

The University of Winnipeg Turns 30

This year marks The University of Winnipeg's 30th anniversary as a full-fledged degree-granting institution. Established by Order-in-Council on July 1, 1967, the University waited until the new fall term to celebrate its Charter Day on Friday, Sept. 15 with a mixture of traditional pomp and 1960s swing.

"Charter Day provided the occasion for formal recognition of the new institution by government and other organizations," explains Ron Riddell, who helped to organize the event in his former capacity as assistant to the president. "It also provided the opportunity to lay a more public claim to the new name and status assumed by United College."

The festivities began with a 3 p.m. ceremony in the sun-drenched quad, which was much larger in its pre-Centennial Hall days. The audience sat facing a platform stationed against Graham Hall. Led by the entire Winnipeg Police Pipe Band, a procession of platform guests and academic faculty made its way outside. Premier Duff Roblin was on hand to present the charter to T. Bruce Ross, Chair of the Board of Regents.

Biology Professor John Conroy remembers joining the rest of the faculty members in the Library's Reading Room before they marched to their designated seats. "We weren't in regalia; most of us didn't have such things," he reports. "One of the faculty members was there in his three-piece suit and had a string of love beads around his neck."

Adds Conroy, "The sun was shining over the top of the residence so we fried."

Events and Facilities Coordinator Marilyn Lockwood, who was then assistant to the registrar, watched the ceremony from the relative comfort of the Dean's Office on the second floor of Ashdown Hall. "We were hanging out of the window," she recalls. "It was a great ringside seat."

Related Charter Day events included a historical fashion show, a barbecue in the quad, an outdoor performance by Lenny Breau and the Contemporary Dancers, and an evening concert in the Riddell Hall gym featuring popular American folk singer Chad Mitchell. "I just remember it was a fun day," says Lockwood.

The transition from United College, which was affiliated with the University of Manitoba, to the independent University of Winnipeg meant more than an excuse to party.

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University Launches Mobile Security Unit

A new Mobile Security Patrol van began making the rounds on September 8. Designed to augment our existing Safewalk Program, the security van will both expand the University's security presence and enhance crime prevention in the downtown area that it patrols, says Jim Bromley, director of security services.

In the evenings, the Mobile Security Van will provide transportation and conduct a random, continuous patrol of the area bounded by Maryland Street to the west, Broadway to the south, Hargrave Street to the east and Notre Dame Avenue to the north.

University of Winnipeg students, faculty and staff with University identification can meet the van in Parking Lot B (off Spence Street) or in front of the Continuing Education building and catch a free ride to anywhere within the zone.

At a media conference held to launch the van on Sept. 5, Associate Vice-President Steve Copping stressed this initiative is not a response to any single event or to an increase in crime. Rather, it is part of the University's ongoing efforts to improve services for students and other members of our

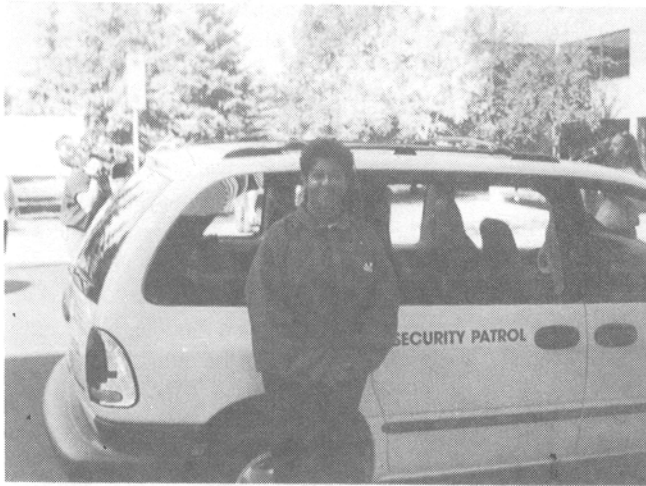
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Platform guests at the Charter Day ceremony (l-r: Jack Willis, Metro Chairman, R.S. Bowles, Lt.-Gov. of Manitoba, W.C. Lockhart, University of Winnipeg President, Duff Roblin, Premier of Manitoba, and H. Saunderson, University of Manitoba President).

