More than a dozen years in the planning, the centre will create a hub for Aboriginal student services on campus as well as space for teaching, learning and ceremony. The announcement and unveiling of renderings of the centre was attended by members of the Gordon Oakes family, including his daughter Irene who told the crowd gathered in Place Riel that the centre speaks to her father’s vision of two horses—one representing Aboriginal people, the other non-Aboriginal—working together as a team. Balance is important in teamwork, she said, and the centre represents balance between learning and “keeping your language, culture and traditions … (so) you know what you're all about.”

The Gordon Oakes-Red Bear centre will be built in Wiggins Court between the Arts Tower and the Murray Library and its 1,884 square metres will house both the Indigenous Students’ Council and the Aboriginal Students’ Centre with additional space for learning and ceremonies. When completed, the centre will be "a vibrant inclusive gathering place for all," said MacKinnon.

The centre will be connected to both the Arts Tunnel and a new link to the Health Sciences building. The initiative was first considered in 1998 when NOVA Chemicals made a $1-million donation to the university specifically for Aboriginal student space. In 2006, the board approved hiring consultants to proceed with the design of the centre, and Douglas Cardinal Architect Inc. was chosen. Cardinal, who is of Métis and Blackfoot heritage, has designed a number of notable buildings including the Canadian Museum of Civilization in Gatineau, the First Nations University of Canada in Regina and the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian in Washington. The design Cardinal produced for the U of S was described by the president as "a stunning piece of Aboriginal architecture."

In an interview prior to the public announcement, MacKinnon said the building is proceeding "later than we would have liked" but he fully expects construction to begin before he leaves office next June. While it will be a celebration of Aboriginal culture and history, the president said the centre "will also be a place that encourages Aboriginal students to think of the University of Saskatchewan as their university too," a sentiment echoed by Irene Oakes, who works in the College of Education, in her remarks Oct. 4.

The late Gordon Oakes (Red Bear) was born in 1932 in the Cypress Hills on what is now called the Nekaneet First Nation. Throughout his life, he was a spiritual and political leader within his community and across the province.

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The social media revolution

Researcher explores how software affects behaviour

Kris Foster

The social media tsunami approached, hit and had a huge impact, leaving a lot of catch-up work in its wake aimed at figuring out what can be done within the realm of zeros and ones. Julita Vassileva is looking to the future.

“Social media will revolutionize how business, politics, non-profit organizations and education work,” explained Vassileva, who defines social media as online spaces that allow interaction, sharing of opinions, ideas and resources.

“It has the potential to influence people’s behaviour to do good things for themselves and for their communities.”

With $416,000 over five years from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), Vassileva, professor in the Department of Computer Science, will look to answer some questions that online communities have brought up. Of particular interest to Vassileva is how incentives and software design can motivate desired behaviour.

“To unlock this potential, one needs to answer profound questions about human motivation and solve the technological challenges in building infrastructures that support successful communities,” she said. “This research aims to develop an infrastructure that motivates people to pursue and accomplish goals that benefit them and their communities.”

Vassileva understands the enormity of the task in answering an age-old question, how can we influence behaviour to make positive contributions to society? “We want the users to have positive outcomes, not just waste time,” she explained. “We want the communities to motivate people to learn, be healthy and act in ways that benefit communities.”

An obvious incentive is money, because “it is the simplest and most ubiquitous, but often this is not a feasible option because of the expense. There are other incentives and tangible rewards we can use to motivate behaviour,” explained Vassileva. “We are looking at recognition, reputation, status and goal accomplishment; people go to extensive lengths to gain these. Look at eBay, where reputation is essential to making money, or Facebook where the number of friends is a measure of status.”

The focus of Vassileva’s research during the course of the project will be on designing online community infrastructures based on motivational mechanisms and applied to developing healthy lifestyles, encouraging volunteerism and even online learning.

“Motivating people relies on understanding deep issues of individual and collective human behaviour and these are very important to every online system,” she explained.

In the new world of copyright compliance

In what Martin Phillipson describes as the brave new world of copyright, the University of Saskatchewan is working to put in place the resources instructors need to ensure their teaching materials comply with both internal policy and federal copyright law.

“We’re really taking a three-pronged approach to addressing copyright in the post-Access Copyright era on campus because while the law hasn’t changed, it’s not business as usual any more,” said Phillipson, a law professor and the acting vice-provost of faculty relations. “We have to have a defensible or robust system in place to verify copyright compliance that will stand up to outside scrutiny.”

