Silver Summer

The opportunity to play full-tackle, American-rules football for Team Canada at an international competition in Finland was certainly the highlight of Carisa Polischuk’s summer. Winning the silver medal was a bonus. The assessment analyst in the University Library talks about her passion for the game, her experience overseas and her advocacy efforts for women’s tackle football in a story on Page 5.

Enrolment down slightly in fall 2013

For the first time in several years, total enrolment at the U of S is down for the start of classes.

Compared to last year, this year’s enrolment figure of 20,726 is 0.38 per cent, or about 80 students, lower than the previous fall in all degree and non-degree programs, explained Russell Isinger, university registrar.

“We expect variation year to year, and while we’ve seen a slight decrease this year, we do consider this year’s enrolment figure to be quite stable,” said Isinger. “This provides us with a snapshot of enrolment to give us an idea of trends prior to our October census day when we gather official numbers.”

Some of the trends that the numbers reveal are that while total undergrads (16,937) is down this year—1.14 per cent compared to last year—the number of graduate students (2,795) is up close to five per cent.

The overall numbers of international and out-of-province undergraduate students are up 1.44 per cent and 3.84 per cent respectively, Isinger said.

“We have recruited more actively in western Canada and internationally over the last five years, and that helps to explain those increases.”

But there was a decrease, a little over five percent, in the number of first-time international undergraduates in direct entry colleges, which Isinger attributes in part to the foreign service strike that is delaying some international students from getting study visas. “The full extent of this won’t be known until census day as more international students may have to withdraw if they cannot secure visas shortly.” (See related story Page 3)

Students from closer to home here in Saskatchewan, he continued, declined as well, by almost two per cent.

“First-time students in the direct entry colleges from Saskatchewan are also down, so we are checking with government to see if the total number of high school graduates is down so as to explain this decrease.”

One area that Isinger called positive has to do with self-declaration of Aboriginal students.

“Over the past year, we introduced new business processes to better collect Aboriginal self-declarations,” he said. “There are already 1,728 self-declared Aboriginal students—one of our highest totals ever—and this number typically increases by census day.”

This, he cautioned, does not necessarily mean that the U of S is attracting more Aboriginal students, just that the university is making it easier for Aboriginal students to self-declare.

“The numbers look pretty comparable to last year, but we will have more and better information with census day in October.”

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Russell Isinger

President Ilene Busch-Vishniac welcomes students during Orientation Sept. 3.
Institute builds Chinese connections

MICHAEL ROBIN

Youbin Yu ushers his guests into his office in the Arts Building, past a reception area adorned with bright red Chinese lanterns and a portrait of the famous teacher and philosopher for whom the Confucius Institute is named.

It has been a little over a year since the institute at the University of Saskatchewan opened. Yu is its director, seconded from his job as deputy dean of humanities and social sciences at the Beijing Institute of Technology (BIT). He shares the director’s position with U of S sociology professor and China advisor, Li Zong.

Yu reports that demand for the institute’s adult Chinese language courses both on and off campus is growing, and a partnership with Saskatoon Public Schools will see Chinese classes offered in Brunskill and Greystone Heights Schools this year. Yu explained the institute has also started a social club on campus and made connections with the local Chinese Cultural Association in Saskatoon.

“We co-hosted a Chinese New Year celebration at TCU Place that drew more than 600 people,” Yu said, “So many local people participating—this cultural exchange—it is exactly what we are trying to do.”

Yu’s passion for sharing Chinese culture began with his son’s playmate in Botley, a village just outside Oxford, England where Yu was finishing his visiting scholar’s research work.

“Before New Year’s Day, I wrote a New Year’s card to the family,” he said. “The next day they came to my gate and they were very happy, and the boy says ‘Alien’—that’s my English name—you can even write Japanese!”

Yu was surprised, and explained the characters in his card to the family were Chinese, not Japanese, but he understood the confusion.

“They know cartoons from Japan, toys from Japan, and motor cars from Japan, so they connect everything—like the characters—with Japanese products. So they recognize Chinese as Japanese.”

Yu and some of his like-minded colleagues at Oxford University decided to help fill the cultural void by forming a non-profit association to teach Chinese language and culture. The initiative, which continued after Yu finished his studies, made him an ideal candidate to work with the Confucius Institute.

