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University of Saskatchewan faculty, staff and students will have the rare opportunity to hear from three former Canadian prime ministers this fall. Jean Chretien, Kim Campbell and Paul Martin will all speak at the U of S as part of the university's series of Canada 150 Conversations with Prime Ministers. We have details on the events, and we also introduce our U of S Canada 150 Citizens.

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U of S to begin Bystander Intervention Training

HENRYTYE GLAZEBROOK

Statistically speaking, sexual assaults on university campuses are most likely to occur in the first eight weeks of the school year.

And for Patti McDougall, University of Saskatchewan vice-provost teaching and learning, those numbers make fall the perfect time to talk about awareness, education and policy on the subject.

“That first part of the year doesn’t necessarily characterize the whole year, but we are getting into our more vulnerable period,” McDougall said. “I’m hoping that our students are coming in more aware of these things, but we can’t assume that. We always have to take the time, routinely, to say, ‘Here’s our line in the sand. We can’t accept these behaviours, and we won’t stand by.’”

McDougall describes the university’s approach to combating sexual assault as a three-pronged process involving policy and procedures, education, awareness and training, and support systems. Combined with the approval of a sexual assault prevention policy



McDougall



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by the Board of Governors in 2015 and annual events such as Sexual Assault Awareness Week (Sept. 18-22), McDougall said the overall momentum is leaning more positive than ever.

“One of the ways that I can judge that we’re doing OK and progressing in a good way is by the

fact that people want to sign on and join onto what’s happening,” McDougall said. “When we get an increasing number of students interested, when we get faculty and staff who want to take part in what we’re building, who say, ‘Yes, absolutely,’ when they’re asked to be part of a video campaign or if they want

to receive training, these are all indicators that we’re doing the right things. Instead of standing back and criticizing, people are coming in and signing on to what lies ahead.”

What’s next is a new program called Bystander Intervention Training, planned in partnership with Student Affairs and Services and U of S Protective Services. When it launches in October, the train-the-trainer course will instruct an estimated 30 staff, students and faculty on how to best react if they find themselves in a situation where inappropriate sexual behaviour is occurring.

The goal, said Student Affairs and Services director Peter Hedley, is that those 30 people will then themselves be able to pass their new knowledge onto others on campus, creating a sustainable and self-perpetuating culture of behaviour.

“What we’re saying, even moreso, is that we’re all a part of the solution and we all have a role to play,” Hedley said.

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

A lot happens at the U of S during the weeks when *On Campus News* isn’t published. Here are a few of the top stories from news.usask.ca:

Edwards embraces new partnership

The Edwards School of Business, SuccessionMatching and a number of industry leaders have partnered to help university students and alumni successfully transition into business ownership. The proposed partnership, announced Aug. 9, will enhance business planning by offering access to SuccessionMatching services free of charge for Edwards students and any U of S alumni who pre-qualify.

Dean Smith joins provincial board

Dr. Preston Smith, dean of the College of Medicine, has been appointed as a member of the Saskatchewan Health Authority Board of Directors. Smith joined the U of S in 2014. The announcement was made Aug. 23 by provincial Health Minister Jim Reiter. Leading the new board is Scott Livingstone, a U of S alumni and the new CEO of the Saskatchewan Health Authority.

Hunchak takes leadership role

Gordon Hunchak will join the University Relations leadership team at the U of S as associate vice-president, strategic communications, and chief communications officer on Sept. 18. Hunchak, a U of S commerce grad with wide-ranging experience in goal-oriented communications and marketing, has been serving as associate vice-president, external relations at Brock University.

Coates earns national honour

Ken Coates, a U of S public policy professor, will be recognized for his excellence in Indigenous relations by the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB). Coates will be honoured this month at the CCAB Gala when he receives the Award for Excellence in Aboriginal Relations, which highlights the efforts of people who have been ambassadors in working with Aboriginal peoples and communities.

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Dean Keith Willoughby dons the new Edwards School of Business commemorative centennial jacket.

LARRY KWOK

Edwards School of Business launches its centennial year

NATASHA KATCHUK

As students start the new school year this week, Edwards School of Business is officially launching its centennial celebrations as part of the third annual Alumni Jubilee.

“As part of the celebrations we want to connect with our alumni who work on campus,” said Edwards Dean Keith Willoughby. “I’m proud to say I’m one of the approximately 600 Edwards alumni working here to build this university. I invite our graduates to join us for a lunchtime barbeque in the Commerce loop on September 13.”

From humble beginnings as the first accounting school in Canada, the history of Edwards started with 17 students who registered in the School of Accounting in 1917. The school was meant to be a temporary stop on the way to a full College of Commerce. As a component of that journey, the School of Accounting—initially part of the College of Arts and Science—became the College of Accounting in 1936.

The year 1943 paved the way

for the College of Commerce, reflecting an expansion in business education. In addition to accounting, present-day specializations such as finance, marketing, human resources, management and operations management were now offered.

The first 50 years also came with several moves, from the main campus to near the airport, to the Hangar Building, and then into the current space in 1968 when the Commerce/Law addition opened.

Notable alumni of the Hangar era tell tales of the flood of 1951, while the last few generations will speak to the shenanigans experienced in the Reading Room while studying, partaking in a round of Kaiser or a host of other events. And while enrolment increased in the years since the addition opened, the physical footprint remained the same until a \$5-million donation was made in 1998 that established the Potash-Corp Centre.

A new era was established in 2007 with the unveiling of the

Edwards School of Business brand to acknowledge the long-standing relationship and support given by N. Murray Edwards as a student, alumnus and donor.

“At the Edwards School of Business, we’re proud of our students and alumni and know that every success brings value to their degrees,” said Willoughby. “Our centennial year is a time for us to celebrate and recognize all that we have accomplished together over the past century.

“More than 26,000 commerce alumni have left our classrooms armed with knowledge and practical experience to make a tremendous impact on our communities. Our centennial theme of citizenship will emphasize the many ways our grads make the world a better place.”

The year-long celebrations culminate with the Edwards All-Years Reunion, Sept. 20-22, 2018. ■

Natasha Katchuk is a communications officer in the Edwards School of Business.

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Vannelli shifts into gear as new provost

✍ HENRYTYE GLAZEBROOK

When Tony Vannelli first considered joining the University of Saskatchewan, he said it was like he'd watched a top-tier race car blazing past. The thought of actually joining and being part of the team and community was very exciting.

The description is high praise, for sure, but that initial perception is nothing compared to how he feels now that he's spent more than a month in his role as provost and vice-president academic.

"It's something else entirely to help drive it, as we collectively move it into top gear," he said of his new workplace, chuckling at the comparison. "This institution can go as far as it wants to achieve its aspirations, and has all the potential to do so, but it's going to find the right speed.

