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## History Professor's Labours Result in Striking Exhibit

The year is 1919. The scene is a street in the North End of Winnipeg. As you walk along the way, your first stop is a visit to a multicultural book store which features books and newspapers in central and eastern European languages. You proceed to a print shop which publishes newspapers and books that cater to the various ethnic groups living in the vicinity. A Chinese hand laundry is the next stop. These shops guide you to Meeting Room No. 10 of the Winnipeg Labour Temple.

This streetscape will be part of a permanent exhibition to be constructed in Canada Hall at the Canadian Museum of Civilization in Hull, Quebec.

History Professor Nolan Reilly of The University of Winnipeg explains, "The primary mandate of the museum is to tell the history of Canada. There are a number of different halls in the museum—the main one being Canada Hall. This is where Canadian history is interpreted, beginning with the first European contact with the east coast and moving across Canada to British Columbia. The space allocated to Canada Hall is extensive—about the size of a large football field—and the buildings re-created within the hall are full scale."

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Elements of Winnipeg's General Strike of 1919 are captured in a permanent exhibition that History Professor Nolan Reilly is preparing for Canada Hall at the Canadian Museum of Civilization.

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## Striking Exhibit

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Reilly is involved in developing a permanent display depicting the history of labour. Reilly says, "Over a year ago I was approached by the museum to prepare a permanent exhibit on the labour movement and in particular the Winnipeg General Strike of 1919. My first task was to research and conceptualize the exhibit."

Reilly, who has been involved in writing Canadian labour history for several years, proposed a re-creation of Meeting Room No. 10 of the Winnipeg Trades and Labour Council's (WTLC) headquarters. The building was located on James Street until the 1960s.

Although it consisted of 17 office areas, some with meeting rooms, No. 10 was the room where all major decisions of the Winnipeg General Strike took place. "I suggested Room No. 10 as an appropriate room to re-create because it represented the totality of labour's policies and economics," Reilly says.

The large room, which will be ready for visitors in October, held as many as 300 and served as the "parliamentary chamber" of the WTLC. As well, the room was used for the union members' cultural, social and recreational events.

Reilly says one project requires him to interpret the room itself. This means researching what kind of information should be included in the room, on the walls and in display cases.

He is currently working with Jean Marc Dalpé, a well-known playwright and scriptwriter, to develop a multimedia presentation for the room. "I'm working with him as a historian, thinking of other ways to present history," Reilly explains. "We have decided to take three days of the strike and present them in a multimedia way," Reilly adds.

As visitors approach the exhibit, they will be surrounded by sounds as well as sights, which will contribute to a sense of the atmosphere in Winnipeg in 1919. Reilly says in this respect the museum is an excellent location as it has its own audio and video specialists and thus has the capacity to mount a very exciting exhibition.

When visitors leave Room No. 10, they enter another room designed to introduce people to the history of the labour movement in Canada, from its origin early in the 19th century to the present. "The idea of the room is to provide people with the context of the strike and recognize the contribution of labour and working people to Canada. The plan is to take the core of available material and make it accessible to the public," Reilly says. Information on the exhibit and more generally on the Canadian Labour Movement will eventually be accessible through a World Wide Website.

He adds, "The ultimate goal is to have visitors experience Room No. 10, pique their curiosity and then go into the information room and think more about labour's history and Canada's past."

## Housing & Homeless Research Receives Funding

Two Institute of Urban Studies projects have received substantial research funding. Senior Research Associate Mary Ann Beavis was granted \$52,830 by Status of Women Canada to conduct a study called "Best Practices for Addressing the Needs of Homeless Women in Canada." Beavis, along with research associate Nancy Klos, will develop criteria for evaluating projects and programs that deal with women's homelessness, and will conduct six case studies on existing programs from across Canada.

In addition, IUS Research Associates Nancy Klos and Ragini Dayal have received a \$19,600 external research grant from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation to undertake a study titled "Accessible Residential Downtown Communities: A Case Study of Winnipeg, Manitoba." Klos says the project will examine the housing and community design needs of persons with disabilities, including the elderly.

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## Lifetime Commitment to Housing Issues Recognized

Tom Carter, professor of geography, recently received a lifetime achievement award for his work in housing issues. The award was presented by the Canadian Housing and Renewal Association, a national non-profit organization involved in housing research, policy development, advocacy and training.

Carter has been involved in the housing arena since 1970. "My main focus has always been on housing for the disadvantaged—social or low-income housing—both in urban and rural communities." He adds that while his academic background is in urban geography, he has, in fact, done a considerable amount of work in northern communities.

He worked for 11 years with the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation, where he designed and delivered housing programs and developed projects for modest income and aboriginal groups. In 1985, he joined The University of Winnipeg and shifted his focus to research. In addition to his academic position, he has worked with the Institute of Urban Studies in a variety of capacities, including as its director.

