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Science Research

Receives Boost in Funding

Science research at The University of Winnipeg has received a boost this year with an increase in federal grants for faculty projects and the most national awards for science students in five years.

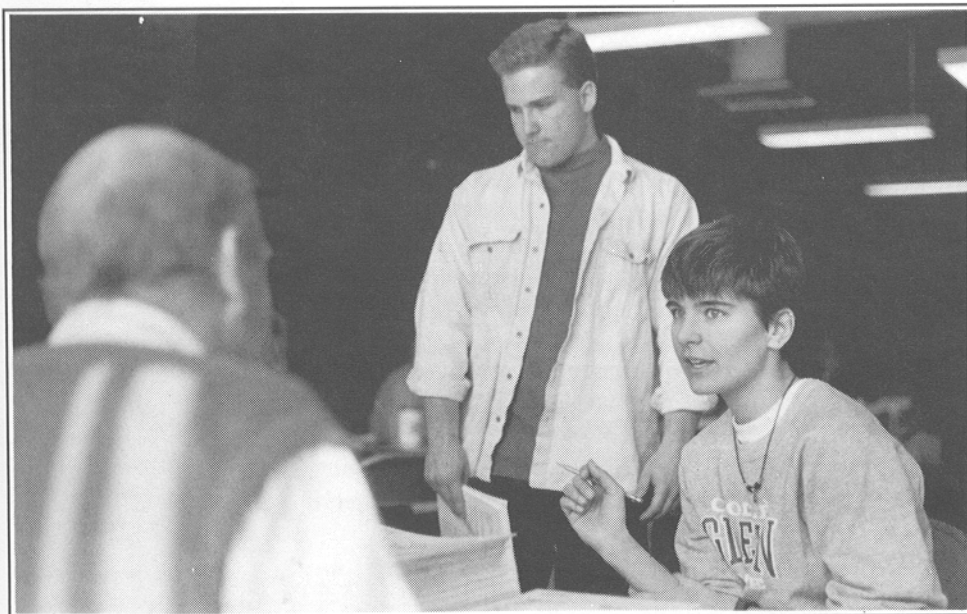
"We are starting to gain more national recognition for the high quality of scientific research conducted by both our faculty and students," said Herb Mays, associate vice-president (academic).

Mays noted that the funding for faculty research from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) increased 12.5 per cent over last year. For 1993-94, the University will receive \$360,430.

As well, 14 science students from The University of Winnipeg have been awarded post-graduate NSERC scholarships to continue their studies in a master's and/or doctorate program at another university. The scholarship is worth \$15,600 per year for the first two years of graduate studies.

"This is the highest number of scholarships that we have received through this program in the past five years. It stands in sharp contrast to last year's total of four," said Research Administration Officer Erin Booth. She added that the University's success rate in this com-

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Faculty representatives at the Majors Symposium answered students' questions about various disciplines, graduate studies and career opportunities. The symposium was held March 22, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the second floor lounge of Duckworth Centre.

University Performs Well in Math Competition

A team of mathematics students from The University of Winnipeg placed 50th out of 284 entries in a competition of the best undergraduate math students from across North America.

