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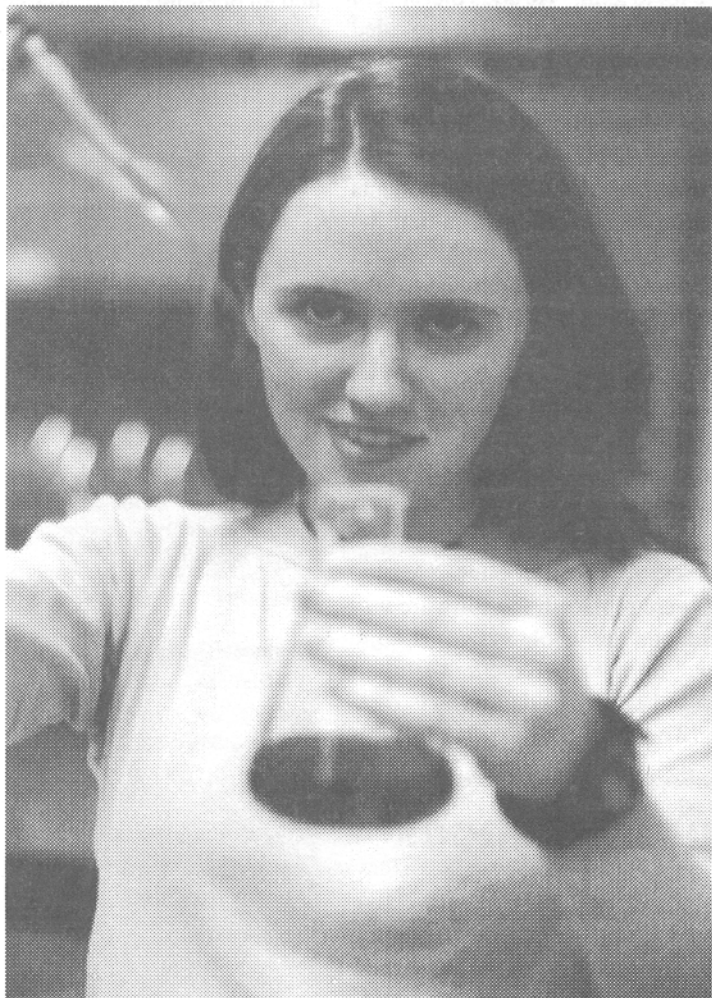
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Top Science Student Goes WES

U of W student Andrea Grant can't help but smile as she describes the summer job she just landed. Her excitement is understandable. After all, she says, it's not every day the National Research Council of Canada (NRC) calls to say you'll be spending 16 weeks working with some of this country's leading scientists. "It was really exciting," she says. "My family was so happy for me, we all went out for dinner to celebrate. It's a great opportunity because very few university students ever get the chance to work this closely with top scientists in state-of-the-art labs where important research is taking place."

Grant, a second-year science student majoring in biology and bio-chemistry, is



Andrea Grant: looking forward to a summer of hands-on experience with NRC.

one of 25 female students selected from across the country to take part in the NRC's Women in Engineering and Science program (WES).

The goal of the program is to encourage more women to consider careers in engineering and science, areas where women continue to be under-represented. Grant says she doesn't buy the perception that it has anything to do with the ratio of women to men in undergraduate science programs.

"There are an amazing number of women who are taking science at the university level," says Grant. "I just think that most choose to go into dentistry or veterinary medicine rather than research. This program is great. It lets someone like me see the benefits of pursuing a career in engineering and science, mainly because I can really be involved, take part in actual research projects and do something that's interesting and related to my studies."

Grant heard about the program from her biology professor, Robin Woods. Every university in Canada can submit three nominees to be considered for the program. A panel of NRC researchers select the successful applicants. On January 15th, Grant found out she was one of them.

"Now that I've been accepted, I have to decide
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Get Your Tickets!

Ticketmaster Canada Ltd. is pleased to announce the grand opening of a new Ticketmaster Ticket Centre at the University of Winnipeg Information Booth. This ticket centre will serve the University of Winnipeg community for all their ticketing needs including major events such as the Winnipeg Goldeyes, Royal Winnipeg Ballet, Manitoba Opera, **the Mondetta Global Stage**, and concerts at the Walker Theatre, Centennial Concert Hall, Pantages Playhouse and the West End Cultural Centre. This location will be open Mon. to Thurs., 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Top Science Student

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which NRC Institute or Technology Centre I want to go to. I've narrowed it down to three choices — Halifax, Montreal, or Ottawa — each specializes in a different area of research.”

Not only will Grant gain valuable hands-on work experience, she'll be paid for it. All WES recruits become part-time salaried employees of NRC. “I have to say that earning \$10,000 this summer on top of getting this experience is pretty unbelievable,” says Grant.

Grant will work two paid work terms of 16 consecutive weeks, which means she will be involved in the program next summer as well. She also has the option of remaining in the WES program and completing a third work term if she decides to pursue a four-year degree.

