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Three Outstanding Students Win Stephenson Scholarships

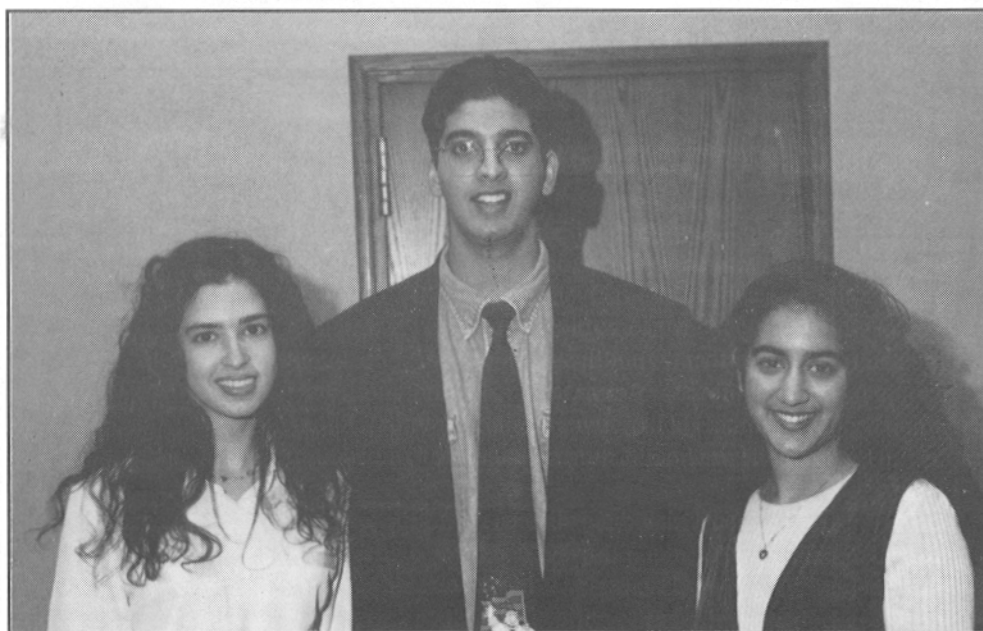
In 1984, Sir William Stephenson gave \$100,000 to The University of Winnipeg to establish a scholarship fund which would reward students whose academic prowess was matched by superior leadership qualities, and who possessed the potential to make a worthwhile contribution to society. Aviva Goldberg, Rohit Singal and Shelly Bhayana have all met that challenging criteria to become the 1995 recipients of the Sir William Stephenson Scholarship.

Each winner has an outstanding academic record and has received numerous awards and scholarships. While maintaining the highest academic standards, each has also

accumulated an impressive record of extracurricular experience.

Aviva Goldberg, who is studying biology, served as a Manitoba delegate to the International March of the Living, a program where people from around the world visit Nazi concentration camps and other historical sites in Poland and Israel. After returning to Manitoba, Goldberg spoke at schools, memorial events and on television about Holocaust issues. She also channelled the experience into her writing, and published three poems in a related publication.

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The University's most prestigious scholarship, the Sir William Stephenson Scholarship, recognizes students with outstanding academic achievements who excel in leadership roles, and who will make a valuable contribution to society. Aviva Goldberg (left), Rohit Singal and Shelly Bhayana have all met that challenging criteria to become the 1995 recipients.

University Places 10th in Magazine's Rankings

The University of Winnipeg found itself in the top 10 when Maclean's magazine released its annual ranking of universities in November. The University placed 10th overall in a field of 19 primarily undergraduate institutions.

"The University did very well in areas that we value, and that we believe our students value," says University President Marsha Hanen. "Maclean's survey showed, for example, that the personal attention our students receive is clearly a strength, as is the quality of our faculty as demonstrated by the high percentage of national awards and grants they receive."

The University placed second in terms of third and fourth year class sizes—a factor often advanced as one of its greatest assets. As well, University students gar-

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The UNIVERSITY
of WINNIPEG

Famed Women's Basketball Team Wins Another Award

The 1994 Wesmen women's basketball team has collected another award. The University team was given a first-annual Atalanta Award for Women's Athletics in the category of Successful Teams in the November issue of *Athletic Management*.