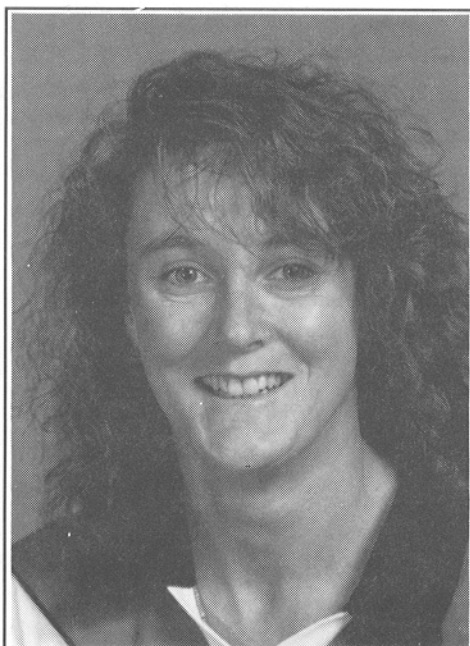
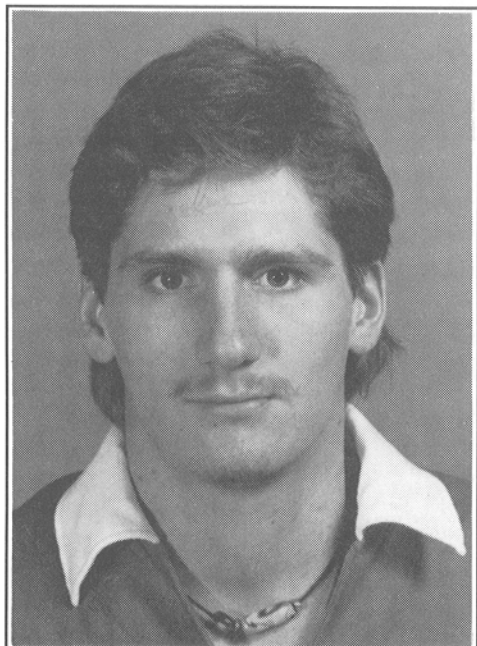
In the team event of the William Putnam Mathematical Competition, The University of Winnipeg performed exceptionally well against top students from prestigious universities. Harvard University garnered first spot, followed by the University of Waterloo, University of Toronto, Princeton University and Cornell University.

"This is the first time we entered the team portion of the Putnam competition and I think our students did very well. Considering the quality of the field, we can certainly be proud of our standing," said Terry Visentin, mathematics professor at The University of Winnipeg.

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The UNIVERSITY
of WINNIPEG

University Names Outstanding Athletes



The University of Winnipeg has named Wesmen volleyball players Rob Olfert and Diane Scott male and female athletes of the year. Both Olfert and Scott were named player of the year by the Canadian Inter-university Athletic Union.

The University of Winnipeg announced Rob Olfert and Diane Scott as the male and female athletes of the year. The announcement was made at the annual athletic awards evening on March 31 at the Duckworth Centre.

Rob Olfert was named male athlete of the year for the third consecutive year. An outside hitter on the Wesmen volleyball team, Olfert led the Wesmen in several offensive categories. He was selected as Canadian Inter-university Athletic Union (CIAU) player of the year and Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) men's volleyball MVP. Olfert was also selected to the GPAC first all-star team for a fourth consecutive season. A fifth-year education student, Olfert attended Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute prior to enrolling at The University of Winnipeg.

According to Wesmen volleyball coach Larry McKay, "This is the first time an individual has won three consecutive athlete of the year awards in our program. Rob's leadership and on-court performance made him an excel-

lent choice. It's a great way for Rob to end his university career."

Diane Scott is The University of Winnipeg's female athlete of the year. The fifth-year business student captured just about every individual award available this season. Scott was named CIAU player of the year, most valuable player in the CIAU championship tournament, most valuable player in GPAC women's volleyball, and was named MVP or an all-star in six of seven tournaments the Wesmen played in. Prior to attending The University of Winnipeg, Scott graduated from St. James Collegiate.

According to Wesmen head coach Doug Reimer, "I'm happy to see Diane win this award. Her experience and leadership were major factors in our winning the national championship. On a more personal note, it was great to see Diane end her CIAU career the way she started it; a member of a CIAU national championship team."

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petition was 87.5 per cent this year.

"We are gaining ground in these research funding and scholarship competitions," said Mays. "Our goal is to erase the misconception that we are just a teaching institution and that our research activity is minimal. Good teaching and good research are related and we do both very well."

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New Book Mixes Fantasy with Reality

A tough-minded, cynical boy meets the strange fantasy world of British folklore in Perry Nodelman's new book, *The Same Place But Different*.

