Settling into his office feels a bit like a homecoming for Sanjeev Anand, and he has returned to the U of S with very firm ideas about what he hopes to accomplish in his first term as dean of the College of Law.

Anand took up his new post July 1, leaving the University of Alberta to return to the law school where he served as an assistant professor from 1999-2001. And he's happy to be back. "One of the things I took away 10 years ago was the incredible sense of community here created by the faculty, staff and students. The U of A had a very collegial environment as well but it’s a larger place. It doesn't really substitute for the Saskatchewan feel."

In an interview with OCN, Anand described his reception at the law school and the university as welcoming and supportive, and said there is a sense of optimism about the college’s upcoming centenary, about new faculty, and about the expanded and renovated teaching space. His intention is to encourage that optimism and "work to make this place a better law school."

At the top of his priority list for the college is curriculum reform in response to suggestions by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada that law schools are not adequately preparing students for the practice of law. Missing are courses in professional responsibility, said Anand, and ensuring students have competencies in certain areas of practice.

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Dean models work-life balance

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The solution, said the dean, lies in exposing students to real clients in real clinical settings during their education, an approach the college is already taking with programs like Community Legal Assistance Services for Saskatoon Inner City (CLASSIC) and through its innovative dispute resolution program and the reformed legal research and writing program.

“We need to focus on skills training to really expose our students to a wide variety of practical settings. And we need to brand the college of law, for lack of a better word, in a more appropriate way. I would like people to see our law school as a leader in experiential learning that is heavily committed to the highest pedagogical standards and to a diverse range of teaching and assessment approaches. I don’t think people see that so I have to change the perception.”

Anand also wants to turn his attention to the college’s graduate program. Although well resourced, the dean sees a need to teach research methodologies, ensure grad students are well resourced, the dean sees a need to change that will enrich the graduate program. Although he has only been in the job a matter of weeks, Anand is already missing the luxury of time afforded academics. Used to reading Supreme Court of Canada decisions in his area of legal expertise immediately, he has discovered “I don’t have the time to get to it literally for weeks, having to wait until all my other work is done, the kids are asleep, the housework is done. I still have the interest and the passion but the time is at a bit of a premium.”

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Summing up, Anand said he wants to lead the kind of change that will enrich the college for faculty, staff and students alike. “I’m hoping that the end product is students who better serve the public, a faculty that better serves the public and an academic unit on campus that invigorates the rest of the campus community. If that can happen then I’ll consider myself a successful dean.”

Weathering the storm

A very public debate about how the U of S chooses its senior administrators was not an ideal start for the new dean of law but Sanjeev Anand, no stranger to having his name in the press, took the whole controversy in stride.

“I think people are probably aware of the media firestorm,” he said, “and on the one side, everyone knows there’s a new dean. On the other side, there’s this controversy but because it involves issues of process, it really went beyond the selection of the law school dean.”

The Board of Governors’ confirmation of Anand as the new dean last spring was accompanied by expressions of concern both on campus and in the public media about how the selection process unfolded, “but I felt that at the time it really wasn’t about me,” he said. “Nobody was attacking me personally but at the end of the day, there’s always the issue of whether the right person was chosen. I think what I’m going to have to do, like every dean, is make the case in the next five years that in fact the right person was chosen. I don’t think any dean would want what could be viewed as anything approaching negative publicity but it happened and life goes on.”

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Deans Williamson and Rodgers reappointed

With this year’s sustaining capital grant from the provincial government, the university will complete the payment on one major capital project, will restore funding to the campus core revitalization project and will continue to invest in campus-wide information and communications technology (IT) and capital renewal.

The plan to allocate the $14.1-million grant received Board of Governor approval June 24 and includes a commitment of $3.03 million for capital debt repayments on two projects, both of which were deferred in 2010-11 due to budget reductions, explained Bryan Bilokreli, director of institutional capital planning in Institutional Planning and Assessment (IPA).

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leaving a capital debt balance of $2 million on that project. Funding has also been restored this year to core revitalization, largely as payment on the rejuvenation of Kirk Hall, to the tune of $250,000, he said. Last year’s spending in this area was also deferred. The new sustaining capital spending plan calls for $9.05 million to be spent over the year on capital renewal projects across campus and an additional $900,000 on initiatives that support the priorities of the current integrated plan such as improvements to student offices, classrooms and labs.

