

Wesmen Basketball Teams Promise Another Classic

The Wesmen Classic, Dec. 11 to Jan. 6, is Canada's largest basketball tournament, featuring 48 teams and over 600 players.

The Classic is comprised of five divisions - junior high, high school freshmen and varsity divisions as well as the university men's and women's tournaments.

The main action takes place from

Dec. 26 to Jan. 6. The high school boys' and university men's tournaments run concurrently from Dec. 26 - 29, with the Lady Wesmen Classic running from Jan. 4 - 6.

Outdoor banners promoting the Classic can be seen on several railroad overpasses around the city. The most visible are on Portage Avenue (near Polo Park), McPhillips (near Logan),

Main Street (near Higgins) and Pembina Highway (near Jubilee).

Tickets to the Wesmen Classic can be purchased at The University of Winnipeg Athletic Centre. A tournament pass for the men's Classic (including the high school games) is \$10.00, with session tickets (day or evening) at \$5.00 each. Tournament passes for the Lady Wesmen Classic are \$7.00, with day passes at \$5.00.

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At the Dec. 5 open meeting on the preliminary discussion paper of the Futures Committee, the comments from the audience of more than 100 members of the University community were as wide-ranging as the report itself.

The lack of resources for the teaching program, problems of communication and space, the fate of inter-disciplinary programs and the flexibility of the mission statement were all subjects of debate.

The Futures Committee discussion paper outlines the proposed mission statement and goals of the University, discussion points on academic programs and student services, and three alternative models for organizational structure. President Marsha Hanen, chair of the committee, noted that the support side of the organizational structure had not been addressed in depth yet. As well, she acknowledged that there were many possible variations to the proposed organizational models.

The discussion paper was prepared by the 16-member Futures Committee, which was formed by Dr. Hanen last May with the mandate to create a framework for the University's development over the next several years. The purpose of the open meeting was to provide an opportunity for all members of the University community to express their views on the proposals of the Futures Committee.

See FUTURES page 2.



University students and staff held a vigil in memory of the 14 women engineering students who were killed last year on Dec. 6 in Montreal.

Three Students Receive Prestigious Stephenson Awards

Three University of Winnipeg students received prestigious Sir William Stephenson Scholarships valued at \$2,400 each for their outstanding academic achievement, superior leadership qualities and potential to make a valuable contribution to their country.

Arash Abizadeh, Scott Christopher Kroeker and Norman Richard Wasel were presented with the awards at a scholarship reception on Nov. 28 in Riddell Hall. In addition, Kent Suss received an honourable mention.

Arash Abizadeh entered The University of Winnipeg on the Board of Regents Special Entrance Scholarship. He was chosen Student of Highest Distinction and awarded the D.J. Jessiman Scholarship in Political Science, the Isbister Undergraduate Scholarship, The Principal J.W. Sparling Scholarship and the Academic Proficiency Scholarship of the Winnipeg Rh Institute. Arash has demonstrated his organizational and leadership qualities as Executive Coordinator of the 1989 "Earth: Our Country Peace Festival" and as Secretary General of the Baha'i Peace Council. He hopes to study Law at McGill University's "National Program."

Scott Christopher Kroeker received the Board of Regents Special Entrance Scholarship, the Amora School Services Scholarship and was chosen Student of Highest Distinction. He is enrolled in a four-year Bachelor of Science program with a major in Biochemistry. His extracurricular pursuits include writing, music and sports. In addition, his concern with poverty has led him to work as a volunteer at Union Gospel Mission. His work there reflects his active interest in issues touching the social conscience of the community. Scott is considering a career in medical research.

Norman Richard Wasel is a graduate of The University of Winnipeg Collegiate, where he received thirteen academic awards. He received the Alumni Entrance Scholarship, the H.E. Duck-



Trustees and Stephenson winners attended the scholarship reception (l to r): University President Marsha P. Hanen, Norman Wasel, Arash Abizadeh, Scott Kroeker, Dr. Roderick O.A. Hunter.

worth Prize, the Isbister Undergraduate Scholarship and the Academic Proficiency Scholarship from the Winnipeg Rh Institute. In addition to his academic achievements, he has an active interest in music and sports and has worked as a volunteer camp counsellor. He received the Rotary Youth Leadership Award for leadership skills and community involvement. His goal is a career in medicine, with an interest in research.

