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Special Retirement Tribute Issue

This is a new publication to honour our retirees. They appear in no particular order.

Peter Pauls Professor of English

Peter Pauls considers himself "incredibly fortunate" to have had the opportunity to work at The University of Winnipeg for 28 years.

Pauls received his Bachelor of Arts from United College in 1959. He then taught in the public schools as well as in The Collegiate during a few summer sessions before pursuing graduate studies. In 1968, he completed his doctoral dissertation on Shakespeare at the University of Wisconsin in Madison—a school he acknowledges to be first-rate, but lacking in the intimacy that The University of Winnipeg offers.

"It was such a good feeling to come back here," he recalls. "I had been so inspired by my

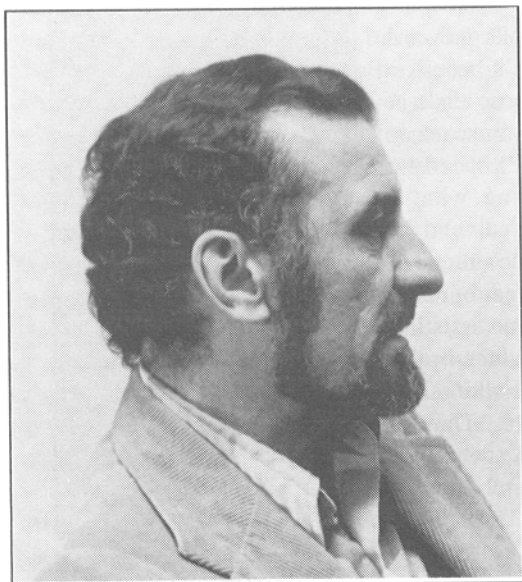
teachers at the University, and I wanted nothing more than to teach well and with the same dedication they brought to the profession." Pauls counts Professors Hallstead, Bedford and Swayze from the English Department and Philosophy Professor David Owen among those who inspired his career. And he notes that all of them made him feel welcome as a colleague.

Pauls considers himself very lucky to have stepped out of school and into a job in his field. "I taught at least one full Shakespeare course every year since I joined the faculty," he notes, adding that he was permitted to teach both Honours Shakespeare and Honours Chaucer in his last year at the University. "I'm very grateful to this institution. It's been very good to me."

A trip to London England is foremost among his plans after retirement. There, Pauls plans to attend the official opening of the Globe Theatre, a newly completed reconstruction of the venue where Shakespeare staged his plays.

He also intends to continue his long-standing association with the *Journal of Mennonite Studies* and with the *Upstart Crow*, an American Journal that he reports takes a fresh and sometimes controversial look at Shakespeare.

But after 28 years of concentrating on the works of Shakespeare, Milton and Chaucer, Pauls hopes to break away from his specialty a bit. He's looking forward to catching up on his reading in history and contemporary Canadian literature.



Peter Pauls retires after 28 years at The University of Winnipeg.

Long Service Employees

Congratulations
to the following,
who have served The
University of Winnipeg for
25 years:

John Badertscher
Barbara Evans
John Hofley
Robert McCormack
Herbert McMullin
Allen Mills
Rick Moodie
Jacob Peters
Donald Price
Douglas Skoog
Maureen Taggart
Clement Wyke

These employees and the
nine retirees featured in this
issue will be honoured at a
special reception on Thurs.,
May 16. The entire
University community is
invited to attend the
reception in Riddell Hall
from 3-4:30 p.m.


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Iris Day Library Assistant



Iris Day starts her retirement a little richer than she'd expected. Day was one of the 19 staff members who split a \$100,000 Lotto 649 "Plus" jackpot recently. Each took home over \$5200.

An original member of the group that has been pooling their money to buy Lotto tickets for twenty years, Day says the win was a wonderful—and unexpected—surprise: "After awhile, you just pay your two dollars like you're paying a water bill. You don't really think about winning."

Day joined the Library

staff in 1967, the year The University of Winnipeg received its charter. At that time, the much smaller library was located in Bryce Hall.

In 1972, Centennial Hall was completed and the Library moved to its new home. While she acknowledges moving an entire library is a big undertaking, Day notes the library has grown immensely over the past 25 years. "You could fit all of what we had then into just one of the big rooms we have now."

Day worked as a cataloguing assistant, and then in the serials department. "It was great, really great—especially in serials, where I had contact with the students. Working with the students makes all the difference. That's what I'll really miss."

