

## UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG TAKES LEAD IN ACCESS RECRUITMENT

According to Access Recruitment Officer Mario Jimenez, The University of Winnipeg is taking the lead in recruiting students from groups that are not usually represented in universities.

"This is part of a new experiment that will give The University of Winnipeg a more important role in terms of educational opportunities in the country," says Jimenez, who works in the Admissions Office.

Jimenez's position was recently created by the task force on accessibility. Historically,

the University has not attracted visible minorities, immigrants, natives and working class people. It is now challenging itself to increase the participation of people from these groups.

Jimenez, who is originally from El Salvador, is involved in the ongoing process of recruitment. He is making connections with the high schools in Winnipeg School Division No. 1 as well as parents of Grade 7 and 8 students. The idea, he says, is to get students from the surrounding community to start thinking in terms

of university. He also acts as a community liaison officer with multicultural and ethnic organizations, community groups and social agencies.

Jimenez believes that increased access requires a commitment from the whole University including the administration, faculty and staff. "Theoretically, that commitment is there," he notes. "We have to make it concrete in terms of services."

"If we are going to increase the representation of visible minorities," he adds, "cross-cultural training for the staff and counsellors is necessary."

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## POLICY SET FOR EMERGENCY CLOSING

The following is the new Emergency Closing Policy for The University of Winnipeg:

Title: **Emergency Closing**  
Effective Date: **December 1, 1989**  
Authority: **President**

### Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to clearly define the procedures to be followed in the event that the University is forced either to close or to restrict its operations.

### Scope

Closing the University shall be defined as the suspension of all activities with the exception of essential services. Since many facilities on campus are normally operational on weekends, this policy and the procedures outlined herein shall apply seven days a week.

### Responsibility

The decision to close the University or to restrict its operations shall be originated by the President or Acting President. The Vice-President (Admin.) shall be responsible for collecting and providing information pertinent to the decision-making process to the President or his/her designate. Such information may include weather reports, the physical state of the campus and access to it, road conditions and the status of the transit system, staffing problems, etc. Responsibility for disseminating the information once a decision has been made shall depend upon the individual circumstances and is described in more detail below.

### Policy

Under severe weather conditions or in the case of an emergency, a decision may be made either to restrict operations or, under the most severe circumstances, to close the University except for certain essential services. Until a decision to close the University is announced through the procedures described below, the University shall be considered open.

### Procedures

Once made, the decision to close the University or to cancel classes shall be disseminated through the following procedures:

- (1) The Public Relations Office shall be responsible for notifying the various media of the decision; where a decision is made early in the morning, such notification should be done by 7 a.m. Members of the University community are advised to listen to radio stations for information about the University's operations.

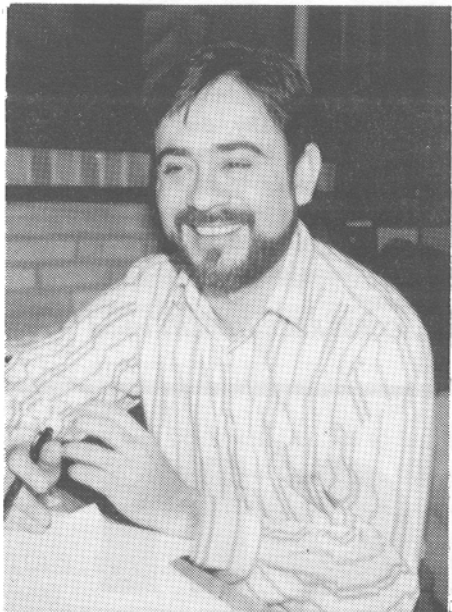
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Wesmen (l to r) John Mathieson, Rhett Turner (24) and Charles Sabourin (13) defend against John Newport of the Carleton Ravens in a Wesmen Classic game on Dec. 27. The Wesmen defeated the Ravens, 94 to 54.

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Jimenez also envisions the participation of an advisory group from the community. "They might suggest strategies to resolve problems and to attain our goals," he says.

Once these non-traditional students have been recruited, the University aims to retain them and urge them on to success. The University will measure its success in this area by the number of graduates.

"In my perception, this initiative is giving the University a new sense of direction, a new energy," notes Jimenez. "It lets the community participate in realizing occupational goals."

Instead of ignoring the needs of the community that surrounds it, The University of Winnipeg is making itself a part of that community.

