

Love of Words, Food Blend Together into Book

The next time your dog growls at the postal carrier, watch out! He may be sizing up the carrier's leg to determine whether it might make a good "snack."

According to Mark Morton, professor of English at The University of Winnipeg and author of *Cupboard Love—A Dictionary of Culinary Curiosities*, teeth marks left in a person's leg were not referred to as a "bite" but as a "snack" in the 14th century.

Over the last two years, Morton has researched the origin of approximately 1,000 words and phrases related to food. He's catalogued the findings in his book, including both common, everyday words and those which are unfamiliar or peculiar.

"I have always been interested in words," he says. "When I was a youngster, I remember looking through the one dictionary we had and reading all the Latin words."

His expertise is well-known. "At least every couple of months I get a call from the media. During our first cold spell this year, CBC wanted to know the origin of the term 'dry cold.' I was able to trace it back to the 1700's, in a book written by William Penn."

Cupboard Love is receiving a good deal of attention. Morton has been a guest on CBC Radio's *Morningside* with Peter Gzowski and has done a stint on CTV's *Dini Petty Show* and *Breakfast TV*, which is aired only in Ontario. As well, he has been promised a book review in the *Globe and Mail*.

His curiosity and love of words have resulted in another venture, which he refers to as his "end of the century project." "I want to gather diary entries and letters written on the last day of the century—going back to 1699," he explains. "I want to discover what people were saying on the last day of each century. My task is to edit letters and precede each one with a paragraph or two to put the letter into context."

The Internet has facilitated this undertaking. "Through the Internet, I've been contacting Robarts Library at the University of Toronto," he says. Initially faced with a list of 7,000 entries that might contain appropriate material, he eliminated those which weren't pertinent.

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Mark Morton has combined his interest in word and phrase origins with his passion for all things culinary to produce *Cupboard Love—A Dictionary of Culinary Curiosities*.

Duckworth Challenge Comes Early This Year

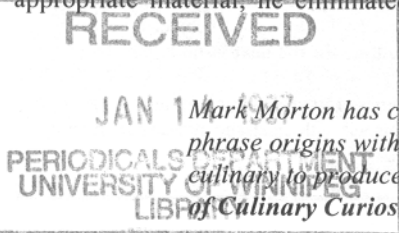
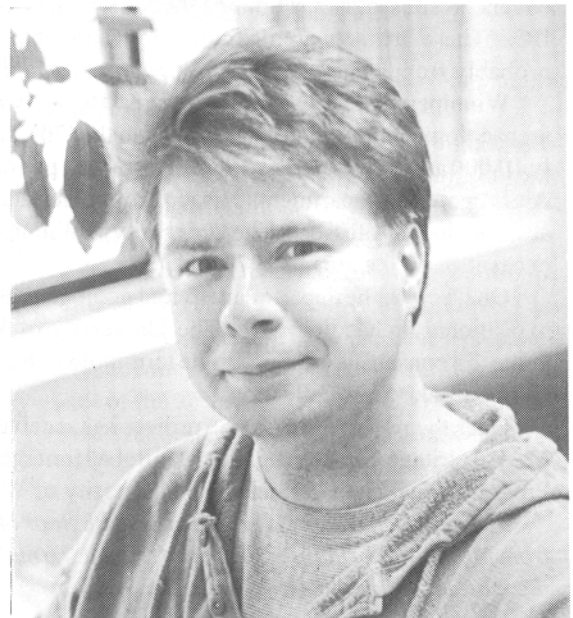
Don't miss the action when the Duckworth Challenge pits all four Wesmen teams against their cross-town rivals, the University of Manitoba Bisons, in this annual battle for supremacy.

The challenge takes place earlier than usual in 1997. On Wed., Jan. 15, the volleyball teams meet at the University of Manitoba. On Thurs., Jan. 16, the basketball teams go head-to-head in Duckworth Centre. Game times are 6:15 p.m. (women) and 8 p.m. (men).