The U of S was one of about 30 Canadian universities that withdrew from the Access Copyright collective at the end of August after proposed changes to that organization’s tariff were deemed unacceptable. The university’s first efforts were on the education front, informing teaching staff of what the change will require, said Phillipson. “Copyright compliance is the joint responsibility of the institution and the individuals who teach for us.”

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The second and third prongs of the copyright strategy involve marshalling both the technological and human resources needed to assist faculty and other teachers in determining “what they can and cannot do with particular material.” On
Retirees honoured

The University of Saskatchewan Retirees Association recently held a special event at the Faculty Club to honour the recipients of its Prime of Life Achievement Awards. The association uses the award to recognize university retirees who, after their retirement, have continued to make contributions that have been acknowledged by local, provincial, national or international bodies.

This year’s recipients are:
- Roma Franko, former head of the Dept. of Slavic Studies and later, the Department of Modern Languages
- Delwyn G. Fredlund, former professor in the Department of Civil Engineering
- Bryan Harvey, former vice-president of research and provost in the Department of Physical Sciences
- David Keegan, first joint head of the U of S College of Medicine and Saskatoon Health Region’s Depts. Of Psychiatry
- R. Lal Kushwaha, retired professor in the Department of Agricultural and Bioresource Engineering
- Che Kan Leong, retiree from the Institute of Child guidance and Development
- Gwenna Moss, former dean of the College of Home Economics and associate vice-president academic
- Paul Riemer, retired professor in the Department of Civil Engineering

Balance law, academics

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the technology front, Phillipson said the University Library will be purchasing software to help locate appropriate materials that meet the pedagogical needs of instructors. In terms of human resources, there are already people on campus assisting with copyright licences and permissions “but we will consolidate those supports in a more coherent way so faculty will know where to go to get the answers they need.”

The goal, he said, is a system to assure copyright compliance and while the details have yet to be finalized, it will likely involve a sign off process at the department level. “The balancing act is to meet our legal obligations without interfering with the academic mission of the university.”

Phillipson noted the university’s existing copyright policy, which was approved in 2009, would not require any updating to meet the institution’s compliance objectives.

In terms of faculty response to the changes, Phillipson said some are concerned about individual responsibility “but I think most appreciate and understand their legal obligations.” The education efforts will continue, he said, and he hopes copyright compliance supports and procedures will be in place by the end of the calendar year.

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Collaboration key to One Health strategy

Last month, I spoke at a symposium in Ottawa that highlighted the progress of Fore-CAN (Foresight for Canadian Animal Health). Created in 2008, this three-year project has brought together all levels of government, industry, academia, health and agricultural organizations. Its mission: to develop a framework for managing future animal health emergencies in Canada.

If you believe this project doesn’t affect you, think again. Many emerging diseases are zoonotic, meaning that they can be transmitted between animals and humans. Two recent examples are SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome) and avian influenza — both caused global alarm. A national plan to manage animal health crises is as critical to people as it is to animals.

On behalf of the Canadian Faculties of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine (CFAVM), I talked about academia’s role in training future veterinarians and scientists as well as developing health expertise and new technologies. I also stressed our national and international responsibility for bringing the concept of One Health to life.

One Health’s goal is to improve animal, human and environmental health through collaboration among all health sciences. By working together, health professionals can develop strategies for managing serious issues such as food- and water-borne diseases, environmental changes and emerging zoonotic diseases. Interprofessional expertise is also critical for managing more common diseases and infections — such as rabies — in communities.

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For example, a U of S chapter of the National Health Sciences Students’ Association (NaHSSA) has already helped to bring together students from all health science colleges for interprofessional discussions and activities.

Moving from multiple spheres of health to a stronger One Health structure will take time, co-operation and effort — but it’s a process that we must not delay any further. As we’ve already witnessed, a single emerging disease can overwhelm the world. We need a combined, strategic effort to manage these global health crises. The health of people and animals depends on our success.

Douglas Freeman is dean of the Western College of Veterinary Medicine.
For those instructors who manage their courses online, their toolbox has just gotten a whole lot bigger.

This fall, Information Technology Services (ITS) launched a new set of course tools that includes the basics but offers many more features as well as the opportunity to modify and customize tools to suit particular needs. More than a year in development, the new online tools offer something for everyone, from those who just want to post lecture notes to those who want to set up virtual chat rooms or wikis. As Amanda MacKenzie, ITS project manager said, “as instructors grow, the system can grow with them.”

