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While living in New Zealand, I realized for the first time just how far away I was from Canada and my family, and how important it was for me to be closer to home. I had fulfilled my curiosity to live around the world and was truly excited to begin the next phase of my life back in Canada.
Your Alumni Association has been busy over the past few months. This spring, we will be inducting five extraordinary alumni into the Alumni Honour Society. The 2006 inductees are: Ron Chambers (BASc ’85), Art Ferrari (BASc ’72), Wayne Petersen (BASc ’72), Igor Shaskin (BMgt ’82) and Wayne Street (BASc ’72, BEd ’74). These individuals personify the University’s motto of fiat lux – let there be light – and instill a sense of pride in all of us who share their alma mater. Please join us on May 31 as we celebrate their achievements.

I would like to welcome the new executive of the Calgary Chapter of the University of Lethbridge Alumni Association. Incoming President Christine Miller (BMgt ’03) and her team bring a wealth of energy and excitement to the chapter. They have been busy planning events for alumni in the Calgary area, including the annual Calgary alumni golf tournament on August 11. I invite you to visit www.uleth.ca/alumni/calgary to find out more about this and other events.

Continuing with golf, I would also like to invite you to register for Birdies for Bursaries, the U of L Alumni Association golf tournament on June 9 at the Picture Butte Golf & Winter Club. Join fellow alumni and friends in support of U of L students. A portion of your entry fee will be earmarked to fund a new bursary the Alumni Association has established to assist students in financial need. Entry forms can be found on our alumni web site (www.uleth.ca/alumni) under the events section.

In closing, I hope you enjoy the arrival of spring and can join us out on the links this summer!

John M. Gill BA ’94, LLB President, Alumni Association University of Lethbridge
THE ALUMNI HONOUR SOCIETY
2006 INDUCTEES

In celebration of the University's 35th anniversary in 2002, the University of Lethbridge Alumni Association established the Alumni Honour Society to recognize the achievements of successful alumni within the global community. Continuing this tradition, five individuals have been chosen for 2006. The individuals inducted into this prestigious group serve as role models through success in their professions or outstanding community service.

Ron Chambers  BASc (1985), MFA

Ron Chambers is an associate professor and the Chair of the Department of Theatre and Dramatic Arts at the University of Lethbridge, where he began teaching as a sessional instructor in 1988. He has taught a myriad of courses in drama, has directed numerous department productions and has been consistently listed as a “popular professor” by Maclean’s magazine.

Chambers is also a playwright whose work has been produced across Canada and in the United States. He has won the Alberta Culture Playwriting Award, the Gwen Pharis Ringwood Award (Writers Guild of Alberta) and has been nominated for both the Elizabeth Sterling Haynes Award and Betty Mitchell Award for best new play. Chambers’ latest play, The Knowing Bird, is a finalist in the Herman Voaden National Playwriting Competition, which will have its professional premiere in February 2007 in Calgary at the Alberta Theatre Project’s Enbridge playRites Festival of New Canadian Plays.

Igor Shaskin  BSc, BSc (Pharm), BMgt (1982)

Igor Shaskin received his bachelor of management degree from the University of Lethbridge in 1982, after first completing his bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from the University of Alberta. He is the owner and operator of Stafford Pharmacy and Home Healthcare in Lethbridge. He has served on numerous professional organizations, most recently as director and president of the Pharmacists’ Association of Alberta. Shaskin is a community leader in providing innovative patient programs and frequently gives his time to lecturing health-care providers and community organizations.

In addition to his pharmaceutical accomplishments, Shaskin is an expert in computer technologies. As former Chair of the Health Outcomes Pharmacies, he led the development of web-based technologies for member communication, education and research activities.

Art Ferrari  BASc (1972), BArch

After obtaining a bachelor of arts and science degree from the University of Lethbridge, Art Ferrari acquired his bachelor of architecture degree from the University of British Columbia in 1981. He is a partner in the local firm of Ferrari Westwood Architects and the president of the Alberta Association of Architects. Ferrari is responsible for many award-winning designs in southern Alberta, including Lethbridge City Hall, Lethbridge Police Headquarters, St. Martha’s Catholic Church and the historic restoration renovations in Fort MacLeod.

Ferrari has been actively involved with the University of Lethbridge and its Alumni Association over the years. In particular, he served two terms as president of the Alumni Association and was a member of the 35th anniversary homecoming planning committee.

Wayne Petersen  BASc (1972), LLB

Wayne Petersen is a partner in the local law firm, North & Company LLP. He served as president of the Lethbridge Bar Association in 1999 and is an occasional lecturer in the Lethbridge Community College Public Legal Education program. Within the community, Petersen participated on many committees promoting development in Lethbridge and served as Chair of the Development Appeal Board. He has also served as Chair and board member of St. Michael’s Health Centre.

Petersen is a dedicated golf enthusiast and is the current president of the Royal Canadian Golf Association (RCGA). He has worked extensively with the RCGA, including chairing several committees, achieving advanced certification for the administration of the Rules of Golf and participating as rules official in professional and amateur events across Canada. In 2001, he was inducted into the Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame for his volunteer work with amateur golf at local, national and international levels.

H. Wayne Street  BASc (1972), BEd (1974), MEd

Wayne Street has served as an educator and principal in southern Alberta since 1974. Before his retirement in 2005, he was principal of R. I. Baker Middle School in Coaldale and president of the Provincial Council on School Administration. In addition, he was the provincial representative for the Canadian Association of Principals. Street has been described as an excellent leader, who inspired his teachers to perform at their highest level. In 1996, he was honoured with the Administrator of the Year award by the Alberta Teachers’ Association. Street is also a strong supporter of his local community, and he received the Citizen of the Year award by the Coaldale Chamber of Commerce in 1998.

Join us in congratulating the 2006 Alumni Honour Society inductees at our Alumni Celebration event on Wednesday, May 31, 2006.

Reception begins at 7 p.m. in Andy’s Place (room AH100), Anderson Hall, University of Lethbridge. Wine and hors d’oeuvres will be served.

To RSVP, call (403) 317-2825 or e-mail: alumni@uleth.ca.