The local institute is a co-operative effort of the U of S and BIT, sanctioned by the Confucius Institute headquarters in Beijing. Under the partnership, salaries and program expenses are shared by BIT and the Confucius Institute, while the U of S, as the host institution, provides office and classroom space, and administrative support.

First established in its Beijing headquarters in 2004, the aim of the Confucius Institute is to promote understanding and friendship among China and other cultures.

Yu explained that the institute here builds on existing ties between China and the U of S, both on an institutional and personal level. The U of S has relationships with more than 30 Chinese academic institutions.

It’s a platform for universities to co-operate in Chinese language teaching and cultural exchange. Yubin Yu

More than 40 U of S faculty members in a wide variety of fields have links with China, collaborating with researchers and regularly recruiting Chinese graduate students to study here.

“A Confucius Institute is not an ordinary part or department of a university, although it’s inside a university,” Yu said. “It’s a platform for universities to co-operate in Chinese language teaching and cultural exchange. For universities, they (Confucius Institute headquarters in Beijing) want to expand co-operation between the two universities in scientific research, teaching, and maybe staff training.”

Yu himself was active as both a scholar and administrator before taking up his three-year post at the Confucius Institute here. A specialist in the philosophy of science, he hopes to collaborate with U of S colleagues, exploring possibilities in medicine, engineering, and social sciences.

“I want to have more opportunities to converse with local philosophers and maybe we can set up an exchange with BIT staff,” he said. “I don’t yet know what is possible, but I would like to see in the very near future what we can do.”

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Students defer admission due to foreign service strike

Kris Foster

Many international students getting ready to study at post-secondary institutions in Canada this fall may have to put their plans on hold due to the strike of foreign service workers, at the government agency responsible for issuing student visas.

At the U of S, about 35 international undergraduates who were newly admitted and scheduled to start classes this fall have had to defer their admission until January, said Alison Pickrell, director of enrolment and student affairs.

“The short-term impact is that newly admitted students who didn’t already obtain study permits have to defer their classes until October when all those international students who registered but had to withdraw their classes have done so.”

The number of international graduate students affected by this strike is more difficult to determine because each department on campus manages its own graduate program.

Royal Society of Canada honours academics

Three scholars and researchers from the University of Saskatchewan have received recognition for their work from the Royal Society of Canada (RSC). Sakej Henderson, director of the Native Law Centre, and Marie Battiste, a professor in the College of Education, two of the country’s top Aboriginal scholars and Indigenous knowledge advocates, have been elected to the RSC, considered one of Canada’s highest academic honours. The RSC has also awarded John Giesy, Canada Research Chair in Environmental Toxicology, the Mirosław Romanowski Medal for his contributions to the resolution of scientific aspects of environmental problems.

Henderson and Battiste are the first Aboriginal scholars from the U of S to be elected to the RSC, and Battiste is only the fourth woman to be elected from the university.

Henderson is an expert on Aboriginal and treaty rights, and is widely recognized as an authority and advocate for the human rights of Indigenous people. Battiste is a Mi’kmaq scholar whose career has been dedicated to research in both improving outcomes for Indigenous youth and balancing knowledge systems in the academy.

Giesy has received a number of national and international awards over the past three decades, including a recent lifetime achievement award from the Paris-based Scientific Committee on Problems of the Environment. He was elected a RSC fellow in 2010.

CAMPUS INCIDENTS

Aug. 25-31

Tickets:

• 1 for producing a driver’s licence other than their own
• 3 for operating an unregistered vehicle
• 4 for a minor possessing or consuming alcohol

Events of note:

• A man was arrested for breach of conditions of his probation to not be on university grounds.
• A bike was reported stolen between Aug. 27 and 28 from the area around the Physical Activity Centre. The bike is valued at $200 and is black. It was locked to the bike stand with a combination lock and chain. The owner was advised to use a more secure u-lock.
• Over the first three weeks of September, Protective Services’ crime prevention officer and patrol officers are staffing booths around campus to promote safety and security.