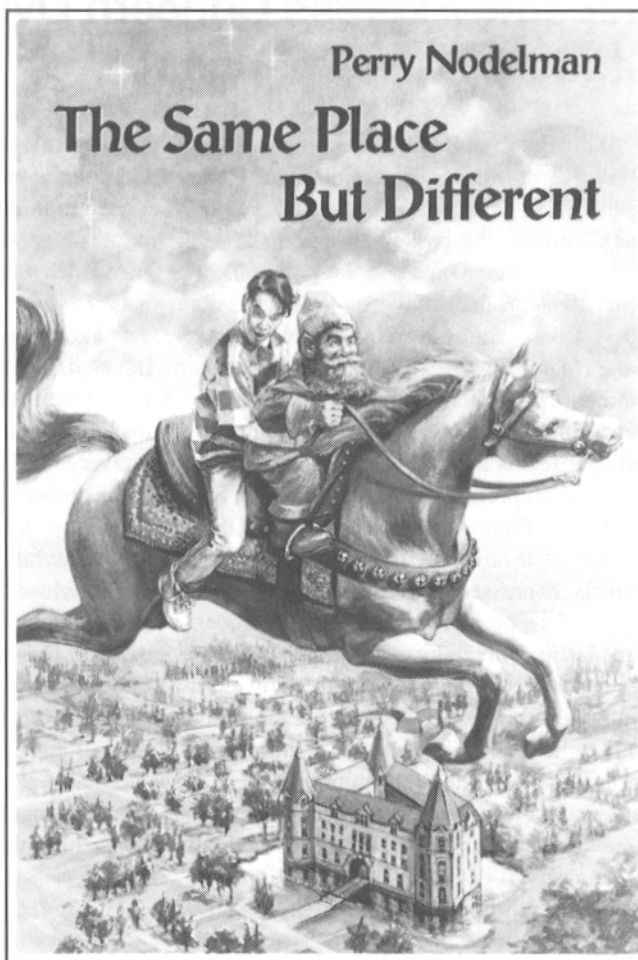
When asked how he came up with the idea for this children's book, Nodelman replied: "I was reading the *Encyclopedia of Fairies* and I began wondering how a kid today would cope with all the strange beings and weird happenings in British folklore."

Nodelman, a University of Winnipeg English professor, went on sabbatical in 1990-91 to develop this idea into 159 pages of "pure fun."

The story begins close to home for Nodelman - in his Riverview neighborhood in Winnipeg. A young teenager, Johnny Nesbit, is the main character. Something is wrong with Johnny's baby sister so the whole family is very depressed. Feeling ignored, Johnny retreats to the river bank where a window opens in a hill and he is introduced to the world of the Strangers - nasty fairies of ancient legend who have mysteriously kidnapped his little sister and a neighbor woman.

Throughout Johnny's rescue mission, he encounters many unusual creatures - horses that grow longer to accommodate the number of riders and human-dogs that fly through the air and chew up people.

But mixed in with the "weird and interesting" elements are some familiar people and places. Wesley Hall at The University of Winnipeg, which is portrayed on the book cover, serves as the castle of the Strangers in



The Same Place But Different, a new work of children's fiction by English Professor Perry Nodelman, is set in the Riverview area of Winnipeg. According to the *Winnipeg Free Press*, the book is "a cracking good tale for all."

Nodelman's story. "And the professor of folklore at the University is the key to the mystery," added Nodelman, with a wink.

The Same Place But Different is published by Groundwood Books, a division of Douglas and McIntyre in Vancouver.



SNEAKER DAY

FRIDAY, MAY 28, 1993

Math...

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Administered by the Mathematical Association of America, the six-hour exam tests not only mathematical knowledge and technical competence, but also the student's ability to find creative solutions to problems. Awards are given for the highest ranking individuals and the top ranking teams.

In the individual scoring, all four University of Winnipeg students ranked in the top 1,000. A total of 2,421 students from Canada and the United States wrote the exam. One University of Winnipeg student, Stelios Charalambides, made the top 500 list, while another, Dean Slonowsky, missed making this list by one mark. Rounding out The University of Winnipeg team were Leo Cheung and Monique Dion.

Although the Putnam competition began in 1938, The University of Winnipeg has only been involved for the last four years. In each of the previous three years, the University has had individuals finish in the top half of the field, but this was the first year that the University had enough entrants to form a team.

In Memoriam Pat Haig

The University of Winnipeg community is saddened by the death of Patricia Joyce Jackson Haig on April 3, 1993.

In 1988, Pat was appointed by the government to the Board of Regents of the University. As a board member, she chaired the Institute of Urban Studies committee in 1991-92.

Pat was a member of the Interfaith Pastoral Institute, and was appointed by the University's Board of Regents to sit on the board of the institute.

Pat maintained a lifelong commitment to volunteering her time, and was a good friend of The University of Winnipeg.