Bilokreli said the process of determining how the sustaining capital will be allocated begins with discussion between the IPA and units responsible for programs funded out of the grant. There is also a review of reports on how the previous year’s funding was spent and proposals for projects in 2011-12.

The draft grant allocation plan is circulated for comments to University Council’s planning and priorities committee as well as the advisory committee to the Provost’s Committee on Integrated Planning (PCIP) before PCIP is asked to review a final version.

Other allocations this year include a slight increase, to $935,000, for IT upgrades and a slight reduction, to $708,000, for upgrades to the university’s multimedia capabilities. Support for general capital equipment costs in 2011-12 will be $1.2 million, the same as the previous year.

Funding for faculty start-up and retention, which includes recruitment, computer replacement and research support, was reduced to zero in this year’s plan. Bilokreli said there is sufficient unused funding from previous years to fully meet this year’s requirements for the program.

With the 2011-12 capital grant allocation in place, Bilokreli said work will begin on reviewing the entire grant allocation for next year with an eye to “ensuring the funding is addressing the university’s highest priorities and asking whether there might be any changes to the programs within the grant.”

Sustaining capital grant earmarked for renewal

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After a comprehensive review process, the university’s Board of Governors has approved the reappointment of two college deans.

Vicki Williamson has begun her second five-year term as dean, University Library by deferring an earned administrative leave in order to remain involved in the preparation of the library’s third integrated plan. Williamson came to the university in March 2006 from the University of Ballarat in Australia where she was serving as pro-vice-chancellor, administrative and academic support. Prior to that, she was university librarian at Curtin University of Technology in Perth, Western Australia.

Also reappointed was Dean of Kinesiology Carol Rodgers, who returned to the position in July after a one-year administrative leave. Rodgers, who earned degrees from the Universities of New Brunswick, Windsor and Western Ontario, held her first academic appointment at the University of Michigan. She returned to Canada, to the University of Toronto, where she served in a number of roles including associate dean of graduate studies and research in the Faculty of Physical Education and Health and director of the Centre for Girls’ and Women’s Health and Physical Activity.

Words of wisdom for Sheaf staffers

Patrick Hayes, u of s archives

The following is an excerpt of a memo to all Sheaf staffers from William Dewreell papers. The well-known crime novelist and criminal lawyer was editor-in-chief (1959-60) and part of the 1958-59 of the student newspaper. “The Sheaf this year is going to try to get off on a new tack. We’re hoping the news, sports and features departments can get together—not continue to pigeonhole themselves in their separate rooms—and co-operate to put out a college paper with INDIVIDUALITY. But individuality requires a certain amount of self-discipline by every member of the staff. We hope our staff this year will agree to follow basic rules in writing and page makeup.

The Sheaf is not a daily newspaper and we can’t hope to hold to all the rules of the daily newspaper business. But we can make it a good college paper, incorporating useful rules of the dailies.

We hope reporters this year can be given a greater part in putting out their newspaper. They will be expected to take responsibility for their news beats getting acquainted with the persons on the campus responsible for creating news. If responsible for covering a major event coming up, a reporter should prepare an advance story for the previous week’s paper.

Main thing for reporters: Be bold!

Make as frequent use of the office as you like. Consult the assignment book regularly. Keep on top of your beat, looking out for news breaks, don’t underestimate the importance of any story you may find. Don’t wait for assignments. Dig up stuff on your own. Good feature material is always welcome.

There are really no basic rules for newswriting itself. The rules to be followed are those of English grammar. A good reporter should have a feeling for the English language—a sense of syntax. A good reporter writes a story as a good talker tells one. He thus avoids stilted writing and corney and hackneyed phraseology.

Make your copy simple, straightforward. Don’t try to use big words, and don’t get yourselves involved in long sentences. Short, rapid-fire sentences which keep up reader interest are best.”