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The change was required because the old course tools software was outdated, explained Janis Shirriff with ITS training services. A new software platform that has been modified to the U of S look and feel provides not only the expanded suite of tools but integration with other e-learning services like blogs or web conferencing and with online textbook resources from publishers.

Shirriff explained the course tools were developed in consultation with a faculty advisory group that was polled about what tools they use and what functions they would like added. Among the enhancements is a feature that allows an instructor to post an assignment that students can pick up and drop off electronically, eliminating the need to email finished work back to the instructor. There is also a new grade centre to organize and distribute marks to students for immediate feedback on their work. And the course tools can now be accessed from a mobile device.

A group of seven pilot instructors worked with the new tools in test courses over the summer “and were excited about all the features they could use,” said MacKenzie. “It gave them all the freedom they needed to play around with the tools without students watching.” The instructors could also be test students “so they could see exactly what students see.”

Almost as much effort has gone into familiarizing instructors with the new tools as went into their development. Shirriff said training materials were prepared for all users including videos and “tips and tricks” tools and point to ITS supports that include group orientation sessions as well as one-on-one assistance.

Shirriff said the most positive responses so far have been to the enhanced announcement capabilities that include sending text messages to students who chose that option and the tools that allow instructors to post test and assignment results, organize students into groups and add in teaching assistants.

On the flip side, Bill Wallace, instructional support services manager, said that some instructors taken aback “by the sheer number of advanced features that can be turned on. This platform is so powerful that it can be a bit overwhelming” but many are taking advantage of the ITS supports “and I don’t know of anyone who’s gone away still frustrated.”

Tools of the teaching trade
ITS launches new online suite for instructors
Colleen MacPherson

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Construction to begin in spring 2012

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you see in its architecture a symbol of who you are, you’ll feel more at home. For me, the Gordon Oakes-Red Bear centre is about Aboriginal students feeling at home and knowing the University of Saskatchewan is committed to their success.” Speaking at the announcement, Ryan Moccasin, president of the Indigenous Students’ Council (ISC), said the centre represents “a step on the journey that the university and Aboriginal students share together.” He described the supports that will be available in the centre, including mentorship and access to elders, “but what Aboriginal students long for is a home away from home and a sense of community” which the centre will provide.

To celebrate the project moving forward, the ISC held a full-day culture gathering Oct. 5 on the future site of the centre. Richard Florizone, vice-president of finance and resources, said the university expects the cost of the centre to be “in the range of $10 million but there is further design work needed to finalize the budget.” Funding for the project has been a challenge, said MacKinnon, “but no capital project is ever easy. It’s always hard to raise money for bricks and mortar” but efforts to find contributors will continue.

Around the Bowl

Three appointments have been announced in the university’s Distinguished Chairs Program, set up to celebrate exceptional achievement in research, scholarly, and artistic work by faculty or emeriti. The selections this year are: William Kerr, professor in the Department of Bioresource Policy, Business and Economics in the College of Agriculture and Bioresources, and one of North America’s foremost agricultural economists in his specialty of international trade and innovation; Bill Waiser, professor of history who has been described as “Saskatchewan’s historian” for his decades of work uncovering the rich stories from Western Canada and Saskatchewan in particular; and Ron Steer, a physical chemist in molecular spectroscopy in the Department of Chemistry whose research on the behavior of organic molecules that have absorbed light is leading to new insights in the field of solar energy.

The College of Nursing has announced the appointment of Catherine (Cathy) Jeffery to the position of director of Continuing Education, starting Nov. 14. Jeffery will bring extensive leadership and nursing experience to the role of director.

Andrew Potter, director and CEO of the U of S Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization-International Vaccine Centre (VIDO-InterVac), has been elected a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Science (CAHS). The award recognizes his groundbreaking contributions to vaccine research and development. At its meeting Sept. 16 in Ottawa, the CAHS also elected Dr. Jay Kaia, professor of pathology, to its board. The aim of the organization is to provide assessment and advice on key issues relevant to the health of Canadians.

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Waging war on nasty bacteria

Kris Foster

An interdisciplinary group of 5 researchers is waging war on particularly nasty strains of bacteria that are drug resistant and life threatening.

Using a wide range of expertise from across campus, the Canadian Light Source (CLS) synchrotron and the facilities at the Saskatchewan Structural Science Centre, the Molecular Design Research Group has set out to combat drug-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, one of the most feared infections in hospitals. And with millions of dollars in funding from the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation, the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, NSERC, CFI and CIHR, the group has all kinds of sneaky bacteria in their crosshairs.

