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Alumni at City Hall

Alumni of The University of Winnipeg can be found at top-level positions in all kinds of organizations - including the helm of City Hall.

The newly elected mayor of Winnipeg, Susan Thompson, graduated from The University of Winnipeg in 1971 with a BA (Sociology and Political Science). She succeeds another alumnus, Bill Norrie (BA '50), who was mayor for 14 years.

Both the former mayor and the new mayor have been

loyal friends to their alma mater. Norrie was chair of the University's Board of Regents from 1975-77 and has regularly attended numerous events on campus, including Convocation and alumni reunions.

Thompson, who attended both The Collegiate and the University, has displayed the same kind of commitment. She served on the Board of Directors of the Interfaith Pastoral Institute at The University of Winnipeg

from 1982-86. She has been involved in high school student recruitment efforts as a speaker at the Parent-Student Forum. She has also frequently attended the Chancellor's Forum.

The new mayor is the owner and manager of Birt Saddlery, a leather goods and western apparel store on Main Street. A native of Winnipeg, she has also worked in Calgary and Montreal in regional, national and international markets. She was the principal national buyer for The Bay, before returning here in 1980 to purchase the family business.

Thompson has been a very active member of the local business community. She was co-chair of the Business Improvement Zone (BIZ) Task Force and a member of the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Winnipeg Association and Winnipeg 2000 Task Force.

Her expertise is also valued by provincial and federal governments. She is a member of the Government of Manitoba's Economic Advisory Council and has served for a number of years on the Economic Council of Canada.

Thompson's community involvement has been extensive. She has been a board

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National Ranking Flawed

University of Winnipeg President Marsha Hanen has called the recent Maclean's magazine survey, which ranks universities in Canada, "flawed on several counts."

"The survey ignored the particular mandates and commitments of each university," said Dr. Hanen. "Accessibility and service to part-time students seem not to be valued, despite demographic trends."

In its second annual issue on post-secondary education, Maclean's rated The University of Winnipeg 15th out of 18 universities offering mainly undergraduate programs. Brandon University ranked 13th in the same category and the University of Manitoba placed last amongst schools with major doctoral programs and medical schools.

"The survey purports to be a measure of quality," said Dr. Hanen, "yet there were no questions related to programs. This means that differences among universities receive no attention, and particular strengths, such as our Writing Program, or the

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Newly elected mayor Susan Thompson is a graduate of The University of Winnipeg.

The **UNIVERSITY**
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25th Anniversary Celebrated With Tascona Exhibition

"Encapsulating Rhythms," an exhibition of works by well-known Canadian artist Tony Tascona, opened in The University of Winnipeg's Gallery 1C03 on Wed., Nov. 4.

The exhibition consists of 26 epoxy resin and aluminum construction works, dating from 1987 - 1992. Many of the pieces emphasize the shapes of the prairie landscape, a strong influence in Tascona's career. The pieces also remind the viewer of the artist's early experience in industry. This is the first time these works have been exhibited.

Tascona began exhibiting his work seriously in the 1950s. His works can now be found in virtually every major public collection across Canada such as the National Gallery of Canada, the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Canada Council Art Bank, the Confederation Centre in Prince Edward Island and the Winnipeg Art Gallery.

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of The University of Winnipeg, Tascona created a limited edition serigraph entitled "Night Eyes." Funds raised from the sale of the print will be used for scholarships and bursaries at the University. "Night Eyes" will be on display in Gallery 1C03 during this exhibition.

"Encapsulating Rhythms" is open until Dec. 5, Mon. - Fri., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sat., 1 - 4 p.m. Closed Sundays.



An exhibition of works by Tony Tascona is in Gallery 1C03 until Dec. 5. This is the first time these works have been publicly exhibited.

Members Named to Human Relations Committee

University President Marsha Hanen has named the following people to the Advisory Committee on Human Relations:

- Claudia Wright, Political Science
- Eldene Spencer, Collegiate
- Hatem Howlader, Mathematics & Statistics
- Deborah Schnitzer, English
- Carlene Besner, Office of the Dean of Arts & Science
- Mary Young, Counselling
- Bev Ridd, Board of Regents
- Don Hall, Student Services
- Kemlin Nembhard and Gordon Wallace, Students' Association

According to President Hanen, this advisory committee will do some of the ground work and consultation in developing a University policy on human relations. She said the policy will encompass a number of areas such as race and gender relations, and sexual harassment.

