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The University of Winnipeg's brand new research Web site is an opportunity to showcase our researchers, highlighting the excellence and breadth of scientific study that takes place here. "The site makes research information more accessible to faculty, staff and students," says Wen Trask, administration officer in research and grad studies. "Web presence puts us on the map. We have an incredible amount of research going on at the University of Winnipeg; this is the perfect way to tell the world."

When you click on the new site, you will find research information, internal and external research-related funding opportunities for University researchers, and the



David Cheal and Carol Harvey are the first two faculty members to appear on the new research Web site.

University's research-related policies and procedures. Also incorporated are profiles of our experts and scholars, which let the public know who's who and what the latest research topics are.

Each profile, featured for two to four weeks, provides a brief description of current research, its meaning and significance, and, wherever appropriate, the role students play in the research. A photo of those behind the microscope and stacks of books will welcome visitors to the site, and e-mail addresses are included for those who wish to find out more. An archive of past profiles will be available, and researchers can update their information.

Partial funding for the project came from Summer Career Placement, a federal government program. Most of the funding, however, was provided by the office of the vice-president (academic).

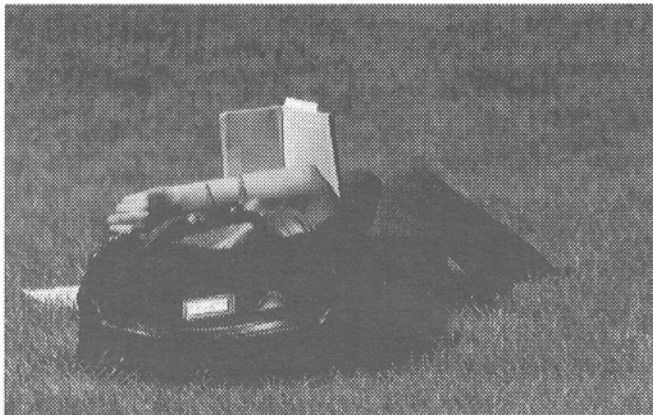
Katherine Schultz, the driving force behind the development of this Web site, says student assistance has been invaluable throughout the project. Les Klassen, a

To "T" Or Not To "T"

That has been a question around campus for many years. The answer has changed: from now on we will no longer be capitalizing "the" in the University of Winnipeg when used in a sentence. For example, "The Skywalk Concert and Lecture Series is celebrating its tenth year. This series is presented by the University of Winnipeg and the Centennial Library." The only exception occurs when the name is used in a stand-alone situation. The change will improve readability and end confusion about when to capitalize.

second-year business computing student, was recruited to work on the project, she says. "He has very in-depth knowledge and he did an excellent job."

The "Students in Research" category features *The Undergraduate Edge*, a survey of formal presentations and/or published research conducted by students between 1988 and 1998, as well as current student research opportunities. Students at the University of Winnipeg have a distinct advantage over their counterparts at other institutions, because they neither compete with nor are overshadowed by graduate students. Our undergraduate students have tremendous opportunities to participate in research alongside faculty.



First-Year Students Get a QuickStart

First-year students got a jump start on the term with the help of Quickstart, the new textbook reservation service. Based on information from other universities that use similar programs, it was expected that 150 to 200 (15 to 25 per cent) first year students would use the new service. Final count revealed that an overwhelming 408 savvy students—40 to 50 per cent—gave QuickStart a try. Instead of waiting in long lines, these first-year students were able to fill out a textbook order and send it in by mail or fax or simply drop it off. Books were packed in heavy-duty corrugated file boxes ready to be picked up any time during the first week of classes.

"We are committed to providing better and more innovative levels of service, particularly to first-year students," says Mike Reed, Bookstore manager. "We do not want Bookstore line-ups to be a new student's first memory of the University of Winnipeg."

QuickStart allowed first-year students to bypass the Bookstore line-ups, giving them more time to actually read their texts!

Last year when the dust of the September rush had settled, it was discovered that 70 per cent of textbook returns were from first year students. In most cases, they bought the wrong book. "The pressure of shopping during the September frenzy was a factor," Reed notes. "First year students are also reluctant to ask for help."

QuickStart was so popular, the Bookstore's storage room was not big enough. "We needed to move to a bigger location close to the Bookstore so we could run our special computer lines," says Melanie Barton from retail operations. "Fortunately, Gallery 1C03 was made available at the last minute, and the Technical Solutions Centre did a great rush job in running cable." Extra staff was allocated to assemble the orders.