The award, sponsored by McDavid Sports Medical Products, Inc. of Chicago and 3M Health Care of Minneapolis, is named for the mythical Greek figure, Atalanta, who was renowned for her athletic prowess. *Athletic Management* is a magazine that serves college and high school athletic administrators across North America.

The Wesmen were honoured for their performance both on and off the court. In addition to their three-year record of 121-1 and three consecutive national titles, the team also shone in the academic and community service arenas. In an article that profiled the team, the magazine noted the players' efforts as ambassadors who encouraged young girls throughout Manitoba to play basketball, and their work in charity and coaching roles.

The Atalanta Awards are given to one North American post-secondary program and one high school program in each of the following categories: Successful Teams, Starting New Sports, Role Models and Support Programs.

In addition to the November *Athletic Management* article which profiled the Wesmen program, the University will receive a commemorative plaque.

Oops... Our Mistake

In the last issue of *in edition*, the headline "United Way Third Year Abroad Program" should have read simply "Third Year Abroad Program." The United Way is in no way connected to this program, through which third-year students of French Studies may attend Université de Perpignan in France.

Maclean's

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nered the fifth highest number (per 1,000 students) of national awards, while faculty received the fourth highest ranking for national awards and placed highly in categories relating to research grants.

However, Hanen stresses that while the University decided to participate because *Maclean's* addressed many of the concerns that kept the University out of the survey last year, the system of ranking universities remains a subjective one. "We hope that those selecting a university will look beyond a ranking system imposed by someone else and weigh their own priorities."

Wesmen Classic Tickets on Sale

Tickets for the MTS Mobility Wesmen Classic, the country's largest basketball tournament, are now on sale at the Wesmen Wear Shop in Duckworth Centre.

The men's basketball Classic runs from Wed., Dec. 27 - Sat., Dec. 30. Tournament passes are \$15. The women's basketball classic runs from Sun., Dec. 31 - Tues., Jan. 2. Tournament passes are \$10. Tickets to see one day of tournament action are also available. Children under 12 are free.

For more information, please phone 786-9418.

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Campus Food Bank Responds to Student Needs

Many university campuses across Canada have responded to the economic difficulties some students face by organizing food banks. In fact, according to a recent issue of *Maclean's* magazine, the number of Canadian universities with food banks has grown from 13 to 25 in just three years. The University of Winnipeg became one of those 25 when The University of Winnipeg Students' Association and Winnipeg Harvest established a campus food bank in 1992.

Scott Cairns, chair of the UWSA Board and organizer of the food bank last year, believes the increasing number of campus food banks may indicate a growing desire among student organizations to deal with the problem of poverty, rather than a dramatic increase in need.

However, Shannon Slater, UWSA co-vice-president (advocate) and the organizer of the food bank this year, says the number of students using it has grown in the last few months.

"We've been seeing more and more people as the year goes on," Slater notes, but acknowledges that it is difficult to gauge whether the rise is the result of growing need or of increased awareness. The food bank now averages about 20 clients every time it is open, and about half of those are seeking food for a family. The vast majority of visitors to the food bank are women, many with young children.

