethbridge.ca/lib](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/lib) using "Shastri" as the author name.



Duncan Chibanda

## GLOBAL CONNECTION

While some people use the Internet to pick out the perfect two-week vacation package, others make life-altering decisions based on their search results.

For example, U of L international student Duncan Chibanda's online research helped him to select a university that was a half a world away from his home in Zimbabwe.

He says that he narrowed his Internet search to Canada because of its positive media coverage in Zimbabwe.

"Canada is portrayed as one of those countries that is very supportive of Zimbabwe, and it has an excellent academic reputation," he says. "I knew that Canada would have enough resources to prepare me for job opportunities."

When it came time to choose the specific university, Chibanda was looking for a welcoming campus with affordable tuition. "I wanted to study at a peaceful place where I could get a chance to learn the culture without a great deal of

trouble," says Chibanda.

After his many Internet searches and careful planning, Chibanda made the decision to study at the University of Lethbridge.

Although he only began classes in September 2007, he is enjoying his new home. Living in residence, participating in the international students' orientation and studying in computer labs have all helped him to make friends with many international and Canadian students.

"Before I came here, I was kind of intimidated – I didn't know what to expect. Fortunately, most people here are very supportive," says Chibanda.

Chibanda has heard many horror stories about cold Canadian winters, but he is enjoying the snow so far. "Even the infrastructure, like the roads and buildings, is beautiful in Canada. When you've been in another environment, you realize that it is a privilege to be here," says Chibanda.

While it was difficult to leave his family in Zimbabwe, Chibanda says his mother was happy he had the opportunity to study in Canada.

"The education in my country is good, but it is not recognized. With a Canadian degree, I have the chance to make my dreams come true. This degree will be recognized here in Canada and even more recognized in Zimbabwe," he says.

Chibanda plans to complete a bachelor of management degree in accounting. "Zimbabwe is a beautiful country, but the state of the economy is very bad right now. With an education from here, I could contribute to my country's economy by maybe working in business or as an entrepreneur," he says.

In the Fall 2007 Semester, there were 660 international students at the University. International Centre for Students Manager Laurel Corbiere says students from around the world often mention the U of L's high quality of education as one of their reasons for coming here.



## ENABLING UNDERSTANDING

Photo credit: Wayne Dwornik

BY BOB COONEY

Special Needs Advisory Committee member Sharon Yanicki (Nursing) and International Day of Disabled Persons Committee members Chris Schamber (middle) and Geoff Meyering (back) recently navigated a maze of ramps and barriers commonly presented to wheelchair users.

The maze was part of an on-campus activity that promoted the International Day of Disabled Persons in early December. More than 200 participants vis-

ited the 1st Choice Savings Centre for Sport and Wellness to view displays by community organizations and the U of L Disabilities Resource Office, which provides confidential individualized support to enable all students to flourish and succeed in their academic pursuits.

International Day of Disabled Persons was first declared by the United Nations in 1992 to help increase awareness and understanding of people with disabilities.

# FAMILY PHILANTHROPY

BY JANA MCFARLAND

When Elizabeth Merrick was diagnosed with cancer in 2004, her children Donna Court, Marion Eastman, Patrick Merrick, Richard Merrick and Kathleen Schrage joined together to establish the Gordon and Elizabeth Merrick Award at the U of L.

“When I reflect back on how we decided to establish the scholarship,

The scholarship provided the close-knit family with a special way to create a legacy for their father who survived cancer and for their mother who passed away from cancer in May 2005, shortly after the award was created.

During Elizabeth Merrick’s final days, her family recognized the crucial role of education in palliative care. That understanding motivated them to establish a scholarship.

**PHOTO BELOW:**  
U of L employees and sisters (l-r) Accounting Clerk, Financial Services and University Advancement, Donna Court, Purchasing Assistant/Expediter, Materials Management, Marion Eastman and Coordinator, School of Graduate Studies, Kathleen Schrage joined their siblings in establishing the Gordon and Elizabeth Merrick Award in honour of their parents.

## O'DONNELL REWARDED FOR RENEWING OLD ENGLISH TEXTS



Everything really, really old is new again for Dr. Dan O'Donnell. The English Department Chair is also Chair and CEO of the Text Encoding Initiative, which is responsible for developing and maintaining the standard language for the scholarly encoding of texts among other projects.

BY BOB COONEY

English Department Chair Dr. Dan O'Donnell has received an honourable mention for his research from one of the world's largest and oldest learned societies.

The Modern Language Association, a 30,000-member worldwide group of researchers, recognized O'Donnell in December 2007 for *Cædmon's Hymn: A Multimedia Study, Archive and Edition*, published by D.S. Brewer in association with SEENET and the Medieval Academy.

The reviewers wrote that O'Donnell “has produced a distinguished study and edition of a text that is a foundational one in the Old English literary canon. The accompanying CD-ROM includes not only the book's materials but also much additional editorial material of the greatest scholarly value for studying the manuscripts in detail, presenting colour facsimiles of most of the witnesses. The digital and the paper-based works are conceptually integrated, and both are meticulous, thorough and intellectually impressive.”