Sept. 1-7

Tickets:

• 4 for driving an unregistered vehicle
• 14 for a minor possessing or consuming beverage alcohol
• 1 for being intoxicated in a public place
• 13 for consuming alcohol in a place other than a private place
• 3 for keeping/consuming alcohol in a motor vehicle
• 1 for a minor attempting to purchase alcohol
• 4 for 24-hour driver’s licence suspensions

Events of note:

• Oleoresin Capsicum spray was discharged at a party in Aspen Hall. There are no suspects.
• Two people were detained and drug paraphernalia was seized at the weir.
• A poster depicting an offensive racial slur was posted on a door at the Administration Building.
• A fire extinguisher was set off in residence. A large amount of damage was done to the area and caused the residents to leave the floor. This is still under investigation.
• Protective Services has a zero tolerance for the illegal use of alcohol. We reminded everyone that the minimum age for possession and consumption of alcohol is 19. You are also not allowed to consume alcohol in a place other than a private place.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

A campus proposal

University Archives, Presidential Papers, Series IV, B. 40.

Here we have a portion of the campus plan from October 1961 titled “Proposed Campus Development for 8,000 Students”. This document is located in the Spinks Presidential Papers. Over the following few years, the campus would be transformed by a construction boom. Several buildings were erected as per the plan including the Arts Classroom Wing and the Colleges of Commerce, Law and Education. Buildings that failed to materialize were the Fine Arts Building (slated to be located on what is now G-Lot) and the Native Law Centre. A proposed cluster of student residences and a Food Centre that were to be located where the Diefenbaker Canada Centre now stands.

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As a clinician, she maintained her research, often devoting evenings and weekends to these pursuits. One of her current projects is looking at how to pursue research and even continue working as a pharmacist.

"These drugs may cause side effects such as an increased risk of infection and malignancy, renal dysfunction, cardiovascular disease or diabetes," Mansell explained. "It's a balancing act. You want to give enough to suppress rejection, while minimizing toxicities."

Mansell hopes her own example of working as a clinician-researcher will inspire her students to be creative with their own careers.

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NEW TO US highlights the work of new faculty members at the University of Saskatchewan. If you are new to campus, or know someone who is, please email ocn@usask.ca.

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Men, apparently, could sit in any way they chose, and touch anything they wished to, no matter what bodily functions they might be experiencing. Are you a menstruating woman? Please stay away. A man with a suppurating perineal abscess? Come on in, we've saved a seat for you!

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Kevin Flynn
Department of English

VIEWPOINT

Honour traditions but with inclusive ceremonies

EDITOR’S NOTE: The pipe ceremony held Sept. 3 was to launch Indigenous Voices, a staff and faculty development program in Aboriginal education.

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If we cannot adapt such ceremonies, in partnership with stakeholders in the Aboriginal community, to reflect the diversity and dignity of ALL people on campus, we should neither endorse nor permit them. Indeed, we should resist them— in the strongest ways possible—in the interest of equality and common decency. I am hopeful that the university will work to find ways both to honour traditions such as the pipe ceremony and encourage more contemporary—and less exclusive—models of Aboriginal identity. Failure to do so merely reinstates a model of paternalism beyond which I hope we all have passed by now.

I would have liked to attend but I felt that it was so would be to endorse the subordination of women. It’s time to move beyond superstition and fully embrace the modern world in which we all live, one in which men and women of all races, ethnicities, and sexual orientations must have equal voices.

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THE WRITTEN STRING THEORY QUARTET

Home Schedule

Football
Sept. 20, 7 pm vs U of A
Men’s Soccer
Sept. 21 and 22, 2:15 pm vs U of C
Women’s Soccer
Sept. 28 and 29, noon vs Lethbridge/U of C

Huskies Headlines

SEPT. 5
Olver named interim wrestling head coach

SEPT. 9
Huskies player suspended for one game for late hit below the waist

SEPT. 11
Hills ranked in CFL’s top 15 prospects

SEPT. 11
Koldodzinski named CIS Special Teams Player of the Week
The ultimate fan

Polischuk plays, advocates for women’s tackle football

Even here in Rader Nation, it would be difficult to find anyone more passionate about football than Carisa Polischuk but she’s not one for cheering from the sidelines; her favourite spot to be at a game is in the defensive backfield.

So it was almost a dream come true for the assessment analyst from the University Library to don the cleats, pads, helmet, and red and white jersey of Team Canada and be part of a silver medal-winning performance at this summer’s International Federation of American Football (IFAF) Women’s World Championship in Vantaa, Finland. A Canadian girl playing full-tackle American football. It’s a long way from La Ronge where Polischuk first realized she was made for football.

