

Multi-talented Librarian a Team Player

There will be a new face in the University Library as of July 1 of this year. Mark Leggott will be leaving his position as Systems/Electronic Resources Librarian at St. Francis Xavier University to assume the University Librarian position at The University of Winnipeg. "It will be a big change for me, but I'm quite looking forward to it," he notes. "I like working in an environment where everyone is part of a team and has ample opportunity for input."

Leggott has considerable breadth of experience in the operations of a modern university library, particularly as they relate to the use of information technology in both research and teaching. When he began his career at St. Francis Xavier as Systems Librarian, he was responsible for creating and maintaining a virtual library system, which included developing a wide range of new electronic library services. For the past two years, Leggott has been seconded from the Library as a senior manager in the technology support group. During this time he helped shape the new computing architecture on campus (WebFX).

Throughout his career at St. Francis Xavier, he acted as WebMaster for their Web site. The maintenance, development and redesign of their new Web site has also been led by Leggott.

Leggott has an extensive background in CD-ROM development, having worked as project manager at Dataware Canada in Ottawa before moving to Nova Scotia. "I



have a lot of experience in new information technologies," Leggott says. "I've been teaching a number of classes, including Hypermedia and The Net, Computing and Business Appli-

cations with Microcomputers, and a new fourth-year course on multimedia design and development." Leggott is an adjunct professor at the Dalhousie University School of Library Information Studies where he has taught a Masters-level course on Hypermedia and The Net, as well as delivering special lectures.

An active member of his community, Leggott is the founder and past-president of Grassroots Information Asso-

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New University Librarian Mark Leggott wants to make the University Library more accessible to the community.

AESP Sees a Major Increase

When it comes to scholarships, The University of Winnipeg has a lot to offer. Thanks to alumni donations to the Annual Appeal and the fundraising efforts of the Alumni Council, students awarded University of Winnipeg Alumni Entrance Scholarships will now receive \$4,000, up from the previous award of \$3,200. The program will continue to offer seven scholarships each year to young Manitobans who have combined outstanding academic performance in high school with leadership and community service.

Alumni Association Wraps Up Donations

From May 3 to May 9, about 50 University of Winnipeg alumni volunteers were at St. Vital Centre to wrap up Mother's Day gifts and collect donations. This service raised about \$1,900, \$1,500 of which will go toward the purchase of new adaptive equipment for special needs students at The University of Winnipeg's Nathan Micay Centre. The remainder will be used in future alumni fundraising efforts. Congratulations to all alumni who participated!

University of Winnipeg's Fundraiser Is Tops

The University of Winnipeg has the country's top level professional fundraiser. Patricia Hardy, Director of Development, is now an accredited Advanced Certified Fundraising Executive (ACFRE), and the first person in Canada to receive this level of certification. Hardy is one of only 40 ACFRE qualified professionals in North America; the other 39 are in the United States.

The ACFRE professional designation is awarded to fundraisers with more than 10 years experience in the field. Candidates must complete a written examination, submit a portfolio, and pass a four-hour oral peer review administered by the certification board of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives (NSFRE), headquartered in Washington, D.C. Those with ACFRE status must also adhere to the NSFRE's Code of Ethical Principles and Standards of Professional Practices, as well as the Donor Bill of Rights.

"The University is fortunate to have someone of Pat Hardy's experience and credentials working in development and private funding on our behalf," says University of Winnipeg president Marsha Hanen.

In addition to teaching courses in fundraising through Continuing Education, Hardy has worked in the field for 17 years and has been a Certified Fundraising Executive for nine years. She serves as Vice-President of the Manitoba NSFRE chapter, chairs the marketing committee for Leave a Legacy Manitoba, and is a trustee for the Scholarship Trust Fund of the University Women's Club.

