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KRIS FOSTER

Tasty treats

James McFarland, the university's executive chef and assistant director of Culinary Services, whips up a tasty treat in the Marquis Hall kitchens. His prowess in the kitchen recently earned him an invitation to a special showcase of Canadian university cuisine at the University of Massachusetts. Please see the full story on Page 7.

The art of deception

COLLEEN MACPHERSON

It can be controversial and it comes with inherent risks but Dionne Pohler believes deception in the classroom is a teaching technique that can drive home a point like no other.



Dionne Pohler, assistant professor in the Edwards School of Business

COLLEEN MACPHERSON

The Deception

Here is how a recent deception by the assistant professor in the Edwards School of Business played out. It was the second week of a condensed three-week MBA capstone class in strategic human resource management. Students had already devoted time to gathering materials for the class (Pohler did not use a textbook) and had completed one assignment. But instead of Pohler appearing at the front of the class, Edwards Dean Daphne Taras showed up in her

stead and informed the students Pohler had been suspended for disclosing confidential information about the school's merit system. Joining Taras in the room was a confederate posing as Pohler's legal representative.

Pohler had in fact published a case about the merit system and had told her students about it "so the deception was very realistic. The students believed her right away."

Taras then introduced a confederate professor, Scott Walsworth, whom she said

would be taking over the class. Walsworth proceeded to tell the students they would be required to purchase a textbook, and that all the work they had done in the class up to that point would be disregarded. He then left the room to get printed copies of a new class syllabus.

As these events were unfolding, Pohler was listening outside the room. What she

heard was students offering alternative suggestions to the changes outlined by Taras and Walsworth, but "they were having none of it." The noise level began to rise, and when the confederate professor joined Pohler in the hall, the room erupted. Students were shocked and angry, and talk quickly turned to starting a petition. Pohler allowed the deception to continue for

about 10 minutes—10 very long minutes, she said—before entering the room, revealing the deception and talking about what had happened with her students.

The Point

Discussing the events of that class, Pohler said labour relations

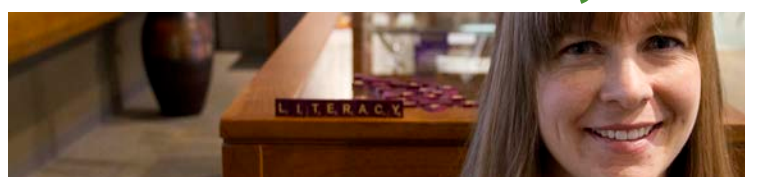
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Man in Motion on campus

Rick Hansen, who visited Saskatchewan recently on The 25th Anniversary Rick Hansen Relay, made a stop Feb. 8 on campus to visit St. Andrew's College to view progress on its accessibility project. Hansen met with faculty and students of the college and the School of Physical Therapy where he talked about social change being a long journey that "takes a group of individuals who are prepared to stand up and push forward" to make a difference. Hansen's 26-month Man in Motion tour in 1985-87 took him some 40,000 km around the world raising awareness of spinal cord injury and prevention.














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Celebration of sport

Huskie Athletics marks 100 years

✍ BOB FLORENCE

Huskie Athletics expects a big turnout for its century celebration March 30-31. The weekend will feature a breakfast at the Education Gym and a village on campus for people to meet and greet athletes and coaches, including those from golf, boxing, gymnastics and swimming which were once in the University of Saskatchewan sports lineup. The annual Huskie awards gala will take place at

TCU Place on the evening of March 31.

Although men's hockey at the university started in 1909-10, a sports program for student athletes was started 100 years ago.

Huskie Athletics has developed all-Canadians and national champions. There are Olympic medalists Stan Glover, George Genereux, Lynn Williams, Ken Lovsin and Lyndon Rush. Lyle Sanderson has been a track and field athlete and coach with the Huskies for almost half of their 100 years.

Four current head coaches—Dave Adolph in hockey, Brian Gavlas in volleyball, Joanne McTaggart in track and field and Brian Towriss in football—were Huskies athletes.

"In sport we celebrate wins and losses," said Basil Hughton, the Huskies' athletic

director. "We often sell ourselves short celebrating the history. I say fill your boots. Enjoy. Remember the past, recognize today and look forward to the future."

In February, Huskie Athletics went to Prince Albert and launched a province-wide tour. It plans to hit 100 places in Saskatchewan to recognize the 100-year history and the role provincial towns and cities play in the Huskies, from Hafford and Hepburn to Moosomin and Meadow Lake. At P.A.'s Carlton Comprehensive, where 10 members of the high school staff are former Huskies, hockey forward Craig McCallum made a speech to his alma mater. About 1,500 students walked a lap around the school. Everyone was given a Huskie wristband.

Randy Emmerson, who is the principal at another high school in Prince Albert, the Collegiate Institute, was intro-

“Our logo is arguably one of the most recognized in Canadian university sport.”

Basil Hughton



Hughton

duced to the crowd. Emmerson was a defensive lineman for the Huskies. His daughter Dalyce is a starting rookie with the basketball team this season.

There are brothers and sisters who are Huskies, wives and husbands. Ties with the Huskies span generations. The sports program includes war heroes and Rhodes scholars, artists and scientists.

"When I speak to service groups, I ask the people in the room 'How many of you are Huskies? Put up your hands,'" said Hughton. "OK, how many of you went to this university?" More hands. "How many of you know someone who did? If you live in this city you are a Huskie."

And connections to the University of Saskatchewan go beyond the borders. "When I was on the beach in Maui one Christmas I saw people wearing Huskie shorts," Hughton said.

"Our logo is arguably one of the most recognized in Canadian university sport."

Hughton grew up in Moose Jaw and was a linebacker in the 1970s. He has been a high school teacher and principal in Saskatoon. What sticks with him are not the games he played for the Huskies, but the education pursued and the university experiences he shared.

"I think of where these people are today—doctors, lawyers, dentists, teachers," he said. "At the century reunion, I want to sit back and listen to the stories. I'd say to people to stay in touch. Reach out. This is your opportunity to be part and parcel."

The next century of Huskie Athletics begins. ■

Bob Florence is a Saskatoon freelance writer



FROM THE ARCHIVES

A question of taste

✍ PATRICK HAYES, U OF S ARCHIVES



U of S Archives, A-8615 F.C. Cronkite, ca. 1961

In 1949, Canada passed an amendment to the criminal code that made it an offence to "make, print, publish, distribute, sell or have possession for any purpose any crime comic." F.C. Cronkite, Dean of Law, was asked by The Canadian Press for his opinion regarding the legislation. He said in part: "There is no philosophical justification for such a law unless the obscenity threatens the existence of the state. In the case of a rich, growing and vital country like Canada, such a suggestion is ridiculous. It is fantastic that in a democracy there should be any limitation placed on what people read or on their tastes unless there is a clear and present danger to the state. This law concedes that members of parliament have a monopoly on taste, which is an opinion I do not hold..."