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Safewalk Coordinator Sandra John-Miness poses in front of the new security patrol van.

campus community. "We hope this will raise the comfort level of those who use our downtown campus."

Because it continuously patrols the area, the Mobile Security Van is also a component of the downtown community's campaign to improve public safety for all Winnipeg-

gers. "The downtown is our campus," Coppinger notes. "We obviously have a stake in its improvement. This van is part of our community service mandate, and allows us to be an active partner in downtown Winnipeg."

The Mobile Security Van's regular hours of operation will be Monday through Thursday from 6 to 11 p.m. during each of The University of Winnipeg's three academic terms and examination periods. Upon request, the security patrol may be extended to weekends when there are significant activities on campus (socials, concerts, Wesmen games, etc.). The cost of operating the security unit for special events will be borne by the requesting department.

One security officer has been added to the evening shift to drive the van, and will maintain radio contact with the University's Security office. The Mobile Security Patrol Unit will also coordinate with the Downtown BIZ Patrol and the Winnipeg Police Service.

The annual operating cost of this program, which includes an apportioned amount for the van, will be approximately \$20,000. However, the van's security signage and flashing green dashlight can be removed, allowing the van to serve other purposes during the day. Departments interested in utilizing this, the second vehicle in our fleet, for University business can contact the Physical Plant Department.

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Faculty members welcomed the freedom to plan their own programs and courses and set their own exams. Never again would they have to make the journey out to the Fort Garry campus to mark their exams under the supervision of a University of Manitoba faculty member. "There was great excitement about the realization that we were freed from this inane performance," recalls Conroy.

The transition had exciting repercussions elsewhere on campus. "Working in the Registrar's Office, it meant we didn't have to run everything through U of M," explains Lockwood. "We had to hire extra people because it meant a lot more work." The office was now responsible for approving applications, keeping student records and preparing degree parchments.

The University also had to hire a full-time registrar for the first time. Previously, a faculty member had filled the position on a part-time basis.

That fall enrolment in Arts and Science grew by over 30 per cent as numbers rose to 2,047, and part-time enrolment grew by 26 per cent. It was the largest increase since the years immediately following World War II.

"Student numbers looked like they were going to eternally increase," reports Conroy. "We certainly felt the world was ours."

For a student perspective on Charter Day, see the article on new Alumni Council President Ron Gensorek on page 3.

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Printing Services Goes On-Line

Starting Sept. 15, there will be no need to leave your desk to order new business cards, plain paper, letterhead or standard envelopes. Those "basics" are now available at the click of a mouse from Printing Services.

On-line ordering is just one of the services you'll find on Printing Services' new homepage. You can also access complete pricing information, technical explanations and how-to advice on everything from proof-reading to transmitting your files electronically to Printing.

According to Mike Reed, manager of Printing Services, the homepage represents a big service improvement: "This is a very time-efficient option that will make using our services easier for the customer. It's easier than walking down with a job requisition, and faster than throwing it in the mail." He notes, however, that they will continue to answer the phones and welcome customers personally to their basement quarters.

The homepage was designed and will be managed by Graphic Designer Ian Lark, who says he received a lot of invaluable advice from Scott Balneaves in Technical Support Services.

Few graphics and a definitely user-friendly design make the on-line order system efficient to use. Also, an instant proof option allows the user to see exactly how their cards, letterhead or envelopes will look before they even send the order. (The squeamish, however, can opt to see a hard-copy proof before printing as well.) And once you send the order, you can print a confirmation for your own records.

Other improvements in Printing Services include the addition of tape binding to the repertoire. At a buck-a-book, Reed notes this is far cheaper than Cerlox binding, and the flat spine is more attractive than those awkward Cerlox plastic coils. Tape binding is available in red or black.

In Netscape, click on "Administration" on the University's homepage, then look under "Support Services" to find Printing Services.

New Alumni President Revisits Charter Day

When Ron Gensorek (BA '69), the new University of Winnipeg Alumni Council President, casts an eye back to his university days in the late '60s, he recalls noon hours spent listening to folk singers, speakers, and debates.

He went to campus gigs featuring Fred Penner ("He was a folkie then.") and watched the U of W debating team trounce Oxford when they debated the resolution, "Religion is the opiate of the people."