"My responsibility as the provost, along with other leaders, is to let the institution achieve its mission and goals in the direction that they should, with guidance so

that we stay on the road to success that will shape our future."

Vannelli, who is also a professor of in the College of Engineering's Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, came to the U of S with a lengthy background in both academics and administration.

While his most recent positions included a 10-year term as dean of the College of Physical Science at the University of Guelph and another two years as associate dean, research and external partnerships at the University of Waterloo, he said it's his time on the front lines of academia that has most shaped his beliefs and leadership style into what they are today.

Despite initially pursuing bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics, Vannelli learned early on in his doctoral work—after shifting his interests to engineering—that a focus on interdisciplinary learning and research can grant the ability to see issues from a variety of shifting perspectives.

"With any kind of problem that you think you have, you may actually have an opportunity in front of you if you look deeper," he said. "I always try to change the lens on problems. In life, sometimes if you can flip the lens and view the problem from a different angle or with a different light under it, you might see something you'd missed initially. Then the problem might be solved in a slightly different way, or even an easier way."

Vannelli is excited about the balance between his roles as provost and VP academic, and said he looks forward to leveraging his time in each as a chance to forge robust resources and support for ongoing and new initiatives on campus.

"It's very, very important to me that we maintain strong academic programs across the board, have the appropriate resources to support them and ensure stability across the institution for years to come—both to maintain that and



Tony Vannelli began his new role as provost and vice-president academic at the University of Saskatchewan on Aug. 1.

DAVID STOBBE

to move into new directions and new opportunities."

There's a sense of encouragement in the way Vannelli discusses the U of S, speaking at length about its strengths as a U15 school and describing how, when he was offered the job by President Peter Stoicheff, it "just felt right" to accept and be part of this strong collegial university.

More than anything, it's

clear he knows the university has potential to do even greater things.

"People can realize their dreams here," he said. "This institution goes about its business—in a very modest way, I find—of training the best students and doing the best discovery and scholarship. I think they're just starting to fully realize how good they are, and I think they can go even higher." ■



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Kevin Flynn, a professor in the Department of English at the U of S, will chair his first meeting of University Council on Sept. 21, replacing Lisa Kalynchuk.

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Flynn feeling comfortable in his new chair

HENRYTYE GLAZEBROOK

The chair of University Council is typically seen as a position of some ceremony, yielding little in the way of surprise if they carry themselves with an appropriate level of formality.

But Kevin Flynn, who will be taking over the role at the University of Saskatchewan this fall, prefers to keep things casual.

“I’m a ballcap wearer, and after I was elected the big question was whether I’d be wearing my hat as council chair,” he said, with a laugh. “Here’s your big scoop: I’m going to be wearing the hat—on the advice of a former chair, who said, ‘You’ve gotta be you.’”

This loose, relaxed style is one that Flynn likes to carry throughout his life, from his new role in council to his regular position as assistant professor in the Department of English. It also

cropped up before he first joined University Council, when he lent his distinct sense of humour to his letter of self-nomination.

“I had just got tenure and completed a sabbatical, and I didn’t really know anything about the governance of the institution,” Flynn said. “My actual nomination blurb was, ‘I’ve been here for four years, and I don’t know anything about how this place works. It seems to me that being on council would be a good way to learn.’”

He’s since spent five straight years serving as a member of council, sitting on and eventually chairing the Academic Programs Committee. All the while he became more and more appreciative of his small role in what he believes is a profoundly important part of university leadership.

“I’m a booster for council,” he

said. “Any chance I get, I’m saying to people, ‘You should run for council’ or ‘You should really think of sitting on a committee of council.’ This is where the real work of the university gets done.”

Flynn credits former chairs Dr. Jay Kalra and Lisa Kalynchuk for forging an exemplary path, and said he hopes to follow their lead as he grows into the role.

“I will bring continuity, I think, as the first thing—in terms of maintaining decorum in the body, of trying to be as efficient as possible and of maintaining good relationships between council and senior administration on one hand and students on the other,” said Flynn, who is scheduled to chair University Council for the first time on Sept. 21.

“There were days, I’m told, when council did not get along so well with senior administration.

That has not been the case in the past few years, particularly since President (Peter) Stoicheff has been in office. It’s really important to maintain those connections. We don’t want to be building factions here. We’re here to work together to conduct the university’s business.”

There are some areas in which Flynn has set his eyes on polishing the council experience for all members, especially in regard to the dissemination of information and materials.

“We tend to get very large packages of council materials a week or a week and a half before a council meeting,” he said. “The last one we got in June was 490 pages, single-spaced. It’s a lot to expect of council members to do all that reading in at most two weeks, and to do it thoroughly enough to be informed for voting. I want to see if there’s a

better way of doing this.”

In all respects, Flynn is confident and excited about this new responsibility—even if his informality ruffles the occasional feather.

“No doubt there will be times that I mess up. Perhaps I’ll mistakenly try to vote for a motion,” he said, which a chuckle.

After five years of speaking up as a critic and advocate of submissions to council, it will be big change for Flynn to play a quieter, more managerial role. But he is prepared for it.

“It was exceptionally flattering to be nominated, and it was exceptionally flattering to have my colleagues applaud when my acclamation was announced,” he said. “I felt proud and welcomed, and I am determined to do a good job. I wouldn’t have stood for nomination if I didn’t think that I could.” ■

Student savours summer with the cheetahs



✍ HENRYTYE GLAZEBROOK

There are few things more mesmerizing in life than to see a cheetah take off at a dash, the drops of black dotting its golden fur blurring together as it races before your eyes.

Or at least that's what Raelyn Serhan remembers most about her time with the animals, which she spent two weeks helping to care for in South Africa as part of an educational volunteer program called Loop Abroad.

"They have what they call the FeraCare Raceway, and it's a fenced-in track with a lure that the animals chase," she said, noting that the creatures can reach nearly 100 km/h in under three seconds. "It doesn't quite go up to the cheetah's full speed, but you get to see them sprint around. It was really cool. It was a couple seconds and they were already around this big track and back again."

Serhan is a second-year animal biosciences student in the University of Saskatchewan's College of Agri-



Raelyn Serhan also hung out with some feathered friends.

2017 LOOP ABROAD

College of Agriculture and Bioresources student Raelyn Serhan spent part of her summer working with cheetahs in South Africa.

culture and Bioresources. Despite the Loop program dovetailing nicely with her degree, she said she was initially drawn to it not because of academia but simply on account of her innate love of animals.

She wasn't even studying animal biosciences when she first heard of Loop, in fact, but was instead taking commerce courses at the Edwards School of Business.

"I grew up on a farm, and animals have always been a key part of my life," she said. "I have always considered vet med as a potential career path. After my first term at the U of S in 2015, I decided to follow my heart and changed my educational journey for the following school year."