To nominate an individual as the Distinguished Alumnus/Alumna of the Year or to the Alumni Honour Society, visit our web site at http://alumni.uleth.ca and click on “Distinguished Alumni.” Download a PDF of the nomination form, read more about these recognition awards and learn about past recipients.

ALUMNI NEWS

June 9, Lethbridge: Birdies for Bursaries Alumni Golf Tournament
Enjoy a round of golf while supporting U of L students. A portion of all entry fees will go towards funding a new bursary to assist students in financial need.
Location: Picture Butte Golf & Winter Club
Registration: $125
To register or for more information, call (403) 317-2825 or e-mail: alumni@uleth.ca.
Registration deadline is June 2.

June 14, Lethbridge: Alumni Association Annual General Meeting
Get involved and find out what your Alumni Association is planning for 2006/2007.
Location: Andy’s Place (AH100), Anderson Hall, University of Lethbridge
Time: 7 p.m.
If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, call (403) 317-2825 or e-mail: alumni@uleth.ca.

June 17, Calgary: Celebration Dinner
Alumni, instructors, family and friends are invited to celebrate with graduating students from the U of L Calgary campus. Re-connect with former professors and classmates and help welcome new alumni.
Location: The Blackfoot Inn
Time: 6 p.m.
Tickets are $35 (includes dinner, dance and door prizes) and are available at the Calgary campus office. Call (403) 284-8596 or e-mail: calgary.campus@uleth.ca.

August 11, Calgary: 5th Annual Calgary Chapter Alumni Golf Tournament
Save the date for this popular fun-filled tournament. Includes 18 holes of golf, a putting contest, buffet dinner and prize presentation.
Location: Douglasdale Golf Course
Earlybird: $110 (before July 1)
Regular: $120
To register or for more information, call (403) 317-2825 or e-mail: uofcalgaryalumni@uleth.ca.
Registration deadline is August 1.

Watch for more details on these and other upcoming events by visiting www.uleth.ca/alumni.
If you are interested in volunteering for any of these events, e-mail: alumni@uleth.ca.
Legacy of Leadership Campaign Update

The University of Lethbridge launched its Legacy of Leadership Campaign on November 29, 2005, with a $3 million personal gift from well-known Calgarian Allan Markin. Markin is the Chairman of Calgary-based Canadian Natural Resources Limited. Markin’s gift – the largest personal gift ever received by the U of L – will support the construction of the new Management and Health Sciences Building. “A university is made up of many components, including researchers, teachers and students. But it also needs an infrastructure, buildings and facilities to match the excellence of its human resources. I am pleased to add to that infrastructure,” says Markin. The Legacy of Leadership Campaign will provide capital project funding and financial support for student scholarships, facilities and services. To date, more than $15 million has been raised towards the minimum campaign goal of $20 million.

U of L Honours Centennial Medal Winners

The Alberta Centennial Medal celebrates Alberta’s first 100 years by paying tribute to Albertans who have made significant contributions to fellow citizens, their community and Alberta. The medal was awarded to living men, women and youth who are Canadian citizens and reside in, or have resided in, Alberta. A presentation ceremony was held on December 1, 2005, in the Students’ Union Ballroom to honour medal winners nominated by the U of L. The list of recipients include: Dr. Reginald Bibby (Sociology); former Pronghorn Basketball Coach Dr. Gary Bowie; Chancellor Shirley DeBow; Dr. Bhagwan Dua (Political Science); former Students’ Union president Loralee Edwards (BFA ’05); Russell Goodman (BSc ’02); Dr. Geoffrey Hale (Political Science); Dr. Owen Holmes (DASc ’05); Board of Governors member Kevin Keith; Dan Laplante (BMgt ’88); Associate Vice-President (Student Services) and Registrar Leslie Lavers (BASc ’78); Dr. Corne Martens (LLD ’96); former Students’ Union president Matthew McHugh (BA ’03); Blair McMurren (BA ’96); Guy McNab (BASc ’82); Dr. Cheryl Misak (BASc ’83); Dr. Phil North (LLD ’04); Dr. Dennis O’Connell (LLD ’05); Vice-President (Academic) Dr. Seamus O’Shea; community volunteer Beverly Paterson; Dr. Derek Peddle (Geography); Dr. Keith Robin (LLD ’92); Board of Governors Chair Terry Royer (BASc ’70); Board of Governors Chair emeritus Blaine Thacker; Vice-President (Finance and Administration) Nancy Walker (BMgr ’82); Dr. Ian Whishaw (Psychology & Neuroscience); U of L president emeritus Dr. John Woods (DA ’03); and Director of Governance, President’s Office, Rita Zaugg.

New Canada Research Chair

Dr. Hans-Joachim Wieden (Chemistry and Biochemistry) is the University’s newest Canada Research Chair (CRC). He holds a Tier II Chair in physical biochemistry, which is valued at approximately $500,000 over five years. Wieden researches ways of making antibiotics more effective by focusing on bacterial cells’ ribosomes.

U of L Journal Receives National Award

In April, the Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education (CCAE) awarded the U of L’s Journal with the Bronze Award in the 2006 PRIX D’EXCELLENCE awards program in the Best Magazine – Under $100,000 Category.

Library Receives Donation From U.S. Department of State

U of L representatives along with Naim Ahmed, the Calgary-based United States consul general for Alberta, Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories, recently announced that a significant gift of books and other resource materials have been donated to the U of L Library by the U.S. Department of State. The materials were selected by University Library staff for their relevance to several areas of study. The donation allows the Library to expand its collections in several important areas, including water resources, agriculture, environmental studies, political science, Native American studies and education.

New Stadium Complex and Shared Sports Field

The City of Lethbridge and the University have partnered to construct a new stadium complex and shared sports field development. The proposed complex will be a multi-purpose facility that will consist of a 2,000-person stadium; an artificial field for football, soccer, rugby and track events; a natural practice field; a synthetic track; and related service buildings. The project – now in the development phase – will be built on University-owned property at the south end of campus. This facility will be another testament to what can be achieved through cooperation between the City and the University to provide the most efficient and cost-effective ways to achieve collective goals.

