

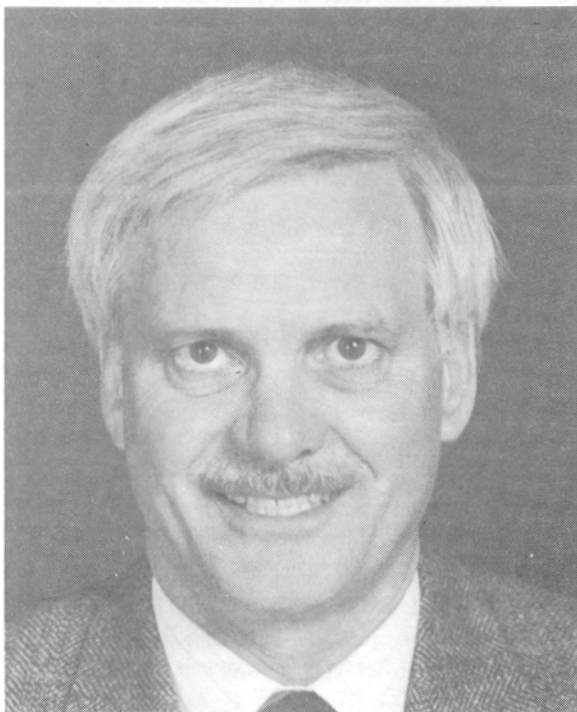
Harold King Faculty of Theology

Harold King is retiring not only from his duties as an educator at The University of Winnipeg, but from his ministry.

When King joined the University in 1972 as the first and sole staff person at the Interfaith Pastoral Institute (now the Interfaith Marriage and Family Institute), he had already enjoyed a rich and varied experience as a minister and pastoral care worker.

After completing both a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Divinity at United College, King was ordained in 1960 and became the United Church minister in McCreary, Manitoba. It was there that he began counselling in earnest. "There were two physicians in McCreary, and I was the only ordained resident minister. They looked to me for counselling services."

In 1964, King decided to formalize his education in clinical pastoral care. He spent three years training in hospitals and correctional facilities in the United States. Then he signed on as the first executive director of the Pastoral Counselling Centre in Kitchener, Ontario, where he was also invited to teach at a Lutheran seminary.



After 27 years at the University, Harold King will take at least a year off from professional commitments to enjoy hobbies, travel and family.

"That combination gave me a background for my work here," King says, adding it was a difficult choice to leave. "I was doing the things I loved there. But this was my home university, and I felt I had a big investment in the future of theological education here."

Much has changed since he joined The University of Winnipeg. "When the Institute was established, it was assumed that most students would be pastoral workers," he explains, noting that some were instead psychologists. "It became apparent right from the beginning that we needed to develop a master's degree in counselling." The first certificate program

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Mary Woods, Switchboard Operator

Mary Woods has retired after serving nearly 17 years on the University's switchboard.

Woods came to the University well-prepared for the responsibility of handling a busy switchboard. In 1959, she had become one of the first operators to work on Winnipeg's 999 (911's predecessor) emergency system, a job she remembers as fascinating but stressful. She left that job primarily to escape shift work, and joined the University in 1981. "It was much nicer here, not so stressful."

Even so, it was anything but slow or dull. "When I first started, there were two of us full time. We answered probably 1000 calls a day, plus we were responsible for taking messages for everyone."

She says there were many strange calls through the years, and the switchboard operators often talked of keeping a journal of the crazier calls. Unfortunately, they never did. "It's too bad. It would be fun to go through now and read."

In the early days, she recalls, the University's phone system operated off a cord board. However, the load lightened with the introduction of the Meridian phone system and voice mail. Now, she says, one person can easily handle the volume of calls, and she feels confident that those working in the new security kiosk will be able to do the job—once they get to know the University community like Woods did.

It's that community she'll miss the most in retirement. "I enjoyed working with everyone, and I'm going to miss them all," Woods says, adding that she sends a heartfelt thank you to those who organized and attended her going-away party.

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was established, and today, King says even pastoral workers are inclined to take the Master in Marriage and Family Therapy.

