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Those of us who watched the games from the comfort of our living rooms came to know the sights and sounds of the Summer Olympics: a brass band playing the Canadian national anthem; the roar of patriotic sports fans; and the glitter of gold medals. The talent of the athletes was visible to all spectators, but the unseen and unsung organizers behind the event, as well as the individuals who supported the games, deserve medals of their own. This University has reason to be proud: three people from the U of W contributed their expertise and talents at the Olympic Games in Sydney. Glen Bergeron, Sandi Kirby, and Chris Coppinger know first-hand that hundreds of hours, as well as an incredible amount of knowledge, talent, and hard work, go into making the Olympics a success.

Athletic Therapist Worth His Gold

Bergeron, associate professor and coordinator of athletic therapy curriculum at the U of W, was chosen to be the Chief Athletic Therapist for the Canadian medical team. A contingent of 40 medical professionals represented Canada. "We had nine doctors, 28 therapists, and two chiropractors working at our clinic, which was in itself a mini-hospital," he says. "Everyone was assigned to a team, so when we weren't busy at the clinic, we were working a venue." Olympic excitement and energy are

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United Way 2000 Campaign

Bill Wedlake, Mary Anne Kandrack, Patti Clark, and Enid Brown showing United Way spirit.

S-T-R-E-T-C-H for Success!

Some of the key ingredients for a winning team in the Annual U of W Great Rock Climb are energy, enthusiasm, commitment to the goal, and, most of all, teamwork. To mark the upcoming United Way Campaign on campus, these hearty United Way boosters put together a formidable Rock Climb foursome! Bill Wedlake, Recreation and Athletic Services, reaches down to give a helping hand to his teammates Mary Anne Kandrack, Sociology, Patti Clark, University Relations, and Enid Brown, Physical Activity and Sports Studies.

This year's United Way Campaign gets underway with a Kickoff Breakfast on Wednesday, Oct. 11, in Riddell Cafeteria, 7:30 to 8:30 am. sponsored by Aramark. Tickets are \$3.00 each, available from your department's United Way canvasser or from the UWSA InfoBooth. Don't miss the chance to start your day with friends, food, and the musical stylings of Ron Paley.

From Oct. 11 to 25 you will have an opportunity to make a difference to the health and well-being of the Winnipeg community through your generous support of the United Way. It is not the size of your gift that matters. It is the fact that you care to reach out to help another in whatever way you can. A "stretch" gift for one person may not be the same as a "stretch" gift for you. You will have given in an equally generous way if you can feel the "stretch" in your pocketbook. Why not give some thought to the way in which you can help the most. Watch for more information on United Way events and join the U of W United Way team to lend a helping hand in our community.

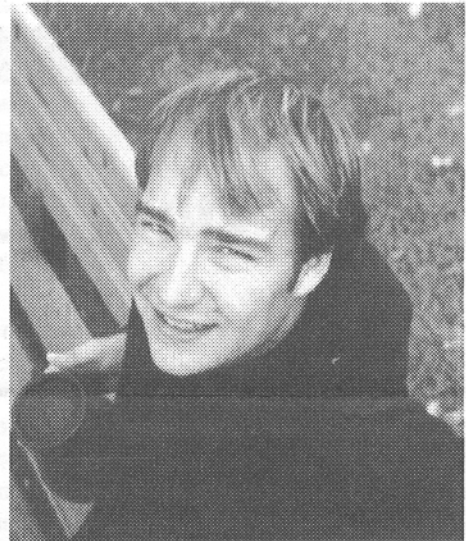
Patti Clark
Employee Campaign Co-Chair

UWSA President: Building Bridges

The new UWSA president isn't interested in gimmicky or outrageous methods of getting attention for student issues. Les Klassen has a sensible formula for making this a good academic year for students: build relationships and break down barriers. "I feel confident that things will get done if I can continue to work well with the administration and with other key groups connected to campus." He adds that for the first time in several years the UWSA executive will be meeting the Alumni Association, Senior Administration, and the Board of Regents at an informal get-together. "We're all working for students, so it's only going to make things easier if we are willing to listen to each other," he says. "Sometimes we'll have to 'agree to disagree,' but for the most part I believe that we can reach mutually beneficial decisions." To that end, Klassen is hoping to work with students who "know how to be activists," he says. "I'm in favour of a non-aggressive approach, but one that results in action. I'm not here to leave a legacy; I just want to be a good leader for students — one who gets things done."

Klassen considers himself fortunate to have found a job that fits with his ideals. "I'm doing something I believe in. My

heart is really in this." He says he is also privileged to work with a university president who shares his commitment to students. "I can meet with Connie every week if I want to — I don't think all university presidents are that accessible. She is very encouraging and she listens. These qualities make her a great advocate for students."



