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Enrolment Numbers Better Than Expected

The current enrolment numbers for the 1996 Fall Term are better than expected at The University of Winnipeg. While enrolments are down slightly over last year's numbers, that drop is not nearly as significant as what had been anticipated.

"Based on demographics, economic factors and the national trend toward decreasing enrolments, we had predicted a decline of 7.5 per cent. Instead, we have a drop of only 3.5 per cent or less at this point," explains George Tomlinson, vice-president (academic).

"Our reading of the general situation appears to have been correct," he adds. "Preliminary data appear to indicate a significant drop-off in enrolments at other institutions across the country. In that sense, we seem to be bucking the trend."

Tomlinson says our relative success in drawing and holding students reflects a growing awareness of the strengths of The University of Winnipeg's programs and services, and its commitment to providing individualized attention and innovative opportunities for students.

In addition, the many service-oriented improvements implemented over the last year (the all-inclusive tuition, the Bulman Student Centre, improved technological facilities, internet access, and additional funding for scholarships and bursaries) may be having a positive effect on enrolment.



Students' association President Susan Kushneryk, along with other UWSA personnel, have been busy hauling boxes and setting up their new offices in the Bulman Student Centre. While the official opening of the long-awaited Riddell Hall centre isn't until Oct. 18, the area will be ready for student use in September.

Campus-wide Effort Eases Registration Difficulties

Problems with the implementation of a new computerized student information system created numerous registration difficulties over the past few months. That's the bad news. The good news is that those problems provided the University with another chance to do what it does best—go to great lengths to serve its students.

The new system was implemented in the spring to better serve students and allow the University to integrate, access and use information more effectively. Unfortunately, like all new systems, this one contained some technical glitches. As a result, it was unable to keep pace with the influx of data during heavy registration periods. Consequent delays meant students who took advantage of early registration didn't receive confirmation notices as soon as they should have.

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"Bugs in any new system are to be expected, but it's unfortunate that this inconvenienced students and left them with a degree of uncertainty," says Graham Lane, vice-president (finance and administration). "The University of Winnipeg has developed an excellent reputation for service to students. We didn't want a few technical glitches to compromise that reputation, so we've worked full out to correct the situation and accommodate students."

When it became clear that many students would not be notified of changes to their registration (due to cancelled or full classes) before the course change period, a decision was made to extend the period by two days. Then a dedicated phone line was established for students to enquire just which courses they were in before the course change period ended.

In addition, student callers in the University Relations phone centre made over 800 personal calls to students who had been prioritized out of classes. "Students might not have been pleased that they weren't getting the courses they wanted, but they really appreciated the personal call," observes Judy Tanner, supervisor of student records in Registrarial Services.

Tanner says that while the registration process was especially difficult this year, every effort was made to minimize the impact on students. And that effort was a success, she asserts, because her department received tremendous support from other areas.

"We have had a really good response from across the campus. Everyone who could help has helped."

Tanner can provide a lengthy list of departments—the Controller's Office, University Relations, the Education Program

Employee Changes

Position change

Debbie Bowe

From: Office Assistant 5

Physical Plant

To: Office Assistant 5

Accounting Office

and other academic departments, to name just a few—that volunteered staff to pitch in during the crunch.

And she wants it known that earlier this summer, when problems arose getting the timetable ready on schedule, Printing Services "bent over backwards" to get it printed.

As well, Technical Support Services staff worked long hours coping with a variety of unforeseen system problems and ensuring that registration statistics were available on a daily basis.

People working in Registrarial Services have made the biggest sacrifices, of course, with many putting in long hours. "The students come first, so a lot of people have basically put their lives on hold until we get through this," Tanner says.

However, she saves her most enthusiastic praise for those working on the front lines in the registration centre. After all, they're the ones who have to deal with students who sometimes become angry after waiting in line only to find the classes they want are unavailable. "The people in the registration centre have patience beyond belief," she acknowledges. "They really go out of their way to assist students in whatever way possible."

For the most part, students have been understanding, and many have acknowledged the efforts being made to overcome the difficulties.

While glitches in the new system may have made this registration period unusually demanding, Tanner says there's nothing unusual at all about the help her department received. "We've known for years that we could ask for and get support from the campus community. And believe me, we really appreciate the help down here."