From 1985-96, King served as dean of the Faculty of Theology. He believes that among the most important accomplishments during those 11 years was the creation of the Winnipeg Theological Consortium in the mid-80s. This partnership with other theological colleges will have "long-lasting ramifications for theological education here." As well, he cites Theology's relationship with the Dr. Jessie Saulteaux Resource Centre and the resulting five-year-old bachelor of theology program for those entering the Native ministry as a significant achievement.

During all his years on our campus, King says he most enjoyed the students. "Our students are relatively mature people—most are already professionals—and there is a certain wisdom that the students bring from life experience."

He goes on to note, "I can also say quite candidly that I found the administration here to be quite good partners. I always tried to be a good partner myself, and to do my part to create a sense of community."

In retirement, King will take at least a year away from any professional commitments, and indulge both his enthusiasm for travel—first on the agenda is a trip to the Baltic states—and his passion for family history. "I have a dream of writing a religious history of my family." That history, he reveals, has been traced back to 1066 and includes arrivals on the Mayflower, Quakers, and an Anglican priest ancestor who was burned at the stake in 1555.

"I look forward to a future which includes voluntary ministries, hobbies, leisurely travel and more family time," says King. "God willing, I hope to have time and energy for these vocations."

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Woods is looking forward to taking the entire summer off—something she says she's never done—and spending her time fishing and gardening.

After the summer, however, she plans to explore volunteer opportunities. "I'm not one of those who can do nothing."

The University of Winnipeg wishes all the best for the following retirees, who could not be reached or declined to be interviewed for this publication:

Joyce Coady

Victor Olshevski

Klaus Philipp

Donald Price

Congratulations to our Long Service Employees

Congratulations to the following, who have served The University of Winnipeg for 25 years:

Lorna Beisick, Cataloguing Assistant, Library

Garin Burbank, Professor, History

Stephen Coppinger, Assoc. Vice-President (Finance & Administration)

Gary Granzberg, Professor, Anthropology

Patricia Russell, Supervisor of Circulation, Library

Lorraine Walker, Counsellor, Counselling Services

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William Converse

University Librarian

When Bill Converse became the University Librarian in 1982, he was given one overriding mandate—to automate the Library.

To begin this enormous task, the card catalogue first had to be converted to machine-readable format. "We managed to do this in-house. It was a tremendous accomplishment," Converse asserts.

Next, the Library staff had to select an integrated system that would encompass acquisitions, cataloguing, circulation and serials. They chose Innopac (the system we call "Mercury" on campus) but several factors, including the cost, impeded its implementation. He says while there were no major disappointments during his tenure, certainly the delay in bringing Innopac into the Library was a cause of great frustration.

It was Vice-President (Finance & Administration) Graham Lane who finally made the purchase possible. "He was instrumental in the process. I believe if he hadn't intervened when he did, we would have missed our window of opportunity," Converse explains. "Without him, we probably would not have Innopac."

Converse adds the system was well worth the wait. "It is a superb system, one that is very well suited to our faculty and to our students."

He also sees the growth of inter-library lending as a major improvement for our Library. Converse recalls that when he came to The University of Winnipeg from the University of Calgary, there was a reluctance here to participate in interlending. Since that time, he has worked with the Manitoba Library Consortium and the Council of Prairie and Pacific University Libraries to develop strong reciprocal arrangements. Today, he reveals, the number of transactions handled by Interlending and Document Supply Services exceeds the number of titles ordered for our Library.

And, he asserts, continuing involvement in consortia and other corporate ventures will become increasingly critical as the cost of participating in a knowledge-based economy continues to outstrip both operating and capital funding for universities.

The lack of capital funding is Converse's greatest concern, particularly as we move into the electronic age. "All indications are that we will need to maintain the traditional library of books and serials while moving rapidly into technological resources."

Converse cites the creation of The University of Winnipeg Library Endowment as another major development that occurred during his tenure, but adds the credit for this is not



The Library has changed significantly during Bill Converse's tenure as University librarian.

his. "That was undertaken and brought to fruition by President Hanen. She was the person who made it happen."