There were a few kinks that needed to be worked out. For example, the file boxes ordered in May did not arrive until August 24—a month later than expected. One of the largest publishers, Prentice Hall, unexpectedly merged its warehousing operation with another publisher and experienced all kinds of problems filling orders. To compensate for the inconvenience, students awaiting late arrivals were given \$5 discount vouchers to put toward their next \$20 purchase.

"We'll be conducting a customer survey to determine the level of satisfaction with QuickStart," Reed says. "We want to know what features they liked and disliked, and whether they would recommend it to their friends." All staff associated with the program will also be asked to evaluate its effectiveness.

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Campus Notebook

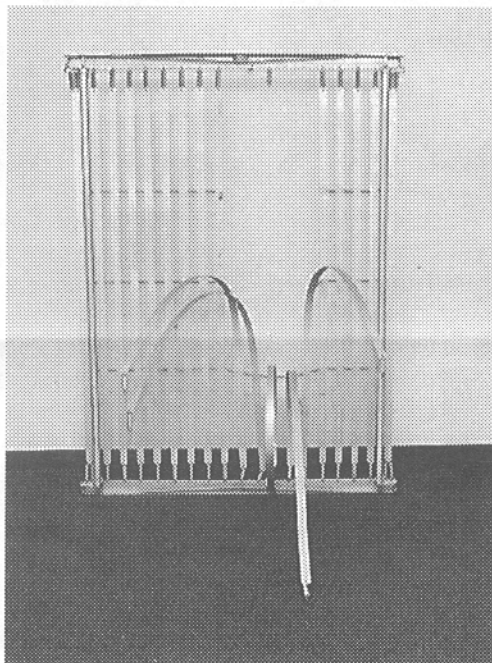
- John Dobson, a University alumnus and long-time member of the library staff, has just published "The Amsterdam Years of Joseph Margetts, Father-in-Law of Adriaen Hege-man of New Netherland" in the July, 1999 issue of *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* (Vol. 130, No. 3; pp. 174-180).
- The official name of the administrative unit responsible for the University's concert programs has been changed. The former "Music Committee" is now called Virtuosi Concerts (MB) Inc., which will be advertised as VCI. The academic program in music continues under Concord College.

passage set: Stirring Memories

Helene Dyck's *passage set*, in Gallery 1C03 until Oct. 17, features "displaced or reconfigured found objects which embody echoes of those who touched them and the physical and emotional spaces they once defined."

"I use domestic materials to make sense of my life and to control and manipulate an intimate space," Dyck says. "It allows the viewer to think differently about memories." When familiar objects are altered, she says, their meaning changes. *bed* is made up of a compressed bed frame cut in half by a door. "The paint on the door is peeling, showing the scars of aging and signifying the memories of an entire lifetime," says Dyck. "The bed itself is on wheels; the door, which is not, represents something encountered that prevents movement."

Dyck is an alumna of the University of Winnipeg's United College, where she received her Bachelor of Arts in 1966. Before turning to art, Dyck pursued a career as a teacher, completing both her Bachelor of Education (1970) and her Master of Education (1975) degrees at the University of Manitoba. She received a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Manitoba in 1990.



The pulsing red light in step refers to lifeblood and may act as a symbol of birth and/or re-birth.

The objects in Dyck's sculptural work, though normally static, suggest freedom and the possibility of movement. *door* is a powerful statement about how every step we take is merely a step toward the next one; the journey is never finished. There is no knob on the door, but an alternate means of passage is presented: the door is pierced by metal bed ribs. The heaviness on one side symbolizes inability to move. "On the other side a waterfall of metal dangles freely suggesting new possibilities," Dyck says. "It's a subtle movement that appears to have just happened and is continuing to happen," she says. She adds that the door is oversized, which symbolizes the mutation of memory that occurs over time. "Memories are skewed and objects from the past can loom larger than life."

A few bed ribs in *step* have been released from the confines of an upright bed frame, suggesting movement forward. "The springs are only released part way creating tension. One rib touches the ground, and at that very point a red light throbs rhythmically," Dyck says. "It signifies the first step, but does not answer the question of whether survival is possible."

