

Theology's Seminar Series Marks Its 25th Year

This spring, the University's Faculty of Theology will present *Explorations '96: Seminars in Ministry*. The event will provide an opportunity for study, discussion, relaxation and fellowship, as it has for 25 years.

Aimed at clergy, the event is an important part of the continuing education offered by the Faculty of Theology. "Pastors, priests and other pastoral workers not only value a time of concentrated study with resourceful leaders, but also the time out from regular duties for a period of uninterrupted reflection and soul care," says Harold King, Dean of Theology.

As well, King notes that participants value the collegial community of learning, and appreciate an opportunity to review recent literature on a particular field of ministry. This year, for example, Paul Trudinger will lead a seminar related to biblical studies.

Most of the University community is familiar with Trudinger's "Theologian on a Hotseat" sessions. While perched atop a tall stool in a central campus location, he fields questions on religious and ethical issues. During these sessions (which he also conducts at Holy Trinity Church), he seeks to "unpack" the questions to demonstrate the complexity of such issues rather than try to offer a definitive answer.

Another presenter is Barbara Daté, who currently serves as the Esau Distinguished Visiting Professor at Menno Simons College. She will offer "Conflict Resolution—The Foreign Language of Caring." Daté is recognized as a leader in the field of peacemaking. Her workshop tools are practical and implementable, and may be incorporated personally as well as used in counselling or mediation work in the church and the wider community.

To mark the 25th anniversary of *Explorations*, a dinner will be held on April 9 at Catherine Booth Bible College. Since both seminar leaders are talented musicians, the celebration will provide an opportunity to share music as well as food and fellowship. Participants are encouraged to bring their voice and any other musical instruments.

Those interested in attending *Explorations '96*, which will run from Tues., Apr. 9 - Thurs., Apr. 18, should contact the Faculty of Theology at The University of Winnipeg, 786-9857, before March 1. A registration fee will be charged.

Virtuosi Concerts will present pianist Anton Kuerti in solo recital on Sat., March 9 in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall. An internationally-acclaimed artist, Kuerti is considered one of the leading interpreters of Beethoven. To order tickets, call the Virtuosi Hotline at 786-9000.

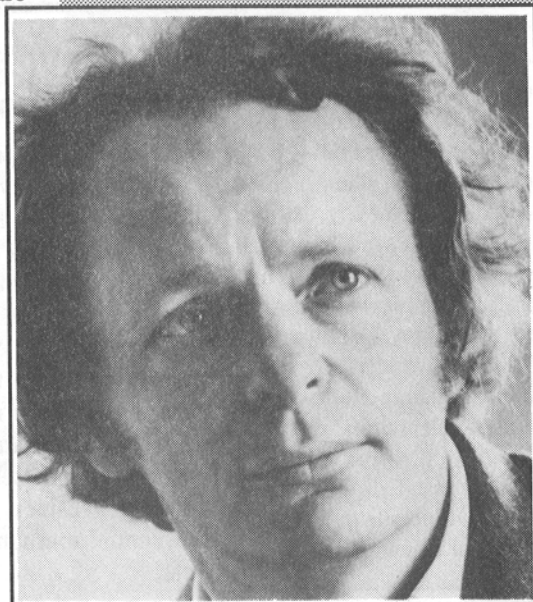
Is Winnipeg's Inner City Terminally Ill?

Christopher Leo, professor of political science and coordinator of the Urban Studies Program, will examine Winnipeg's inner city and the factors that are leading to its deterioration in an upcoming Skywalk Series lecture.

On Wed., Feb. 28 at 12:15 p.m. in Centennial Library's second floor Auditorium, Leo will present "R.I.P. Winnipeg." As part of this lecture, he will discuss the "deadly stage" of decay that may soon overtake our city.

"An inequitable tax structure has led to the migration of people to the outer fringes of the city. Ultimately, this will lead to an increasing erosion of Winnipeg's tax base," Leo explains. He contends that if this problem isn't addressed soon, the inner city will be destroyed.