These three scholarships were made possible by a \$100,000 gift from Sir William Stephenson in 1984. This was the largest single private gift ever made to the University for scholarship purposes.

Sir William Stephenson, through his daring intelligence work during World War II, was known by the code name INTREPID.

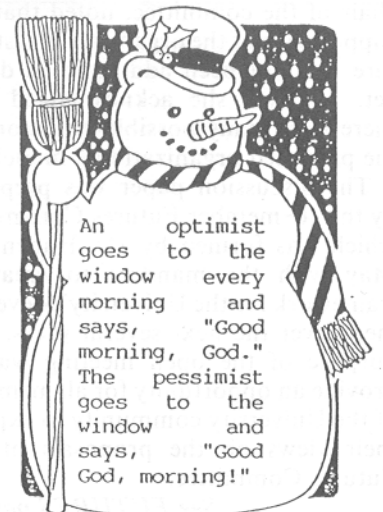
Responsibility for selection of award recipients is shared by The University of Winnipeg and the Sir William Stephenson Scholarship Trustees - Dr. Roderick O.A. Hunter, Dr. Henry E. Duckworth, His Worship William Norrie, The Honourable Mr. Justice Sterling Lyon, Dr. Marsha P. Hanen and Dr. W. John A. Bulman.

Election Results

Myrna Bernhard, Carol Halko and Martin Robson have been elected to the Policy Panel for Support Staff Excluded from Bargaining Units.

The panel now requires a member designated by President Marsha Hanen and a member designated by Vice-President (Admin.) John Law. Law has indicated that he will be a member of the panel and that an additional representative will soon be named.

Parvin Ghorayshi of the Sociology Department has been elected as the academic staff member on the Ad hoc Committee on the Status of Women Employees.



Futures

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Michael McIntyre, Dean of Arts and Science, stressed that the problem of dwindling resources and increasing workloads of the faculty over the past decade must be addressed by the Futures Committee. Kristine Hansen, Psychology Department, added that she was disappointed to see "no specific increases proposed for faculty and academic programs, or cuts to anything," although several additions to administration had been proposed.

The issue of communication between administration and faculty was noted by Jennifer Brown, History Department. She emphasized that the faculty needs to be consulted and involved in decision-making. Don Bailey, History Department, sees the communication problem as stemming from the lack of interaction amongst faculty members, when FCAS (Faculty Council of Arts and Science) does not meet. "The major issue of communication is knowing each other as a community," he said.

Other University faculty noted the need to address the problems of existing governing bodies such as the Senate and some pointed to the "inordinate amount of time we spend in governing ourselves." Many speakers supported the need for increased space for both students and staff.

Inter-disciplinary programs also received attention from the participants with some advocating that more power be given to the heads of these programs, while others believe that departmental involvement should increase. Some speakers stated that the University should take a closer look at the necessity of each inter-disciplinary program.

The proposed mission statement for the University was also debated. Claudia Wright, Political Science, believes that "the University community, not a committee, should make the mission statement." As well, she noted the lack of "an explicit mandate for external community relations." Other suggestions for improvement included the expansion of the mission statement to

include graduate programs as well as the life-long learning aspect of a university education.

Many speakers commended the Futures Committee on its work so far and said that they were comfortable with the direction it is taking.

A draft report from the Futures Committee is expected in February and a second open meeting will be held after its release. The final report will be produced in March. The plan will be implemented starting in the 1991-92 fiscal year, but will be phased in over time.



University of Winnipeg President Marsha Hanen and Versatech employees (l - r) Waldo Pauls, Gordon Opleta and Scott Deason cut the ribbon for a new storage bin. This event was part of the University's Recycling Awareness Day, Nov. 21.