Though her time in South Africa was not officially related to academia, Serhan said the program was modelled so as to provide instructional opportunities—including daily time in classrooms—as often as possible.

"The program I went with is a college veterinary program out of the United States," Serhan said. "It makes it so much more interesting, because you learn about cheetahs' anatomy and everything associated with their conservation and health in South Africa. It's not just going there and volunteering; you're also learning about the animals, too."

The result, she said, was a clearer understanding of large cats she would otherwise have no hands-on training with, as well as a better appreciation for the technological and educational opportunities available at Canadian institutions like the U of S.

"It gives you a better understanding of how things work across the world, and how lucky we are and how advanced medical technology is here," she said. "There you're just working with the basics, whatever you have on-hand, if there is an emergency. Here there's so much more. It's a totally different game."

Her time half a world away is one that Serhan will never forget, and one that she heartily recommends to anyone else considering new paths in their educational experience.

"Just do it," she said. "You think it's going to be the trip of a lifetime when you go, but it's exceeded all expectation. This experience is one that I wouldn't trade for anything."

"Being able to travel across the world and work with such majestic animals, and witness the care and effort that the staff puts into the well-being of each and every cheetah, is unexplainable. They take great pride and care in their work and are striving to save the cheetah species and genetics." ■

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Regan Wilson (left) and Kinga Nolan are the latest Schulich Leader Scholarship program recipients at the U of S.  SUBMITTED

Schulich Leader scholars set to study at the U of S

 BRETT MAKULOWICH

The Schulich Leader Scholarship program has awarded two new University of Saskatchewan (U of S) students with generous scholarships.

Regan Wilson and Kinga Nolan are the latest U of S students to win the award, joining the ranks of more than 270 students who have received this scholarship to date.

Wilson, 18, is a recipient of the \$100,000 Schulich Leader Scholarship. A graduate of Holy Cross High School in Saskatoon, Wilson will be entering the College of Engineering this fall. She is committed to her community, working as an assistant with a dance group specialized for children with physical and cognitive disabilities, and also serves as a camp counsellor.

Wilson made the honour roll throughout high school while also participating in basketball, cross-country, and track and field. She will pursue an undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering, with future plans to pursue a graduate degree in biomedical engineering.

"After finishing my degrees, I hope to work in this field (biomedical engineering) by designing prosthetic limbs and advancing bio-medical technology to aid people's

movement and help them live full and abundant lives," said Wilson. "I am looking forward to starting the next chapter of my life at the University of Saskatchewan," she added. "I cannot wait to be on campus and to have the new experiences that come along with the student life."

Meanwhile, Nolan, 18, is a recipient of the \$80,000 Schulich Leader Scholarship. A graduate of Dr. E.P. Scarlett High School in Calgary, Nolan has held numerous leadership positions throughout many organizations including the Calgary's Mayoral Youth Council and the Canadian Cadet Organization, while also serving as an advocate for head injury awareness and safety, having suffered a head injury herself. She will be entering the College and Arts and Science to study environmental biology.

"I plan to work as an environmental scientist establishing an ecological venture, which could be similar to a carbon offset model," said Nolan. "The generous philanthropy of Mr. Seymour Schulich will serve to remind me of my duty to care for my community and my environment."

"I am most looking forward

to joining groups and clubs at U of S, along with pursuing research opportunities," said added.

This year, there were more than 1,300 Schulich Leader Scholarship nominees from across Canada vying for 50 awards, valued at up to \$100,000 each. The scholarships are awarded to top high school graduates enrolling in a science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) undergraduate program at participating Canadian universities. Canadian businessman and philanthropist Seymour Schulich created the scholarship program in 2011.

"Schulich Leader scholarship recipients are the best and brightest STEM students in Canada," said Schulich. "I truly believe that many of these students will make great contributions to society, both on a national and global scale. With their university expenses covered, they can focus their time on their studies, research projects, extracurriculars, and entrepreneurial ventures. They are the next generation of technology innovators." ■

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U of S Chancellor Roy Romanow (left) and President Peter Stoicheff are excited to host three former Canadian prime ministers in Canada 150 conversations on campus this fall.

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Talking Canada's past, future with former PMs

HENRYTYE GLAZEBROOK

In the midst of Canada's 150th anniversary of confederation, University of Saskatchewan President Peter Stoicheff is excited that the university will soon host conversations with former prime ministers about Canada's past and future.

"We are in part interrogating the past 150 years in order to make enormous changes in the future—particularly with regard to Canada's relationships with Indigenous people—and we are also celebrating achievements," Stoicheff said. "In the 31 years that I've been here, we haven't had a series of former prime ministers come to campus to engage in dialogue with the whole university community. I think that is really special and possibly unique in Canada. It's a huge opportunity."

As part of the U of S Canada 150 Project, the U of S will host three former Canadian prime ministers this fall, bringing in Jean Chretien (Sept. 27), Kim Campbell (Oct. 4) and Paul Martin (Nov. 9) to speak about how the country has shifted since their time in office and where the nation is headed, particularly with respect to Indigenous issues, women in politics, and national unity.

For Roy Romanow, current U of S chancellor and former Saskatchewan premier, having these three former federal leaders

come to campus presents a unique opportunity to better understand how Canadian history informs the current political climate.

"Each and every prime minister has been important, but I think these three will provide perspectives on the evolution and history of Canada leading to the modern context," Romanow said.

Romanow cites Campbell's role as the first female prime minister in Canadian history, Martin's commitment to issues affecting Indigenous communities, and

Chretien's experience during the Quebec Referendum of 1995, as some of the many vital topics that will likely be broached during the three speakers' talks.

"They all played very important roles in some pretty big issues facing the country," he said. "Each forum provides a piece of recent history about the major issues facing Canada and some of the personalities who were involved in some of those issues."

Romanow will interview each of the leaders at the events. Conversations with Paul Martin will take place both at the College of Law's Stack Memorial Canada 150 Forum and also at the 10th anniversary gala for the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy.

The talks are planned as a way to bring a national spotlight to some of the many ways in which the U of S has contributed to the success of Canada as a whole, Romanow said. He cited Al Johnson, Sylvia Fedoruk and Emmett Hall as just a few examples of U of S graduates who were important nation builders.

"The U of S has distinguished itself in a number of ways in building Canada, in the biggest meaning of the word 'building,'" Romanow said. "We have educated people to do things in the private and public sectors for the growth and improvement of the country. What better way to celebrate Canada 150, even if it's only a little slice of some of the personalities and issues which have taken us here today."

Stoicheff credited Romanow, who has had a working relationship with each of the three former federal leaders, with playing a pivotal role in bringing them to campus.

"All of this is made possible by the fact that we are fortunate to have Roy Romanow as our chancellor," he said. "When you look across all of the 95 university institutions in this country, we have in Roy probably the most influential chancellor anywhere, in terms of past experience at a provincial and national level."

