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UGC Announces University Grant

The 1992-93 grant from the Universities Grants Commission provides little relief from the escalating costs of higher education and no money for capital projects, said University of Winnipeg officials.

"Our students already pay a greater proportion of their educational costs than almost any other university students in Canada. And from the University's perspective, it is increasingly difficult for us to keep re-allocating when we are already pared down to the bone," said University President Marsha Hanen. "After years of underfunding, it almost goes without saying that this grant is not enough."

This grant is The University of Winnipeg's share of the provincial government's total allotment for post-secondary education in Manitoba. The Universities Grants Commission (UGC) divides up the total amount amongst Manitoba's universities and gives each funding to help cover operating and capital expenditures, pay equity and first claims (mortgage).

According to John Law, Vice-President (Admin.), the 1992-93 operating grant for The University of Winnipeg is \$22,705,410, which is up just over two per cent from last year. "This grant is significantly less than what our costs are going to be," he said. "The best example is the price of books and periodicals which rises about 20 per cent each year. Our grants, now and in the past, have not kept pace with this kind of inflation rate. We have slipped further and further behind."

Neither the President nor the Vice-President were surprised by this grant, given the general economic situation and previous warnings from the government. However, both administrators expressed particular disappoint-

ment with the lack of money allocated for capital projects.

Dr. Hanen was distressed that the proposed Student Centre in Riddell Hall was ignored by the commission. "This is an exciting and cost-effective project and it should be seen as important," she said. "The students have made a major commitment to its construction and we want to support them."

Less prominent but equally important projects may also have to be put on hold, she added. For instance, the grant overlooked the University's urgent need to upgrade mechanical systems.

"Like all universities in Canada, we have infrastructure problems," said Dr. Hanen. "Last year, we were fortunate enough to get money for the roof repairs to Centennial Hall. But this problem of deterioration needs to be addressed."

Law said that the grant contains only \$600,000 from the Universities Development Fund for capital improvements and \$550,000 for renovations and equipment. This will be used, he said, to continue the renovations to Manitoba Hall, to upgrade scientific equipment as well as to support other smaller projects.

The University of Winnipeg also came up short in money to launch new academic programs. The UGC did not give any support to the University's first priority - a new degree program in child-care. "Last year, the commission was extremely helpful in giving us additional money for special projects, but this year we were disappointed," said Dr. Hanen.

However, one positive aspect of this year's grant was the significant increase in funds for the Writing and Access program. The 1992-93

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Support Staff Elected to Committees

Representatives from the support staff have been elected to serve on the selection committees for two new Deans at The University of Winnipeg.

Suzanne Martin, Academic Student Advisor in the Dean's Office, has been chosen to serve on the Selection Committee for the Dean of Arts and Science.

Carlene Besner, Coordinator, Special Needs Students, and Judy Graham, Executive Secretary/Appeals Assistant in the Records Office, have been elected to represent staff on the Selection Committee for the Dean of Student Services.

In addition to the staff elections, managers have appointed Judy Dyck, Director of Awards and Financial Aid, to represent them on the Dean of Student Services selection committee.


The UNIVERSITY
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Institute Shifts Focus to Sustainable Development

Do you worry about how pollution in Winnipeg affects you and your family in the longer and shorter term? About half of all Canadians live in eight major cities, so the issue of sustainable urban development should be of great interest to many of us.

Since the beginning of the 1991-92 academic year, the Institute of Urban Studies (IUS) at The University of Winnipeg has been concentrating on this topic.

According to Jeffrey Patterson, Senior Research Fellow with IUS, sustainable development can be defined as development that sustains human life as it is now, and does not impose obligations on future generations. "Simply put, it means we'll leave the earth as well off as we found it," he says.

According to Patterson, one impetus for this new focus was the publication of "Our Common Future," a report by the United Nations World Commission on Environment and Development. "The report stressed that one of the ways sustainable development could be addressed in developed countries is by focusing on cities. Most people live in urban areas, and most harm to the environment is done there," he says.

