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## 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 and the expense of operating 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."

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.



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

A downward trend in funding for post-secondary education across the country, rising compensation costs, increasing pension payments

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."

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## 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.

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"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 will continue on best practice change could take years. for budget adjustments, and

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

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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 accreditation issues around the assignment of and 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 service.

First introduced in April, the restructuring was the subject numerous consultation of

sessions, and has been revised based on that feedback, said Martin Phillipson, acting viceprovost of faculty relations. Phillipson admitted the initial draft lacked integration between the three new divisions; the revised concept defines collaborative 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 about 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 motion passed.

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.

Everybody has to change and collaborate to ensure the college is successful. Martin Phillipson

Speaking in favour of the motion, David Parkinson, vice-dean in the College of Arts and Science, said he is confident the College of Medicine "can work in a really exciting and creative kind of balance" between the new divisions. "I know that this model can work."

Several speakers expressed concern about the process of developing the concept. Don Hamilton, a professor of biomedical veterinary sciences, said faculty in the college felt "ambushed by the process. Do we decide matters in a collegial way or do we decide them in a top-down way?" Michael MacGregor from the Department of Psychology reminded Council that medicine faculty

have spoken "very loudly and very clearly" in opposition to the restructuring.

The concerns from college faculty summed were up by Dr. Tom Wilson, chair of the

college's faculty council, who said the concept is being rushed through, is opposed by 87 per cent of students and faculty in the college, "has no obvious connection to the solution of our problems and finally, will have negative consequences ... not the least of which is loss of faculty."

President Peter MacKinnon spoke in support of the motion, noting the commitment of the provincial government to solving accreditation issues and to the Health Sciences project. "The question for me is, will we live up to (that commitment)?" Defeat of the motion may invite external intervention, he said. "I don't want that, and you should not want that either."

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 Lea Pennock.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES **President #8**

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## **Funding for school** outreach programs

Two University of Saskatchewan students. NSERC PromoScischool outreach programs— ence will provide \$50,100 over

Ecology Camps for Kids and Ambassadors-have Science received funding from the Natural Sciences and Engi-Research Council neering (NSERC) that will help bring science learning to students in Saskatoon and northern communities.

The NSERC PromoScience program is providing \$73,500 for the two programs, part of \$2.4 million awarded to 49 organizations across the country.

The U of S Science Ambassadors program, established in 2006, provides practical, hands-on support for science teachers in Aboriginal communities, both in the classroom and with extra-curricular activities. Since its inception, the program has reached more than 3,000

the next three years to augment funds from 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-forprofit 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 ecologybased workshops year round. It will receive \$23,400 over three years to augment funds raised through fees and in-kind donations.



#### U of S Archives, RG 2021.

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 origins, and respectful of our history, we turn our faces to the future and to new opportunities to serve our province, our country and the space ship Earth that is home to all of us. And so I conclude this address as I began it, with an expression of my gratitude and a promise to work tirelessly for this wonderful university. Thank you very much."

## That's a wrap

With this issue, we wrap up the 19th year of publishing On Campus

Editor's Note

*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

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## Saving water with every flush

#### 🗷 Mark Ferguson

A water-saving retrofit project that will conserve millions of litres of water for the university is underway, and the brains behind the invention is a 27-year veteran U of S employee.

Gordon Poole, electrician in the Facilities Management Division, invented the watersaving device that will convert traditional water-wasting urinals into more efficient appliances that will drastically

reduce the amount of water used.

When he was coming up with the idea a few years ago, Poole set up monitoring devices in a test bathroom in the University Services Building to see how much water the old-style urinals used, and he said that above every set of urinals, a 10-litre tank fills with water every four minutes and 20 seconds and then completely 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 were not as concerned with water conservation ... today, we know how important saving water is."