Amalgamation Leads to Formation of Registrarial Services

In July, the University amalgamated the areas of Student Records and Admissions to form Registrarial Services. Nancy Latocki has been named director of the new department, which aims to improve services to students through increased integration.

An employee of the University for over two decades, Latocki has worked in both admissions and records. Prior to this appointment, she was the director of admissions.

Registrarial Services is expected to move from Bryce Hall to the integrated Student Services area in Graham Hall sometime after the Autumn Convocation. in edition has returned to a bi-weekly publication schedule. It is published during the regular academic session by University Relations, The University of Winnipeg, 4W16-515 Portage Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 2E9. Fax: (204) 783-8983.

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Mennonite Studies Gains New Voice

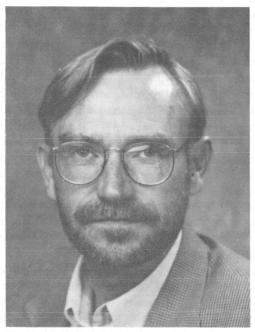
The University of Winnipeg has a new voice to present the Mennonite story to the Winnipeg public. Social historian Roy Loewen succeeded Harry Loewen as Chair of Mennonite Studies on July 1, 1996.

The pair, who are unrelated, represent two very different streams of Mennonite experience. Roy, a fifth generation Canadian, brings a different perspective than Harry, who was born in the former Soviet Union and emigrated to Canada after World War II.

A graduate of both the Universities of Winnipeg and Manitoba, Roy Loewen's primary interest is in 20th century Canadian and American social history which examines the everyday life of the

common people and how it relates to the wider structures of society. He uses Mennonites as a case study in his research because he finds it fascinating how these people manage to recreate the community in a very individualized, depersonalized society.

"My approach to teaching is to make Mennonite Studies relevant to students' lives," explains Loewen, adding that he is looking forward to teaching a course called "Mennonites and World Issues" in second term. It will examine how



As the Chair of Mennonite Studies, social historian Roy Loewen has become the new voice for Mennonites at The University of Winnipeg.

Mennonites relate to present day social concerns like gender, technology and the environment.

Loewen was born and raised on a farm near Blumenort, Manitoba where his great great-grandparents settled after emigrating to Canada from a Mennonite colony in Ukraine in 1874. Loewen spends several days each year working part of the farm and lives near it with his young family. "It keeps me in tune with issues like the environment and market economy," he says.

As Chair, Loewen will edit the *Journal of Mennonite Studies*, a University of Winnipeg publication. He will also encourage others to pursue scholarship in the area, and act as a liaison with the local Mennonite community and colleges in addition to continuing his own research. Currently, he is working on a book tentatively titled *Perfect Strangers*, a comparison of how Mennonites have adapted to three very different social, economic, and political environments in Manitoba, Kansas, and Belize.

Loewen's students range from Mennonites to people dating Mennonites to foreign students who have only vaguely heard of Mennonites. Being seen as "the voice of Mennonites at the University" makes him somewhat apprehensive. "I'm more of an academic than I'm a chaplain," he explains.

The Chair of Mennonite Studies was founded in 1978 and is funded by the federal government and the Dr. David Friesen Family Foundation. It provides service courses to other subject areas such as history.

Spaces Available in Day Care

The University's Day Care, operated by the students' association in MacNamara Hall, has spaces available for children of both students and employees of the University.

The day care is licensed to provide care for 62 children ranging from 18 months to 6 years of age. Currently there are no spaces available for those in the 18 months to two-year-old age group. However, there are both non-subsidized spaces and subsidized spaces available for children over two years old.

According to Nancy Crooks, director of the program for the past four years, the day care runs safe and creative programs for two groups—one for those up to age three, and one for those aged four-six.

"The best part of the program is the staff. We have a really good team here."

The ratio of professional childcare workers to children is six to one in the younger program, and eight to one in the older program. But that's a maximum, Crooks says. Usually the ratio is much lower because children come and go depending on their parent's schedule.

The UWSA Day Care is open from 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. year round.

If you're interested in securing space at the UWSA Day Care, please contact Nancy Crooks at 786-9898.

Upgrades Will Save \$122,000 Annually

Manitoba's utility rates might be the lowest in the country, but when your power bill is approaching \$1 million annually, you look for ways to be more energy efficient! That's exactly what The University of Winnipeg has done.

