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Centre for Learning Technologies Planned

Changes in information technologies promise to dramatically affect all aspects of modern life, and universities will not be exempt from the revolution.

According to David Gagan, vice-president (academic), universities "will have to struggle to keep up with the pace of technological change in other sectors of society. They will have to re-arrange their priorities to accommodate, both financially and pedagogically, the new modes of teaching and learning that will characterize education at all levels."

The first wave of the revolution—interactive television and videoconferencing that made traditional classroom instruction available in remote locations—has already arrived. This year, the University's ongoing Telecourse initiative will add three new courses (for a total of eight) and two new sites

(Kenora and the Lakehead) to its offerings.

Initiatives like this are only the beginning, Gagan says. "The real revolution lies in the development of multimedia courseware—text, graphics, sound and video—delivered by computer and available on-line to anyone with access to the Internet, through the library's on-line databases, in a course-specific computer lab or sold through the bookstore."

As Gagan explains, future students may be able to access a module that contains the material for a single lab demonstration (similar to the existing haematology video that biology students view). Or they may have access to modules that hold entire courses, including lecture notes, bibliography, required readings, primary source material for research papers, visual material—even the instructor's comments on the material.

According to Gagan, technologies that remove the necessity of a classroom do not necessarily undermine the learning experience. In fact, far from isolating students from one another and from professors, studies have shown that students who "attend" on-line classes become remarkably involved through interactive e-mail discussions with one another and with their professors. Accessibility

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Linda McIntosh, the Minister of Education, paid her first official visit to the University in July. Accompanied by Paul Goyan, the Deputy Minister of Training and Advanced Education, she met with senior administrators and toured our campus.

Child Care Changes Hands

The University of Winnipeg Students' Association has assumed responsibility for providing child care on campus as part of their expanded operations.

The University announced the closure of its Child Care Centres in June, citing financial constraints. At that time, the UWSA made a formal request to take over the operations. Recently, the Provincial Director of Child Care approved an application to transfer all University child care spaces to the UWSA, effective July 1, 1995.

Under the new arrangement, spaces will be available for children aged two to six. All former Infant Centre spaces will become preschool spaces, and the number of spaces available on campus will increase from 60 to 64.

The UWSA were pioneers of child care service at the University, originally operating a child care centre in the basement of Bryce Hall in the 1970s and early '80s. In 1985, the UWSA provided the basis for a Child Care Worker Training Program, and the centre was moved to MacNamara Hall, where additional facilities were

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can be enhanced because students are able to question or debate through e-mail, and receive a response via the same medium, thereby sidestepping problems that arise when students' and professors' schedules don't jibe.

These technologies will change the nature of both teaching and learning, but Gagan notes the transformation can only take place successfully when instructors become comfortable with the emerging media. "This will be a lengthy process, and one that will succeed largely through experimentation with limited initiatives before expanding, more confidently, into larger scale presentations."

To facilitate this, an application was made to the Universities Grants Commission last year for a special subvention to fund state-of-the-art multimedia hardware and software. The University received \$80,000 to create a Learning Technologies Re-

search Laboratory where faculty members could get hands-on experience with multimedia technology and receive expert advice and assistance.

Related developments, including the transfer of resources from Media Services, Continuing Education and Telecourses and an offer from the UWSA to provide \$50,000 toward a student computer lab, led to the creation of an administrative unit reporting to the vice-president (academic), a University Centre for Learning Technologies.

The centre will consist of the telecourse studios, a Learning Technologies Research Laboratory, an academic "Help Desk" staffed by Technical Support Services, and an open, monitored student computer lab (50 stations). The centre will be directed by Curtis Nordman, dean of continuing education, and located in the area that formerly housed the psychology nursery and the Centennial buffetaria lounge.

All components of the package will be in place between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31 of this year. However, as Gagan notes, "It will be up to the individual faculty members to use the centre, and they will be able to acquire the skills and knowledge at their own pace."

He goes on to explain, "The University of Winnipeg is a very long way from becoming a 'virtual university' (one from which people will be able to get a degree without ever setting foot inside a campus building). This initiative represents a small, tentative step to encourage experimentation."

Gagan believes it is a necessary step. Mounting external and internal pressures, as well as changes in social and economic patterns that make lifelong, recurrent education increasingly necessary, will inevitably propel the University in this direction.

And, he notes, the University's compact size makes it ideally suited to pioneering new technologies that will eventually expand its student

base far beyond Manitoba's borders.