"The NSFRE accreditation process means that fundraising is being treated as a true profession, with high standards of practice and a written code of ethics," Hardy says of her recent ACFRE designation. And her dedication to the profession doesn't stop there. She is completing her Master of Arts in Philanthropy and Development, and at the same time writing a book about the history of philanthropy in Canada. "As philanthropy becomes a scholarly pursuit, we need our own body of research," she adds. "There is a lot written about the American philanthropic tradition, but not much about Canada. Our philanthropy is rooted in religious traditions; that and the level of government funding means our history of private funding is very different than in the United States."

However, when it comes to treating fundraising as a serious profession, Canada lacks a training ground for senior development executives, Hardy says, commenting on a re-



Director of development Pat Hardy has a gift for fundraising.

The University of Winnipeg is a family tradition, says Hardy. "I got my BA, my mother went to United College, and my brother Robert has a degree in English from here." In fact, Hardy's history with the University dates back more than 20 years. "I first worked for The University of Winnipeg in 1974, on a government grant, where I travelled across the province promoting the University at country fairs," she says. "It was a great job."

cent report in *The Chronicle of Philanthropy*. The report said that although the non-profit world has a glut of positions for senior fundraisers, there are few candidates to fill them. One reason cited for the shortage of professional fundraisers is the government cutbacks that have caused colleges, universities, and libraries to intensify their fundraising efforts. Adds Hardy, "People also now realize that in order to build donor relationships and maximize contributions, they need to have experts in fundraising."

Hardy's association with The University of Winnipeg is much longer than her four years as Director of Development. She attained a Bachelor of Arts in History ('94) here, as a part-time student and as a visiting student from Rice University in Texas and the University of Toronto.

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ciation, a non-profit group established to promote economic development through the use of information and computer technology.

Leggott says he is excited about working in Winnipeg, a city that he feels has a lot to offer. "I've lived in almost every province, and I think Winnipeg is one of the nicest cities in Canada," he notes. "I'm looking forward to extending the University Library into the community."

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Gearing Up for the Games

The Duckworth Centre will see a flurry of activity when The Pan Am Games come to Winnipeg. The University of Winnipeg will be host to several events, and Doran Reid of the Recreation and Athletics Department says the Centre will be a hub of activity. "We will be open for general business," he says. "For example, those wanting to sign up for summer camp will be able to do so. However, during the games, the facilities will not be available to members; they will be used for The Pan Am Games only."

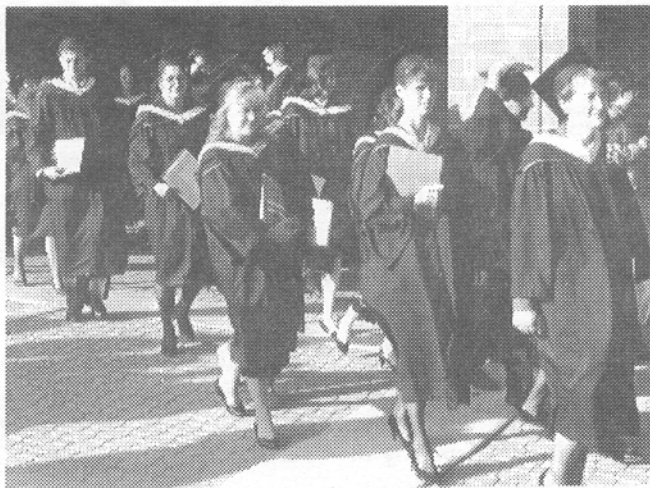
Reid says effects of the games are already being felt. "Technicians and others are demanding more time of the physical plant and myself to ready the building," he explains. The "to do" list includes inserting cables for broadcasting and television, installing sound systems, and inspecting and maintaining bleachers and facilities. "We have to make certain everything is functional." Even part of the green space behind MacNamara Hall will be utilized. "The CBC will be setting up part of their broadcast centre there," says Steve Coppinger from the office of the vice-president (finance and administration). "But the children who attend daycare will still be able to use their play area; it won't be affected."