The University has signed a contract with Honeywell Limited to upgrade the electrical, mechanical and control systems in four major facilities on the campus. The project is a performance contract, an innovative financing method that enables the University to pay for needed capital improvements out of future operational savings achieved through improved efficiency. Under this contract, Honeywell guarantees that the University will save \$122,000 a year through reduced energy and operating costs.

"This is a prudent investment in our facilities to improve energy efficiency," says Steve Coppinger, Associate Vice-President (Finance and Administration). "We'll reduce our annual energy-related costs substantially and the project will pay for itself with the savings. The performance contract provides an effective way to improve campus infrastructure for the future. It's definitely a win-win situation."

Coppinger adds that there are benefits beyond the bottom line. "For students and staff, the improvements will enhance indoor comfort in these buildings to create a better learning and working environment."

The improvements will be made to Centennial, Riddell and Lockhart Halls, and Duckworth Centre.

Centennial Hall will undergo a major lighting retrofit, with some lighting measures undertaken in Lockhart and Duckworth as well. Some lighting fixtures will be retrofitted with energy efficient lamps and optical reflectors that maximize illumination; however, the majority will be replaced and the lighting system redistributed to ensure de-

sired lighting levels. In all, Honeywell will replace more than 5,700 fluorescent lamps with new energy efficient lamps and will remove more than 3,200 ballasts (the control devices that regulate power to fluorescent lamps). Magnetic ballasts will be replaced with new electronic ballasts that generate less noise and use less energy. In addition, new operating procedures will save energy by ensuring lights are off when buildings are unoccupied.

Because the retrofitted lighting will produce less heat, air conditioning requirements will be reduced. This allows adjustments to the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system that will save energy while optimizing airflows. In Duckworth Centre, the building automation system will operate the fans on an occupancy schedule, ensuring ventilation fans are on to provide ample supplies of fresh air when buildings are occupied—and turning them off when they're not.

Increased efficiency will improve the indoor air quality. Airflows will meet industry standards set by the American Society of Heating Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) Guidelines.

In Riddell Hall, Honeywell will convert the coolers and freezers from water-cooled to air-cooled units that use an environmentally-friendly refrigerant. This will eliminate the use of city water for the cooling process and reduce the University's overall water use.

The contract includes operator training, control system hardware and software, trouble shooting and preventive maintenance. Initial engineering work is now complete, and the project is scheduled for completion by January 1997. The work is being scheduled to minimize disruption to the University's regular schedule.

Paper Looks at Threat of Exurban Expansion

A paper that identifies how Winnipeg's fiscal health is threatened by residential expansion outside the city has won the Institute for Urban Studies Student Paper Award this year. In "Exurban Development in the Winnipeg Region: The Issue of Services," Aaron James looked at the problems and conflicts surrounding municipal taxation, infrastructure and service provision under increased exurbanization.

James integrated empirical research on demographic trends with experiences in the Winnipeg area, and argued that recent growth of non-farm households in the fringe areas surrounding North American cities can have damaging consequences to the cities themselves.

According to IUS Research Associate Mary Ann Beavis, while the paper focuses on the Winnipeg region, it has broader applications for academics, planners, policy-mak-

ers and students seeking to understand the developmental pressures of exurbanization on other cities.

Aaron James received a gold medal when he graduated in June with a BA (Honours) in Geography and Urban Studies and is a recipient of the Canadian Association of Geographers' Honours Award. He is now pursuing a master's degree in geography at the University of British Columbia.

The annual IUS Student Paper Award recognizes the best paper submitted in a University of Winnipeg urban studies course. The author received a \$250 cash prize, and the paper was published in the IUS Student Paper series. For more information on the award, or to receive a copy of this paper, contact Mary Ann Beavis at 982-1150.

Award-Winning Writer's Newest Children's Book Presented on Campus

The University will bring internationally-acclaimed author William (Bill) D. Valgardson and illustrator Ian Wallace to campus to present their newest children's book on Thurs., Sept. 19 at 4:30 p.m. in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall.

Sarah and the People of Sand River is the story of a young girl who lives with her father on the shores of Lake Winnipeg. Transplanted from the home she loves to Winnipeg, Sarah is exploited and abused but saved by mysterious Sand River natives, whom she later learns died long before in a smallpox epidemic.