AESES Executive Announced

The Association of Employees Supporting Education Services (AESES), which represents support staff members at the University of Winnipeg, The University of Manitoba Fort Garry and Bannatyne campuses (including St. Andrew's College and the UM Security Services), have a new Executive for 1999-2000. They are:

Janet Sealey, President
Gail Mackisey, Executive Vice President
Susan Wiste, Vice President (UW)
Barbara Lange, Vice President (UM)
Jane Barske, Treasurer
Evelyn Mannall, Secretary
Lorne Hilton, Contract Administrator (UM)
Barry Barske, Contract Administrator (UW)

"AESES members make a significant contribution to the functioning of the universities," said Janet Sealey. "With new uncharted challenges of the 21st century, our highest priority will be to explore ways to positively represent our members. To make a start in this new direction, we will be reviewing our constitution, bylaws and policies.

"In addition, we are looking for an increase in member participation. We have the largest membership on our Board of Representatives that AESES has ever had, with all districts being represented. This in itself is an indication our membership is looking for change."

Focusing on Recruitment and Retention

The President's second forum put new ideas on the table for discussion. Dr. Rooke reiterated a few of the important points that she made at the first forum, focusing on the need for more open communication, as well as her desire to tell Manitoba and the rest of Canada a clear and compelling story about the University of Winnipeg. "If we can show people what liberal education is about, how it shapes people and how it is accountable—if we take on that banner—then we will enter the discourse of the nation," she said.

The President spoke briefly about the importance of fund raising and improved government funding, indicating that the same clear and compelling story is critical to our success on these fronts. As for the budget process, she was clear that she wanted it to be open to advice from an early stage and to reflect a broadly shared understanding of institutional priorities.

Dr. Rooke acknowledged that there was some uncertainty in the University community about the 2.6 million-dollar adjustment to our grant received in 1998–99. "I will be issuing a communication that explains where the money went. I'm also going to address the University's exclusion from the 2.2 per cent system-wide increase which left us with a fresh inequity." In terms of revenue, Dr. Rooke cited enrolment as an area that needs continuous improvement. "We need a substantial enrolment increase, and I feel confident that we can deliver," she said.

In both forums, Dr. Rooke discussed the danger of seeing the goals of excellence and access as mutually exclusive. Dr. Rooke wants ALL of our students to stretch, and to that end we must be student-centered and establish high standards.

Dr. Rooke noted that the resignation of the dean of arts and science provides us with an opportunity to examine our structure. She wants to hold on to the very best of what we have now, while adding elements that will increase effectiveness. "There is replication right now," she said. "Under the current structure, 90 per cent of the faculty are led by both the dean of arts and science and the vice-president academic. The overlap decreases efficiency and adds stresses and strains. Somehow we must address this."

Dr. Rooke would like to create a group of deans who would each have a disciplinary subset of departments and other cross-faculty responsibilities. For example, we might have four different deans for arts, science, social sciences and



education. "Each dean would have disciplinary expertise and work closely with faculty to develop academic programs, and to provide support for faculty in the development of their careers," she said. "But each dean would also have responsibility for collaboration in the faculty as a whole. This structure won't divide the faculty; it will make it stronger."

Dr. Rooke indicated that a final decision on the restructuring of the Dean's Office will be made by Christmas. In the meantime, she will be creating a committee to work through the practical implications of the tentative structure. In addition a series of focus groups will be held to provide an opportunity for input. She urged everyone to share their thoughts and concerns with her. If the University community does not approve of the proposed model, Dr.

Rooke says she will work in consultation with faculty and staff to develop one that better meets the community's needs. "I want to move forward quickly, and to hear from everyone who has an idea or a concern."

Dr. Rooke's third forum focused on restructuring the Dean's Office and developing an Enrolment Strategy Committee. "I've talked before about the replication that occurs within the present structure, which has two people leading the faculty," she said. "I believe the faculty will be strengthened by a move to a group of deans." She added that each of the deans would meet regularly with department chairs. "This is a critical part of the plan. Our goal must be to empower a larger group of academic leaders within the faculty, and to ensure that within the faculty and outside of it we are all pulling together. Continuous communication and debate is the key," she said.

What has been referred to as the "nuts and bolts" committee will be working through the details of the proposed models. If it is decided that we should merge the vice-president academic and the dean of arts and science positions, Dr. Rooke said there would be a formal search. "Another option, proposed at a recent meeting of deans and chairs, is NOT to merge these positions—and to share out the current functions of the Dean (e.g., chairing FCAS) amongst the various deans of Arts and Science. I think this could work well, provided that we clarify roles. In any case, we would want to have a search for each of these decanal positions."