The new storage bin will increase the University's capacity to store materials destined for recycling.

Board of Regents Report Board Review Planned for New Year

The November meeting of the Board of Regents passed a resolution to have the Board Executive review the most recent draft of The University of Winnipeg Act and bring back recommendations or revisions to the next Board meeting. At that time I expect we will again begin the process of asking our provincial government to put the Act on the order paper. As many of you are aware, successive executives of the Board of Regents since the 1970s have requested that the provincial government enact the proposed University of Winnipeg Act.

Early in the New Year the Board of Regents will begin a thorough examination of the structure of the Board, its Committees and By-Laws. Many of us believe that a re-organized Board could be more effective in serving the University. This project will be a major priority for the Executive during the balance of our current term.

The Board received for information a copy of the proposed sexual harassment policy and was advised that following the discussion at an open meeting and additional recommendations from individuals within the University community, a final draft would be presented to the Board for ratification in January.

Subsequent to the Board meeting, I attended the open meeting held to discuss this issue. Not only was it well attended, it also highlighted several aspects of the policy which require further discussion and potential revision. I appreciate the efforts of all those who worked so hard to create this new policy.

For the past several months, the University has been attempting to resolve the funding dilemma of the Western Canada Pictorial Index. The annual budget allocated to the WCPI was exhausted during the first six months of the current fiscal year. At the November meeting, the Board of Regents received reports and recommendations from the administration, the WCPI Board and the Finance Committee. After an extended debate, the Board reluctantly concluded that no further funds could be advanced during the current fiscal year. The resolution adopted calls for the University to seek out long-term solutions that would be in the best interests of the WCPI without imposing on our inadequate financial resources.

On the Friday following the Board

meeting, I met with the members of the negotiating committees of the Faculty Association and the University. I took the opportunity on behalf of all Board of Regents members to thank them for the work they do on our behalf. I shared with them the frustration that members of our delegation to the Universities Grants Commission felt with our lack of success in getting the UGC and the provincial government to recognize the funding crisis facing The University of Winnipeg. I told them that at our meeting with the UGC, we emphasized the hardship this was placing on the University and in particular the constraints it was placing on our professional staff, the lifeblood of our institution.

Everyone agreed that we must work together to impress upon the government the need for redressing some of the historic anomalies in the funding for The University of Winnipeg and to ensure that the future allocations to post-secondary education are adequate to meet the responsibilities and challenges that we face.

As the calendar year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students the very best of luck on their December exams. Moreover, on behalf of all members of the Board of Regents, I extend to all members of the University community our best wishes for a joyous holiday season and a happy, healthy and successful 1991.

- by Harvey Sexter
Chairman
Board of Regents

Board of Regents Decisions November 26, 1990

- approved the 1991-92 budget and fees for the Collegiate
- determined that the Western Canada Pictorial Index receive no further financial assistance from The University of Winnipeg; that acquisitions to the collection generally cease now; that cataloguing and related activities continue for two to three years; and that the University seek proposals for relocation of the collection provided that such proposals include appropriate safeguards concerning protection and accessibility of the collection. (In making this decision, the Board took note of the University's difficult financial circumstances and the general context in which budgets in all parts of the University had required substantial cuts over the past few years.)
- decided to request that the government include The University of Winnipeg among the beneficiaries of a \$3-million fund arising from the sale of Manitoba Data Services; and to request that the Senate (through its Executive) consider academic issues relevant to the fund
- accepted a recommendation to improve Travel Health Insurance provisions for faculty, effective Jan. 1, 1991



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Bea Wong of the Dean's Office is surrounded by Christmas spirit.

The Origins of St. Nick

As I write this it is Dec. 6, the Day of St. Nicholas, still celebrated in parts of Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and particularly in The Netherlands.

Every year for the past several years I have listened to Katy Simons '76 tell stories of St. Nicholas as she remembers them from her youth in Holland. He was a fourth century bishop from Asia Minor who became the patron saint of sailors, young unmarried women, and children. I could not find a story explaining why he is the patron of sailors (mostly in Italy and in Eastern Europe), but from Katy I've learned two legends about his connection with young women and with children.