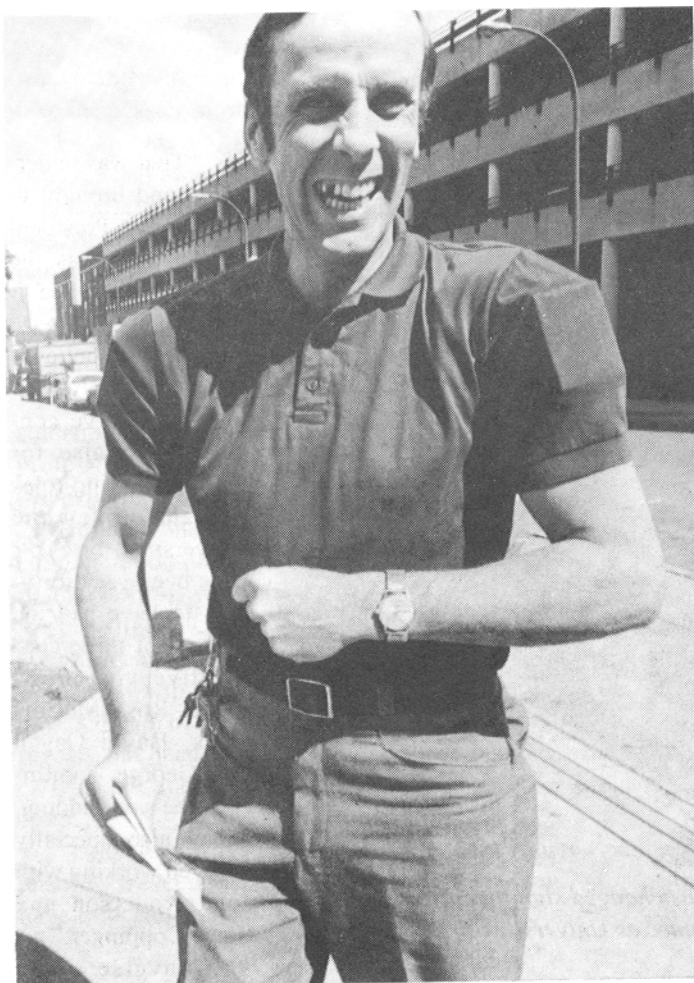
Converse believes his administrative colleagues deserve considerable praise for their supporting roles in transforming the University Library. "I have been very fortunate to have had the support of three consecutive vice-presidents: Ross McCormack, David Gagan and George Tomlinson," he says, adding, "I have also especially enjoyed working with Joan Anderson and Steve Coppinger."

Converse will leave his post as University Librarian on July 1, but will stay on for six months in a secondment to the Vice-President (Academic)'s Office. During that time, he will prepare a position paper on academic libraries, scholarly publishing and the digital library.

Following his official retirement on Jan. 1, 1999, he plans to move to his home province of Quebec, and next year intends to take an extended journey through northeastern Turkey. Converse first travelled to Turkey in 1995 to attend the General Conference of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA).

He believes that the opportunity for involvement with major professional associations (he also served as president of both the Manitoba and Canadian Library Associations) is among this University's strengths as an employer. "I'm very grateful to this University for having enabled me to act on a wider stage that one might think would be available only to those at larger institutions."

Converse concedes he decided to take early retirement for reasons both personal—"there are other worlds out there"—and professional. "I believe it's very important at this critical stage, the nexus between the traditional library and the technological one, that we bring in someone much younger. There is a definite need for renewal." That someone, he says, could have a broader mandate and be able to look at the totality of the University's information resources.



Retirement will allow George Addis (shown here in 1986) to spend even more time just enjoying life.

George Addis Physical Plant

George Addis confides that it was his wife who decided he should take early retirement. "She said take it now and just enjoy yourself."

That's precisely what the Physical Plant supervisor plans to do. High on his list of retirement priorities is a trip to New South Wales, Australia to visit the sister he hasn't seen in 30 years. He's also planning to visit three brothers in "the old country"—Northern Ireland—where he grew up.