“Since the very first time I played football, which was Grade 3 recess with the boys, I’ve loved it. I could run, I could throw and I could block, the three ingredients that allowed me to play with the boys but it’s like the chemistry between a boyfriend and girlfriend—sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn’t. For me, it worked.”

There was no organized football for boys or girls in La Ronge but after moving to Saskatoon, Polischuk sought out every opportunity she could find to play the game—a flag football, touch football, university campus rec league ball, “any kind of football I could get myself into.”

The appeal, she said, “is the game itself, the chess match combined with the athleticism. Brains and brawn. It’s not one or the other; you need both.”

For 15 years, Polischuk quarterbacked her touch football team, displaying not only leadership qualities but a special touch with the ball. “I can throw a long bomb but it’s my precision that earned me the spot.”

Then, three years ago, with the establishment of the Saskatoon Valkyries of the Western Women’s Canadian Football League, she finally got the chance to play a new kind of football—full tackle.

“Looking back, Polischuk said it was “just one of those kinds of games when it just wasn’t happening. We got close once but it was turned back on a penalty and it just took the wind out of our sails.”

Canada lost 64-0 but she pointed out with a laugh that in the 2010 championship, Canada lost to the Americans 66-0 “so we improved by a couple of points.”

Polischuk’s overwhelming feeling about the world championship was pride “in being able to represent Canada and in that we’re hopefully paving the way for future football players. If we’re going to get throtled this year, so be it; some day there’s going to be a Team Canada that’s going to blow the States away.”

She expects to play at least one more year for the Valkyries but Polischuk knows calling it quits in tackle football won’t be easy. “You almost can’t explain what it’s like to play on a football team with women of all shapes...”
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Kelly Foley, a recently appointed assistant professor in the Dept. of Economics, was awarded the Robert Mundell Prize by the Canadian Economics Association, in recognition of a young author with a paper judged to be the best paper published in the Canadian Journal of Economics in the previous calendar year.

The Saskatchewan Population Health and Evaluation Research Unit has published in the Canadian Journal of Economics in recognition of a young author with a paper judged to be the best paper in Comparative endocrinology from the International biomedical sciences, was awarded the Pickford Medal by the American Association of Anatomists. Dr. Baljit Singh, professor and associate dean research in the Division of Medicine, has also been appointed the Canadian representative to the Council on Education of the American and Canadian Veterinary Medical Associations.

Carl Kuhnke has accepted the position of managing director of the Saskatch-

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Around the Bowl

Suraj Unniappan, associate professor in veterinary biomedical sciences, was awarded the Pickford Medal in Comparative Endocrinology from the International Federation of Comparative Endocrinology Societies. The award recognizes the contributions of a researcher less than 45 years of age.

The Saskatchewan Teachers’ Federation has announced that Verna St. Denis, associate professor in the Dept. of Community Health and Epidemiology, has accepted the position of director of the unit for a five-year term that began July 1.

Tom McIntosh, associate professor of political science at the U of R, who filled the position of interim director this past year, will serve as associate director.

Brian Pratt, professor of geological sciences, has been elected vice-president of the Geological Association of Canada, Canada’s learned society that embraces all the geological sub-disciplines.

The American Association of Anatomists has named Dr. Baljit Singh a fellow, recognizing his contributions to research and teaching in anatomical sciences.

The Clark award recognizes outstanding work in industry, teaching, research and extension. Three students – Jeff Pridmore, Devin Barros and Lane Forester – won the undergraduate paper award. The award has been presented by the Canadian Society for Bioengineering presented a series of awards at its annual conference held on campus in July, including the 2013 John Clark Award to Venkatesh Meda, associate professor of chemical and biological engineering. The Clark award recognizes outstanding work in industry, teaching, research and extension.

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The kitchen staff at the University Club, including sous chef Jesse Papish above, have been harvesting fresh herbs from right outside their door this year, thanks to efforts of a number of people across campus and beyond. Club Manager Donna Cram, grounds personnel from Facilities Management Division and even members of the local permaculture organization joined forces to build a herb spiral that has produced a bounty of fresh ingredients for the kitchen. Papish said additional herbs and edible flowers were grown in planters around the club patio, ensuring a constant supply of parsley, thyme, oregano, mint, basil, tarragon and other ingredients. The chefs will harvest and freeze herbs for winter fare like soups and stews.
A repair project this past summer to one of the University of Saskatchewan’s iconic monuments created the opportunity not only to ensure the continued stability of the Memorial Gates but also to correct an omission made back in 1927-28.