The remarks created a flurry of calls and letters including one addressed to President Thompson demanding that Cronkite be dismissed. He weathered the storm and remained dean until 1961. ■

Safety videos online

Campus Safety has made a series of videos produced specifically to educate people about protecting themselves and their property and is making them available to the U of S community.

"The license cost about \$1,500 but allows us to post the 360° Stay Safe at College videos online," said Sgt. Pat Lund, Campus Safety's crime prevention community resource officer. "We also have the DVDs that we are able to show to groups, but we hope the online format will be viewed by a wider audience."

The U.S.-produced videos are specific to campus life, said Lund, and are another tool designed to help students take more responsibility for their personal safety. The series of seven videos covers a wide range of topics including protecting possessions and identity, common sense self-defense and everyday safety, assaults, stalking and controlling behaviour.

Anyone with a valid U of S NSID can view the videos on the Campus Safety website. A group viewing of these or other video resources, something Lund



Lund

encourages, can be scheduled by contacting Campus Safety.

"Education is an important method of crime prevention," she explained. "Perhaps the most important tip is to be aware of your surroundings."

All aspects of safety featured in the videos are important to know, said Lund, but "theft of property is probably the most common crime at the U of S. You really need to protect your possessions all the time. If you are studying and have to get coffee or go to the washroom, don't leave your possessions unprotected." ■

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On the path to reclamation

✍ KRIS FOSTER

A few years ago, U of S Civil Engineer Lee Barbour took his wife Twila to the Mildred Lake oil sands mine site operated by Syncrude, just north of Fort McMurray. Barbour had been working with Syncrude on reclamation research projects since 1998 and wanted to show his wife his work.

“Driving towards Fort McMurray, along the Athabasca River in the middle of boreal forest, is just beautiful,” said Barbour. “After a short drive along the beautiful Athabasca River valley we came up over a small rise and suddenly in front of us was this panoramic view of the highway, passing like a long causeway between two gaping open pits steaming with newly placed tailings—the dark shadow and flares of the refinery at the end of the causeway. For a moment we felt like a couple

of hobbits on a quest towards Mordor,” a reference to Tolkien’s *The Lord of the Rings*.

Barbour recalled looking at his wife and seeing a tear in her eye as she asked, “What are they doing?” However, when he took Twila to a reclaimed overburden at the same mine site later that day, “I noticed how her face lightened as we came across a beautiful wetland, surrounded by trees and grasses, birds flying overhead.” The site was called Bill’s Lake, named after a colleague who started reclamation research at Syncrude with Barbour many years ago. Barbour added that Bill’s Lake is much closer to the Shire than Mordor.

Barbour’s Tolkein analogy is quite apt for his research. “The discussion around oil sands mining is becoming increasingly polarized in our society. Some see only Mordor while others

“Some see only Mordor while others wistfully dream of the Shire.”

Lee Barbour

wistfully dream of the Shire. There are lots of good reasons to believe that there is a path between Mordor and the Shire but it is a path that will be mapped out through sound research partnerships.”

Barbour will now have more support than ever in his quest to find that path—he was recently awarded a five-year Industrial Research Chair (IRC) in Hydrogeological Characterization of Oil Sands Mine Closure Landforms, funded with \$2.6 million contributed equally by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) and Syncrude. Syncrude and the U of S will provide an additional \$1 million of in-kind support.

“The key questions revolve around what it will take to restore these mine sites back to naturally performing landscapes with an equivalent capability to that which existed prior to mining. The industry works to establish uplands with water and nutrient balances, which are similar to natural sites. They then try to understand the key processes that are operative as they monitor the evolution of these landforms towards fully functioning natural systems.”

It is easy to blame corporations, explained Barbour, but they are working within the rules and regulations government and society have put in place.

“We all want to crucify big business, but these companies



Lee Barbour, Industrial Research Chair (IRC) in Hydrogeological Characterization of Oil Sands Mine Closure Landforms

LIAM RICHARDS

have agreements with the government. Part of that agreement is to restore the environment to an equivalent capability to that present before their temporary use of the land for mining. The research helps to guide the industry efforts in reaching their reclamation goals.”

Barbour’s new research will examine the movement of water and chemical species of interest within the large upland structures built during mining. “We want to help develop strategies to ensure that water released after mine closures doesn’t have a detrimental impact on the environment. The methods developed in this research will be applicable not only at oil sands mines but at other mine sites as well.”

He noted that it is a daunting project, and yet just a small component of the much larger research program funded by Syncrude that includes support for 10 other NSERC-IRCs.

In carrying out his work, Barbour will call on the expertise of many colleagues in many different units—including geology and soil science—across campus. “I often remind young engineers that their career success

will depend on their ability to cultivate strong relationships. This type of research would not be possible without strong, relationship-based, multidisciplinary, collaborative research.”

The chair appointment will allow Barbour to train two postdocs, two PhDs, six masters’ students and two undergraduate students. He and his team will also have the opportunity to work with Syncrude’s scientists and engineers. “It is in large measure the energy and passion that these researchers bring to this journey that gives me the encouragement I need to take this on.” ■

Oil sands sites being reclaimed

Lee Barbour and his team will do field research at two of Syncrude’s watersheds 35 km north of Fort McMurray. The project will further extend into new reclamation sites, including Syncrude’s 50-hectare watershed that includes a 17-hectare pilot project that is a first attempt at creating a fen-type wetland from the ground up.

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USST unveils nanosatellite

University of Saskatchewan Space Team (USST) President Aarya Shahsavari holds up the nanosatellite prototype in front of some of his fellow teammates. In late February, the USST presented their satellite design to a panel of judges at the Canadian Space Agency's David Florida Lab in Ottawa as part of the Canadian Satellite Design Challenge. The USST nanosatellite payload is designed to study plasma in the Earth's ionosphere. If the team is successful in the design competition, they will have the opportunity to build and launch their satellite into space. Find out how the USST fared in Ottawa at news.usask.ca

Tech Venture Challenge promotes entrepreneurship

It is a startling fact, but only about 10 per cent of new business ventures survive the first year of operations. The Industry Liaison Office (ILO) has launched a new competition called the Tech Venture Challenge with the aim of improving that figure.

Among the reasons for the lack of success is not enough knowledge of what is required to launch a business and keep it running, said Glen Schuler, managing director of the ILO. "That is something the Tech Venture Challenge can help with."

Open to all members of the U of S community—faculty, staff, researchers, students and alumni—the competition will award the winner \$50,000 to launch their technology-based business idea. In addition to the prize money, Schuler explained, Innovation Place will be offering the winner office space, parking and an internet connection for a year, while Deloitte and Touche will provide business mentoring.

"This competition is not about building a business

plan, it is about building a business," Schuler said. "The finalists will have access to the expertise in the ILO and others from the university and business community to develop and refine their plans for a business. We will offer advice and tools—in areas like human resources, business planning, marketing, finance and operations. During the summer and early fall, the finalists will use this information to develop and refine plans for their businesses."