The talks are only one part of a year that has been dedicated to commemorating Canada 150, with other upcoming events including a forum on the future of health care (Sept. 18), three Indigenous-related book launches, and a citizenship ceremony (Sept. 15) in which 50 new Canadians will take the Oath of Citizenship—marking the first time in U of S history that such an occasion has occurred on campus.

"It's not just that we want to have a ceremony on campus, it's that this ceremony brings people from different parts of the world together under the umbrella of citizenship," Stoicheff said. "That's very meaningful, and it speaks to our principle of diversity and our commitment to inclusion." ■

Coming to campus:



Jean Chretien
SEPT. 27, 2017



Kim Campbell
OCT. 4, 2017



Paul Martin
NOV. 9, 2017

For further details about U of S Canada 150 events, visit: canada150.usask.ca

Celebrating our Canada 150 citizens

The University of Saskatchewan is proud to recognize 10 remarkable members of the university community as U of S Canada 150 Citizens, part of the U of S Canada 150 Project. These individuals have significantly contributed to Canada becoming

a more diverse, inclusive and environmentally sustainable country. Each of the honourees were nominated by members of the public. Congratulations to the following individuals, who continue to enrich Canada's present and future.



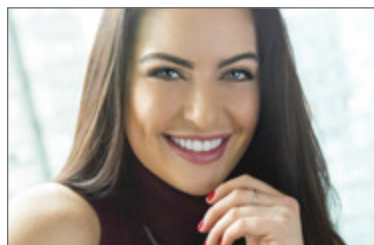
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A strategic planning advisor on campus and U of S graduate, Baptiste is passionate about community and is a dedicated volunteer serving on various provincial and non-profit boards. As a Cree woman, she is committed to advocating for Indigenous Peoples and works hard to ensure Indigenous perspectives are represented at decision-making tables locally and provincially. Baptiste is involved in partnerships and public forums to enhance relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities and organizations. She was also a founding member of the Saskatoon Aboriginal Professionals Association.



MARIE BATTISTE

A Mi'kmaw scholar, knowledge keeper, and educator from Potlotek First Nation in Nova Scotia, Battiste is a professor of Educational Foundations and founder and first academic director of the Aboriginal Education Research Centre in the College of Education at the U of S. Her field of work focuses on decolonizing and indigenizing education. Battiste has published numerous books and articles, has inspired students through a deep commitment to her work, and has been instrumental in setting the foundation for Indigenous studies in North America. She is a member of the Royal Society of Canada and has four honorary degrees.



SIERA BEARCHELL

In addition to being a law student at the U of S, a community volunteer and positive body image activist, Bearchell is the first woman—and first Indigenous woman—from Saskatchewan to win the title of Miss Universe Canada. She has used this platform to advocate for body positivity and wants women to know that being comfortable in their bodies is beautiful. Her message has been an inspiration for women around the world. In recognition of her work, Bearchell received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, the Red Cross Young Humanitarian Award, and the Peter Mansbridge Youth Leadership Award.



ANGIE BUGG

An energy conservation co-ordinator at the Saskatchewan Environmental Society and U of S alumna, Bugg is a passionate advocate for environmental stewardship and youth engagement. A graduate of the College of Engineering, she works to educate youth, businesses and non-profit organizations on the importance of energy conservation and waste prevention. Bugg also promotes diversity in the field of engineering by encouraging women from diverse backgrounds to engage with and bring their skills to a traditionally male-dominated profession. Her passion for the community and the environment is evident to all who meet her.



KEN COATES

Coates is one of Canada's leading researchers on Indigenous rights, Indigenous participation in the natural resource economy and northern treaties and governance. A public policy professor and the Canada Research Chair in Regional Innovation at U of S, his research focuses on the future of innovation and the commercialization of science and technology, as well as skills training and entrepreneurship in rural and remote areas. His work has helped develop policies and strategies for working with Indigenous peoples in Canada and internationally, and has challenged the public understanding of Indigenous rights and responsibilities.



MAX FINEDAY

FineDay is the co-executive director at the Canadian Roots Exchange—a national charity committed to building relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth. In addition to receiving a Bachelor of Arts in political studies from the U of S, he also studied in the Arctic Circle at the University of Nordland in Bodø, Norway. He is a bridge builder and natural leader, serving two terms as the second Indigenous president of the U of S Students' Union. FineDay is passionate about youth leadership development, theories of change-making and First Nations community revitalization.



DR. ALYSSA HAYES

Dr. Hayes is a former assistant professor in the College of Dentistry at the U of S, who has made significant contributions to Canadian society through her continuous support of Canada's newest residents and those who face debilitating financial barriers. She has focused on ensuring Syrian refugees have access to dental care by creating a program within the College of Dentistry that is designed to eliminate unnecessary stress and expense for new Canadians. Hayes has worked hard to bring students, faculty, staff, and other dental professionals together to support this significant community program.



DR. JAY KALRA

A pathology professor and faculty representative on the U of S Board of Governors, Dr. Kalra is a well-known physician, clinical researcher, and community builder. He is also a community advocate and has worked to build intercultural understanding and an appreciation for diversity through his roles in organizations such as Saskatoon Folkfest, the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Intercultural Association. Kalra has been honoured for his professional and volunteer contributions, and he continues to promote co-operation and understanding among all ethnic groups.



HARRY LAFOND

A graduate of the U of S, Lafond is an advocate for Indigenous Peoples and the Cree language. He has a range of experience in politics and academics, and is currently the executive director of the Office of the Treaty Commissioner and serves as chair of the Board of Trustees First Nations Trust. Previously, he served his nation as chief and director of education and principal of Kihiw Waciston School. A former member of U of S Senate, Lafond is a university lecturer who guides his students in developing visions for reconciliation and inspires participation beyond the classroom.



NAHEDA SAHTOUT

An award-winning graduate student in the U of S Department of Chemistry, Sahtout never lets anything stand in the way of accomplishing her goals. The PhD candidate has a deep commitment to helping others and spends countless hours volunteering in the community. In addition to being active on campus, she has worked with a number of northern communities to help engage their youth in math and science education. Sahtout has also been extensively involved with the Saskatoon Open Door Society, helping settle newcomers and using her teaching skills to structure lessons for them to learn English.

For full biographies of each of the honourees, please visit: canada150.usask.ca/celebrate-success.php

Examining pop culture and cinema in Japan

LESLEY PORTER

From its unique animation and comic book styles to cinematic cult classics, Japan has contributed significantly to the world's cannon of popular culture.

Izumi Krasznai, a faculty member in the Department of Linguistics and Religious Studies at the University of Saskatchewan, covers the gamut of Japanese cultural icons in her second-year class, now in its third year of instruction.

The class starts off in the 1950s with some context on Tokyo's most

famous giant lizard: Godzilla.