According to James Biase, students' association vice-president (student services), there's no excuse to miss a minute of the action—not when you can climb aboard the bus trip to the volleyball games on Wednesday. And certainly not when the UWSA has planned to offer fun contests and great prizes at Thursday's event.

Before Thursday's game, all faculty and staff are invited to enjoy pizza, salad and a cash bar in the Faculty and Staff Club. See Coming Events for details.

The University of Winnipeg Alumni Association will also be throwing around some freebies to keep enthusiasm high, so come out and cheer the Wesmen on to victory!



Computer Database Increases Accessibility to Anthropology Museum

The University of Winnipeg's Anthropology Museum recently unearthed \$59,000 in grants for a computer database project that is making the museum more accessible to students and members of the public.

Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Citizenship's Heritage Grants Program provided \$25,000 while the Museums Assistance Program (MAP) supplied \$34,000 for Phase V of the Archaeological Collections Registrations Update Project.

"We're taking all the archaeological collections that we have and putting them onto a computer database," explains Anthropology Technician Donalee Deck. Previously, anyone who wanted to look at a specific artifact had to search through boxes and bags until they found what they were looking for. Now they can do a computer search to find out where the item is stored.

"Since we started putting the archaeological collection on the computer, I've had archaeology graduate students from the University of Manitoba, researchers, and avocational archaeologists come in," says Deck. "We've been able to use the collection more, instead of it just sitting in the cupboard. There's so much potential for research."

Over the past five years, 17 volunteers and 12 paid staff have contributed to the project. They have entered 198 sites onto the database for a total of 237,844 artifacts or 57,293 records. Similar undiagnostic artifacts—stone flakes or unidentifiable animal bone fragments that were collected from the same place—are grouped together in a single record. Diagnostic articles—objects such as arrowheads which can be dated—are catalogued individually.

Volunteers have contributed hundreds of hours of their time doing a variety of tasks—from the tedious jobs of weighing artifacts and stuffing cards to identifying and sorting artifacts and mounting specimens in ethafoam for the reference collections. "It's given them the chance to do some hands-on work," says Deck.

Phase V of the six phase project will focus on registering the Caribou Lake Sites, located on Caribou Lake, Manigotogan Lake, and part of the Manigotogan River near the town of Bissett in southeastern Manitoba. The collection covers 56 sites and an estimated 92,067 artifacts, dating back to 6000-4000 BC. "These artifacts aren't found anywhere else," adds Deck. "These are probably from some of the earliest people in Manitoba."

Winnipeg avocational archaeologist Henry Iwacha brought to light the archaeological importance of this area in the '70s. He collected approximately 10,000 artifacts from 22 sites over a 16-year period and donated them to the Anthropology Department. His collection led Jack Steinbring, a former anthropology professor at The University of Winnipeg, to conduct survey and excavation in the area in 1977 and 1978.

On Dec. 12, the department invited geologists as well as professional and avocational archaeologists to The University of Winnipeg, so they could come to a consensus on appropriate terminology for the items contained in the Caribou Lake Sites collection.

Over the past five years, the project has received financial support from MAP; Heritage Grants Program; Manitoba Heritage Federation; Work-Study Program; Challenge '91; and The University of Winnipeg.

The museum, which is located on the 4th floor of Centennial Hall, is open from Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. To make an appointment to visit the museum at another time, call 786-9282.

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"Some tasks would have taken me months to complete by hand. The computer did it in seconds."

Morton is hoping to return to Toronto this summer. "I'm left with 2,000 books to consult in Robarts Library," he says.

In the meantime, Morton's *Cupboard Love* serves up many entertaining "tid-bits" (that term is another story). Under "chocolate," for example, it seems that Montezuma, the King of the Aztecs (1502-1520) likely had a case of the yeks (hiccups) after consuming 50 large cups of chocolate every day. If your curiosity is piqued as to why anyone would want to guzzle this amount daily, you'll have to consult the book. And while searching for the answer, you may want to treat yourself to some gofers (wafers) spread with goober bou-turon (peanut butter).