Sarah and the People of Sand River, written for children aged 5–9, captures the beauty and the drama of Lake Winnipeg and the harsh realities of Canada's early years. Valgardson's first children's book, *Thor* (1994), winner of the Mr. Christie Book Award, was also set on Lake Winnipeg.

Valgardson's distinguished writing career has spanned three decades and produced an impressive body of work. His poems,

fiction, dramas and articles have all won numerous awards, including a Canadian Author's Association Silver Medal for both poetry and drama. Novels like *Gentle Sinners* and *The Girl With the Botticelli Face* have garnered critical acclaim. Since 1975, Valgardson has taught creative writing at the University of Victoria.

In 1995, The University of Winnipeg presented Valgardson, an alumnus of the University, with an honorary degree in recognition of his significant contribution to Canadian literature.

Ian Wallace is one of Canada's most eminent illustrators and children's authors, and winner of several awards. Among his books are *Very Last Time*,

The Name of the Tree and The Year of Fire.

Adults and children are welcome to attend this literary event, presented by The University of Winnipeg, McNally Robinson Booksellers, and Groundwood Books. Admission is free.



Author Bill Valgardson will present his new book on campus this month.

Changes to Voice Mail Storage

In an effort to ease some of the congestion in terms of memory and storage capacity in the University's voice mail system, the storage time for messages that have been listened to will be reduced to seven calendar days. This change becomes effective Sept. 16.

"Unread" messages (i.e., those that have not yet been listened to) will continue to be stored indefinitely. However, Lynn Jones in the office of the vice-president (finance and administration) encourages all voice mail users to listen to and then remove old messages regularly by using the delete command ("76").

"We have well over 300 users on the system, and limited memory. The more messages that are stored, the more problems we have with congestion on the system," Jones explains.

If a message is important enough to keep indefinitely, Jones recommends taping it to cassette or transcribing it.

Additional voice mail tips will be printed in future issues of in edition. If you have any questions regarding voice mail, please contact Mary Woods or Karen Wilson at the University Switchboard ("0" or 6699), or Lynn Jones at extension 9218.

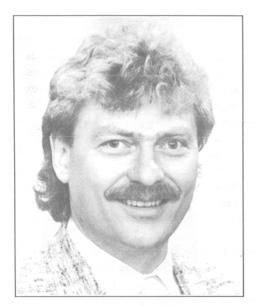
Nominations Sought for Atchison Award

Know someone on campus whose unfailing dedication to the community should be recognized? The deadline to nominate them for the 1996 Clarence Atchison Award for Excellence in Community Service is Fri., Sept. 13.

The Atchison Award is presented annually to a University of Winnipeg faculty or staff member whose efforts exemplify a commitment to community service.

Nomination forms are available in the President's Office, Room 3W03. Completed forms should be sent, along with a complete volunteer history and any supporting letters of recommendation or comments from external individuals or groups, to Bonnie Archibald in the President's Office.

Education a Way of Life for New Alumni President



According to Alan Wiebe, the new University of Winnipeg Alumni Council President, "When you get involved, you get kind of hooked."

For Alan Wiebe, the new University of Winnipeg Alumni Council President, education isn't just a way to prepare for a job; it is his job. After graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Geography in 1971, Wiebe received his Bachelor of Education from the University of Manitoba and then pursued a career as a high school teacher and guidance counsellor.

This year he will divide his work day between his morning job as a guidance counsellor at Arthur A. Leach Junior High and his afternoon job as president of the Fort Garry Teachers' Association.

As alumni president, Wiebe hopes to heighten the profile of the Alumni Association

in the eyes of recent graduates, strengthen existing programs such as fundraising and special events, and work more closely with the University of Winnipeg Students' Association "because they're the future alums."

The River Heights resident began volunteering with the Alumni Council three years ago when past alumni president Spencer Clements encouraged him to participate while he was on sabbatical pursuing his Master of Education at the University of Manitoba. "When you get involved, you get kind of hooked," explains Wiebe.

What impressed him most about his student days at The University of Winnipeg was the small class size and the opportunities to interact with professors. He also has fond memories of hanging out on the quadrangle ("the quad") during the early fall and late spring.

Although he majored in geography, Wiebe preferred the courses related to his anthropology minor. "I really enjoyed the anthropology, getting out in a jeep and studying cultural and physical anthropology in various places in Manitoba," he recalls, citing a visit to the Black River Reserve as a particularly memorable chance to do field work. "We worked with the aboriginal community in regards to political structure and that type of thing."