Pronghorns Honoured

(l-r) Derek Robinson (BA ’00, MEd’03) of Canadian Sport Centre Calgary, John Lapins and Sandy Slavin, executive director, Sport and Recreation Services and Swim Team member John Lapins have been selected as the Pronghorn female and male athletes of the year, respectively. Pietersma is a Canada West First Team All-Star who played the second most minutes in the conference, tied for fourth in shutouts and registered a minuscule goals against average of 1.79.

At the Canada West championships, Lapins broke three Horns records and earned two bronze medals. He followed this up by setting three more school records at the CIS championships. Lapins has also been named the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) male rookie of the year in swimming.
A look through the aperture will provide you with a glimpse of how educational excellence is defined and accomplished at the U of L. You’ll learn more about the extraordinary work that goes on here each and every day, and the contributions that faculty and staff make to the University and the community.

Through the Aperture tells the University’s story as it’s best told – through the people.

The Aperture is a 20-foot-high concrete art structure. It was unveiled at a special Convocation in September 1972 when the University of Lethbridge campus was officially opened.
"Our Bachelor of Nursing program offered through the NESA (Nursing Education in Southwestern Alberta) program in collaboration with Lethbridge Community College is truly an innovative and creative approach to nursing education.

"The program uses Problem-Based Learning (PBL), in which small groups of students take real-life situations from clinical practice and develop appropriate ways to care for clients. They determine how they will acquire the necessary knowledge and then share their learning with each other. When we first introduced this learning model four years ago, we took proven methods from PBL in other disciplines and applied it to our program. We wanted our students to become self-directed, independent learners who work effectively as part of a team.

"Our first students using this model are ready to graduate, and I am so impressed with the skills they have acquired over the course of their studies. The students have learned to make informed decisions without any assistance from me.

"It is very rewarding to see students grow and mature as they move through the program. By the end, the students see me more as a colleague and a mentor rather than one of their professors.

"I recall a time when the CEO of a northern Alberta hospital – who is one of our graduates – was attending a meeting with provincial nurse education administrators and said, ‘I’m here today because of Karran. She was the one who stimulated and challenged me and made me realize it was reasonable for me to pursue my dreams.’ I will never forget that moment.”

- Hometown is Sarnia, ON.
- Started working at the U of L in 1989.
- Has volunteered for more than 10 years with Habitat for Humanity to help build affordable homes for families in need.
- Enjoys hiking, walking and travelling.
- Chairs the Sub-Committee on Graduate Studies of the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing.
- Has fond memories of being the U of L’s Chief Marshal for Convocation from 2001 to 2004.
Through the Aperture

Darcy Smereka
Program Specialist, Calgary Campus

“"This year the University of Lethbridge Calgary campus celebrates its 10th anniversary. Our campus started humbly in the summer of 1996 with approximately 30 students; today we have close to 500 students. Many of the students who come to our campus do so by referrals from those who had, or are having, a great U of L experience. Now, more and more students are making the U of L their number one choice. We are not a back-up plan for students.

"My primary job is academic advising. I help students with admission, course registration, financial aid and whatever else they need assistance with. I help the campus director to schedule classes and find instructors, and I also provide technical support for computers and perform other duties as required. There are only four administrative staff on the Calgary campus, so we all work together to ensure that our students are put first.

“I’m most enthusiastic about advising students. I like to give them a new and different perspective that I hope will enable them to make good choices. But in the end, the path they choose is their own.

“I love going to Convocation because I get to see some of the students I have helped along the way. As an advisor, you deal with problems and troubleshoot issues. It is rewarding to see students who have overcome a variety of obstacles and achieved their goals.”

• Celebrated his fifth anniversary in March as a U of L employee.
• Grew up in the St. Paul, AB, area where his family raised cattle, and grew canola and hay.
• Often escapes to the majestic Rockies hiking amidst jagged peaks. Has gazed at the masterpieces in the Louvre; backpacked across Sweden and Denmark; and visited the white sands of Mexico. His dream trip is to explore the wonders of the Galapagos Islands.
• Takes U of L courses at the Calgary campus for professional and personal growth.
• Never pictured himself as a public speaker, but presented a paper to academic advisors at the North American conference in Dallas, TX. (Is also in great demand as MC at weddings.)
“I started working at the U of L 26 years ago as an applied studies coordinator in Arts and Science, and this year will be my 10th anniversary as registrar. The University has come such a long way with its administrative systems. We were the first institution in Canada to introduce BANNER – our student information system – which was a huge accomplishment for the University because it put student information in a relational database. In the ’90s, the chance to help develop and implement our telephone registration system, ULINK, was a great learning experience and made registering more convenient for students.

“This spring, the University will celebrate its 100th Convocation ceremony. This ceremony will be the last to be held in the current gymnasium before it moves to the new Regional Health and Wellness Centre.

“The greatest part about my job is that there is such a wide range of activities, and I’m involved in so many different things. At one moment, I may be talking about systems enhancements and before you know it, I’m involved with an Aboriginal dance troupe during Native Awareness Week. It’s everything from student recruitment to Convocation.

“The Registrar’s Office is a one-stop shop for students looking for information, and we offer a wide variety of services. All of our processes and procedures must be incredibly accurate, and there is a grinding amount of detail that students never see. But there also has to be a human face for students to connect with.

“The staff and the students I’ve worked with and come into contact with over the years are just terrific. We have a manager’s meeting every week we call FAM – Friday A.M. – but it really means FAMily for me. It’s the best.”

• The Native American Students’ Association honoured her last year by bestowing her with the Native name “Bluebird Woman” because she swoops high to see the big picture and swoops low to attend to countless details.

• Incarcerated this year for “allegedly” painting U of L slogans on local wildlife – a fictitious charge created to raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society’s Jail and Bail event.

• Received the 1990 Award of Excellence for contributions in the field of career development from Alberta Career Development and Employment.

• Awarded the 1990 Certificate of Merit for innovative and exemplary practices in the academic advising of students from American College Testing and the American Academic Advising Association.

• Has sometimes been called the “human flame thrower” for her forthright, forceful and factual stands on University issues.