Jimenez also believes that the entire University will benefit from access recruitment. "The initiative of access is so wide that it will not only serve our target group, but other groups as well," he says. "If we improve our services in the University for these people, we improve services for our entire student population."

by Marnie Hay

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(2) During a regular working day, the decision shall be communicated through the normal reporting structures. Deans, Directors and Heads of Administrative Units shall then have the responsibility to inform, where possible, faculty, staff, students, and any other individuals and groups who may be on campus or planning to be on campus that day.

(3) During a weekend or on a holiday, the President or his/her designate shall notify the members of the Senior Administrative Group of the decision. They shall then notify the appropriate Heads of Administrative Units who shall, in turn, notify the appropriate employees in their departments.

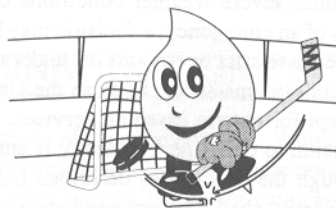
### Additional Responsibilities

The Vice-President (Admin.) shall be responsible for identifying which services are considered essential under the individual circumstances, and for ensuring that appropriate services are continued. Essential services may include such areas as Security Services, Physical Plant, Public Relations, etc.

The Office of the Vice-President (Admin.) shall be responsible for the development and communication of a series of procedures for dealing with individuals who may be stranded on campus during a severe storm.

### Reopening the University

The decision to reopen the University shall be made and communicated in the same manner and following the same procedures described above.



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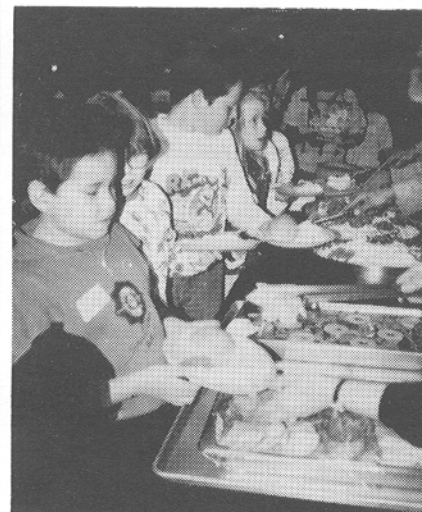
## CHRISTMAS SPIRIT ON CAMPUS

The Community Access Christmas party on Dec. 5 was a fun and festive evening for the 280 people in attendance.

This annual event is part of an outreach program for inner city, cultural and special needs groups. Activities included a turkey dinner, games and entertainment.

The participants were joined by numerous supporters who volunteered their services including David Walker (MP), Avis Gray (MLA), Joseph Yuen (City Councillor) and various University administrators.

Special thanks to Versa Food Services, Canada Safeway Limited, Manitoba Telephone System, Debroni's and The University of Winnipeg Women's Auxiliary, Bookstore and Recreation and Athletic Department for their contributions and support.



*Children from various inner city groups line up for supper at a Christmas party sponsored by the Community Access program in the Athletic Centre.*

## ECONOMICS PROFESSOR BEGINS TAXING RESEARCH

GST: Everybody's talking about it and more than likely everybody will be paying it at this time next year.

While Canadians are bracing themselves for the federal government's new seven per cent goods and services tax, Professor Sohrab Abizadeh, chair of the Economics Department, will be researching it.

Abizadeh will be taking an international perspective. His topic will be "Hidden Taxes in Highly Developed Countries."

"My research will focus on why developed countries decide to implement a goods and services tax and what pre-conditions there should be in order to introduce such a tax," explained Abizadeh, who specializes in government size and taxation.

Abizadeh hypothesized that highly developed countries exhaust all their tax sources, yet the government's size and its expenditures continue to grow. Inevitably, he explained, they must turn to some kind of goods and services tax. Abizadeh said that once governments run out of options, hidden taxes like the GST become much more appealing politically.

In his research, Abizadeh will be using 27 - 33 highly developed countries. He will then employ data on total tax revenues and their components, particularly hidden taxes, plus various economic indicators, like Gross National Product and industrial production, to assess what pre-conditions are in place in each country for a goods and services type of tax. He will also determine whether certain institutions, such as a proper accounting system and monetized economy, are in existence to accommodate the tax.

According to Abizadeh, a government's choice of tax is often a "trade-off between equity and efficiency." He said hidden taxes are inequitable, because they hit the poor harder than the rich. But they rank higher in efficiency, which means they don't adversely affect the allocation of resources in the economy.