O'Donnell is Chair and CEO of the Text Encoding Initiative (TEI), which is responsible for developing and maintaining the standard language for the scholarly encoding of texts. He is also founding director of the Digital Medievalist Project, a pioneering community of practice for medievalists who use digital media in their research and teaching. O'Donnell has published widely on Old English and related Germanic languages and literatures and the digital humanities.



it was something the whole family grasped on to. It was a time when my mom was very sick, and we knew it was very timely,” explains Schrage. “As siblings, we wanted to do something that would give back as well as honour our mom and support our dad – establishing a scholarship was the perfect way to do that.”

Creating the award at the U of L was a natural choice because of the close connection the family shares with the University. All of the siblings grew up in Lethbridge, and Court, Eastman and Schrage are all U of L employees who together have contributed more than 60 years of service.

“It may not be in obvious ways, but as employees of the University, we feel like we're in some shape or form playing a small part in helping students to get what they need.”

**Kathleen Schrage**

“We saw first-hand the importance of educating potential health-care providers so that, in the future, they can better support people who are dying,” says Schrage.

Today, the scholarship is awarded to students who demonstrate an interest in improving the lives of those living with cancer.

“If health-care providers don't understand what is going on, they are limited in how they can care for patients. We hope that this scholarship will enable students and researchers to further develop as health-care professionals in their understanding of patient care,” says Court.

While the family is encouraged to know that their scholarship is helping students to meet immediate financial needs, they place a high value on the long-term benefits of supporting students.

“We won't necessarily see the results of this scholarship directly, but whether it comes through changes in the institutions, policies or immediate care, we believe that our support will make a difference over time,” says Eastman.



**PHOTO ABOVE:**  
Elizabeth and Gordon Merrick



### UPCOMING LEGEND CONTENT DEADLINES

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# EVENTS CALENDAR | JAN. 15 TO FEB. 16

TUESDAY, JAN. 15

**Music at Noon**  
**Dr. Blaine Hendsbee, tenor, and Glen Montgomery, piano**  
**Time:** 12:15 p.m.  
**Place:** W570

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16

**Visiting Artist - Gisele Amantea**  
**Time:** 12 p.m.  
**Place:** Recital Hall

FRIDAY, JAN. 18

**Visiting Artist - Lionel Peyachew**  
**Time:** 12 p.m.  
**Place:** Recital Hall

**Pronghorn Women's Hockey vs. University of Saskatchewan**

**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Place:** Nicholas Sheran Arena

SATURDAY, JAN. 19

**Pronghorn Women's Hockey vs. University of Saskatchewan**  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Place:** Nicholas Sheran Arena

**A Snow Ball Cabaret**

**Time:** 8 p.m.  
**Place:** U of L Ballrooms  
 Tickets are \$23 each at the U of L Box Office

MONDAY, JAN. 21

**Visiting Artist - Kelly Richardson**  
**Time:** 12 p.m.  
**Place:** Recital Hall

**Visiting Artist - Gerald Forseth**

**Time:** 6 p.m.  
**Place:** E610

TUESDAY, JAN. 22

**Music at Noon**  
**Dr. Thomas Staples, horn, and Glen Montgomery, piano**  
**Time:** 12:15 p.m.  
**Place:** W570

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23

**Visiting Artist - David Spriggs**  
**Time:** 6 p.m.  
**Place:** Recital Hall

THURSDAY, JAN. 24, TO TUESDAY, JAN. 29

**Finding Regina - TheatreXtra**  
**Time:** 8 p.m. nightly with a 2 p.m. matinee on Jan. 29  
**Place:** David Spinks Theatre

FRIDAY, JAN. 25

**Visiting Artist - Derek Sullivan**  
**Time:** 12 p.m.  
**Place:** Recital Hall

**Women Scholars Speaker Series**

**Male Wrath and the Under-Reporting of Violent Women: Evidence from the 14th-century Wakefield Courts**  
**Sharon Wright, University of Saskatchewan**  
**Time:** 3 to 5 p.m.  
**Place:** TH204, Turcotte Hall  
 Free event co-sponsored by the History Department

**Pronghorn Basketball vs. Thompson Rivers University**

**Time:** Women at 6 p.m./men at 8 p.m.  
**Place:** 1st Choice Savings Centre for Sport and Wellness gym

**Pronghorn Men's Hockey vs. University of Saskatchewan**

**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Place:** Nicholas Sheran Arena

SATURDAY, JAN. 26

**Pronghorn Basketball vs. University College of the Fraser Valley**  
**Time:** Women at 6 p.m./men at 8 p.m.  
**Place:** 1st Choice Savings Centre for Sport and Wellness gym

**Pronghorn Men's Hockey vs. University of Saskatchewan**

**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Place:** Nicholas Sheran Arena

MONDAY, JAN. 28

**Visiting Artist - Shelley Gruendler**  
**Time:** 12 p.m.  
**Place:** Recital Hall

**Visiting Artist - Shelley Gruendler**

**Time:** 6 p.m.  
**Place:** E610

TUESDAY, JAN. 29

**Women Scholars Speaker Series**  
**Severn Cullis-Suzuki, Environmental Activist**  
**Time:** 12 to 2 p.m.  
**Place:** Ballroom B, Students' Union  
 Free event  
 Please call ahead to 329-2482 if you plan on bringing a large group to ensure sufficient seating/refreshments