She'll stay active in her retirement, travelling and enjoying the opportunity to work around her home and yard. And she notes she has come to enjoy not having to be somewhere in the morning, and doesn't think she'll have trouble adapting to a life of leisure.

Ken Armstrong Associate Professor of Mathematics

After completing his honours degree in mathematics at the University of Manitoba, Ken Armstrong immediately began teaching first-year courses. He was, he remembers with a laugh, only 22.

Armstrong went on to receive a Master's from Manitoba and his PhD from McGill. In 1963, he was back at the University of Manitoba, working as an assistant professor. By 1968 he had become assistant department head, and was also the last chairman of the university entrance math exams, a provincial high school examination board that was discontinued that year.

The arguments for and against the standardized, province-wide math tests were the same then as now, he remembers. Some felt it constricted teachers too much; others believed it was necessary to ensure all students had common ground. Armstrong agreed with the latter, but recalls that the process of setting and marking the exams, which he oversaw, was a complex and time-consuming one.

By 1969, Armstrong was tired of the administrative work, so he contacted The University of Winnipeg. "I simply asked them if they wanted me here, and they said yes," he explains.

Ironically, he has also done his share of administrative work here. In 1973, he was asked to set up the Bachelor of Education program, and he spent five years as the program's director. And for the last 20 years, he has been responsible for administering the program which allows high school students to take the University's first-year calculus course in their school.

"Principally, I came here because I wanted to concentrate on teaching, and that's what I've done," he asserts. He says he'll miss teaching a great deal—but he says he won't miss setting and marking exams.

While he looks forward to retirement, he's been too busy tying up loose ends at the University to make many concrete plans. "I'll spend the summer exploring what I might do," he reveals.

Armstrong does intend to take courses in areas of interest, and to continue assisting his son and daughter in the Kiev Pavilion for Folklorama, as he has for years: "They're not going to let me get out of it, I'm sure of that."

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Manfred Heiderich

Professor of Germanic Studies



Manfred Heiderich has been with Germanic Studies Department at The University of Winnipeg for 28 years.

Ironically, Heiderich completed a BA Honours in English at

the University of Saskatchewan before the University of Waterloo wooed him into a masters program in Germanic Studies. He went on to complete his PhD at Queen's University and joined The University of Winnipeg immediately thereafter.

His describes the past 28 years as very positive, and says he'll miss the connection with the students most. Heiderich has maintained contact with many of his students—including a few who graduated nearly 20 years ago.

While Heiderich's special emphasis has been on German literature and English translation, he says the most enjoyable experiences were the German film courses he designed and taught. "I'll say, quite selfishly, that those made my life very much more interesting." He feels certain that they made the lives of students more interesting, too, since many of the students who have kept in touch were those from other disciplines who took his courses on German films.

Now that he's retired, Heiderich intends to start work on the 18th-century German gothic novel he's got kicking around in his head. It will be his first novel.

"I'm going to beg, borrow and steal as much as I can," he laughs, noting he'll draw on his very extensive collection of old German novels. He promises his book will feature love, turmoil, and all the things common to this genre: trap doors, monks, cloisters and seductions.

"I think this will be great fun. No more staid research for me, thank you."

Lloyd Siemens

Professor of English

Lloyd Siemens left the University of British Columbia 28 years ago to join our English Department.

"I suppose I should have felt fortunate to be at UBC—it was considered by some to be a prestigious institution." However, he says he preferred the "tranquil and serene atmosphere" at The University of Winnipeg.

Siemens was well-acquainted with The University of Winnipeg before joining the faculty in 1967. He had done his undergraduate work here, and had taught English in The Collegiate for three years before completing his graduate work at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Siemens says he will miss having daily contact with many old friends, both living and literary. Of the latter, he notes, "I've given them an awful lot of headroom over the years. They will continue on, but I won't have the same connection with them that I've enjoyed when sharing them with students."

As well, he will miss his colleagues, many of whom joined the faculty at the same time as Siemens. He marvels at how stable a teaching faculty the University has had for decades, the result of a hiring boom at the time the University received its Charter.

"I have worked with many fine people, and I have the highest regard for chairs I have served and who have served me. In all, I think I have been treated just right," he asserts.

Siemens has a busy retirement planned: "Two sets of tennis in the morning with my wife, then we'll do lunch. In the afternoon I'll play 18 holes of golf. We'll winter on the West Coast, and spend some time in London, Paris and Rome." He's also looking forward to enjoying time with his young granddaughter.