DEANS WILLIAMSON AND RODGERS REAPPOINTED

FROM THE ARCHIVES
Am I the only one who remembers when summers used to be quiet, with time to catch up on the filing, attend a conference, think, even vacation? If this past summer is any indication, it appears I’m living in the past. Although busy, the three months since we last published have been tremendously satisfying. We launched the new and improved OCN website (news.usask.ca), managed to produce an annual report for the university and I even made it to Rutgers University in New Jersey for a gathering of some of my favourite people – other university news editors from across the U.S. and Canada. But a definite highlight came in June when I was invited to speak to a group on campus about the U of S’s Editorial Style Guide.

What? We have style guide for writing? Indeed we do. It’s been around for a couple of years and was put together in an effort to encourage consistency in writing just as we encourage consistency in the look of U of S materials (please do not use the old round logo!). To have a look, type editorial style guide into the search box on the university home page or visit the communications website.

While I know the guide intimately, what I didn’t realize that much people struggle with it every day in their jobs. Thus the invitation to speak. Organized by and for support staff for senior administrators, one workshop quickly grew into two due to demand but both were lively and engaging. My presentation was wide-ranging – punctuation, handy resource materials, the number of spaces between the end of one sentence and the start of the next (one, tips for writing—but one point in particular generated more discussion than all the others combined: when to capitalize a person’s title, and when to not.

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Letter

I am responding to a quote in the May 27, 2011 issue of OCN. In the article about University daycare, it was stated that “David Hannah added that...” The university is happy to try to do what it can to provide space but I don’t think we want to get into the child care business.

If you invite people to this University, you must provide the facilities they want and need. The majority of students here probably are not the same as they were 30 years ago. More and more people are choosing the U of S who are mature, who have families, who want to benefit from the strong economy and welcoming immigration policies of the province. If you invite people to this university to study law and don’t have a law college, I suspect they would choose a different university. Same principle applies with daycare. You can provide all the residence space you want and even increase parking, but if you don’t provide adequate childcare quality AND spaces, people will not come.

Women choose to study, to work, to provide the best they can for their families. By not providing childcare space, women’s choices are reduced - they either put their children in less-than-adequate space or they stay home with them. Neither of these solutions are ones that a forward-thinking, progressive university should permit.

Chris Lambert
U of S Language Centre

Sessional lecturers, board ratify contract

The University of Saskatchewan Board of Governors and the union representing sessional lecturers have ratified a new four-year collective agreement that includes salary increases, an increase to health spending accounts, a fully insured critical illness plan and the introduction of regular teaching reviews.

The agreement covers the period Sept. 1, 2010 to Aug. 31, 2014.

Salary adjustments include a four per cent increase to the total stipend for the period Sept. 1, 2010 to Aug. 31, 2011, which will be paid retroactively to CUPE 3287 members actively employed during that period. Subsequent salary adjustments include four per cent increases in 2011 and 2012, and a 3.5 per cent increase in 2013. In 2011, there will be an additional four per cent total stipend increase to all CUPE 3287 members actively employed. This change was negotiated as a substitution for a retirement savings contribution provision that only a specific group was eligible to receive.

The agreement specifies an increase of $100 per year, to $600, for health spending accounts (HSA) effective Sept. 1, 2010. There will also be an expansion of the HSA, to be renamed flexible spending program, to include the option to pay for taxable health and wellness expenses starting Sept. 1, 2012.

The collective agreement introduces regular reviews for lecturers for the purpose of providing feedback on instruction and planning future professional development. The reviews will be done during an employee’s first nine credit units of teaching, then once every two years providing they have taught more than 15 credit units.

There is also provision for a joint committee to be established to continue discussion of the right of first refusal and what adjustments will be beneficial to both parties.

- In Memoriam

Helen Loewen, April 14
Hugh Grant, May 1
Walter Wasylniuk (FMD), May 9
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Editor’s Note

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Preventing for the season

Huskies have taken to the field at Griffiths Stadium in PotashCorp Park for two-a-day practices in preparation for another season of Canadian Interuniversity Sports (CIS) football competition, which begins Aug. 26 with a non-conference game against Windsor. Conference play commences Sept. 2 when the team plays host to the Alberta Golden Bears and includes the annual homecoming game Sept. 30, when the Huskies take to the field against UBC. And Griffiths Stadium will soon be ready for the season too with the completion of a major clubhouse expansion, shown above, provided by the Graham family, and the addition of more seats funded by long-time Huskie supporter David Dubé.