He remembers politician Lloyd Axworthy (BA '61), then a professor, introducing a last-minute noon hour gig by the Mitchell Trio, a popular American folk group who were in town to play the Winnipeg Auditorium. "They were trying out a new singer, this young kid called John Denver," recalls Gensorek. "You could see that he was going to be a star."

One of Gensorek's most vivid memories is of September 15, 1967, The University of Winnipeg's Charter Day, which marked the transition from United College to a degree-granting university. "It was a warm sunny day and there were all kinds of people walking around and strumming guitars," he says. "They had punch, so all us students liked that."

Despite the relaxed atmosphere, many students were apprehensive. They wondered if their degree would hold as much weight. "Once people saw that our students were still winning Woodrow Wilson and Rhodes Scholarships and still getting into law school, those fears dissolved very quickly," explains Gensorek.

His fond memories of that "ideologically pure, hopeful time" motivated Gensorek, manager of security at Revenue Canada's Winnipeg Tax Centre, to join the Alumni Council four years ago. "It was just a question of wanting to make a difference," he explains. "I figured I had some experience in the working world and I could help out."

Gensorek hopes the council can foster increased interaction and generate more money for scholarships. "I think sometimes with an urban university, it's easy to get on the bus and not interact with others," he says, noting that limited student interaction translates into limited alumni interaction. "I also think there's a challenge for us to play a more active role in helping students with financial pressures."

He also supports the continuation and enhancement of activities like career days, the mentorship program, and class reunions.

With Gensorek at its helm, the Alumni Council is sure to reflect the energy and optimism that abounded in 1967.



Ron Gensorek, new Alumni Council President, recalls an "ideologically pure, hopeful time."

Task Force Examines Student Recruitment and Retention

The competition to attract—and keep—students is keener than ever. The Task Force on Recruitment and Retention along with the Enrollment Management Department are developing strategies to help The University of Winnipeg compete in a tougher marketplace.

Established earlier this year by George Tomlinson, vice-president (academic), the task force brings together the various constituencies—Arts and Science, The Collegiate, and Continuing Education—to develop a comprehensive approach to student recruitment and retention.

“What I’m really pleased with is how concerned everybody is about enrollment,” says Michael Fox, dean of The Collegiate and chair of the task force. “Everyone is willing to contribute to a strategy to attract new students.”

“We’re just getting going,” adds Monica Wood, director of Enrollment Management, explaining that the task force plans to consult with various members of the campus community who have direct contact with students, including Student Services staff as well as faculty.

Attracting students isn’t as easy as it used to be, which has led to increasingly aggressive recruitment tactics on the part of other institutions. “The task force creates an awareness of the things that are involved and how intricate the marketing approach is to recruit a student,” notes Wood.

The task force views recruitment and retention as a shared problem with other universities, and is exploring how other institutions address these issues. However, the main focus is on The University of Winnipeg itself.

“The internal assessment is critically important,” asserts Fox, adding that initially the task force needed to assess whether the University could accommodate more students and where to focus recruitment efforts.

Wood credits the task force with encouraging her department to undertake recruitment in new markets such as northwestern Ontario, North Dakota and Minnesota. It was also involved in the decision to hire Elizabeth Madrid, Continuing Education’s Director of Language Programs, to coordinate international recruitment, and recent graduate Mary Alice Smith to handle recruitment in northwestern Ontario.

In addition, the task force played a part in the development of the University’s hip new admissions handbook and poster, featuring the theme “See the Future, Be the Future.”

However, the University’s ability to recruit students hinges on more than impressive presentations and engaging brochures. “It’s very dependent on how we can service students when they get here,” explains Wood.

Once the task force has identified ways to attract new students, it will consider ways to retain them. “There seems to be a role for everyone,” observes Fox. “There can’t be a retention department.”

Research will be a key factor in tackling the issue of retention. “We need to do some focus groups, telephone interviews, and exit interviews,” says Fox. “There’s an enormous role to be played by counselling and academic advising.”

Wood adds that the research must be scientific, not just intuitive and anecdotal. The University needs to know why students come, why they stay, and why they leave—not only to enhance approaches to marketing but to build curriculum. “We need access to a wider array of data,” she concludes.

The task force will also identify effective measures of its strategies, including the number of first-year students the University attracts and the number of students who graduate.