According to Nordman, the centre's director, "By seizing control of learning technologies, the University seeks to control not only its own destiny, but to ensure its future. This is not a technophile's answer to the problem of 're-inventing' the university. Rather, it is a calculated strategy designed to safeguard, and indeed improve, the learning environment of which The University of Winnipeg is justly proud."

Pedestrian Corridor Takes a Walk Down Portage

The Portage Avenue pedestrian corridor in front of Wesley Hall will wander a little west this summer.

According to Steve Coppinger, associate vice-president (finance and administration), the City of Winnipeg had wanted to remove the corridor altogether due to the frequency of accidents. However, University administrators convinced them that removing the corridor would not reduce pedestrian traffic, so the

number of accidents would likely increase.

It was determined that moving the corridor west of where Balmoral Street intersects the south side of Portage, while still lining up with the University's sidewalks, would improve safety. In addition, the crossing will now be a controlled intersection with traffic lights synchronized to other traffic lights on Portage Avenue.

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In Memoriam

Marcia-Anne Faurer



The University community was saddened by the loss of Marcia-Anne Faurer, who died of cancer on June 4, 1995 at the age of 42.

Faurer, who received her BA (1976), MA (1981) and PhD (1990) from the University of Manitoba, joined The University of Winnipeg's Department of Geography in 1991 as an assistant professor.

In her years at The University of Winnipeg, Faurer devoted much of her time to the development of courses, especially those involving computer mapping and geographic information systems. She was instrumental in the expansion of geography's computer lab, and in the development of cooperative G.I.S. programs between the University and some of Winnipeg's community colleges.

She was well-known and respected within the Canadian cartographic community, organizing and hosting several events. In 1994-95, Faurer served as president of the Canadian Cartographic Association.

According to Danny Blair, assistant professor of geography and Faurer's long-time friend, Faurer was a valued member of the University community. "A large number of people will miss her conversation, her sense of humour, her laugh, her smile, and her friendship."

After Media Services

Last spring's closure of Media Services has necessitated the development of some alternative means of providing services for the campus community.

Classroom Equipment

Distribution of portable audio-video equipment and software for classroom purposes will remain with Jim Yunyk, and for the time being will continue to operate out of the existing location on the third floor of Centennial Hall. Following the relocation of the Nathan Micay Centre to Student Services this fall, Yunyk will move to the library.

Audio-video equipment that is permanently installed in classrooms is now the responsibility of Technical Support Services.

Graphics

Design needs for University publications will be provided by Printing Services, operating as an ancillary operation on a full cost-recovery basis. Ian Lark, formerly of Media Services, has been relocated to Printing Services.

Video Production

Video production will be the responsibility of the unit that is producing the Telecourses.

Audio Services for Special Events

Audio services for special events will be provided by the Physical Plant Department.

Photography

The University no longer provides any photographic services. Photographic requirements must be met by contracting with outside individuals or companies. Purchasing has established a contract with Don's Photo on Vaughan Street to develop film or make reprints or enlargements. As well, former University photographer Peter Tittenberger has agreed to provide photography services to the University on a freelance basis. Tittenberger can be reached at 334-8903.

The photo archives arrived in University Relations this summer, where staff members are working to develop a procedure that will protect this valuable resource while still allowing the University community to access the collection.

Child Care ...

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developed. A major funding shortfall eventually led to the cancellation of that program, and a more cost effective child care operation was established in the lower level of MacNamara Hall.

According to Steve Coppinger, associate vice-president (finance and administration), the University will continue to provide and maintain the facilities in MacNamara Hall, while the UWSA will provide the child care services to both students and employees of the University.

Any employee or student seeking preschool child care facilities should contact Nancy Crooks at 786-9898.

Campus Development Projects Move Ahead

Several of the campus development projects approved by the Board last spring and reported in *in edition* in April are underway.

The projects—many of which are interdependent on other aspects of the development package—are primarily funded from external sources that were designated for capital projects.

Financing for the projects will come from the University's five-year "Strengthening the Links" capital campaign, a trust and endowment fund supported by annual appeal contributions, and other private donations. As well, the University obtained a major grant from the Universities Grants Commission for the Riddell Student Centre. A small amount from the University's operating budget will supplement these external sources.

