

Students Take Advantage of Alumni Experience



University alumna Judy Fostey-Owen, a reporter with the Winnipeg Sun, shared experiences from her career in journalism with students.

Almost 250 students gained some first-hand knowledge about career choices when they attended a "What Can I Do With My Degree?" session recently.

This is the third year for the event, formerly called "The Career Symposium," which brings alumni back to the University to talk about their diverse occupations. Organized by the Alumni Association and the Students' Association, the three-day event offered 11 sessions this year, and saw average attendance per session climb from 10 students last year to 22 this year.

Ron Gensorek, a vice-president of the Alumni Council and chair of the organizing committee, says alumni efforts were rewarded by the student response to the event. Calling this year's attendance "a quantum

leap," Gensorek said: "It means a lot to the alumni to see so many students take advantage of any information that's made available to them about the job market."

Questionnaires collected at each session suggest students found the event helpful as they try to find their feet in today's difficult job market. Many indicated they weren't sure what career path they wanted to take, but found the information sessions helped provide them with possibilities. As one student succinctly put it: "It answered some questions I had, and generated some new ones."

As UWSA President Arlan Gates, a co-organizer of "What Can I Do With My Degree," explains: "Students come to University to expand their horizons, to develop their skills and potential. While they don't come here solely to gain employment, their long-term interest is to integrate themselves into the job market. An event like this is a practical response to that ambition."

Students will soon have access to more assistance in positioning themselves in the job market. On Mon., Feb. 19, a Student Employment Centre will open on campus. Funded and run by the UWSA, the centre will operate in the newly integrated Student Services area on the first floor of Graham Hall. (See *Coming Events* for details on the opening.)

Wesley's 100th: Memories Renowned Canadian Activist Was Wesley's 1896 Senior Stick

When Wesley Hall opened in 1896, it provided a grand home for the students of Wesley College. One of those students, the Senior Stick, was renowned social activist James S. Woodsworth.

Some years after his 1896 graduation, Reverend Woodsworth served on the Board of Wesley College. However, he resigned in 1917, partly because of the dismissal of Dr. Salem G. Bland, whom many believed was ousted for his outspoken support of social, political and economic reform.

Woodsworth was passionately involved in the sometimes vehement reform movement within the Methodist Church. This enthusiasm led him to establish the All People's Mission in Winnipeg early in the century, although he soon cut ties with the church in favour of direct political action. He became involved in the labour movement and played a role in the Winnipeg General Strike of 1919. In 1921, he ran for Parliament as an independent Labour Party candidate, and was elected by a large majority.

Woodsworth was active in the founding of the Canadian Co-operative Commonwealth Federation (CCF), and served as its first national chairman in 1933. He died in 1942.

Winnipeg's Woodsworth Building at 405 Broadway was named in recognition of this remarkable early graduate of Wesley College.

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, ten 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.

WED., FEB. 14

- Skywalk Series—Michael Wahn, Department of Sociology, presents **Born Bad**. Are evil-doers like Paul Bernardo born that way? Are caring, altruistic people born to be good? Controversial evidence suggests that genetic and other biological factors might influence our behaviour more than we like to think.

THURS., FEB. 15

- Skywalk Series presents the world premiere performance

of Terra Nova, a new ensemble that offers original "world-music" style compositions with jazz and classical influences—**Music on the Cusp of the 21st Century**.

FRI., FEB. 16

-University closed.

MON., FEB. 19

- **Music at Noon**—Ian Hodges, classical guitar, presents music from Cuba, Spain and Brazil in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall from 12:30-1:20 p.m.

- **Student Employment Centre Open House**—The University of Winnipeg Students' Association will hold an open house to commemorate the launch of its Employment Centre on the first floor of Graham Hall. Drop by to see the centre and meet the coordinator between 2-3 p.m.

WED., FEB. 21

- Skywalk Series—Angelika Sauer, chair of German-Canadian Studies, presents **The Young and Restless Meet All My Children: Singles and Families in Canadian Immigration History**. Has Canadian immigration policy historically reflected the importance of family in our society?

THURS., FEB. 22

- Skywalk Series presents The "Moose" Jackson Dixieland

Trio with Rod Johnson, trombone, Bill Pounder, keyboards and Bob "Moose" Jackson, bass, playing **Music from New Orleans**.

FRI., FEB. 23

- **Music at Noon** presents Cinderella, the 45-minute version of Rossini's opera, performed by the University's music students and directed by Mel Braun in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall from 12:30-1:20 p.m.

Skywalk Series

The Skywalk Concert & Lecture Series warms up the noon hour. Bring your lunch and enjoy intriguing lectures on Wednesdays and invigorating concerts on Thursdays from 12:15-12:45 p.m. at Centennial Library's second floor auditorium, off the Skywalk.

Correction

The University's switchboard cannot be reached by dialling 786-6699 as reported in a previous issue of *in edition*. This number belongs to an outside business. The switchboard can be reached by dialling 6699 internally. If calling from off-campus, you must dial 786-7811 to reach the switchboard.

Employee Position Change

Linda Gladstone became the secretary for both the History and Anthropology Departments effective Jan. 1. Her office (3A34) and her phone number (786-9382) remain the same.

Inter-Department Envelope Shortage Puzzling

A shortage of reusable inter-department envelopes has Printing Services puzzled, and many departments scrambling to locate enough to handle their internal mailings.

According to Leslie Uhryniuk in Printing Services, there should be an ample supply of the envelopes on campus. "There must be thousands and thousands out there. We printed a lot last year, but we're completely out of them."

She notes that the specialty closure on the envelope makes them a very expensive item to order. However, because they can be used countless times, the envelopes are both cost-effective and environmentally friendly.

If you have more internal envelopes in your department than you can use, Printing Services would be happy to take them off your hands and get them back into circulation. Conversely, if your department needs internal envelopes, contact Printing Services to see if any are available.

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