"The first *Godzilla* was a very serious movie," she explained, as it debuted less than a decade after the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Additionally, the creature itself was born from a nuclear attack, so "when people watch that movie, they reflect on the scars of the bombing."

Monsters and mythical creatures are a constant theme in Japanese cinema and media, explained Krasznai. However, they

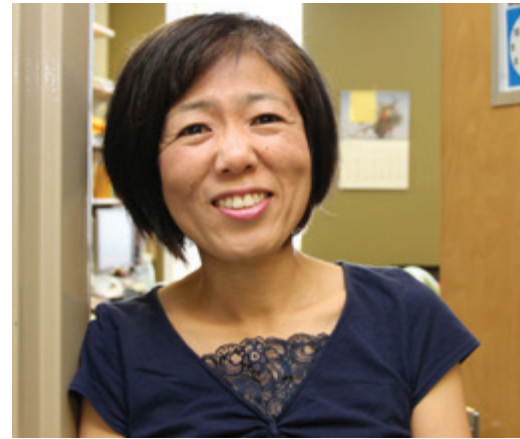
don't have the same connotation as they do in North America, and are used more as educational devices or depictions of nature.

"Monsters can be scary but also kind of good," she said.

One example is that of Totoro, a large forest spirit from the film *My Neighbor Totoro* by renowned director and animator Hayao Miyazaki. Despite his size and ominous roar, Totoro acts as a gentle giant to the two young female protagonists in the film.

"Totoro is actually a monster, but he's nice," said Krasznai. "Miyazaki used a lot of these ideas in his animation."

Another director known in the monster genre is Shigeru Mizuki, who represented the creatures as part of Japanese folklore. Because of his animation, "a lot of kids aren't too scared of monsters and instead treat them like friends," added



Krasznai

Krasznai.

Of course, a class about Japanese culture isn't complete without a section on anime, the distinct animation style known for its complex plots, exaggerated physical features and painstaking details. One director of note covered is Osamu Tezuka, whose work is considered as prolific as Walt Disney's and is regarded by many as the God of Manga.

Most notably, Tezuka created a manga (comic book) character named Astro Boy in 1952. It was adapted into an animated program in 1963, becoming Japan's first animated television series and paving the way for the modern anime aesthetic.

"A lot of students didn't know that," Krasznai said with a laugh.

"He totally changed people's image of manga and animation," said Krasznai. "Animation is regarded as kid's stuff, but he made a lot of entertainment—for girls, boys, samurai, science fiction."

Other themes in the class that are identified in the films include the representation of family life, education, and

traditional and religious customs, such as funerals.

Krasznai, who was born and raised in Japan, travelled the world teaching Japanese before moving to Saskatoon. In addition to this course, she teaches Japanese language classes in the College of Arts and Science. Many of her students take both concurrently, which provides a benefit.

"It's a good way to listen to Japanese, while also watching the movies," she said.

Enrolment for the class has been steady since its inception, she explained, and students are keen to learn more about cultural products that have had such a profound impact. In turn, she hopes exposing the students to new ideas, cultural figures and media helps them to further appreciate other forms of pop culture—in Japan and beyond.

"I want them to build their ideas more and expand their interests," she said. "We don't have a big Japanese community [in Saskatoon], or much contact with Japan, so the classroom plays that kind of role." ■

The Gail Appel Lectureship in Literature and Fine Arts

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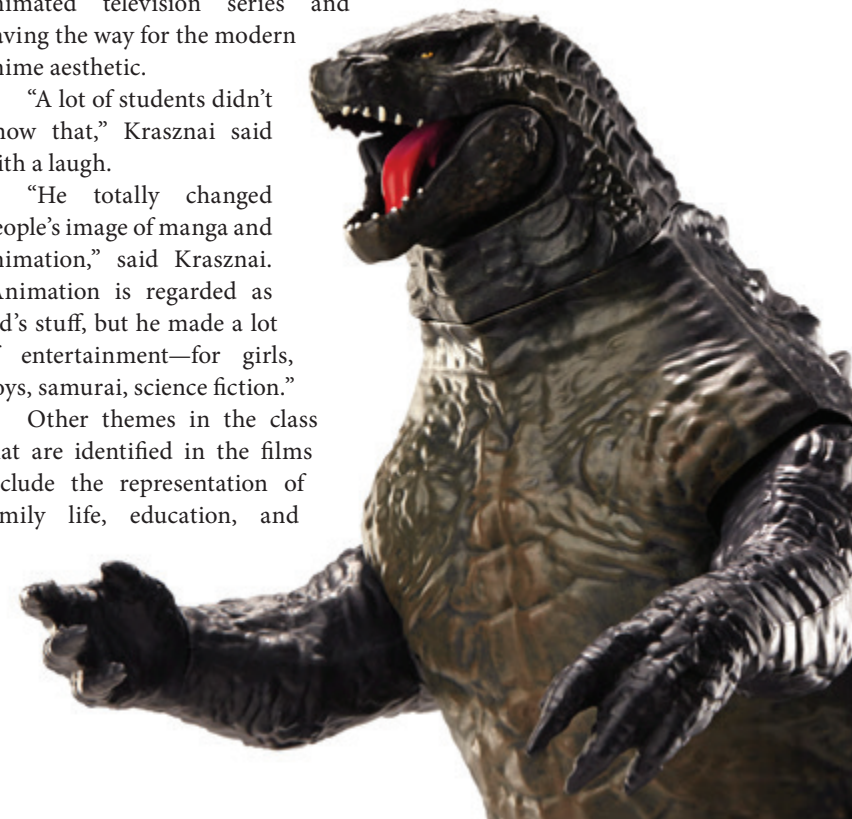
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Carolyn Doi, music and eEducation liaison librarian, is helping preserve a rare collection of records and memorabilia at the U of S in the Sask History Online collection.

CHRIS MORIN

Preserving provincial pop

U of S music collection contains rare recordings and memorabilia

CHRIS MORIN

They don't just make music. Etched within every groove of the archived vinyl records at the University of Saskatchewan Education Library is a fascinating story of the prairies past and present.

On one hand, the catalogued LPs give a glimpse into the past century of our province's lively music scene. But for crate-diggers, students and music lovers alike, there is a deeper tale to be told. You just have to search for it.

For Carolyn Doi, music and education liaison librarian, the Sask History Online collection is a chance to help members of the music community connect with

their roots.

"I've had conversations with people who have found something obscure from our collection that has meant something very personal to them," said Doi.

"I talked to one person who found an album that her grandmother sang on. She was able to listen to those recordings for the first time ever and then play them at her grandmother's 90th birthday in Ontario. They didn't have a copy of the record. I love hearing stories like that."

While many pieces in the collection are records and CDs, other items include sheet music and other pieces of memorabilia,

including a box-set from folk singer Buffy Sainte-Marie and a signed copy of the now-infamous *Rolling Stone* issue with The Sheepdogs gracing the cover.