Obviously, Schuler explained, a good technology idea is needed. "But much more is needed to make it successful. The idea needs to be developed into a product or service that provides a valuable solution to a customer's problem. And you need to develop a business model that will enable you to make money from the sale of the product or service."

The application deadline for business ideas is April 27. In early May, the finalists will be announced. During the coming summer and early fall, the business plans will



Schuler

be developed and refined and the winner will be selected in October.

"It's a win-win situation for all of the finalists. Each get training and education on business fundamentals and will learn how to develop and pitch their ideas to potential investors," he said. "Our hope is that each of the finalists, in addition to the winner, will also get the tools and expertise to start their companies."

For more information on the Tech Venture Challenge visit the Industry Liaison Office website. ■



Review of Dean College of Nursing

In accordance with the board-approved *Search and Review Procedures for Senior Administrators*, a committee has been established to review the performance of the Dean, College of Nursing, Lorna Butler.

The review committee invites members of the university community to provide feedback on Dr. Butler's performance as Dean, College of Nursing.

Submissions can be made by letter or email. Respondents are encouraged to use the framework of accountabilities (expectations) and competencies (skills) from the position profile to provide their feedback, although the review committee recognizes that not everyone can comment on each area. The profile is available on PAWS in the Provost's Office group (files: Dean, Nursing Review) or by contacting lori.auchstaetter@usask.ca. When making a submission by email, respondents must include their name and affiliation in the body of the email. Every email submission will be acknowledged by return email to confirm the authenticity of the author's identity.

All submissions received through this process will be considered by the review committee in raw form. All identifying information will be removed to protect the confidentiality of the respondents when the feedback is shared with the incumbent.

Please make your confidential submission by **noon on March 12, 2012**, to Lori Auchstaetter, secretary to the review committee, Office of the Provost and Vice-President Academic (by email: lori.auchstaetter@usask.ca, in hard copy: 208 College Building, or by fax: 966-4316).

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Can you spell literacy?

Scrabble tournament aims to raise \$10,000

✍ KRIS FOSTER

Liv Marken, a self-described “word nerd,” recognizes the importance of literacy.

She also recognizes that illiteracy creates inequities in communities that need to be addressed. To that end, she is helping to organize a speed Scrabble tournament for literacy that will take place March 7 at the University Library’s Learning Commons.

“It started out as a small event to give writing help peer mentors and tutors the chance to do some service around literacy,” said Marken, writing help co-ordinator at the centre. “It is a small step to raise awareness and money about a serious issue in Saskatoon. The university can help with this by asking questions, reaching out and learning about what the issues are. This event is not only about raising funds, but it’s also about helping to educate people on campus and in the community about something that ultimately affects all citizens.”

Organized by the U of S Students’ Union and the University Learning Commons, the

tournament reached full capacity (12 teams of four players) within a couple of weeks of being announced, said Marken. Leading up to the tournament, participating teams—including teams made up of senior administrators, city councillors and students—are gathering pledges and donations with a goal of collectively raising \$10,000. All proceeds are going to literacy programs at READ Saskatoon, the Central Urban Métis Federation and the Saskatchewan Intercultural Association.

“The cause is serious, but the game itself doesn’t need to be. It is meant to be fun, but as everyone knows, Scrabble can get very competitive. Some teams are taking it seriously, memorizing two-letter words,” said Marken.

Although the sometimes-vicious nature of Scrabble may still be intact, the format of the game for this tournament is quite different. “There are no points and no boards. The winning team will be the one that creates their Scrabble grid using a full set of tiles the quickest. There will



Liv Marken, writing help co-ordinator in the University Learning Centre

✍ KRIS FOSTER

be three rounds of play before a winning team is announced. We will also have referees from the Saskatoon Scrabble Association around to make sure the words used in the grids are acceptable Scrabble words.”

Jason Hlady, an analyst in Information Technology Services and the top-ranked Scrabble player in Saskatchewan, helped develop the rules and format for the tournament, Marken said. “A lot of people have been involved and have helped get the word out.”

While this year’s tourna-

“The university can help with this by asking questions, reaching out and learning about what the issues are.

Liv Marken

ment is already full, Marken suggested coming out and watching the competition, making a donation and volunteering or registering for next year’s event. “I think we will definitely do this again next

year but it may outgrow the space we’re using this year. Literacy is a fundamental component of a healthy society, arguably a basic human right, and so should be a priority in our community.” ■

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Flavours of the U of S

Chef demonstrates culinary skill at UMass

by KRIS FOSTER

The U of S has its own “Iron Chef” in James McFarland who took his culinary skills down south to an annual event that showcases Canadian campus cuisine.

The University of Massachusetts Amherst, simply known as UMass, has hosted Flavours of Canada for the past two years, said McFarland, executive chef and assistant director of Culinary Services. “UMass has invited a few chefs from Canadian universities to prepare some special dishes for their students, faculty and staff at this event. It is a great opportunity to represent not just the university but Saskatchewan as well.”

McFarland, who has 20 years of experience in the food industry, and U of S Sous Chef Moksud Mohammed were the only representatives from Western Canada featured at Flavours of Canada this year. The other Canadian universities that tabled kitchen creations at this year’s event were McGill University, Waterloo University, the University of Guelph and the University of Western Ontario.

The U of S contingent prepared a menu showcasing some regional specialties as well as one dish that is a favourite of students. The regional plates included prairie beef short ribs braised in balsamic and figs and



Among the dishes James McFarland prepared for Flavours of Canada were flaxseed crusted steelhead trout with pickled rhubarb and orange beurre blanc (left) and farmers pan-seared perogies with smoked sausage, roasted mushrooms, fresh dill and a whiskey-chive creme fraiche, a favourite of U of S students.

“The perception is that campus food is institutional, but that is not the case. This event helps put campus dining in a new light.”
James McFarland

fraiche.” That is not exactly the type of food one imagines being served in a university cafeteria but according to McFarland, “the whole profile of food has changed. People are starting to realize how food can play an important role in not just surviving and

cuisine, McFarland said he knows the U of S is on the right track. “One thing we have figured out is that we can have a large influence on every day campus life by engaging students and faculty through food and a positive dining experience. We look forward to continuing to elevate that experience.”

Attending Flavours of Canada helps to that end as it is a great chance to network with

other campus chefs, he said. “We got some new ideas we want to try, like bacon wrapped chicken stuffed with leeks or featuring a weekly ingredient in different ways.”

And people liked their taste of Saskatchewan as well, he continued. “Our dishes were very well received by students and chefs alike. We’ve already received our invitation to Flavours of Canada next year.” ■

First president remembered

A new online exhibit by U of S Archives tells the story of Walter Murray and the University of Saskatchewan. This site attempts to show some of the details from the life of Murray, as discovered in the records available in the U of S Archives.

