A fond farewell

Peter MacKinnon will step down as president of the University of Saskatchewan on June 30, and in this issue of On Campus News, the last of the publishing year, we pay tribute to his 13 years in office. From the Archives on Page 3 highlights his installation, the View from Here on the back page looks at his home some years ago and a montage of photos on Pages 6 and 7 provides a glimpse into the life of our president. We bid him a fond farewell.

The $44.5-million challenge
Bringing expenses in line with revenues by 2016

A projected $44.5 million annual gap between revenue and expenses has the University of Saskatchewan considering the possibility it may no longer be able to be all things to all people.

At a town hall meeting May 16 to outline how the institution plans to adjust its operating budget between now and 2015-16, Provost Brett Fairbairn said the reality is that “attempting to be everything to everyone … that doing so much in the ways in which we’ve been doing them may no longer be financially sustainable. We have to prioritize more clearly. We will need to focus on doing what we do well, and not always on doing it all.”

A downward trend in funding for post-secondary education across the country, rising compensation costs, increasing pension payments and the expense of operating and maintaining campus buildings have all combined to put pressure on the university’s operating budget, explained Fairbairn. The change necessary to bring expenses in line with revenues will require a level of change “most of us have not experienced in recent memory at this university.”

To provide perspective on the magnitude of the challenge, Fairbairn said that by 2015-16, the projected $44.5 million deficit will represent about 8.5 per cent of the university’s operating budget, a number that is greater than the annual funding allocation to all but its two largest colleges. “There is no one action that will solve an issue of that magnitude,” he continued. “We’re going to be thinking about budget adjustments that make sense … not simply what we can do most quickly.”

Before describing the budget adjustment strategy university administrators and the Board of Governors have put in place, the provost acknowledged that difficult choices will have to be made over the next few years, and that it will be a time of uncertainty, but fundamental change is necessary to ensure the university achieves its goals.

The approach the university will take to narrowing the gap between expenses and revenues will be deliberate and measured, multi-pronged and research based, he said, adding decisions will be “guided by evidence and by examples of what people have done in other universities.” The goal is to find solutions that are both long term and sustainable.

After Greg Fowler, acting vice-president of finance and resources, provided information about $6 million deficit in the 2012-13 detailed operating budget (please see budget story Page 8), Fairbairn highlighted the principles that will govern the budget adjustment process. These include alignment with the priorities outlined in the university’s third integrated plan, taking a holistic view of the university and its resources, and following a transparent and collaborative process.

He also spoke about the university’s strengths going into budget adjustments: a surplus from the 2011-12 fiscal year and operating reserves that will provide transition and one-time funding; clear institutional priorities; and ideas and people. “We will need many hands and many minds to address the kinds of issues we will have in the coming years.”

The reduction target of $44.5 million “is going to have to be achieved in chunks” with permanent annual reductions of $9 million to $13.5 million annually through to 2016, amounts Fairbairn described as “manageable.” A number of work teams, overseen by a steering committee, will be set up to examine administrative
Change will not affect mission, goals

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and academic expenditures that occur both centrally and across the university. "It is unlikely," added the provost, "these types of targets will be met by focusing on administrative actions solely.

"It is clear no one group of people is going to solve the problems of the magnitude we’re looking at here today. It will take the collective effort of everybody to make this process successful."

Fairbairn said the Service and Process Enhancement Project (SPEP) is one example of work already underway to find savings and efficiencies on the administrative side. On the academic side, he said the university could, for example, see changes to the programs and courses it offers, and the modes and methods of delivery.

Fairbairn stressed that change on these various fronts will take place at different rates. Administrative measures will likely be the quickest to develop and implement while academic change could take years.

Describing the governance structure of the process, the provost said the Board of Governors provides overall direction but approval of all budget adjustments will rest with the Provost’s Committee on Integrated Planning. That committee will also provide direction to the steering committee overseeing the work teams. And he encouraged the campus community to continue to provide cost-saving ideas.

Next steps include appointing steering committee and work team members, he said, and dealing with the $6 million deficit in the 2012-13 operating budget. Research will continue on best practice for budget adjustments, and Fairbairn assured the audience that regular updates on progress will be provided to the campus community.

The effort to avoid a $44.5 million annual deficit will mean change for the University of Saskatchewan, said the provost, “but our mission and our ambitions as a university remain the same. We may not any longer be able to try to be everything to everyone but by strengthening our focus, we will become stronger in areas we’ve identified as most important.”