Carter's consulting services are widely sought. His expertise has been applied to every Canadian province and the territories, as well as in Australia.

The award also recognized the significant contribution Carter has made to the CHRA over more than two decades.

Carter has served on its board and its research and policy committees, and on the editorial committee which publishes the quarterly magazine *Canadian Housing*.

In addition, he has demonstrated dedication to his field through community service. A few years back, he chaired the Public Inquiry into the Core Area Initiative in Winnipeg, and he is currently involved with the Main Street Task Force and other inner city housing and community development initiatives.

Carter cites the deterioration of the inner city and the quality of housing stock as serious problems in Winnipeg. "There are real affordability problems for low income earners," Carter says. "The challenges we face here are certainly as serious as in other cities. While our housing costs aren't as high as they are in Toronto or Vancouver, we have a significant number of people living in poverty, so the need for affordable housing is very significant."

However, he cites several positive initiatives that are beginning to tackle these issues. He is particularly optimistic about the growing involvement of aboriginal communities in housing issues and the efforts underway to revitalize Main Street and to improve dwellings in the west end of downtown Winnipeg.

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## New Foundation Offers Tremendous Opportunities for Research Funding

The Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) is finally up and running. This five-year funding program for research infrastructure was established by the federal government's 1997 budget.

CFI offers The University of Winnipeg "a tremendous opportunity" to strengthen its capability for research, asserts Katherine Schultz, Associate Vice President (Research and Graduate Studies). "This program will allow the University to update and enhance facilities in a way that otherwise wouldn't be possible."

Adds Schultz, "From the point of view of small institutions, it's an incredibly good program." Small institutions receive an allocation of funds through CFI's Research Development Fund while "the large institutions go into head to head combat and compete for funds." If the University exhausts its allocation of funding, it too can compete for funds with the large institutions.

CFI has allocated about \$850,000 to The University of Winnipeg. "That will fund 40 per cent of eligible costs," says Schultz. "We need to garner the other 60 per cent from other sources." This means the program could potentially provide the University with a total of about \$2,125,000 to cover the cost of infrastructure necessary for research.

Other sources of funding include regular university capital expenditures, other government departments, and donations from foundations, corporations, and individuals. However, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), and the Medical Research Council (MRC) are not acceptable sources for matching funds.

To be eligible for CFI Research Development funding, projects must meet certain criteria, based on the researchers involved and whether the research falls into the following categories: science, engineering, health, and environment.

Prior to submitting project proposals to CFI, The University of Winnipeg must submit a research and training development plan. "We held meetings on that in February and March," reports Schultz. "The plan should be available for community review in the near future." As an outcome of this consultation process, groups of faculty are already starting to prepare interdisciplinary project proposals for submission.

Over a five-year period, CFI will allocate funds that can be expended over the next ten years. If the program proves successful, it may be renewed.

## Rupert's Land Colloquium '98 to Cover a Lot of Territory

The Centre for Rupert's Land Studies at The University of Winnipeg will hold the first portion of its biennial colloquium on our campus from June 5-7. The colloquium is open to everyone interested in the study of Rupert's Land.

According to History Professor Jennifer Brown, the colloquium will draw over 100 participants from across Canada and the U.S.—and from across disciplines. “Our objective is to bring people together from all levels and all fields. This provides a forum for academics, students and interested people from the community to get together and talk about their work and their interests.”

Brown goes on to say that the word ‘colloquium’ was chosen very deliberately. “It literally means talking together. The format encourages conversation, discussion of work in progress and feedback.”

Sessions at the University will examine historic encounters between peoples at The Forks, the cultural identities of those involved in the fur trade, and aspects of Métis and First Nations histories. Participants will also travel to Beausejour to visit the Dr. Jessie Saulteaux Resource Centre, the United Church facility for training Aboriginal clergy.

The afternoon plenary session on June 5 will feature two University of Winnipeg research fellows. Laura Peers, who graduated from our Joint Master's Program in History and is now completing a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) post-doctoral fellowship here, will speak on “Water of Life, Waters that Divide Us: Alcohol in Encounters at the Forks.”

This may be one of the last opportunities to discuss Rupert's Land research with Peers before she leaves Winnipeg to take up her new post at Oxford University in England.



*Research fellows Theresa Schenck and Laura Peers will discuss their research findings at the plenary session of the '98 Rupert's Land Colloquium in June.*

There, she will serve as Curator of the Pitt-Rivers Museum, Lecturer in Ethnology, and Fellow of Linacre College.

Theresa Schenck, who brought a Fulbright Fellowship to The University of Winnipeg last year to study the relationship between the Métis and the Ojibwa, will present “In Spite of All Odds ... and With the Help of Our Friends: The Establishment of the Red River Colony 1812-1817.”