Addis met his future Canadian wife, Sharon, in 1969 when she visited Belfast, and says he "followed his heart" to Toronto shortly thereafter. The couple married in 1971 and came to Winnipeg with her family. After a stint with Modern Cleaners (ironically, that job saw him washing the writing off Manitoba Hall's brick walls), Addis got on with the Physical Plant Department in February, 1972.

The following year, Addis made his mark on campus when he and Physical Plant engineers Ron Raymar and Ron Shelby won the 1973 Great Rock Climb.

For several years, Addis has been responsible for supervising much of the set-up of daily events on campus. He says he takes great pleasure in seeing things run smoothly, adding the best days are those when no one phones to

complain something was forgotten. "I hope that I've done my duty well here."

But the highlight of the job, admits the self-confessed "kibitzer," has been getting to know the people on campus.

In retirement, Addis is looking forward to shifting his energies to the homefront, and having the luxury of time to do renovations. He might also return to building airplane models, a hobby he hasn't indulged in many years.

Wherever Addis gets to, it's not hard to imagine that he will live his retirement to the fullest. "My wife always says I wake up with a smile on my face and go to bed with a smile on my face," Addis laughs. "I just enjoy life."

You're Invited ...

Marilyn Lockwood, the University's events and facilities coordinator, is celebrating 40 years with The University of Winnipeg.

Please join the University Relations Department as we congratulate Marilyn and celebrate this momentous anniversary on Wed., May 6 from 3:30-5 p.m. in the Faculty & Staff Club.

Alf Cupeiro

Physical Plant

Alf Cupeiro, former director of physical plant, and his wife Dodie just crossed the Atlantic for the 104th time. No doubt, his retirement will include many more Atlantic crossings to England and Spain, the couple's favourite travel destinations.

Cupeiro, who went on long term disability in 1990, joined this institution on April 1, 1963 as superintendent of buildings. His title changed to director of physical plant when United College became The University of Winnipeg. "It didn't really make any difference to the job," he says.

During his tenure, Cupeiro enjoyed supervising many major physical changes on campus. "They were just completing Graham Hall and Riddell Hall when I came on staff," he recalls. "We put another floor on Manitoba Hall and then Lockhart Hall was built." He was also involved with the construction of Centennial Hall and the Duckworth Centre, which he views as "the best building on campus."

"My pet project was the preservation of Wesley Hall," reveals Cupeiro. He even travelled to Calgary to consult architects and engineers about how they were preserving another sandstone structure, that city's town hall.

Wesley Hall is "too wonderful a building to lose," observes Cupeiro, adding "It wasn't built for what it's doing." Like Sparling Hall, the upper floors of Wesley Hall were designed to be residences.

"All the old furniture (in those buildings) was wonderful stuff," he notes. When Sparling Hall was being converted into office space, one of the carpenters asked if he could have the mirror from a dresser. In removing it from the dresser, they found a 1912 newspaper stuffed behind the mirror to keep it solid. The headline read "Titanic Sinks."

Cupeiro still drops by the University to say hello to all his good friends here. If you see a little MG sports car in the parking lot this summer, you'll know Cupeiro is around.

Wing Sam Chow

Anthropology Department

Wing Sam Chow came to The University of Winnipeg in 1969. Aside from the two years he spent completing his PhD at Michigan State University, he has been here ever since.

"I enjoyed life on campus here," he says. "Like all other faculty members, I did my teaching, research, administration, and community work."

From the early 1970s to the early 1990s, Chow served as advisor to the now defunct Chinese Students' Association, which organized social events and helped students adjust to Winnipeg. "That was an important part of my life here," he reports.

During his University of Winnipeg career, Chow conducted anthropological research in Northern Manitoba, China, and Malaysia. He went to Flin Flon to study how the Inuit, who had moved to the community to become miners, were adapting to their new home. "They were living in a society that was not Inuit by culture," he notes.

Adds Chow, "I also spent a lot of time in Cross Lake and I made many friends there." In that community, he studied how people were adjusting to a changing society.

