The addition to the Elizabeth Dafoe Library, named the Carolyn Sifton Wing, was built to commemorate the University’s centennial. The proposal for the addition to the library originally called for the simultaneous construction of a winter sports complex but funding was not available for both projects at the time. The addition to the library was considered to be of the utmost urgency and was consequently built first. The Winnipeg Foundation donated a substantial amount of the construction cost, which at that time was one of the largest grants ever approved by the Foundation.