“I've become interested in the founding of the colony, and I've been looking at the original manuscripts from those first years until my eyes hurt,” Schenck confides.

Her tantalizingly-titled talk will reveal who opposed the colony's birth—surprisingly, just about everyone, including the Hudson's Bay Company—and who befriended the colony. “If it weren't for the Native people, the colony would never have been established.”

The second part of Colloquium '98 involves a journey to Norway House from June 7-10. There, participants will have the opportunity to visit historic and heritage sites and experience firsthand the lifestyle of the Cree Nation of Norway House. As well, sessions will feature local participants, representatives from the Hudson's Bay Archives and a poster presentation highlighting the work of students from northern high schools and those in the Keewatin Community College's Transition Year Program.

However, while anyone can register to attend The University of Winnipeg segment of the colloquium, Brown says new registrants shouldn't hope to take part in the journey northward. “The Norway House trip is already oversubscribed.”

See *Coming Events* for registration details.

## Business History Course Explores the Ultimate Case Study

The first course ever to be offered jointly by the Departments of History and Administrative Studies may culminate in a desktop publishing venture.

This year History Professor Garin Burbank and Administrative Studies Professor David Erbach teamed up to offer *Special Topics in Business: The Hudson's Bay Co. and other Modern Department Stores*. It gave students the chance to compare and contrast past and present business practice by delving into the rich collection of primary documents at the Hudson's Bay Archive.

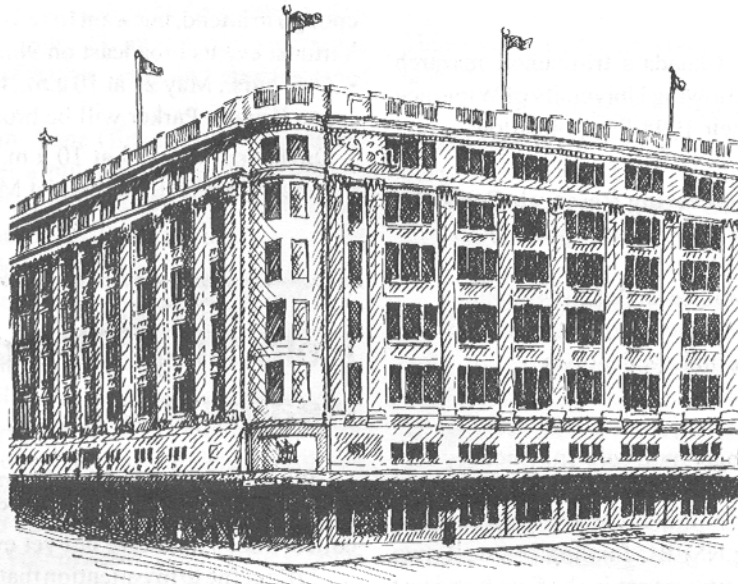
Burbank and Erbach were so impressed with five of the nine papers produced by students in the course that they plan to put them in print. "We hope that over the summer we can put out a desktop publication that we think will be a capstone to the course," reports Burbank.

As an experimental course, the class offered the instructors plenty of surprises. For instance, it attracted (and retained) far more Administrative Studies students than History students. Steeped in political and social history, the latter group seemed uncomfortable with the concept of business history.

Burbank wasn't sure how business students would adapt to historical research. "What I did not realize was that in Administrative Studies, the first-year course emphasizes case methods," reveals Burbank. "Once the students got into the documents, they took this to be the grandest case of them all."

"I was unsure how we would carry out this blend (of business and history)," adds Erbach, who has an amateur interest in history. "Despite the fact that my training is as a mathematician, we had a close assessment of what the strengths and weak spots were in the papers."

Many of the classes were held at the archives where students and professors would engage in joint interpretations of the material they unearthed. One of their major finds was a character called P.J. Parker, an Irishman whose career at the Hudson's Bay Company embodied the issue of how a person's



*This drawing of the Hudson's Bay Company building by David Erbach's daughter, Joanna, will grace an upcoming collection of essays about the Canadian retail institution.*

personal life affects their professional competence.

"He was a store manager in the 1920s known for bouts of drunkenness—that began to emerge in the documents," says Burbank. "It turned out that P.J. Parker was considered a good merchandiser and they tolerated an awful lot to keep him. And, finally, they didn't keep him."

The Hudson's Bay Company had to consider how Parker's behaviour reflected on the organization. "Could they have a

good merchandiser stumbling out of a low café in Calgary at 3 a.m.?" asks Burbank.

Parker was eventually fired by an up-and-coming young manager named Philip Chester. One student found a group photograph of the company's managers that included both Parker and Chester. "Parker literally looked hung over," notes Burbank.

"Chester is standing there like a military officer," adds Erbach. The pair illustrate the conflict in managerial styles that led to the company's shift in organizational culture from a fly-by-the-seat-of-your-pants operation to a systematic organization.