We are "student-driven," Dr. Rooke asserted, which means we must be concerned about everything from a prospective

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New Alumni President Reflects on her Roots

New University of Winnipeg Alumni Council President Valerie Gilroy says that growing up in small-town Portage la Prairie shaped the way she sees the world. "I was used to attending a small high school where I knew everyone, so when I was choosing a university, the University of Winnipeg's small size appealed to me," she recalls. "It provided a great opportunity to get to know people more easily." She adds that her small town roots impressed upon her the true value of community. "I have to say the transition to university was difficult for me. If I could do it over again, I would stay in residence—but I lived off campus and did not get as involved in University life as I now wish I had."

That could explain why this president is taking advantage of every opportunity to be involved. "I joined the Alumni Council four years ago as a member at large and I loved it," she says. "Last year I assumed a vice-president position, which actually leads to the presidency."

After graduating in 1973 with a BA in History, Gilroy travelled extensively for a couple of years and then joined Air Canada. Ten years later, she decided to enrol in the Faculty of Law at the University of Manitoba. "After graduating, I articulated at a private firm in Winnipeg, and I went on to work

for the federal Justice Department." Gilroy will balance a busy schedule as in-house legal counsel to the Canada Grain Commission with her duties as president.

Gilroy sees fund raising as a major challenge for the next year. "We had major planning sessions last year, so there are lots of ideas to pursue," she notes. "Student recruitment is an area we'd like to assist with.

The Alumni Council has formed a committee to address this issue. We'd also like to have a contact person in each of several rural areas who would act as a liaison for the University. There are a lot of potential students in rural Manitoba, and I think we need more focus on them."



Val Gilroy: embracing the challenges of her position as Alumni Council President.

Focusing on Recruitment and Retention

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student's initial contact with the University through his or her years at the University and as an alumnus. To this end, the Enrolment Strategy Committee will act as a think-tank. "Students, faculty, and staff will look at impediments, new initiatives and all issues affecting a student's experience at this University," she said. "The committee will consist of 12 or more people with several action groups assigned to specific issues and initiatives—she added that monthly public reports on the group's work will be made available.

Dr. Rooke wants to see enrolment increase 6 per cent next year, and a further 8 per cent the following year. "In setting these goals we are aiming at more than financial recovery," she said. "We are helping to increase rates of participation in post-secondary education, meeting a social need in this province."

Urban renewal, Dr. Rooke proposed, would benefit both the city and the University. "We need to stretch a little, and the only way we can do that is to acquire more buildings," she said. "A block or two of houses would allow us to establish a student residence area."

Sociology Professor Sandra Kirby said the ideas presented at the forum were a breath of fresh air. "This University is not faculty-centered, or administration or staff-centered," she said. "Sometimes we lose sight of the fact that we are student-centered. Everything that happens to students from the first point of contact in addition to their experience while they are here should be important to us."

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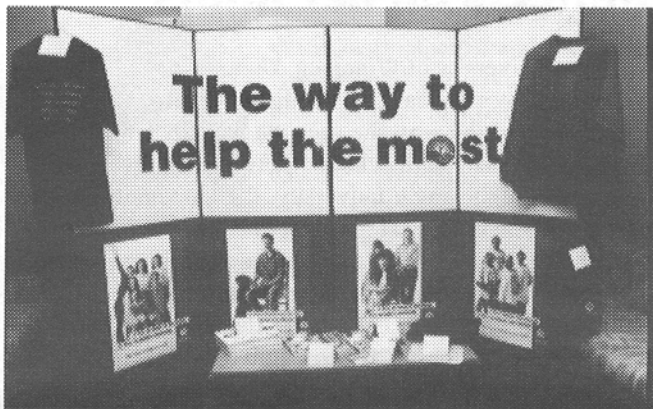
Reviving the Social Gospel

United Church Moderator Bill Phipps is widely known for his commitment to social justice. He told those gathered at a University of Winnipeg Theological lunch discussion that our society needs a renewed vision of the social gospel. "The market has become God," Phipps asserted. "Our society is led by big business and the global financial community. In many ways we've been brainwashed and now public policy is being decided by the market."