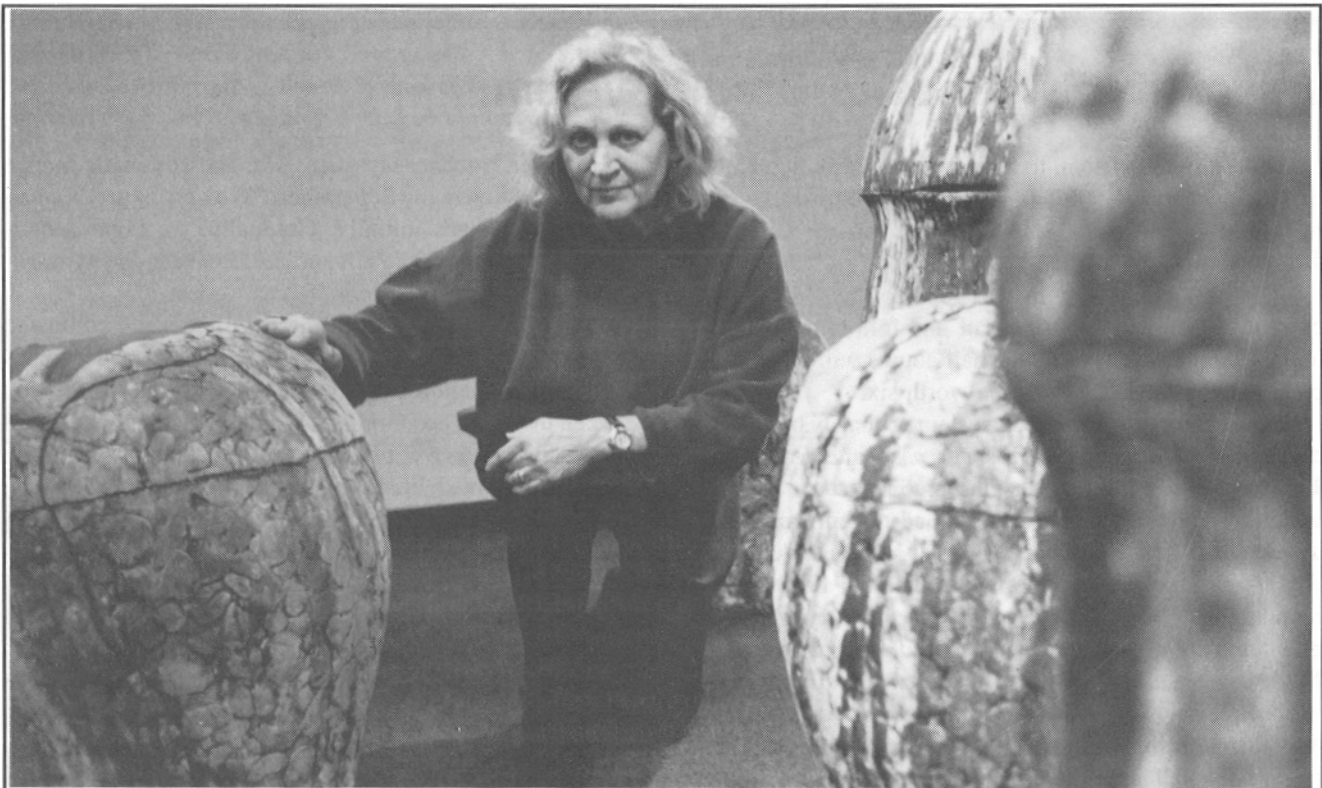
"Some use it infrequently when they have a particularly lean month," Slater says. "Others use it very regularly."

One user she sees frequently at the food bank is a mother of four children. "Last time she came in, she was with her son who kept telling me how proud he was of his mother for going to school and doing so well. It was great to know that we're making a difference that helps someone get on their feet."

The food bank, open only once a month in previous years, is now held every other Friday afternoon from 3-5 p.m. in Room 1C05. Slater notes that this frequency prevents the food bank from becoming a primary food source—something the UWSA and Winnipeg Harvest want to avoid. "People certainly don't receive two weeks worth of food," Slater says. "It's a supplement."

While the food bank has been implemented specifically to aid students, Slater stresses that no one is asked for a student card or any other identification. It is preferable for students to register the day before to ensure enough food is delivered by Winnipeg Harvest. However, drop-ins are never turned away.

The UWSA food bank is pleased to accept donations of any non-perishable items. Donations to the food bank may be left at the Info Booth.



The imaginative sculptures of Eva Stubbs, RCA fill Gallery 1C03 until Sat., Dec. 2. See Coming Events for gallery hours.



The annual Scholarship Reception was held on Nov. 15 to honour the winners of many of the University's awards. Among them were the six 1995 Alumni Entrance Scholarship Program (AESP) recipients, who received \$3,200 each for their first year of study at The University of Winnipeg. Shown here from left to right: Alumni Council President

Lori Shoemaker, AESP winners Jeremy Gilbert (Grant Park High School), Margaret Ross (Souris Collegiate), Martial Caron (St. Paul's Collegiate, Elie), Navdeep Sandhu (Balmoral Hall School), Emily Warne (Gordon Bell High School), and Omar Siddiqui (St. John's Ravenscourt), and University President Marsha Hanen.

University Switches to Credit System

A new credit system, to be implemented in September of 1996, will make the University more comparable with most of its counterparts across Canada, and open up innovative possibilities for the curriculum.

The new credit system will replace the University's current system of measuring half and full-course equivalents. Under the new system, a half course will equal three credits and a full course will be worth six.