Board Report

Regents Express Concern Over Proposed Student Loan Changes

At the Board of Regents meeting on March 22, President Marsha Hanen introduced Tom Kendall, Bill Wedlake, Larry McKay, and Doug Reimer, the basketball and volleyball coaches who were voted "Coaches of the Year" by the Canadian Inter-university Athletic Union (CIAU), and Aubrey Ferris, Athletic Director, to the Board. The Board chair extended congratulations to them for their fine achievements this past year and for the honour they and their teams brought to the University.

A special presentation on the Canada Student Loan Plan was made by Judy Dyck, director of awards for the University. The Regents expressed grave concern over the impact of the proposed changes in the student loan plan on University of Winnipeg students. They approved a motion from the University Affairs Committee requesting that the Board chair write to the Secretary of State to urge reconsideration of the reform proposals.

President Hanen, in her regular report, shared the process of the budget proceedings now underway, commented on the successful research grants that the University had received and gave an update on the status of the

Academic Innovations Committee and the Committee on Human Relations.

A communication from a Regent on the issue of governance at the University was forwarded to the Board officers for further action.

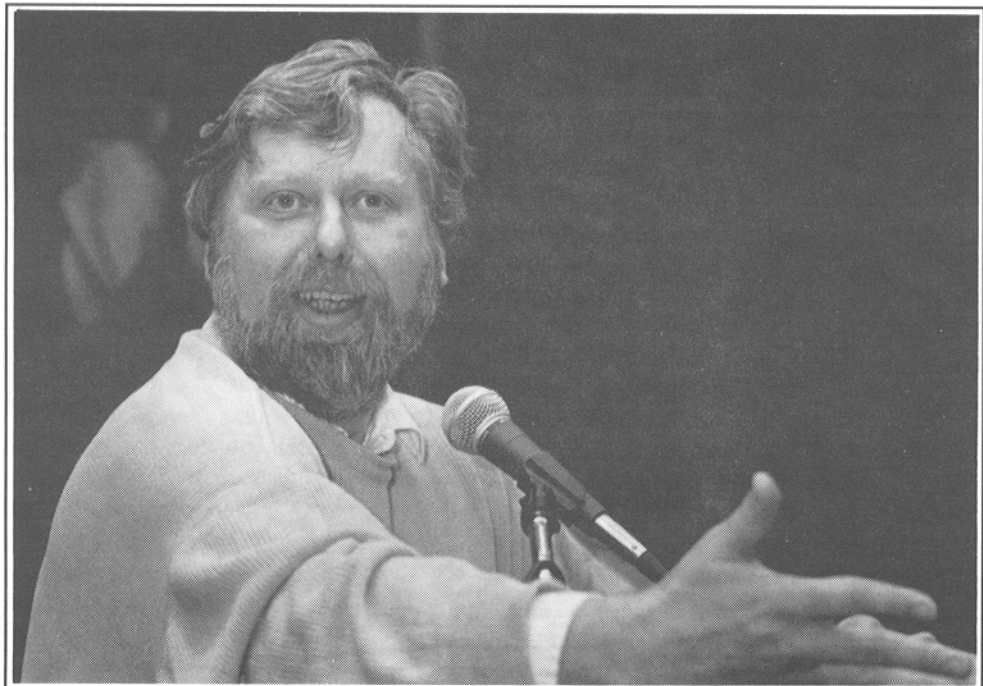
The major portion of the meeting was devoted to recommendations as to the disposition of the recommendations from the "Report on the Status of Women Employees at The University of Winnipeg." Decisions on some of the report's recommendations are still pending. Other recommendations were adopted or referred while no action was taken on others.

The closed session received the report from the Committee to Review Dr. Hanen's presidency. The committee unanimously recommended that Marsha Hanen be reappointed as president of The University of Winnipeg for a term of up to five years.

Due to the length of the meeting, some agenda items in the closed session were postponed until the next Board meeting.

- by Margaret McPherson
Chair, Board of Regents

Alumnus Ian Macdonald (BA '66, BD '71) entertained the audience at the Harold King Roast, March 26, at the University.



Exams and Deadlines Inspire Creative Excuses

Looming exams and term paper deadlines can inspire creativity. However, some students channel this creative energy into concocting excuses to avoid their work.

An informal survey of faculty members revealed a few humorous excuses that might start a "Letterman's Top 10 List."