While many of these pieces help tell the story of music with a Saskatchewan connection, the aim is to make digital copies of the physical objects, as many of them—some over a century-old—are rare, one-of-a-kind items. Others, such as the 45-records with sleeves held together with pieces of thick tape, are delicate and fragile.

"Some of the earliest items are dated from as far back as 1906, and as you go forward you can see the

development and advancement of sound recording technology," said Doi, who estimates that there are nearly 4,000 pieces in the collection.

There are some challenges with preserving the gems of the past. While it's fairly straightforward to digitize a CD, finding a player for an 8-track tape or a reel-to-reel recording is an ongoing process. Same goes for the player piano rolls, said Doi. Using a ripping program to import the pieces into a digital format, Doi said that even the artwork for the album cover is added into the collection.

"Sometimes people may not remember the name of what they are

looking for, but they will recognize the cover when they see it," she said.

And while many of the pieces are donated, finding additional LPs and CDs to be catalogued is also something of a scavenger hunt—another challenge that Doi said is a rewarding process.

"So many music creators reference the past when it comes to curating their own collections or radio shows," said Doi. "And so many people are releasing music on vinyl and cassette tapes again that we are collecting those pieces again. It's something that I find that a lot of students are getting excited about." ■

Hatching an idea

Backyard hens an egg-citing possibility for U of S researcher

LESLEY PORTER

Backyard chickens are permitted in a number of Canadian cities, including Vancouver, Victoria, Whitehorse and some boroughs of Montréal.

Wanda Martin would like to see Saskatoon on that list.

Martin, an associate professor in the College of Nursing at the University of Saskatchewan, is leading research examining the barriers encountered in urban agriculture, specifically with backyard chickens.

“If you think about urban agriculture as a complete package, urban hens are part of growing and producing your own food,” she said.

The project, which is supported by the President’s Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (PSSHRC) Insight Grant, has a

three-pronged approach: understanding why people support backyard chickens, exploring the concerns of those who don’t, and identifying barriers and restrictions in the current bylaws.

The project is closely linked to work Martin does as a member of Bridge City Chickens, a local group advocating for an urban hen pilot project in Saskatoon.

The group presented its proposal—allowing 30 households to have three to five hens in their yard over 18 months—to Saskatoon City Council this spring. The proposal was ultimately voted down.

She understands the hesitation to allow backyard hens, adding that when people hear of the practice, “they relate to that experience of



Wanda Martin is examining urban agricultural options, in particular raising chickens in backyards.

LESLEY PORTER

being on the farm where you have intensive agriculture practices and barns that smell and roosters that make a lot of noise, particularly at 3 or 4 am. They have a hard time separating three to five girls (hens) in the backyard, versus hundreds in barn.”

However, there are responsibilities associated with keeping and caring for any animal, she said, such as maintaining a comfortable living space, feeding and waste clean-up. And unlike their male rooster counterparts—known for their alarming early morning crows—hens are about the same decibel as people talking.

Martin hopes the data from the PSSHRC project—which builds on an earlier project funded by the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation—can provide insights and recommendations to civic leaders as the public becomes more engaged with community-based food systems.

Within the project are a number of themes, such as food security (particularly in lower-income neighbourhoods), local food production and food systems governance. Food sovereignty is another issue of critical importance, particu-

larly in light of related global issues.

“We know we’re experiencing climate change and we know farmers always have ups and downs in terms of their growing ability,”



Martin

she said, adding that only seven per cent of fruits and vegetables eaten in Saskatchewan are grown in the province. “We’re relying on a lot of places that are going to suffer a lot more than we’re going to suffer from climate change issues. So if we can develop a stronger commu-

nity-based food system, then we are going to be protected from unforeseen circumstances.”

Similarly, Martin added that as food systems evolve and industrialize, younger generations can lose sight of how food gets from a field to their fork.

“They’re lacking the basic food literacy skills,” she said. “We understand that kids need to know more and get more involved.”

The social aspect of having something novel to maintain and attend to—not unlike gardening—is another draw of keeping urban hens.

“You’re actually out in your yard more and so it does create more of a social cohesion when you have something there to focus on,” Martin added.

An avid gardener herself, Martin’s interest in urban agriculture was sparked while completing her PhD at the University of Victoria. Aside from leading nursing students through their community health practicums, she also maintained the campus community garden.

“I’ve gardened for as long as I possibly could, as long as I had the space to,” she said. “I like to see a seed become food.” ■

Uncover your intended message

Plain Language Building Results
October 20, 2017, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Western Development Museum, Saskatoon

The essential goal of most documents is to communicate information. Too often, the message gets lost in poor structure, unclear language, and wordiness. So, how do you clear away these barriers and help your message come through? Help is at hand.

Join Editors Saskatchewan for a plain language workshop with Frances Peck, a Vancouver editor and instructor. Frances will show you how to analyze the problems—weak organization, wordiness, abstract language, jargon, poor page design, and other barriers to readability—and uncover your intended message.

This full-day workshop will include individual work, group exercises, and real-life examples.

For more information or to register go to www.picatic.com/ECsask-2017-10-20.



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New Huskie Athletics chief athletic officer Shawn Burt began his new role at the university on Sept. 1.

CHRIS MORIN

Burt helps Huskies head in new direction

JAMES SHEWAGA

Shawn Burt has started his crash course in examining all aspects of Huskie Athletics as he tackles new ways to take the program to a whole new level.

The 46-year-old from Aurora, Ont., has hit the ground running since starting his new role on Sept. 1 as the first chief athletic officer of Huskie Athletics at the University of Saskatchewan. For Burt, it's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make his mark with one of the premier programs in Canadian university sports.

"This is a dream job for me and being able to join a program with such great tradition and a long-standing winning track record and a fantastic academic institution, it's a pretty rare combination," said Burt, whose hiring was officially announced on Aug. 14. "I am a big

university and college sports fan, so I am well aware of the success of the Huskie program and well aware of the tradition of winning and the many great things that are happening here and excited to move it to the next level."

On Sept. 8, Burt will take in his first football game experience at Griffiths Stadium as the Huskies kick off their 2017 Canada West conference home schedule, with soccer already underway and cross-country, wrestling, hockey, basketball, volleyball, and track and field to follow.

"(The home opener) is a seminal moment in any athletic year at a university and in terms of excitement and engagement and a community really rallying around a university," he said. "It's a real galvanizing experience for alumni and students and faculty and staff and I

can't wait to experience it."

Burt came to campus with a mandate from the new Huskie Athletics Board of Trustees to elevate the program, building on fundraising and marketing, sponsorships and scholarships, and of course student-athlete success in the classroom and in competition.

