

## OPEN FORUM

# THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG: PRESENT AND FUTURE

The Presidential Search and Nominating Committee is holding an Open Forum on Jan. 13 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Theatre 3C00. The committee invites members and

friends of the University to present their views on the current state of the University and its direction over the next five to 10 years.

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## UGC APPROVES \$80,000 TO IMPROVE UNIVERSITY ACCESSIBILITY

The Universities Grants Commission has designated \$80,000 from the provincial government's Access Fund to The University of Winnipeg for improvements to disabled student services. In response to proposals from the University, the Commission has approved \$20,000 for the purchase of an optical scanner, \$30,000 for additional staffing for disabled student services and \$30,000 for the improvement of physical facilities.

The money will enable The University of Winnipeg to buy an equipment package, which includes an optical scanner and a micro-computer.

It will also fund the salary of a Coordinator of Services for Special Needs Students. The University is currently in the process of hiring a Coordinator, who will continue to organize, develop and implement programs and services for students with physical or learning disabilities.

Reporting to the Associate Dean (Students), the new Coordinator's activities will include supervising the Nathan Micay Learning Resource

Centre, advising on and assessing the academic programs of students, educating the University community and the public on programs, resources and needs of the students, and pursuing research and development to support policies and programs that would provide greater accessibility and enhance the academic success of these students.

The Commission expects to have sufficient funds in 1989-90 to continue to support the first \$50,000 of the commitment, which should allow the University to meet the full-year staffing costs involved. However, the money for improvements to physical facilities is a one-time grant.



*Blaine Acton of The University of Winnipeg shooting against the Ottawa Gee-Gees in the Wesmen Classic tournament. Winnipeg went on to win the Classic by defeating the Calgary Dinosaurs 73-71 in the final.*

## "LEARNING WOMEN" CONFERENCE LOOKS AT WOMEN & UNIVERSITIES

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Since the first women registered for classes in 1858, women in Canada have met strong opposition to their full participation in the university. Today, courses, programs and requirements are still shaped for and by men. Over 50 per cent of the undergraduates are female. Their professors are over 80 per cent male.

What are women's perspectives of the university? How does it serve women's needs? How does it fail them? What is the role of the university in continuing the current conditions of women's lives? What are its responsibilities?

"Learning Women," a conference on women's views of university and university's responsibility to them, will explore these questions Jan. 13 and 14 at both the Universities of Winnipeg and Manitoba.

The program is designed to encourage participation from women inside and especially outside the university community.

Sheila McIntyre of the Faculty of Law, Queens University, will give the keynote address on "Human Rights Legislation and the University." Other participants include Sandra Butler, a writer, educator and healer in the area of violence against women, and Deb Romeyn, a Winnipeg songwriter and singer.

The conference will include group work, a panel discussion, papers, an open forum, displays, book tables and entertainment. It will close with resolutions and the creation of a working group.

The conference is sponsored by the Prairie Regional Chair in Women's Studies with assistance from the Department of the Secretary of State of Canada.

For further information, please call Keith Louise Fulton at 786 9489 or 474 6641.

## SCIENCE MEETS RELIGION

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Holmes Rolston, Professor of Philosophy at Colorado State University and Research Associate at the University of Colorado Museum of Natural History where he curates a collection of Rocky Mountain mosses, will give three lectures on "Nature, Science, Religion and Ethics" at The University of Winnipeg.

Rolston will speak on "Science Meets Religion: The Evolution of Life and Spirit" and "Method in Science and Religion" on Jan. 16 and on "Challenges in Environmental Ethics" on Jan. 17.

Rolston's books include *Environmental Ethics: Values in and Duties to the Natural World* (1988), *Science and Religion: A Critical Survey* (1987), *Philosophy Gone Wild: Essays in Environmental Ethics* (1986), *Religious Inquiry - Participation and Detachment* (1985). He is associate editor of the journal, *Environmental Ethics*.