Custodians in class

A new training program for custodial staff in Consumer Services is working to raise the profile of, and respect for, the people who have a key role to play in the health and safety of campus.

“People don’t really notice the custodians unless their garbage can isn’t emptied,” said Gord Snell, assistant manager of university residences. “They see it as a dead-end job that anybody can do but there’s a lot involved. Safety,” he continued, “starts with cleaning.”

Snell said he has been interested in providing formal training for custodial staff for some time and last April, had the opportunity to be trained to deliver the Cleaning Management Institute program, a multi-unit course involving both classroom time and hands-on learning. “Previously we relied on supervisors to do on-the-job training,” he said, “but with this course, we’re trying to develop a more professional group of people doing the job.”

The basic training course modules cover topics as broad as the chemistry of cleaning, washroom care, and carpet and hard surface floor care, he explained. “When our staff understands the why and how, mistakes are less likely to happen, and mistakes in carpet cleaning for example could result in thousands of dollars in repairs.” An advanced course with more in-depth modules is also available.

To date, 13 of 25 custodians who work in student residences and Marquis Hall have completed the course, Snell said. “People want to learn how to do their job better” and passing the course can benefit those wishing to apply for higher-placed jobs.

Ensuring a safe, clean environment for students and staff is important for the university, Snell said. And during events like flu outbreaks, the role of custodians becomes even more critical. “With the training we’re providing, we can positively reinforce the role our staff plays, and I do believe it’s an important one.”

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Preparing for the season

University employees have made big progress on recycling and composting at the annual appreciation picnic.

Megan Boschman, the community engagement sustainability intern in the Office of Sustainability, reported that although the goal of zero waste to the landfill has not yet been achieved, this year’s June 22 picnic showed remarkable improvement. She said a 2007 baseline study of picnic waste showed a total of 98 kg, or 33 kg per hour. Since then, an initiative to keep recyclable and compostable picnic material out of the landfill has been underway and this year, landfill waste totaled just 13 kg.

The sustainability office will continue to work to reduce landfill waste, particularly food packaging like individual condiments and plastic wrap.

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University signs five-year deal with PepsiCo

Consumers looking for a cold beverage will be seeing blue instead of red this fall now that the university has signed a five-year agreement with PepsiCo Beverages Canada to supply its products to most of campus.

Like the previous agreement with Coca-Cola Bottling Ltd., revenue will be directed at various student initiatives, that revenue being estimated at about $1.8 million over the term of the contract. Unlike the old agreement, the decision to go with Pepsi was made after consultations with the campus community about cold beverage agreements in general. For Heather Magotiaux, vice-president of advancement and sponsor of the process, taking the step of advancement and sponsor of the agreement, “I’m very pleased with the degree of consultation,” she said. “We heard a lot of important messages around water and sustainability, exclusivity and about confidentiality (of the agreement). I feel like we’ve found an outcome that accommodates many of the things we heard were issues. The agreement may not be everyone’s favourite but is good for the university.”

The new agreement will see PepsiCo install fewer and more energy efficient vending machines than there have been on campus in the past. There are also some food outlets that will offer products from other companies, ensuring consumer choice. Included in the list is St. Thomas More College, Mac’s, Campus Cove and Harvey’s.

Magotiaux also pointed out the PepsiCo deal has some incentives “but no commitment around the amount of product we have to sell. It’s also five years instead of 10 with an option to renew.” To address the confidentiality issue, Magotiaux said the details of the agreement will be made available to the campus community, and a report of the financial results and the allocation of revenue will be provided annually.

“And I’m really excited about the water filling stations,” she said, conveniences that will be provided by the university to accompany a gradual reduction in bottled water sold on campus. The details that have been released so far about the new agreement can be viewed at www.usask.ca/coldbeverage.

Around the Bowl

Jeanette Lynes has accepted the position of co-ordinator for the Masters of Fine Arts in Writing at the Interdisciplinary Centre for Culture and Creativity. Previously, Lynes was an associate professor of English at St. Francis Xavier University.