Attending The University of Winnipeg also gave Wiebe an education in newfound independence, providing him with the chance to move to the city on his own and leave his Winkler childhood behind. "As a rural student, I knew no one when I got there, but I developed friendships over the years that are still there today," he says.

New Campus Health Service

The University of Winnipeg will provide a new health service on campus through a cooperative arrangement with Red River Community College. The service contract will be managed by Student Services. Although the service is focused primarily on students, employees may also take advantage of it.

A registered nurse will be on campus once a week to provide the following services:

- guest speakers who will talk about health issues like AIDS prevention, cancer and diabetes;
- one-on-one counselling by appointment—those who desire counselling in areas like nutrition, stress management, fitness and specific health problems can call a confidential voice mailbox (9496) to arrange an appointment;

- · referrals to appropriate health care professionals;
- · dissemination of health-related literature;
- · blood pressure monitoring;
- · maintenance of confidential records;
- · preparation of articles for student publications.

In the case of medical emergencies, call campus security (9235). (Of course in a serious emergency, 911 should be called first.) Security personnel are all required to have CPR and first aid training, and will take the appropriate measures.

Great Rock Celebrates 25 Years as Focus of Spirited Challenge

For 600 million years, the 25-ton precambrian granite boulder languished in relative obscurity, first beneath the Earth's surface and then on the surface at prehistoric Lake Agassiz.

Then, 25 years ago, things got interesting.

Hoisted up and placed prominently along Portage Avenue on the University's front lawn, the rock became the focus of one of Winnipeg's greatest athletic events

—The University of Winnipeg Annual Great Rock Climb.

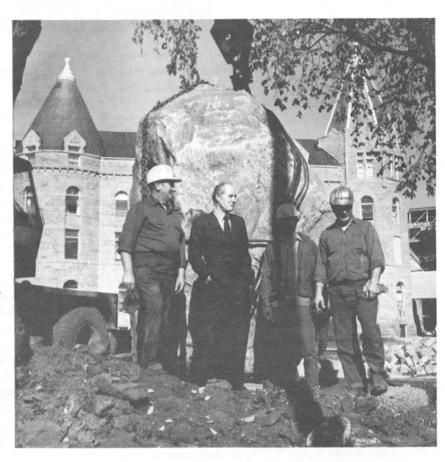
The big boulder arrived and the Great Rock Climb was initiated in 1971 by then University President Henry E. Duckworth, who continues to sponsor the event.

The Great Rock Climb sees teams of three race for cash prizes and a chance to beat the 1979 record time of 9.9 seconds. Students, faculty, staff and alumni are all invited to make the arduous journey—50.3 meters from the door of Wesley Hall to the top of the rock. Some teams will make it to the rock's summit; others will never reach their destination.

The event is followed by a barbecue on the front lawn, organized by the stu-

dents' association and featuring a performance by the Fabuki Daiko drummers, an international percussion group.

All members of the University community are invited to come out and celebrate the 25th anniversary of one of Winnipeg's greatest athletic events (or at least the one that involves the biggest rock) on Fri., Sep. 13 at 12:30 p.m.



In 1971, then University President Henry Duckworth (second from left) presided over the arrival of the "Rock of Remembrance," which was transported from Glacial Lake Agassiz to mark the centennial of our first founding college, Manitoba College.

Come Celebrate the Wesley 100 Weekend

We're planning (and planning and planning) a very special party to celebrate the 100th birthday of Wesley Hall.

The Wesley 100 Weekend, Oct. 18-20, will welcome back alumni and friends of Wesley College, United College and The University of Winnipeg. And it will be a chance for all of us in the campus community to come together in celebration of our University's distinguished history and promising future.

The three-day gala kicks off on Wesley's front lawn, with birthday cake in Tony's. Later, we'll officially open the Bulman Student Centre, pay tribute to John and Laureen Bulman, and enjoy a musical cabaret. On Saturday, there will be guided historical tours, a "Century of Fashion" show, skits that celebrate the good old days, and a tea to honour the Women's Auxiliary. The weekend culminates in our 62nd Convocation, where the University will install our new chancellor, acclaimed writer Carol Shields.

Watch upcoming issues of *in edition* for complete event information (and a plea for volunteers), or call University Relations (786-9711) and let us know we can count on you.