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member for the Winnipeg Foundation, the Canada West Foundation and the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra. She was the first president of the Urban Idea Centre.

Visit by English Philosopher a Success

It was standing room only in 2M70 at The University of Winnipeg on Sept. 23 for English philosopher Kate Soper's public seminar on the relationship between post-modernism and feminism.

However, latecomers didn't seem to mind sitting on the floor to hear Soper argue that there are as many differences between post-modernism and feminism as there are points of convergence.

Post-modernism defines the trends or movements in the arts and literature that developed in the 1970s in reaction to the principles of established modernism.

"The post-modern focus has been important and in many ways beneficial; feminism that has developed under its influence has been valuable," Soper stated. "But no doubt, it is open to charges of being idealist and evasive."

"Post-modernism has generated a theory industry that is incomprehensible to all but a few women who are academics, and we need to take this into account in appraising the post-modernist influence on feminism," Soper warned. "We must not align ourselves too wholeheartedly."

Soper briefly explained the origins of post-modernism, a

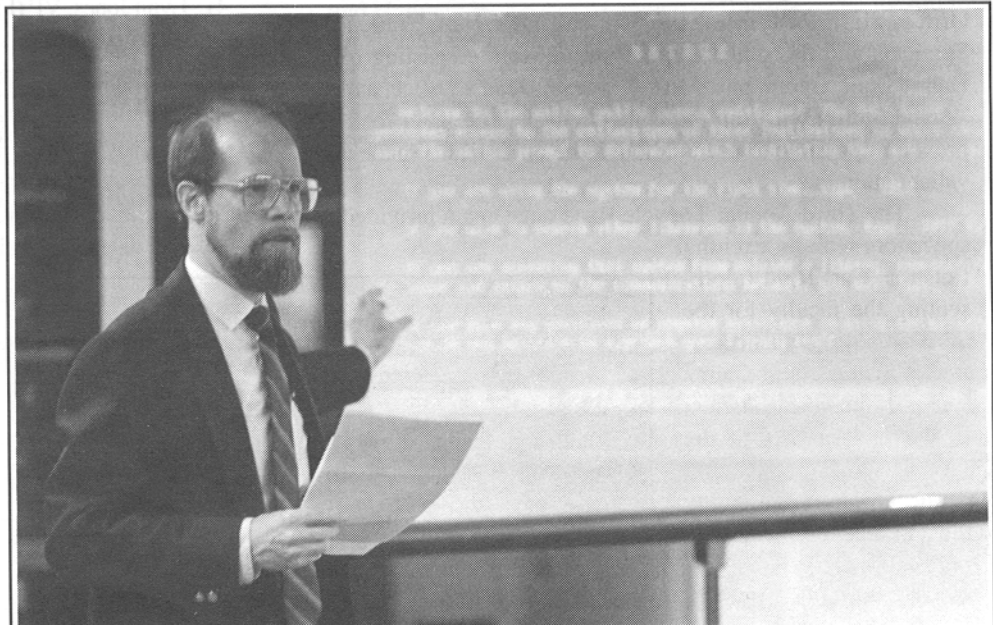
term first used in architecture, but one that now defines "the spirit of the times."

She outlined the influences of French historian Michel Foucault, French psychoanalyst Jacques Lacan and French philosopher Jacques Derrida on feminist modes of deconstruction and the problems that arise from those influences.

Post-modernist thinkers, "reject the ideas that have guided historical thinking." They question, for example, "the Enlightenment idea of progress through reason, or the Marxist idea of progression to a classless society. These ideas are seen as grand narratives," Soper explained.

"But post-modernism may also see feminism as a grand narrative," challenged Soper. "And if it is sceptical about the idea of progress, is there not a theoretical tension created with the feminist emancipation of women?"

Soper is the author of *On Human Needs* (1981), *Humanism and Anti-Humanism* (1986), and *Troubled Pleasures: Writings on Politics, Gender and Hedonism* (1990). She teaches at the School of Historical, Philosophical and Contemporary Studies at the University of North London, formerly the North London Polytechnic.