"What makes the story so wonderful is that this was the start of the Depression and people were grappling with something they had never experienced before," observes Erbach. In addition to the economic climate, Canada was exerting its independence by loosening its ties with London, a trend the company followed. "You have this rich stew of issues sitting in the background."

Parker is featured in one of the papers slated for inclusion in the proposed publication. Another paper examines the construction of the Winnipeg store, a Portage Avenue landmark. Yet another explores Philip Chester's paternalistic approach to mentoring young managers.

Burbank and Erbach hope to offer the course again in the future. "If the course is to succeed, it should be offered through the Administrative Studies Department and billed as an elective to do the ultimate case study," concludes Burbank.

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## Federal Research Grants for 1998-99

The results are in from Canada's tri-council research funding competitions. The following University of Winnipeg faculty were successful in their 1998-99 applications.

### Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) Research Grants (new grants):

**Sheela Ramanna**, Admin Studies & Business Comp.  
\$11,000 for 4 years; Hybrid software quality measurement systems: concepts, models and applications

**Doug Craig**, Chemistry  
\$28,500 for two years; Single molecule enzymology

Eighteen ongoing research projects at The University of Winnipeg are also receiving NSERC funding. As well, two members of the Physics Department are in the fourth and last year of research grants awarded by NSERC under the Sub-atomic Physics Grants.

### Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) Equipment Grants:

**Doug Craig**, Chemistry  
\$23,954 one-time grant; Single molecule enzymology

### Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Research Grants:

**Robert Young**, History  
Marketing Marianne: French Propaganda and the United States of America, 1900-1914

Four ongoing research projects at The University of Winnipeg are also receiving SSHRC funding.

### Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Strategic Research Grants:

**Joel Novek**, Sociology  
Impact of Automated Drug Distribution System on the Job  
Roles of Women Health Care Workers: A Case Study

Three ongoing research projects at The University of Winnipeg are also being funded by SSHRC's Strategic Research Grants.

As well, a SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship has been awarded to Catherine Graham, who will work with Theatre & Drama Professor Per Brask on Graham's dissertation: "Dramaturgy and Community-Building in Canadian Popular Theatre: English-Canadian, Québécois and Native Approaches."

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## Virtuosi Broadcasts

If you missed the concerts—or if you were fortunate enough to attend, but want to re-live the magic—you can hear Virtuosi events broadcast on 98.3 FM-CBC.

- On Thurs., May 21 at 10 a.m., the April 23 performance of Jon Kimura Parker will be broadcast on "Take Five."
- On Thurs., June 25 at 10 a.m., CBC will air the January concert that featured pianist Marc-Andre Hamelin.

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## Help Stop Shipping Headaches

Physical Plant Director Norm Loat doesn't want to see any more couriers appear in the Shipping/Receiving area to collect books that have not yet even arrived in the area.

"It's come to my attention that there are some frustrations around the return of books through Shipping/Receiving," he says. "Occasionally someone calls a courier and then sends the book through the internal mail. The courier arrives to pick up the books, but no one in shipping knows anything about it. The resulting search can be quite time consuming."

To streamline the process and avoid a lot of unnecessary confusion, headaches, and wasted time, Loat asks that anyone returning books to publishers or distributors send the books, along with return information, to Shipping/Receiving but *not* call a courier. The shipping area will contact a courier after they receive the items to be returned.

Loat goes on to say that shipping staff will no longer handle any returns if the courier has been contacted by another department.

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## Contract Negotiations Update

As of May 8, this is an update on the status of contract negotiations with various bargaining units at The University of Winnipeg:

**UWFA:** On Fri., Apr. 3, the membership voted to ratify a four-year contract. The contract is effective retroactive to Apr. 1, 1997.

**UWFA Collegiate:** On Fri., May 1, the membership voted to ratify a four-year contract. The contract is effective retroactive to Apr. 1, 1997.

**AESES:** Negotiations are continuing.

**IOUE:** Negotiations are continuing.

## University Budget Looks Toward Future

The University's 1998-99 operating budget, approved by the Board of Regents on Apr. 27, represents a dramatic departure from budgets of recent years and spreads some good news around campus.

Vice-President Graham Lane (finance and administration) considers the budget a milestone in the University's history—the end of a period of retrenchment and attrition, and a refocusing on what makes this University a quality place. "This year, we made a strategic choice to focus on the future. We will no longer attempt to solve our financial problems by shrinking, but rather by positioning the University to take advantage of long-term prospects."

That means there will be new money earmarked for library acquisitions after years of a budget allocation freeze. New hires will be made to replace retiring faculty. And the University will devote funds to critical technology issues like data security and the Year 2000 project.

As well, for the fourth year in a row, funding for scholarships and bursaries will also increase substantially in 1998-99. However, he believes considerably more progress will be necessary in this area. "We need to drive up the Endowment Fund by 50 per cent to meet scholarship and bursary program needs, remain competitive in attracting students and reduce the demands on general operating income."