"Beyond staph being a timely research area because of its re-emergence, it was also an area that members of the group had in common," said David Palmer, head of the Department of Chemistry and leader of the research group. "In simplest terms we are attacking the bacteria's defenses and finding weaknesses in order to destroy it."

Using the synchrotron beamlines to determine protein structures from drug resistant strains of S. aureus, the group—established in 2003 with members Harold Bull, Hughes Goldie and Peter Howard (biochemistry), Takuji Muraoka (immunology), Yu Luo and Oleg Dmitriev (biochemistry), Takaji Tanaka (food and bioproduct sciences), Pawel Grochulski from the CLS, and David Sanders and Palmer (chemistry)—set out to search for answers that will help them discover molecules and design drugs that will target these infections.

"We are focusing on the structures of protein that build cell walls, proteins that make antibiotics and proteins called multidrug transporters that help bacteria expel drugs, making them drug resistant. Focusing on the protein characterization sets us apart," said Palmer. "If we can understand how the proteins work, we can figure out which molecules can disrupt the process. Then we can develop inhibitors or design drugs that can defeat certain strains."

Often these molecules already exist in nature. Palmer explained. A lot of antibiotics are derived from what micro-organisms are already making—like penicillin. "This kind of information can be used to engineer bacteria to make specific antibiotics," he continued.

Looking at the bigger picture, this research has the chance to become foundational in scope, explained group member David Sanders. "The strength of discovery-based research is that we are developing the problem solving skills that can be applied to other areas," said Sanders, associate professor in the Department of Chemistry. "All aspects of health involve interactions of proteins with other molecules."

If we can contribute to understanding these interactions, we can help target other virulent multidrug resistant bacteria."

The molecular design group has had some success understanding proteins of S. aureus, and finding a compound to fight the bacteria, said Sanders. While the effect is weaker than they would like, they are encouraged. "When you collaborate with so many researchers, departments and colleges, the answers and principles we discover can be applied to different questions and problems. This has led to more funding for members of the group."

David Palmer, head of the Department of Chemistry

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This lecture is free of charge and open to the public.
Alumni award recipients announced

The U of S Alumni Association will honour the recipients of its 2011 achievement awards at a banquet at the Radisson Hotel in Saskatoon on Oct. 28. For more information about the 2011 recipients, visit alumni.usask.ca

B. E. (Bev) Allen, BPharm’73, RP – Over his distinguished 38-year career, Bev Allen has been involved in almost every aspect of the pharmacy vocation from owning his own practice to teaching at the U of S. His dedication earned him both the Canadian Foundation for Pharmacy Pillar Award and an honorary life membership with the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacists.

Tony Dagnone, C.M., BComm’65 – Tony Dagnone has more than 38 years experience in health care as the CEO of academic hospitals including Royal University Hospital and the London Health Sciences Centre, Toronto. In 2009, he was appointed commissioner of Saskatchewan’s Patient First Review, and was a founding board member of the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame.

Edward Hudek, BSA’40 – With research, experience and ingenuity, Edward expanded the practice of agriculture in the Canadian prairies and delivered public policy solutions to farmers. After teaching agricultural engineering at the U of S, he began a 25-year career at the Manitoba Department of Agriculture, and then managed a $10,000 CIDA project in Sudan.

L. David Dubé, BKA’84 – A five-year alumnus of Huskie football, David Dubé passionately supports U of S athletics. In 2006, he established the Huskie Football Scholarship Foundation, which has built a $1.4 million endowment. President and CEO of Concorde Group Corp., Dubé actively supports the WCVM and Junior Achievement, among others.

Ken Linnen, BFA’72 – Ken Linnen is known in the engineering and planning fields for his character, leadership, mentorship, intelligence, professionalism and practicality. In his 39-year career, Linnen has held positions at the Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways, the City of Regina, Saskatchewan Housing Corporation, and as a consultant at Stantec.

Tony Dagnone, C.M., BComm’65

Rui Feng, PhD’92 – Rui Feng has worked as a geologist and an executive in the mineral resource industry for over 17 years. He is an entrepreneur with an extensive track record in successfully acquiring and exploring mineral properties. He has held positions at the National Engineering and Science Council and the Institute of Sedimentary and Petroleum Geology.

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Council approves nuclear innovation centre

Colleen MacPhee

After a protracted debate, a motion from the floor and some procedural wrangling, University Council gave its approval Sept. 14 to the establishment of the Canadian Centre for Nuclear Innovation (CCNI) at the U of S.