As the name implies, the stone and bronze structure next to St. Andrew’s College serves the dual purpose of marking the original entrance to campus and of memorializing the U of S students and faculty who lost their lives in the First World War. But the effects of time and shifting stones. The repairs were undertaken after an assessment of the structure revealed the situation was not as dire as originally thought.

Andrew Wallace, associate director of space management and planning with the Facilities Management Division (FMD), said an engineering report done in 2006 recommended the entire structure be underpinned for support, a $400,000 project that was more than we could fund at the time.” Then, a more recent survey was done and compared to the first, revealing the gates were no longer settling.

“If it had kept moving, we would have had to address that,” said Wallace, “but in this case, there was no further movement so the repairs are worthwhile.”

In July, stone masons from Gracom Masonry, the company that did the stone work on the new Health Sciences building and the Place Riel expansion, worked to replace crumbling mortar on the gates (called repointing), secure loose greystone and clean the Collegate Gothic structure. Wallace said the cleaning was necessary to ensure the colour of the new mortar matched the old, “not the dirt.”

While that work was going on, some very delicate carving was done to add two names to the raised Indiana limestone cenotaph. When originally constructed, the cenotaph listed 67 fallen soldiers but research done by Professor Emeritus Michael Hayden in the early 2000s revealed that two had been missed: George Israel Peters who was killed in action on June 3, 1917 and Herbert Ernest McRitchie who died of illness on March 2, 1919.

(Hayden’s investigation also found 17 names that should have been included in the memorials on the walls of the College Building, now the Peter Mackinson Building. Wallace said FMD is investigating ways to correct the omission.)

In all, 345 university students, staff, faculty and alumni served their country in the First World War, a number roughly equal to the entire first-year class of 1913. In fact, in 1916-17 the Engineering Department was temporarily closed because all of its students and faculty had enlisted.

The idea of the Memorial Gates was first proposed in 1923 by the Graduate Students’ Society which raised about one third of the $30,000 cost of the project. The gates were designed by David R. Brown of Brown and Vallance, the Montreal firm that developed the original plan for the U of S campus in 1909 and designed all of the university’s early buildings.

In addition to the names of the fallen, panels on either side of the cenotaph list the battles in which university men took part. There is also an inscription that reads, “These are they who went forth from this University to the Great War and who gave their lives that we might live in freedom.”

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and sizes and ages. It’s just this interesting sisterhood that’s created and it’s going to be hard for me to leave.”

At the same time, she knows she and her teammates have been groundbreakers when it comes to women’s tackle football.

“We don’t not stink after a game and there’s lots of trash talk, just like in men’s ball, but it’s an absolutely legitimate sport for women. I would be happy to see the same opportunities at every level for females as there are for males starting with flag football and working into tackle in high schools and at the university level.

“I will be happy when young girls don’t realize there once was a time when they couldn’t play.”

While the profile of women’s football is growing, it still has a ways to go. “The stupidest question anyone has asked me when they found out I play football is, ‘Do you play in the Lingerie Football League?’”

Polischuk’s response was short and to the point: “Seriously? I’m going to tackle you.”

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Kris Foster

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A stonemason carves the name of Herbert Ernest McRitchie in the Memorial Gates 94 years after the soldier’s death.
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Teaching takes flight
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KRISS FOSTER

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2 U of S Women's Welcome Coffee Party for female faculty, administrative staff, research affiliates and partners of same.

Sunday, September 22, 2:00-4:00 pm
W.A. Edwards Family Centre, 333 4th Ave. N.
Sign up for fun activities (books, bridge, cooking, needlecraft, bird watching, antiques, writing)
All welcome. Contact: Betty, 373-3938

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Business and Leadership Programs

Managing PTESL.

Leadership Development Program (Tues-

and Thurs.