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Letters Home from Glasgow

In October's *Convocation Bulletin*, we told you about the University's new exchange program with Glasgow Caledonian University in Scotland, and introduced you to Jennifer Gannon, one of two University of Winnipeg students taking part in the exchange this year. Gannon has e-mailed us some of her letters home so that we can share her experiences with you.

In between the details of her exploits with the SCUBA diving club ("The diving club is going to Oban next week to do some open sea water tests. This should be an interesting time. These people really know how to have a good time, plunging into the icy waters of Scotland!") the debating club, hill walking and Scrabble night on Tuesdays in a Glasgow bar, Gannon told us about her academic pursuits:

"My classes are going well. I am concentrating this term on the National Health Service—I am taking courses in the economics and the politics of health. Comparing health services, and comparing the issues behind health, has been really interesting.

"The NHS has been going through incredible reforms that attempt to introduce the market into health services. The UK government is desperate to contain health costs, which continue to rise due to expensive and expanding technology and more treatments for illnesses.

"What is really interesting is that the UK spends only six per cent on health and healthcare. Canada spends about 10-12 per cent. Of course, both systems are under pressures and it doesn't seem a big consolation for the UK that other countries spend more."

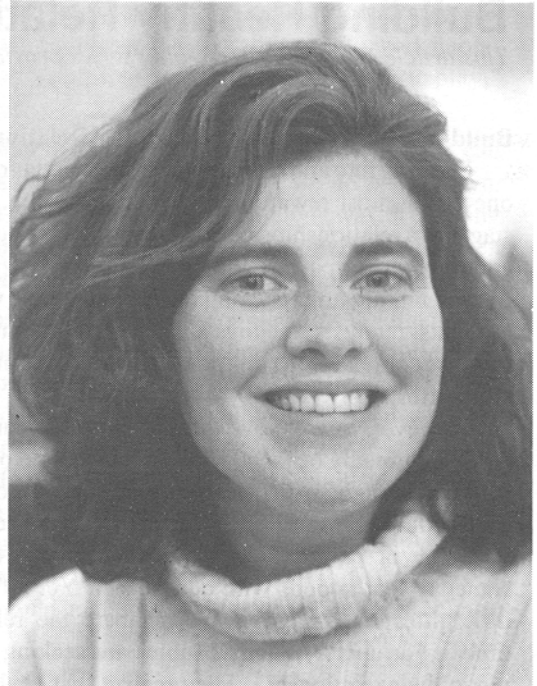
Gannon says what has made her exchange experience truly "one to remember for a lifetime" are the friendships she has formed with students from around the world: "There are eight of us in the flat. I have flatmates from Norway, Denmark, Spain, Estonia and Germany. The Student Accommodation Office makes a big effort to put students of similar ages together, and I think that makes all the difference. I have made friends for life, and have collected many addresses to visit over my travels in the summer."

Gannon was also ecstatic to report in December that she had found a job with the Scottish Council for Civil Liberties: "The job is titled 'Bookkeeper/Clerkess'—not glamorous, or politically correct in Canadian terms, but it is more interesting than it sounds. The Scottish Council for Civil Liberties (SCCL) aims to protect the rights of individuals in Scotland. They are active, and non-political. My job will be to maintain the membership list, prepare correspondence... and do their books."

Gannon works about 20 hours a week, and says the wage is "pretty good by UK part-time standards."

Despite a major snowstorm that closed the roads in November, and the rarity of sunshine, Gannon says the weather, relatively speaking, has been terrific: "I am really shocked; I thought the wet cold would be much worse. But from the letters I get from Mark [Probyn, the Scottish exchange student studying in Winnipeg] and from my family and friends, I know I am much better off here."

And she reports that she has found time to enjoy the culture of her host country: "On Saturday, there is an international students' ceilidh. This is a Scottish party where everyone does traditional Scottish dancing. I have no idea how this will fly, since we are all international students and none of us know any Scottish dancing, but it will be a good laugh."



Letters from Jennifer Gannon are keeping us apprised of her adventures in Scotland, where the honours economics student is an exchange student at Glasgow Caledonian University.