"We are moving to a credit system primarily because of its flexibility," says Judith Huebner, associate dean of arts and sciences. She notes that the credit system allows a wider variety of values to be assigned to innovative academic deliveries. For example, seminar series worth one credit will now be possible, and there will be a way of recognizing courses that contain particularly elaborate practicum components as worth more than another course of the same duration.

"There have been a number of ideas floated for innovative curricula that would not be possible under the constraints of a half and full-course system, but will be feasible under a credit system."

However, Huebner says there won't be a dramatic change in the curriculum come September. "We only expect a small number of changes initially. Gradually, we hope departments will begin to take advantage of the flexibility available under the credit system."

While Huebner notes that there will be some confusion initially, she says the new timetable and Arts and Science Calendar will contain ample explanations of the correlation between the FCEs and credits. "We recognize that there will be a transition time while everyone adjusts, but the difficulty will be minimized because enough information will be provided ahead of time."

And, she points out, the conversion of FCEs to credits requires only a simple calculation: multiply by six. So a general degree which formerly required 15 FCEs would be the equivalent of 90 credits, while a four-year degree of 20 FCEs converts to 120 credits. The same goes for maximum course load regulations, explains Huebner. "Whatever regulation there is now, just multiply by six."

Evenings of Excellence Lived Up to Their Name

Organizers and participants alike have enthusiastically praised a special recruitment event, held over two evenings in November. "Evenings of Excellence: It's Your Future" was the second such annual event, designed to introduce the University to exceptional high school students.

Winnipeg high schools, as well as those within a two-hour drive of the University, were asked to identify their top students. Invitations then were extended to 2,000 exceptional students in advanced placement and International Baccalaureate programs, and to those in grade 12 who hold an average of at least 80 per cent.

Over 1,000 people attended the two evenings. They packed into both Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall and Room 3C01, where parallel presentations were given. A built-in time delay allowed each presenter to finish in one room and immediately go to the next and present a second time.

"We could have held the event in the gym to avoid this, but we wanted to give the same sense of intimacy that students would get in our classroom space on campus," explains Monica Wood, director of enrolment management and a key organizer of the event. "It took a lot of energy and coordination to pull it off."

Speakers included University President Marsha Hanen and John Hofley, dean of arts and science, who presented a wide range of material on the programs offered by the University. Information about scholarships was provided by Judy Dyck, director of awards and financial aid. Bruce Daniels, professor of history, gave the keynote address: "The Role of a University, the History of a University, the Beauty of a University," which looked at the dynamics of university life and its place in a student's future.

As well, alumni spoke of the University's impact on their lives. They included Joan Schmidt (a June graduate), Ida Albo, owner of the Prairie Oyster and manager of Hotel Fort Garry, and Kelly Daniels, a former theatre student who has come back to teach and direct in the Theatre and Drama Department.

Wood reports that the highlight was the presentations by first-year University students who were in the audience at last year's recruitment event. "They brought a fresh and especially relevant perspective to the evenings, and were really well-received by the high school students."

After the presentations, a reception in Duckworth Centre allowed guests to speak with faculty and staff representing almost every department.

"We were delighted at the interest shown in the University by some of the best students in the province," says Herb Mays, associate vice-president (student services). "These two evenings play a central role in our ongoing efforts to get The University of Winnipeg's message out to excellent students. It seems to be working. We had the first of these evenings last year and our acceptances for early admission went up by almost 13 per cent."

The unmitigated success of last year's event far exceeded organizers' expectations. Of those students who attended, over 40 per cent consequently applied.

If students' reactions to the Evenings of Excellence are any indication, this year's event will see similar results. Feedback has been very positive, notes Mays, who adds, "One student commented that he was grateful we hadn't gone with the hard sell—and that, despite the lack of a hard sell, he was sold."

Many Departments Make the Move

The long-awaited consolidation of Student Services in one area will begin next week, as several departments move to occupy two floors of Graham Hall.

On Wed., Dec. 6, the office of the associate vice-president (student services) will move to the first floor, as will Access Recruitment Officer Mario Jimenez and Academic Student Advising. The coordinator of special needs students, Carlene Besner, will also relocate to the first floor of Graham Hall. However, the Nathan Micay Centre will remain on the fourth floor of Centennial Hall until Jan. 3, when it will make the move.