Of course, this is only what I recall. If you wish to know more you'll have to ask Katy herself. You will see her striding about the University or the city, through all kinds of weather, on two strong legs and two metal crutches.

St. Nicholas always wandered about the world seeking anyone who needed his help. Once he was passing through a town where a very poor family with three marriageable daughters lived. As they had no chance of finding a husband without a dowry, he contrived to toss a bag of gold through each of their windows and right into their socks which were hung up to dry. They did not know, of course, where the gifts had come from. This is how he came to be connected with gift-giving and stocking-stuffing.

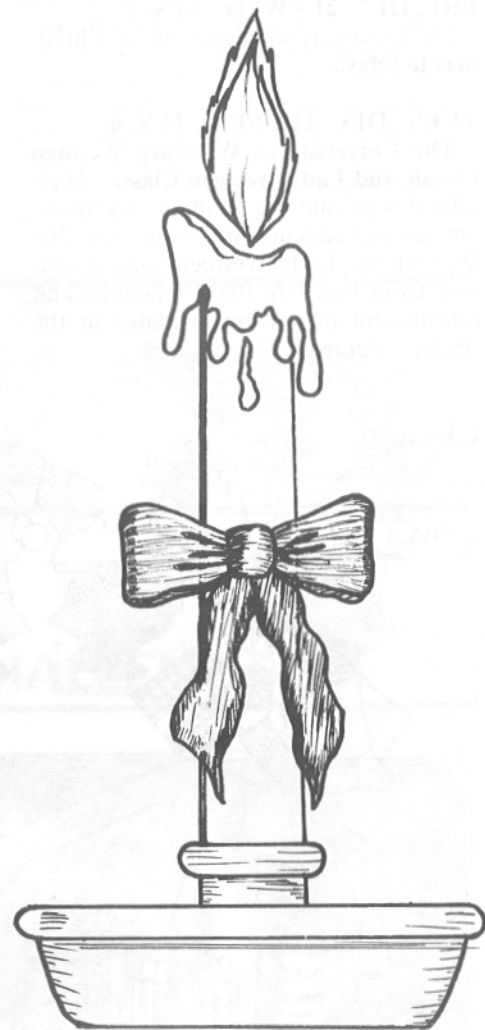
Another time St. Nicholas came upon a horrible man who loved to cook and eat young children. St. Nicholas rescued three boys from the evil man and thus became a patron saint of boys and then of all children.

In Holland St. Nicholas (accompanied by his "servant" Black Pete) sits atop

his white horse (instead of reindeer) and arrives by boat carrying gifts for some children and switches for others. Children put out their shoes instead of their socks. They leave a lump of sugar, a carrot, or hay for St. Nicholas' white horse. If they have been "good," St. Nicholas leaves them a gift, and if not, Black Pete puts a switch in their shoe.

I have a book on Christmas customs in England which observes that Saint Nicholas is familiar in another form:

As Santa Klaus, St. Nicholas is of course known to every English (British) child, but rather as a sort of incarnation of Father Christmas than as a saint with a day of his own. Santa Klaus, probably, has come to us via the United States, where the Dutch took him and where he has still immense popularity. (Miles, Clement, *Christmas Customs and Trad-*



itions, New York, Dover, 1976, originally published in 1912, P. 220).

Saint Nicholas was indeed brought to the United States when the Dutch came to what is now New York 300 years ago, and his day became joined with Christmas Day. And we now have Santa (Saint) Claus ("Klaus" is a short form of "Nicholas.").

Katy Simons tells me that when she first went to England to study nursing, an English nurse said, "Oh, you're Dutch and you celebrate Christmas on the wrong day - Dec. 6." Katy, alert as ever, responded, "Yes, you're English and you celebrate Saint Nicholas' Day at the wrong time - Dec. 25." And you?

- by Kay Stone
English Dept.

COMING EVENTS

FRI., DEC. 21 - WED., JAN. 2

- The University will be closed for **Christmas holidays**.