University Receives Access Grant

In December, the University received its access funding for 1996-97.

The Universities Grants Commission allocated \$216,259 to help offset the cost of some of our ongoing initiatives that increase accessibility to the University.

The amount received is about \$5,000 higher than last year's access grant. However, according to George Tomlinson, vice-president (academic), "It does not cover the full costs of all of the access initiatives for which funding was requested." The total amount requested was \$310,000.

Building Healthy Relationships

This article is part of an on-going series provided by Warren Shepell Consultants.

Building and Maintaining a Healthy Relationship

Entering into and maintaining a loving relationship can be one of the most rewarding experiences in life. In the early stages of a relationship, we often focus most of our energy and attention on our partner and the relationship. We spend a lot of time talking and listening to one another as we share our thoughts, interests, feelings and dreams. Laughter and compromise come easy. At this point in time, the relationship may seem effortless.

However, as we move through life with our partner, we will undoubtedly be faced with challenges and obstacles. We can get so caught up in the day-to-day demands of life that we may end up giving very little attention to our relationship.

None of us enters a loving relationship expecting to someday feel at odds with our partner. Yet differences and difficulties may seem to predominate the relationship at times. Fortunately, many couples are seeking ways to improve their relationship. They realize that healthy relationships don't just happen overnight or just because a couple is in love. Building and maintaining a mutually-satisfying relationship takes commitment, time and ongoing effort.

BUILDING BLOCK #1:

Keeping the Lines of Communication Open

We hear about the importance of communication all of the time, and without a doubt, effective communication is an essential building block to a healthy, satisfying relationship. The reality is that "communicating effectively" is often easier said than done. It seems that in relating with our loved ones, we can easily fall into some pitfalls that can actually shut down the lines of communication. In relationships that are strained, it is common to find partners saying of each other "he or she just doesn't understand" or "he or she never hears a word I say." Such comments point to a need to focus on and improve communication skills.

Taking Action:

- Listen... Listen... and Listen some more! There is a saying that the reason that we were born with two ears and one mouth is that we need to listen twice as much as we talk. This speaks to just how important listening is, and that when we listen, our goal is to understand our partner. A first step to understanding our partner is to listen without interrupting. "When couples have difficulty listening to each other, I sometimes suggest they pass notes for a while," says Martha Burych, an EAP counsellor with Warren Shepell Consultants. "Getting things down on paper, then taking the time to read and respond, can help both partners learn to slow down and focus their attention."
- Ask your partner for clarification. If you are picking up a mixed message, try something like, "I'm confused. You

say nothing's wrong, but your voice sounds unhappy. I care and I want to know what's going on with you."

- Remember, even though we may have the sense that our partners know us inside out, we cannot expect them to be mind readers. If we want our partners to understand us, we need to speak up and say what we mean.
- Choose the right time to talk about something important. For instance, it's probably not a good idea to bring up a sensitive issue just before bedtime. It may be necessary to set up a specific time to talk with our partner.
- Keep outside distractions to a minimum. Turn off the TV, find a quiet room or take a walk to have important discussions.
- Fight fair. Arguing one's point of view and disagreeing are bound to happen in every relationship. In healthy relationships, couples will argue or disagree without putting down their partner. Avoid comments that manipulate (*If you loved me you would...*), absolutes (*you always or you never*) and labeling (*you're stingy*). When couples fight fairly, they let respect for their partners override their anger. They also know and respect each other's limits and call for a time-out when necessary. As one man put it, "If I find things are getting too heated, I tell my wife I'm going out for an hour to work in the garden and calm down."

BUILDING BLOCK #2:

Problem Solving...Taking a realistic approach

Problems are an expected part of any relationship. The difference between a healthy relationship and a strained relationship is not necessarily the type or number of problems. The difference lies in *how* problems are resolved.

When it comes right down to it, problems are situations that require our attention, decision and action. Within a relationship, effective problem solving involves having a game plan for how problems will be handled when they arise and working together to make it happen.