Counselling Services, Enrolment Management and

Bernadine Restall, who prepares the calendar and timetable, will be found on the lower mezzanine level of Graham Hall come Dec 6.

The Admissions, Records and Awards Offices are expected to take up residence in Graham Hall, completing the consolidation, on Jan. 22.

Individuals in these areas will retain their current phone numbers, although the reception number for Advising will change, temporarily, to 786-9257. A complete update on locations and phone numbers will be provided in a January issue of *in edition*.

Stephenson Scholarships

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Currently, Goldberg serves the UWSA as co-science director, through which she plans to encourage other science students to become more involved on campus, and intends to form several science-based programs involving peer counselling and Internet access.

As well, she has been actively involved in the B'nai Brith Organization, was a high school council member, and played on her high school's track, basketball and volleyball teams. These experiences, she says, gave her "the skills to be a 'team player,' a strategist, a gracious winner, and, more importantly, a good loser."

Goldberg plans to pursue a career as a paediatrician specializing in genetic diseases, a specialty she believes will allow her to treat the whole individual, as well as focus on improving overall preventative care. To this end, Goldberg has worked the past two summers as a research assistant in the Paediatric Allergy Research Section at Children's Hospital—work that has already led to the publication of her first paper in the field.

Stephenson winner Rohit Singal is also a biology major who has his sights set on a medical career. Singal notes that "being a medical doctor can capture all aspects of my career aspirations; the patient health care, research and potential to provide leadership in the health system." Singal has gained valuable experience in the field as a research assistant at the St. Boniface General Hospital Research Centre, a receptionist in a paediatric clinic, and as a gift cart volunteer at St. Boniface hospital.

Singal says he enjoys encouraging young students to stay productive and motivated, and his activities reflect this. A provincial debating champion, he now acts as a judge for high school debate tournaments, where he takes the time to offer advice. Similarly, through the Innovators in the School program he acts as a judge in science fairs. He also participated in "SciTrek '94," and hopes his demonstrations stimulated young students to take an interest in science. In addition, Singal is employed by the University as a student ambassador, and travels to high schools to discuss what The University of Winnipeg can offer students, and to answer questions and offer reassurances.

Singal has also been actively involved in cultural activities, including as Male Youth Ambassador General for Folklorama. Currently, he is president of the Indo-Canadian Students' Association, where he has initiated several events, developed a newsletter, and helped make the organization a vibrant part of the larger student body.

Shelly Bhayana, who is working on a double major in biology and psychology, is also involved with the Indo-

Canadian Students Association as its social director. As well, Bhayana is a member of the National Indo-Canadian Council (NICC), and in 1992 was chosen to represent Indo-Canadian youth at an international conference in Toronto. There, she presented issues that concern first generation youth growing up in Canada, and was responsible for trying to incorporate conference ideas into community projects in Winnipeg.

For 10 years, Bhayana has studied at the India School of Dance, and has now assumed a leadership role on its Board of Directors. In addition to dancing, she studied piano for many years.

Bhayana says helping others has always been a priority for her. To this end, she volunteers for Winnipeg Harvest, the Canadian Diabetes Association, the Manitoba Special Olympics Winter Games and the Manitoba Cancer Research Foundation. She also represents the student body on the Senate Appeals Committee and represents the University as a student ambassador. In addition, she is involved with the AIDS peer counselling group at the University.

She has worked in the cardiology research laboratories of St. Boniface Research Centre, where she gained experience in medical research and saw both the potential for the advancement of medicine and the need for new treatments. Bhayana, too, has chosen to pursue a career in medicine and intends to become a vital contributor to medical research.

Recipients are chosen by the Sir William Stephenson Scholarship Trustees.

Employee Changes

Appointments

Douglas Holmes
Lecturer
Business Comp./Admin. Studies

Position Changes

Connie Lambert
Fr: Office Assistant 4 (part-time)
To: Office Assistant 4 (full-time)
Psychology

Affinity MasterCard Offers Users More Benefits

University faculty, staff, alumni and students have been able to support the University by using an Affinity MasterCard through the Bank of Montreal since 1990. Along with generating revenue, the attractive card helps to increase the visibility of the University wherever it is used. And now individuals can benefit more than ever when they use their University affinity card.