• Proud to have earned a master’s degree in adult education.
“It has been obvious for a number of years that the U of L has outgrown its recreational and physical education facilities. The Regional Health and Wellness Centre is my dream project because of my background in managing recreational facilities. This project is significant because it will meet the recreational and fitness needs of the University and the community for years to come. It will also be a centre for education and research that will benefit many people.

“I really got into recreational facilities management by accident. After I finished my biology degree, I became a lifeguard for the City of Edmonton because the pay was good. Later, I moved into facilities management because the City wanted managers with degrees. I then worked for Alberta Recreation and Parks as a facilities specialist where I travelled around the province advising towns on how to manage and maintain their pools and hockey rinks. It’s interesting how a degree can lead you in directions you never expected.

“The best thing about my job is that it’s always different. One week I might be negotiating with a food vendor on concession space in the new Regional Health and Wellness Centre, and the next week I’ll be trying to figure out how we’ll arrange fire suppression sprinklers for the climbing wall.

“I’ve always had a customer service focus in my career. Whether it was making sure the fitness centre equipment was in good repair or deciding to use a synthetic surface on the track in the new Wellness Centre, everything I do is to ensure students, staff and our community members have what they need.

“Over the years I’ve had students and graduates work with me – especially when I was in physical education – as lifeguards and assistants. Many of them have become very successful, and I like to think I helped them out. I know they sure helped me.”

• Started work at the U of L in 1985 as the physical education facility manager.
• Is an avid Montreal Canadiens fan and subscribes to the TSN French feed so he can watch as many games as possible.
• His wife Colleen (Mgt Certificate ’05) works at the U of L Max Bell Regional Aquatic Centre.
• Has been called the “Sullivan taxi service” because in his spare time he can frequently be seen driving their children all over the countryside to various activities.
• Said he would never go back to school but recently earned an MBA from Royal Roads University in Victoria, BC, and wrote a thesis on construction project management.

BRIAN SULLIVAN
Associate Director, Physical Plant
Project Manager, Regional Health and Wellness Centre

THROUGH THE APERTURE
Construction is well underway on the U of L’s new Regional Health and Wellness Centre – a state-of-the-art facility that will enhance fitness and recreational opportunities in southwestern Alberta and advance research in subjects like kinesiology and prevention-focused research.

The Regional Health and Wellness Centre will be an innovative combination of new and existing facilities that will be constructed in two phases. The first phase of this project is the construction of the triple gymnasium and indoor track, scheduled for completion in August 2006. The second phase involves renovations to the existing building which will be completed by December 2006, with all services expected to be fully functional by January 2007.

The new Wellness Centre will feature many naturally lit areas and be truly multi-purpose in nature. The facility will accommodate many stakeholders’ needs including education and research, competition, training, recreational use and wellness services.

“These superior and more accessible facilities will directly benefit all users, from high-performance athletes who attend the U of L to the community members already benefiting from the excellent programs currently offered within Lethbridge,” says U of L President Dr. Bill Cade.

When the original University gymnasium was constructed in 1972, it was intended to accommodate 3,500 students. Since that time, the demand for athletic and recreational facilities at the U of L has far surpassed the capacity of existing resources. The Lethbridge campus now has a population of more than 7,000 students and continues to grow. The Regional Health and Wellness Centre aims to meet the needs of the growing campus and community.
Facilities You Can Expect to Find:

- A triple gymnasium with retractable seating for approximately 2,000 spectators
- A new, expanded fitness centre
- A 4-lane indoor track
- A climbing centre – the climbing wall from the Ascent Climbing Centre will move to the University
- A Customer Service Centre, controlling access to the facility
- Expanded locker rooms, with a steam room in both the women’s and men’s locker areas
- Family change rooms
- New classrooms and multi-purpose rooms
- A sports medicine clinic
- Research laboratories for U of L Kinesiology
- Food services facilities and seating

LEEDing by Example

The Regional Health and Wellness Centre will be one of the first 10 buildings in Alberta to meet the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification standards.

“The comprehensive building rating system considers everything from the use of recycled materials in its construction to the end users’ control of their work environment,” says Project Manager Brian Sullivan. “The new building will be about 40 per cent more energy efficient than the current Physical Education Building.”

Meeting these standards will provide a more energy efficient, environmentally sustainable and socially responsible facility while offering numerous benefits for people using and working in the Wellness Centre, including more natural light and better air quality.

To further support environmental sustainability, the University will plug into a readily available natural resource in southern Alberta – wind – to power the facility. The University has purchased 850 megawatt hours of electrical green power per annum, for the next 10 years, which is expected to meet 100 per cent of the new facility’s needs.

For more information on the LEED rating system, please go to the U.S. Green Building Council web site at: http://www.usgbc.org.

See What’s Happening

For more information, updated photos and a live web cam of the construction site, visit the Health and Wellness Centre web site at: www.uleth.ca/hwc.

Questions about the facility can be directed to Deb Marek, manager, facilities and services, (403) 329-2609 or deb.marek@uleth.ca.
Vancouver is home to more than 300 U of L alumni, including Allison Taylor-McBryde (BASc ’78) and Terry Whitehead (BA ’94). This spring, we caught up with Allison and Terry to find out what they’ve been up to since their U of L days and what they’re doing in the city they now call home.

Alumni in Vancouver gathered at a dinner hosted by the U of L.

See the Alma Matters section for updates on these Vancouver alumni.
On a sunny Vancouver day, you can often find Allison (Clark) Taylor-McBryde (BASc ’78) at work in her garden. Planting. Weeding. Transplanting. It’s a labour of love—much like her profession. Taylor-McBryde is a children’s librarian, children’s literature advocate and an educator, and she has spent her career planting seeds for learning.

“Everything we do as children’s librarians promotes a love for reading, literacy and language, and builds vocabulary and communication skills. These are critical skills that prepare children for their formal education,” says Taylor-McBryde.

Taylor-McBryde moved to the West Coast after completing her undergraduate degree at the U of L. She went on to earn a master’s degree in library science from the University of British Columbia. Soon after, she got a position with the Burnaby Public Library and then the North Vancouver District Public Library, where she has worked since 1980. She is currently the coordinator of children’s and young adult’s services, and she is responsible for the children’s collection, programming and funding.