Poole realized he could use programmable logic control (PLC) devices to set up sensors above the urinals so that water only flushes when the urinal is in use. After trying out his new system on a two-urinal men's bathroom, 8,600 L of water were saved in about 60 days. He named his invention Gord's Eco Pee and it wasn't long before he had the green light to begin installing sensors on campus. The Education Building was the first sight to see the installation of Gord's Eco Pee and retrofit sensors can be seen above the urinals. The PLC device is housed in a central boiler room in the building and controls seven men's bathrooms with about 20 urinals in the building. The sensors must be activated for at least six seconds before a flush cycle is initiated.



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Poole also programmed the PLC to initiate one final flush for the day at midnight as most

#### Gord Poole, inventor of water use sensor system

🗱 MARK FERGUSON

of the bathrooms go unused during the night.

"I'm really looking forward to seeing the numbers of litres of water we save on this project," said Poole. "In hindsight, we were trying to save water, but this device will save money, cut down on maintenance costs and will prevent flooding."

Poole said he has been

programming PLC devices for years for other purposes like automatic wheelchair doors, emergency lights and dozens of other projects. But the eco pee might be his most automated and proudest invention yet.

"I haven't run across anything these devices can't do," he said. "They're only limited by my brain capacity." ■



## Never too old to learn Martin earns BSc at 82

#### 🗷 Shannon Boklaschuk

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 swings by Louis' pub for lunch. But there are some things that set Martin apart from many of his fellow undergraduates-he began his studies after he retired, he's been married for 50 years, and he has five children and 13 grandchildren.

Martin is a true example of life-long learning. On June 5, the 82-year-old will walk across the stage during spring convocation to receive his Bachelor of Science honours degree in land use and environmental studies.

It is Martin's first university 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 wasn't quite ready to put my feet up and spend the rest of my life looking out the window."

He decided to take a couple of classes at the U of S and from there, the experience "just sort of grew."

Martin, who continues to be involved with the family farm, chose to take land use and environmental studies through the College of Arts and Science, and he can recall some busy times when he was required to focus

"Last fall wasn't so bad. We were through harvest, I think, in early October. But the two previous years we weren't due to finish harvest until into November, and finals come about the 10th of December," he said.

In some of his classes, Martin tried to dispel the myths he said some students held about farmers, such as that they are trying to "conquer nature. I don't keep my mouth shut. We don't try to conquer nature; we work with nature. I think we're very conscious of the environment," pointing to all the trees his family has planted over the years.

In addition to science and math classes, Martin also studied subjects from the social sciences and humanities, such philosophy, anthropology as and English. English 110 was his favourite class, and he admitted to having some struggles with linear algebra. Overall, Martin enjoyed his courses, as well as 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 everybody has different ambitions in life."

Martin, however, does not intend to stop with one degree; he tional 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 Enrolment Services Division

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## **Steelman named SENS executive director**

Toddi Steelman, currently a both Princeton and Duke, as well professor in the Dept. of Forestry and Environmental Resources at North Carolina State University, has been appointed executive director of the School of Environment and Sustainability. She will take up her position Aug. 1.

Steelman holds a BA from West Virginia University, a master of public affairs degree from Princeton and a PhD from Duke University. She taught at

as at the University of Colorado and North Carolina State. In 2008, Steelman was an associate professor and Fulbright Scholar at Simon Fraser University.

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# Snapshot of a president

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.















































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.

Z PETER MACKINNON

## Search for savings to balance 2012-13 operating budget continues

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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 reduc-

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tions 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

... 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. Piya Sen

> 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.



Sen

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 held 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 1993. 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. On July 1, 2009, Wouters was appointed Clerk of the Privy Council and secretary to the Cabinet.



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 Technicoil in 2008.

Known in Alberta as one of the university's most influential fundraisers and ambassadors, Dumont was chair of the Oilmen's Executive Association and co-chair for four terms of the selection committee for the Saskatchewan Oilmen's Hall of Fame. His service to the University of Saskatchewan started in 1991 with the founding of the Calgary Engineer's fundraising group. He later provided leadership on two major university fundraising campaigns: First and Best in the 1990s and Thinking the World of Our Future in the 2000s. Dumont served on the U of S Board of Governors from 2003 to 2012, including as chair from 2006 to June 2010.



