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## University is Participating in *Maclean's* Survey

The University of Winnipeg will participate in *Maclean's* survey of universities this year, after opting out last year. According to University President Marsha Hanen, the decision follows *Maclean's* agreement to address many of the University's concerns regarding the survey.

*Maclean's* has been ranking universities since 1991. Last year, the University decided not to participate because of the survey's flawed methodological approach and the refusal of *Maclean's* to give weight to certain university attributes.

This year, *Maclean's* has agreed, most notably, to publish the survey's raw data, providing students with information that will allow them to develop their own rankings based on

their own priorities.

But she acknowledges that several concerns remain: "We still believe that the rankings are not useful, as they exaggerate small differences and are based on very subjective weightings of the criteria. However, given that *Maclean's* will rank universities and despite our continuing disagreement over the validity of the rankings, we believe that there have been sufficient improvements to make it appropriate that we re-enter."

Reputational rankings, based on the subjective opinion of university officials, continue to be problematic and Hanen notes that the University, seeing no reasonable basis for these, has never agreed to provide input. However, she adds, "They have, this year, taken the trouble to contact us about our concerns and the ways in which they are being met. They have also had discussions with members of our university on a variety of topics for stories that are part of the magazine's universities issue."

In addition to that issue, *Maclean's* will publish a softcover guide to universities that will contain a full page on each university, rather than the brief "thumb-nail sketches" of previous years. George Tomlinson, acting vice-president (academic), notes that this guide will allow the University to "make its own pitch."

The *Maclean's* universities issue, as well as the universities guide, will appear in a few weeks.



Your contribution to the United Way Campaign benefits Winnipeggers like 3½-year-old Amy Hampton, who has cerebral palsy. As Amy grows, the Society for Manitobans with Disabilities, a United Way agency, will be there to support her changing needs and to help her to reach her maximum potential. Please see the United Way Campaign story on the back.

## University Moves to Three-Term System

The University of Winnipeg has moved to a three-term system for 1995-96. The third term replaces the Spring and Summer Sessions, and like the Fall and Winter terms, will be 12 weeks in duration.

The implementation of a full term in spring and summer will resolve the problems associated with the condensation of course material and the limited hours of opportunity for faculty-student contact.

It is believed that increasing the duration of courses will enhance comprehension and retention of course materials.

The new system allows students more flexibility in determining which months to attend classes, which in turn may provide a student with increased options for employment. Similarly, faculty benefit from increased flexibility in organizing their teaching and research commitments.

Course selection in the third term is expected to be more diverse than in the previous Spring and Summer Sessions. Science courses with a lab component, for example, will now be available in the spring.

Informational materials will be available to faculty, staff and students by the beginning of November. Information sessions hosted by the UWSA are also planned.

  
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## COMING EVENTS

"Coming Events" is compiled by University Relations. Planning a campus event? Please let us know. Send written information to Lois Cherney, University Relations. Basic details about your event are required: what, when, where, sponsor, price of admission (if any) and the name of a contact person.

MON., OCT. 23

- **Music at Noon** offers Ensemble Mondetta with Claudia Chen, piano, Horoko Kagawa, violin, David Visentin, viola, and Arkadiusz Tesarczyk. 12:30-1:20 p.m. in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall.

- Aidan Chambers, popular writer of children's and young adult's literature, will present "What Anne Frank Taught Aidan Chambers: Defining Young Adult Literature" from 12:30 to 1:30 in Room 3C01. Chambers will also host "Booktalk," a workshop for teachers, parents and education students in 3C01. To register for this workshop on encouraging children to read, call Continuing Education at 982-6633. There is a \$25 registration fee.

- **Board of Regents** meets at 5:30 p.m., Riddell Hall north.

WED., OCT. 25

- Skywalk Concert & Lecture Series—Jim Silver, political sci-

ence, will offer **Reflections on Winnipeg's Civic Election**, an analysis of the election and its implications for Winnipeg.

- **Lunchbag Lectures**—Gary Granzberg, professor of anthropology, presents "Liminality: Cree Shamanism and Storytelling" at 12:30 p.m. in Room 4M46.

THURS., OCT. 26

- Skywalk Concert & Lecture Series—"Winds and Strings and Other Things"—Danny Koulack and Dvora Marcuse go from baroque to banjo...or vice versa.

FRI., OCT. 27

- **Faculty & Staff Club Annual General Meeting**. Halloween Party to follow. 4-8 p.m.

MON., OCT. 30

- **Music at Noon** brings pianist Jacqueline Ryz (UW alumna, class of '84) back to her alma mater to perform a dramatic pro-

gram. Co-sponsored by the Alumni Association. 12:30-1:20 p.m. in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall.

WED., NOV. 1

- Skywalk Concert & Lecture Series—Tim Ball, professor of geography, will present **The Assiniboine River: Manitoba's Most Important?** Two years ago there wasn't enough water—this year there's too much. Can we manage the problem?

- **United Way Campaign Bake Sale** will be held from 11:30-1:30 p.m. outside the Dean's Office. To donate goodies (packaged in disposable containers), drop off at Rm. 3W11 that morning. Contact Jeri at 786-9175.

THURS., NOV. 2

- Skywalk Concert & Lecture Series—**The Keystone Bluegrass Quartet** takes us back with plaintive and nostalgic songs of a bygone time: "The Grass Was Always Bluer!"

## The United Way Campaign Every Donation Counts

Since 1965, United Way of Winnipeg has been working to "promote and strengthen the organized capacity of people to care for one another." That's 30 years of Winnipeggers helping Winnipeggers. Today, our community has a proud tradition of generosity.

Over the years, faculty and staff of The University of Winnipeg have been a large part of that tradition. Thanks to the \$56,000 raised at The University of Winnipeg last year alone, United Way was able to reach out further than ever before into the community.

One in three Winnipeg families benefit from the services of the 68 United Way member agencies—agencies like the Canadian Red Cross Society, Meals on Wheels and the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. Others have enjoyed memberships with the Boy Scouts, Girl Guides or YM/YWCA of Winnipeg. Your donations help fund these, and many other, agencies.

The 1995 campaign co-chairs, Doug Skoog and Gates Salmon, would like to see participation enhanced in this year's campaign. As Salmon explains, "A philanthropic endeavour is not a competition, it's a personal thing. Every dollar given contributes to the synergistic effect, and every pledge contributes positively to our participation rate."

"We would very much like to have a participation rate of 100 per cent this year," says Skoog, "Every donation, even a modest one, is appreciated."

Please be as generous as you can when your canvasser comes to call this year. It truly brings out the best in all of us.

*Update: Jets ticket sales on campus raised \$1,495 for the United Way in September. Thanks for your support.*

## Skywalk Concert and Lecture Series

The Skywalk Concert & Lecture Series makes lunch-time interesting. Bring your lunch and enjoy free lectures on Wednesdays and concerts on Thursdays from 12:15-12:45 p.m. at Centennial Library's second floor auditorium, off the Skywalk.

## Book Sale to Benefit United Way

The UWSA is sponsoring a used book sale on Thurs., Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Riddell Hall (near Gallery 1C03). While the books will cover a wide range of areas, the focus will be on children's books.

Anyone who wishes to donate used books in saleable condition—especially those aimed at young readers—may drop them off at the UWSA General Office, Rm. 2L24.

All proceeds will go the University's United Way campaign.

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