

## And Justice for All

Whether teaching, studying, or volunteering, Sonia Bookman looks for opportunities that mesh with her personal philosophy, as well as those which enable her to make a difference. "I have a passion for social justice, so no matter what I do, I want to try to work toward a more just society," says Bookman, who graduated this spring with an honours degree in Sociology. "A lot of what I have learned is theory, but I've also had excellent practical volunteer and job opportunities while studying at University. One program took me to Mexico and Guatemala, where I earned credit studying gender and development issues from Latin American perspectives." She has also worked for non-government organizations in Belize and Manitoba.

Her varied background and superior level of expertise have Bookman in high demand. With three attractive options in her sights, Bookman says it is difficult to make a final decision. She has been offered the Mackenzie King Travelling Scholarship, which is awarded to a graduate of a Canadian university who engages in postgraduate study in the United States or the United Kingdom. If Bookman accepts this scholarship, she says she will pursue a Master's degree in Development Studies at the University of Manchester. Her other options are the University of Guelph, where she would work toward an MA in Sociology in the Collaborative International Development Studies program, and the London School of Economics.

With plans one day to teach at the university level, Bookman says it was especially beneficial to get hands-on experience as an instructor while completing her undergraduate degree at the U of W. "Another student and I taught an introductory course in International Development," she says. "In collaboration with a supervisor, we developed the curriculum and delivered the course." Teaching is a perfect fit for Bookman, who says she loves to "challenge people and encourage them to think critically."

Bookman is passionate about gender issues, and has made gender inequalities a focus of her studies. Part  
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Sonia Bookman: working for social justice.



## New Chancellor Gets Down to Business

It isn't business as usual at the University of Winnipeg: a new Chancellor has taken office. This spring H. Sanford Riley, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Winnipeg-based Investors Group, was elected Chancellor by the Board of Regents and Senate of the University. He says it is a great honour to follow in the footsteps of author Carol Shields who has held the position since 1996. "Through her words and leadership, she has been an inspiration to us all," he said. "I look forward to serving the University of Winnipeg by building on the legacy she has left all Manitobans."

Chancellor Riley is highly regarded for his community spirit and his commitment to the city of Winnipeg. He is particularly known for his outstanding service as Chair of the Board for the Pan Am Games held in the city last summer.

The University community will welcome officially Chancellor Riley when he is installed at the autumn convocation on October 15, 2000. The fall *Alumni Journal* will feature an interview with him.

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of her research will involve exploring the reality of women working in coffee growing communities. "I want to know how 'fair' the fair trade movement has been to women," she asserts. "Feedback from people at the production end will go a long way in determining how just the system is." Bookman says she wants to create awareness about international development issues and to be an instrument of change – wherever her future takes her.

## Editor's Note

An article entitled "Beyond Gender: An All-Inclusive Women's Studies Text" appeared in the June research issue of *in edition*. In the article Vanaja Dhruvarajan talks about *Thinking Through Difference: A Global Perspective*, a textbook she co-authored with Jill Vickers, a political science professor at Carleton University. The book is still in production and therefore not yet available in stores. *In edition* will announce the launch date.

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## French Graduates Paris Bound

Working in the rich and captivating culture of Paris, France is a dream come true for three graduates of the French program at the University of Winnipeg. This fall, Anna Birtles, Beth Kettner, and Deborah Borger will journey abroad as part of a university exchange program. Based on an international agreement between the ministries of education, the program places each Canadian participant in the France school system. For seven months the group will teach English to high school students whose native tongue is French.

The France-Canada Exchange Program immerses students in French language, history, and culture. "Teaching in a new culture is an excellent way to broaden my skills while being exposed to exciting new things," says Kettner, who will be an assistante d'anglais in Versailles. She adds that she lived in Paris two years ago, and is looking forward to returning. "Living and working in Paris will be a great opportunity to practice speaking the language in an educational setting; it's a perfect way to begin a career in teaching." Working in conjunction with English teachers at the host high schools, each assistant will spend 12 hours per week teaching conversational English. Songs, history, and literature are all incorporated into the lessons, which are designed to foster an interest in the English language, as well as Canadian culture.