Honorary Doctor of Laws: Blaine Favel

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, Flavel earned a law degree at Queens 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-forprofit sector, he is a board member of Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness 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.

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 Letters: Joe Fafard

As a visual artist Joe Fafard has left his mark on the culture of Canada. His work has been displayed across the country and his cows have become a well-known trademark. His insight and humor characterize his portraits and sculptures of neighbors, farm animals, wildlife and famous artists that he came to respect as he learned his craft.

Fafard, an Officer of the Order of Canada, has received numerous honours, including the Architectural Institute of Canada Allied Arts Award, the Saskatchewan Order of Merit, the National Prix Montfort, the Lieutenant Governor's Saskatchewan Centennial Medal for the Arts and the Saskatchewan Arts Board Lifetime Achievement Award. Most recently, Fafard was chosen by Canada Post in the Art Canada series of postage stamps and his art will be featured on three stamps.



*Earned Doctor of Science:* 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 2004, he has focused on the superconductivity behaviour of dense hydrogen alloys and magnetic single-molecule



**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 any challenge. When 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.



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 benefited both Saskatoon and the University of



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.



*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 Centre for Culture and Creativity, has a national and international reputation for his research in the history of Native-newcomer relations.



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 discoveries and understandings that can be shared with learners. Barb Phillips is such a Master Teacher.

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radical solids under compression. He has published more than 410 articles and 17 reviews and book chapters, many appearing in the most prestigious scientific journals. He has presented more than 200 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 highpressure diffraction facility. He was elected to a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 2008 and received the Distinguished Researcher Award of the University of Saskatchewan in 2010.

On any given day, he might be found building a venting system for a fume hood, replacing a furnace chimney, fabricating a new floor for a freight elevator or bending custom seed trays. All of this and much more reflects his commitment to the U of S and the people who study and work here. 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 was involved in student 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. 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 Brethren of Saskatchewan, and presented it to the colony's swine managers. The course reached a significant proportion of the Hutterite population.

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.

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 Saskatoon 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.

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# Coming **Events**

## The Arts Museum of Antiquities

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The Arthur and Beatrice Minden Collection of Ancient Glass and Other Artifacts is on display in the Museum of Antiquities, College Building, until August.

#### Amati Quartet

The Amati Quartet will present a program of work by Haydn, Beethoven, Tavener and Bach fugues arranged by Mozart on June 9 at 2 pm and 7:30 pm in Convocation Hall. Tickets are available through the Persephone Theatre box office or at the door one hour prior to the performances.

#### **Kenderdine Art Gallery**

On view until June 29 is *Picasso and his Contemporaries*, an exhibition curated by Leah Taylor. Second floor, Agriculture Building

#### **Nasser Centre Exhibit**

Laurel Rossnagel, a former employee of the U of S and the Edwards School of Business, has 19 pieces of art on display at the Nasser Centre until the end of July.

#### **College Art Galleries**

Opening May 25 and continuing until Sept. 22 is *Gordon Monahan: Seeing Sound/Sound Art Performance and Music 1978-2011.* The exhibition looks at 30 years of work for piano, loudspeakers, video, kinetic sculpture and computer-controlled sound environments by composer and artist Monahan.