Metin Cakir has been appointed to the position of assistant professor (Van Vliet Chair) in the Department of Bioresource Policy, Business and Economics for a three-year term. Cakir came to the U of S from the Purdue University. In the same department, Eric Michaels has been appointed to the position of assistant professor for a four-year term. Michaels was previously from the University of Illinois.

David Hannah has been re-appointed associate vice-president, with a new title. Hannah’s new title will be associate vice-president, student affairs to highlight the role and responsibilities with respect to student issues across the institution, in addition to responsibilities for the Student and Enrolment Services Division.

Belal Fallah from the Department of Bioresource Policy, Business and Economics received top honors for the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society (CAES) Outstanding PhD Thesis Award presented at the CAES 2011 annual meeting.

Unless otherwise stated, the following appointments were effective July 1, 2011:

- Ganesh Vaidyanathan has been appointed head of the Department of Accounting, Edwards School of Business for a three-year term.
- Rainer Dick has been appointed to the position of acting head of the Department of Physics and Engineering Physics for a six-month term.
- Angela Ward’s appointment to the position of vice-provost, teaching and learning, has been extended for a six-month term.
- Ernie Barber has been appointed to the position of acting head, Department of Biology, College of Arts and Science for a one-year term.
- Richard Julien has been appointed for a four-year term to the position of acting head of the Department of Language and Linguistics, College of Arts and Science.
On Aug. 31, the U of S will end its agreement with Access Copyright, thereby necessitating a new approach to the use of copyrighted materials. "This will represent a cultural shift at the U of S," said Martin Phillipson, acting vice-provost, faculty relations, and executive sponsor of the Copyright Advisory Committee. "It is a big decision with a number of implications. The biggest challenge will be dealing with course materials. The law of copyright has not changed, but the method of getting permission to copy has changed significantly."

The decision to withdraw from Access Copyright was based on the recommendation of the university’s Copyright Advisory Committee and endorsed by the Provost’s Committee on Integrated Planning. "Old and tried methods of supplying students with material—the most obvious being photocopied course packs—are not covered by the Access Copyright license unless they are printed by one of the many licenses that the University Library holds," he said.

"Notably, research and private study by students is covered under the “fair dealing” provisions of copyright law and teaching staff should also be encouraged to assist their students in finding the material themselves. One of the simplest copyright compliant ways of doing this is to provide hyperlinks for students that lead them to materials in licensed databases held by the library."

The impetus behind the decision to withdraw was a substantial fee increase proposed by Access Copyright and its request for access to more university information, he said. "More than 30 other universities across Canada have withdrawn from Access Copyright as of mid-August, so we are not out of step with the Canadian academy in voicing our concern and opting out of the existing structure."

Although this is a common decision, it will require significant adjustments across Canadian campuses. "It is a significant logistical exercise, but technology has already changed the way we access educational materials. I think that most teaching staff will be able to find copyright-friendly material to use in the classroom. The library has incredible resources that are already licensed. We must also strive to ensure that those faculty that need to obtain a license for specific material are able to obtain such permissions."

The Copyright Advisory Committee will continue its work and evaluate all licensing options, he said. "We are making a roadmap, creating policies and procedures and developing guidelines on copyright for teaching staff. We will take appropriate steps to ensure that everyone is properly supported, we can manage this transition in a way that ensures that students continue to receive high-quality instruction."

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**Changing copyright access**

**Martin Phillipson**
Schulz represents U of S in United Way campaign

Colleen MacPherson

An interest in social justice issues, particularly those relating to homelessness, has led Carla Schulz to a unique opportunity – to represent the University of Saskatchewan in this year’s United Way campaign.

Schulz, a student residence custodian with Consumer Services, will spend almost four months working on the campaign as part of the United Way’s Loaned Representative Program. There, she will have the chance to hone her organizational and public speaking skills, work with volunteers and be part of a business community network. Schulz knows the public speaking part is a little out of her comfort zone but she will bring her enthusiasm, her volunteer experience, her new laptop provided by the Campus Computer Store and her U of S pride to the campaign.

