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Hundreds of students, faculty, staff and alumni gathered in front of the Peter MacKinnon Building on May 20 to voice their concerns over the current state of the university at a rally called DefendUS.



JEFF DRAKE

Provost resigns over dismissal decision

Campus community questions senior leadership

SHANNON BOKLASCHUK

Editor's note: This issue of *On Campus News* went to press on May 21. We recognize that the article below represents an evolving situation, and we are committed to providing the campus community with more information as it emerges. Please visit our news site at news.usask.ca for continued updates.

The University of Saskatchewan has been a focal point in the local, national and international media after Robert Buckingham, the executive director of the School of Public Health, was terminated from his position on May 14.

Students, faculty, staff, alumni and other members of the public have raised concerns—through letters, emails and phone calls, and on social media sites—about tenure and the role of academic freedom at the U of S. Others have questioned the university's leadership, vision and values.

Though the university has received some pointed criticism,

the outpouring of concern demonstrates how important the university is to the community, said U of S President Ilene Busch-Vishniac.

"It has been a very difficult time for the entire university community. We acknowledge the concern at home in Saskatoon, throughout the province of Saskatchewan and across the country," she said.

"It is unfortunate that these recent issues have overshadowed the excellent work that is undertaken every day by our faculty, students and staff. Their ongoing dedication is paramount to the continued success of the univer-

sity," explained Busch-Vishniac.

"I want to again reiterate that academic freedom and tenure are sacrosanct at the University of Saskatchewan. We have a culture of respecting diverse opinions and encouraging vigorous debate."

Buckingham, who provided a document to the media that he entitled "The Silence of the Deans", was terminated on May 14 from his executive director position for acting contrary to the expectations of his leadership role. On May 15, the decision to revoke Buckingham's tenure was reversed and his tenured position with the School of Public Health was reinstated.

Busch-Vishniac said Buckingham's tenured position should not have been put in jeopardy. "Frankly, we blundered. I am sincerely sorry for that. We quickly recognized that we made a mistake, and we then took immediate steps to correct it," the president said.

"I want to again publicly apologize to Dr. Buckingham. I want to again emphasize that our university has been, is and always will be committed to providing a positive and safe campus while maintaining our academic values of open, unencumbered discussion."

Buckingham's letter of dismissal was signed by Brett Fairbairn, as provost and vice-president academic, who resigned from his position on May 19. Fairbairn, a tenured history professor and Rhodes Scholar, had served in that administrative role since 2008.

In his letter of resignation, Fairbairn stated that he was resigning due to his "genuine interest in the well-being of the University of Saskatchewan. I believe the work I have done as a student, faculty member and provost has contributed to the growth of our university's reputation. The same interests lead me

to offer stepping aside from the provost role as the best contribution I can now offer under present circumstances."

Busch-Vishniac accepted Fairbairn's resignation and thanked him for his years of dedication and service to the university. "I have a great deal of respect and admiration for Brett. It has been difficult to absorb, but I do appreciate and respect his reasons for taking this course of action," said Busch-Vishniac, adding that an interim provost has not yet been appointed.

Fairbairn's resignation occurred before an emergency meeting of the university's Board of Governors, who met for hours late into the evening on the Victoria Day holiday. During the meeting, the board had "a thorough discussion of the issues" taking place at the university, said board chair Susan

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Students reach for STARS with sustainability projects

MEAGAN HINTHER

The professors for a new undergraduate course offered through the School of Environment and Sustainability (SENS) said student projects are having direct impacts on the university's commitment to becoming a more environmentally sustainable campus.

Colin Laroque, professor in the College of Agriculture and Bioresources and SENS, co-taught ENVS 401 Sustainability in Action this winter with assistant professor Philip

Loring, also from SENS. The final requirement for the course involved teams working on projects that could help the U of S move up in its official sustainability rating—the Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS). The STARS rating is administered through the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education and is a self-reporting framework for colleges and universities to measure

sustainability performance. The U of S currently has a bronze rating and has identified silver as its short-term goal.

"Our students set out to take actions," explained Laroque. "We taught them [core sustainability concepts], guided them and expected them to take dramatic action with their



Bailey Ericson, ENVS 401 student, was interviewed about her project.

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projects. A few projects included identifying initiatives that would take the U of S STARS rating from a bronze to a silver."

Loring added that the students picked the topics themselves and worked in class to identify possible areas of interest. They also reviewed the STARS ratings online to look for ideas. The Office of Sustainability developed the initial concept of student-led campus sustainability projects and helped connect students with the appropriate campus contacts.