There will be some assistance on that front from the Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative (MSBI), a provincial program that matches private donations, and for which funding increased five-fold this year.

For this reason and others, considerably more money will be devoted to private funding than in the past. "We have made a large investment in fundraising because contributions from individuals and corporations become more important to our potential every day," Lane explains.

The 1998-99 budget calls for a tuition increase of four per cent. However, this increase is mitigated by the reduction or elimination of certain fees. For example, the late registration fee and student identification card fee have been eliminated, while students who request multiple transcripts will pay less. When these changes are factored in, students will pay just under three per cent more for their education.

Lane explains the decision to increase tuition while lessening fees removes psychological deterrents and brings the University as close as possible to an all-inclusive tuition. "Why discourage students when we want them and have room for them by imposing a punitive fee for late registration? Why, on top of their tuition and books and other

expenses, ding them another \$10 for a student I.D. card? Those kinds of things don't make sense—they're just irritants."

The budget also contains a projected enrolment decline of 3.3 per cent this year—a projection that Lane says would have been worse without the additional enrolments expected to develop from the changed Bachelor of Education program and the expanded offerings with Red River Community College.

However, that bad news is tempered by the prediction that enrolment numbers will begin climbing in 1999. And Lane believes innovative programming will continue to position this University for the future. "There are a tremendous amount of opportunities for developing new partnerships," he remarks.

That kind of optimism seems to be the order of the day. "For the past five years, survival has been the objective, and attrition rather than growth the operating plan," Lane says. All that changed quite dramatically this spring when the province boosted our operating grant by \$2.6 million, a partial redressment of the long-time discrepancy in University of Winnipeg funding relative to funding for other Manitoba universities. It was a hard-won recognition of unfairness—one that Lane credits to the tenacious lobbying efforts of University President Marsha Hanen and several members of the Board of Regents.

While a large funding discrepancy remains, Lane says the government has demonstrated its commitment to this institution through both the funding increase and initiatives such as The University of Winnipeg Act, which has received first reading in the Legislature (see story, page 8). "We are very grateful and very optimistic."

Finally, although Lane is reluctant to discuss salary issues while two bargaining units remain in negotiations, salaries had top billing in the budget documents presented to the Board. Lane says this reflects the importance being placed on human resource issues: "The additional funding from the government has allowed us to finally end the period of salary concessions that have so negatively impacted on morale and productivity."

He goes on to note, "Both the administration and the Board are extremely appreciative of the phenomenal and continuing dedication shown by faculty and staff during what has been perhaps the darkest financial period in the University's history."

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## The University of Winnipeg Act in Final Legislative Stretch

The University of Winnipeg will have its Act officially together in time to mark its 31st birthday as a degree granting institution on July 1.

According to University Secretary Roger Kingsley, The University of Winnipeg Act has been through the drafting and revision process, and is now in the form of a bill. The Act went to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba for its first reading early in May.

While the University has sought to have our own Act established almost since our creation by an Order-in-Council in 1967, it wasn't until January of this year that the provincial government began considering our Act. Kingsley says the months since have been a whirlwind of drafts, discussions and revisions involving the University, the Council on Post-Secondary Education (COPSE) and the Justice Department.

And, he notes, there were a few areas of dispute along the way, and concessions were required on both sides. For example, the University was successful in obtaining broad investment powers similar to those granted under the Trustees Act. "They agreed to give us that after careful consideration of the appropriate financial advice."

However, the government could not be persuaded to allow the phrase "in an environment of academic freedom" to remain in the clause relating to research activities on campus. "We fought for that, but in the end they declined it," Kingsley relates.

The University did get the composition of the Board of Regents changed—something that was first requested in the earliest draft of the Act more than two decades ago. Four new Regents will now be voting members: one alumnus/alumna representative; two support staff representatives; and a senior academic administrator.

"There were indications that the government didn't want to see the size of boards expanding, and then quite suddenly they said 'yes' to our request," Kingsley notes.

However, the government also wanted to see the Board composition changed to include more students. Therefore, the 10 government-appointed Regents will now include two students, and the United Church will be asked to do the same with its Regent complement.

"There have been additions that improve the Senate as well. People who we always thought should sit on Senate are now an official part of it," Kingsley reveals.

Another major change was the inclusion of a clause regarding mandatory retirement. "The government inserted this, despite the fact that we said we did not believe it was required," Kingsley says. The clause stipulates that the Board and the faculty association can negotiate mandatory retirement, and if such an agreement is arrived at by those parties, a similar mandatory retirement provision can be imposed on managerial and senior administrators. However, support staff remain exempt from mandatory retirement provisions.