His Chinese research took him to the coastal cities, Inner Mongolia, Xinjiang (an autonomous region in the west), and Tibet. "I was interested in the study of tourism as well as the changing family life within the context of the Open Policy," he explains, adding that the Open Policy includes such features as decentralization, the market economy, foreign investment, and liberalization. His research in Malaysia examined similar topics.

During his retirement, Chow intends to do some writing based on his research. He also plans to spend time on hobbies like photography and swimming. "I'd like to learn to skate—if anybody would like to teach me," he smiles.

Harold Hutton

Chemistry Department

Ask Chemistry Professor Harold Hutton what he plans to do with his retirement and he declares, "Keep doing research."

Hutton, who joined The University of Winnipeg's Chemistry Department in September 1970, specializes in nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy. "When I began this speciality in my PhD program, it was a new and rapidly expanding field in chemistry," he notes.

He plans to continue exploring the NMR of transition metal complexes with his University of Winnipeg colleague Alaa Abd-El-Aziz and the solution structure of a bacterium cytochrome c^2 with Mike Cusanovich at the University of Arizona.

"It is quite likely that I will choose the time of these research projects carefully, so that I'll be in Winnipeg in the summer and Tucson in the winter," he smiles.

Hutton's fondest memories of his University of Winnipeg career revolve around the staff, faculty, and students with whom he had the opportunity to work. "This is what I'll miss most," he says.

Adds Hutton, "My position at U of W has also given me the opportunity to visit with my NMR colleagues at conferences, and I have many good memories of the people I have had the good fortune to meet."

Hutton cites being named the 1997 Manitoba Chemist of the Year by the Manitoba section of the Chemical Institute of Canada as the highlight of his professional career. "This was



Retirement won't keep Harold Hutton from continuing his research.

totally unexpected and I really felt honoured with the presentation," he says.

The award recognized Hutton's community liaison work with high schools as well as his research and teaching. For instance, he teamed up with high school science teacher and fellow Brandon College grad Allan Johnson to organize the Manitoba Schools Science Symposium (MSSS) back in 1971. "MSSS had its start at U of W in April 1972 and it was an immediate success—due to the unbelievable dedication of all the science teachers involved," recalls Hutton.

During the 1970s he also helped to set up Saturday morning science lectures at The University of Winnipeg for high school science teachers, including some who came from Northern Mani-

toba. "Out of all this I have met literally hundreds of great science teachers," he reports.

Hutton has seen The University of Winnipeg expand during the 28 years he spent here. "It has grown bigger over the years, but not more impersonal," he asserts. "Being bigger is a good thing because it allowed us to offer a larger variety of chemistry courses and improve the quality of our chemistry majors."

Hutton concedes that he won't spend all of his retirement time conducting research. "Retirement will allow more flexibility to see the many interesting places my wife and I have not taken the time to see, and to visit the many friends we have in these places," he observes.

Marge Gerrard

Library

Marge Gerrard, who retires from her job at the Library's reserve desk in June, isn't reserved about discussing her University of Winnipeg experience. "It's all been good," she asserts. "I enjoyed the job."

Gerrard joined the library staff in Oct. 1976 and started on the reserve desk in Feb. 1977. "I put all the material on reserve that the professors want on short-term reserve," she explains, adding that she also helps out at the circulation desk.

When asked what the best part of her job was, she doesn't hesitate. "The interaction with the students, staff, and faculty."

Prior to her arrival at The University of Winnipeg, Gerrard taught in an ungraded country school close to

Virden. "It was good, but, boy, was it a lot of work," she reports. "You'd have 20 students and no spare time."

Then she travelled for a couple of years with her husband and two sons, spending a year in Europe and a year in Arizona. "When we were in Europe, we lived in Brussels, which is an absolutely gorgeous city," she notes. Once the boys were old enough to go to school, the family returned to Winnipeg.

Travel plays a part in her retirement plans as well. She and her husband plan to head down east to Nova Scotia for a couple of months this fall. "We've been down there a couple of times before," she reports.

Retirement will also give her more time to work on their lakefront cottage in Ninette. "We've been out there 20 years, and every year it's another project," she says. "It's beautiful there with the birds and the deer."