Sustainable development is also a component of Canada's Green Plan, a federal government plan for halting pollution of our natural resources.

"A concern is that too many cities only pay lip-service to changing their development," says Patterson. "We try to encourage the 'green-

ing' of their planning and development policies."

He says the institute's goal is to propose alternative urban development policies that are environmentally-friendly and that mitigate future degradation of the environment.

IUS has added a new insert, "Sustainable Cities," to its quarterly newsletter. The purpose of the insert is to keep readers up-to-date on current issues in sustainable urban development and to inform them about future events.

One event, hosted by IUS last November at The University of Winnipeg, was a colloquium on Sustainable Housing and Urban Development.

Patterson says that by presenting important issues like this to the public, IUS hopes to create a greater awareness of the fact that we cannot allow continued economic development in a way that depletes the planet's natural resources and is a burden on our descendants.



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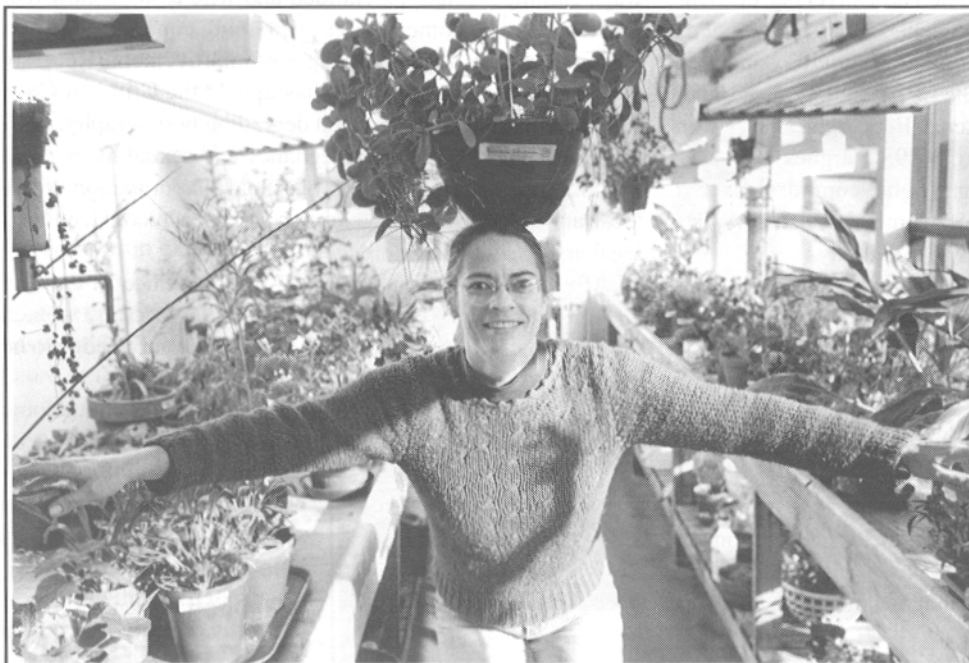
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A work of art by prominent Manitoba artist Louise Jonasson has been added to the University's permanent collection. The purchase was made possible through contributions by The University of Winnipeg community to a fund in memory of Kay Duckworth, wife of former University President Henry E. Duckworth.

Greenery Surrounds Botany Technician



As the Biology Department's botany technician, Karen Jones's job changes seasonally.

Karen Jones has no problem keeping up with the current trend of thinking green. In fact, Jones, a botany technician in The University of Winnipeg's Biology Department, is surrounded by greenery.

Jones works in the University's greenhouse, taking care of the plants which are used for botany classes and lab assignments as well as for research projects. "Plants are complex organisms that need more than just soil and water to survive," explained Jones. "They need someone to pay close attention to their environment - to the light, temperature and humidity."

According to Jones, the greenhouse, located on the fifth floor of the library, is home to about 300 different types of plants, many of them wild and some of them rare.

Permanent collections of perennials, Manitoba plants and tropical plants are included in this "forest" of greenery. Every summer Jones goes into the field to add to the University's holdings.