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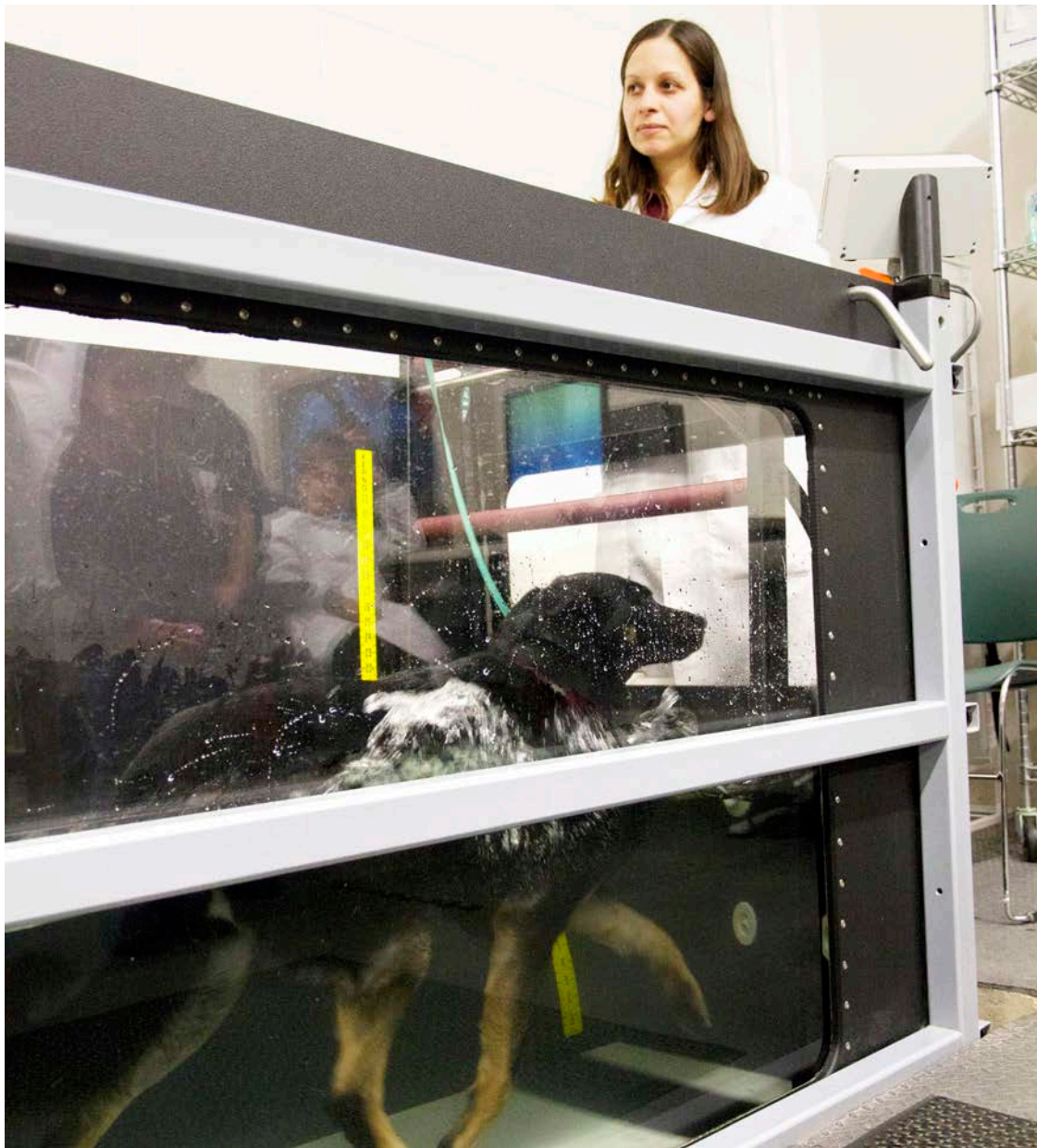
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Treadmill hound

Romany Pinto, a clinical associate in the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVN), helps her canine patient Rose on an underwater treadmill in the Veterinary Medical Centre Feb. 17. Rose suffered a ruptured cranial cruciate ligament recently and Pinto said the underwater treadmill has helped speed her recovery. Pinto demonstrated the treadmill during an open house marking the renaming of the medical centre. For more information and photos visit news.usask.ca.

Around the Bowl

Dr. Lydden Polley, professor in the Department of Veterinary Microbiology at the WCVN, was the recipient of the 2011 Award for Excellence in Teaching from the World Association for the Advancement of Parasitology. The award has been given only four times since its establishment in 1993 and Polley is the first North American winner.

Jimena Yapura, a graduate student in Reproductive Science and Medicine Veterinary Biomedical Sciences, took first place in the student presentation competition at the 38th annual conference of the International Embryo Transfer Society held in Phoenix, Arizona. Her work is entitled Effect of a Prolonged Aromatase Inhibitor Treatment on Pre-ovulatory Ovarian Follicles in Cattle (Yapura, J., Singh, J., Mapletoft, R. J., Pierson, R., Rogan, D., and Adams, G. P.).



Yapura

Robert Badger, recently a traditional knowledge keeper with Saskatoon Public Schools and an elder support co-ordinator with the Touchwood Tribal Council, has accepted the position of cultural co-ordinator with the First Nations and Métis office and the Aboriginal Students' Centre. Badger will help advance the university's Aboriginal achievement model and its outreach and engagements goals.



Krueger

Audra Krueger has been named research, education and liaison officer in the Centre for the Study of Co-operatives. Prior to joining the centre, Krueger worked at the University of the Arctic and, most recently, at the International Centre for Northern Governance and Development on campus.



Simpson

The recently announced list of inductees to the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame for 2012 includes **Graham Simpson**, professor emeritus in the College of Agriculture and Bioresources. Simpson's vision and forward thinking led the effort to establish the Crop Development Centre (CDC) where he served as its first director from 1971-74.

The work of **Nigel West**, professor in the Dept. of Physiology, College of Medicine, on the cardiorespiratory responses of birds to sustained flight, was the subject of a recent column in *The Journal of Experimental Biology* that looks at the impact of classic published papers on the field of biology. The 1977 paper entitled Respiratory and cardiovascular responses of the pigeon to sustained, level flight in a wind-tunnel was described in the column as "central to our understanding of avian cardiorespiratory physiology" and a "building block for current studies."



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Emotional learning makes the point

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and unions “can be a fairly dry topic to teach. Students are often bored because it’s nothing that really resonates with them. We’re training them to be managers and they don’t perceive themselves being in a union and if they are, it won’t be for very long. What we were trying to convey is how it felt to be treated arbitrarily by quote-unquote management. It’s a topic that’s challenging to teach because unless you’ve had an emotional experience, you don’t get it.”

For Pohler, creating just such an emotional experience was key to the deception.

An advocate for innovative teaching and experiential learning, Pohler said she has tried many techniques to help her students grasp the concepts of labour relations, and the decision to use deception came only after very careful consideration. In addition to carefully planning the deception, she polled colleagues about the idea, and got very mixed feedback. “Some thought it was a really innovative idea, some thought it was borderline unethical. I don’t think deception involving emotional learning should be used if there’s another way to get across the same message because emotion is what makes it risky.”