Les Klassen: building relationships and breaking down barriers

A graduate of the Administrative Studies program, Klassen says his liberal arts background is proving to be a tremendous asset as he takes on his challenging new position. "I'm a manager and a political leader who has to interact well with students," he observes. "A liberal education gives you the kind of broad perspective and skills you need to juggle these roles." The upcoming round of budget cuts will test the new president's business savvy, but he feels confident that he can make 'student-friendly' cuts.

The two-day orientation for first-year students was a resounding success, and Klassen says the event set the tone for the year. "I want students to have fun and to be engaged and involved in our activities," he says. "I hope everyone will remember their time at the U of W as some of the best years of their lives."



Alumnus and juggler Robin Chestnut was a huge hit at Orientation. Audience members, such as the first-year student featured here, were part of the routine.

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New Director of Recreation and Athletics: U of W Fan, Through and Through

Bill Wedlake, coach of the Wesmen men's basketball team, thinks of his new appointment as one more phase in his career. "As Director of Recreation and Athletic Services, I'll have the opportunity to stay with something that I love, while continuing to build on a wonderful tradition," he says. "This is a great place to work, and I'm happy to be able to remain here while taking on new challenges."

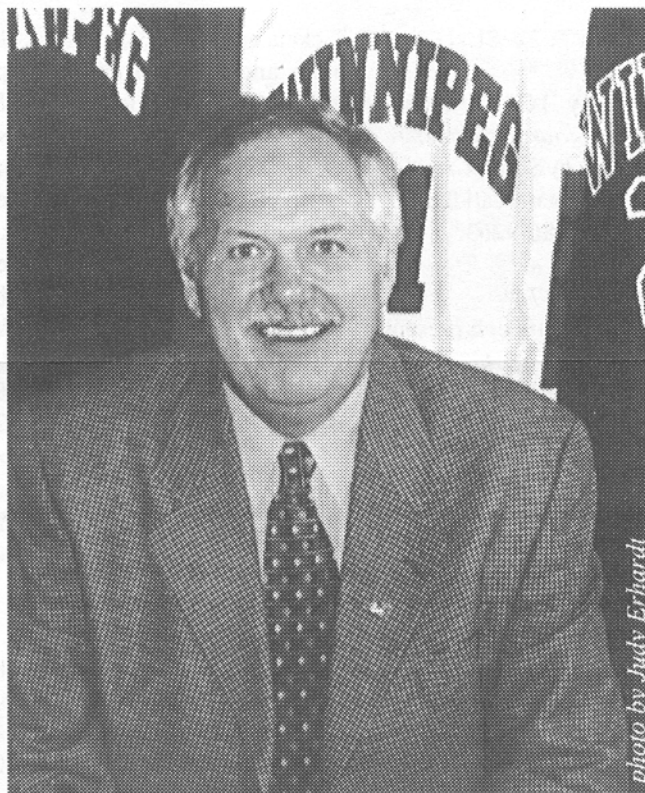
Students first—that has always been Wedlake's philosophy. "Working with the student athletes continues to be a top priority for me," he notes. "We have a super senior club coming back this fall, and I'm excited about what lies ahead." He adds that he will fulfill his coaching responsibilities by continuing to coach his Wesmen team to the end of the 2000-2001 season.

For the past 15 years Wedlake has coached more than 3,000 athletes in the Wesmen program, and his teams have recorded some 650 wins. He has been deeply involved in both the Wesmen Classic Basketball Tournament, now the largest of its kind in Canada, and the Wesmen Summer Camp. These two highly successful programs have grown substantially over the years.

"As the provider of a quality product, the University is positioned uniquely to make a great contribution to the city," says Wedlake. "Many Winnipeggers have become loyal fans, which makes them feel connected with the University. The Wesmen are the true Winnipeg teams, and people have a great deal of pride for their teams."

Together with Michael Fox, Vice-President (Students), Wedlake is turning his attention to recruiting strategies. "The multitude of activities we offer could be used to enhance overall recruitment," Wedlake explains. "We have a captive audience—and that includes adults. If we build awareness, they will come."

Fox agrees that there is potential for strong, new relationships. "Bill Wedlake will enhance our relationships with the sport and education communities," he says. "As Vice-President (Students), I am particularly impressed with his plan to



Bill Wedlake had a lead role in the volunteer division of both the 1990 Winnipeg Western Canada Summer Games and the 1999 Winnipeg Pan Am Games.

develop dynamic intra-mural and fitness programs that meet the needs of our students. The athletic program plays a major role in making the university experience the best it can be."