#### Courses/Workshops

#### Information Technology Services (ITS) Training Services

For information or to register, email its. training@usask.ca or visit http://training. usask.ca

- Adobe Acrobat Interactive Forms, Aug.
   9 or July 19, 1:30-4:30 pm, \$100 students, staff, faculty
- Adobe Acrobat 9/X Professional Introduction Course, July 3 and 5 or Aug. 8 and 9, 9-noon, \$0 students, staff, faculty
- Adobe Illustrator CCS5.5 Introduction Course, June 12 and 14, 1:30-4:30 pm, \$150 students, staff, faculty
- Adobe Illustrator CCS5.5 Intermediate Course, May 29 and 31, 1:30-4:30 pm, \$150 students, staff, faculty
- Adobe InDesign CS4/CS5.5 Introduction Course, June 5 and 7 or July 3 and 5 or Aug. 14 and 16, 1:30-4:30 pm, \$150 students, staff, faculty; \$185 other
- Adobe Photoshop CS5.5 Introduction Course, June 11 and 13, 1:30-4:30 pm, \$150 students, staff, faculty
- Adobe Photoshop CS5.5 Intermediate Course, June 18 and 20, 1:30-4:30 pm, \$150 students, staff, faculty
- ArcGIS Introduction, May 29 and 31, 6:30-9:30 pm, \$0 students, staff,

- Make the Most of Your Mac Introduction, June 12, 2-3:30 pm, \$0 students, staff, faculty
- MS Access Fundamentals Plus, May 29 and 31, 1:30-4:30 pm, \$150 students, staff, faculty
- MS Access Fundamentals, July 24 and 26, 1:30-4:30 pm, \$150 students, staff, faculty;
- MS Excel Fundamentals Plus, June 18 and 20 or July 16 and 18, 9-noon, \$150 students, staff, faculty
- MS Excel Fundamentals, June 26 and 28 1:30-4:30 pm or June 4 and 6, 9-noon, \$150 students, staff, faculty
- MS Outlook Fundamentals, June 5 or June 27 or July 9, 1:30-4:30 pm, \$0 students, staff, faculty
- MS Outlook Fundamentals Plus, June 7, 3-4:30 pm, \$0 students, staff, faculty
- MS PowerPoint 2010 Fundamentals Plus, June 6, 1:30-3 pm, \$0 students, staff, faculty
- MS Word Collaborating on Documents Seminar, June 1, 3-4:30 pm, \$75 students, staff, faculty
- MS Word Footnotes/Figures/Master Docs Seminar, May 25 or June 8 or June 22, 1:30-3 pm, \$0 students, staff, faculty
   MS Word - Fundamentals Plus, July 3 and
- 5, 1:30-4:30 pm, \$150 students, staff, faculty
- MS Word Styles/Outlining/TOCs Seminar, June 1 or June 15 or July 6, 1:30-3 pm, \$0 students, staff, faculty
- Pixel Perfect How to Work with Images, May 28, 3-4:30 pm, \$50
- students, staff, faculty; \$75 others • Research Posters - Adobe Illustrator, June
- 26, 2-3:30 pm, \$0 students, staff, faculty
  Research Posters MS PowerPoint, June 21, 10-11:30 am, \$0 students, staff, faculty
- SharePoint 2010 Introduction, July 12, 1:30-4:30 pm, \$100 students, staff, faculty
- SPSS for Windows Introduction Course, June 7, 9 am-4 pm, \$0 students, staff, faculty

Additional workshops, seminars and custom training are available; email its. training@usask.ca or visit http://training. usask.ca

#### WSEP Safety Training Courses Register at www.usask.ca/wsep/web\_

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- Biosafety: May 28, June 14, June 27, July 18, 8:30 am-4 pm
- Biosafety Refresher: June 12, 12:30-4:30 pm
- Fire Safety: June 19, 1:30-3:30 pm
   Standard First Aid w/CPP A: June 4
- Standard First Aid w/CPR A: June 6 and 7, 8 am-4:30 pm
- Laboratory Safety: May 30, June 11, July 25, Aug. 15, 8:30 am-4:30 pm
- Occupational Health Committee Level 1 Training: June 20 and 21, Aug. 20 and 22, 8:30 am-4:30 pm
  Radiation Safety: June 28, 8:30 am-4:30