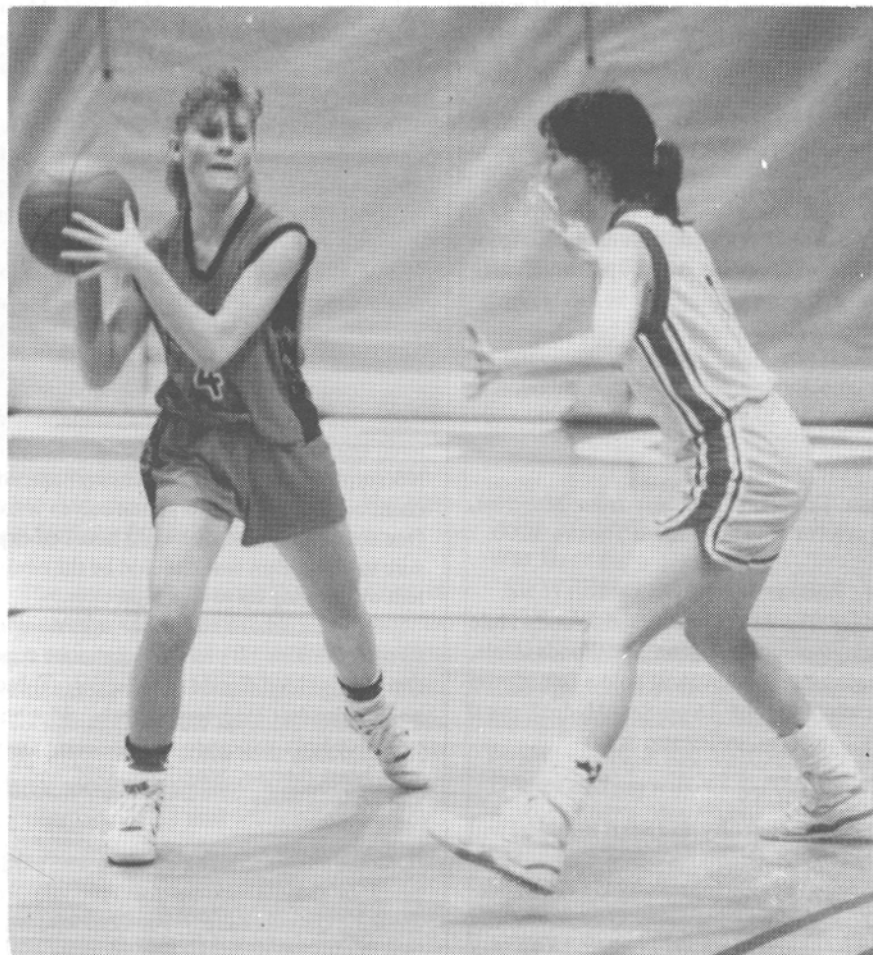
Abizadeh's opinion of Canada's new GST? "It's immaterial whether it's good or bad. The issue is how to make it easier to swallow. Changes like reducing the number of exemptions, implementing a generous rebate system and getting the provincial government to go along with it could help. The main objective should be to not let it worsen the distribution of income."

## CAMPUS NOTEBOOK

Harry Loewen, Chair in Mennonite Studies, had the following article published: "A House Divided: Russian-Mennonite Nonresistance and Emigration in the 1870's," in *Mennonites in Russia*, edited by John Friesen (Winnipeg: CMBC Publications, 1989), pp 127-45. Loewen also presented a paper, "Intellectual Developments Among the Russian Mennonites, 1880-1917," at the Russian-Soviet-Mennonite bicentennial symposium, held at The University of Winnipeg, Nov. 9-11.

Al Reimer, English, had an article published: "The Print Culture of the Russian Mennonites 1870-1930," in *Mennonites in Russia*, edited by John Friesen (Winnipeg: CMBC Publications, 1989), pp. 221-37. Reimer also presented a paper, "Peasant Aristocracy: the Mennonite Gutsbesitzertum in Russia," at the Russian-Soviet-Mennonite bicentennial symposium, held at The University of Winnipeg, Nov. 9-11.

Garin Burbank, Associate Professor of History, spoke on "University Liberalism versus Freedom of Thought" at a meeting of the Libertarian Party of Manitoba, Nov. 14.



Carrie Robertson of the Lady Wesmen gets ready to pass in a Lady Wesmen Classic game against the Lethbridge Horns on Dec. 30. Winnipeg narrowly lost the match, 72 to 75.

## COMING EVENTS

CONTINUING UNTIL JAN. 12

- **No Man's Land: The Battlefield Paintings of Mary Riter Hamilton 1919-1922** has been held over until Jan. 12 in Gallery 1C03. Gallery hours are limited to Mon. to Fri., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

FRI., JAN. 12

- **Dr. Phyllis McApline** from the Dept. of Human Genetics at the Health Sciences Centre will speak on "Mapping the Human Genome" from 12:30 to 1:20 in Room 1L13.