## TAKE A PRIVATE VIEW OF A PUBLIC SPACE

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"Public Spaces - Private Views" by Keith Oliver will be on display Jan. 15 - Feb. 10 in The University of Winnipeg's Gallery 1C03. Consisting of one large architectural sculpture, this show will explore the intersection of public places and private spaces in urban life.

Oliver, a 36-year-old Winnipeg artist, is fascinated by how people construct their own private worlds within the public areas of the city - in parks, on apartment roofs, from window views. His work contains architectural elements, emblematic of historical buildings that hold public, communal meaning. However, Oliver combines strict architectural structures with softer, more organic forms. In this way, objects take on subjective meaning. Public fact is transformed by private viewpoint.

Born in Zimbabwe, Oliver was

In addition to articles in philosophical journals, Rolston has written for larger audiences in *Natural History*, *Virginia Wildlife*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, and with Sierra Club books.

He has served as a consultant on ethical and philosophical issues in biological conservation with the Office of Technology Assessment, the National Science Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, Environment Canada, the Wildlife Society, the Society of American Foresters, the National Outdoor Leadership School, and the President's Commission on Americans Outdoors.

Rolston was educated at Davidson College, the University of Pittsburgh, Union Theological Seminary in Virginia and the University of Edinburgh. He holds degrees in Theology, Physics and Philosophy of Science. Colorado State University recently bestowed on him the Pennock Award for Distinguished Teaching and Outstanding Research.

See "Coming Events" for the times and locations of Rolston's lectures at the University.

raised in Winnipeg and schooled at the University of Manitoba and the Rhode Island School of Design. He has worked in various media, and has made furniture that challenges the strict line between art and craft.

His pieces are in public collections, including the Canada Council Art Bank and the holdings of Winnipeg's Artspace. A 1985 work, *Channel*, stood for several years in the University's library courtyard, its delicate construction often weighed down with a foot of snow, or dripping with rain.

All faculty and staff are invited to the opening of the "Public Spaces - Private Views" exhibit on Jan. 13 from 4 to 6 p.m. in Gallery 1C03. Also, see "Coming Events" for regular gallery hours.

## AMENDMENTS TO PENSION PLAN BENEFIT MEMBERS

The Board of Regents recently approved two amendments to the University of Winnipeg Pension Plan which will result in significantly enhanced benefits to plan members.

The amendments were proposed following the release of the results of the December 31, 1987 actuarial valuation of the Pension Plan which disclosed a substantial surplus of assets over liabilities. Currently the plan provides for a benefit of 2 per cent of salary in respect of each year of service to December 31, 1965 and a benefit of 1.4 per cent up to the Canada Pension Plan pensionable earnings ceiling and 2 per cent in excess of the ceiling in respect of each year of service from January 1, 1966.

The amendment, to be effective January 1, 1988, eliminates the integration with the Canada Pension Plan for the years January 1, 1966 to December 31, 1987. Integration will once again apply for service from January 1, 1988.

This plan improvement is deemed to be an appropriate use of the surplus funds since most of the surplus accumulated in the plan is in respect of past service.

### CHRISTMAS SPIRIT LINGERS AT THE UNIVERSITY

To all my friends at The University of Winnipeg:

I wish to extend my warmest thanks to all of you for the extraordinary gifts and lovely surprise Christmas party.

It was all so overwhelming and the support from all of my friends gave me the extra strength to carry on.

May you all have a healthy and happy New Year!

Sincerely,  
**Joyce Adams**  
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Sample calculations of the effect of this improvement indicate an increase in pensions of 10 to 40 per cent depending on the income level of the retiree. Individuals with lower income levels benefit to a greater extent since their pensions are also subject to greater CPP reductions. The percentage of increase indicated above may be expected to gradually decrease as the proportion of post-1987 to pre-1988 service changes.

The second amendment is a decrease in the base rate used to determine pension upgrades for retirees. If in the period from the effective date of the previous actuarial valuation of the pension plan to the current valuation, the investment return on the fund exceeds 6.25 per cent per annum, pensioners receive a cost of living increase. The increase is limited to the increase in the Consumer Price Index in the same time period.

Following the December 31, 1984 actuarial valuation, the base rate was decreased from 6.75 to 6.25 per cent.