Parking around the University will be affected to some degree. "While assigned parking won't be affected, we are in the process of determining whether there may be some form of accredited parking on the lot under Duckworth Centre," Coppinger says. The Duckworth Centre parking lot and parking lot E can be accessed solely from Portage Avenue, and only those with valid parking passes will have access to the parking lots—spectators will not be able to park at the University. "To ensure that everything flows smoothly, security will be increased," Coppinger notes. "Employees of the Duckworth Centre, security staff, physical plant employees and anyone who requires access to the building will be accredited." The other important thing to note is that traffic on Young Street is one-way northbound with limited access.

There are three events being held in the Duckworth Centre. Karate will be a three-day event, from Sat., July 24 to Mon., July 26. Boxing begins on Fri., July 30 and runs until Sat., Aug. 7. There are no tickets being sold for racquet ball, which will be held on Sat., July 24 to Tues., July 27. Reid says there are about 2,300 tickets available for each of the other two events, and many sessions are already sold out for the finals. "We expect close to capacity for everything," Reid adds.

With so many guests visiting campus, it's a perfect opportunity to showcase what this University is all about. "This is great exposure," Reid says. "The games will have a positive effect on the University, leaving a sound legacy in terms of upgrades and new equipment."

On Graduation Day . . .



Spring Convocation is fast approaching—the perfect opportunity to reflect on exactly what the occasion means. For students, it is more than a chance to celebrate the completion of a degree program. It is a rite of passage, a day they look forward to through years of hard work and perseverance. For faculty and staff, it is a time to honour students. Several faculty and staff took the time to share their thoughts on Convocation and what it means to them.

French and German Studies professor **Carol Harvey** says she will be leaving a Learned Societies meeting in Quebec at 6 a.m. on Sunday, June 6, just to be here in time for Convocation. "These annual meetings often fall on the same weekend as Convocation, but I always make it back," she says. When asked why she goes to great lengths to attend she says, "I wouldn't miss it because Convocation is an important event in the academic year. It's an opportunity to showcase the tremendous talent we have at the University. It's a red-letter day for all the students who have earned their degrees, and a highlight for those who have won awards, medals or scholarships. It's a significant day for their parents, some of whom did not have the opportunity to attend university. Merely by being present, faculty contribute to this rite of passage. Students are always happy to see their professors there and introduce them to their friends and families. They even want to include them in their photos!"

"Retired faculty come back, faculty and staff receive awards for outstanding work, research, teaching, and contributions to the University or the community. And the speeches can be great! At last October's Convocation, I was alternately awed by Carol Shields's insights, dazzled by Bill Richardson's wit and moved by Tom Jackson's recollections as they shared their perspectives on the university experience. Where else in Winnipeg could you get such a line-up on a Sunday afternoon?"

English Chair **Neil Besner** agrees that Convocation is a significant rite of passage. "Convocation is for the students,

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COMING EVENTS

"Coming Events" is compiled by University Relations. Planning a campus event? Please let us know. Send **written** information to Paula Denbow (paula.morphy@uwinnipeg.ca), 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.

SUN., JUNE 6

• **Spring Convocation**—Annual Spring Convocation for the conferring of degrees.