"Each group worked with people from campus, whether in facilities or grounds management or department offices, and were all well received," said Loring. "It's exciting—students identified several pathways that the university can take to get to a STARS silver [rating] with little to no new programs."

Projects included opportunities for food waste composting at Marquis Hall, transitioning campus printing to recycled paper and environmentally sustainable investment strategies the university could consider for

its endowment fund.

The last two initiatives in particular generated interest from senior leaders, said Laroque. "Once Laura Kennedy, associate vice-president financial services and controller, heard about [our students], she came looking for their final report near the end of term. Armed with their report on sustainable investing, she recently went to a U15 meeting with other financial services leaders to discuss this subject. The recycled photocopier paper team received buy-in from Mary Buhr, dean of Agriculture and Bioresources, who plans to start a pilot project next year."

Although the students did well at identifying and outlining sustainability strategies, the projects were not without challenges.

"The biggest challenge that many groups faced was getting people on campus to recognize the value of incremental change—small steps toward solving big problems," said Loring. ■

Meagan Hinthier is a communications specialist in the School of Environment and Sustainability

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45 years of service and memories

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Kathy Swann, Division of Humanities and Fine Arts.

Kathy Swann began working in the College of Arts and Science's Department of French and Spanish in August 1969. That means this summer, she will celebrate her 45th year on campus.

The department name changed four times over that time—it is now the Department of Languages, Literatures and

Cultural Studies—but Swann remained the constant in the office. She just recently joined the administrative commons in the college's Division of Humanities and Fine Arts.

Swann tells people, "I was here before Xerox machines!" When she began working at

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Survey studies nuclear attitudes

✍ MICHAEL ROBIN

A new study of Saskatchewan attitudes towards all things nuclear has revealed a varied and nuanced picture of an issue that has often been polarized on the public stage.

“One of the things that really came across is that there is a great diversity of opinion in the province,” said Loleen Berdahl, an associate professor in the Department of Political Studies and one of the principal investigators on the Saskatchewan Nuclear Attitudes Study.

“Quite often we tend to hear about more vocal positions on issues,” she said. “What we found with nuclear issues is that there’s a range of opinions and the opinions really vary, depending on which aspect of the nuclear fuel cycle or nuclear activity is being considered.”

The findings are based on a survey of 1,355 residents from across Saskatchewan conducted last fall by the Nuclear Policy Research Initiative (NPRI) that includes Berdahl, Maureen Bourassa from the Edwards School of Business, Scott Bell from the Department of Geography and Planning, and

Jana Fried, a post-doctoral fellow at the Social Sciences Research Lab.

Funded by the Sylvia Fedoruk Canadian Centre for Nuclear Innovation, the survey looked at attitudes on a number of issues, including nuclear medicine, nuclear energy, uranium mining and nuclear waste management. Survey respondents also answered questions on related issues of values, ethics, policymaking, trust and knowledge of the nuclear sector. One discovery is how little people think they know about nuclear issues.

“One of the more interesting findings was that 57 per cent of survey respondents felt ... that they had poor or very poor levels of knowledge about this topic,” Bourassa said.

As for trusted sources of information, university scientists came out on top, with 74 per cent of respondents giving them a high level of trust. Nuclear regulators came in second at 39 per cent. Trust of environmental groups was polarized, according to the findings, with one third of respondents reporting high



NPRI team members Jana Fried, Scott Bell, Maureen Bourassa and Loleen Berdahl (far right).

✍ MICHAEL ROBIN

trust and one third reporting low trust.

“This ‘one third, one third, one third’ distribution was a recurring theme with much of the survey,” Berdahl said.

Certain groups also had views markedly different from average respondents. For example, women and First Nations respondents were more likely to trust environmental

groups but less likely to trust nuclear regulators.

In terms of emotions, the surveyors asked respondents whether they were excited, angered or frightened by the idea of nuclear power generation in Saskatchewan. Over half—60 per cent—reported they were not frightened by the prospect, and about half agreed they were excited by the idea of

nuclear power. Nearly a quarter of respondents were angered by the idea.

“I think the best thing about our study is the results will be used to engage debate and dialogue in the province,” said Bell. “All stakeholders will find the results useful or interesting.”

These results are available at ssrl.usask.ca/npri. ■

Board meets late into night

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Milburn, who also acknowledged the outpouring of public concern and the many letters received by the board.