And where he can fit it in, Siemens says he'll work on small projects. Just back from England, he has a briefcase full of notes to tackle on Thomas Hardy, about whom he says he's been reading and writing for three decades.

Nellie Schmunk

Printing Services

Nellie Schmunk started in Printing Services in May of 1965, and was one of that department's first employees.

At that time, typesetting was not the technical wizardry it is today. "I used an old klunker," Schmunk remembers, adding that the equipment became more and more technologically-advanced over the next few decades.

When she started, the print shop was located in the basement of Wesley Hall, and Schmunk moved with it from one end of that basement to another, and then into its current home in Bryce Hall. Calling the University "a great place," she says she enjoyed those early days and looks back fondly on them.

Schmunk has been on long-term disability since 1988, and says in retirement, she'll continue taking life day-by-day.



David Dyck Professor of History



David Dyck, professor of history, joined the campus community in 1960 as a Collegiate instructor. He taught chemistry and physics there before attending the University of Wisconsin in Madison to pursue his graduate studies.

After receiving his PhD in history, Dyck joined The University of Winnipeg Faculty of Arts and Science in 1967.

From 1968-1979, he held various positions in the Dean's Office, including dean of students, dean of curriculum and associate dean. "My colleagues joked that I wasn't

good enough to hold a job," he laughs. Dyck also served as assistant to the president under former University President Harry Duckworth, and as director of Employee Relations for a few years in the 1980s.

Dyck's area of expertise lies in the history of science. "I've had the chance to develop new courses and expand into new areas like the history of technology and the history of medicine." He says he'll miss the opportunity to develop and teach new courses.

Of his three decades on campus, Dyck reveals he's had a good time. "There's been enough variety in my job to keep it interesting."

Variety characterizes his retirement plans, too. Currently, he's working on a major research project that involves reading and summarizing some 15,000 letters written in the 19th century by John Herschel. After he's completed that daunting task, he'll take on the transcription and editing of Herschel's diary. As well, he's been asked to write two biographies on prominent Manitobans for the *Dictionary of Canadian Biographies*.

Dyck also intends to continue volunteering with his church and in the development of a fitness centre in a local school. He likes the notion of giving as much or as little time as he wants to community work, and hopes he won't end up like so many of his retired friends who complain of being busier now than before retirement.

Clement Wyke Professor of English

Clement Wyke's association with The University of Winnipeg (then United College) dates back to 1959, when he arrived on campus as a student from Trinidad. He completed his Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in 1963, at which time he was serving as a teaching assistant in the English Department. "We—Brenda Batzel, Vic Batzel's wife—and I taught a first year course and logged some pretty heavy teaching hours. We were, as far as I know, the first teaching assistants hired."

After graduation, Wyke was hired to teach at Medicine Hat College in Alberta. First, however, he was required to complete a master's degree as well as a diploma of education. Both these he received through The University of Manitoba.

After an "exhausting" experience teaching language and communications at a North Bay College of Applied Arts and Technology (CAAT) to students who believed they had no use for literature or grammar, he realized his aspirations lie elsewhere.

Wyke received a PhD from the University of Toronto in 1970, and returned the following year to The University of Winnipeg as an assistant professor. For the first seven years, he worked as a sessional employee. "The English Department was large, and someone was kind enough to go on sabbatical every year so I could have a position," he recalls. In 1978 he obtained a permanent appointment.

He says he has always found the teaching experience an enriching and challenging one.

Outside of his duties as a faculty member, Wyke has maintained a strong involvement with his church, and has

worked extensively with international students, helping them to adjust to their new circumstances.

He doesn't plan to slow down in retirement. "I'd like to complete the writing assignments I've undertaken," he laughs. Among them, a piece for an Italian journal that will explore the impact of geography on English literature. His long-range plans include the creation of a textbook that could be used in courses similar to his "Literature in the Context of the Bible."

As well, he plans to work on a devotional study that was initiated at the time he was visiting the rare book room at Cambridge University, where he was conducting post-doctoral work on Milton in 1990.

Gerald Mitchner Library Assistant

Before joining The University of Winnipeg library staff in 1991, Gerald Mitchner was in the Canadian Armed Forces. He served Canada for 29 years in the air division, and was a ward officer in charge of a maintenance crew when he retired from the military.

Mitchner looks back at his past five years as a library assistant as exciting ones. "I've enjoyed it immensely," he says.

With no immediate plans for the future, Mitchner intends to take some time to relax, to travel, and to enjoy some gardening.