More information and a video of the May 16 town hall presentation can be found at usask.ca/finances

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Restructuring concept approved
Council votes for three divisions in College of Medicine

Colleen MacPherson

It took about two hours of debate followed by a secret ballot May 17 for University Council to approve a restructuring concept for the U of S College of Medicine.

The new academic governance model, which received 38 votes in favour and 26 opposed with two abstentions, will create three divisions within the college—Divisions of Clinical Research, Medical Education, and Biomedical and Population Sciences. The restructuring is an effort to address some issues around the assignment of accountability for teaching responsibilities, lagging research performance and complex lines of authority in delivery of clinical services.

In introducing the motion to approve the concept, Bob Tyler, chair of Council’s Planning and Priorities Committee, said, “the status quo, certainly we believe as a committee, is not sustainable and change has to occur. I don’t think I have to spell out the implications of the loss of accreditation.”

Also speaking to the motion was Provost and Vice-President Brett Fairbairn who stressed the issues within the college do not relate to individual performance; “this story is about an academic model that doesn’t respect the needs of students or accreditation.” The new model, he said, will allow the college to prioritize teaching, research and services.

First introduced in April, the restructuring was the subject of numerous consultation sessions, and has been revised based on that feedback, said Martin Phillipson, acting vice-provost of faculty relations. Phillipson presented the initial draft lacked integration between the three new divisions; the revised concept does include new research and teaching groups. “Nobody gets a free ride,” said Phillipson. “Everybody has to change and collaborate to ensure the college is successful.”

Before debate on the motion, Fairbairn also told Council that the creation of a dean’s steering committee on college renewal that will be co-chaired by associate deans in medicine and will play a “consultative and guiding role in shaping the concept.” He also moved an amendment to the original motion, changing the effective date of the new model from July 1 this year to Jan. 1, 2013. The later date will allow for more detail planning before the concept takes effect, he said.

The debate involved both Council members and visitors representing the college. Marcel D’Eon, who is a member of both groups, urged Council to defeat the motion, describing the concept as “a treatment plan of sorts … but I truly fear the patient may succumb to the cure.” He said the turmoil, upheaval, fear “and unfortunately, animosity and resentment created by this paper may cripple our patient—the College of Medicine” in its efforts to find teachers and renew its curriculum.

After Council voted to close debate on the motion, Fairbairn made final comments. He said the restructuring will help recruit a new dean by ensuring that person does not face “a stalled debate,” and reminded Council implementation will be in the hands of college leadership and faculty. He added the proposed structure works successfully in all other Canadian medical schools.

“Will we establish a structure within which the College of Medicine organizes work in a different way or will we be referring back to a college whose systems have proven that they can’t produce results, they won’t produce results, they haven’t produced results?” he asked. “We need to change that system and it’s only University Council that can take this step.”

When the question was called, Hamilton made a motion that the vote be taken by secret ballot. The motion passed. Secret ballots are a rare occurrence at Council according to University Secretary Lena Pennock.

Funding for school outreach programs

Two University of Saskatchewan school outreach programs—Ecology Camps for Kids and Science Ambassadors—have received funding from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) that will help bring hands-on support for science to the next generation of students, both in the classroom and with extra-curricular activities. Since its inception, the program has reached more than 3,000 students. NSERC PromoScience will provide $50,100 over the next three years to support a collaboration between Cameco, (sponsor for the Science Ambassadors program since 2009) and the Saskatchewan provincial government.

Ecology Camps for Kids, now approaching its 20th year of operation, is a not-for-profit charitable organization that reaches more than 2,400 students annually. The summer program is offered to children eight to 12 years old, with one program for ages 13 to 17. The program also offers grassland and wetland field trips in the spring and fall and ecology-related workshops year round. It will receive $23,400 over three years to augment funds raised through fees and in-kind donations.

October 22, 1999, Peter MacKinnon, the University of Saskatchewan’s eighth president, opened his installation speech with the following remarks: “Presidential installations are ceremonies of reaffirmation and renewal—reaffirmation of a noble idea and of a history that matters, and renewal in the form of a commitment to the future. The noble idea is that of the university itself. It finds support in Clark Kerr’s observation that of the 70 institutions that have been in continuous existence from the reformation to this day, 66 are universities and colleges. Universities tend to endure, and they do so because they represent enduring values. It is the merit of an idea that demands respect in a university, not a voice of command, a pronouncement on morality, or a threat of punishment. The commitment to disciplined enquiry; the freedom to explore, to experiment, to debate, the belief that the search for truth however complex and elusive really does matter. These are the values of the university and they are as compelling today as they have ever been. And so today, we reaffirm them, and the idea of the university itself.”