“I’m really proud to be representing the university and the community in which I work,” said Schulz. Of particular interest to Schulz are the efforts of the United Way to strengthen and support families, and to break down the barriers to services that can prevent eventual homelessness. When these goals are achieved, “the sun starts to shine for people.”

One of the aims of the Loaned Representative Program is to develop the next generation of active community leaders, she said, adding she is “elated” the university plays a role by participating. “The United Way is a testament to social awareness and I want to be a part of it.”

Around the Bowl

Laurentiu Givelichian has been appointed acting head for the Department of Pediatrics, College of Medicine and Saskatoon Health Region for a one-year term.

Mark Carter has been appointed to the position of acting associate dean of graduate studies and research, College of Law for a one-year term.

Keith Willoughby has been appointed to the position of associate dean academic, Edwards School of Business for a five-year term.

Nazeem Muhajarine has been appointed to the position of head of the Department of Community Health and Epidemiology, College of Medicine for a three-year term.

Laurie Helleman has been appointed to the position of associate dean graduate studies and research, College of Education for a five-year term.

Andrew Van Kessel has been appointed Head of the Department of Animal and Poultry Science, College of Agriculture and Bioresources for a five-year term.

Marion Jackson has been appointed to the position of head of the Department of Veterinary Pathology, Western College of Veterinary Medicine for a three-year term.

Ken Van Rees has been appointed to the position of acting head of the Department of Soil Science, College of Agriculture and Bioresources for a six-month term.

Lois Jaeck has been appointed to the position of acting head of the Department of Art and Art History, College of Arts and Science for a six-month term.

Richard Gray has been appointed to the position of acting head of the Department of Biobioresources Policy Business and Economics, College of Agriculture and Bioresources for a one-year term.

Louise Humbert has been appointed to the position of acting associate dean undergraduate education, College of Kinesiology for a six-month term.

Anurag Saxena has been appointed to the position of associate dean postgraduate medical education training programs, College of Medicine for a five-year term.

William Dust was appointed to the position of acting head of the Department of Surgery for up to a one-year term, effective June 1.

Greg Marion was appointed to the position of acting head of the Department of Drama, College of Arts and Science for a one-year term, effective May 16.

Hope Bilinski has been appointed to the position of associate dean, Central Saskatchewan, Saskatoon campus and Academic Health Science, College of Nursing for a five-year term.

Lois Berry has been appointed to the position of associate dean, North and North Western Saskatchewan campus and Rural and Remote Engagement, College of Nursing for a five-year term.

Peter Li has been appointed to the position of acting head of the Department of Sociology for a six-month term.

Ding-Yu Peng has been appointed head of the Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering for a five-year term.

Eric Dayton has been appointed to the position of head of the Department of Philosophy for a three-year term.

Joseph Blondeau has been appointed to the position of acting head of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine for a one-year term.

Ken Sutherland has been appointed to the position of associate dean in the College of Dentistry for a five-year term.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Through the annual Achievement Award, the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation honours those individuals who inspire us with their drive, leadership, and ingenuity. From basic science discoveries to visionary health policy, Saskatchewan health researchers contribute to the well being of the people of this province, our nation, and our world.

Join us in celebrating Saskatchewan’s leaders in health research. Nominate someone you know today! Nomination forms are available from the SHRF office or at www.shrf.ca.

The award recipient will be announced at the SHRF Santé Awards Evening on December 1, 2011 in Saskatoon.

Deadline for nominations is October 17, 2011.

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Building a healthy Saskatchewan through health research
Treating disease one cell at a time

Kris Foster

It sounds stranger than fiction, but a researcher in the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition is exploring nanotechnology that can be used to treat diseases like cancer at the cellular level.

Azita Haddadi, assistant professor in the Division of Pharmacy, is investigating how to modify nanoparticles for targeted delivery of chemotherapy and immunotherapy agents.

A general problem in pharmacological research, said Haddadi, has been how to deliver drugs and medicine in a way that protects surrounding tissues from collateral damage. This research “could be a very important approach in chemotherapy because we could target the medicine to tumors with limited exposure to the healthy parts of the body.”