“We’re at the stage now that we’re putting together an assessment of what we’ve heard to date,” reports Fox. “We hope to make some recommendations to senior administration by Christmas.”

In addition to Fox and Wood, the task force currently consists of Continuing Education Dean Curtis Nordman, Associate Vice-President (Student Services) Herb Mays, Executive Director of University Relations Joan Anderson, International Recruitment Officer Elizabeth Madrid, and the Dean of Arts and Science. University President Marsha Hanen, Vice-President (Academic) George Tomlinson, and Vice-President (Finance and Administration) Graham Lane are *ex-officio* to the task force.

If you have any suggestions about how The University of Winnipeg could do a better job of recruiting and retaining students, call Michael Fox at 9843 or Monica Wood at 9147.

Incentive Fund Helps Students

Education and Training Minister Linda McIntosh recently announced a \$1 million fund to encourage the enhancement of scholarships and bursaries for students at Manitoba’s universities and community colleges.

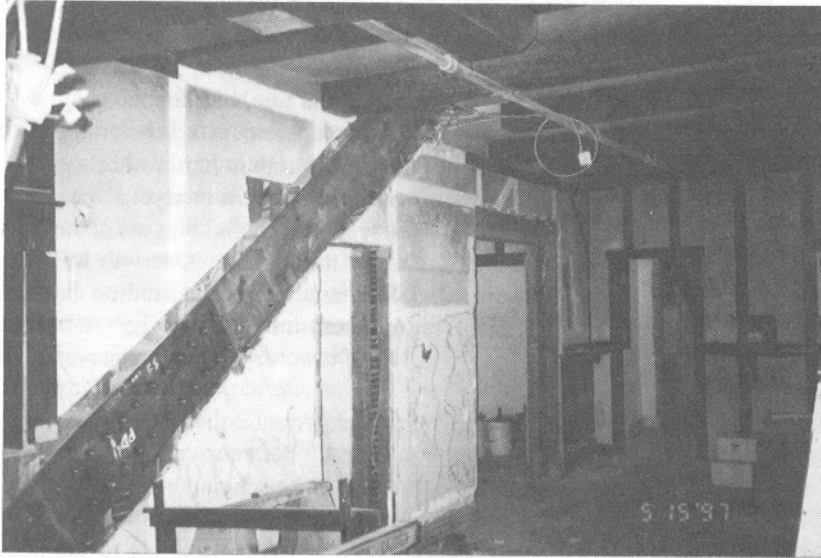
Under the Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative, which was introduced in the last provincial budget, the Manitoba government will contribute up to one dollar for

every two dollars of eligible new funds raised by the institution.

“The government will act as a partner, a catalyst and a contributor in this plan to attract funds from donors,” said McIntosh. “The community will benefit from our best and brightest post-secondary students studying in Manitoba.”

Stay tuned for more details in the next in edition.

Wesley Hall Repair Job Complete



This is what the Faculty and Staff Club looked like four months ago. Visit the club to enjoy the remarkable improvement.

Repairs to Wesley Hall are complete, on time, and on budget, reports Steve Coppinger, associate vice-president (finance and administration).

This past January the University was forced to close Convocation Hall and the area above it due to the structural failure of the truss system supporting the northwest quadrant of Wesley Hall.

Adds Coppinger, "We were able to turn what was a potential disaster with the severe deterioration of the building into a chance to restore and enhance the areas that were affected by the truss failure."

The entire project cost \$630,000, with the provincial government covering \$400,000 of the total. Although the Faculty and Staff Club and the University Relations offices along the northwest corridor have a fresh new look, they don't outwardly reflect the amount of money spent.

Appearances are deceiving, however, as the majority of the renovation is hidden. "Large openings were made in the walls to expose the trusses that failed," explains Coppinger. "They were clad in steel and then the walls were repaired, hiding the major work that has been done."

"All in all, this was a very unique project," observes John Mainer, Physical Plant's assistant director and projects coordinator. "There are not many 101-year-old buildings in Winnipeg with this type of construction, let alone this type of repair requirement."

One of the highlights of the upgrade is the re-designed washrooms that now provide barrier-free access. The entrance to the women's washroom was moved from the northwest corridor to the top of the main staircase. "It will let the club activities go on without interfering with office activities," says Coppinger.