WED., JAN. 17 & THURS., JAN. 18

- **A Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic** will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day in the 4th floor Buffeteria, Centennial Hall.

WED., JAN. 17

- **Dave Letkeman**, classical guitarist from the Winnipeg Classical Guitar Society, will perform at 12:30 p.m. in Theatre 3C00.

- **The Diplomacy Lecture Series** presents **Richard Challenger**, Professor of History at Princeton University. He will speak on "The Marshall Plan and the Rebuilding of Post-war Europe: American Benevolence or Self-interest?" at 12:30 p.m. in Room 3C01.

FRI., JAN. 19

- **MBBC Music students** will hold a recital at 12:30 p.m. in Theatre 3C00.

WED., JAN. 24

- **TUYO**, invented instruments ensemble from Montreal, will perform at 12:30 p.m. in Theatre 3C00.

FRI., JAN. 26

- **Adriano Jordao**, pianist from Portugal, will perform at 12:30 p.m. in Theatre 3C00.

FRI., FEB. 2

- **Alain Trudel**, trombonist from Montreal, will perform at 12:30 p.m. in Theatre 3C00.

MON., FEB. 5

- **Holger W. Jannasch** of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, U.S.A. will hold a seminar on "Microbiology of Deep-Sea Hydrothermal Vents" at 8 p.m. in Theatre 3C00.

THURS., FEB. 15

- **21st Annual Faculty and Staff Bonspiel** will be held at the Granite Curling Club. Entry forms are available from Patty Hawkins, Secretary, English Department (786-9292) and must be submitted by Fri., Feb. 9. You may register as an individual or as a rink. The fee for the day will be about \$12.00.

## QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES SHOW SUPPORT FOR PRESENT SMOKING POLICY

Results are in from the University's recent "Team up for Freedom from Smoking Questionnaire" and according to Health Nurse Lynn Crocker, most of the 55 responses she received were supportive of the present smoking policy.

Crocker said that some individuals were not aware that The University of Winnipeg had a smoking policy. She noted that a copy of the policy can be obtained through either the VP (Admin.) Office (786-9175) or the Health Services Office (786-9496).

According to Crocker, some frequent comments on the questionnaire included the following: (1) the University should be smoke-free now (2) concern about enforcement of the policy (3) private offices should not have to become smoke-free.

Crocker believes a response to a recent letter by an "Inflamed Smoker" in the CUSSCO Newsletter (College, University and School Safety Council of Ontario, Nov./Dec., 1989) addressed the issue of smoking in private offices very well. An excerpt from the response follows:

Unfortunately, standard ventilation systems don't get rid of all the tobacco smoke in the air. And shutting doors doesn't prevent the smoke from drifting over to other offices.

To eliminate most components of tobacco smoke, your building would have to really jack up its ventilation rate. And even that would not get rid of all the gases. Increased ventilation is just not a practical solution.

So smokers are left to breathe in the smoke you create. And they have reason to complain. Tobacco smoke contains almost 4,000 different chemicals. At least 50 of these are known to cause cancer. Most of the tobacco smoke in the air is sidestream smoke. This is the unfiltered smoke that comes from the burning end. Not surprisingly, it contains as many hazardous chemicals as the smokers themselves inhale. One study estimated that eight hours of exposure to sidestream smoke could be the equivalent of smoking up to five cigarettes.

Sidestream smoke can cause eye, nose and throat irritations. It can also aggravate conditions such as heart disease and allergies. Tobacco smoke also has long-term effects. Mounting evidence links exposure to sidestream smoke with heart disease, lung infections, and lung and other cancers.

Crocker wishes to thank all those who participated in the "Team up for Freedom from Smoking Questionnaire." For those who would like to quit smoking, Health Services will be

offering an "In Control" self-help group beginning the last week of January. Please call Lynn Crocker at 786-9496 if you are interested in joining the group or would like more information on the other programs suggested in the questionnaire.

Crocker also noted that Jan. 24 is "Weedless Wednesday." She commented, "If you are not ready to quit smoking for good, how about trying it for one day on Weedless Wednesday?"

## NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR HONORARY DEGREES

The Senate of The University of Winnipeg invites, from the University community and the public, nominations of candidates for consideration as possible recipients of honorary degrees.

Nominations should include the name and biographical summary of the nominee along with a statement of the nominator's reasons for making the nomination and the name of the nominator. Submissions should be sent to the Honorary Degrees committee's secretary, Roger Kingsley, University Secretary, as soon as possible.

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