In preparation, Pohler tried to imagine all possible outcomes, including students storming out or even formal complaints. “I didn’t want to cause the students any kind of pain,” she said. “I wanted to go back into the room a lot sooner than I did because I could sense the students were agitated but the confederate professor said that if I did, the whole thing would be for naught, and I also knew that it likely caused them less anxiety than a three-hour closed book exam. This was 10 minutes.”

The Debrief

So, was the deception a success? Pohler believes it was. She initially noted a wide variety of responses from students. Some said they didn’t care, that they would have simply dropped the class. Others felt they absolutely “had to get this fixed” because dropping the class was not an option. Cultural experiences also seemed to influence response. “Students from countries considered a little more collectivist were amazed at how little their classmates seemed to care about my position in all of this,” that is having been suspended. “That surprised me.”

Other students simply accepted the situation, and one said Pohler should have let the deception go on longer – “they wanted to see how many students would actually sign the petition, and if I’d left it five minutes

longer, they might have drafted one.” The range of responses, she said, “were very representative of the types of responses you’d get when a union drive is going on.”

Partially an exercise in empathy, the technique helped the students understand “why a union might exist in an orga-

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Dionne Pohler

nization and that having a say is really important. They had lots of ideas about how the class could have been restructured and came away realizing how important it is to understand the rationale behind things rather than it just looking like change handed down from on high.

“This didn’t directly replicate a union,” Pohler continued, “but it was meant to help them understand that collective action is a

very strong way of attempting to try to rectify something, and the ability of employees to be able to do that is an important institution in creating more democracy in the workplace.”

The other lesson for the future managers was that “if you’re non-unionized and you do something that makes people that mad, you’re probably going to end up with a union.”

Asked if she would consider using deception again as a teaching technique, Pohler said not any time soon. Surprise is an important element and the story of the class is now widely known, but describing the experience to other students is a powerful teaching tool in itself.

She admits the experience was hard on her emotionally, challenging the important trust bond that exists between teacher and student, but Pohler thinks the deception may have been even harder on Walsworth. “He had to act like he didn’t care about the students at all, and they hated him.”

Pohler is confident she prepared well, but stressed that deception in the classroom is risky business. “There’s always the chance that it could still blow up in your face, no matter how prepared you are, how many possibilities you’ve considered. If you’re considering using this technique, the question you have to ask yourself is ‘What is the worst that can happen, and am I willing to live with that?’” ■

Campus Incidents

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

January

- In early January 2012, Campus Safety received a report of a sexual assault against a female in McEown Park student residence.

Feb. 5-12

- Officers issued the following tickets:
 - 1 for stunting
 - 12 for speeding
 - 3 24-hour suspensions
 - 1 for using a cell phone while driving
- A backpack was stolen from second floor Agriculture. Contents were later recovered in a washroom.
- RUH reported a vehicle stolen from their parking lot. A family member had taken the vehicle without permission.

Feb. 13-20

- Officers issued the following tickets:
 - 1 for unlawfully having reflective material on front side windows
 - 5 for failing to yield to pedestrians at marked crosswalks
 - 15 for speeding
 - 2 for driver failing to have clear view
 - 1 for using a cell phone while driving
- An iPod was stolen from a locker in PAC.
- A fire extinguisher storage cabinet was damaged in Stadium Parkade.
- The theft of food, cash and a camera was reported in a residence.
- Officers investigated a fume hood fire in the WCV. A technician was sterilizing instruments by running them through alcohol, then over a flame. The alcohol tipped over and ignited. The fire was extinguished quickly.

Feb. 21-26

- Officers issued the following tickets:
 - 5 for speeding
 - 5 for disobeying a stop sign
- A fire alarm was activated in the Administration Building when smoke was created by work being done in the building.
- A male was pulled over on a routine traffic stop. He was prohibited from driving, his vehicle was unregistered and he failed the roadside-screening device. He was charged with operating an unregistered motor vehicle, driving while disqualified, and was issued a 24-hour suspension. His vehicle was seized and impounded for 30 days.



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Coming Events

■ Seminars/Lectures

Innovation Seminar

- March 9, 3-4 pm, Room 2C71 Agriculture, Randall Westgren, McQuinn Chair of Entrepreneurial Leadership, Dept. of Agriculture and Applied Economics, University of Missouri, presents Epistemology and Empirics in Entrepreneurship: Problems with "the Opportunity." Sponsored by the Dept. of Bioresource Policy, Business and Economics, College of Agriculture and Bioresources.

National Conversation on Asia

- March 7, 5:30 pm, Diefenbaker Building, the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada and the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy will host a discussion on the rise of Asia and the challenges and opportunities this creates for Canada. Featured speakers include Yuen Pau Woo, president and CEO of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada, and Len Edwards, Distinguished Fellow at the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada. Register online at www.school-publicpolicy.sk.ca

A.S. Morton Lecture

- March 13, 7:30 pm, Neatby-Timlin Theatre, Bill Waiser, professor of history and A.S. Morton Research Chair, presents Inland Country of Good Report: Henry Kelsey Revisited

Philosophy in the Community

- March 14, 7 pm, The Refinery, Daniel Regnier, St. Thomas More College, presents The Stoic Art of Living Well

Just say Know lecture

- March 9, 12:30-2 pm, Prairie Room, Diefenbaker Building (video conference from Regina), Erika Dyck, Canada Research Chair, History of Medicine, Department of History, will present Just Say Know: Regulating Psychedelic Expertise, a look at historic debates over the use of psychedelic drugs and the implications for current drug research. Register online at <https://jsos.ohmedia.ca/form/347>

Biochemistry Open Seminar

- April 4, 12:30-1:20 pm, Room B450 Health Sciences, Scott Napper, Dept. of Biochemistry and VIDO, presents Peptide Arrays for Kinome Analysis: Beef to Bees to Bioterrorism

Timlin Lecture

- March 15, 7-9 pm, Neatby-Timlin Theatre, Larbi Sadiki, senior lecturer in politics at the University of Exeter in the United Kingdom and an internationally recognized scholar on the Middle East, will present the Timlin Lecture entitled The Peoplehood Cascade: An 'Arab Spring republic' in 2011

Bar Model Workshop

- March 8, 1-2:30 pm, Arts 241, Melania Alvarez, BC education co-ordinator at the Pacific Institute for the Mathematical Sciences, will present a Bar Model Workshop, a visual representation for problem solving that helps students develop a deeper understanding of fundamental concepts in mathematics.

Computer Science Seminar Series

- March 5, 3-5 pm, Thorvaldson 105, Saul Greenberg presents Proxemic Interactions: The New Ubicomp?