Developing a Coaching Mindset, Nov. 6-7

Leadership Communication, Nov. 15

Leadership in Action: Creativity in the Workplan, Nov. 18

Building an Effective Team, Nov. 21

USCAD Fall Classes

Visual Arts Sept. 17-Dec. 10

Printmaking and Traditional Image Making, Sept. 10-Dec. 16

3D Design, Sept. 14-Nov. 13

Approaches to Expressive Color, Sept. 15-Dec. 16

Painting (beginning class), Sept. 16-Dec. 16

Drawing (beginning class), Sept. 16-Dec. 16

Life Drawing, Sept. 18-Dec. 11

Lure Drawing, Sept. 16-Dec. 11

Drawing for Illustration, Sept. 16-Dec. 11

Digital and Soft Pastel (beginning), Oct. 1-6

Painting (beginning class), Oct. 17-Dec. 10

Drawing (beginning class), Oct. 17-Dec. 10

Developing Design in Painting and Mixed Media (afternoon), Sept. 19-Dec. 12

Painting Towards Abstraction (afternoon), Oct. 18-20-22-27

Painting Towards Abstraction (III), Oct. 26-28-30

Open Project Painting 90/80 and critique, Sept. 14-Dec. 14

Open Project U11-Full Course Painting, Sept. 19-Dec. 12

90/80 Painting, Sept. 18-Dec. 11


Sculpture, Sept. 18-Dec. 15

Sculture, Sept. 18-Dec. 15

Sculture II, Sept. 18-Dec. 15

Adobe Photoshop and Photoshop for Sculture, Sept. 25-Oct. 6

Digital Photography-Wide Workshop, Oct. 4-18-19

Creative Photography, Sept. 25-Nov. 4

Photoshop, Sept. 25-Dec. 12

Adobe Illustrator, Sept. 14-Nov. 30

Adobe InDesign, Sept. 14-Nov. 30

Stained Glass, Oct. 1-4

Glass Fusion Techniques, Sept. 27-Oct. 15

Pottery, Sept. 27-Oct. 15

Experiential Portraiture, Sept. 27-Oct. 15

Off the Wall Painted Sculptural Wall Pieces, Nov. 17-15-22-24

Community Music Education

Saskatoon Early Childhood, Parenting with Music and Music in Early Childhood classes start Sept. 15. Classes in traditional guitar, Sashguitar, traditional piano, ukulele and voice also start in September. For more information contact Nicole Wilton at 306-966-5625 or visit communitymusic.usask.ca

Concerts and Performances

Triumph

John Trudell

Currylics Halloween Dance Bloodlines

Saskatchewan Symphony Orchestra presents Vivaldi's Concerto for Four Violins

Amati Quartet

Merging Minds

Tyneside Cups

Scottish Highlands during a six-month artist residence. It responds to the landscape, traditional highland dress and music, oral folk and pagan literature, and history. For more information visit ceilidh.org

Gordon Snellgrove Gallery

Pure Sugar, an exhibition of transformed sugar crystals. Sept. 16 and concludes Sept. 27 with a reception starting at 7 pm. Using his mechanical engineering training, Dyck creates working prototypes that pay homage to the beauty and social and historic significance of the early 20th-century European avant-garde

Amati Quartet

The Amati Quartet is a 2013-14 season Oct 14 at 2 pm at Third Avenue Playhouse and is part of the University of Saskatchewan's Jazz and Contemporary Music presents Breakthroughs in lab research series.

Gardiner Foundation Lectures

Oct. 13-15, 10 cc Health Science E Wing hotdog, dessert and Brown Bag lecture by one of the Canada Gardner Global Health Award winners.

Microbiology and Immunology

Seminars

Tuesdays

Core topics will take place called A Fascinating Medical Career Can Take You in Many Directions

Colloquium Series

Classical, Medieval and Renaissance Studies colloquium series:

Sept. 24, 1 pm, Dr. Andrew Lewis, Department of French and Italian

The Legacy of Henry Tauke

Seated in 1930 at the Nobel Prize in chemistry, a special exhibit of material and memorabilia donated by the Tauke family will be on view in the Main Library until Sept. 20. The exhibition will take place in the lobby of Thode Library.