Targeted delivery has been a main focus of her work since arriving at the U of S last summer. “My long term goal is to develop a delivery system for immunotherapy that will target immune cells and give them a boost so that they fight cancer. In order to do this, she is looking at modifying nanoparticles so that they are attracted to these cells. "Nanoparticles and nanotechnology are rapidly progressing and show a lot of promise as a delivery mechanism."

A she and her research team are working on the FDA-approved polymer called poly (D,L, Lactide-co-glycolide), also known as PLGA, that can be modified to make specific nanoparticles. “We first determine which cells we want to target and then manipulate PLGA based on need. This technique can be modified for any cell and any disease.”

Essentially, she said, the polymer surface can be manipulated so it is attracted to specific targets on cell surfaces. “We can manipulate many characteristics on the nanoparticle surface and determine we each relates to the targeting efficiency of nanoparticles. Once we determine these relationships, we have a model that can be adapted.”

Then the medicine or antigen is put in the nanoparticle. “Once the treatment is delivered, the nanoparticles get hydrolyzed, becoming lactic acid and glycolic acid, and harmlessly leave the body.”

The hope is that this process can be adapted to any disease, making treatment more efficient and in some cases, beating diseases before even becoming a full-blown concern.

Momentum builds for nuclear centre

Kris Foster

Following the provincial funding announcement in March, the real work of establishing a centre for nuclear innovation at the U of S is underway, beginning with the recent appointment of an interim director.

John Root’s first task was to shape the centre’s mandate in consultation with university and government stakeholders. He is now consulting with faculty and leaders from the broader community to define more clearly how this centre could contribute to research, development and training in the nuclear domain.

A detailed business plan is currently under development and will be presented to University Council and the Board of Governors this fall.

The purpose of the centre is “to place Saskatchewan among the global leaders in nuclear research, development and training,” said Root, who is on secondment from his role as director of the National Research Council’s Canadian Neutron Beam Centre at Chalk River, Ont. “We will get there through investing in partnerships with academia and industry. These partnerships are intended to maximize social and economic benefits."

The centre will focus in areas that have the potential to make significant contributions to nuclear knowledge, explained Root. These include: nuclear medicine, materials development, safety and practice in nuclear energy systems, and society’s knowledge and understanding of nuclear-related technology. “We are neither pro-nuclear, but we do want to focus on the nuclear domain because it is an area where the U of S and the province have strengths that can deliver positive impacts in the province, Canada and the world,” he noted.

“Anything nuclear has social interest as a big component. So we need to engage citizens in conversations to understand risks that are associated with nuclear technologies and on how to mitigate those risks while reaping benefits for people and the environment. It sounds obvious, but knowledge reduces uncertainty and builds confidence.”

Equally important to the areas of focus are the activities taking place in those fields, he said. “We expect Saskatchewan can have worldwide influence by building on our strengths and choosing key areas to maximize our impact. The
The Arts

University Authors Collection Sept. 5–Dec. 20, University Author’s Centre at the U of S Library. Special Collections contains all the work done by past and present authors of the University of Saskatchewan. The collection will be on display in the lobby of the Murray Library in Special Collections.

College Art Galleries On view until Sept. 23. In College Art Gallery 2. For information, call 330-1424. The college Art galleries interdisci- plinary works and installations by Deanna Brown. In College Art Gallery 2 is Peter Smith. You May Find Yourself, the artist’s emotional reactions to life and consump- tion.

Miscellaneous

The Word On the Street The Word On the Street, a national literary and literary festival, will take place in downtown Saskatoon Sept. 25 between 11 am and 4 pm. The festival features three stages and over 30 authors, performers and storytellers, and will be held on 23rd Street between 3rd and 4th Avenues in the Fleming Monroe Mansion.

Seminars/Lectures

Edwards School of Business Research Fairs Sept. 9, noon–1 pm. Edwards Room, 108 Chris Polak presents Power and interdependence of the structure of our work affects how we behave towards others.

Philosophy in the Community Sept. 17, 10 pm. The Redfern, 609 Dufferin Ave., Professor Emeritus David Cowssley presents Equality and Respecting Differences.

Courses/Workshops

The Gwena Moss Centre for Teaching Effectiveness For information, go to www.cccd.usask.ca or call 966-5139

Business & Leadership Programs Leadership Development Program, Oct. 4–Nov. 22. This eight-week program involves three-hour evening sessions once a week for the first five weeks. The last 3 weeks are a capstone workshop.