Law Lectures

- Room 150 Law (MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman LLP Lecture Theatre)
- March 5, noon, Laurie Pawlitz, treasurer of the Law Society of Upper Canada, presents What it's like to be a Law Profession Regulator in 2012
- March 12, 11:30am, Kent Greenfield, professor of law, Boston College Law School, presents The Myth of Choice: Personal Responsibility in a World of Limits

Show Business

- The Edwards School of Business is hosting Show Business: A Business and Society Film Series. Screenings take place in ESB 18, Goodspeed Theatre from 5-7:30 pm.
- March 8, *Enron: Smartest Guys in the Room*
- April 5, *The Shock Doctrine*

Microbiology and Immunology

- Thursdays, 4-5 pm, B6 Health Sciences
- March 8, Peter Howard, Microbiology and Immunology, presents Transport across the outer membrane of Gram negative bacteria; genetic and biochemical analysis of TonB
- March 15, Jack Gray, Biology, presents Neural correlates of adaptive behaviour: Big ideas from a microbrain
- March 22, Keith MacKenzie, Microbiology and Immunology presents An RNA-seq approach to 'translating' the dynamics of *Salmonella* biofilm development

Veterinary Microbiology Seminars

- March 16, 9 am, Room 2103 WCVM, Atul Desai presents a thesis defence seminar entitled Effects of plant-based diets on the distal gut microbiome of rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)

Geography and Planning Colloquia

- Fridays at 3:30 pm in Kirk Hall 146
- March 2, Cristina Echevarria presents Economic Gender Equality (International Women's Day Public Lecture)
- March 9, Yelena Bird presents Breast cancer among Mexican women residing along U.S. border (Jane Jacobs Memorial Lecture)
- March 16, Amy Goodbrand presents Buffering influence of water storage in lakes and peatlands of the Western Boreal Forest
- March 23, Nadine Lemoine presents Exploring water governance in Northern Saskatchewan: Opportunities for a watershed council
- March 30, Wing Yan Yeung presents Ancient Chinese Geography: Zou Yan (305-204 BCE), the Five Elements and Feng Shui

Molson Lecture

- March 9, 10:30 am, Room 126 Physics, the Department of Food and Bioproduct Sciences presents the Molson Fund Guest Lecturer Hani Antoun of Laval University's Department of Soil, Agriculture and Agri-food Engineering and Horticulture Research Centre. His lecture is entitled Microbial solubilization of phosphates.

■ The Arts

Anne of Green Gables

- The Newman Players present *Anne of Green Gables*, a play by Peter DeLauroier adapted from the novel by L.M. Montgomery and directed by Richard Medernach March 14-18 in the O'Donnell Auditorium, St. Thomas More College. Shows March 14-17 are at 7 pm with a 2 pm matinee March 18. Tickets are available online or at the STM general office. Visit stmcollege.ca/newmanplayers/

Jazz Ensemble Performance

- The U of S Jazz Ensemble with special guest Bill Prouten on tenor sax will perform March 2 at 9 pm at the Bassment Jazz Club in Saskatoon. For more information, contact the Dept. of Music at 966-6185.

Greystone Singers in Concert

- Gerald Langner will direct the Greystone Singers in concert March 4 at 3 pm at Knox United Church. Tickets are available from choir members, McNally Robinson Book-sellers, Place Riel kiosk or at the door. For information, contact Langner at 966-6185.

Spanish/Indigenous Film screening

- The College of Arts and Sciences, Dept. of Languages and Linguistics, Women's and

Gender Studies and the University Library present a screening of *Even The Rain (También La Lluvia)* March 7, 7 pm, at the Broadway Theatre. In the film, local people in Cochabamba, Bolivia rise up against plans to privatize the water supply. A panel discussion will follow.

College Art Galleries

Running until May 5, Rural Readymade is a group exhibition organized by the College Art Galleries.

Kenderdine Art Gallery

The Mechanical Self, work by Cathy Daley, Micah Lexier and Patrick Traer, in the Kenderdine Art Gallery in the Agriculture Building will be on view until March 23.

■ Conferences

Breaking the Silence Conference

The fifteenth annual Breaking the Silence conference takes begins March 16 at 7 pm at the Broadway Theatre when Ivan Coyote presents *As Good As We Can Make It: On bullying, collective responsibility, and actually making it better*. On March 17, plenary sessions, workshops and panels will be held from 9 am-4:30 pm in the Edwards School of Business. For program details and registration information, visit www.usask.ca/education/breaking-the-silence/

■ Miscellany

Women's Day Brunch

The President's Advisory Council on the Status of Women and the Women's Studies Research Unit are hosting an International Women's Day brunch March 11 from 11 am-1 pm at the Faculty Club. The program includes MC Dean Cecelia Reynolds and singer/songwriter Ellen Kolenick. Tickets are available from the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition, the International Student and Study Abroad Centre, USSU information centre, Womens' Centre, Women's and Gender Studies and the Centre for Continuing and Distance Education office in the Williams Building.

Experiential Learning Expo

The IDEaS of March Experiential Learning Expo will be held March 15 from 10 am - 3 pm in the north concourse, Upper Place Riel. Information will be available on studying for a degree while doing an internship, community-service learning, studying abroad, doing undergraduate research, or attending field school. Faculty interested in participating are asked to contact frank.bulk@usask.ca or call 966-2231 for details.

Science Research Day

The 19th Annual Life and Health Sciences Research Day on March 9 in the College of Education will feature more than 100 research projects by graduate and honours students, medical residents, and post-doctoral fellows. Deadline for online abstracts is Feb. 16. Andrew Potter of the Vaccine and Infectious Diseases Organization will deliver the keynote address at 10:30 am.

Research Poster Day

The Western College of Veterinary Medicine Graduate Student Research Poster Days will take place March 13 and 14. Students will be attending their posters from 12:30-1:30 pm each day. Enter via the main entrance ramp.

Dean's Dinner and Alumni of Influence Awards

The College of Arts and Science will be holding its third annual Dean's Dinner and Alumni of Influence Awards Ceremony on March 16 at 5:30 pm at the Radisson Hotel. Alumni being honoured for 2012 include: Carol Greyeyes, Blair Neatby, Roman Shklanka, Mary Spencer, Kenneth Norrie, Frederick Mulder, Freda Miller, Robert Moody, Tillie Taylor and Cyril Richardson. For more information, please call 966-6388 or email: teri.olson@usask.ca

MacIntosh Users Group

The Saskatoon MacIntosh Users Group will meet March 8 at 7:30 pm in Room 1022, Education Building. TaxTron, Income tax software for the MAC as well as iTunes U will be demonstrated. For more information contact gord.m@sasktel.net

CIHR Café Scientifique

The CIHR Cafe Scientifique entitled Minding the Health Gap in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan will be held March 13 from 1-3 pm at the Saskatoon Farmer's Market. A panel of experts will discuss health differences in Saskatoon, and the event encourages dialogue about next steps for addressing these differences, including poverty. RSVP to lena.ens@saskatoon-healthregion.ca or 655-4679

Canadian Federation of University Women

- March 5, 7:30 - 9 pm at the Frances Morrison Library - International Women's Day, Women and Girls Inspiring Leadership: Gateway to Economic Security with panelists Daphne Taras, Marla Adams and Judy White.
- April 2, 7:30 pm at the W. A. Edwards Family Centre (333, 4th Ave. N), CFUW Resolutions Debate