Wedlake will assume his new duties on Nov. 1, 2000, replacing retiring Director Aubrey Ferris. The search for a new coach will begin in the new year.

Apology

In the September 15, 2000 issue of in edition it was stated in error that Claudia Wright, Dean of Social Science, was a recipient of the Clifford J. Robson Award for Excellence in Teaching. We apologize for this error and any embarrassment we may have caused Dr. Wright.

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Lend a Hand at Convocation

Fall Convocation is just around the corner, and, once again, volunteers are needed. Graduands are always thrilled to share this very special day with faculty and staff. If you have a few hours to volunteer on Sunday, Oct. 15, please call Darcy Duggan, University Relations, at 786-9174.

COMING EVENTS

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

FRI., SEPT. 22–SUN.,
OCT. 15

• **Gallery 1C03's season opener—*journey stone: recent work by Sarah Crawley.*** For more details call Jennifer Gibson at 786-9253.

SAT., OCT. 7

• **Virtuosi Concerts** presents pianist Stewart Goodyear. The concert begins at 8 p.m. in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall.

Tickets are \$33, \$31 for seniors, and \$20 for students. Call 786-9000 for tickets.

WED., OCT. 11

• **President's Open Forum,** Academic Plan Discussion 3:30–5:00 p.m. in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall.

THURS., OCT. 12–SAT.,
OCT. 14

• **The Prairie Women's**

Health Centre of Excellence presents '**Our Health in Our Hands,**' a conference for researchers, policy-makers, service providers, and women's health advocates. Topics include women and poverty, Aboriginal traditional healing, and rural women's health. For information contact Frontline Associates Conference Planners at 489-2739 (frontline@canada.com)

FRI., OCT. 13 THROUGH
SUN., OCT. 15

• **History of Aboriginal-Mennonite Relations conference;** contact Roy Loewen at 786-9391 for details.

SUN., OCT. 15

• **Autumn Convocation,** 2 p.m. Duckworth Centre.

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familiar to Bergeron, who has worked at the Olympic Games on three other occasions. He was also chief therapist for the 1990 Western Canada Games and the 1995 World University Games.

After applying for the position, Bergeron made the short list and aced the interview, sailing through what is considered to be a rigorous selection process. "It was an honour and a thrill to be chosen," he reported from the Athletes' Village in Sydney. "I've met people from all over the world. It's been a lot of work, but it was like a holiday." As part of a longstanding tradition, the Canadian medical team hosted a get-together for medical teams from Britain, Australia, and New Zealand.

A winner of the Premier's Volunteer Service Award, Bergeron was honoured this year for his work as president of the Manitoba Brain Injury Association, as well as for his countless hours of volunteer service with other national and provincial organizations.

Giving a Voice to the Dome of Silence

At the International Congress on Sport Science, Medicine, and Physical Education, Kirby shared the stage with scholars from Brazil, Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Norway, and Iceland. The annual Pre-Olympic Congress featured 1,200 invited guests from 48 nations. "My presentation was part of the session entitled *Empowerment and Ethics*," says Kirby. With more than 100 in attendance, it was one of the most popular sessions.

A high profile venue for scientists, the Congress provided Kirby with a perfect opportunity to present her new co-authored book, *The Dome of Silence*. "It's an important book

because it uncovers the magnitude of the problem that is sexual harassment in sport." A former Olympic rower, Kirby says she was able to attend a number of presentations at the Congress. "The most exciting for me was the keynote address delivered by Libby Darlison. She talked about the global relevance of sport and physical activity in the new millennium," says Kirby. Through her work with IOC, UNESCO, WHO, and WomenSport International, Darlison was able to link the critical issue of world health and the preventative aspects of physical activity. "It was very moving and made us all sit back and think about our responsibility for sport and physical activity in a world with both the G8 and the G67."

Student With Volunteer Vision

U of W student Chris Coppinger has been hooked on the excitement of international games since Pan Am fever hit Winnipeg. "He was heavily involved with the Games, training and coordinating volunteers," says Steve Coppinger, Chris's father and Associate VP (Finance and Administration). Glowing reviews of his performance at the Pan Am Games helped to secure his position in Sydney.

Having proven his adeptness while overseeing volunteer activity last year, Coppinger was once again commissioned with the task of readying volunteers. Working at the Superdome, Coppinger coordinated and trained volunteers for gymnastics. He continued this work with volunteers for the semi-finals and the finals in basketball. Coppinger's duties didn't end with the closing ceremonies. In a few weeks he will resume training volunteers, this time for the Paralympics.

This year Coppinger is completing his undergraduate science degree, and he hopes to enter the BEd program next year.