Pharmacy and Nutritional Therapy

The College of Pharmacy and Nutrition launches its 25th annual event takes place every Thursday from 7-8 pm in the rutherford curling rink on campus. Anyone interested in curling or learning to curl can contact one of the organizers: Monday-Saturday - Carrie Bertoldi, crbertoldi@usask.ca; Thursday, tuesday and Saturday - sandi.netof@saskemail.net; Wednesday - Louis Bath, louis_bath@usask.ca

Rutherford Curling

The Rutherford Curling Club has openings for curling teams in the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evening draws beginning Oct. 21. The draw times are 6:30 to 8:30 pm, Monday and Wednesday; 7:30 to 9:30 pm and 9-11 pm Tuesday. For information on these workshops geared to individuals from 18-80 visit: www.roc.org

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The Word on the Street

The Word on the Street, Saskatchewan’s largest literary festival, takes place Sept. 22 from 1 pm-5 pm in downtown Saskatoon at 23rd and Fourth Avenue. The 25th festival, which will feature a variety of authors. For more information visit thwordonthestreet.ca

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Avro Arrow

ICCC Film Series

Oct. 9, 6:30 pm, Broadway Theatre

The Interdisciplinary Centre for Culture and Creativity in the Arts presents Fluidity: an exhibition, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

Library Series

Oct. 1, noon-1pm Collaborative Learning Labs, Lorette Library. Intro to Library Services and community members to analyze a wide range of global health issues. For more information call or register: go to saskglobalhealth2013.usask.ca

International Development conference

The Hawaiian Research Unit presents a conference entitled Cultures of reconciliation. It will be held at the University of Saskatchewan on Saturday, Sept. 26-27 in the Grad Commons and the Mandel Art Gallery. The event is free and open to the public. For full program details contact Len Findlay at 306-966-1905. Information available at the International Indigenous Relations Schizophrenia Society (IIRS) or by contacting c.m.long@energy.gov.ca

Conferences

Global Connections Conference

Global Connections 2013 takes place Sept. 21 at waraulache Neepaw and pair is a leadership conference for students in all colleges and departments. Featured will be featured by this year’s featured speaker Sherrily McLean from the College of Education and Professional Development. For more information visit edwards.usask.ca

Natures Playground

www.usask.ca/nature/dg

Bible Study/Growth Group

Mergers and Acquisitions

Sept. 24 and 26, 6:30-9:30 pm, $0 students; $150 staff and faculty; $185 others

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Saskatchewan Medicine annual Conference (seMaC)

The College of Pharmacy and Nutrition Centennial

sept. 25-27, 9-30 am-5:30 pm, $250 students, staff and faculty; $275 others

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Avro Arrow
Tailored therapeutic technology offers hope in fighting HIV, cancer

Jim Xiang greets his visitor with a firm handshake and a smile, enthusiastic to explain his latest work—a treatment that presents the tantalizing possibility of vanquishing the deadly scourges of HIV and breast cancer.

In his office in the new Health Sciences D Wing at the U of S, Xiang is surrounded by neat stacks of reference papers and manuscripts in various stages of publication. He brings up an illustrated presentation on his computer screen to explain his concept for a therapeutic vaccine technology.

“We restore the power (of the immune system),” he said. “We call this individualized or tailored therapeutics. Every individual, when we treat them, we give them their own weapon to fight their own disease.”

While traditional vaccines are given before you get sick to prevent disease, a therapeutic vaccine is aimed at boosting the immune system of someone already sick.

Xiang is a senior research scientist with the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency and professor in the College of Medicine’s Division of Oncology. Now over 60 years old, he admits he no longer pulls the 12-14-hour days typical of his earlier career. Still, grey strands are hard to spot in his thick black hair.

Xiang explains that in some ways, HIV (the virus that causes AIDS) and breast cancer patients present similar treatment challenges. HIV-positive patients can take a cocktail of drugs that dramatically reduce the amount of virus in their body, allowing them to live near-normal lives. But this comes at a cost—tens of thousands of dollars per year for the drugs, plus side effects such as liver and skin problems, according to the World Health Organization.

Likewise, breast cancer patients can be treated with chemotherapy, radiation and surgery, but Xiang explained their doctors can never be absolutely sure they’ve cut out or otherwise destroyed all the cancer cells in the body.

Xiang’s vaccine would “mop up” the last bits of virus or cancerous cells, in effect curing the patient of disease. The U of S Industry Liaison Office is exploring the commercial potential of the technology, and Xiang is seeking funding and partners to develop it further.

At the heart of the new approach are dendritic cells. These cells are the messengers of the immune system, passing on information from CD4-T white blood cells (also known as helper T-cells) to another type of white blood cells called CD8-T cells. Also known as killer T-cells, these cells attack invading disease organisms such as viruses and bacteria.