The upgrade also included replacing old wiring, levelling out the sloping floors, improving the kitchen facilities in the club, and increasing the insulation in the attic.

The urgent repairs caused a certain amount of upheaval for staff on the fourth floor, many of whom had to move to temporary office space. "University Relations was the department that was most affected by the

situation, and they should be commended for putting up with the dust and noise over the past six months," notes Coppinger.

Director of Development Pat Hardy appreciates the new lights and paint job that brightened up her once dim office. "I'm also happy that the floors are straight and I'm not rolling through my office door anymore," she quips.

The project was the first phase of a long-range plan to upgrade Wesley Hall by fixing problems with the sandstone, roof, air quality, and interior finish of the building.



A splintered wooden truss in Room 413 of Wesley Hall had to be clad in steel.

Music of India performed in Tribute to Student's Heritage

On Sat., Sept. 20, a concert featuring the classical music of India will celebrate the memory and the heritage of an unusual University of Winnipeg student, the late Ganesan Sri Ram.

Born in India in 1927, Ram studied in India and at the Massachusetts Institute for Technology. An aeronautical engineer, he worked for a decade in England before moving to Winnipeg. Here, he taught mathematics and language skills to immigrant youth at Red River Community College.

After he retired, Ram moved into Lions Manor so that he could pursue his intellectual interests by studying at The University of Winnipeg. Over several years, he took a great variety of courses and despite failing health, earned a degree in French and Germanic Studies this past spring.

Ram died last April. At the Convocation ceremony in June, he was awarded, posthumously, the Swiss Ambassador Book Prize for Distinction in French Studies.

The Sept. 20 concert, presented by PALI (Performing Arts and Literatures of India), will feature three gifted young musicians performing the music of south India. Vocalist Ravi Srinivasan will be joined by Srinivasan Ramaswamy, violin, and Desikan Narayanan, who will play a double-headed drum called the mridangam.

According to English Professor Uma Parameswaran, Ram's sister and the founder of PALI, all three musicians have studied with well-known masters, an important factor in Indian music.

Admission to the concert is free, but donations are welcome. Proceeds will go to supplement a scholarship fund being established by Parameswaran in her brother's name.

While the details haven't been determined yet, Parameswaran wants to award three separate scholarships out of the fund, each relating in some way to language. One will be in the Department of French Studies and German Studies. One, she hopes, will be given to recent immigrants who retain their mother tongue, as a way of encouraging the preservation of heritage languages.

"It was my brother's experience that people lose their heritage language very fast," Parameswaran reveals. She hopes both this concert and these scholarships will serve as reminders of the importance of preserving cultural heritage.

*To ensure your seat at the concert or to give a donation, leave your name and phone number on voice mail at 786-9344 or 269-9713. See **Coming Events** for more details.*

Exchange Program Takes Education Student to Sri Lanka

Education student James Sinclair will take this year off from university and see a little of the world. No, he isn't hiking across Europe. Instead he is one of eight Canadian students on a Canada World Youth exchange to help rebuild Sri Lanka's agricultural economy.

"A major driving force in the Sri Lankan economy is their export of agricultural products," explains Sinclair, who was one of two students chosen to represent the prairie provinces from a pool of 500 applicants. "What we'll be doing is assisting on a practical basis with their agricultural methods."

Sinclair left on Sept. 9 for the University of Guelph where he and 16 other men and women from Canada and Sri Lanka will participate in an agricultural training program before heading off to Sri Lanka in November. The Canadian delegation will return home in February.

Sri Lanka, a tiny island off the coast of India, is recovering from over 20 years of civil war. "The situation we're going into is pretty tough," reports Sinclair. "There's a large section of the country that is devastated."

He will work in the southwest tip of the island, far from the conflict which still rages in an isolated area on the northeast coast. "Canada World Youth completely guarantees your safety," he says.

Adds Sinclair, "I'm really excited and I'm really apprehensive when I sit and think about what I'm doing. I can only imagine what it will be like to readjust after doing real work over there."

This is the second year that Canada World Youth has offered the Sri Lankan exchange, which is funded by the Canadian International Development Agency and the Sri Lanka-Canada Development Network.

Students were chosen for the exchange based on their interest in international relations, agricultural skill development, and social justice issues.