The result of this trend is several-fold, Phipps explained. "The gap between the rich and the poor is widening," he said. "The poor are in more dire straits than they were during the Depression, and 60 per cent of Canadians are making less, in constant dollars, than 15 years ago. Rather than help these people, we blame them for their own misfortunes." Conversely, in 1973 the wealthiest 10 per cent of Canadians earned 21 times more than the bottom 10 per cent. By 1996, the top 10 per cent were making 314 times more than the bottom 10. "We think the economy is booming because so many people are in the job market, but many of those people are working part-time and are getting no benefits," Phipps said. "Another large group is self-employed, hustling themselves to make low wages."

The corporate concentration of wealth is also increasing rapidly. "Trans-national corporations are going where there is cheap labour and few laws for environmental protection." Phipps cited Wal-Mart as a corporation that has more wealth than 161 individual nations. And as the gap between rich and poor widens, corporations and the wealthy segment of the population can't be relied upon to share the benefits of prosperity, Phipps noted. "Giving has declined over the years in spite of rising individual wealth, so the theory that the affluent will provide for those in need has been proven false."

Our social fabric has continued to erode elsewhere. According to Phipps, people have been reduced to commodities. "Even our language reflects the impersonal nature of today's work world. The phrase "Human Resources" implies that we are just commodities to be bought and sold," he said. Referring to a "Dilbert" comic strip where one character says, "I thought employees were this company's number one asset," and his cartoon boss replies: "No, money is our number one asset," Phipps described the way in which people have become demoralized and are treated with disrespect in the workplace. "Our market economy is about



The United Way canvassers received thorough training and are ready for the kick-off on Oct. 13! Our goal this year is \$63,200, so please give as generously as you are able to.

competition and excluding people, whereas the Biblical understanding of economy, rooted in the social gospel, recognizes the spiritual element and is inclusive. Everyone is included in the well-being of society."

Phipps challenges devotion to the market and calls for movement toward a moral economy which encompasses respect for people and for the earth. "We have to pressure political parties to assist in reversing destructive trends. Community-based groups and environmentalists must be vigilant in their quest for protection of human rights." In addition to influencing government bodies, individuals can work from within their communities. To illustrate this point, he referred to a group of urban citizens who make deals with farmers and have established their own barter system. "There is a widespread desire for change and reinvigoration of the social gospel," he said. "The spiritual side is being recognized."

Note: Reverend Bill Phipps was trained as a lawyer before he entered theological school. He was ordained by Toronto Conference in 1969, and one year later was admitted to the Law Society of Upper Canada. Phipps has worked as a poverty lawyer, a pastor, community organizer, hospital chaplain and an adult educator.

Staff Changes Report

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Annette Elvers	Admin. Assistant 1	Enrollment Management
Lisa Sinclair	Asst. Professor	Psychology
Brian Rice	Asst. Professor	Religious Studies
Andrew O'Malley	Asst. Professor	English
Jerry Ameis	Asst. Professor	Education
John Anchan	Asst. Professor	Education
Michael Eze	Instructor III	Chemistry
James Hanley	Asst. Professor	History
Susan Hart	Lecturer	Education
Brian Rice	Asst. Professor	Religious Studies
Constance Rooke	President	President's Office
George Conway	Admin. Assistant 1	Continuing Education
Doug Zook	Lecturer	Education
Peter Tran	TSL 3	Continuing Education
Tracy Ann Whalen	Lecturer	Ctr. for Acad. Writing
Brad Russell	Technician 3	Geography/Envir.Studies
Mark Bezanson	Inst. Research Asst.	V.P. Academic Office
Leonard Adams	TSL 5	Tech. Support Services
Kimberley Benoit	TSL 6	Tech. Support Services
Darcy Duggan	Admin. Assistant 2	University Relations
Monica Ellis	Lecturer	Education
Peter Monette	Asst. Professor	Menno Simons College
Stephanie Stobbe	Lecturer	Menno Simons College
Tara Serediuk	Office Assistant 4	Accounting Office
Mamie Loewen	TSL 2	Tech. Support Services
Dawn Sutherland	Asst. Professor	Education
Anna Zacharias	Office Assistant 4	Accounting Office
Hong Lixiang	Admin. Assistant 1	Continuing Education