- According to English Professor Neil Besner, many creative excuses involve travel. "One student who had a paper due after spring break told me that the assignment would spoil his holidays in Mexico. He said that reading and writing would interfere with his experience."
- Another student told Besner that she had to miss a few classes because there was a U2 concert in Minneapolis and "her attendance was imperative."
- Sociology Professor Doug Skoog, who heads the Justice and Law Enforcement Program, said he hears excuses like "I couldn't make my exam because I was in jail" or "I was in court that day."
- One of Skoog's students who was always late for a morning class explained her tardiness this way: "The alarm clock frightens me. I must wait until I wake up the natural way."
- Another student pleaded for an extension on a term paper, claiming that she had had an argument with her roommate, who, in retaliation, stole all her clothes, furniture and the term paper.
- One student who went to the Middle East said that he was winning so much money at the gambling tables that he couldn't leave when he was scheduled to and that's why he missed the exam.

Prominent Feminist to Speak Here

Makeda Silvera, a well-known Canadian feminist, will lecture in the "Margaret Laurence Feminist Speakers Series." The theme of this year's lecture series is "Some Issues in the '90s."

Silvera's talk is entitled "Recollecting a journey which began with cousin Ingrid: Gender in the context of race, class, and sexuality." Her lecture will be the final event in the highly successful series.

Silvera is the author of two books from Sister Vision Press. *Silenced* (1989) is a series of interviews with Caribbean domestic workers in Toronto. Her most recent book is *Piece of My Heart: A Lesbian of Colour Anthology* (1991). In her own words, "I am an extraordinary woman, filled with silent power. When they made me, they, unfortunately, threw away the mould.

I wish there was more of me to go around."

The series is sponsored by the Margaret Laurence Chair in Women's Studies at the Universities of Winnipeg and Manitoba.

Series organisers Pauline Greenhill of The University of Winnipeg and Janice Ristock of the University of Manitoba have been assisted by students Rozelle Srichandra and Shelley Reuter. Greenhill and Ristock co-ordinate the Women's Studies programs at their universities.

Silvera's lecture is Mon., April 19, at 7 p.m. in Riddell Hall. Free tickets are still available by calling 474-6233. For further information, please call Janice Ristock at 474-9108, or Pauline Greenhill at 786-9752.

Outstanding Chemistry Student Receives Two Awards

Christine de Denus, a fourth-year chemistry student at The University of Winnipeg, has recently been honoured with two important awards.

De Denus is one of 14 University of Winnipeg students to receive a National Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) post-graduate research scholarship to continue her research in organometallics and electrochemistry.

Since there is no graduate program in chemistry at The University of Winnipeg, de Denus will be enrolled in a master's degree program at the University of Manitoba. However, she'll be able to continue her research here under Alaa Abd-El-Aziz, assistant professor of chemistry, as he is an adjunct professor at the University of Manitoba.

According to Abd-El-Aziz, de Denus's high quality of work resulted in three publications in refereed journals. The research she has been involved in has been presented at several national and international conferences.

The Manitoba chapter of Sigma Xi, the scientific research society, presented de Denus with a student award. The society was founded to promote excellence in scientific research. Several awards are made annually to students whose research is judged promising. De Denus is the first chemistry student at The University of Winnipeg to receive this award.

"She's done extremely well in the past two years. We are proud of her achievements and look forward to having her with us for the next few years," says Abd-El-Aziz.

NSERC Announces Faculty Grants

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) recently announced the results of its awards competition for 1993.

The council provides operating grants, equipment grants, and special project grants to promote research and the training of scientists and engineers. Operating grants, which form the core of the NSERC granting program, enable university researchers to employ assistants, pay stipends to graduate students and to purchase scientific equipment and services.

In the recent competition the following members of The University of Winnipeg faculty received grants or renewals:

NEW NSERC OPERATING GRANTS

Name	Department	Duration of Grant	Value Per Year
A. Abd-El-Aziz	Chemistry	2	\$20,000
W.J. Braun	Math. & Stat.	3	12,000
J.D. Currie	Math. & Stat.	3	8,000
L.S. Forbes	Biology	3	25,000
W.A. Simpson	Psychology	3	22,000
E. Tomchuk	Physics	1	12,000
T.I. Visentin	Math. & Stat.	3	10,000
Y. Zhao	Math. & Stat.	3	17,000