COMING EVENTS

"Coming Events" is compiled by University Relations. Planning a campus event? Please let us know and we'll help you publicize it. Send written information to Lois Cherney, 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., SEPT. 10 - MON., SEPT. 16

• Final dates for registration (late registration fee will be charged) and course/section change period. Hours are: Tues.-Thurs. from 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. on the 4th floor of Centennial; Fri. 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. on the 4th floor of Centennial; Mon., 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in the Student Records Office. Student I.D. photos will be done in 1C21.

WED., SEPT. 11

• Reception for Dr. Harold King in appreciation of his service as Dean of Theology, hosted by University President Marsha Hanen at the Faculty and Staff Club (4th floor Wesley), 3-4:30 p.m.

FRI., SEPT. 13

• The 25th annual Great Rock Climb starts at 12:30 p.m. on the front lawn—Cheer on your favourites, or enter a team of your own by contacting Leslie Vryenhoek at 786-9172 or stopping by the Info Booth (now located outside Riddell Hall). The Rock Climb

is followed by a student barbecue and music by the Fabuki Daiko Drummers. (See related story, page 7.)

• Annual Open House Partyinthe Faculty & Staff Club. Come and enjoy food, special drink prices and the music of Saxology from 4-8 p.m.

TUES., SEPT. 17

• President Marsha Hanen invites the University community to attend a reception in honour of 1996 Canadian Professor of the Year Robert Young in the Faculty & Staff Club from 4-5:30 p.m.

THURS., SEPT. 19

• Internationally acclaimed author William (Bill) Valgardson and eminent illustrator Ian Wallace will present their newest children's book, Sarah and the People of Sand River, at 4:30 p.m. in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall. Adults and children are welcome to attend this literary event, presented by the University, McNally Robinson Booksellers and Ground-

wood Books. (Seestory, page 5.)

FRI., SEPT. 20

 University closed—Day without pay for University employees.

TUE. SEPT. 24

• Faculty & staff take on students in the annual baseball game, 4p.m. at Omand's Creek Field. Wanna play? Contact Peggy Day at 786-9415. (Students should contact the UWSA.)

WED., SEPT. 25

· The Skywalk Concert and Lecture Series kicks off with a lecture by Anthropology and Women's Studies Professor Pauline Greenhill, who presents "The Handsome Cabin Boy: Cross-Dressing Ballads, Sexualities, and Gendered Meanings." While most folklorists assume cross-dressing ballads are about men, feminist revisionists assert that they are also about women. Greenhill says her "perverse" interpretation of 10 Newfoundland ballads suggests that they explore a surprising range of sexual orientations.

THURS., SEPT. 26

Skywalk Concert and Lecture Series presents its first concert of the season, performed by Saxology.

• North American Forest Forum meets in Winnipeg Sept. 26-27. Their public forum will be held in Riddell Hall from 7-10 p.m. Special guests include Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.

MON., SEPT. 30

• **Board of Regents** meets in Riddell Hall at 5:30 p.m.

SAT., OCT. 5

· Saturday Night Concerts in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall—Opening Night Extravaganza. Award-winning New York pianist Peter Vinograde has donated his impressive talents to help launch The University of Winnipeg's newest concert series in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall. Before the 8 p.m. concert, enjoy a free buffet and wine starting at 6:45 p.m., sponsored by Homer's Restaurant and Hiram Walker Distributors. Tickets are \$19: \$17 for seniors/students; \$12 for children 12 and under and available by calling 786-9000. Subscriptions to this series are also available.

SKYWALK SERIES

The Skywalk Concert and Lecture Series opens its new season on Wed., Sept. 25. Don't miss a single intriguing lecture or invigorating concert. Co-presented by The University of Winnipeg and the Winnipeg Public Library, the series happens on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12:15-12:45 p.m. at the Winnipeg Centennial Library's 2nd Floor Auditorium, off the skywalk.



The Terry Fox Foundation will hold its 16th annual Terry Fox Run on Sun., Sept. 22. You can walk, jog, bike or rollerblade a one-10 kilometre route, and help raise money for innovative cancer research.

This year, there are three run sites in Winnipeg: Lipsett Hall (Grant & Kenaston), The Forks, and Harbourview Golf Course.

If you're interested in participating, please call 1-800-663-8369.