■ Courses/Workshops

Verbal Judo

Campus Safety is offering Verbal Judo courses throughout the year. Verbal Judo teaches the skills necessary to remain calm, and focused during any verbal encounter. Classes can be set up to accommodate individual departments or groups of 5-12 people. For more information contact Dave Prout at 966-2438 or email to campus.safety@usask.ca

Continuing Nursing Education

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- March 8, Pregnancy and HIV: Promoting Healthy Conception and Motherhood E-Learning
- March 9-10, Foot Care Modalities for the Elderly Person Workshop
- March 15-16, Regina, Women and Children's Health Provincial Conference
- March 17, Regina, Women and Children's Health Provincial post-conference event - Examining Perinatal Substance Use - A Call to Action

Information Technology Services (ITS) Training Services

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

- Adobe Acrobat Pro X Intro, March 13 and 15, 1:30-4:30 pm, \$0 for faculty, staff and students; \$185 for others
- Adobe Illustrator Intro, March 5 and 7, 1:30-4:30 pm, \$150 for faculty, staff and students; \$185 for others
- Adobe InDesign Inter, March 20 and 22, 1:30-4:30 pm, \$150 for faculty, staff and students; \$185 for others
- Adobe Photoshop Intro, March 20 and 22, 9-noon, \$250 for faculty, staff and students; \$300 for others
- HTML Basics, March 6, 1:30-4 pm, \$0 for faculty, staff and students; \$100 for others
- Make the Most of Your Mac Inter, March 9, 10-11:30 am, \$0 for faculty, staff and students; \$75 for others
- MS Access Fundamentals, March 19 and 21, 9-noon, \$150 for faculty, staff and students; \$185 for others
- MS Excel Fundamentals, March 5 and 8, 9 am-noon, \$150 for faculty, staff and students; \$185 for others
- MS Excel Fundamentals Plus, March 13 and 15, 9-noon, \$150 for faculty, staff and students; \$185 for others
- MS Outlook 2010 Fundamentals, March 14, 1:30-4:30 pm, \$0 for faculty, staff and students; \$100 for others

- MS PowerPoint - Creating Research Posters, March 9 or March 23, 1-3 pm, \$0 for faculty, staff and students; \$75 for others
 - MS Word Styles, Outlining and TOC, March 16, 3-4:30 pm, \$0 for faculty, staff and students; \$75 for others
 - MS Word Footnotes, Figures and Master Documents, March 16, 1:30-3 pm; \$0 for faculty, staff and students; \$125 for others
 - Sharepoint 2010 Introduction, March 6, 1:30-4:30 pm, \$100 for faculty, staff and students; \$125 for others
- 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_course
- Biosafety: March 14, 8:30 am-4 pm
- Biosafety Refresher: March 8, 12:30-4:30 pm
- Fire Safety: May 23, 1:30-3:30 pm
- Standard First Aid w/CPR A: April 25 and 26, 8 am-4:30 pm
- First Aid Recertification: March 5, 8 am-4:30 pm
- Laboratory Safety: March 22, 8:30 am-4:30 pm
- Laboratory Safety for Undergrads: May 4, May 14, May 17, 8:30 am-4:30 pm
- Occupational Health Committee Level 1 Training: June 20 an 21, 8:30 am-4:30 pm
- Radiation Safety: April 16, 8:30 am-4:30 pm
- Safety Orientation for Employees: March 26, April 2, 1-4 pm
- Safety Orientation for Supervisors: March 20, 1-4 pm
- Transportation of Dangerous Goods (Receiver): March 12, 11-noon
- Transportation of Dangerous Goods (Refresher): March 6, 1-4 pm
- Transportation of Dangerous Goods by air or road (Shipper): March 15, 8:30 am-4:30 pm
- Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System: April 17, 1:30-3:30 pm

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Business and Leadership Programs

- Business Writing & Grammar Workout, March 7-8
- Leadership for Frontline Supervisors, March 13-14
- Emerging Technologies: Learning How to Use Social Media, March 24 and 31
- Facilitating Online Group Interactions, April 21 and 28
- Train the Trainer, April 30, May 1 and 2

USCAD Art Classes

- Glass Fusion III, Sat. Sun March 17, 18 (weekend)
- Watercolour I, Fri, Sat. Sun, April 13,14,15, 20, 21, 22
- Watercolour II, Fri, Sat. Sun, April 13,14,15, 20, 21, 22
- Glass Mosaics I, April 20, 21, 22 (weekend)

U of S Master Gardener Program

- Overlooked and Underused Perennials, March 10, 9-noon. Instructor: Lyndon Penner, CBC horticulturist and gardener
- The Cabbage Family, March 10, 1-4 pm. Instructor: Lyndon Penner, CBC horticulturist and gardener
- Gardening for Fragrance, March 11, 9-noon. Instructor: Lyndon Penner, CBC horticulturist and gardener
- Common Plant Diseases (MGCC), March 11, 1-4 pm. Instructor: Jill Thomson, horticulturist, Department of Plant Sciences
- Hands-on Pruning, March 17, 9 am-4 pm. Instructor: Robin Adair, ISA certified arborist, owner Arbour Crest Tree Services Ltd.

- Get Ready for Spring, March 18, 9-noon. Instructor: Mary Campbell, horticultural consultant, Erickson Design
- Hardy Ferns and Ornamental Grasses, March 18, 1-4 pm. Instructor: Sara Williams, retired horticulturist, author and gardener

University Employee Development Programs

- Crucial Conversations: 2-day course, March 6 and 13, 8:30 am-4:30 pm Fee: \$450.00

U of S Language Centre Programs

- USLC Multilingual Conversation Classes for Spring 2012 term (April 2 to June 4). Classes run once a week for 8 weeks. Register at 966-4351, or online at <http://ccde.usask.ca/learnlanguages>.
- Monday Evenings – 6:30 – 9 pm
- French, French 2, Spanish 1, Spanish 2, Portuguese 1, German 2
- Tuesday Evenings – 6:30 – 9 pm
- French 3, French 4, Spanish 1, Spanish 4, German 1, Japanese 2
- Wednesday Evenings – 6:30 – 9 pm
- French 5, French 6, Spanish 1, Spanish 6, Italian 1, Japanese 1
- USLC – TEFL Intensive Program, July 16 – August 11, call 966-2085 or summer.tefl@usask.ca for information and advising

Ecology Camps for Kids 2012

- April 9-13, Rainforest Ecology Day Camp for Kids, age 8-12, 9 am-4 pm, Room 306 Williams Building, \$225 plus \$25 for before and after care.
- July 2-Aug. 31, Summer Ecology Day Camp for Kids, ages 8-12, 9 weekly sessions, 9 am-4 pm, Lab 218 Biology Building, \$225 plus \$25 before or after care