The Kiosk Conundrum: Will it Meet Student Needs?

Students on a job hunt can make the search quick and easy, using a government-funded kiosk that provides Canada-wide job listings. University of Winnipeg Students' Association President Matt Henderson says the kiosk is efficient and economical. “We reviewed financing and programs, and came to the conclusion that an employment centre staffed with only one person can better serve the campus, so this is what we hope to see in the future. We were putting about \$35,000 a year into the former employment centre, and there wasn't much of a return on it,” he says. “The Human Resource Development Canada (HRDC) computer terminals are convenient and user-friendly. You lose the one-on-one contact with a counsellor, but there is obviously a lot to gain.” He adds that special postings and brochures will still be provided. “We are looking into an arrangement with HRDC that will allow a one-person staff operation as a satellite operation for the HRDC summer employment program.”

Leah Bannister, one of four students who will soon be laid off, argues that the kiosk is more trouble than triumph. “It isn't as effective as one-on-one counselling,” she says. “People have complained about the slowness of the system and the timeliness of the job listings, which are supposed to be updated every day but are usually updated every five or six days.”

Renald Bilodeau, who provides kiosk support for HRDC, admits there were technical problems in the beginning, but new software has taken out the bugs. “All the computers were replaced, the software was re-designed, and the whole system is quite stable now,” he notes. “Excellent support service is also being provided, even in rural Manitoba.” There are 258 kiosks in Manito-

ba, 110 of which are located right here in Winnipeg.

The kiosk has enormous potential as a resource tool. “You can search for jobs anywhere in the country, so if you are planning a move you can look at the job market before you leave,” says Bilodeau. “It is also convenient for those who do not have access to the Internet.”

The HRDC kiosk is currently located in 1G02, but it will soon have a new home in Centennial Hall. “Construction will be underway soon, and an opening date of March 12 has been set,” says Henderson. “The new location will be right beside the fourth-floor buffeteria, where the MIND computer store used to be.”

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Campus Notebook

Theology professor Tracy Trothen has published an article entitled “Daring to Hope” in *Faith and Freedom*, a Journal of Progressive Religion, Oxford, England. Volume 52, Part 2 #149, Autumn/Winter, 1999.

Summer Institutes

Fulbright American Studies Institutes are six-week academic programs for multinational groups of university faculty from abroad. Held at university campuses throughout the United States, the institutes focus on a particular theme or topic in American studies. Each year, 18 to 30 foreign educators participate in an exchange of ideas and experiences with people of diverse cultures.

The institutes strengthen curricula and improve the quality of teaching about the United States in academic institutions everywhere. Each program includes two components: an intensive, four-week academic seminar and a two-week study tour designed to reinforce the academic content of the seminar.

The following is a list of offerings for this year's Summer Institutes (the deadline for nominating is Mon., March 20, 2000, unless otherwise specified):

U.S. Political System: Origin, Structure and Contemporary Issues

Program dates: June 24 to Aug. 4, 2000

Cultural Geography of the U.S.: American Regions

Program dates: June 4 to Aug. 4, 2000

The U.S. Constitution

Program dates: June 23 to Aug. 4, 2000

Contemporary American Literature

Program dates: June 24 to Aug. 4, 2000

Institute for Secondary School Educators

Program dates: June 17 to July 28, 2000

The United States Through Literature: Content and Method in American Studies

Program dates: June 24 to Aug. 4, 2000

Reform in American History and Law

Program dates: June 24 to Aug. 4, 2000

Rolling on the River: Waterways to Diversity in America

Program dates: July 2 to Aug. 11, 2000

The Foundations of U.S. Foreign Policy

Program dates: June 2 to July 14, 2000; deadline for nominating is Fri., March 3

Remember the basic ground rules:

- Scholar cannot be an American citizen
- Scholar must be able to attend entire program
- Family members may not travel with scholar
- Send application forms to Slw@usia.gov

For more information, please call the Office of Press, Educational and Cultural Affairs at (403) 266-4459; or email: Calgary@USIA.gov

Registration Dates & Times

Location:

Tiers 1 to 3 — in the Fourth Floor Centennial Hall Buffeteria

TIER 1

For students who have successfully completed **60** or more credit hours of study as of December 1999.

Times: Monday, March 13 11 a.m.–7 p.m.
Tuesday, March 14 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

TIER 2

For students who have successfully completed **30 to 59** credit hours of study as of December 1999.

Times: Wednesday, March 15 9 a.m.–7 p.m.
Thursday, March 16 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Friday, March 17 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

TIER 3

For students who have successfully completed **less than 30** credit hours of study as of December 1999 **OR** students who are registering in university courses for the very first time.

Times: Monday, March 20 9 a.m.–7 p.m.
Tuesday, March 21 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Open Tier

Includes **all** students who did not register in their designated Tier.