These renovations are designed to improve facilities and services on our campus, making the University more attractive to students. As Steve Copinger, associate vice-president (finance and administration), explains, "We recognize that the University is under severe financial pressures right now, but the expenditure of funds for these projects is essential if we are to maintain our share of students in the current competitive enrolment situation."

Here is an update on the earliest stages of the development project:

Writing Program

The Centre for Academic Writing is being relocated to the third floor of Graham Hall to better meet the needs of the program and to vacate space that is required for the integration of Student Services. Renovations to the area are well underway, and staff are expected to be in their new offices by Sept. 1.

Integrated Student Services

The mezzanine and first floor levels of Graham Hall are being redeveloped so that Student Services may be consolidated within one area. Plans have been finalized and demolition has begun in this area. The majority of construction will commence immediately following the move of the Centre for Academic Writing this fall. It is anticipated that Student Records, Admissions, Enrolment Management, Awards, Academic Advising, Counselling and the Nathan Micay Centre will be operational in the new area by Jan. 2, 1996.

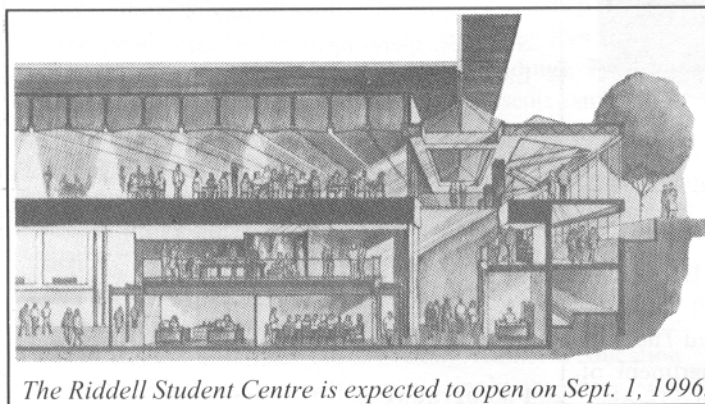
Student Information System

The student information system, designed to streamline the registration process and provide more integrated, accessible information, has gone through its developmental phase and entered the implementation stage. The target is to have the system up and running by the end of 1995. Eventually, the system will give professors access to their class lists, allow them to submit grades electronically, and permit students to access their own records and to complete their own course registrations. Long-term plans include the integration of the student information system with the financial system (for which software has already been purchased), ultimately producing a fully-integrated University information system. A

large part of this project was funded by The Winnipeg Foundation.

Riddell Student Centre

The Users Committee that is planning the Riddell Student Centre has been active over the past two months, reviewing the program of activities for the area and developing a detailed plan. Construction on the project is expected to commence at the beginning of November, and a target date to occupy the area has been set for Sept. 1, 1996.



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Riddell Hall Cafeteria

No, it's not your eyes—the lighting in Riddell Hall Cafeteria has actually deteriorated over the past few years. In order to facilitate reading and studying, and so that the area can be used as an examination centre, the lighting will be upgraded. The new system will allow the lighting level to be controlled to suit the function.

Electronic Message Centre

The Electronic Message Centres provided by Pepsi and located on the exterior of Duckworth Centre were expected to be in place by the end of April, as announced in an April issue of *in edition*. While some difficulties have arisen in the installation process, we can expect to see these message centres appear soon.

Smoking Areas

In order to provide a clean air environment for the safety of non-smoking members of the University community, while at the same time recognizing that there are a significant number of smokers on campus, a portion of the Lockhart

Buffeteria will be enclosed before the commencement of classes in the fall. Also, the smoking area adjacent to the Riddell Hall Cafeteria will be removed as part of the Riddell Project. The long term goal of the University remains to become totally smoke-free, as is the case in many other organizations.

Space for Theatre Rehearsal, Sociology Research and Research Assistants

With the redevelopment of areas in Graham Hall, theatre rehearsal space and sociology research space must be relocated. Therefore, development of an area on the fourth floor of Centennial Hall (above the new mechanical system) is under-

way to accommodate these needs. In addition, a limited amount of space in this area is being developed to accommodate research assistants hired to work with faculty members on funded research projects. Katherine Schultz, associate vice-president (research and graduate studies), will be responsible for allocating the research space.

New Computer Lab

Room 1C10 is being renovated to accommodate a computer lab for the Department of Statistics and the Education Program. The 21-station lab will open this fall, and will be available to other departments if there is additional time after the needs of Statistics and Education are met.