A big part of Jones's job is to fulfil requests from professors for their students' lab assignments. The requests are specific. For example, a professor may ask for 6" tall tomato plants for a microbiology lab on Feb. 26. Jones works towards these deadlines by germinating the plants at the right time, giving them the proper care and, in some cases, manipulating the environment so that they are ready on schedule.

Jones described her job as "very pleasant, but it's not a 'bed of roses.'" Her duties include hard physical work like cleaning floors and haul-

ing dirt. "It's not just traipsing around a pretty garden all day," she said, adding that she always has dirt under her fingernails. Jones must also set up and clean the labs and take care of the lab equipment.

A graduate of The University of Winnipeg, Jones has been working in the University's greenhouse for five years. She has taken night courses in horticulture at the University of Manitoba in order to refine her already extensive knowledge of plant taxonomy.

Jones admitted that she doesn't have any plants at her own home, but she said she enjoys nurturing her greenhouse garden at the University. She particularly likes the variety in her position. "I think I have the neatest job in the University," she said. "It changes seasonally."

Voice Mail Tips

- To delete old messages without listening to the entire message each time, press 76 as soon as you are sure you want to delete the message being played.

- Express messaging can be used by mailbox users and non-users and it can be accessed from telephones on or off campus. Dial 9870 (or 786-9870) to access the system. The Meridian Mail "voice" will then guide you through the steps to leave a message.

- Non-users of mailboxes should avoid forwarding their telephones to mailbox users. If forwarded, callers will hear a recorded message to the effect that their call cannot be completed.

- The * key on your telephone is the Meridian Mail helpkey. After accessing your mailbox, press 8* for help with mailbox functions (e.g. to record your greeting) or press 7* for help with message functions (e.g. to compose and/or send a message to another mailbox).

- In your greeting, instruct callers to press, not dial, a one-digit number for assistance. Keep in mind that only callers with touchtone telephones will be able to do this.

Breakfast Draws Crowd to Celebrate Women's Day

On March 9, 135 people celebrated International Women's Day by attending a breakfast held at The University of Winnipeg. Faculty, staff, alumni, students, Board of Regents members, politicians and others from the community attended the event organized in support of the LEAF Endowment Fund.

LEAF stands for Women's Legal Education and Action Fund. The organization, founded in 1985, argues test cases before the Canadian courts, human rights commissions and government agencies on behalf of women. It also provides public education on the issue of gender equality.

Since its inception, LEAF has tackled more than 100 cases involving a wide range of issues including sexual harassment, pregnancy discrimination and violence against women.

Mona Brown, a graduate of The University of Winnipeg, was the guest speaker at the LEAF breakfast on campus. Brown is currently a partner with the law firm McKenzie, Mooney & Brown. She is on the Executive of the Manitoba Association of Women and the Law and is regularly consulted by the provincial and federal governments on policy issues affecting women. Her many commitments include volunteer rural chair of LEAF.

In her speech Brown suggested that the goal of equal status for women has not been achieved.

She feels that the courts "assume that Canadian women have achieved equality" and either "fail to recognize the economic and social disadvantages faced by women or apply these

disadvantages to women's detriment." Some of her statistics on wage earnings, single-parenthood and wife assault show that women have not come that far in attaining equality.

But Brown also pointed to signs of improvement. Recently the Supreme Court of Canada has upheld the Criminal Code sections prohibiting violent and degrading pornography. Discrimination on the basis of pregnancy and sexual harassment are now considered to be forms of sexual discrimination. Also, the Battered Woman's Syndrome has been recognized as a legal argument of self-defence.

After attending a National LEAF Conference in Ottawa, Brown is convinced harmful discrimination faced by women will be stopped if "women of the world unite and pledge to be forever vigilant."

The message Brown left with the audience: "We have come a long way, but we have a long way to go to achieve true equality."