"I'm pleased with the final result," says Kingsley, who piloted the Act through the drafting process and worked closely with the University's Board of Regents and the legislative counsel throughout the long process. "The big victory is to have a University of Winnipeg Act at long last. It gives us a real feeling of permanence, and a sign that the government sees us as an important part of the post-secondary system in the province."

The University of Winnipeg Act is expected to receive royal assent in June, and the Act will come into effect on July 1.

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## University Proves Tenacious in Property Tax Battle

The arduous saga of property tax assessments and appeals continues, and The University of Winnipeg continues to win its battles.

Not content with the re-assessment that led to a return of over half-a-million dollars in property taxes paid, the University continued its appeals. This time, the University was successful in convincing the City of Winnipeg that the areas which house The Collegiate and the UWSA Daycare should be tax exempt.

"Private secondary schools don't pay property taxes, and neither do daycares," Lane explains. "Even though they are an integrated part of our campus, they qualify for the exemption."

The victory, Lane says, amounts to approximately a \$30,000 annual savings for the University, which became responsible for paying its property taxes two years ago.



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## Campus Notebook

- **Catherine Hunter '86**, an instructor in the English Department and the Continuing Education Division, won the top prize at the Manitoba Literary Awards Gala for her new collection of poetry, *Latent Heat*. Published by Nuage Editions, *Latent Heat* was recognized as the McNally Robinson Book of the Year. Alumnus **Sheldon Oberman '72** also won the Manitoba Book of the Year Award in the younger reader category for *By the Hanukkah Light*.
- **Claudia Wright**, chair of the Political Science Department, has been elected to the Board of the Canadian Political Science Association. Her term on this national body of political scientists runs from 1998-2000.
- **Mark Morton**, assistant professor of English, received a \$5,000 grant from the Manitoba Arts Council to research the book he is co-authoring with Gail Noble, a Toronto-based freelance writer/editor. Tentatively titled *The End: Writing at the Turn of the Centuries*, it will be an anthology of documents that were written at the end of previous centuries about the end of those centuries. Bain & Cox will publish the book this winter.
- Philosophy Professor **Doug Walton** continues his prolific publishing streak. Walton has added two new books to the shelves in recent months: *Appeal to Expert Opinion: Arguments from Authority* (Penn State Press, 1997) and *Appeal to Pity: Argumentum Ad Misericordiam* (State University of New York Press, 1997). As well, he co-edited a collection of essays called *Historical Foundations of Informal Logic* with Alan Brinton.
- **Marilyn Lockwood**, events and facilities coordinator, was honoured with the Builders Recognition Award for exemplary and significant service to the Red River Exhibition Association at their annual President's Dinner in May. Lockwood, the first woman to receive the four-year-old award, says she was "absolutely stunned" to receive the honour, despite her 37 year volunteer commitment to the annual Red River Ex. Currently, Lockwood is co-chair of the Royal Bank Youth Talent Showcase, an event for youth aged 13-21 that she was instrumental in developing.
- **Retired Geography Professor John Ryan** will launch his new book, "Where the wind carries me..."—*The Life and Art of Judith Ryan* (Phoenix House) at the McNally Robinson Booksellers on Sun., June 28 at 3 p.m.
- **Marilynn Cass**, owner of Partners Delicatessen, which runs the University's Faculty & Staff Club, is a finalist for the Manitoba Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Award. Cass was nominated in the Innovator category. The winner will be announced at a banquet on May 14.
- The whirlwind continues for **Chancellor Carol Shields**, who will receive an honorary doctorate at Concordia University's convocation this spring. In early June, Shields will travel to China, where she will offer the keynote address on Canadian literature at an international conference on Canadian studies. She'll be back in Canada by mid-June to accept an honorary doctor of letters from the University of Toronto in recognition of her contributions to Canadian literature and higher education.

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University of Winnipeg student teams won five prizes at the annual Multicultural Human Resource Management Competition. From left to right: Hau Keat-Hou Cheong and Linda Simpson were on the team that received the Canadian Public Personnel Management Association Prize for best paper dealing with diversity management in a public service setting. Michael Weedon, George Dagdick and Kenton Friesen won awards in the introductory and advanced class competitions. All the students were taught by Professor Grace O'Farrell (far right). Winning team members not shown: Doug Maclean, Barry Dundas, Kelly Dickinson, Ai Ling Ooi, Ryan Grey, Nicholas Yanik Sourisseau, Kelli Adams, Jennifer Saunders and Jim Chung.



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## Collegiate Teacher Reaps Praise

This month Collegiate faculty member Lesley Sisler received what every teacher hopes for—confirmation that she is making a lasting impression on her students.

That confirmation came as part of a unique six-year-old program sponsored by University Teaching Services (UTS). Through the program, one top student in each faculty at the University of Manitoba is asked to recognize both a K-12 teacher and a university professor who has had the biggest positive impact on their lives. This year, Sisler had the remarkable distinction of being chosen by not one but *two* former students.