He closed with: “Eminent Chancellor, ladies and gentlemen, ours will be an exciting future. Proud of our past and confident of our future, we are determined to make the possibilities a reality. Without the goodwill and the generosity of so many of you, this would not be possible. Thank you very much.”

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Patrick Hayes, U of S Archives

President #8

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That’s a wrap
With this issue, we wrap up the 19th year of publishing On Campus News. Thank you to everyone who sent us story ideas, agreed to be interviewed and commented on our content. We’re looking forward to 2012-13 and until then, keep up to date with news and information at news.usask.ca.


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Poole also programmed the PLC to initiate one final flush for the day at midnight as most drains. Although the tanks are not visible, the filling and draining happens all day, every day: "That’s a lot of water down the drain," said Poole. "I think when these old urinals were installed there was a concern about the smell and plumbers weren’t as concerned with water conservation … today, we know how important saving water is."

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In many ways, Walter Martin is a typical University of Saskatchewan student—he gets up early for his 8:30 am classes, crams for exams and stays up late. But there are some things that set Martin apart from many of his fellow undergraduates. He began his studies at 84 after he retired; he’s been married for 50 years, and he has five children and 13 grandchildren.

Martin is a true example of lifelong learning. On June 5, the 82-year-old will walk across the stage during spring convocation to receive his Bachelor of Science degree, and it is the culmination of nine years of work. Although he has enjoyed his studies, he admits there were times when he wondered “how in the world did I get myself into this?” But once you start something, you pretty near have to finish it, don’t you?

Like many other students who will take part in convocation, he can summarize his feelings with one word: “Nervous.”

“We’ve been teasing him about tripping over his gown,” his wife, Jean, said with a laugh.

Martin enrolled at the U of S when he and Jean moved to Saskatoon after their son took over their Kindersley-area farm. Although Martin is pleased with their Saskatoon home, which has a great view of the South Saskatchewan River, he wanted to get out of the house and take on a new challenge. “I didn’t want to stay at home in the Broadway area to the 20-minute walk from his home in the Broadway area to the U of S campus.”

Martin has some advice for students who are starting university: “Stay on top of the homework from the beginning of the semester and don’t fall behind.”

“Start off learning everything right from the start, which I didn’t do. I always said, ‘Oh, I’ll get this later on.’ Well, all of a sudden it’s exams coming up and I don’t remember this stuff from the start.”

Martin said his family, who are excited about his accomplishments, offered him encouragement along the way. Many of them could relate to his experiences, since all of his children attended university and four of them have at least one degree.

When asked if he would recommend that other retired people take classes, he replied, “I’d certainly think so, but every person has different ambitions in life.”

Martin, however, does not intend to stop with one degree; he is considering enrolling in additional undergraduate courses in the fall or applying for a master’s degree program.

He speaks highly of the “beautiful” U of S campus and the “very interesting people” he has met throughout the course of his studies.

“It’s been wonderful. I appreciated all the help not only from the faculty but from the students, as well, and my family.”

Shannon Boklaschuk is a communications co-ordinator in the Students and Enrollment Services Division.
If a picture really is worth a thousand words, then these two pages say a lot about Peter MacKinnon in his role as president of the University of Saskatchewan. We combed the OCN photo archives and called in favours from photo-taking colleagues across campus to put together this collection. It is just a sampling of the public life of a president, a job that requires a lot of time in front of microphones, a lot of time attending events, a lot of time in personal conversation, and a lot of different hats, literally and figuratively.

Best wishes President MacKinnon.

Ed.
A message to the campus community

With the publication of this issue of On Campus News, the last in my term as president, I want to take the opportunity to say to each and every member of the University of Saskatchewan community two simple words – thank you. During my 13 years as president, and indeed since I arrived on this campus in 1975, it has been my great privilege to be part of a group of employees whose level of commitment to this organization can only be described as impressive. It takes many people doing many different kinds of work to keep the University of Saskatchewan focused on its priorities and moving forward toward its goals. You are those people. You have my utmost respect and appreciation.