Sinclair has had a keen interest in international affairs ever since he participated in a Rotary Club exchange to South Africa in 1993-94. "I take political science (courses) as my hobby," he says, adding that he hopes to pursue a BA in political science at The University of Winnipeg after he finishes his education degree.

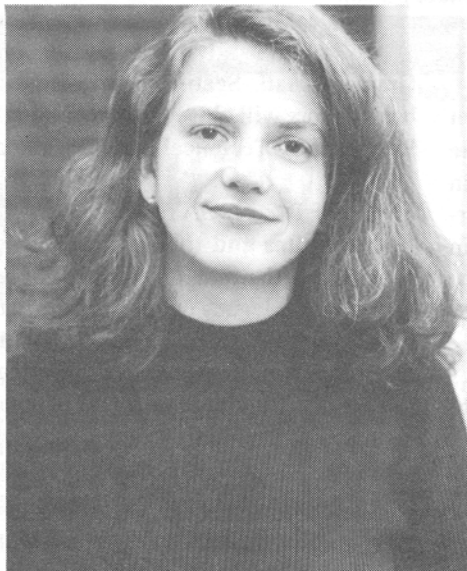
After graduation, Sinclair plans to head overseas, possibly to pursue teaching opportunities in Asia. Eastern Europe also holds a certain allure for the young Selkirk resident, who views degrees in education and political science as stepping stones to his international career goals.

Academic with Activist Background Assumes Margaret Laurence Chair in Women's Studies

The new Margaret Laurence Chair in Women's Studies is a newcomer to women's studies programs at Winnipeg's universities, but she's a veteran of the women's movement. Joanne Boucher, assistant professor of political science, assumed the Margaret Laurence Chair on July 1.

"The chair serves to make links between university communities and women's communities," Boucher observes. "Universities and the work they do can be seen as very remote, but this brings the two groups together and helps them define common interests and goals."

Boucher completed her graduate work at York University before joining The University of Winnipeg faculty two years ago. Her field of expertise is political theory and comparative politics. Prior to this appointment, she had no involvement with the University's women's studies program, but she did have considerable experience as an activist in the women's movement. In Toronto, she was involved in the Ontario Coalition for Abortion Clinics (an organization that was involved throughout the 1980s with challenging Canada's abortion laws), as well as with the International Women's Day Coalition and in issues relat-



Joanne Boucher, the new Margaret Laurence Chair in Women's Studies: "The chair serves to make links between university communities and women's communities."

ing to women and the labour movement.

This fall, the Margaret Laurence Chair will offer a workshop on women and the media that will allow journalists and women's organizations to improve communication. "Women's groups can receive some feedback on how to relate to media, and how best to get their message across," explains Boucher.

In addition to playing an important role in developing conferences with various partners and in initiating public talks with speakers during her two-year appointment, Boucher's new role has a classroom component. She will teach a women's studies course at the University of Manitoba in the fall, and at The University of Winnipeg in the spring.

The Margaret Laurence Chair in Women Studies, a joint appointment by the Universities of Winnipeg and Manitoba, was established in 1987 through an endowment from the Secretary of State and several community groups. In addition to strengthening the links between academic research and women in community groups, the Chair also serves as a visible resource for the media on women's issues.

Mennonite Suffering Examined in Symposium

The Chair in Mennonite Studies will host "Mennonites and the Soviet Inferno," a symposium scheduled for Sept. 26-27 at the University.

The symposium will examine how Soviet Mennonites, as an ethno-religious minority, experienced upheaval from the Russian Revolution through collectivism, famine, Stalinism, World War II and post-war Soviet society. Special attention will be paid to the terror experienced by Mennonites during the 1930s, when approximately half of all adult Mennonite men and many women were imprisoned, banished or executed.

Roy Loewen, chair of Mennonite Studies, explains that the fall of the Soviet Union has led to the release of documents about victims and about destruction of Mennonite institutions and society that were compiled by Soviet authorities, including the secret police. For the first time, a much fuller picture of Mennonite life under Stalin and during the post-World War II years is possible.

Loewen explains that Mennonites have found it difficult to write about this tragic period and have yet to fully evaluate its impact, although historians now agree that the time has come. "The symposium will seek to establish the facts of this dark time and to examine how those times shaped the way Mennonites think about themselves, their faith and their neighbours," Loewen says.