An analogy would be detectives in a police force (helper T-cells) identifying criminals and sending their pictures to the police station (dendritic cells). There, the information is made into many copies of a “wanted” poster and distributed to all police officers (killer T-cells) for enforcement.

HIV sabotages this system by attacking the helper T-cells—the detectives never make it to the police station, and the wanted posters never go out.

Xiang’s therapeutic vaccine solves this problem by essentially providing the criminal’s description directly to the police station. In practical terms, this means transferring genes from HIV to the dendritic cells. From there, the wanted posters (small bubble-like structures called exosomes) are churned out and supplied to the enforcer killer T-cells.

In cancer, specifically HER-2 positive breast cancer, the criminals have taken over and shut down the police station (dendritic cells). While the body’s detectives may know they are there, there is no way to get word to the enforcers. Xiang’s technique gets around this by producing the wanted posters (exosomes) independently, then supplying them directly to the enforcers to go after the cancer cells and potentially, cure the patient.

“Cancer has been the biggest problem for human health for a long time,” Xiang said. “With the development of our health system, people can live longer. But the senior citizens, most will still die of cancer. Even in our modern society, cancer is emerging at a young age. This has become one of the biggest issues in health, this threat to human life.”

One of the drawbacks of individualized treatment is that it is difficult to put into mass production. To get around this, Xiang and his team are working to develop a system to produce exosomes based on genetic characteristics that are common to a lot of people.

If past success is an indication, he won’t be slowing down in his quest any time soon. So far, he has published about 200 papers and secured more than $7.6 million in grants from agencies such as the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council, and various charities devoted to cancer research.

“I enjoy science very much and I do it almost every day,” he said. “I like it, so I work very hard. I’m doing very well with both basic and applied science. I’m having fun and now I’ve reached the peak of my career.”

Xiang also enjoys some down time with his wife Tilly Ping, who retired two years ago from her job as a research technician at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine.

“I like to listen to music, and to watch basketball. I like the Lakers, although now they’re a bit down,” Xiang said. 

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STUDENTS

The deadline for paying tuition for 2013-14 Term 1 is September 30, 2013. Late payment fees will be charged after this date. For more information about tuition and fee payments, see the Student area in the left-hand margin on the FSD website (www.usask.ca/fsd).

FACULTY and STAFF

Financial analyst support FSD has a financial analyst assigned to your college, school or unit. These financial analysts work in the Financial Services department and are able to assist faculty and administrative staff with university accounting-related questions.

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Procurement and contracts support FSD has three procurement and contracts specialists to assist faculty and administrative staff with various types of purchasing and contracts processes. They work in the Purchasing Services department and are assigned to work with various colleges and units to provide support from booking of external facilities, merchandise programs, agricultural and lab equipment, and much more. They can walk you through and, in certain circumstances, take care of the work involved (for example, competitive bids) in purchasing processes. What’s required depends on the cost and sometimes the type of goods or services for your project or request.

Further support is available from a project administrator who can assist you with purchase-related questions. See usask.cfars.usask.ca/USASK/Procedures/Pages/Financial-Reporting.aspx for more information.

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WHAT’S NEW

Booking Events and Meetings Off-Campus Purchasing Services and Payment Services have developed guidelines for faculty and staff to use when booking off-campus venues for events and meetings. The procedures can be found on the FSD website under News and Events.
Brad Flavell doesn’t actually have much of a view. There are lots of windows in his office on the second floor of the Administration Building, but they are filled with little more than the greystone and glass of the northwest side of the Kinesiology Building.

Still, Flavell, the executive assistant to the chief information officer and associate vice-president of information and communications technology, appreciates the windows a great deal for the natural light they provide. “I’d be miserable without natural light,” he said, “so I don’t take it for granted.”

Asked what he is able to observe across the way in Kinesiology, Flavell said the reflection from the glass makes it difficult to see into the building except on early winter mornings. Then, when it’s dark out and the lights are on, “I can see comings and goings” but little else. But on one particularly dark winter morning and knowing there were people across the way, Flavell decided to commit a random act of window kindness.

“That day was in the dreary depths of winter, so I made a small sign that said ‘Have a nice day’ with a smiley-face emoticon on it and stuck it in the window facing the other building. I have no idea who’s over there but a few days later, a sign appeared in their window with a smiley face and it said ‘Thanks. You too!’ I thought it was a very neighbourly thing to do.”