Jeff Greenberg, a 1985 Collegiate graduate, is graduating from the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Management this year. At the banquet where he presented Sisler with the Certificate of Teaching Excellence, Greenberg recalled that he had come to The Collegiate from a French-immersion program, and thought Sisler's French class would be a piece of cake. What he and a few other hopeful students hadn't counted on was Sisler's dedication to teaching.

"Before the end of the first day—before they had a chance to settle into it—I had created an advanced French program that I taught to this group separately," Sisler remembers.

James Janz, who studied Interior Design at the Faculty of Architecture after graduating from The Collegiate in 1992,

spoke in his presentation about how Sisler expanded the way he looked at choices.

"I really encouraged him to run with his interests. He was intrigued by the idea of taking interior design, but he wasn't certain if it was a mainstream enough choice," Sisler says, adding it's clear from his achievements that Janz made the right choice.

Sisler notes that she was particularly excited to learn of her former students' future plans. "Both these guys are on their way. They have amazing jobs lined up, and they're both doing what they love."

Although the event is held to honour teachers, Sisler says the real focus was on the students and their accomplishments, "It's a meaningful program and a really successful student-focused event," says Sisler. "I think it's something that should be copied across the country."



*Lesley Sisler was recognized for the lasting impression she makes on her students.*

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## A Decade of Accessibility

Nolan Reilly looks back on his decade of involvement with the College and University Bound (CUB) program as an interesting and educational experience. "I feel like I've informally earned a second PhD in how to set up good accessibility programs," says Reilly, who was chair of the University's 1988 Task Force on Accessibility, which spawned the development of the CUB program.

The aim of CUB is to encourage students from non-traditional backgrounds to consider post-secondary education. The program is a partnership of The University of Winnipeg, Red River Community College and the Seven Oaks School Division, with partial funding from Royal Bank.

This month Reilly, professor of history, will be leaving his position as chair of the CUB steering committee and Sociology Professor John Hofley will be taking over the role. Reilly feels that this is the ideal time for the transition as the CUB program is now firmly in place.

"With 150 students from the Seven Oaks School Division participating, it's very well established and remains one of the most innovative programs in Canada," says Reilly. "There's no other program that I know of that starts at the

junior high level and offers support right through until a student's graduation from either university or college."

In September, 1997, the first handful of CUB students enrolled at The University of Winnipeg and Reilly anticipates that about 15 to 20 will be coming here every year. He explains that the goal of CUB is to prepare students for university or college before they arrive. "This first batch has integrated quite easily. They fit right in—which is the whole idea behind CUB."

Another important spin-off, Reilly believes, is that the program raises the profile of the University, especially in the schools. "Teachers are telling us that their students are thinking about university and, in particular, The University of Winnipeg, not just other institutions."

During his 10 years on this project, Reilly says he has really appreciated the excellent support that CUB has received from faculty, staff and administrators at The University of Winnipeg. He will continue to be involved in CUB with the launching of their new mentorship program in the fall. He hopes that members of the University community will participate in a variety of ways in this latest initiative.

The CUB steering committee has just released a report that summarizes the program's development from 1988-97. Copies are available from Nolan Reilly at 786-9355.

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## New Director Attracted by Focus on Partnerships and Diversity

The Prairie Women's Health Centre of Excellence (PWHCE) has appointed Linda DuBick as its new director. DuBick has an interest and expertise in health care policy, community and organizational development, and the management of change.

DuBick brings 17 years of experience in Manitoba's health and social service systems. Most recently, she was the first CEO of the Churchill Regional Health Authority Inc. for two years. She says the newly formed RHA presented a myriad of challenges—not the least of which was the fact that a large proportion of the population it served actually lived outside of Manitoba's borders in the Northwest Territories. "We made the case that the health care and social services support the economic development of a northern region, and we broadened our services accordingly to enhance the well-being of the community," she says. "For example, we were the first RHA to become a fully-mandated child and family services agency."

She plans to use her planning and strategic skills in her new position as the PWHCE's director. "One of the primary goals will be to develop linkages between communities of women, researchers and policy makers," she says. "The PWHCE is here to work with these groups to improve women's health."

The PWHCE is one of five established across Canada by Health Canada's Women's Health Bureau to conduct and support policy-oriented research. In addition to our University, partner organizations include the *féderation provinciale des fransaskoises*, the Prairie Region Health Promotion Research Centre at the University of Saskatchewan, the University of Regina, the University of Manitoba and the Women's Health Clinic in Winnipeg.

The PWHCE recently announced its first series of research grants, totalling \$145,802. Because women's health concerns are influenced by ethnic and socio-economic background, sexual orientation, age and geographical location, the grants reflect the diversity within Canada's female population. Seven deal with health issues specific to particular groups of women, including rural, older, lesbian, First Nations and Salvadoran women. Four other projects address issues such as cardiac rehabilitation and midwifery that are common to groups of women.