Cardholders can now use their MasterCards to take advantage of First-Home Dollars or AirMiles Travel Miles programs. The former allows an individual to accumulate up to \$2,500 towards the down payment on a first home for either the cardholder or a family member. The latter provides a convenient way to earn AirMiles points. And like any MasterCard, the University's Affinity MasterCard is accepted in more than 12 million locations worldwide and provides a wide range of special services.

The agreement between the University and the Bank of Montreal, which sees a percentage of the amount purchased on the affinity cards contributed to the University, has been extended for five years, until November, 2000.

A small ad hoc committee that includes representatives from the alumni and the students' association will meet

soon to decide on the allocation of the revenue generated by the affinity card.

While the card is made available to students, Joan Anderson, executive director of University Relations, acknowledges that other universities have been criticized

for encouraging the use of credit cards among students. "Both the Students' Association and the Alumni Council examined the issue of marketing the card among students very carefully. The University of Winnipeg has received some excellent educational materials particularly for students from the Bank of



Montreal on the responsible use of credit," she explains.

"We certainly don't encourage anyone to buy on credit what they can't afford. But if an individual is going to hold and use a credit card, we do want them to be aware that there is an option which will benefit their University."

Applications for the University Affinity MasterCard and full information on the special services and programs are available through University Relations at 786-9711.

Changes to Bookstore Hours

Tues., Dec. 5 - Tues., Dec. 19
Open 10 a.m.-4:15 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 20
Closed for inventory.
The Bookstore re-opens on Jan. 3

Wed., Jan. 3 - Fri., Jan. 5
10 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 8 - Fri., Jan. 12
Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
Fri. 8:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.

Regular Bookstore hours will resume Mon., Jan. 15
Mon. - Thurs. 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Fri. 10 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

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.

CONTINUING UNTIL
SAT., DEC. 2

- Gallery 1C03 presents "Multiples: A Sculpture Installation by Eva Stubbs." Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. and 1-4 p.m. on Sat.

FRI., DEC. 1

- Music at Noon presents The University of Winnipeg Downtown Jazz Band. This stalwart and sturdy band of students are completely self-organized, self-governed, self-motivated but NOT self-conscious. 12:30-1:20 p.m. in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall.

- The World Health Organization has declared this **World AIDS Day**, a day to take note of the responsibility we all share for solidarity in the fight to gain equality in health care for victims of AIDS worldwide. The UWSA and the Manitoba Department of Health will have informational displays in the foyer outside Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

MON., DEC. 4

- The Women's Centre will hold a memorial service from

12:30-1:30 p.m. outside Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall to remember those women who were killed on Dec. 6, 1989 at L'École Polytechnique in Montréal. All are welcome.

- The Winnipeg Theological Consortium Students' Association and the Faculty of Theology invite you to attend an **Advent Service of Worship and Carols** from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Chapel, Bryce Hall.

TUES., DEC. 5

- The annual **Holiday Reception** will be held in Riddell Hall from 3-4:30 p.m.

THURS., DEC. 21 - TUES.,
JAN. 2, 1996

- **University closed.**

THURS., DEC. 28-SAT.,
DEC. 30

- **Wesmen Classic**—Men's basketball in Duckworth Centre.

SUN., DEC. 31-TUES.,
JAN. 2, 1996

- **Wesmen Classic**—Women's basketball in Duckworth Centre.

WED., JAN. 3

- **University re-opens.**

MON., JAN. 8

- **Classes resume.**

Exhibition and Sale of Watercolours an Annual Delight

The paintings sell like hotcakes, so plan to attend the opening ceremony of the 16th annual exhibition and sale of Professor Emeritus Kenneth Hamilton's watercolours on Mon., Dec. 4 at 3 p.m.

Allison Dixon, the library's coordinator of interlending and a key organizer of the exhibition, says that competition for Hamilton's work has been fierce in past years. Hamilton will not agree to sell any painting until after the official opening, she explains, and that can lead to interesting antics at the ceremony as anxious buyers jockey for position.

The exhibition will be held as always on the library mezzanine, now called the Kenneth and Alice Hamilton Galleria. It was named last year in recognition of the exceptional contribution to the library made by Hamilton, professor emeritus of theology and literature, and his late wife Alice Hamilton, also a professor emerita at the University.

The exhibition runs through Fri., Dec. 8. Hours are 3-9 p.m. on Dec. 4, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. on Dec. 5-7, and 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on Dec. 8.

A portion of the sale price of every painting sold is donated to the Library.