The symposium is a lead-in to a planned world-wide year of remembrance entitled "Memorial 1998: Remembering Mennonites in the Soviet Inferno."

Harvey Dyck from the University of Toronto will open the symposium on Friday evening. Eight renowned experts on Mennonite history will speak on various 20th-century periods on Saturday. Admission to all meetings is free, and the public is invited to attend.

See Coming Events for details.

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, 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.

WED., SEPT. 17

• **Theological Lunch Discussions return this fall with a discussion on "God in the Times of AIDS."** Fr. Vince Herner, chaplain at Misericordia Hospital, will lead the hour-long discussion, which begins at 12 noon in Room 2B14, Bryce Hall. All are welcome and encouraged to bring their lunch.

SAT., SEPT. 20

• The Performing Arts and Literatures of India (PALI) presents a Carnatic Music Concert. Ravi Srinivasan, Srinivasan Ramaswamy and Desikan Narayanan **will perform classical music of south India from 7-9 p.m. in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall.** Admission is free. Donations will be accepted for a scholarship fund in memory of Ganesan Sri Ram. To book your seat, call 786-9344 or 269-9713. *See related story, page 6.*

TUES., SEPT. 23, WED., SEPT. 24 & THURS., SEPT. 25

• **Internet Access Orientation for students, faculty and staff**—Introductory sessions will be held at 8:30 a.m., 10:40 a.m. and 2:40 p.m. on Tuesday. On Wed. and Thurs., sessions are at 8:30 a.m., 10:40 a.m. and 1:40 p.m. Each 45 minute session will be in Eckhardt-

Gramatté Hall. Seating is on a first come basis (doors will close when theatre is full). Presented by Technical Support Services.

FRI., SEPT. 26 & SAT., SEPT. 27

• **Mennonites and the Soviet Inferno**—A symposium that examines Mennonite suffering and its legacy opens on Friday at 7:30 p.m. Saturday's events begin at 9 a.m. and run through until evening. All meetings are in Room 3C01, Centennial Hall. The public is invited and admission is free. Contact Roy Loewen, chair of Mennonite Studies, at 786-9391 or e-mail roy.loewen@uwinnipeg.ca. *See related story, page 7.*

SAT., SEPT. 27

• **Saturday Night Concerts in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall** opens its season with Ruth Cansfield Dance. Tickets are \$15; \$13 for seniors/students, and available through the 24-hour hotline: 786-9000. The performance begins at 8 p.m. in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall.

MONDAYS FROM SEPT. 29 - NOV. 24

• **The Armchair Series presents "Sexuality and Gender in Religious Context."** Facilitated by John Martens, this Monday evening course will examine how religious

groups respond to the changes in societal norms, and which teachings remain central to a given tradition while others are abandoned. Issues such as homosexuality, premarital sex, marriage and divorce will be discussed. The non-credit course is offered in the Faculty and Staff Club from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Cost is \$95; \$85 if registration is received before Sept. 15. Contact Patti Clark in Theology at 786-9857.

New Department Gets New Chair

Sante A. Viselli has become Department Chair of the recently amalgamated Department of French Studies and German Studies.

Viselli's three-year term commenced July 1.

Search For New Dean In Final Stretch

The search to find a replacement for Dean of Arts and Science John Hofley is in its final stretch. According to George Tomlinson, vice-president (academic), the Dean's Search Committee will be conducting interviews in mid-September.

Hofley ended his term on August 31, as did Associate Deans Huebner, Mays and Abizadeh. Therefore, arrangements were necessary for the continued operations of the dean's office during an interim period before a new dean takes office.

Judith Huebner, who has been reappointed associate dean until June 30, 1998, now also serves as acting dean. "Her

experience and expertise will provide for the necessary continuity during the forthcoming transition period," Tomlinson said in a recent memo.

Huebner will be assisted in this position by Sarah McKinnon, chair of the History Department, and Bill Rannie, chair of the Geography Department, both of whom bring their experience as "chair of chairs." The three will comprise an Arts and Science Executive to ensure the expeditious handling of the Faculty of Arts and Science during the fall, Tomlinson explains.

He goes on to add that his office will provide additional resources to the dean's office as required.