“It’s only semi administrative,” says Taylor-McBryde. “I have always enjoyed the contact with the children and their parents the most, and I have never wanted to go into a fully administrative position.”

After hours, Taylor-McBryde is the president of the Young Readers’ Choice Awards Society of British Columbia—a program that got its roots while Taylor-McBryde was still in Lethbridge. “I am so dedicated to this program because it gives children a voice. It encourages them to read, to think about the titles and to vote for their favourite books. It empowers the children,” she says.

Taylor-McBryde sows her most fruitful seeds through teaching. She is a sessional instructor at the University of British Columbia and an online lecturer at San Jose State University. “I love seeing these wonderful new students get excited and take their skills out into the community. There’s nothing more rewarding than knowing that there is another generation of enthusiasts going out there to convince children that reading is an activity that has real value,” says Taylor-McBryde.

Although her work, volunteering and teaching schedules don’t allow for a lot of personal reading, she is most interested in early literacy research and spends every chance she gets reading more about it. “As children’s librarians, we’ve always believed that we should play with language, sing songs and do storytelling and puppetry,” she explains. “Now through research, scientists are proving that these activities stimulate vocabulary development and prepare children for learning to read. The research is firmly behind what we have intrinsically always known as children’s librarians.”

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ALLISON’S FAVOURITE children’s books

- Miss Rumphius
  by Barbara Cooney
- Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge
  by Mem Fox, illustrated by Julie Vivas
- Dogger
  by Shirley Hughes (also published as David and Dog)
- English Fairy Tales
  by Joseph Jacobs
- Just So Stories
  by Rudyard Kipling
- Frog and Toad
  series by Arnold Lobel
- Sarah, Plain and Tall
  by Patricia MacLachlan
- Winnie-the-Pooh
  by A. A. Milne, decorations by Ernest H. Shepard
- The Subtle Knife
  by Philip Pullman
- Mr. Putter & Tabby
  series by Cynthia Rylant
SETTING
The Arts Club Theatre Company is nestled in the heart of Vancouver’s Granville Island. Now in its 42nd season, the Arts Club is the largest not-for-profit theatre company west of Toronto. Its walls are adorned with photos of actors who got their starts on the theatre’s stage. “Here is Michael J. Fox when he was 14 years old. This is Brent Carver, there’s Eric McCormack from Will & Grace and here’s singer Michael Bublé,” U of L alumnus Terry Whitehead (BA ’94) proudly points out.

Whitehead moved to Vancouver in December 2005 to be the Arts Club’s director of fund development. Each year, he and his team must raise more than $1 million to support the Arts Club’s programming, which includes 700 performances; 14 different shows; two theatres – the Granville Island Stage and the historic Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage; three British Columbia tours; a new play festival; and numerous community outreach programs.

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As we make our way down the Arts Club’s hall and across the street to one of Granville Island’s quaint little establishments, Whitehead explains how the U of L’s foundation in liberal education and a role in a play set the stage for his career in theatre fund development.

“I had English 1900 with Rob Morrison. He was one of those professors – like Rick Arnold, Paul Upton and Marty Oordt – who spurred my interest in literature, writing and critical thinking. I enrolled in several more English classes and eventually switched majors from management to English,” says Whitehead. “I realized that if I was going to work in the not-for-profit sector and rely on the leadership of volunteers, I needed to be one myself,” he says. “It’s very rewarding to be able to take what I do on a daily basis and share it with other arts organizations.”

Inspired by theatre, Whitehead was cast in a second play – Red Noses – which introduced him to U of L professor and future employer, Brian Parkinson.

“In my second year, I played the role of Alonso in Shakespeare’s The Tempest, which was directed by U of L professor Ron Chambers (BASc ’85). This single experience of being in a play awakened me to the arts – particularly live theatre and its power to convey ideas with such immediacy,” recalls Whitehead.

After graduating, Whitehead stayed with NEW WEST for another five years before moving to Calgary to work in fund development with Theatre Calgary. He was with Theatre Calgary for six years and then headed south to Florida Studio Theatre, where he worked in major gifts, planned giving and annual campaigns.

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After graduating, Whitehead stayed with NEW WEST for another five years before moving to Calgary to work in fund development with Theatre Calgary. He was with Theatre Calgary for six years and then headed south to Florida Studio Theatre, where he worked in major gifts, planned giving and annual campaigns.

“I was in Florida for a year and learned what I needed to learn – the American perspective on philanthropy,” says Whitehead. “When I saw the position with the Arts Club, I thought the opportunity was too good to pass up.”

The move to Vancouver has turned out to be a great fit for Whitehead, who has fallen for the city’s climate and cultural opportunities. He enjoys film, reading, art, swimming, basketball and tennis, and he hopes to take up sailing and rowing in the near future. As for acting, however, he has relinquished any roles on stage for parts in administration or the audience. “Which,” he chuckles, “anyone who saw me perform at the U of L would appreciate.”
Last August, Siea Melitz (BMgt ’03) travelled to New Zealand for a six-month internship with the Federated Farmers of New Zealand Inc. She shares how the experience of living across the world actually brought her closer to home.

My family has been involved in farming since 1993. After graduating with a master’s degree in agricultural economics from the University of Saskatchewan in 2005, I wanted to see how farms in other countries operate and compare that to the Canadian way of farming. As New Zealand’s farmers are essentially non-subsidized, this country was of particular interest to me. I hoped to return to Canada with a fresh perspective on the industry that would benefit me in my career.

During my internship, I led a project to create a toolkit that would guide farmers when assisting with animal welfare incidents on other properties. To gather a base of information, I organized a workshop and invited farmers and government animal welfare investigators. In the end, the farmers gained a practical resource manual and a clearer understanding of how cooperation improves the overall recovery of animal welfare incidents.

I also pursued the internship for the opportunity to work and live in a different part of the world. Having already gone on exchanges to Mexico and Holland, I had thought I would perhaps make my career abroad. While living in New Zealand, I realized for the first time just how far away I was from Canada and my family, and how important it was for me to be closer to home. I had fulfilled my curiosity to live around the world and was truly excited to begin the next phase of my life back in Canada. Recently, I have accepted a position with the Canadian Wheat Board as program manager in the farmer strategy division.
Life in the City

Wellington is a unique city that is full of character and culture. It is situated between a beautiful harbour and the hills, so everything is compact and within close walking distance.