Linwood DeLong demonstrates how to use the Library BRIDGE system at an official launching held for dignitaries and officials from The University of Winnipeg, University of Manitoba and St. Boniface General Hospital. BRIDGE is an on-line public access catalogue which connects the library holdings of all three institutions.

United Way Campaign Launched with Special Events

The University's United Way Campaign for 1992 began with what has become an annual tradition, a Pancake Breakfast in the Riddell Hall Cafeteria. Once again, this event proved to be a successful kickoff to the campaign, raising over \$340. Christine Bell, Menno Simons College, won the door prize, a limited edition set of National Hockey League pins.

During the first two weeks of the campaign, a number of special events and sales were held to raise funds for the United Way and to raise awareness of our campaign. Tickets for three Winnipeg Jets pre-season games raised over \$1,100 while three bake sales on campus added another \$240 to our total contributions (we have some terrific bakers on campus!). Two \$75 gift certificates donated by the bookstore were used as prizes for a raffle. Students Michelle Desjarlais and Shelby Couvier were the lucky winners in this draw.

The Wheelchair Relay Race featured three-person teams representing the faculty (Geri Sweet, Geography, Sandra Kirby, Sociology, and Persis Clarkson, Anthropology), the administration and support staff (Roger Kingsley, President's Office, Shirley Payment, Library, and Don Hall, Student Services) and the students (a substitute team consisting of Danny Blair, Geography, Miriam Unruh, Dean's Office, and Wayne Steffensen from the United Way). The latter team proved impossible to beat, although the other teams made a valiant attempt.

The Third Annual Tricycle Race once again provided spectators with an exciting finish as Carl Ridd (representing the faculty for the third time) tried unsuccessfully to catch Scott Cairns (representing the students) in the final meters of the race. Herb Mays, VP (Academic) Office, (representing the administration and support staff) raced to an unforgettable third place finish.

On the last official day of the campaign, eight brave "volunteers" - Geri Sweet, Geography, Eric Benson, Records Office, Bill Wed-



Associate VP (Academic) Herb Mays, assisted by University Secretary Roger Kingsley, employs a new technique in the United Way tricycle race.

lake, Recreation and Athletics, John Law and Steve Coppinger, VP (Finance and Administration) Office, Brian McGregor, Geography, Roger Kingsley, President's Office, and Josh Weidman, UWSA Programming Department - faced an onslaught of wet sponges in a spirited effort to raise additional funds for the United Way.

This year's campaign "wrap-up" was a Casino and Chinese Auction held in the Faculty & Staff Club. Participants were able to buy play money and try their luck at blackjack tables and "chuck-

a-luck" (a dice game). Their winnings could then be converted into tickets for the Chinese Auction. This event was quite successful, largely due to the wonderful array of prizes which had been solicited and the pre-selling of Chinese Auction tickets at the bake sales. The prize packages were won by the following individuals:

- 1) Jackie Sinclair, Library - Fuji compact camera
- 2) Martin Ling, a student - Fuji compact camera
- 3) Maria Rosales, a student - gift certificates, etc.
- 4) Lynn Jones, VP (Finance and Administration) Office - limited edition set of NHL pins, etc.
- 5) Christopher Steele, a student - gift certificates, etc.
- 6) Josh Weidman, UWSA Programming Department - limited edition set of NHL pins, etc.

The first early bird draw for donors to this year's Campaign was held on Oct. 9 - Christopher Leo, Political Science, was presented with tickets to Prairie Theatre Exchange and Richard Ottenbreit, Counselling Services, was presented with a t-shirt donated by Manitoba Telephone System. The second draw was held on Oct. 23 - James Richtik, Geography, received passes to the Imax Theatre and Muriel Howarth, Media Services, received a coffee gift pack donated by Salisbury House. Howarth also won tickets to a Winnipeg Jets game in a United Way of Winnipeg draw for early bird donors.



The wheels were turning in support of the United Way. Contestants (from left to right) included Don Hall, Geri Sweet and Wayne Steffensen.

Campaign has a Distance to Go

As of Oct. 27, University employees and retirees had pledged or contributed a total of \$36,019.52 to the 1992 United Way Campaign, while special events on campus had raised an additional \$2,593.12, bringing our total contributions as of that date to \$38,612.64. This represents 73.7 per cent of our goal of \$52,363 - a good start, but we still have some distance to go yet.