The University of Winnipeg Anniversary Trivia

Celebrating 25 YEARS

1986 - In a letter by a student to the *Uniter*, the Security staff at The University of Winnipeg was commended for its response to stranded students during the blizzard of '86. "Students studying at the University on Saturday were unable to get home. No buses or taxis were available. The Security staff saved the day (and night) by opening the infirmary and providing bedding. In the morning they opened the cafeteria for those stranded. There was cereal, sandwiches, muffins, fruit and hot chocolate available (no coffee). They extended a very warm 'security blanket.'"



Lionel Orlikow, Director of the Winnipeg Education Centre, was a member of a panel discussion held on Multicultural Awareness Day at The University of Winnipeg.

Profile

Planning Officer Looks to the Future

Since last September George Tomlinson has been wearing two hats: Professor of Chemistry at The University of Winnipeg and the new Academic Assistant to the President (Planning).

Tomlinson explains that the position of Planning Officer arose out of the work of the President's Committee on the Future of the University. He says the creation of his new job reflects the committee's belief that more emphasis must be placed on careful planning and coordination at the University. The committee also recognized the need to designate an individual to guide its many recommendations through the process of consultation, approval and implementation.

Tomlinson believes communication is the key to his new position. "In universities there can be a gulf between academics and administration. By having an academic involved in the administrative side of the university, but retaining academic links, you can help bridge that gulf," he says. "It is important to me that everyone is better informed about what is going on."

One of Tomlinson's first tasks was to get the priorities of the Futures Committee Report established. Now that that has been done, his attention is focused on following up on the report's recommendations.

Tomlinson is currently the chair of two new committees created in response to the report. One is the Advisory Committee on Computing, which is responsible for identifying the most pressing needs in academic and administra-



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tive computing. The committee will guide the development of computing at the University on an ongoing basis.

Tomlinson also heads the Advisory Committee on Institutional Planning and Research. One of the issues the Futures Committee Report addressed was whether or not the University's decentralized approach to the gathering and analysis of data on the institution was adequate. They found that a lot of information was not readily accessible; the University could benefit from a better articulated process of data collection and analysis.

"The advisory committee was established to examine effective ways of handling and using the wealth of institutional data that we have," he explains. "Since we will be implementing the goals of our

mission statement, it's very important to have relevant data available to facilitate those planning decisions."

Tomlinson has been seconded to the position of Planning Officer for two years with a possible extension. He devotes two-thirds of his time to administration and one-third to academic work. This allows him to remain actively engaged in research and to continue to teach one course in Biochemistry. Rhys Dow, a recent University of Winnipeg graduate, assists Tomlinson in his research.

Tomlinson's research interests are in the area of enzymology and protein chemistry of the nervous system. His work has been funded by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council continuously since 1975.

Food Bank Requests Your Support

The University of Winnipeg Students' Association is providing a food bank for students who require assistance. The demand has been greater than expected. The association is requesting that members of the University community support the food bank by dropping off non-perishable goods in the bin behind the Info Booth.

Sociology Professor Joins Women in Sports Program

Sandra Kirby, Assistant Professor of Sociology, has been chosen by Sport Canada's Women in Sports Program to participate in their 1992 International Professional Development Program.

Kirby is one of only two academics out of 12 women chosen from across the country. The participants will meet in Ottawa on May 10, and then depart on a speaking and fact-finding tour. They will travel to London, Oslo, Stockholm and Lillehammer, Norway, site of the 1994 winter Olympics.

Kirby's particular interest is in gender verification, or the sex-testing of athletes. "I have a card that says I'm female," says Kirby, who was a member of the Canadian Olympic Rowing Team in Montreal in 1976. "The International Olympic Committee tests women for gender verification in order to keep men from participating in women's events. Men, however, aren't tested."

Kirby coordinates the research area for the Sport Canada - Women's Program and hopes to find ways research can be used to bring gender equality to Sports Canada programs.

"Canada is at the forefront of the movement to consider gender as an issue in sports," says Kirby. "We want to share what we've learned with others and learn from them."

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allocation was \$200,000, compared to \$165,000 in 1991-92. "The commission appears to recognize the good work we're doing in this area," said Law.