I absolutely loved the people and the lifestyle in New Zealand. Everyone is so relaxed and friendly. My co-workers became my friends very quickly. One day, I hope to have the opportunity to show them Canada and a few of our farms.

The farms in New Zealand are truly something to see – beautiful rolling green hills with sheep scattered so far up them that they just appear like little specs.

My Farm Visits

The experience of going on farm visits was so incredibly valuable. You can’t learn what a dairy or sheep farm is really like by sitting in an office. By meeting the farmers, I discovered first-hand some of the challenges they face and got to know the personal side of farming in New Zealand.
ALMA MATTERS
News and notes from your classmates

70s
Carol (Janine) Andrews  BASc (BA) ’77
Andrews is the executive director of Museum and Collections Services and the Learning Services Enterprise Group at the University of Alberta.

Jerry Kovacs  BASc (BA) ’77
Kovacs was recently awarded the Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal by the Government of Canada. The medal was in recognition of his individual contribution to international peace and security. In 2003, he worked with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe at the Human Rights Centre of the University of Pristina in Kosovo. While there, Kovacs taught human rights courses to law students and lawyers.

80s
George Combe  BASc (BA) ’80
Following graduation from the U of L, Combe graduated from the University of Alberta with a law degree in 1983. He joined the Crown prosecutor’s office two years later. After two decades with the Crown office, Combe has recently joined the defensive side as legal director for the Saskatoon Criminal Legal Aid office. His successful cases with the Crown office two years later.

Gillian MacKay  BMus ’85
Dr. MacKay has accepted a position as associate professor in the Faculty of Music at the University of Toronto.

Derrick Colling  BMgt ’87
Colling was recently appointed to the Sterling Leaf Income Trust Board of Trustees. Colling has more than 18 years of experience in the accounting field.

Paul Davies  BA ’89
“After living and working in the United States for a good part of the 90s, I moved to Ontario and completed my MBA at Ivey. I am currently a general partner at a boutique private equity firm in Toronto.”

90s
Kevin Gaudet  BA ’91
“I just started a new role as vice-president of regulatory affairs with Thornhill Research, an early-stage bio-tech firm in Toronto. My two children, Jack and Georgia, are growing like weeds and provide me with a renewed sense of wonder.”

Brad Mattson  BMgt ’91
Mattson was appointed chief financial officer of Taylor Gas Liquids Ltd. He joined the company in 2001 and recently held the position of controller and vice-president, risk management.

Dave Mikulak  BMus/Bed ’91
Mikulak is a teacher at St. Francis Junior High School in Lethbridge.

Vivian Horovitch-Kelley  BA ’92
“I obtained a master’s degree in social work from Wilfrid Laurier University and went on to practice for five years with a community mental health centre in Vermont. I then took a job as a psycho-oncology researcher with Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH. Chris and I were married last year; we have a six-month-old son and have recently moved close to Washington, DC.”

Fiona Gregory  BSc ’93
Following graduation, Gregory took the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) certificate program at the College of Geographic Science in Nova Scotia. She then spent four years working as a GIS/remote sensing analyst for environmental consulting companies in Lethbridge and Calgary. After a year of travel in Europe and Central America, Gregory began a new position in 2000 as a GIS instructor at the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology.

Helen Kelley  BMgt ’93, MSc ’94
Dr. Kelley was recently appointed as director of the MSc (Management) program at the U of L. She has been a member of the Faculty of Management since 1999.

Barbilee (Frost) Hemmings  BA/Bed ’94
“I graduated in May of 1994 and married Dwayne, the love of my life, in June of the same year. We have two beautiful daughters, Rydel and Taylor Rae. I taught for nine years in Alberta (Calgary, Drayton Valley and Leduc) and one year in Los Angeles, CA. I left teaching in September 2005 to start my own training company called Are You For Real Trainings. Currently my company offers courses that empowers teens, young adults and families to get real! I honour the education I received through the U of L and through teaching. It has given me the strength and the courage I need to branch out and fly. Thanks! I would love to hear from my classmates.

Lynn Kruzewski  BMgt ’95
Kruzewski is pursuing her career as a visual artist in Vancouver and has a company called Vancouver Prairie Art. She volunteers at Gallery Gachet, a local artist collective that focuses on mental health issues. She is currently working on the first issue of their journal of art and healing called The Ear. This is due out in June 2006 for World Mad Pride Day.

Jay McBean  BMgt ’95
McBean is currently living in Unionville, ON, and is a national sales executive for IBM Canada Ltd.

Krista (Ripley) Dobbie  BA ’96
“I returned to Brandon, MB, five years ago after completing massage therapy training in Saskatoon, SK. I recently married my high school sweetheart, Wayne, and we are planning a move to the farm in the spring of this year. My husband is an agrologist, and we look forward to raising my seven-year-old daughter in the country. All the best from friendly Manitoba!”

Darcy Gonci  BSc ’96, BMgt ’99
“After two years in Vancouver with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) and a private biopharmaceutical firm, I decided to return to Calgary and PwC in March. I was looking forward to cheering on the Flames during the playoffs this year but I’m heading to San Francisco for a five to seven month project. Trying to find Hockey Night in Canada in northern California will be a challenge!”

Barry Lorne  BFA ’96
Lorne was one of 10 artists featured in a major exhibition of current paintings in Alberta titled About Time, held at the University of Calgary. “Barry’s series of large paintings, done on birch veneer panels, shows his continued commitment to exquisite draughtsmanship, subtle colour and a refined and ironic sense of humour and self-expression,” says Leslie Dawn, U of C Department of Art Chairman.

Paul Hudson  BMgt ’97
“Upon graduation I attended a career fair at the U of L. After a few months of pursuing a recruiter from RBC Royal Bank, who I met there, I landed a position as a personal banker in Lethbridge. Within two years, I made my way west to Whistler, BC, and was promoted to the position of mortgage specialist. As a mortgage specialist, I now have the freedom to be an entrepreneur and enjoy an active lifestyle, which includes skiing, mountain biking and hiking. I truly feel I’ve found the perfect balance!”