Edwards School of Business, Executive Education

- For information call 966-8686, email execed@edwards.usask.ca or visit <http://www.edwards.usask.ca/execed/>
- The Project Management Course, March 14 – 16, Saskatoon
 - The Business Analyst's Course, April 23 – 25, Regina
 - The Summer Effective Executive Leadership Program, May 25 – June 1, Waskesiu Lake
 - The Project Management Course, June 18 - 20, Regina
 - The Masters Certificate in Business Analysis, September 12, 2012 – January 26, 2013, Regina

- The Business Analyst's Course, September 19 – 21, Saskatoon
- The Masters Certificate in Project Management, October 16, 2012 – March 9, 2013, Regina
- The Masters Certificate in Project Management, October 18, 2012 – March 23, 2013, Saskatoon

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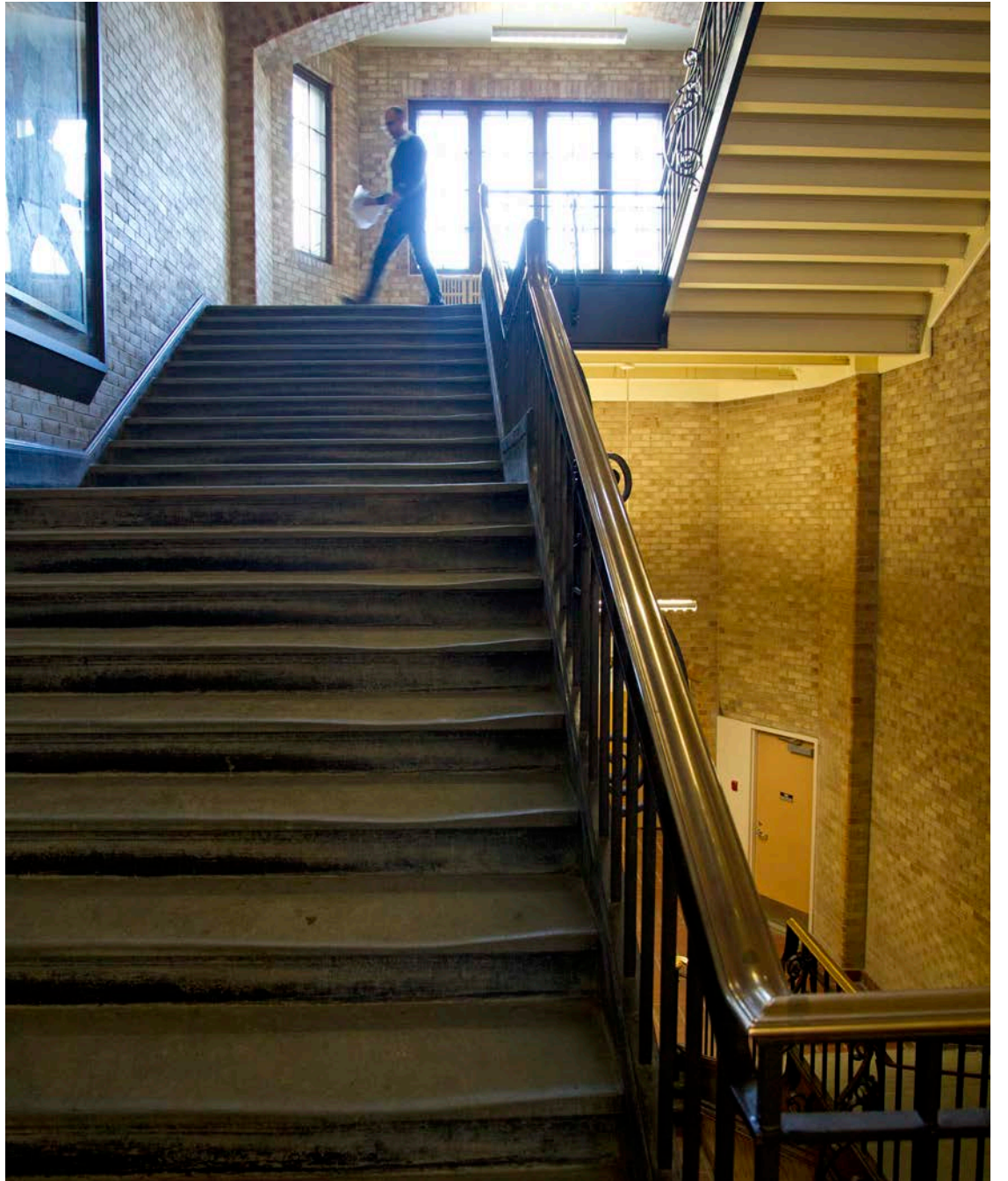
- March 5, 1:30-3 pm, Enhancing the Mentoring Process via "Adaptive Mentorship"
- March 7, 10-11:30 am, Enhancing your Vocal Delivery and Communication
- March 12, 2:30-3:30 pm, Introduction to Smartboards in Teaching
- March 30, 1:30-3:00 pm - Applying "Adaptive Mentorship" in Your Professional Life

Graduate Student Discussion Series - open to all instructors on campus

- March 14, 12:30-1:30 pm, "A Thousand Suns" (video and discussion)
- March 29, 3-5:30 pm, "Muffins for Granny" (video and discussion)

Introduction to Course Design Workshop Series

- March 7, 2-3:30 pm, Writing Learning Objectives
- March 14, 2-3:30 pm, Concept Mapping and Blueprinting in the Design of a Course
- March 21, 2-3:30 pm, Instructional Strategies
- March 28, 2-3:30 pm, Sequencing and Chunking Content
- April 4, 2-3:30 pm, Assessment



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Historic steps

After being walked all over for close to 90 years, the treads on the main staircase in the Thorvaldson building—original to the 1924 landmark structure—have worn a bit thin and have become a tripping hazard. The original New England slate treads are being replaced with Brazilian slate that is almost an exact match, said Andrew Wallace associate director of space planning in the Facilities Management Division. The project, which will cost about \$136,000 and is expected to be completed at the end of March, will use pieces of slate that are as close as possible to the originals in terms of size and colour to ensure historical preservation. The largest piece of slate being used is 750 lbs.

Submit Coming Events

Information for Coming Events will be accepted until 5 pm on deadline day.

Next OCN: Friday, March 16
Deadline: Thursday, March 8

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Leda, an international student from China, loves everything Canadian. She excelled in the English study program at the Language Centre and is now sailing through her U of S Psychology classes.

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The View from Here



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Changes on campus can be quite dramatic sometimes. In this case, the John Mitchell Building went from housing the university's dairy research program to setting the stage for the next generation of thespians. What was once the dairy lab of D.R.L. Arnott, who is shown here judging butter in 1960, is now Rehearsal Studio A where drama students have the chance to act out.



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Looking for ideas

We are already thinking about a feature for the back page in our 2012-13 publishing year. In the past years, we've highlighted art, architecture, oddities and this view from here. If there is something you would like us to feature in this space, send an email to ocn@usask.ca