Peter MacKinnon
The U of S Board of Governors has approved an operating budget for 2012-13 with total expenses of $453 million, about $6 million more than projected revenue for the year.

Details of the budget were released May 16 at a town hall meeting held to discuss the university’s current and long-term financial situation, including a projected annual operating deficit of about $44.5 million by 2016. In light of the larger deficit situation, university administrators will not be taking any drastic action to address the 2012-13 shortfall, according to Piya Sen, director of budget and special projects in the Financial Services Division.

“I don’t want to be flippant because $6 million is a big number, but it’s not as big as $44.5 million. We will continue to look for one-time savings that will eliminate this year’s deficit but we don’t want to make reductions this year that turn out to not be the right actions to address our long-term deficit situation.”

Sen went on to say that some one-time and permanent reductions were made during preparation of 2012-13 detailed budget to bring the deficit down to the $6 million. These included: cancellation of a planned two-percent increase to colleges and units for non-salary expenses, a more detailed analysis of actual salary and benefit expenses, and deferral of an anticipated operating budget contribution to RenewUS, the program that will see revitalization of campus infrastructure based on academic priorities.

Total revenue in 2012-13 is expected to be $447 million, with 68 per cent coming from the provincial operating grant, 23 per cent from tuition and fees, five per cent from other government sources including operating funding for InterVac, and four per cent from university investments. The budget anticipates about $11.5 million in investment income, up significantly from last year’s budget but about on par with actual returns last year. Sen said this year’s budget figure “is more reflective of the actuals we’ve experienced.”

In fact, higher-than-anticipated returns on the bond market are expected to push the university into a surplus position for 2011-12. Sen said that surplus, which has yet to be finalized, will be used to reduce the funding shortfall on the Gordon Oakes-Red Bear Student Centre, to fund upcoming budget adjustments and to raise the university’s general operating reserves. Board policy dictates that operating reserves be maintained between one and four per cent of operating expenses, “and we want to be on the higher end in these challenging times. It gives us a bit of a buffer.”

On the expenses side of the budget, salaries and benefits are expected to rise in 2012-13 to $299 million or about 67 per cent of total operating costs for the university.

Another large expense, about four per cent of the total, is utilities but in 2012-13, those costs are expected to drop to about $19.4 million from about $20 million last year. Sen said the budget “reflects both projected consumption and what we know about our locked-in rates.” This category of expenses includes electricity, natural gas, water, telephone, hardware and network maintenance, and software licenses.

One challenge in preparing the budget was finding money for operating the Health Sciences D Wing. The university had asked the provincial government for $3 million to cover those costs but that was not forthcoming in the March provincial budget.

Sen said the projected cost for 2012-13 has been reduced to $1.7 million by phasing in custodial and maintenance services, and discussion are continuing with the government about future funding needs.

The 2012-13 budget also includes expenditures of $9.6 million for central scholarship and bursary funding, $9.6 million for library acquisitions, $7.1 million for the academic priorities fund and $13.2 million in student-related enhancements which will come from tuition revenue.

More information about the 2012-13 operating budget and other financial matters can be found at www.usask.ca/finances

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Honorary Doctor of Laws: Wayne Wouters

Wayne Wouters began his career as an economics lecturer at the University of Saskatchewan in 1975. His public service career began in 1977 when he joined the Government of Saskatchewan. He remained with the provincial government for five years and served several positions during this period.

In 1982, Wouters moved to the federal public service in Ottawa, first joining the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources and in 1990, the Department of Finance where he became general director in 1999. The next year, he joined the Privy Council Office where he was head of the federal Task Force on the Newfoundland economy. Wouters was appointed assistant secretary, then deputy secretary to the Cabinet before joining the Privy Council Office in 1997 where he served in a number of roles.

In 2008 and received the Distinction in Public Service. He has received numerous fellowships, honorary lifetime memberships and awards including the Order of Canada, Saskatchewan Order of Merit, the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada Gold Medal. Beyond his contributions in the field of plant breeding, DePauw is an active volunteer and serves on numerous advisory committees and boards.

Honorary Doctor of Laws: Arthur Dumont

A 1967 mechanical engineering graduate of the University of Saskatchewan, Art Dumont did not take long to make his mark on the oil and gas industry. By 1985, he had served as president and CEO of a number of companies, retiring in 2008 as CEO of Technical in 2008.