Devon Walker  BA ’97
Walker recently published a historical fiction novel, They All Fall Down, through Publish America.

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News and notes from your classmates

Tammy (Izsak) McKenney BA '98, BFA '00
McKenney graduated with a master’s degree in fine arts from the University of Waterloo in 2002. In 2003, she married Brett McKenney.

Aaron Nakama BA ’98
“I have switched career paths following 13 years directly and indirectly in the broadcast industry. My focus is now in specialist information technology recruitment for several vertical markets throughout Vancouver and the Lower Mainland of BC.”

Carla Pavan BSc ’98
Pavan was selected for the Canadian Women’s Skeleton Team and placed first at the World Cup in Igls, Austria, in December 2005.

Peggy Thomson BA ’98
“I moved back to Grande Prairie, AB, after finishing school at the U of L. Despite graduating with a degree in political science, I am currently working in the computer science field and have done some programming and web site design. Currently, I provide tech support for Meyers Norris Penny LLP in the Peace Region; it is a great challenge, and I love it!”

Amela Karabegovic BMgt ’99
Karabegovic is a research economist at The Fraser Institute in Vancouver, BC.

Laura Kipp BSc ’99
“In May 2005, I graduated with a doctor of pharmacy degree from Creighton University in Omaha, NE. I am currently practising community pharmacy in Invermere, BC.”

Angelo Rapanos BA ’99
Rapanos graduated from the University of Calgary with a master’s degree in architecture. Currently, he is an intern with The Ontario Association of Architects.

00s
Linda Hancock MED ’00
Dr. Hancock recently convocated with a doctor of psychology degree from Southern California University of Professional Studies. She is licensed as a chartered psychologist and registered social worker, and operates a private practice in Medicine Hat, AB.

Tim Hodgkinson BMgt ’00
“Tim Hodgkinson BMgt ’00
I’ve recently joined the motorcycle repair shop in Banff. Currently, I am studying for the accounanting certificate and looking for a job in the area.”

Andrea Kovago BMus ’00
Kovago is a voice professor at Dalhousie University in Halifax, NS. She is working on a dissertation for her doctor of musical arts degree from the University of Minnesota and plans to complete it next spring.

Heather McCuaig BA ’00
McCuaig obtained a law degree at the University of Alberta while working as a research assistant for the associate dean for three years. McCuaig was admitted to the Alberta Bar in 2005 and is practising at Peterson and Purvis LLP in Lethbridge.

Jordan Tanner BMgt ’00
“I recently moved to the Halifax area with my wife, Angie (a native Bluenoser), and our black lab named Scotia. I am an advisor with Barrington Wealth Partners, and I do personal and corporate wealth and estate planning for business owners, executives and incorporated professionals.

“Thanks to Dr. George Kotoulas for the solid foundation in modern portfolio theory. To Andy, Gavin, Laurel, Heather, Sarah or any of the others that happen to read this, make sure you drop me a line.”

Bruce Warkentin BMgt ’00
Warkentin is a chartered accountant (2000 Vic Dzurko Honor Roll) and chartered business valuator (2005 Silver Medalist). In 2005, Warkentin took a position with Deloitte & Touche LLP in Calgary.

Jaime Warn BFA ’00, BA ’02
Warn is co-curator for the Lynn Cohen Exhibition at the Walter Phillips Gallery in Banff, AB. The exhibit runs until June 18, 2006.

Erin (Morrison) Jones BA ’01, BEd ’03
“Since graduating, I have been teaching secondary school in the Lower Mainland. I started in the conventional system, then moved to working with ‘at risk’ youth in an alternative school setting. It has been very rewarding, and I have been there for three years. I recently met Cody Jones, who is a software trainer. We live happily in Surrey, BC, with our two cats. In the near future I will be pursuing graduate studies in curriculum and instruction at Simon Fraser University.”

Dee Danish BMgt ’02
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I graduated with distinction from the U of L in 2002, successfully completed the CA School of Business program, and wrote and passed the Uniform Final Examination in 2005. I became a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of British Columbia in January of this year. From 2002 to 2005, I articled with White Kennedy Chartered Accountants LLP in Lethbridge, BC. Recently I was hired by BDO Dunwoody LLP Chartered Accountants and Advisors in Kelowna, BC, as a senior accountant in the assurance and accounting department.”

Beany Dootjes BFA ’02
Dootjes has worked in a soup exhibition entitled Popular at the Art Gallery of Calgary until May 2006.

Dustin Hines BSc ’02, MSc ’04
Rochelle (Brueneau) Hines BSc ’02
“We miss you all! The U of L and the people we met along the way have played such an important role in our development. We are both working toward PhD’s in neuroscience at the University of British Columbia. Although we miss the people and the sun of southern Alberta, we have learned to accept the start of spring in January (even with all the rain).”

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Shawna Romollwa BA ’02
Romollwa is an admissions assistant at Lethbridge Community College.

Cheris Samuels BA ’02
Samuels is an academic advisor at the University of Phoenix (Calgary campus).

Lindsey (Wiggill) Bingley BA ’03
“I am currently involved in completing an MA in Canadian history at the U of L. I married a wonderful man named Mike Bingley in November 2005. The ceremony took place in a historic log church in Parksville, BC.”

Meghan Forsyth BMUs ’03
Forsyth graduated with an MPhil in ethnomusicology from the University of Cambridge, England, undertaking her fieldwork in the Shetland Isles. In Fall 2006, she will begin a PhD in ethnomusicology at the University of Toronto, focusing on Acadian culture and musical traditions in Prince Edward Island.

Corey Makoloski BEd/BFA ’03
Makoloski became the assistant principal at the Warner Hockey School after teaching there for two years. He was the stage manager for the Lethbridge Musical Theatre’s recent productions of Carousel and West Side Story.

Josh Papay BMgt ’03
“Since graduating, I have assumed the position of accounts manager with Patron West Inc. We supply commercial equipment financing to end users in many industries including forestry, construction and oil field services.”