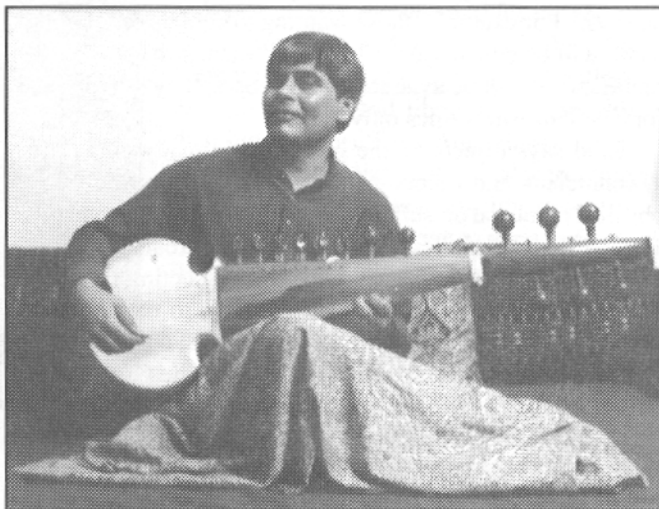
• **Mondetta-Stage Performance**—Master sarod player, Pandit Biswajit Roy Chowdhury, of New Delhi, will perform an evening of classical Indian music. Accompanying him will be Pandit Biplab Mandal on the tabla. The concert begins at 7 p.m. in Jubilee Place, 181 Riverton. Ticket prices are: \$20 and \$15 for adults; \$18 and \$13 for seniors and students. For tickets, call TicketMaster at 780-3333.

WED., JUNE 9

• All University of Winnipeg alumni are invited to the **Alumni Annual General Meeting**. Alumnus Joe Bova will be our guest speaker. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Faculty and Staff Club, 4th Floor, Wesley Hall. Please call 786-9711 for details.

MON., JUNE 21 THROUGH SAT., JULY 17

• Gallery 1C03 will feature **A Contemporary Display of Art from Jalisco, Mexico**. The show opens at 3 p.m. on Mon., June 21. Gallery hours are Mon. through Sat., 12 to 4 p.m.



Mondetta Stage presents Pandit Biswajit Roy Chowdhury at 7 p.m. Sunday, June 6 at Jubilee Place, 181 Riverton Ave.

MON., JUNE 28

• **Board of Regents** will have their Annual General Meeting in 2M70 at 5:30 p.m.

THURS., JULY 1

• **Canada Day**—University closed.

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and it is important for us to mark it and to be there to honour and respect them. Many of us have been intimately involved with the process that brought them to graduation day. If we really believe, as I do, that we are here to teach, then we should take this event very seriously. We have to keep in mind what it means to the students, and what the University means to them. In that context, it is hard not to feel honoured to be a part of their day."

Math and Statistics professor **Hatem Howlader** feels it is important to support and encourage graduates on this special day. "I like to be there to congratulate students on their achievements and to share their joy, especially those who doubted themselves at the beginning of their studies but who are now graduating with big smiles. They deserve to be told they are among the very top echelon of society and they have a lot to offer. This is the perfect juncture in their lives to remind them that the search for new ideas and deeper understanding of whatever path they choose in the future must continue.

"Before they leave the University is a perfect time to encourage them to keep in touch with their alma mater. Many of them do stay in touch, and what they have to say attests to the status of our alumni. For example, Zoe Moodie, a 1996 gold medalist was accepted as a PhD student with a three-year BSc in statistics at the top ranking biostatistics program at the University of Washington in Seattle. She informed me that she was ranked second out of 17 students at her PhD qualifying examination.

"I received an e-mail message from Dean Slonowsky, a 1993 math graduate and a post-doctoral fellow at the prestigious Fields Institute. He wrote, '...including myself, that's four Math and Stats majors from U of W's class of '93 who have completed or are completing PhDs in the sciences. What does this mean? ...you folks are doing a superb job at U of W!'"

Debbie Bradley, International Liaison, recalls her Convocation as a very important and emotional day. "As an employee and graduate of The University of Winnipeg, I

have the pleasure of knowing most faculty on campus. On the day of my convocation in 1991, as I was walking across the stage to receive my BEd degree, Dr. Annabelle Mays surprised me with a warm and sincere hug after presenting me with my parchment. Dr. Sohrab Abizadeh caught my eye while I was on stage and gave me a big smile. I heard "Congratulations Debbie" being whispered by various faculty members as I made my way back to my seat. These small tokens of congratulation will always be treasured in my heart. I felt it was important for them to be there and for me to let them know how much I appreciated it."