Now that the grant has been announced, the senior budget group at the University will meet to reassess priorities and examine ways to trim expenditures and increase revenues. Law said that over the next few weeks, members of the budget group will consult with the appropriate department managers to discuss specific needs and changes. The group will present a budget proposal to the Board of Regents at the end of April.

In preparing this budget proposal, the group will definitely be looking at a tuition increase

as a way to raise revenue, said Law. The amount of the increase hasn't been determined yet, but Law said that the University is committed to finding ways to minimize the impact. "We'll do everything possible to protect those whose attendance at University will be jeopardized by a rise in tuition," he said.

President Hanen also noted the University's commitment to protecting faculty and staff jobs. "This University is already very lean," she said. "We don't have room for staff reductions without seriously impairing our operations."

"What we have to do is plan, and, perhaps, reorganize, and keep looking for better ways to do things. We may also have to consider not filling or delaying filling some positions that come open during the year. Our goal is to trim in a way that has the least impact on our operations and on our employees."



Presenters and session chairs enjoyed the chance to exchange ideas after sessions of "Opening Conversations: An Interdisciplinary Symposium on Czech and Canadian Cultures" at The University of Winnipeg. From left to right: Associate Vice-President (Academic) Walt Stein and President Marsha Hanen from The University of Winnipeg, and from Charles University in Prague, Czechoslovakia, Jaromir Homolka, Dean, Faculty of Arts, and Miroslav Jindra, Vice-Chairman, Department of English and American Studies, and Director/Coordinator, Centre for Canadian Studies.

Historian Studies Early Career of Reagan

Former United States President Ronald Reagan was the center of attention both during and after his term in office. Many television programs, books and articles were written examining the politician's personal and political life. However, his early years as Governor of California were left largely uncovered.

Garin Burbank, Associate Professor of History at The University of Winnipeg, has been a pioneer in studying Reagan's early career aspirations.

"When Reagan left the presidency, it was pretty clear that, politically speaking, his was the most successful term since Eisenhower. I thought that his success and his origins of political style would prove to be an engrossing challenge," says Burbank. "If you look closely at the political landscape, the vast majority of professors are hostile to conservative politics and leaders. Since professors tend to choose research subjects they are interested in, I figured that probably not many people would be looking into this subject."

Burbank says that many people are unaware of Reagan's political interests during his Hollywood years.

"It was evident after three or four years in Hollywood that he was never going to be a leading star," says Burbank. "But even then, he was active in politics. He was known in Hollywood as one of the most promising liberals of the 1940s and was president of the Screen Actors' Guild."

In the late 1950s, Burbank explains that Reagan changed his political views and came to believe in a strong conservative definition of Republicans. In 1962, he re-registered as a Republican.

"From the beginning of his political career, Ronald Reagan was both a polarizing and a galvanizing figure. He could provoke intense opposition but could equally inspire fierce and highly emotional support," says Burbank. "He came into his governorship with a 'cut, squeeze and trim' motto and yet when he left after eight years in office, his state budgets had more than doubled. It's been interesting to see the way he managed to manipulate the symbols of conservatism even while accepting quite moderate compromises in legislation."

Burbank says he hopes his work will help future professors become more open to studying conservatism.

"I hope that in a way the next generation of professors, the graduate students of today, will see that it is possible for a professor to be a solid scholar and a conservative because clearly that's not the

visible face of university thought today. Ninety per cent of people involved in US history are either Democrats with a capital 'D' or socialists with a small 's.' "

Burbank's most recent article on Reagan will be published in *Pacific Historical Review* in May. He eventually plans to expand his studies into a full-scale political biography of Ronald Reagan



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COMING EVENTS

"Coming Events" is compiled by University Relations. If you are planning a campus event, please let us know. Send the information (in writing) to Lois Cherney, University Relations, Room 4W17. Basic details about your event are required: what, when, where, sponsor, and the name of a contact person. The next deadline for submissions is Apr. 6.