Technical Writing, Oct. 5

The Seven Havens of Highly Effective Presenters, Oct. 6

Emerging Technologies: Learning How you Learn, Oct. 15 and 22

Emotional Intelligence: The Other Side of Smart, Oct. 20

USask Events


2D Design, Sept. 22–Dec. 14 (evenings)

Drawing, Sept. 19–Dec. 19 (days/teens)

Drawing for Animation, Sept. 19–Dec. 19 (days/teens)

Lile Drawing, Sept. 21–Dec. 14 (evenings)

Life Drawing, Sept. 21–Dec. 14 (evenings)

The Landscape in Soft Pastels, Sept. 16,17/18 (weekend)

Painting, Sept. 19–Dec. 19 (evenings)

Watercolour I, Sept. 19–Dec. 19 (evenings)

Open Project Painting III, Sept. 22–Dec. 15 (evenings)

10 Design I, Sept. 22–Dec. 15 (evenings)

10 Design II, Sept. 21–Dec. 14 (evenings)

Sculpture I, Sept. 21–Dec. 14 (evenings)

Sculpture II, Sept. 21–Dec. 14 (evenings)

Modeling, Making & Casting For Sculpture, Sept. 21–Dec. 14 (evenings)

Photography, Sept. 20–Dec. 13 (evenings)

Photography, Sept. 21–Dec. 14 (evenings)

Digital Camera Basics, Sept. 30, Oct. 1,4/5

Advanced Photography, Sept. 20–Dec. 13 (evenings)

Outdoor Scene & Landscape Photography, Sept. 20–Dec. 25 (weekend)

Photoshop I, Sept. 22–Dec. 15, (evenings)

Intro to Computer – Mac, Sept. 19, 10 am–5 pm

Flash & Retouch, Sept. 19–Dec. 19 (evenings)

Adobe Illustrator, Sept. 17–Dec. 3 (evenings)

Stained Glass I, Sept. 30, Oct. 1 and 2, (weekend)

Experimental Fiber Art & Design, Sept. 20–Dec. 13 (evenings)

Writing for Illustrating Books, Sept. 12–Dec. 13

University Employee Development Programs

Cultural Conversations, Oct. 12 and 19, 8:30 am–4:30 pm on Dec. 7 and 14, 8:30 am–4:30 pm. $690 for faculty, staff and students. You will want to know if the centre is a good investment. We need to demonstrate results and new ideas emerging from the U of S through our facilities, people, and partnerships.

The U of S pioneered the field of nuclear medicine, said Richard Ewan among the global players in this focus of our pioneering spirit. This centre will put Saskatchewan among the global players in this focus of our pioneering spirit. This centre will put Saskatchewan among the global players in this focus of our pioneering spirit. This centre will put Saskatchewan among the global players in this focus of our pioneering spirit. This centre will put Saskatchewan among the global players in this focus of our pioneering spirit.
Six athletes, one builder and two teams will be inducted into the University of Saskatchewan Athletics Wall of Fame Sept. 10 at a special event at TCU Place.

The list of inductees was announced in June and includes Jamie Epp (cross country track and field), Dan Farthing (football), Kelsie Hendry (track and field), Mickey Jutras (wrestling), Kent Kowalski (soccer), Jacqueline Lavallee (soccer and basketball), Al Bodnarchuk (massage therapist, builder), the 1996 Vanier Cup champion football team and the 1987-88 CIAU champion men’s volleyball team.

“This group of inductees has made big impacts on Huskie Athletics and its history,” said Athletic Director Basil Hughton in a news release. “Each have held records, been recognized on the national and international stage and have represented Huskie Athletics in a positive light throughout their careers and still to this day.”

For a complete photo gallery, visit news.usask.ca
This year’s back page feature is a then-and-now comparison of campus photos. With an archival photo in hand, we try to take a new shot that illustrates how things have changed at the University of Saskatchewan. We thought it would be a good idea to start off with Place Riel which officially reopened August 18 after extensive renovation and expansion.

Enjoy.