Known in Alberta as one of the university’s most influential fund-raisers and ambassadors, Dumont was chair of the Olmert’s Executive Association and co-chair for four terms of the selection committee for the founding of the Calgary Engineer’s fundraising group. He later provided leadership on two major university fundraising campaigns. First and Best and Looking to the Future in the 2000s. Dumont served on the U of S Board of Governors from 2002 to 2012, including as chair from 2006 to June 2010.

Blaine Favel, currently CEO of One Earth Oil and Gas, has made significant contributions to scholarship, education, public service and the Canadian public good. A graduate of the Indian Teachers Education Program at the U of S, Favel earned a law degree at Queen’s University and an MBA from Harvard Business School. As chief of the Poundmaker Cree Nation, Favel established the first community based justice program for First Nations and as grand chief of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations, oversaw the establishment of the First Nations Bank of Canada and the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority. Favel has served as Canadian Counsellor on International Indigenous Issues and, in the not-for-profit sector, he is a board member of Canadian Native Women’s Association and has served on the board of the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology and the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission.

Honorary Doctor of Science: Ronald DePauw

Saskatchewan native Ronald DePauw is being recognized for contributions to the wheat industry of Canada. He developed more than 50 varieties in several classes of spring wheat, which have an incremental value of more than $1 billion. DePauw developed varieties that improved yields and protein content and were resistant to many diseases and pests. Of all the wheat grown in Canada, around 50 per cent is derived from cultivars DePauw and his team developed.

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Honorary Doctor of Letters: John Tse

John Tse, Canada Research Chair in Materials Science, has a very broad research interest at the converging frontiers of chemistry and physics. Since moving to the U of S in 2008, he has focused on the superconductivity behaviour of dense hydrogen alloys and magnetic single molecule-radical solids under compression. He has published more than 450 articles and 17 reviews and book chapters, many appearing in the most prestigious scientific journals. He has presented more than 280 lectures at international conferences and workshops.

Tse is an active member of the synchrotron community and serves on many national and international committees on neutron and synchrotron facilities. He chaired the Review Oversight Committee during the construction of the Canadian Light Source and later, led the development of the high-pressure diffraction facility. He was elected a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 2008 and received the Distinguished Researcher Award of the University of Saskatchewan in 2010.

Elected Doctor of Science: John Tse

President’s Service Award: Allan Stuchenko

Allan Stuchenko is more than a talented sheet metal worker; it is his gift for thinking, and working “outside the box” that make him the 2012 recipient of the President’s Service Award.

Some 26 years ago Stuchenko joined the Facilities Management Division and has since built a reputation across campus as someone who is always willing and very able to tackle challenges. A really tricky situation arises, it is Stuchenko who gets the call. It is generally recognized among tradespeople, the mechanical engineers and the technologists on campus that if Stuchenko can’t build it, it probably can’t be built.

On any given day, he might be found building a venting system for a furnace, replacing a furnace chimney, fabricating a new floor for a freight elevator or bending custom seed trays. All of this and much more he did with an unyielding commitment to the U of S and the people who study and work here.

Award for Distinction in Outreach and Engagement: Ryan Walker

Ryan Walker’s interest in urban planning and bridging the gap between classroom work and community involvement has created learning opportunities for students, enhanced local, national and international partnerships, and benefitted both Saskatchewan and the University of Saskatchewan.

A professor in the Regional and Urban Planning Program, Walker is committed to bringing the community into the classroom and the classroom into the community. He has made contributions to communities in many ways, including organizing Great Places, a discussion series aimed at informing and inspiring dialogue about what makes a great place. As director of the U of S Indigenous Planning Exchange from 2007 to 2011, he has involved students and faculty exchanges between six universities across Canada, Mexico and the United States.

Walker’s commitment to community engagement makes him a very deserving recipient of this award.

Award for Distinction in Outreach and Engagement: Phil Thacker

Phil Thacker’s expertise on swine nutrition and management, unending commitment to knowledge transfer, and his dedication to swine research have raised the profile of the University of Saskatchewan provincially, nationally and internationally. He is highly regarded within the swine and feed industries and very deserving of the Award for Distinction in Outreach and Engagement.

Thacker, a professor in the College of Agriculture and Bioresources, has provided volumes of resource material—books, journal and magazine articles, presentations—related to the swine and feed industries.

He remains highly involved in projects close to home. In 2008, Thacker developed a swine nutrition and management course for the Hutterite colonies of the University of Saskatchewan and presented it to the colony’s swine managers. The course reached a significant proportion of the Hutterite population.