CONTINUING UNTIL FRI., APR. 3

Celebrating 25 YEARS
- **The Other Face: An Exhibition of Masks** from the collections of University of Winnipeg Professors Per Brask and William Morgan will be held in Gallery 1C03, Mon. - Fri., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sat., 1 - 4 p.m. Closed Sundays.

CONTINUING UNTIL FRI., APR. 3

- The Theatre Department will present a production of Timberlake Wertenbaker's **Our Country's Good** at the Gas Station Theatre at 8 p.m. The play will feature members of the fourth-year acting class. Admission is free. For reservations call 786-9402.

THURS., APR. 2

- **Skywalk Series** presents "Jazz, Swing and Show Tunes" with June "Pepper" Harris, international jazz vocalist, on piano.

FRI., APR. 3

- A reading by Edmonton writer **Janice Williamson**, sponsored by the Canada Council and the Department of English, will take place from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. in Room 1L06. For more information call Di Brandt, 786-9274.

WED., APR. 8

- **Skywalk Series** guest speaker will be Claudia Wright, The University of Winnipeg Department of Political Science. Her topic will

be "Your Education in the 21st Century: Are You In or Out?"

THURS., APR. 9

- **The Women's Auxiliary Spring Coffee Party** will be held in the T. Eaton Company Assembly Hall from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Admission is \$4 with proceeds in aid of scholarships.
- **Skywalk Series** presents "Duo à la Carte" with Julie Husband, woodwinds, and Heidi Peters, piano.

FRI., APR. 10

- **Winter Session** lectures close.

TUES., APR. 14

- A meeting of the **Staff and Faculty Forum** will be held from 12 - 2 p.m. in Room 3C00. President Marsha Hanen will speak on "The State of the University" followed by a question period.

WED., APR. 15

- **Skywalk Series** guest speaker will be Rais Khan, The University of Winnipeg Department of Political Science. His topic will be "Ethnicity and Nation-Building: How Many Cultures Can a Nation Nurture?"

WED., APR. 15 TO WED. APR. 28

- **Final examination period** in the Faculty of Arts and Science.

THURS., APR. 16

- **Skywalk Series** presents "Mozart and Brahms" with Claude Richard, violin, concertmaster of the Manitoba

Chamber Orchestra, with Lise Richard, piano.

FRI., APR. 17

- **Good Friday**--University closed.

MON., APR. 27

- **The Board of Regents** meeting will be held at 8 p.m. in Room 2M70.

TUES., APR. 28 TO THURS. MAY 7

- **Explorations '92, Seminars in Ministry**, will be held daily. For information on registration and a fee schedule, call Ruth Badertscher at 786-9857.

WED., APR. 29

- Lectures in **Spring Evening Session** begin.

MON., MAY 4 TO FRI., MAY 8

- **Enrichment Mini Program** for high school students. For information call Carlene Besner, 786-9776.

MON., MAY 11

- Lectures in **Spring Day Session** begin.

FRI., MAY 15

Celebrating 25 YEARS
- The Institute of Urban Studies, in collaboration with Dan Chekki of the Sociology Department, will host a conference entitled **The First Western Canadian Urban Studies Conference**. Time and location to be announced.

MON., MAY 18

- **Victoria Day**--University closed.

MON., MAY 25

- The Board of Regents meeting will be held at 8 p.m. in Room 2M70.

SUN., MAY 31

- The University's **Spring Convocation** ceremonies for the conferring of degrees will be held at 2 p.m. in the Duckworth Centre. (Please note: The date published in the University Calendar - June 7 - is incorrect.)

TUES., JUNE 30

- Lectures in **Spring Day and Evening Sessions** close.

WED., JULY 1

- **Canada Day**--University closed.

MON., JULY 6

- Lectures in **Summer Session** begin.

SKYWALK SERIES CONTINUES

The Skywalk Concert and Lecture Series continues every Wednesday and Thursday at the Winnipeg Centennial Library. Each program is held from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. in the 2nd floor Auditorium, off the Skywalk. The series is produced by The University of Winnipeg Division of Continuing Education and the Centennial Library. Check "Coming Events" for details on upcoming concerts and lectures.