NEW TERM APPOINTMENTS

Mark Leggott	University Librarian	Library
Richard Nordrum	Admin. Asst. 3 (pt.-time)	Con. Education
Tara Groesser	Technician 3	Biology/Psych.
Brooke McNabb	Lecturer	Menno Simons
Ainslie Mihalchuk	Instructor I	Biology
Peter Andrusiak	Instructor V	Collegiate
Claire Borody	Instructor II	Theatre
Simone Chaput	Instructor	Collegiate
Debra Dudek	Lecturer	English
Michael Halldorson	Instructor II	Psychology
Ian Hudson	Asst. Professor	Economics
Anke Kirch	Instructor II	Geog./Env. St.
John Martens	Asst. Professor	Religious Studies
Charlotte Reid	Asst. Professor	Education
Robert Tucker	Instructor I	Education
Sharon Young	Office Assistant 4	Con. Education
Carole Bhakar	Instructor II	Bus. Computing

TERM/PROBATIONARY REAPPOINTMENTS

Michael Bergsgaard	Instructor II	Education
Joanne Boucher	Asst. Professor	Political Science
Shelagh Carter	Asst. Professor	Theatre
Mark Ruml	Asst. Professor	Religious Studies
Lori Downey	Instructor II	Education CWEC
Fiona Green	Lecturer	Women's Studies
Robert Wardhaugh	Asst. Professor	History
Duncan Smith	Therapist II	I.M.F.I.
Richard Hechter	Instructor	Collegiate
Catherine Hunter	Asst. Professor	English
Timothy Krahn	Instructor I	Philosophy
Derrick Larsen	Lecturer	Psychology
Margaret McLean	Tutor	Collegiate
Jane Murray	Instructor II	Sociology (Justice & Law)
Robert Budde	Asst. Professor	English

END OF TERM

Beryle Mae Jones	Asst. Professor	Education
James Deng	Instructor II	Business Computing
Andrew Grant	Asst. Professor	Chemistry
John Begoray	Asst. Professor	Education
Gary Hunter	Instructor II	Education
Kelly Daniels	Instructor II	Theatre
Les Carrothers	Lecturer	Political Science
Jan McTavish	Asst. Professor	History
Eddy Win	Visiting Professor	Menno Simons College
Saeed Moshiri	Asst. Professor	Economics
Deborah Mortimer	Instructor I I	Business Computing
Evan Pritchard	Asst. Professor	Psychology
Marian Morry	Asst. Professor	Psychology
Tina Zheng	TSL 3	Technical Support Services

POSITION/DEPARTMENT CHANGE

Franklin Schmidt	Fr: TSL 2 To: Admin. Assistant 3	Ctr. Learning Technologies Continuing Education
Mario Jimenez	Fr: Admin. Assistant 3 To: Admin. Assistant 3	Student Service V.P. Academic Office

DEPARTURES

Gisele Clements	Office Assistant 5	Math./Stats.
Candice Kostyshyn	Office Assistant 4	Accounting Office
Karen Epp	Instructor II	Chemistry
George Conway	Admin. Assistant 1	Continuing Education
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Frank Schmidt	Admin. Assistant 3	Continuing Education

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Beatrice Spearing	Office Assistant 4	Dean's Office
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David Erbach	Full Professor	Business Computing
Heather Copp	Technician 3	Biology

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Michael Benarroch	Assoc. Professor	Economics
Leanne Nazer-Bloom	Instructor II	P.A.S.S.
Eleoussa Polyzoi	Assoc. Professor	Education

RETIREMENT

Lena McCourtie	Asst. Professor	Ctr. for Academic Writing
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Marilyn Lockwood	Admin. Assistant 2	University Relations
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G. Ron Norton	Full Professor	Psychology
Audrey Flood	Assoc. Professor	Political Science
William Bums	Asst. Professor	Philosophy
Andrew Lockery	Full Professor	Geography
Kay Stone	Full Professor	English
Bernie Wiebe	Instructor	Menno Simons College

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Vivian Giesbrecht	Office Assistant 4	Economics
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COMING EVENTS

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THROUGH SUN., OCT. 17
• **Gallery 1C03's first exhibition of the season**—passage set: Sculptural Works by Helene Dyck will run through Sun., Oct. 17. Gallery hours are Mon.–Fri., 10–4 p.m., Sat., 1–4 p.m., Sun., Oct. 17, 1–5 p.m.

WED., OCT. 13
• **United Way kickoff pancake breakfast**—Campaign will kickoff at 7:30 a.m. with a United Way Breakfast in the Riddell Cafeteria. Tickets are \$3 per person and are available from your department's canvasser as well as the UWSA Info Booth, the Faculty Association Office, the Campus Co-chairs, Patti Clark (9857) and Per Brask (9285) or The United Way Loaned Representative, Inga Skundberg (9186). Join us for food, conversation, and the musical stylings of Ron Paley, and get into the spirit of the United Way!