Taking Action:

The first step is setting a time aside to discuss strategies for problem solving. This needs to be done during a problem-free time.

There are a number of useful steps to include in a problem solving strategy:

- Discuss the problem in its entirety. Gather information to understand the situation including learning the facts and how people feel about the problem. A common pitfall is to start solving the problem before we have considered all aspects of the situation.
- Together, generate various possible solutions. This is the step that can be the biggest challenge for most couples. A

common tendency is to get stuck on one option, usually one we suggested. Another tendency is to begin criticizing ideas before we have all of our options on the table. Discuss the pros and cons of each. It is helpful to think of the options as "our ideas," rather than "your idea" or "my idea." These guidelines create an atmosphere that encourages creativity and cooperation.

- Ultimately, decision-making is affected by each partner's beliefs and values. That's why it's important to take the time to find out why a certain option or decision is important to our partner and vice versa. When we hear the reasoning behind a preference, we are often able to accept it or work towards solutions that will be acceptable to both partners.
- Select the best option. If a few options emerge as good possibilities, it can be helpful to take a break and come back with a fresh outlook. The old saying, "I'll sleep on it," allows us time to think through the options on our own. It's amazing how "reasonable" we can be if we take the time to reason with ourselves!
- Test the decision. Setting a schedule for household tasks and trying it for a one month period is an example of testing a decision.
- Follow up and evaluate. It's important to look at the outcome of our decision to see what works, what doesn't work, make some slight revisions or go back to the option list to try something different.

It's important to be aware that problem solving with our partner is a skill that we must develop over time. Things may not run smoothly at first or with every situation. The key is to remember that like most things in life, things get easier with practice.

BUILDING BLOCK #3:

Keep those "loving connections" alive

In the honeymoon stage of a relationship, it seems the closeness, fun and romance will last forever. However, "loving connections" can fall by the wayside as we turn our attention to work, family and other concerns. Again, loving connections don't just happen, we have to make them happen.

Taking Action:

- Make a special effort to demonstrate "thoughtfulness" with... a phone call just to say "Hi, I'm thinking of you;" a sincere compliment; an invitation to lunch.
- Reminisce about times that were fun, romantic or when you felt close to your partner.
- Go out on a date! Rekindling romance is hard to do in the midst of family or household responsibilities. It may be helpful to make a date to do something together as a couple on a regular basis. Taking turns organizing the details of the date (including arranging childcare) can add to the enjoyment.

- Give yourself permission to be playful and creative. "Often, when couples make a commitment to work harder at their relationships, they forget to build in time to play," Burych says.
- It's important to develop interests and activities that can be done as a couple and things that we do on our own. Sharing an enjoyable hobby can go a long way in building connections, while pursuing our own interests will often provide for interesting conversations with our partner.
- Make plans for the future. A couple can strengthen their sense of togetherness by making plans for the future and working together towards those goals. It is important to consider what each partner might want for themselves as well as for the relationship. For instance, if it is really important for one person to return to school, how will that impact the goal of buying a house? Perhaps it will mean postponing the house purchase, or going to school part-time. In healthy relationships, couples look for ways to align individual goals and goals that they have as a couple.

Where to start...

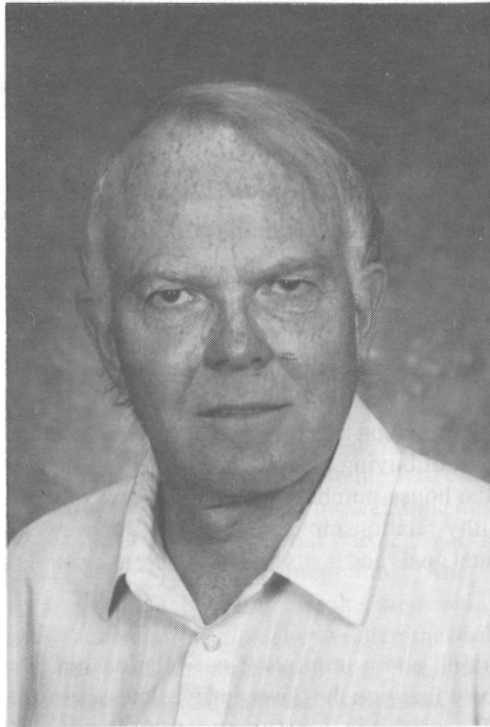
When we think about improving our relationship, we have a tendency to focus on the flaws and weaknesses in our relationship. However, it is very important to identify and value our relationship strengths, those things that we do well most of the time. Then identify one or two action tips that make sense for you and give them a try. Remember that progress occurs little by little, one step at a time.