As representatives of both the University and Canada during their stay in Paris, the participants will expose their students to our way of life. "All three students are fluent in French and have excellent communication skills," says Lilian Rodriguez, professor of French and coordinator of the exchange program. "All three are strong students, but their ability to communicate was given more weight in the selection process."

The competition begins in December when students submit written applications and résumés. The more important component is the panel interview, which Kettner describes as thorough and probing. "The questions were very focused and designed to gauge the candidate's personality as well as her reasons for entering the contest," says Kettner. "Most of the interviewers were professors from the department, which helped to put me at ease. I had a chance to talk about why I want to teach in a French environment."

Rodriguez says general knowledge of Canada, and Winnipeg in particular, is a tremendous asset. "Part of the challenge is to teach people from another culture about Canada," she notes. "We select students who possess extensive knowledge coupled with an ability to communicate that knowledge. These students are being rewarded for being bright and well-rounded."

## University of Winnipeg Physics Student Off to Cambridge

University of Winnipeg physics student Sheilla Jones is one of 24 individuals from around the world chosen to attend the Particle Physics and Astronomy International Undergraduate Summer School in Cambridge, UK.

Jones says she was ecstatic when she was notified of her award. "To be invited to study at Cambridge University, to inhabit the same halls as Newton and Hawking . . . this is a physics student's equivalent to winning Lot-6/49 and more," she said. "I am absolutely and unabashedly thrilled." While in Cambridge from June 26 to August 4, Jones, a 45-year-old single mother of two, author, and award-winning journalist, is studying quantum cosmology—the study of the most basic building blocks of the universe, encompassing the unimaginably small to the infinitely large.

On campus Jones is a dynamic leader. A former writer for the *Uniter*, Jones is president of the University of Winnipeg Physics Association, the physics students' organization. "At the U of W, undergraduates get to work closely with their professors," she said. "They aren't insulated from each other by a layer of graduate students. Because of this, I think professors become true mentors to their students, and this has certainly been the case for senior students like myself in the Physics Department."

Dwight Vincent, Associate Professor of Physics at the University and Jones's mentor, believes that Jones's background in journalism makes her unique among her peers and well suited for this auspicious award. "Mature students have experience behind them," he said. "As a physics student, Sheilla has the ability to understand the textual details of science. As a journalist, she can write about them in such a way as to make physics really accessible for the average person. And for a couple of generations raised on Star Trek and Star Wars, that's a skill that may just come in handy."

### Reminder

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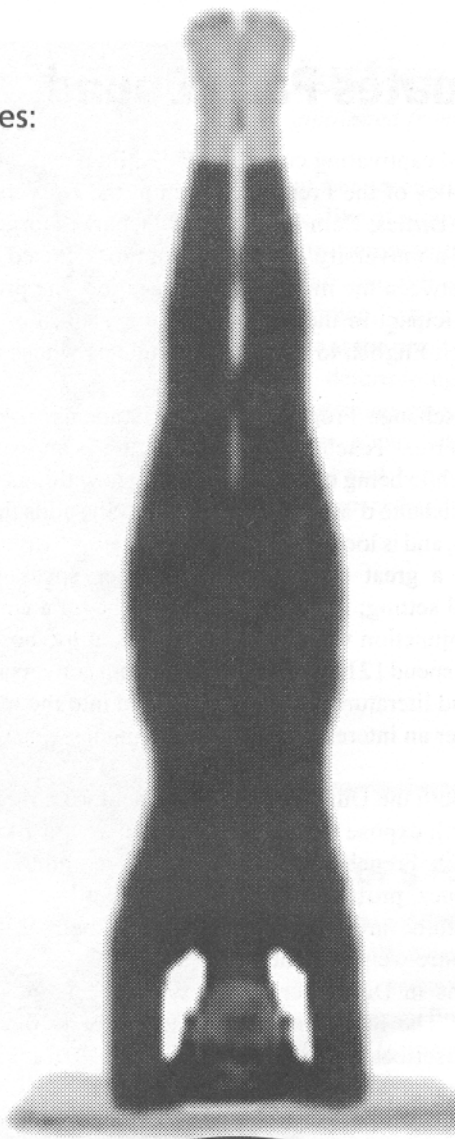
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