New Researcher Award: Keith Carlson

In recognition of Keith Carlson’s contribution to scholarship through creation, expansion, and critique of knowledge, he is the 2012 recipient of the New Researcher Award. Carlson, a history professor and director of the Centre for Culture and Creativity, has a national and international reputation for his research in the history of Native newcomer relations. Carlson’s work has had significant impact on Indigenous communities and he has demonstrated an admirable commitment to connecting his research to broader audiences outside of academia. Carlson has received numerous awards for his work and has authored five books and 33 book chapters, has edited or co-edited six books and special issues, and has published numerous review articles, papers in journals, technical reports and book reviews. Carlson is also involved in creating a Centre for the Study of Indigenous Historical Consciousness and Voice and was recently appointed special advisor on outreach and engagement.

Master Teacher Award: Barb Phillips

Master Teachers are always teaching and always learning. They are intimately involved in teaching undergraduate students, graduate students, new faculty members, university and civic communities, and the broader world, just as they are active in searching for and the undertakings that can be shared with learners. Barb Phillips is such a Master Teacher.

Her undergraduate students report being engaged by her enthusiasm, clarity and relevance; her graduate students describe their admiration for her honesty and mentorship; her junior colleagues applaud her generosity and openness; senior university leaders benefit from and appreciate the expertise that she shares with them; the Saskatchewan community values the service learning that arises from her innovative courses; and the broader world learns through her award-winning research and media appearances.

She is a creative and engaging instructor; a constructive and active contributor; and a thoughtful and supportive colleague.

Award for Distinction in Research: Blaine Favel

Saskatchewan native Ronald DePauw is being recognized for contributions to the wheat industry of Canada. He developed more than 50 varieties in several classes of spring wheat, which have an incremental value of more than $1 billion. DePauw developed varieties that improved yields and protein content and were resistant to many diseases and pests. Of all the wheat grown in Canada, around 50 per cent is derived from cultivars DePauw and his team developed.

She has received numerous fellowships, honorary lifetime memberships and awards including the Order of Canada, Saskatchewan Order of Merit, the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada Gold Medal. Beyond his contributions in the field of plant breeding, DePauw is an active volunteer and serves on numerous advisory committees and boards.

Award for Distinction in Research: John Tse

John Tse, Canada Research Chair in Materials Science, has a very broad research interest at the converging frontiers of chemistry and physics. Since moving to the U of S in 2008, he has focused on the superconductivity behaviour of dense hydrogen alloys and magnetic single molecule-radical solids under compression. He has published more than 450 articles and 17 reviews and book chapters, many appearing in the most prestigious scientific journals. He has presented more than 280 lectures at international conferences and workshops.

Tse is an active member of the synchrotron community and serves on many national and international committees on neutron and synchrotron facilities. He chaired the Review Oversight Committee during the construction of the Canadian Light Source and later, led the development of the high-pressure diffraction facility. He was elected a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 2008 and received the Distinguished Researcher Award of the University of Saskatchewan in 2010.
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St. Thomas More College has launched a $6-million campaign to pay for a building expansion and a Catholic studies chair.

In a media release, about the Creating More Campaign, STM President Terrence Downey said the college is “bursting at the seams,” and the expansion is necessary for the college to teach classes within its building.

As for the chair in Catholic Studies, Downey said the new position will help encourage the exploration of both faith and reason, and will enable broader engagement with the community. Derrin Raffey, STM’s chief financial officer, said both initiatives will also be supported with the proceeds from the sale of Ogle Hall to the U of S in 2010 and with a contribution from the Basilian Fathers, the Catholic order that established the college in 1936.

The University of Saskatchewan’s Sustainability Commitment Working Group is seeking your feedback on the final draft of the Campus Sustainability Plan!

Send in your comments and critiques to help refine the plan.

View the plan at: www.sustainus.usask.ca/csp
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Deadline for feedback: October 31, 2012
Since this photo of the recently completed University Bridge was taken in 1926, the river valley has filled in a great deal. Back then, whether coming up or going down the bridge, the President’s Residence was in full view for all to see. The extra privacy from trees and shrubs—now hiding all but the tip of the roof—was surely appreciated by all of those who called the President’s Residence home.

Obviously, the U of S—just like the City of Saskatoon—has changed a great deal since this photo was snapped in 1926. But what hasn’t changed is the University Bridge remaining the main access point to campus from across the river.