"Our intent is to offer the best athletics program in the country," said David Dubé, chair of the new Huskies board, which unanimously approved Burt's hiring. We have a proud history of success. Our job now, and Shawn's mandate, is to elevate our program."

It's a fresh approach from the more traditional athletic director role that Basil Hughton filled with Huskie Athletics prior to his retirement in the spring. Burt brings a proven track record of success from working with

major sports marketing firms IMG Canada and Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment, as well as Ryerson University athletics and most recently helping raise \$16 million over six years while running the Road Hockey to Conquer Cancer program for The Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation in Toronto.

"It is a groundbreaking opportunity and my skill set is more on the revenue development, fundraising, marketing, brand building and community engagement side, so the fact that they were interested in leveraging those skills is very exciting to me," said Burt, who earned a Bachelor of Arts at Dartmouth College while playing four years of NCAA hockey at the prestigious Ivy League school.

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COMMIT TO THE S

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8

Football: vs. Alberta, at Griffiths Stadium (7 pm)

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9

Men's Soccer: vs. Calgary, at PotashCorp Park (2 pm)

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16

Women's Soccer: vs. Thompson Rivers, at PotashCorp Park (noon)

SUNDAY, SEPT. 17

Women's Soccer: vs. UBC-Okanagan, at PotashCorp Park (noon)

SATURDAY, SEPT. 23

Women's Soccer: vs. Lethbridge, at PotashCorp Park (noon)

Men's Soccer: vs. Victoria, at PotashCorp Park (2:15 pm)

Women's Hockey (exhibition): vs. MacEwan, at Rutherford Rink (TBA)

SUNDAY, SEPT. 24

Women's Soccer: vs. Calgary, at PotashCorp Park (noon)

Men's Soccer: vs. Thompson Rivers, at PotashCorp Park (2:15 pm)

Women's Hockey (exhibition): vs. MacEwan, at Rutherford Rink (TBA)

THURSDAY, SEPT. 28

Men's Soccer: vs. MacEwan, at PotashCorp Park (noon)

Men's Basketball (exhibition): vs. Briercrest, at the PAC (6:30 pm)

FRIDAY, SEPT. 29

Football: vs. Regina, at Griffiths Stadium (7 pm)

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30

Women's Volleyball (exhibition): vs. Lakeland, at the PAC (7 pm)

Men's/Women's Cross Country: Sled Dog Open at Victoria Park (noon)

SUNDAY, OCT. 1

Men's Soccer: vs. Alberta, at PotashCorp Park (2 pm)

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COMING EVENTS

SEMINARS/LECTURES

Philosophy in the Community – Is chatting cheating?

Sept. 8, 7–9 pm, The Refinery (basement of Emanuel Anglican Church, 609 Dufferin Ave). Presented by Sarah Hoffman, professor, Department of Philosophy at the U of S, this talk raises interesting questions about the nature of sexual and romantic fidelity as well as the metaphysics of sex itself. What are the aspects of sex that make cheating or adultery morally problematic? Even if sex chatting has more in common with flirting than sexual intercourse, are these parallels enough to conclude that sex chatting outside of marriage is really no more morally objectionable than flirting? For more information, visit artsandscience.usask.ca/news/articles/1247/Philosophy_in_the_Community_Is_Chatting_Cheating

Literature That Matters - Food, Consumption and Cultural Imperialism in *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*

Sept. 20, 7:30–9 pm, Grace-Westminster United Church, Social Hall, 505 10th Street East. Presented by Jade McDougall, this free talk will look at the politics of food and cultural imperialism expressed in the TV series *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*. This Trek series arguably engages most critically with issues of colonization, empire and the ethical limits of the United Federation of Planets' futuristic utopia. For more information, visit artsandscience.usask.ca/

news/articles/1287/Literature_Matters

Department of Psychology's monthly colloquium series

Sept. 28, 3–4 pm, Arts 153. Professor José Luís Pais Ribeiro, University of Porto, Portugal, will give a talk entitled *The Health of People with Disease: The Point of view of Health Psychology*. The emphasis of this talk will be on ways to promote the health and quality of life of people with a chronic disease/condition. Better health means that everyday life is easier and better for such people. Members of the university community and the general public are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Peter Grant at 306-966-6675 or via e-mail: peter.grant@usask.ca.

United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Youth Training Seminar

Oct. 12, 6:30–9:30 pm, Quance Theatre, Education Building. The USSU Sustainability Committee and the USASK Model UN with the Office of Sustainability are excited to bring a unique opportunity to explore the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In cooperation with the Foundation for Environmental Stewardship, the U of S will be hosting a UN SDGs Youth Training Seminar led by UN officials and student leaders from around the country. This event is open to all, and seeks to encourage Canadian youth to learn more about how to contribute to international development. For more information, visit facebook.com/

events/134021913845931

COURSES/WORKSHOPS

College of Education Students' Society Professional Development Workshops

These events are tailored to education students, but are open to everyone. There is a fee of \$4 for Education Students' Society members and \$6 for non-members. Please sign-up at the Education Students' Society office in Education room 1009. For more information, visit education.usask.ca/ess

- Sept. 15, 10 am–noon, Inside the School and Educational Community. Students will gain the knowledge and vocabulary they need to understand the structure of school and educational communities along with how to conduct themselves in a respectful manner before entering their field experience.
- Sept. 15, 1–3 pm, Becoming a Professional Teacher. Students will gain an understanding of what it means to be a professional teacher and how the STF can support them in their journey and when navigating through the grey areas.
- Sept. 22, 1–3 pm, Social Media Workshop. This professional development session will help students understand how social media profiles can affect the perceptions and assumptions future employers may have of them.
- Sept. 29, 4:30–6:30 pm, TRC Calls to

Action: Our Personal and Collective Action. Join Annie Batiste as she outlines the historical context of why reconciliation is such an important discussion, what the term means to educators, and provides examples of ways that to creatively engage in reconciliation.

Copyright in Teaching

Sept. 13, 11:30 am–1 pm, Room G3 Murray Library. Please bring your lunch and join this overview presentation on *Copyright in Teaching*, which will be followed by a question and answer session. This presentation by Kate Langrell, U of S Copyright Coordinator, will cover what can be shown in class, what can be posted in a learning management system such as BlackBoard, and what can be photocopied to hand out to students. RSVP to copyright.coordinator@usask.ca, and please feel free to let us know if there are any specific questions or topics that you would like to hear about or discuss at the session. For more information, visit usask.ca/copyright.

Training sessions for new online conferencing tool

The Information and Communications Technology (ICT) division is offering training sessions for academic instructors on the new Cisco WebEx system, which will replace BlackBoard Collaborate in August. The new system, which was tested in a pilot project during the past academic term, will be used to broadcast lectures, to host meetings and for one-on-one video and audio conversations. ICT is offering in-person and virtual training sessions for instructors throughout the spring and summer. To register for a WebEx session, visit training.usask.ca or contact the ICT Service Desk at servicedesk@usask.ca or call 306-966-2222.