• **The Third Annual Winnipeg International Writers Festival**—Gail Scott will be reading in Lockhart Hall (1L11) from 1:30 to 2:20 p.m. This event is free of charge. For information about events and venues, call 956-7323.
• **Skywalk Concert and Lecture Series**—Don Campbell from the Physics Department will talk about "Science and the Truth." The lecture runs from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. in the 2nd floor auditorium off the Skywalk in the Winnipeg Centennial Library. Admission is free.

THURS., OCT. 14
• **Public Lecture**—Franca Iacovetta from the History Department at the University of Toronto will deliver a lecture entitled "Cooking for Democracy: Immigrant Women, Experts and the Politics of Food in Cold-War Canada." The lecture begins at 4 p.m. in room 2L17. For more information, please call Tamar Myers at 786-9353.

• **Winnipeg International Writers Festival**—Evelyn Lau and Beatrice Culleton Moisonier will read from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. in 1L11. This event is free of charge.
• **Skywalk Concert and Lecture Series**—The North American Jazz Ensemble in their Canadian debut performance, featuring June Pepper Harris, vocals and keyboards, Todd Kehler, bass and vocals with Paul Balcaeyne, Patrice, and Matt Moskalyk. The concert runs from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. in the 2nd floor auditorium off the Skywalk in the Winnipeg Centennial Library. Admission is free.

FRI., OCT. 15
• **Winnipeg International Writers Festival**—Patrick Friesen, Drew Hayden Taylor and Patricia Young will read from 12:30 to 2:20 p.m. in 1L11. This event is free of charge.

SAT., OCT. 16
• **Virtuosi Concerts presents Seymour Lipkin**, a living piano legend. The programme includes Mozart, Perle, Bartok and Schubert's great Sonata in B Flat, op. posth. The

concert begins at 8 p.m. in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall. Tickets cost \$22 for adults, \$20 for seniors, and \$13 for students. Call 786-9000 to order tickets.

SUN., OCT. 17
• **Fall Convocation** begins at 2 p.m. in the Duckworth Centre.

MON., OCT. 18
• **French Studies Alumni Series**—Dr. Anastasia Cholakis of the Cholakis Dentistry Group and Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba will talk about the ways in which her post-secondary education was enhanced through her University of Winnipeg major in french language and literature. For more information, please contact K. Meadwell at 786-9106. The lecture is in the foyer, 3rd floor Centennial Hall from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

• **The Margaret Laurence Endowment in Women's Studies 1999–2000 Speaker Series**—Amy Richlin, Professor of Classics and Gender Studies at the University of Southern California, will present "Does Sex Have a History and Why Does it Matter?" The talk begins at 7:30 p.m. in Room 2M70 at the University of Winnipeg. Please call 786-9421 for more information.

WED., OCT. 20
• **Skywalk Concert and Lecture Series**—Vanaja Dhruvarajan from the Sociology Department will answer the

question "Canada—Best Country in the World to Reside: Is it for Everyone?" The lecture runs from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. in the 2nd floor auditorium off the Skywalk in the Winnipeg Centennial Library. Admission is free.

THURS., OCT. 21
• **Skywalk Concert and Lecture Series**—Bassa Norte will play Brazilian jazz, featuring the vocals of Paulo Borges. The concert runs from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. in the 2nd floor auditorium off the Skywalk in the Winnipeg Centennial Library. Admission is free.

FRI., OCT. 22 and SAT., OCT. 23
• **Spirit at Work**—This course, offered for general interest as well as for credit, is an exciting, challenging exploration into spirit/Spirit at work, moment to moment, in our daily lives. There will be an optional supper gathering on Friday evening from 5:45 to 7 p.m. at The Old Spaghetti Factory. The workshops will take place at the Butler Centre for Wellbeing, 283 Bannatyne Ave. The first will run from 7 to 10 p.m. on Fri., and the second workshop is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sat. The cost is \$50 (audit fee) or \$75 for Certificate in Theology credit. For information regarding credit for this program in the Certificate in Theology, please call Patti Clark, Faculty of Theology, at 786-9857. To register please call Eric Benson at 786-9390 and reference course 1432FSiWI (Part I) and 1432FSiWII (Part II).