The centre will oversee nuclear facilities on campus such as the cyclotron. The genesis of the centre was the announcement in March of a $30-million, seven-year investment by the province in nuclear science at the U of S. An additional $17 million was announced for the construction and operation of a cyclotron.

In introducing the approval motion, Bob Tyler, chair of Council’s planning and priorities committee, explained the CCNI would be “a funding agency rather than an academic centre per se ... but that projects it funds have the potential to have an impact on things we do on campus.”

John Root, the CCNI’s interim director, then gave a short presentation outlining the key activities of the centre – programs, projects and facilities – that would fall within four themes: nuclear engineering and technology that support the research and academic mission of the U of S. With no mandate to conduct research or training activities directly, the CCNI will serve as a funding agency for academic programming and research and development projects, and will oversee nuclear facilities on campus such as the cyclotron.

The first speaker in support of the approval motion was David Parkinson, vice-dean of humanities and fine arts in the College of Arts and Science, who said he saw in the centre proposal “principled support” for broad inclusion across campus and the opportunity for “real community discussion.”

Several non-Council members spoke against the motion, with one suggesting that by funding the centre at the U of S, the provincial government is using the university “to circumvent the expressed wishes of the people of Saskatchewan.”

In response to that comment by reminding Council that the university has a proud history of success in nuclear science, most notably the development of the Cobalt 60 machine which revolutionized radiation treatment for cancer. He stated adamantly that the university “is not tied to anyone’s agenda,” to which he received a round of applause.

Dr. Claire Card, professor of large animal clinical sciences, expressed a number of concerns about the CCNI proposal relating to its governance model, its academic components and what she described as the “overly prescriptive” influence of the provincial government. She made a motion that the proposal be returned to the planning and priorities committee for further work.

In response, Tyler pointed out the proposal still has to go to the university board for approval, and “the academic discussions of what this centre will do are far from over. We’re creating a funding opportunity; it’s up to us to take advantage of the academic opportunities themselves.” Card’s motion was defeated.

Further support for the centre came from Dr. William Albritton, dean of medicine, and Dr. Douglas Freeman, dean of the veterinary college, who both pointed to nuclear imaging and medicine as areas of significant opportunity through the CCNI. Sociology Professor Harley Dickinson expressed confidence any shortcomings in the proposal would be addressed, adding that the centre positions the U of S “for a world leadership role. We’d be foolish not to endorse it.”

Prior to the vote on the motion, Tyler assured Council members they could “have confidence that your discussion today will be in front of the Board of Governors” when it considers the proposal. The board will consider the proposal at its Oct. 14 meeting.

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Next OCN deadline is October 13
The Three Sisters Theatre presents The Three Sisters by Anton Chekhov. Call Pamela Hagel, 109 for tickets and more information.

The Arts

Amati Opera Event
The University of Saskatchewan Amati Opera will present the Saskatoon Opera Society and the U of M Musical Theatre Ensemble will perform Purcell’s King Arthur, directed by John Dyrenfurth. Oct. 29 at 7:30 pm. In Third Avenue United Church, 408 Ave. P. Tickets: $15, Amati website at amatiopera.usask.ca.

NFB Series
The second in the 2012 National Film Board series is Waterline, the story of the Great Lakes named by Gord Downie of The Tragically Hip. Showings are at 11 am and 7 pm on Oct 25 at the Collaborative Learning Lab, first floor, Murray Library.

University Authors Collection
The University Library exhibition features recently published books, written or translated by U of S staff, and as well as books about selected author(s) and the scholarship on their works. The exhibition will be on display in the Link area on the first floor of the Murray Library. The official opening will take place at 4 pm on Sept. 27.

Kendreddge Gallery
The Kendreddge Gallery is curated by Kent Archer and featuring the work of Leicester Armstrong and Chad Duncan who才华横溢地展示了他们的作品。

The show continues until Dec. 16.

Chemistry Seminars
4 pm, Room 599 Thorvaldson

Ashley Gardiner, PhD student, will give a seminar entitled Total Syntheses of anti-Calogolide B and Cancer Prevention, and the valorization of Chemistry and Centre for Research in Mass Spectrometry, York University. He will give a seminar entitled Total Syntheses and Neck Cancer Biomarkers Discovred by the University, a Diagnostic, Prognostic and Therapeutic Seminar.

Oct. 21, Steve Westport, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Mount Allison University, will give a seminar entitled Antibiotics: From Antifungal to Catechol.