Many couples have found that they have benefited from meeting with a professional EAP counsellor. The counsellor can help identify areas to begin working on as well as strategies that are a good fit for the couple.

Relationship building may sound like a lot of work but by taking small steps together, the potential rewards that come from a satisfying, healthy relationship are endless.

An Employee Assistance Program is available to all regular AESES, IUOE, and Excluded support staff as well as UWFA Collegiate members. If this article has raised some issues for you, please call the EAP at 1-800-387-4765.

Possibility of Impending Human Extinction Examined



On Jan. 22, University of Guelph philosopher John Leslie will discuss the argument that the human race faces impending extinction.

Is the human race doomed? And soon?

John Leslie, professor of philosophy at the University of Guelph, will offer some responses to that question when he presents "The Doomsday Argument" at The University of Winnipeg on Wed., Jan. 22 at 12:30 p.m.

The author of *The End of the World: The Science and Ethics of Human Extinction* (Routledge, 1996) says his lecture will hinge on "an anthropic principle" first developed by cosmologist Brandon Carter that strengthens the predictions of doom—soon.

Leslie will discuss several facets of this, including the estimated probability that ours is not the very first intelligent civilization in the universe, and the doubtful notion that we are among the earliest 0.01 per cent of all humans who will ever live, "which is where we would have been if the human race survived for long, even at its present size, let alone if it colonized the entire galaxy," he notes.

"(The Doomsday Argument) survives numerous objections," Leslie explains, "but may be much weakened if the future is radically indeterministic."

This free public lecture, sponsored by the Philosophy Department and held in Room 1L11, will also examine why anyone should bother with questions of human extinction.

Leslie has chaired the Guelph-McMaster Joint Doctoral Programme, one of Canada's largest philosophy PhD programs, and has been awarded numerous grants and awards, including two University of Guelph Research Excellence Awards. In addition to his latest publication, he has authored two other books dealing with philosophy and cosmology.

On Thurs., Jan. 23 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 2C15, Leslie will also present "A Spinozistic Vision of God," a more advanced seminar that the public may also attend.

Mentorship Program Helps Students Make Career Connection

The University of Winnipeg's new mentorship program, *Career Connections*, has already generated 20 applications from students seeking alumni mentors in fields ranging from medicine to journalism to financial planning.

Launched at the Career Fair this past November, *Career Connections* helps students and recent graduates connect with successful alumni to learn more about a career. The program is a joint initiative of the Alumni Association, the UWSA Student Employment Centre, the University Relations Department, Counselling Services and the UWSA Peer Support Group.

"You can explore what the career is really like by talking to someone who is in it," says Sandra Di Curzio, the Centre's Employment Advisor/Seminar Facilitator and a fourth year honours psychology student.

Not surprisingly, the program is attracting students in the third or fourth year of their studies, who have a better idea of

their career goals than first-year students. "The people who've applied are more advanced in their programs," explains Di Curzio, adding that six of the applicants have already graduated.

The Alumni Association is currently recruiting mentors for the first 20 students, as well as for future applicants. Faculty and staff can help to make this program a success by suggesting potential mentors, or volunteering to be mentors themselves.

"For alumni, *Career Connections* is an ideal volunteer opportunity," says Lori Shoemaker '90, past president of the Alumni Association. "It offers flexibility and a minimal time commitment—plus you can really make a difference to a student."

If you would like to be mentor, or know of a graduate who might make an excellent mentor, call Lois Cherney, Associate Director (Alumni and Communications), at 786-9134.