107 Administration Place. Led by Curtis Peeteetue, an award-winning Cree actor, playwright and director, and featuring Alex Hartshorn, Charlie Peters, Colin Dingwall, Marcel Petit and Wanita Bird, this performance, reflection and round table discussion will explore the exciting intersections of language, story and culture. A group of performing artists (and academics) seek reconciliation by exploring Sophocles' *Antigone* and traditional Cree stories, creating something entirely new in the process. For more information, visit artsandscience.usask.ca/news/articles/1283/Antigone_Then_and_Now_Here_and_There

Movies that Matter – Driving with Selvi

Sept. 18, 7–10 pm, Broadway Theatre. Selvi, like so many girls in India, is a child bride in a violent marriage. One day she escapes and goes on to become South India's first female taxi driver. This is the 10-year journey of a charming, strong and courageous young woman who defies all expectations, moving beyond the pain she's experienced to create a new life. Admission \$7, seniors and students \$5. For more information, visit artsandscience.usask.ca/news/articles/1288/Movies_that_Matter

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The Word on the Street

Sept. 24, 11 am–5 pm, Broadway Business District (Broadway and 10th Street) Celebrate the magic of reading at our annual festival in Saskatoon. Participate in numerous author readings, discussions and activities, and shop in a vibrant Exhibitor Marketplace. Choose to eat al fresco from selections of outdoor food vendors, or enjoy one of the many fine restaurants on Broadway. There's plenty to see and do for the entire family. For more information, visit thewordonthestreet.ca/Saskatoon.

Vetavision 2017

Curious about the veterinary profession? Want to know more about the world of animal health? Come to Vetavision 2017—the Western College of Veterinary Medicine's open house on Sept. 29–30. Organized by our University of Saskatchewan veterinary students, Vetavision offers all kinds of displays, talks, tours and demonstrations—along with some furry, hairy and slippery creatures to visit. Bring your family to the Great Veterinary Variety Show. For more information, contact Patrick Robertson at: wcvvetavision@gmail.com.

Sunday Mass at STM Chapel

Each Sunday until Oct. 22, 11 am–noon, join the campus ministry team for the celebration of the Eucharist. Come worship God in a welcoming environment with people from the campus community. For more information, visit stmcollege.ca.

**Next OCN: Friday, Oct. 13
Deadline: Monday, Oct. 2**



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THE ARTS

A Canada 150 celebration focused on Nobel Laureate Poet Tagore

Sept. 9, 7 pm, Quance Theatre, Education Building. This performance will feature a collage of performances presented through poems, songs, dances of Tagore. The program is a community service initiative of the Rotary Club of Saskatoon-Nutana produced in collaboration with Prairie Tagore Society, the College of Arts and Science and Bangladesh Students Association at the U of S. It is financially supported by Canada 150 Fund and Saskatoon Community Foundation. The program will be in both English and Bangla (original language of songs and poems) with English translations provided on the screen where appropriate. Admission is free. Light refreshments will be served at intermission. For more information, please contact asit.sarkar@usask.ca or jebunnessa.chapola@usask.ca.

Antigone: Then and Now, Here and There

Sept. 18, 7–9:30 pm, room 161 John Mitchell Building with reception to follow at the Museum of Antiquities, room 106,

Committed to campus security

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“We want to get the message out of having people standing together on this issue, and only in doing so do we support one another,” he said.

Bystander Intervention Training is only the next step for a campus that has committed itself to education, awareness and prevention around sexual assault in many respects.

Hedley pointed to the USAFE mobile safety app—which provides information on university procedures and even has a dedicated button through which users can call for help—and the launch of last year’s React to Sexual Assault campaign as

some examples of how the U of S has made the security and well-being of its community a priority.

“This work has been an important cross-campus collaboration. University and student leadership, student services, human resources, Protective Services and Huskie Athletics have all played a huge role,” he said.

“For those who have not been in this kind of environment before, this may be the first safe space with resources available—particularly in our student affairs and outreach team—to speak about their experi-

ences and gain support from one of our counsellors or social workers.”

Ultimately, that’s precisely the goal the university is working toward: creating a space where everyone feels safe, secure, and firm in their right to be on campus in a living, working and learning environment that’s free of violence.

“In the last few years we’ve had more people come forward, and I do not believe for one second that it’s because it’s happening more,” McDougall said. “I believe people are coming forward because they are not willing to accept that they need to stand by and accept what’s happened to them. They’re coming for help, and that’s exactly what we want.

“We all hope that there’s some trust being built into the university environment, so people realize that when you come and disclose that you’ve been sexually assaulted that there will be help. Our next step is to stand together to prevent those experiences from happening in the first place.” ■

Burt excited to get started

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“The new governance model here demonstrated to me that Huskie Athletics really wanted to make some changes and do things differently than all other Canadian universities and to be part of something like that is incredibly exciting,” said Burt.

The first step for Burt has been to immerse himself in all aspects of Huskie Athletics, a steep learning curve to get to know coaches, players and support staff in the program, as well as the university’s place in the Canada West conference and the U Sports national organization. With national-team calibre student-athletes and Olympic-level coaches like Lisa Thomaidis—who guided the Huskies women’s basketball team to their first ever national championship in 2016—Burt is determined to bring the sports spotlight to campus in a whole new way.

“There is just an unbelievable pool of talent from the University of Saskatchewan and these are amazing athletes and coaches and administrators and programs and we need to tell people about that,” said Burt, who moved to Saskatoon

last month with his wife, son and daughter. “Ultimately, we want to be the pre-eminent university sport program in the country.” ■



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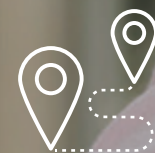


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PLACE RIEL OPENS

On Sept. 18, 1980, the Place Riel Student Centre officially opened, the culmination of 15 years of planning.

Located between the Murray Library and Qu'Appelle Hall, the student hub—and first point of contact for many campus visitors—originally included lounge space, payphones, a waiting area for bus routes,

meeting rooms and office space for the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union, Place Riel Society, Alumni Association, and *The Sheaf*. There was also a bank, a sundry sales store and a games area.

By 1965, the Memorial Union Building—built a decade earlier—was no longer meeting the needs of a growing student body. A consultant's study in 1965 recommended 150,000 gross square feet at a total cost of \$4.7 million. A student referendum, held one year later, approved an annual \$12 levy to finance construction of the new student centre; this was raised to \$20 in 1970. The first phase of construction began in 1975.

The use of the building has evolved over the years, particularly following renovations in 1992 and again in 2011. Now 5,100 square metres in size, thanks to the most recent four-storey addition, the Place Riel Student Centre offers non-academic services and to meet the needs of a growing university population.