It was the centre's commitment to examining and communicating diversity that attracted DuBick to her new job. "What particularly fascinated me about the centre was the way it was designed to bring diverse individuals with interests in women's health issues together with academics who have the expertise in empirical research," she says. "It's really a form of translation. There are so many voices of women from different backgrounds and experiences who can bring so much to framing the kinds of questions that need to be answered."

DuBick says covering two provinces and dealing with this "cast of thousands" will be made easier by the four knowledgeable coordinators on staff (two in each province), and by the centre's Board of Directors.

"It is an extraordinarily committed, very intelligent and very focused group," DuBick says of the Board. Despite the fact that its 18 members are spread across both Manitoba and Saskatchewan and come from wildly diverse backgrounds, DuBick is impressed with the degree of thoroughness and respect with which they attain consensus.

DuBick will concentrate her energies on making sure the centre's resources are managed properly, assisting the board in finalizing its strategic plan, and on raising the profile of the PWHCE and its work.

"The funding for the centre lasts six years, but we'd all like to see some sustainability. For that to happen, we need to gain some profile around what the centre does and truly develop a reputation for excellence so that we can attract further funding," she explains. "I hope to lay a foundation for the future."

She believes the key to the centre's success will be in its ability to develop strong collaborative partnerships between communities, researchers and policy makers who share a commitment to improving the health status of women.

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## Campus Hosts Model UN Conference

The University of Winnipeg Model United Nations Association (MUNA) teamed up with the University of Manitoba MUNA to co-host the 22nd annual Arrowhead Model United Nations Conference from Apr. 30 to May 3. The event attracted over 200 students from across central North America, including 19 University of Winnipeg students. The opening and closing ceremonies were held on our campus.

## 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.

MON., MAY 11

• **Through the Eye of a Needle—The Many Threads of Worship Education: Church, College, Congregation and World** will feature guest speaker The Rev. Pamela Moeller, assistant professor of public worship at Emmanuel College, at 11 a.m. in Room 2B13 (second floor Bryce Hall). Sponsored by the Faculty of Theology. Call 786-9390 for more information.

THURS., MAY 14

• **Eckhardt-Gramatté Concerts** presents pianist Robert Silverman in a special all-Beethoven solo recital (his first-ever in Winnipeg) to celebrate his 60th birthday. The concert begins at 8 p.m. in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall, third floor of Centennial Hall. Tickets are \$20; \$18 for sen-

iors/students and \$12 for children, and are available through the 24-hour hotline: 786-9000.

TUES., MAY 19

• **University Senate** meets at 2:30 p.m. Room 2D12.

MON., MAY 25

• **The Board of Regents** meets in Tony's Canteen at 5:30 p.m.

SUN., MAY 31

• **Spring Convocation for the conferring of degrees** begins in Duckworth Centre at 2 p.m.

FRI., JUNE 5—SUN., JUNE 7

• **The annual Rupert's Land Colloquium** will be held at The University of Winnipeg (see related story, page 4.) For more information or to register, call 786-9003.

SAT., JUNE 6

• **The Rupert's Land Colloquium offers a public concert**, featuring Ted Longbottom and musicians, at 8:30 p.m. in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall. Tickets are \$12 at the door.

WED., JUNE 10

• **Go Out to Lunch** and enjoy this annual concert on the Front Lawn at 12 noon.

• **The Alumni Association will hold its Annual General Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. in the Faculty & Staff Club. The meeting will feature an address by Dr. Jack Armstrong BA '61, the well-known Winnipeg pediatrician who has served as president of both the Manitoba and Canadian Medical Associations. Armstrong is receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award at the May 31 Convocation.

WED., JUNE 17

• **University Senate** meets at 2:30 p.m. in Room 1L11.

MON., JUNE 22

• **The Board of Regents** meets in Tony's Canteen at 5 p.m. The Annual General Meeting of the Board will be held immediately following the regular meeting.

WED., JUNE 24

• **The first-ever first annual Wesley Classic**—The University of Winnipeg Alumni Association invites all members of the campus community to join alumni on the links at Pine Ridge Golf and Country Club. The \$150 charge covers green fees, golf cart, dinner, prizes and surprises. Proceeds from this fundraising event will bolster scholarships. Call Lois Cherney at 786-9134 for more information or to register.



*Internationally-acclaimed Canadian pianist Robert Silverman will close the Eckhardt-Gramatté Concerts season with his 60th birthday celebration on May 14. In his first solo recital in Winnipeg, Silverman will delight audiences with four Beethoven sonatas. The entire audience is invited to celebrate Silverman's 60th and join him for a piece of cake after the performance. See **Coming Events** for concert details.*