Campus Notebook

- **Naomi Levine**, the University's sexual harassment officer, has been named the national president of the Canadian Association Against Sexual Harassment in Higher Education.
- **Mark Golden**, professor of classics, and Peter Toohey are the editors of the recently released *Inventing Ancient Culture: Historicism, Periodization and the Ancient World* (Routledge, 1996). The volume is available in both hardcover and paperback.
- **The University of Winnipeg** has won the right to have its \$2.2 million municipal tax bill reassessed. A Court of Queen's Bench ruling last November determined that the City of Winnipeg could not deny property owners an annual appeal of their assessments. 1996 was the first year that Manitoba universities were responsible for payment of their property taxes; previously, the taxes were paid directly by the province. The University is arguing that the market-value of its buildings is considerably over-estimated.
- **Doug Walton**, professor of philosophy, has added three new books to his list of titles. *Fallacies Arising from Ambiguity*, published in the Applied Logic Series (Dordrecht, Kluwer); *Arguments for Ignorance* (Penn State Press); and *Argumentation Schemes for Presumptive Reasoning*, part of the Studies in Argumentation Series (Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, Mahwah, NJ) all made their way into print in 1996.
- **Sante A. Viselli**, professor of French Studies, recently published the following articles: "Droit des gens et mythe du Sauvage canadien chez Montesquieu: 'Il y a même des occasions, où il est contre le devoir de pardonner'" in *Ici et ailleurs: le dix-huitième siècle au présent-Mélanges offerts à Jacques Proust* (Tokyo, Librairie France Tosho, 1996, pp.359-376); and "Les Lettres édifiantes transposées: l'exemple de Montesquieu" in *La Lettre au XVIIIe siècle et ses avatars* (Toronto: Editions du GREF, 1996, pp. 227-290). In October of 1996, Viselli presented papers to the Canadian Society for XVIIIth Century Studies in Victoria and the Linguistic Circle of Manitoba and North Dakota in Winnipeg.
- **Uma Parameswaran**, professor of English, has edited *Quilting a New Canon: Stitching Women's Words* (Sister Vision Press, 1996). This collection of 28 essays seeks to ground a theory of justice in the experience of injustice, insists that all women's voices must be quilted in the canon and illustrates why.

A Call for Honorary Degree Nominations

The Honorary Degrees Committee is asking for nominations. Honorary degrees are awarded at Convocation on the authority of the Senate, which selects recipients on the recommendation of the Honorary Degrees Committee. University President Marsha Hanen, chair of the committee, notes the degrees are awarded "to individuals who have achieved great distinction through their contributions to the society we serve."

Nominations should take the form of a letter that states the reasons for making the nomination, and speaks to the nominee's suitability for the honorary degree. As well, it should detail any connection the nominee has with The University of Winnipeg and/or the candidate's fit with our ideals. Please include a résumé or biographical sketch of the candidate and any other supporting documentation.

Nominations for honorary degrees should be submitted to Bonnie Archibald, associate University secretary. To be considered at the committee's next meeting, nominations must be received by Fri., Jan. 17.

University and Collegiate Grads Named Rhodes Scholars

The University of Manitoba may have gotten all the glory in the media for producing two Rhodes Scholars in December, but The University of Winnipeg has some bragging rights here, too. Claudia Hudspeth, currently studying medicine at the University of Manitoba, did her undergraduate work in biology at The University of Winnipeg. The same qualities that made her a successful Rhodes Scholarship candidate garnered her the prestigious Sir William Stephenson Scholarship Award at The University of Winnipeg, as well as numerous other awards.

While on our campus, Hudspeth received two Undergraduate Student Research Awards from NSERC. These allowed her to participate in research on parasites using nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR). When Hudspeth graduated with a BSc in 1993, her name was on several published articles and her research had been presented internationally.

This will be the second year in a row a University of Winnipeg alumnus has headed off to Oxford—Hudspeth joins Mark Matz, who was completing his honours degree in classics last year when he was chosen as a Rhodes Scholar.