If you have not yet completed your pledge card, please take a moment to do so now and return it to your canvasser. Every donation, regardless of size, makes a tremendous difference to those who depend on the services supported by the United Way, and in these tougher economic times the need for those services is ever-increasing.

Danny Blair and Lynn Jones, co-chairs of the 1992 campaign, would like to thank all of the canvassers and the special events volunteers who have worked so hard on this campaign. Without their assistance, none of this would have been possible, and their efforts are truly appreciated.

University of North Dakota Political Science Professor to Speak Here

The University of Winnipeg's Department of History is sponsoring a public lecture by Stephen C. Markovich, professor of Political Science at the University of North Dakota.

Markovich, who is of Croatian descent, is an expert on comparative communist systems, with a special interest in the former Yugoslavia. He previously took part in the University's Diplomacy Series lectures.

His lecture, "The Yugoslav Tragedy," is Mon., Nov. 9, 12:30 - 1:20 p.m. in room 3M62.

At Fall Convocation, University President Marsha Hanen presented a certificate of recognition to Bill Norrie, who recently retired as mayor of Winnipeg.

Women-Focused Research Conference Was Well Attended

"Feminist Scholarship: Revising the Canon" was the theme of a women-focused research conference held Sept. 25 - 27, at The University of Winnipeg. The sessions spanned a wide range of subjects such as "Foremothers of Canadian Literature," "Women (In) Justice," and "Women Framed: Art and its Institutions."

Presenters came from universities across the country, from Memorial University of Newfoundland to University of Victoria. In addition to 40 presenters, there were six plenary speakers, two writers and two artists.

English Professor Uma Parameswaran, of The University of Winnipeg, chair of the women-focused research project, said she was very pleased with the quality of the papers and the number of registrants. There were 174 registrants, of whom about 70 were students of The University of Winnipeg. Women's Studies students were given registration fee waivers.

Parameswaran said the participation of local community registrants indicated that women-focused research is of interest to many people outside the university. She believes future efforts should take into account a schedule that would accommodate them more fully, such as holding more plenary sessions in the evening. Plans are underway to publish the proceedings of the conference.

The conference was part of a three-year project initiated by Parameswaran. The project is funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada under its Aid to Small Universities plan.

Ten research teams (University of Winnipeg faculty and their research assistants), who are working on individual projects, presented their findings and/or conclusions at the conference.



New Safety Officer Settles Into Job

Dave Pratt is just getting settled into his new job as Safety Officer. Not only is this position new to Pratt, it is also new to The University of Winnipeg.

Pratt is responsible for monitoring compliance with health and safety legislation, investigating and inspecting safety related problems, and conducting safety audits. He is also accountable for mediating safety problems between employees and management, developing training resources and programs, and advising on emergency response.

Before starting at the University on Aug. 31, Pratt worked for eight years in health and safety in industry and developed computer software related to this area. He holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Manitoba.

Pratt, along with Health and Safety Coordinator Lynn Crocker, is now setting up a "responsibility framework for implementing WHMIS (Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System)." He explained that WHMIS is aimed at informing employees about hazardous materials in the work-

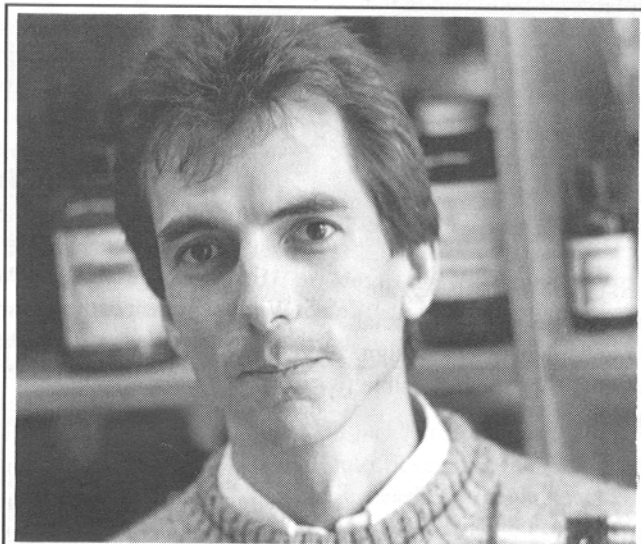
place. The system includes education, product labelling and material safety data sheets (MSDSs).