Education Research Seminar
7 pm, on Nov. 1, Room 189 Edwards Building. Min Misraj presents Disappearing Dividends: A National Explanation and Implications.

Deans’ Speaker Series
Oct. 21, 7:30 pm Edwards School of Business, the Deans’ Speaker Series presents Piers Steed, author of The Procrastination Equation: How to Stop Putting Things Off and Start Getting Stuff Done. He will speak about the myths and misunderstandings behind procrastination and motivation. RSFCC to lifelonglearning.usask.ca.

Law Lecture
Oct. 12, noon, MacPherson Lee and Leibersdorf Theatre, Room 109, College of Law. Fiona Sampson presents The Equity Effect: Canadians and the Struggle Against Unfair Treatment.

Microbiology and Immunology Seminars
Thursday, 4-5 pm, A226 Health Sciences Building.

Oct. 20, David Knezevic presents Mecha - nistic approaches to the analysis of CD4 T-cell co-operation in vivo.

Philosophy in the Community
7 pm, Oct. 12, The Refinery, 609 Dufferin Street. Mark Caputo presents Authority, Obedience, and Respect for the Law

Geography and Planning Colloquia
Mondays, 4-5 pm in Kirk Hall 146

Oct. 7, Sergio Alvarez presents Baja: A Land About Culture. Manuscript is currently available from cupc@pss.usask.ca. For more information, call 966-8900.

Oct. 14, Gabriela Silva presents Watershed scale in urban environmental Governance.

Oct. 21, Elizabeth Wentz presents Street level mapping for modeling urban systems.


Veterinary Microbiology Seminar
Oct. 19, 9:30 am, VIDO Lecture Theatre, Manika Polasek presents Development of novel vaccines against porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome for porcine and human.

Physics conference
The U of S is hosting the Canadian Undergraduate Physics Conference. On Tuesdays will feature student talks, a great food, tours of campus facilities and four plenary speakers, including a video conference with Stephen Wolfram. Tickets for that event are available from the Physics and Astronomy department. For more information, visit cop.ca.
Campus Incidents

Selected incidents reported by the Department of Campus Safety. Report all information about these and other incidents to Campus Safety at 966-5555.

Sept. 26-Oct. 2
- Officers issued the following tickets:
  - 4 for having alcohol in a public place
  - 2 for operating an unregistered motor vehicle
  - 1 for using a cell phone while driving
  - 1 for speeding
  - 2 for having alcohol in a motor vehicle
  - 7 for minor in possession of consuming alcohol
  - Officers investigated one motor vehicle accident.
  - Officers investigated rash of break-ins to vehicles in U Lot.
  - Officers arrested one person for breach of an undertaking.
  - Willful damage was done to a glass panel in an entrance door to Sask Hall.
  - Officers attended four medical calls.

New admission policy

In the fall of 2012, a U of S admission policy will place Alberta students on a level playing field with their Canadian counterparts when applying for admission.

Final high-school marks used to apply to post-secondary institutions are calculated differently for students who follow the Alberta curriculum (including those living in Northwest Territories and Nunavut) compared to students in the rest of Canada.

In Alberta, 50 per cent of final marks consist of exam test scores, while final grades in other parts of the country are from all senior year marks.

The new policy will admit Alberta students based on their in-class or diploma marks, or a blend of the two—whichever mark is higher. The new policy will not lower U of S admission quality—general policies and averages for admissions to university will remain the same.

Dorothy Knowles

“Sky Above, Earth Below”

Dorothy Knowles is considered by many to be one of Canada’s finest painters. We are, indeed, honoured and pleased to be presenting this exhibition “overview” of her work; including watercolours, and works on canvas. Not only has Dorothy continued to paint prolifically with watercolours, acrylics and oils, but she is one of the few landscape painters who not only has an exceptional knowledge and command of the technical requirements of painting, but can blend them with an intuitive sensitivity to the abstract components of art. As a result, Dorothy Knowles’ paintings don’t just record a location; they elicit a feeling in the viewer that he/she is actually there.

Reception: Saturday October 1st, 2-4pm
Exhibition runs October 1st – 20th, 2011

images of all the artworks in this show are on our website at www.artplacement.com

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TheView
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The brick Second World War memorial on the right of both of these photographs has remained virtually unchanged but the upper Memorial Union Building, now home to Browers and XL Design, looks significantly different today compared to how it looked in 1958.

Editor's note: Apologies again to the nice people forced to move from their table so that we could get our shot.