· Safety Orientation for Employees: June

12, June 26, Aug. 21, 1-4 pm; July 19,

· Safety Orientation for Supervisors: June

· Workplace Hazardous Materials Informa-

25, July 23, 1-4 pm; Aug. 9, 9-noon

Transportation of Dangerous Goods

(Receiver): June 18, 11-noon

#### Centre for Continuing and Distance Education

For information, go to ccde.usask.ca or call 966-5539

#### Business and Leadership Programs

- Introduction to Operations Management, Sept. 18 – Dec. 11, (Tues. 13 weeks)
   Leadership Development Program, Oct.
- 9 Nov. 27 (Tues. 2 days and 6 evenings)GMAT Test Preparation Course, Oct 13-14
- and Oct 27-28 (2 weekend course)
- Destination Coach Program, Oct 22 26
  The 5 Choices to Extraordinary Productivity, Oct. 13 and Nov. 1

#### USCAD Spring Art Classes

- Drawing II and III, June 1, 2, 3, 15, 16, 17
  Outdoor Landscape Photography II,
- June 9, 10
- Pinhole Photography I, Aug. 18, 19

#### Community Music Education Program

- Community Music Education 4 week summer baby class June 6 for ages 0-18 months. Fee \$60
- Individual Violin Lessons each Thursday in August; \$23.50 per half hour or \$47 per hour
- Group Violin Lessons each Thursday in August; \$125 per 1.5 hour

#### Community Music Education Summer Camps

- Camp 1 Music Around The World, July 9 – 13, 1:30–4 pm, 5-6 year olds, \$135
- Camp 2 Music Around The World, July
- 16 20, 9–11:30 am, 4-5 year olds, \$135 • Camp 3 Guitar Camp, July 16 – 20, 1–4
- pm, 7-10 year olds, \$150 • Camp 4 Music Around The World, July
- 23 27, 9–11:30 am, 5-6 year olds, \$135
- Camp 5 Music Around The World, July
- 23 27, 1:30– 4 pm, 4-5 year olds, \$135

#### Indigenous Peoples Program

- Aboriginal Youth Leadership Training June 5-7 (overnight), Blue Mountain Resort
- Cree Accelerated Learning Centre, Build a Cree vocabulary to enhance and strengthen partnerships, July 16 – 19, 10 am – 3 pm (Lunch served)

#### U of S Master Gardener Program

Hort Week 2012 will be held July 7 - 13. For information on the workshops, plant sale and book sale, go to ccde.usask.ca/ hortweek

#### U of S Language Centre Programs

The University of Saskatchewan Language Centre is offering Spanish and French conversational classes for the summer session:

- French Level 1, French Level 2, Spanish Level 2, Spanish Level 3, 8 weeks x 2.5 hours per week starting Wednesday, July 4 and ending Wednesday, Aug. 22; 6:30-9 pm. Call 966-4351 for level assessment or to register.
- USLC TEFL Intensive Program, July 16 – Aug. 11

borough May 27 - 30. Hosted by the Centre for Continuing and Distance Education (CCDE), the event will feature David Zinger in both a PD session (Are You Game for Engagement with Employees, Customers and Yourself?) and a keynote address (Making Change: Six Power Tools for Influence). For more information visit www. cauce-conference.ca or phone 966-4272.

#### Woolf Conference

Interdisciplinary/Multidisciplinary Woolf, the 22nd annual International Conference on Virginia Woolf, will take place at the U of S June 7-10. For a complete list of conference events as well as associated activities throughout the community, visit www.usask.ca/english/woolf

#### **Building the Digital University**

The Canadian Higher Education Information Technology Conference 2012: Building the Digital University will take place June 10-13 at the U of S. Keynote speakers include George Siemens, associate director of the Technology Enhanced Knowledge Research Institute at Athabasca University, and Lev Gonick, vice-president for information technology services and chief information officer at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. More information is available on the conference website at www.canheit.ca

#### Miscellany

#### Prime of Life

The U of S Retirees Association has issued a call for nominations for its Prime of Life Achievement Award, which recognizes outstanding scholarly, artistic or service contributions after retirement from the university. For information on the nomination process, contact Asit Sarkar at asit. sarkar@usask.ca