Declining Enrolment Numbers Follow National Trend

Universities have seen decreases in enrolments across the country, and The University of Winnipeg has not been spared by this trend.

At the close of regular registration in July, 5,995 students had enrolled in courses at The University of Winnipeg—565 less than on the same date last year. These figures represent a decrease of 8.6 per cent. However, the average number of full-course equivalents per student has increased slightly to about 3.5, so actual course registrations have only decreased 6.3 per cent.

“This is definitely part of a general trend across the country,” says George Tomlinson, Academic Assistant to the President (Planning), but he indicates that any number of socio-economic factors may be causing the de-

cline. “No one can make a clear, definitive statement about what this means or why it’s happening.”

According to Tomlinson, prior to this year, the University’s enrolment had been holding steady for a decade, with only mild fluctuations of plus or minus two per cent. However, University administrators had predicted a five per cent drop in enrolment this year.

While some departments have been hit hard by decreases, others have shown substantial increases. Enrolments in some areas of the arts and social sciences are down by more than 20 per cent. However, enrolments in the sciences, English, theatre and drama, and courses offered through Menno Simons College are all rising. And enrolment in the very popu-

lar justice and law enforcement program has increased a tremendous 300 per cent over last year (due in part to the addition of a required core course).

John Hofley, dean of Arts and Science, notes that steps are being taken to respond positively to the situation. “We have made quite a few changes to respond to demand. For example, in both the Biology and Chemistry Departments, we’ve added lab sections in the evenings and on Saturday mornings. We’ve increased the caps in some courses to retain students, and we’ve added courses and sections in high demand areas.”

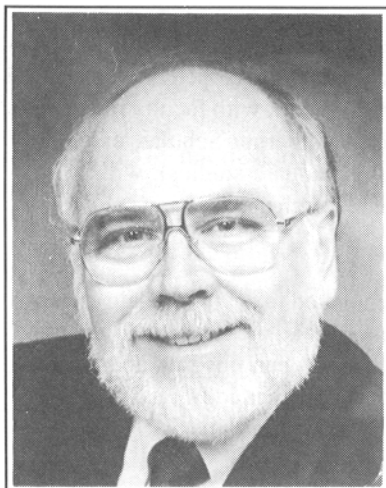
Current enrolment figures are only preliminary, of course, and will change with prioritization (the system through which students are

de-registered from over-subscribed courses), late registration and course and section changes.

In the past, Tomlinson explains, enrolments have increased at the beginning of classes due to late registrations, only to decline again through the fall as some students drop out. “Based on past experience, the enrolment numbers that we give to Stats Canada in December are very similar to those gathered at this time of year.”

But he asserts that while the situation is of some concern, there is no need for alarm. “The final tally could be less painful than it looks now, especially if we find creative ways to stem the flow.”

Vice-President Heads West



David Gagan, who joined the University three years ago as vice-president (academic), will head west to take up a new post this September. Gagan has accepted the job as provost and vice-president (academic) at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia.

Among the many contributions he has made in the last three years, Gagan believes

his most significant has been to the ongoing integration of student services and the implementation of a student information system, both of which are an outgrowth of the Task Force on Student Services. The result of these endeavours will be a streamlined Student Services in a central location, with fully-automated systems for registration and room bookings and an on-line student information system that will improve access to information.

Gagan notes that the process has taken longer than expected, and admits to some disappointment at being unable to see the entire project through to fruition.

Much of Gagan's energy in this past year was devoted to producing the planning document that served as a response to (then) Education Minister Clayton Manness's challenges to universities. Gagan believes that document, *Doing Things Differently at The University of Winnipeg*, will prove crucial as the University and the government work together to address both the government's ongoing financial and educational objectives and the University's ongoing need to re-define its niche. "How well both groups accomplish this will depend on how conscientiously they address the proposals in that document."

In addition, he regards his initiative to establish an Academic Planning Committee as "potentially very useful" in the future, noting, "Even if the University is required to implement only part of our response to Clayton Manness, the Academic Planning Committee will be very busy reacting to proposals and to stimuli from outside the University."

Most importantly, Gagan wants the University community to know this: "I have enjoyed being at The University of Winnipeg these past years as we've confronted the challenges the University has faced. I believe that this University has infinite unrealized potential if it identifies the right priorities and continues to develop them."

An advisory committee of members from various areas of

the University community will be convened in the fall to begin the process of searching for a new vice-president. It is anticipated that Gagan's successor will be appointed no later than July 1 of next year.