Location:

Student Records Office, first floor Graham Hall

Dates/Times: March 22 to April 2 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Daffodil Days

From April 3 to 8, Daffodil Days will bring hope and happiness to people living with cancer. This year the entire University of Winnipeg campus was able to join in the fight to eradicate cancer by purchasing daffodils, to be delivered to the University on April 5. These special flowers will also be distributed to cancer patients receiving treatments or staying in hospital. The \$1,200 raised by the University will be used to further the Canadian Cancer Society's programs in cancer research, public education, services to cancer patients and their families, as well as advocacy on cancer-related issues. Thanks to everyone who participated!

COMING EVENTS

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

TUES., FEB. 29

• **The Margaret Laurence Chair Speakers Series** presents "Econstructing Sisterhood", by Jane Gallop, professor of English and Comparative Literature, University of Wisconsin. Much of Gallop's work takes place at the intersection of theory and personal life, rooting theory in personal life. Econstructing Sisterhood is located at that intersection, combining a reflection on her e-mail relation to her sister with the feminist theoretical and rhetorical problem of sisterhood. The lecture is at 4 p.m., 313 Tier Building, the University of Manitoba.

WED., MARCH 1

• **Morningsong**—A contemplative, Taizé-style workshop service, from 8:30 to 8:55 a.m. in the Chapel at the University. All are welcome!

WED., MARCH 1

• **Skywalk Concerts and Lectures**—Jacques Tardif, Biology professor, will talk about "Tree Rings and the Environment."

THURS., MARCH 2

• **Skywalk Concerts and Lectures** presents Trio Flauto Dolce (Sweet Flute Trio). A special Skywalk return engagement by Dvora Marcuse, Michael Cobus and Susan Hammer.

• **Gallery 1C03** presents Sheila Butler: Nursery Rhymes. The opening reception takes place from 4 to 6 p.m., and the exhibition will

run from Fri., March 3 to Sat., March 25. Gallery hours are Mon. to Fri., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m. On Fri. March 3, the artist will give a talk at 12:30 p.m. in the Gallery.

TUES., MARCH 7

• **Music 'N Mavens**—Evelyn Schaefer, from the University Psychology Department, will talk about "The Nature of Memory." The free lecture is at 2 p.m. at The Rose and Max Rady Jewish Community Centre, 123 Doncaster Street. For more information, please call 477-7534.

WED., MARCH 8

• **Skywalk Concerts and Lectures**—Claudia Wright, Political Science professor, will discuss "Urban Warfare in the Future: Chechnya and Somalia."

THURS., MARCH 9

• **Music 'N Mavens**—University of Winnipeg alumna Alison Gillmor will talk about "The Role of the Movie Critic in Today's Society." The free lecture is at 2 p.m. at The Rose and Max Rady Jewish Community Centre, 123 Doncaster Street. For more information, please call 477-7534.

• **Skywalk Concerts and Lectures** presents DOSTOINO, St. Andrew's Chamber Ensemble with Sasha Boychuk, directed by Tatiana Navoleska. DOSTOINO explores repertoire in true customary chamber performance. This group of 8 distinguished young singers per-

forms Ukrainian liturgical music.

• **The Margaret Laurence Chair Speakers Series** presents "Reconstructing Innocence: The Language of Sexual Assault Trials," by Susan Ehrlich, Linguistics professor from York University, Toronto. In legal trials involving sexual abuse and assault, narrative accounts of what happened are often the sole basis for determining a verdict. This paper will explore the ways in which certain linguistic descriptions or narrative accounts are legitimized in sexual assault trials, while others are suppressed. The lecture begins at 7:30 p.m. in Room 2M70.

SUN., MARCH 12
THROUGH TUES.,
MARCH 14

• **Scarcity and Abundance Conference**—Delegates will discuss stewardship and philanthropy in a society where people are making more money, but have forgotten what it means to give to those who have next to nothing. The keynote speaker is

Walter Brueggemann, the William Marcellus McPheeters Professor of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. This conference marks the beginning of Religion and Life Week at the UofW. To register, please call 9320.

TUES., MARCH 14

• **Public Lecture**—"Is Quantum Mechanics Crazy, or What? A Tale of Two Syllogisms." Dan Gillespie, research physicist and mathematician, will give a 60-minute talk about a famous debate, between Albert Einstein and the physicists who invented quantum mechanics, over whether quantum mechanics was, as Einstein believed, only an "incomplete and indirect description of reality." The debate was more or less resolved in 1964, nine years after Einstein's death, through a surprising discovery made by theoretical physicist John Bell. Gillespie will try to explain why Bell's discovery is viewed by most physicists as exposing an astonishing and deeply perplexing aspect of Nature's behaviour on the atomic scale. The lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall.

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CONCERTS & LECTURES

The Skywalk Concert and Lectures are held on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. at the Winnipeg Centennial Library's 2nd Floor Auditorium.