Because their own time and resources are limited, Pratt and Crocker are encouraging each department at the University to appoint a coordinator responsible for helping to implement this system as well as other health and safety programs.

Health and Safety Services operates to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all staff, faculty, students and visitors while working, studying or taking part in recreational activities at the University. The department develops and implements policies and works with others on campus to identify and solve problems. Health and Safety Services

is responsible for the administration of many educational programs, such as First Aid, CPR and AIDS Awareness.

Dave Pratt's office is in the Health and Safety Services area in the basement of Manitoba Hall. His phone number is 786-9894.



Dave Pratt is getting settled in his new job as Safety Officer.



A vampire finds some friends at the Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic held on campus, Oct. 27-28. Played by a student from the Theatre Department, the vampire was part of a promotional campaign to entice faculty, staff and students to give the gift of life.

Degrees Awarded to Two University Employees

Joanne Doerksen and Miriam Unruh, two employees of The University of Winnipeg, were among the 280 students who graduated at the University's Autumn Convocation on Oct. 25.

Doerksen, a member of The Collegiate staff, was awarded a Bachelor of Education. She first joined the staff of The Collegiate about seven years ago as a part-time lab instructor and chemistry

teacher. She now teaches mathematics full time.

By taking one or two courses a year, Doerksen was able to complete her degree while working. "The best thing about graduation is that I can come to campus now in only one role, instead of two," she says.

Doerksen says the experience was a positive one for her. "It is an excellent experience for a teacher to be on the other side of the fence. I found that being a student made me far more sensitive to the stresses students face, particularly when it comes to handing out large assignments."

Unruh, coordinator of the Nathan Micay Learning Centre, received a BA (Honours) in English. She started work-



A pre-Halloween make-up class in the Theatre Department produced scary results.

ing at the University in Tony's Canteen in order to help finance her education.

Unruh also works with students. "A very positive aspect of taking courses while you are working is that you understand the pressures students are under," she says.

Having a degree hasn't meant the end of taking courses for Unruh. She is currently enrolled in a sociology course on campus and hopes to pursue a master's program that will benefit the work she is now doing.

Dental Claim Forms

Manitoba Blue Cross has provided the University with new forms to be used when making a claim for dental services. The new forms have the University logo on them and specify that pre-authorization for dental treatment in excess of \$500 is recommended rather than required, as is indicated on the standard Blue Cross claim forms.

You will now require a new University claim form when requesting reimbursement for dental treatment from Blue Cross. Please discard any old claim forms that you currently have on hand. If you have a scheduled appointment with your dentist, please call or drop by the Employee Relations office to obtain a new form.

Alberta Conference

The University of Alberta is sponsoring a conference on "Innovative Research Trends in the Human Sciences." Participants from across Canada are invited to attend.

Conference themes include: building teams and partnerships within the academy and beyond, rethinking the research agenda, alternative

supervisory models, facilitating alternative research models, and innovative research and information technology demonstrations.

The conference is co-sponsored by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, with support from the Canadian Federation of the Humanities and

the Social Sciences Federation of Canada. It will be held Nov. 27 - 28 at the University of Alberta in Edmonton.

For further information, call Lois Cherney, Communications Coordinator, at 786-9134.

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opportunities we provide for students to participate in research, are not mentioned."

President Hanen also noted that the survey ranks universities even on those parameters where they were unable to provide data. "In those cases, the university was placed at the bottom of the ranking - hardly a sound methodological approach," she said.

George Tomlinson, academic assistant to the president, pointed to several further meth-

odological problems in the survey including unclear definitions and a bias towards full-time students. "This ranking exercise creates an impression of accuracy which simply does not exist in the survey instrument," he said.

Officials expect that the Maclean's survey will have little effect on student enrolment. "Last year's experience indicates that students do not make choices based on this survey. Most decide according to the location of the school and the particular program they want," said Tomlinson.

COMING EVENTS

"Coming Events" is compiled by University Relations. If you are planning a campus event, please let us know. Send the information (in writing) to Lois Cherney, University Relations, Room 4W17. Basic details about your event are required: what, when, where, sponsor, and the name of a contact person. Submissions must be received at least 10 working days before the event.