TUES., DEC. 11 - SUN., JAN. 6

- **The University of Winnipeg Wesmen Classic and Lady Wesmen Classic.** High school boys' and University men's tournaments run concurrently from Dec. 26-29, with the Lady Wesmen Classic running from Jan. 4-6, 1991. Schedules and tournament passes are available at the Athletic Centre.

MON., JAN. 7 - FEB. 25

- Norm Velnes will lead the course **Stewardship for the 90s.** Seminars will be held Mondays, 7 to 10 p.m., in Room 2B14 until Feb. 25. Registration fee for non-credit is \$70 and \$80 for a Certificate in Theology credit.

WED., JAN. 9

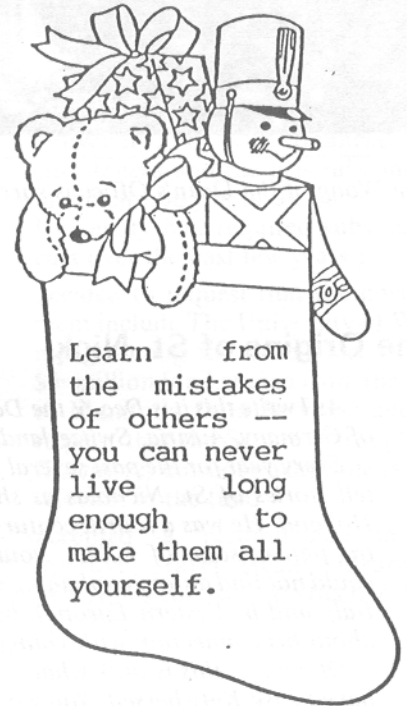
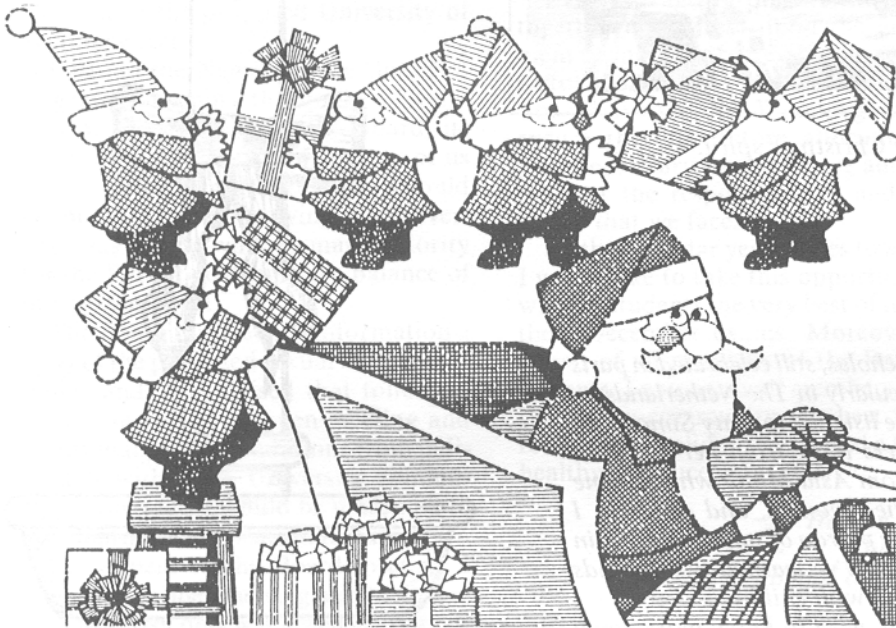
- The visiting lecture series hosted by the English Dept. will feature author and speaker **Jordan Wheeler.** The lecture will take place from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. in Room 1L04. For further information, call Kay Stone at 786-9316.

WED., JAN. 16 & THURS., JAN. 17

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

SUN., JAN. 27

- Donald A. Bailey, History, will speak to the Winnipeg branch of the Canadian Humanities Association. His topic will be **Canada's Constitutional Troubles: What Can We Learn from European History?** at 2 p.m. at The Winnipeg Art Gallery.



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