#### United Way Representative

The university is seeking applications for the United Way Loaned Representative Program. The successful applicant will work full time for the United Way from Aug. 27-Dec. 7 during that organizations annual campaign. Details about the responsibilities and requirements for the position can be found at jobs.usask.ca or www.unitedwaysaskatoon.ca

#### **Thermo Fisher Show**

Fisher Scientific presents a Thermo Fisher Show June 19 from 9 am-2 pm in the Agriculture Atrium. Fisher Scientific and key Thermo partners will share new products and promotions in 2012, from pipette tips and centrifuges to chromatography systems.

#### **Confucius Institute Opening**

Faculty, students and staff are invited to attend the grand opening of the Confucius Institute, a new U of S centre that will provide Chinese language and culture

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- BbLearn / U of S Course Tools Fundamentals Seminar, May 25 or May 28 1:30-3 pm, \$0 staff; \$0 faculty
- iPad Tips and Tricks (More Than 'Angry Birds'), June 19, 10:30 am-12:30 pm, \$0 students, staff; faculty
- Make the Most of Your Mac Intermediate, June 25, 1:30-3 pm, \$0 students, staff, faculty

### Amati music 🕨

The Amati Quartet will perform June 9 in Convocation Hall. Details about times and tickets are above.



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8:30-11:30 pm

#### Edwards School of Business, Executive Education

For information call 966-8686, email execed@edwards.usask.ca or visit http:// www.edwards.usask.ca/execed/

- Express Yourself: Powerful Presentation, Communication, and Impression Making Strategies with Rachelle Brockman – June 5, Saskatoon
- The Project Management Course, June 18 - 20, Regina
- The Masters Certificate in Business Analysis, Sept. 12 – Jan. 26, 2013, Regina
- The Business Analyst's Course, Sept. 19 – 21
- The Masters Certificate in Project Management, Oct. 16 - March 9, 2013, Regina

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#### Conferences

#### **CAUCE 2012**

The Canadian Association for Continuing and Distance Education (CAUCE) annual conference will be held at the Delta Besscourses, and promote study abroad student exchange programs with China. The opening ceremony begins at 3 pm in Quance Theatre, with a cultural experience centre reception to follow at 4:30 pm in the Snelgrove Gallery.

#### Making a Scene

The Department of Drama is offering Making a Scene, summer camps for kids interested in exploring creativity through improvisation, characterization, voice and movement. There will be four week-long camps for young actors ages 10-17 years. For more information, visit artsandscience. usask.ca/drama

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## Around the Bowl ocn

Vivian R Ramsden, associate professor and director of the research division, Department of Academic Family Medicine in the College of Medicine, has received the Saskatchewan Registered Nurses Association's Effie Feeny Award for nursing research.



Three appointments have been announced in the University Library: **Katie Harding** has taken a term position as health sciences liaison librarian; **Dolores Wollbaum** has been appointed organization development specialist: and **Gwen Chan**, formerly

Wollbaum has been appointed organization Ramsden development specialist; and Gwen Chan, formerly with the Saskatoon Public Library, has assumed duties as health sciences library branch supervisor.

**Ajay Dalai**, Canada Research Chair in Environmentally Friendly Chemical Processing and associate dean of research in the College of Engineering, has been made a fellow of the Chemical Institute of Canada as well as a member of The Canadian Academy of Engineering.

Jeff Park's book *The Cellophane Sky: Jazz Poems* won the Saskatoon Book Award in this year's Saskatchewan Book Awards. Park is a faculty member in the



Park

## **STM campaign launched**

St. Thomas More College has launched a \$6-million campaign to pay for a building expansion and a Catholic studies chair.

Dept. of Curriculum Studies.

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 the established the college in 1936.

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Send feedback to: sustainability@usask.ca

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Developed by the University of Saskatchewan's Sustainability Commitment Working Group and Office of Sustainability







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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.