CONTINUING NSERC OPERATING GRANTS

Name	Department	Year of Grant	Value Per Year
J.M. Clark	Psychology	2	\$15,000
S. Dannefaer	Physics	3	45,000
J.N. Ginsburg	Math. & Stat.	2	4,000
R. Kobes	Physics	2	32,000
G. Kunstatter	Physics	2	31,000
M. Novak	Biology	3	20,000
G. Tomlinson	Chemistry	3	22,000
D. Vanderwel	Chemistry	2	20,000
D.A. Williams	Psychology	2	25,000

EQUIPMENT GRANT

Name	Department	Value
L.S. Forbes	Biology	\$10,430

CONFERENCE GRANT

Name	Department	Value
R. Kobes	Physics	\$10,000

Total received by the University this year from NSERC is \$360,430, up \$40,000 from last year.

SSHRC Grant Supports Research Initiatives

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council's Aid to Small Universities program has approved the proposal submitted by The University of Winnipeg. SSHRC has awarded the University \$22,519 per year for the next three years to support the following targeted research initiatives:

- **Urban Ethnic Experience in Canada:** The University of Winnipeg has a long tradition of commitment to excellence in urban research in Canada. The Institute of Urban Studies, which has been devoted to applied research and policy studies, has a national reputation. By fostering a parallel program of basic research by regular faculty, The University of Winnipeg aims to become a centre of excellence in urban research. This will be done by capitalizing on Winnipeg's identity as an historical and living laboratory of ethnicity in an urban context.
- **Social Transition and Transformation in Eastern Europe:** This initiative permits the University to build on the work it has already begun in Czechoslovakia with Charles University while, at the same time, expand its research activities in Eastern Europe. Since 1990, the natural affinity of Canadian and Eastern European Studies at The University of Winnipeg has provided an excellent opportunity for comparative studies. This exchange has been of considerable interest to Eastern European countries and scholars, as well as to the research community as a whole. For the past two years the sharing of individual research has been stimulated; the University now wants to encourage cooperative research as well.
- **Gender and Culture in Western Society:** This area of research allows for the identification of a broader array of problems; and it embraces a wider variety of disciplines, focusing on gender as the point of reference for individual experience and self-knowledge. In this way, humanists, social scientists and scientists will be encouraged to forge research projects that go beyond single-sex studies and begin to look at gender differences/relations as historical phenomena in Western society.

The Aid to Small Universities Program was instituted to develop the capacity for scholarly research in the social sciences and humanities, encourage the assessment of potential areas of development, promote developmental strategies within institutions, and encourage the successful development of on-going focal points for research in participating universities.

New Committee Takes on Planning Role

The University of Winnipeg Senate recently approved the formation of a new Academic Planning Committee. Broadly representing faculties, Senate, students, academic support staff, faculty members and senior administrators, the committee will replace the Academic Development Committee of Senate.

The new committee's recommendations will be forwarded to Senate for debate and appropriate action. David Gagan, vice-president (academic), will chair the Academic Planning Committee.

In recommending the new committee to Senate, Gagan explained that it would inherit the mandate of the old Academic Development Committee and also acquire additional responsibilities. In particular, the Academic Planning Committee will further the work of the President's Committee on the Future of the University (1989-91).

"The Academic Planning Committee will continuously

review the University's long-range academic plans in relation to its mission, its resources, its commitment to promote academic excellence, and with reference to the University's obligation to be accountable to its many stakeholders," said Gagan.

The vice-president (academic) hopes that the new committee will be pro-active, rather than merely reactive, promoting an academic plan and a planning agenda for the University, and proceeding on the assumption that even in the worst of times the University must move forward. Continued underfunding necessarily forces the University to establish rigorous priorities for the distribution of its resources, he explained, and that exercise has to be informed by a frank, far-reaching debate about how to achieve and sustain excellence in the face of these resource limitations.

"The committee that appointed me insisted that the goal of The University of Winnipeg

must be to become the best 'full service' undergraduate liberal studies university in Canada," Gagan said. "To promote this vision, I think we have to try to do everything that lies within our abilities - innovate, 'work smarter,' define and manage quality, identify and promote our strengths, maximize the potential of our human resources. The Academic Planning Committee should play a pivotal role in this process."