Acting VP Named

George Tomlinson, professor of chemistry, has been appointed acting vice-president (academic) following David Gagan's resignation.

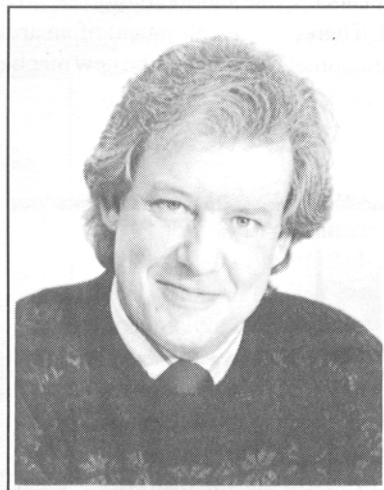
Tomlinson, who received his doctorate from the University of Waterloo in 1972 and engaged in postdoctoral training at both Waterloo and the University of Oregon, joined The University of Winnipeg's Department of Chemistry in 1974.

Since then, Tomlinson has compiled an extensive record of research and publication, and has been involved in supervising undergraduate and graduate students' research.

As well, he has served on several departmental and University committees, including the Senate and the President's Committee on the Future of the University. In 1991, Tomlinson was seconded to the position of Academic Assistant to the President (Planning).

According to University President Marsha Hanen, it was essential that the acting vice-president (academic) be someone who was familiar with the many central issues facing the University. In recent years, Tomlinson has chaired the Advisory Committee on Computing as well as the Student Information System Task Force, established to oversee the implementation of the new system. Tomlinson has also played an active role on the Planning and Budget Committee and the Academic Planning Committee.

Tomlinson notes that one of the biggest challenges as he assumes the position of acting vice-president will be to "keep moving on the academic planning initiatives that are the University's response to the Roblin report and the subsequent challenges issued by the Minister of Education."



Tony's Canteen Lives On

The announced closure of Tony's Canteen last spring because of budget constraints meant the end of an era. After all, the Wesley Hall canteen has been a part of this institution for almost 80 years.

In 1917, Wesley College Principal J.H. Riddell, concerned that residence students were venturing off-campus to purchase an evening snack, had a small room in the lower southwest corner of the building converted into a cafeteria. The first proprietor was Charles Clay, and he was succeeded by Bob Neil. Through the '20s, the shop was called Bob's, until it was taken over by Tony Kozyra in the early '30s. Tony's moved to the third floor of Ashdown in 1960 (replaced in Wesley by a physics lab), but returned to Wesley in 1962—this time to the northeast corner where it remained until its closure was announced last spring.

Following the announced closure, meetings were held with the Collegiate deans and students to determine what type of operation could best meet the financial and service needs of the University and the Collegiate. After assessing several proposals, a committee consisting of University administrators and Collegiate administrators, faculty and students decided the campus would be best served by a canteen operated by The University of Winnipeg Food Services under contract to Versa Foods. The resulting contract will be in effect until August, 1998.

Currently, minor renovations are taking place and some new equipment is being installed so that Tony's can provide a greater variety of food. Tony's is expected to re-open on Mon., Aug. 21 with slightly expanded hours to serve early risers. The new hours of operation will be 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

In Memoriam

The Honourable George Johnson

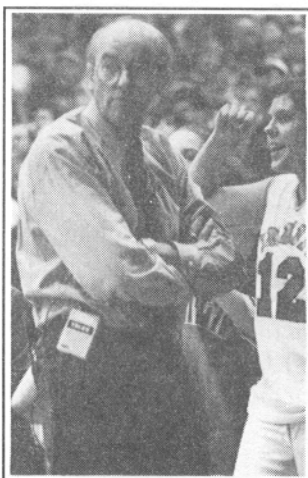
The University and the province lost a significant figure in their history when the Honourable George Johnson O.C., M.D., LL.D., an alumnus of the Collegiate ('38), passed away on July 8, 1995 at the age of 74. Johnson was the husband of Doris, a father of five, and boasted seven grandchildren.

After serving in the Canadian Navy, Johnson attended medical school. He practiced medicine in Gimli until his election to the Manitoba Legislature in 1958. One of the leading political reformers of his time, Johnson held several ministerial positions and was instrumental in the implementation of the Universities Grants Commission and Manitoba's medicare system. In 1967, as the Minister of Education, he signed the Order-in-Council providing for the establishment of United College as a university under the name The University of Winnipeg.