Unfortunately, there was an insufficient surplus in the plan to reduce the rate to 6 per cent which was deemed by the University Actuary to be the appropriate level. A sufficient surplus is now available to implement this reduction.

## CLIFFORD J. ROBSON MEMORIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

The purpose of this award is to give recognition to a faculty member of The University of Winnipeg for excellence in teaching. Nominations will be received from all segments of the University community including students, alumni, faculty members and administration. Nomination forms are available at the Dean's Office, the Information Booth and the Awards Office. Nominations should be submitted to the Awards Office on or before Feb. 20.



Post Michelle Jonasson of The University of Winnipeg Lady Wesmen battles for possession with University of Calgary Dinosaur forward Karen Degner in the Lady Wesmen Classic. Winnipeg lost to Calgary 90-64 in the final, but our team has improved its national ranking.

## COMING EVENTS

### Thurs., Jan. 12 - Fri., Apr. 7

- The University of Winnipeg Media Dept. is screening all 17 episodes of the popular 1968 BBC television series **The Prisoner** starring Patrick McGoochan. All screenings will be held at 12:30 p.m., in Room 1L13. Upcoming: Episode 2 - Jan. 16; Episode 3 - Jan. 18 & 20; Episode 4 - Jan. 23 & 25.

### Thurs., Jan. 12

- **Carl Matheson**, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Manitoba, will speak on "Why Descartes and Van Fraassen are Wrong" at 1 p.m. in Room 2C13.

### Fri., Jan. 13

- The Presidential Search and Nominating Committee is holding an **Open Forum** from 12:30 to 2:30 in Theatre 3C00.

- Faculty and staff are invited to the opening of the **Public Spaces-Private Views** exhibition from 4 to 6 p.m. in Gallery 1C03.

### Fri., Jan. 13 - Sat., Jan. 14

- **The Learning Women Conference** will be held at both the Universities of Winnipeg and Manitoba. For more information or to register for the conference (\$10 to \$2 on a sliding scale), please call 474-6641. Registration will also take place at the door.

### Fri., Jan. 13 - Fri., Feb. 10

- **Public Views - Private Spaces**, a sculpture by Keith Oliver, will be on display in Gallery 1C03. Gallery hours from Jan. 16 to 27: Mon. to Fri. - 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sundays - 1 to 4 p.m.

### Mon., Jan. 16 - Tues., Jan. 17

- **Holmes Rolston**, Professor of Philosophy at Colorado State, will present three lectures: "Science Meets Religion: The Evolution of Life and Spirit" on Jan. 16, 12:30 p.m., Room 1L10; "Method in Science and Religion" on Jan. 16, 2:30 p.m., Room 2C13; "Challenges in Environmental Ethics" on Jan. 17, 1 p.m., Room 3C01.

### Tues., Jan. 17 - Wed., Jan. 18

- **Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic** will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day in the 4th Floor Buffeteria, Centennial Hall.

### Wed., Jan. 18

- The Continuing Education Division of The University of Winnipeg presents a lecture by **Chester Duncan** entitled "Music Criticism - Why?" from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Theatre 3C00. Duncan will speak on the uses and abuses of criticism in the arts. Sponsored by the Manitoba Composers Association.

### Mon., Jan. 23

- **The Cambrian String Quartet** will perform 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Theatre 3C00. Co-sponsored by The University of Winnipeg Alumni Association, the Music Performance Trust Fund and Cosmopolitan Florists.

### Fri., Jan. 27

- **The second recital of students from M.B.B.C.** will be held 12:30 to 1:30 in Theatre 3C00.

### Mon., Jan. 30

- **David Jones**, Professor of History at Dalhousie University, will present a lecture on "War and Russian Culture" from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. in Room 2L17.

### Wed., Feb. 8

- Poet **Catherine Hunter** will read from her works from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Room 3M59.

### Thurs., Feb. 16

- **20th Annual Faculty and Staff Bonspiel** will be held at the Granite Curling Club, 22 Mostyn Place. Phone Patty Hawkins at 786-9292 to register.

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