CONTINUING UNTIL SAT., DEC. 5

- An exhibition of works by **Tony Tascona**, one of Winnipeg's best known artists, continues in Gallery 1C03. The show, entitled Encapsulating Rhythms, is open Mon. - Fri., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sat., 1 - 4 p.m.

MON., NOV. 9

- **Music-at-Noon: Jack Glatzer**, solo violin virtuoso from Portugal, will perform a specially illustrated "son et lumiere" on Paganini from 12:30 - 1:20 p.m. in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall (3C00). (Due to ongoing construction this concert is subject to change without notice.)

- **Stephen Markovich**, professor of Political Science at the University of North Dakota, will speak on "The Yugoslav Tragedy" from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. in Room 3M62. For further information contact John McDermott at 786-9009.

WED., NOV. 11

- **Remembrance Day**--University closed.

THURS., NOV. 12

- **Skywalk Series** presents **Janeen Shigley**, principal flautist with Orchestra Seattle, playing "Images for Flute."

FRI., NOV. 13

- **Music-at-Noon: Rachel Gauk**, classical guitarist from Toronto, will perform from 12:30 - 1:20 p.m. in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall (3C00). The concert is co-sponsored by the Winnipeg Classical Guitar

Society. (Due to ongoing construction this concert is subject to change without notice.)

MON., NOV. 16

- **Music-at-Noon: Janeen Shigley**, principal flautist with Orchestra Seattle, presents "A Musical Kaleidoscope for Solo Flute" from 12:30 - 1:20 p.m. in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall (3C00). (Due to ongoing construction this concert is subject to change without notice.)

WED., NOV. 18

- **Skywalk Series** guest speaker will be **Alden Turner**, The University of Winnipeg Department of English. His topic will be "Designing the Past: What's So Bad About Early Canadian Literature?"

THURS., NOV. 19

- **Skywalk Series** presents "Solo Dance Excerpts from 'Strong Medicine'" with dancer and choreographer **D-Anne Kuby**.

MON., NOV. 23

- **Board of Regents** meeting at 8 p.m. in Room 2M70.

- **Music-at-Noon: Robert Miskey**, violinist from Toronto, with **Irmgard Baerg**, pianist from Concord College, will perform from 12:30 - 1:20 p.m. in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall (3C00). (Due to ongoing construction this concert is subject to change without notice.)

WED., NOV. 25

- **Skywalk Series** guest speaker will be **Cal Botterill**, The

University of Winnipeg Department of Physical Activity and Sports Studies. His topic will be "Peak Performance: Why Not You?"

- A public lecture, sponsored by AECL Research and the University of Manitoba, to honour one of Canada's outstanding scientists and a leading figure in the development of nuclear energy, **W.B. Lewis**, will be held at Jubilee Place, 181 Riverton. The speaker is **C.S. Holling**, who holds the Arthur R. Marshall Jr. Chair in Ecological Sciences at the University of Florida. His topic is "New Science and New Investments for Sustainable Development." The lecture is supported by the International Institute for Sustainable Development. For further information call **F.N. McDonnell**, Pinawa, 1-753-2311.

Skywalk Series Returns

The Skywalk Series continues with lectures and concerts every Wednesday and Thursday, 12:15 to 12:45 p.m., at the Winnipeg Centennial Library (2nd floor Auditorium, off the Skywalk). Check "Coming Events" for details.

Hours

The following University offices are open to the public at hours other than 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. or 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.:

Accounting Office: 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., except during registration when it is open 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Admissions and Records Offices: Mon. - Fri. 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., but available by phone from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Awards Office: Open to the public 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Available by phone 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Bookstore: Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 a.m. - 6:45 p.m., Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Continuing Education: Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (regular staff), evening staff are on until 9 p.m. or 10 p.m. depending on whether or not there is a class. Sat. Open if there is a class.

Dean's Office: Mon. - Thurs. 8 a.m. - 7:30 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Library: Mon. - Thurs. 8 a.m. - 10:45 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m. - 4:45 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 5:45 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. - 9:45 p.m.

The library is CLOSED Sat. Dec. 19 and Sun. Dec. 20. It is open Mon. Dec. 21 and Tues. Dec. 22, 8 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. CLOSED Wed. Dec. 23 - Sun. Jan 3.

Regular library hours resume Jan. 4, 1993.