In 1986, he was appointed Manitoba's 20th Lieutenant Governor—the first Manitoban of Icelandic origin to serve in this position.

Among the many honours he received, Johnson was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws from The University of Winnipeg at the special 25th anniversary convocation in 1992, in recognition of his accomplishments and the key role he played in the University's establishment. In 1994, he was made an Officer of the Order of Canada.

Wesmen Coach Heads to an American University



Tom Kendall, coach of the Wesmen women's basketball team for the past 16 years, has left The University of Winnipeg to take on a new challenge south of the border.

Kendall, who led the Wesmen to a phenomenal 88-game winning streak and three consecutive Canadian Inter-university Athletic Union (CIAU) championships, has signed a one-year contract to coach at California University in Pennsylvania.

Before his departure, Kendall explained, "After 16 successful seasons working with some really great people, it was time to try something else." And while he would have preferred that challenge to be with the Canadian national team, "it had become apparent that I wasn't fitting into Basketball Canada's plans."

According to Aubrey Ferris, the University's athletic director, the door is open should Kendall wish to return to The University of Winnipeg. No permanent replacement will be hired for this season.

In the interim, the women's basketball team will be coached by Craig Kennedy, head girls' coach at St. John's Ravenscourt and assistant coach of the Wesmen under Kendall for six of the past eight years.

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 4W15. Basic details about your event are required: what, when, where, sponsor, price of admission (if any) and the name of a contact person.

MON., AUG. 21

- **The Faculty and Staff Club re-opens.** Until Sept. 15, university employees can experience the Club—without a membership.

WED., AUG. 30 & THURS., AUG. 31

- **Late in-person registration** will be accepted for Fall and Winter Session courses from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Rooms 1L04 & 1L06.

THURS., AUG. 31

- **Locker renewal deadline** at Duckworth Centre.

MON., SEPT. 4

- Labour Day—**University closed.**

MON., SEPT. 11

- **Lectures begin** in the Faculty of Arts and Science.

TUES., SEPT. 12 - FRI., SEPT. 15

- **Final course changes and section changes** will be accepted from 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. in the fourth floor buffeteria.

Winnipeg Hosts Homecoming

Winnipeggers have another reason to be proud—and another event to mark on their calendars. Throughout the weekend of Sept. 8, 9 and 10, Festival Park at The Forks will hum as Winnipeggers take part in a very special Homecoming celebration.

The event, designed to boost civic spirit and highlight the advantages of Winnipeg, is organized by Winnipeg 2000 with participation from the Firefighters Burn Fund and other organizations. Festivities will take place from 3 p.m. - 1 a.m. on Friday, from 11 a.m. - 1 a.m. on Saturday, and from 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. on Sunday.

Homecoming activities will include:

- **Generator**, a unique area geared to teens and young adults, featuring a virtual reality ride, velcro wall, Internet booth and video arcade
- **Kidcity**, a place for children featuring story-telling, face painting, music, magic interactive toys, and a petting zoo
- **Food** to please any appetite
- **Arts**, crafts, jewelry, curios, antiques and clothing
- **Live music**—rock, folk, gospel and ethnic
- **Wonder Shows midway** with rides, games and concessions

The weekend ends with a bang—a **fireworks** display is planned for Sun., Sept. 10 at 8 p.m.

According to a letter from Klaus Thiessen, President of Winnipeg 2000, "Homecoming will give Winnipeggers a chance to do something they rarely do—celebrate all the great things, people, opportunities and advantages that their city has to offer."

Winnipeggers are encouraged to contact family and friends who have moved away and extend a very special invitation to come home and be a part of Winnipeg's Homecoming. Then bring the whole family and tell all the neighbours to come and celebrate Winnipeg this Sept. 8, 9 & 10 at the Forks.

Northbound Buses Leaving Spence

Changes to transit schedules will see the northbound buses currently travelling on Spence Street re-routed to Balmoral, effective Sept. 3.

Buses began travelling northbound on Spence Street last November. At that time, the University received a commitment from Transit and City of Winnipeg officials that alternate plans would be devised within a year.

The University is continuing in its attempts to ultimately have Spence Street closed to vehicular traffic, and in the short term, to have Spence Street designated one-way southbound.

In addition to this change, a bus route servicing The Forks will be added to Balmoral Street. Those buses will run every 10 minutes, and every five during the lunch hour.