Shandra Pritchard BFA ’03
Pritchard is a teaching assistant and runs the technical theatre program at Bishop Carroll High School in Calgary. She recently finished her third year as production manager and Balancing Acts, Calgary’s Annual Disability Arts Festival. She also co-teaches a technical theatre course at Rocky Mountain College with her husband.

Nathan Berezan BMgt ’04
“After graduating from the U of L, I moved to Virginia. I am currently with a top-70 accounting firm and am taking the CPA exam. I am also the athletics director at my son’s school.”

Matthew Gerber BMgt ’04
“After graduating, I moved back to Calgary and started my own business in the real estate industry. I am a mortgage agent affiliated with The Mortgage Centre.”

Sara Vosburgh BASc ’04
Vosburgh is an allocations analyst for Canadian clothing retailer, Aritzia, in Vancouver, BC. “I have always loved fashion and am a very organized and detail-oriented person, so this position is a perfect combination for me! The company is growing so quickly, and it is exciting to be a part of that.”

Kelly Andres BA/BMgt ’05
Andres received a $1,000 Persons Case Scholarship from the Province of Alberta. These annual scholarships are awarded to students whose studies and career goals will ultimately contribute to the advancement of women or those who are studying in fields where women are traditionally few in number. Andres is completing an MA in women’s studies, and her thesis focuses on women’s relationships to technology-based art.

Kevan Berg BSc ’05
“I’ve just started an MSc in tropical ecosystems at the University of Guelph. My research is based in Ghana, West Africa. I’m studying the spatial, biophysical and gendered tenure dynamics of tropical forest and agroforest patterns. It is basically the science of trees as applied to the rural human ecology of West Africa (ecology + anthropology).”

John Pearson (BASc ’68) with daughter, Kimberly Pearson (MSc ’05), at Spring Convocation 2005.

John Pearson, a member of the first graduating class of the U of L, is a senior air investigator with the Transportation Safety Board of Canada in Edmonton. Kimberly Pearson is working with the Nature Conservancy of Canada as a stewardship coordinator for the Waterton Park Front Project.

ALUMNI HONOURED

Jon Bromling BSc ’03
Alberta Venture 2005 eAward for Customer Service.

Bromling is the senior product manager for TTG Systems in Edmonton.

Leanne Elias BASc ’95, MEd ’03
2006 YMCA Women of Distinction Award for Social Advocacy.

Elias teaches multimedia production at Lethbridge Community College. She organized the Women in Technology Symposium and is the founding president of the Southern Alberta New Media Association.

Lena Russell BEd ’77, Dip Ed ’87
2006 U of L Honourary Degree recipient.

Through extraordinary efforts, Russell has promoted, taught and helped to preserve and renew the Blackfoot language.

Marda Schindeler BA ’93, MA ’98
2006 Prairie Baseball Academy Professor of the Year.

Schindeler teaches at Lethbridge Community College and in the Department of Political Science at the U of L.

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IN MEMORIAM

Elaine (Karen) Rosenfelt  BEd ‘71 passed away on December 11, 2005, at the age of 56. After graduating from the U of L, Rosenfelt taught at several rural elementary schools including McNally, Readymade, Shaughnessy and John Davidson. She left teaching for several years to raise her two sons. She then returned to teaching and taught ESL for 15 years, most recently at Lethbridge Community College.

Jiping (Jim) Liu passed away on January 14, 2006, at the age of 48. Dr. Liu was a long-term member of the U of L Faculty of Arts and Science (Mathematics and Computer Science).

Graziya Gorny passed away on January 21, 2006. Gorny joined the U of L in 1989 as a research assistant in the psychology and neuroscience departments. She played a key role in numerous research projects through her work analysing the cellular and neural construction of the brain at the Canadian Centre for Behavioural Neuroscience (CCBN). Gorny is survived by her husband Boguslaw (Bogdan), also a member of the CCBN staff.

William Bruce (Bill) Lambert passed away on January 23, 2006, at the age of 85. Lambert was a founding faculty member of the U of L and a true supporter of liberal arts education. He retired in the mid-1990s. In the 30 years that he taught English literature, his focus was always on the students, their intellectual development and their potential.

Dr. Herbert (Mart) Kenney LLD ‘85 passed away on February 9, 2006. Dr. Kenney was a well-know Canadian musician, bandleader, Order of Canada recipient and tireless community volunteer.

Herbert M. Axford passed away on February 18, 2006. Dr. Axford was the head of the U of L economics department until he retired and moved to Victoria, BC, in 1975.


Frederick Kane BASc (BA) ‘84 passed away in March 2006 at the age of 83 years.

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Rosenfelt taught for the first Annual U of L Degree Frame in 2001.

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In 1972, former U of L Pronghorn Men’s Basketball Coach Dr. Gary Bowie was thrilled to see the opening of the new University gymnasium and that the Pronghorn athletic teams finally had a place to call home. The gymnasium also provided space for U of L physical education classes, intramural programs, Convocation ceremonies, special guest lectures and numerous other University events.

“The old gym served us well over the years,” says Bowie. “It became known as the ‘pit,’ which opposing athletic teams didn’t like to play in. They thought our fans were located too close to the court, and they were intimidated by them. Our fans were terrific.”

On February 3, 2006, the Pronghorns hosted the University of Calgary Dinos in the final men’s and women’s basketball games to be played in the University gymnasium. With the new Health and Wellness Centre triple gymnasium opening this fall, the Pronghorns hit the hardwood one last time, and were cheered on by a sold-out crowd.

Tri-University Champs – The U of L Pronghorns were the winners of the fourth annual Tri-University Classic in November 1972. The basketball tournament was attended by 2,300 spectators during the weekend – a fitting opening for the new University gymnasium.

Dr. Gary Bowie, former U of L Pronghorn men’s basketball coach and athletic director, proudly stands by a bronze pronghorn statue, which is located in the entrance of the University Library.
The University of Lethbridge turns 40 in 2007, and we’re having a year-long parade of special events to mark the occasion. From the gala kick-off and grand opening of the new Regional Health and Wellness Centre to a special 40th anniversary alumni reunion, we’re planning something for everyone. Come celebrate with us in 2007!

Look in your next edition of the Journal for updates about the U of L’s 40th anniversary celebrations.