While he acknowledges that this is a complex issue with no simple remedy, he wants to explore and discuss possible solutions that will reverse the situation before it's too late. "I'm concerned with the fact the city's system of taxation is devised in a way that ensures the decay of Winnipeg's downtown."



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, ten days in advance of the event. Basic details are required: what, when, where, sponsor, price of admission (if any) and the name of a contact person.

MON., FEB. 19

- **Music at Noon**—Ian Hodges, classical guitar, presents music from Cuba, Spain and Brazil in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall from 12:30-1:20 p.m.
- **Student Employment Centre Open House**—The

University of Winnipeg Students' Association will launch its Employment Centre on the first floor of Graham Hall from 2-3 p.m. An official ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 2:30 p.m.

TUES., FEB. 20

- **Women's volleyball**—The Wesmen square off against the Manitoba Bisons in GPAC semi-final action at 7:30 p.m. in Duckworth Centre.

WED., FEB. 21

- **Skywalk Series**—Angelika Sauer, chair of German-Canadian Studies, presents **The Young and Restless Meet All My Children: Singles and Families in Canadian Immigration History**. Has Canadian immigration policy historically reflected the importance of family in our society?

- **Men's volleyball**—The

Wesmen take on the Manitoba Bisons in GPAC semi-final action at 8 p.m. in Duckworth Centre.

THURS., FEB. 22

- **Skywalk Series** presents The "Moose" Jackson Dixieland Trio with Rod Johnson, trombone, Bill Pounder, keyboards and Bob "Moose" Jackson, bass, playing **Music from New Orleans**.

FRI., FEB. 23

- **Music at Noon** presents Cinderella, the 45-minute version of Rossini's opera, performed by the University's music students and directed by Mel Braun in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall from 12:30-1:20 p.m.
- **Women's basketball**—The Wesmen face Regina in GPAC semi-final action at 7:30 p.m. in Duckworth Centre.

SAT., FEB. 24

- **Women's volleyball**—If necessary, the Wesmen will take on Manitoba at 2 p.m. in GPAC semi-final action in Duckworth Centre.
- **Women's basketball**—The Wesmen do battle with Re-

gina in GPAC semi-final action at 7:30 p.m. in Duckworth Centre.

SUN., FEB. 25

- **Women's basketball**—If necessary, the Wesmen will meet Regina again in GPAC semi-final action at 1 p.m. in Duckworth Centre.

MON., FEB. 26

- **Music at Noon** presents the Concord College music students in recital in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall from 12:30-1:20 p.m.

Fall Convocation Date Changed

The University Senate has recently approved a request to change the date of the 1996 Fall Convocation from Sun., Oct. 27 to Sun., Oct. 20.

While Fall Convocation is traditionally held two weeks after Thanksgiving, the holiday falls later than usual this year, pushing the Convocation date to the last Sunday of the month. That results in a longer delay for students awaiting their degree.

The opportunity to combine the Convocation ceremony with several other events also influenced the decision. "The Alumni and Students' Associations are working together on a special reunion weekend, a celebration of Wesley Hall's 100th birthday and the opening of the new Student Centre," says Events Coordinator Marilyn Lockwood. "This is a wonderful opportunity to plan an entire weekend of celebration."

As well, there is the possibility that Fall Convocation will include the installation of a new Chancellor.

Wesmen Victorious in Duckworth Challenge

The Wesmen proved they were worthy of the Duckworth Shield when they defeated the University of Manitoba Bisons three out of four games in the annual Duckworth Challenge on Feb. 7 and 8.

Spectators at the University of Manitoba on Thurs., Feb. 8 were calling the women's and men's games some of the best basketball they'd ever seen. "It was close, point for point, right-down-to-the-wire action," recounted one Wesmen fan after the men's game went into double overtime. The Wesmen claimed victory in that contest when they scored with one second left on the clock.

Both Wesmen women's teams also posted victories in the annual tournament to win the Duckworth Shield this year.

Skywalk Series

The Skywalk Concert & Lecture Series warms up the noon hour. Bring your lunch and enjoy intriguing lectures on Wednesdays and invigorating concerts on Thursdays from 12:15-12:45 p.m. at Centennial Library's second floor auditorium, off the Skywalk.

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