**Music at Noon**

**Faculty Dr. James Nalley, piano**  
**Time:** 12:15 p.m.  
**Place:** W570

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30

**Visiting Artist - Alfred Young Man**  
**Time:** 12 p.m.  
**Place:** Recital Hall

THURSDAY, JAN. 31

**The 4th Session of the Communities of Research Practice Research Series**  
**Topic:** Cultural Studies  
**Time:** 3 to 5 p.m.  
**Place:** W646  
 RSVP by Jan. 28 by e-mailing Jane Allan at jane.allan@uleth.ca

FRIDAY, FEB. 1

**Visiting Artist - Diana Thorneycroft**  
**Time:** 12 p.m.  
**Place:** Recital Hall

**Pronghorn Basketball vs. University of Winnipeg**

**Time:** Women at 6 p.m./men at 8 p.m.  
**Place:** 1st Choice Savings Centre for Sport and Wellness gym

**Pronghorn Women's Hockey vs. University of Manitoba**

**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Place:** Nicholas Sheran Arena

SATURDAY, FEB. 2

**Trio Amaranth**  
**Time:** 8 p.m.  
**Place:** U of L Recital Hall

**Pronghorn Basketball vs. University of Manitoba**

**Time:** Women at 6 p.m./men at 8 p.m.  
**Place:** 1st Choice Savings Centre for Sport and Wellness gym

**Pronghorn Women's Hockey vs. University of Manitoba**

**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Place:** Nicholas Sheran Arena

TUESDAY, FEB. 5

**Music at Noon**  
**Dr. George Evelyn, bass-baritone, and Dr. Deanna Oye, piano**  
**Time:** 12:15 p.m.  
**Place:** W570

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6

**CAETL Seminar Series - Advancing Student Learning Through Library Assignments**  
**Presenters:** Librarians Judy Vogt and Cameron Hoffman  
**Time:** 12 p.m.  
**Place:** AH100

TUESDAY, FEB. 12, TO SATURDAY, FEB. 16

**Into the Woods**  
 Musical theatre  
**Time:** 8 p.m. with matinees at noon on Feb. 13 and 14  
**Place:** University Theatre

TUESDAY, FEB. 12

**Music at Noon**  
**Marcia Swanston, mezzo-soprano, and Elinor Lawson, piano**  
**Time:** 12:15 p.m.  
**Place:** W570

THURSDAY, FEB. 14

**Women Scholars Speaker Series**  
**Nancy Peckford, Director, Feminist Alliance for International Action**  
**Time:** 3 to 5 p.m.  
**Place:** AH100, Anderson Hall  
 This event is free, but please call ahead to 329-2482 if you plan on bringing a large group to ensure sufficient seating/refreshments

FRIDAY, FEB. 15

**Pronghorn Men's Hockey vs. University of Calgary**  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Place:** Nicholas Sheran Arena

SATURDAY, FEB. 16

**Pronghorn Men's Hockey vs. University of Calgary**  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Place:** Nicholas Sheran Arena

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## AT THE GALLERY



**Flowerland, 1947, by J.W.G. Macdonald is part of the Big Bangs exhibition.**

### BIG BANGS

Big Bangs, an exhibition of paintings from the U of L Art Collection, looks to the origins of abstraction in Canada. It opens in the Helen Christou Gallery and U of L Main Gallery on Jan. 25.

"Each of the artists included in this show acted as powerful catalysts sparking new directions in non-objective art and forever changing the face of painting," explains guest curator Ryan Doherty (BA '97). "Through rigorous explorations of space, colour, form and composition, these artists challenged the conventions of painting, liberating art from representa-

tion or narrative in search of purity and unmediated connections." From the urban centres of Montreal and Toronto to the quiet isolation of the Prairies, groups such as the Plasticiens, Painters Eleven or the Regina Five refused to fall victim to provincialism or be excluded from international dialogues. Through teachers like Hans Hofmann, critics like Clement Greenberg, the occasional exhibition and dog-eared art magazines that found their way from studio to studio, these artists were painting in response to the latest work of New York and Europe, learning what they could before resolutely striking out into uncharted realms.

### A SPECIAL EVENT

Come and have fun creating your own unique collector artist buttons on Saturday, Feb. 9, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the U of L Main Gallery. The Trap/door Artist Run Centre provides expert assistance, possible course materials and a button-making machine. This is a wonderful activity for the whole family (ages six and up). A dollar covers the cost of materials to create your very own artist button.



**Create your own unique buttons at the Main Gallery on Feb. 9.**

TICKETS FOR FINE ARTS EVENTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE U OF L THEATRE BOX OFFICE IN W510 FROM 12:30 TO 3:30 P.M. WEEKDAYS AND ONE HOUR PRIOR TO TICKETED EVENTS. CALL 329-2616.

MUSIC AT NOON AND VISITING ARTIST EVENTS ARE FREE OF CHARGE.