The Academic Planning Committee's responsibilities include the following: reviewing proposals for new academic departments and programs; initiating, receiving and commenting on quality reviews of existing departments and programs; developing policies governing the creation and periodic review of endowed chairs, institutes and research centres; developing policies governing international student and faculty exchange agreements and international development initiatives; enrolment management

policies and strategies; graduate studies and admissions policies; updating the University's academic plan.

The first members of the new Academic Planning Committee will be elected/appointed this month, and the committee will convene in September when a full agenda awaits its deliberations.

University Hosts Film Jury

The American Film and Video Association, which is sponsoring the 35th American Film and Video Festival, chose The University of Winnipeg to serve as host of an evaluative jury.

A seven-member jury was assigned to pre-judge films and videos in the "Safety in the Workplace" category. The jury was organized by Health and Safety Coordinator Lynn Crocker, and chaired by Lionel Ditz, director of media services.

Ditz and Dave Pratt, safety officer, health & safety services, pre-judged films in this category. The films and videos chosen in the pre-judging will be screened during the 35th American Film and Video Festival being held in Chicago in May.

Since there were over 80 categories of documentary, nontheatrical and educational films and videos, juries were convened across Canada and the U.S. to evaluate the entries. According to Ditz, this was the first time categories were pre-judged outside the U.S.



With the work of fiscal year-end behind them, staff in the controller's office relax and celebrate with well-deserved treats.

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.

MON., APR. 12

- The **University Senate** will meet at 2 p.m. in Room 1L12.

WED. APR. 14 TO WED. APR. 28

- **Final evaluation** period.

MON., APR. 19

- Canadian feminist Makeda Silvera will lecture in the Margaret Laurence Feminist Speakers Series: "Some Issues in the '90s" at 7 p.m. in Riddell Hall. Her topic will be "**Recollecting a journey which began with cousin Ingrid: gender in the context of race, class and sexuality.**"

MON., APR. 26

- **Board of Regents** meeting at 5 p.m. in Room 2M70.

WED., APR. 28

- **Lectures** begin in Spring Evening Session.

THURS., APR. 29 TO SUN., MAY 2

- The **22nd Annual Manitoba Schools' Science Symposium** will be held in Duckworth Centre. For further information call 661-0567.

THURS., APR. 29 AND FRI., APR. 30

- Computer Access for Special Students and the University will co-sponsor a conference on technologies and techniques to enable challenged individuals to participate more fully in society. The conference is entitled "**Meeting the Challenge: Enabling Technology in Special Education and Employment.**" For further information contact Miriam Unruh at 786-9178.

MON., MAY 10

- **Lectures** begin in Spring Day Session.

MON., MAY 24

- **Victoria Day**--University closed.

FRI., MAY 28

- Get those sneakers ready for Canada's Fitweek '93 **Sneaker Day**. Watch for further information in the next *in edition*.

MON., MAY 31

- **Board of Regents** meeting at 5 p.m. in Room 2M70.

SUN., JUNE 6

- The University's annual **Spring Convocation** for the conferring of degrees will be held at 2 p.m. in Duckworth Centre.

MON., JUNE 28

- **Board of Regents** Annual Meeting at 5 p.m. in Room 2M70.

THURS., JULY 1

- **Canada Day**--University closed.

MON., JULY 5

- **Lectures** begin in Summer Session.

MON., AUG. 2

- **Civic Holiday**--University closed.

MON., SEPT. 6

- **Labour Day**--University closed.

Changes in Hours

Bookstore:

Effective Apr. 12, the bookstore will be open Mon. - Fri., 8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

For spring evening classes, the bookstore will be open Apr. 28 - May 6, 8:30 a.m. - 6:45 p.m., with the exception of Fri., Apr. 30 when the bookstore will close at 4:15 p.m., as usual.

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.

From Apr. 16 - 27 the library will be open Fridays from 8 a.m. - 10:45 p.m.

Study Space Available

The University of Winnipeg will have study space available 24 hours a day from Apr. 7 - Apr. 27.

In addition to regular Library hours, space will be set up in Duckworth Centre. This includes overnight and Good Friday.

Make your move.

Badminton's easy and exciting!
After work or on the weekend,
make it part of your game plan!



Oops!...

In the last issue of *in edition*, we incorrectly reported that 12 students were expected to graduate this June with certificates or diplomas from the Division of Continuing Education. In fact, 87 people are expected to graduate.