The other Rhodes Scholar chosen from Manitoba in December, Lisa Smirl, is a 1993 graduate of The Collegiate. She's currently a fourth year honours student in political studies at the University of Manitoba.

COMING EVENTS

"Coming Events" is compiled by University Relations. Planning a campus event? Please let us know and we'll help you publicize it. Send **written** information to Lois Cherney, University Relations, 10 working 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.

SAT., JAN. 11

• **Virtuosi Concerts invites you to Neapolitan Night**—Celebrate and support this exceptional concert series, and have some fun. The evening includes Authentic Italian pasta dinner, a wine bar, door prizes, silent auction and entertainment featuring singers, dancers and instrumentalists. It all happens from 6-10 p.m. in Riddell Hall. Tickets are \$16 apiece, \$30 for a pair, and \$6 for children 12 and under. Call 786-9000 to order your tickets.

MON., JAN. 13

• The Smyth/Bell/Ryz Trio kicks off **Music at Noon's** 1997 season when they perform works by Hadyn and the grandiose first trio of Johannes Brahms in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall from 12:30-1:20 p.m.

WED., JAN. 15 & THURS., JAN. 16

• **The Duckworth Challenge** pits all four Wesmen teams against the University of Manitoba Bisons in this traditional tournament. On Wed., the volleyball teams meet at the University of Manitoba. On Thurs., the basketball teams go head-to-

head in Duckworth Centre. Game times are 6:15 p.m. (women) and 8 p.m. (men). The Alumni Association will be tossing out some souvenir mini-basketballs at the home game. Come out and catch the spirit.

THURS., JAN. 16

• **Pre-game party in the Faculty & Staff Club**—All staff and faculty are invited to enjoy pizza, salad and a cash bar from 5-6 p.m. before the big games. Members can pick up two complimentary tickets in the club. Non-members can purchase tickets for \$5 by calling Marilyn Lockwood at 786-9174. Tickets are limited, and also include admission to both Duckworth Challenge games.

• **Gallery 1C03 Opening**—"Philosophical Works: Sculpture by Blair Marten" opens from 4-6 p.m. in the campus gallery. Marten's sculpture is informed by conceptualism, feminism, minimalism and philosophy, and much of it examines social issues. His work currently involves altering the physical status of found objects. The show runs through Thurs., Feb. 6. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and 1-4 p.m. on Sat.

FRI., JAN. 17

• **Music at Noon** presents Saxology Canada from 12:30-1:20 p.m. in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall. This concert will be taped for broadcast on CBC.

• **Stone Soup** will offer storytelling around the theme "Hard Days Night" from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Bring a candle, bring a friend and bring a story to Room 1L04. For more information, call Wayne Drury at 488-8331 or Mary Louise Chown at 489-6994.

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• John Leslie will present "**A Spinozistic Vision of God,**" at 2:30 p.m. in Room 2C15. This is an advanced seminar; all are welcome to attend.

MON., JAN 27

• **Board of Regents** meets in Riddell Hall at 5:30 p.m.



Couldn't Get to Work in the Blizzard?

University employees who miss work because of nasty weather conditions have a few options.

According to Terry Voss, director of Human Resources, weather-related absences that occur when the University remains open must be handled in one of the following ways:

- as one of the employee's flexible days-off-without-pay; or
- as a vacation day, whether from the current year or borrowed from the next; or
- to compensate for time that has already been banked; or
- through an arrangement with the employee's supervisor/manager that the time missed will be made up (at regular rates).

"This is the standard practice for inclement weather situations in which the University remains open," Voss explains. "It is important to ensure all employees receive equal consideration."

If you have questions about this policy, please contact Terry Voss at 786-9215.

Don't be shy... join the breakfast club!

The University of Winnipeg Toastmaster's Club meets every Friday morning from 7:15-8:30 a.m. in Room OB09 (across from the UWSA office).

This is more than just a public speaking club—it provides support and valuable skills for work and school.

Contact Ronald Connor at 224-1408 for more information.