In a statement issued to the university community and to members of the media, Milburn emphasized that the board is committed to doing its due diligence before a decision is rendered on university leadership. “We do not want to act in haste and, therefore, we have not made any final decisions, other than to maintain our strong commitment to financial sustainability and renewal,” explained Milburn.

Advanced Education Minister Rob Norris attended part of the May 19 meeting of the Board of Governors. Upon leaving, Norris, who spoke with several reporters waiting in Convocation Hall, said the dialogue was “very respectful” at the meeting, and he respects the autonomy of the University of Saskatchewan and the board. Norris said he does not want to “prejudge what the board will do” with the questions that he raised during the meeting.

“These are individuals that are working diligently to serve the best interests of the University of Saskatchewan,” he said.

However, Norris said there is a “crisis” occurring in terms of the university’s national and international reputation. Reporters also

asked the minister about concerns surrounding a potential violation of the University of Saskatchewan Act.

“There’s a section of the Act that senior administration needs to report issues of faculty issues—significant faculty issues—and so there are real questions about the substance of that kind of report process, especially given, and in light of, the reversal that took place, and some of the commentary around that reversal,” he said.

After the meeting, Milburn also spoke to reporters and said that the board believes it is in compliance with the University of Saskatchewan Act. When asked about university leadership, Milburn said no final decisions have been made.

“We need to ensure that we have the appropriate level of information to make a decision. We don’t want to make any hasty decisions. We want them to be deliberate and well thought through,” she said.

Further discussion will occur at the next Board of Governors meeting scheduled for May 26-27. Milburn told reporters much needs to be done to restore the University of Saskatchewan’s reputation.

“We’ve got a lot of work to do to restore the reputation of the university. That is everyone’s responsibility. It’s the board’s responsibilities, senior management and every person that works here. So we have a lot of work to

do there, and one single meeting, one single decision, isn’t going to fix that,” she said. “We have a real desire to introduce a renewal to this university. We really want to focus on financial sustainability. We want to focus on all of the really good things that happen on this campus. So we have a lot of work ahead of us, and the board considers themselves to be a part of that work.”

There have been public calls

for Busch-Vishniac to resign as president of the University of Saskatchewan, including during a rally held in the Bowl on May 20. However, Busch-Vishniac said she has no plans to tender her resignation.

“I am committed to this university. There is still much work to be done. The board has been very clear that the university must remain focused on ensuring the university is financially

sustainable. I continue to be very excited about the opportunities and the challenges of this job,” she said.

“I believe people are passionate about this university and that is a good thing. I am listening. I am committed to doing what needs to be done to understand the issues that are being raised, and the best place for me to do that is from my role as the president.” ■

FROM THE ARCHIVES

New to nursing



✍ PATRICK HAYES, U OF S ARCHIVES

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Convocation ceremonies have been held in a number of locations: Convocation Hall, Third Avenue United Church, the Physical Education Gym and TCU Place. This 1957 image was taken in the gym and features the first graduating class of the three-year diploma program offered by the School of Nursing. They are waiting, dressed in white with flat caps, to receive their diplomas and pins.

Seated behind the graduates are registered nurses in their curved hats. At this time, there were two main groups of nursing students: “High School Graduates and Hospital Nursing School Graduates.” The curriculum for the new program was made possible in large part with the co-operation of the University Hospital, which opened in 1955. Either of the student groups could follow a path to a degree or diploma. ■

NEW TO US



Corey Tomczak

Corey Tomczak is driven by the twin passions of doing something new to benefit cardiac patients, and passing on his enthusiasm to his students.

"Universities often talk about having a balanced scholar-teaching model or something that reflects an emphasis on teaching," he said. "But my experience (at the U of S) is that it is not only encouraged but supported. It's evaluated and taken seriously."

Tomczak joined the College of Kinesiology as an assistant professor in January 2014. He completed his bachelor's degree in psychology and master's degree in exercise physiology at the University of Regina before moving to Edmonton to pursue his doctorate and complete a postdoctoral fellowship in rehabilitation medicine at the University of Alberta.

As a cardiovascular physiologist, Tomczak is interested in how the heart functions in healthy individuals, as well as what happens when things go awry. He explained it as a continuum—from fully healthy, to conditions such as high blood pressure, to heart attack, enlarged heart and, ultimately, heart transplant.

"I work with people with chronic health conditions, heart disease in particular, and individuals that develop something called heart failure, or an enlarged heart," he said, explaining such conditions aren't simply "fixed" with medical treatment alone; they are chronic conditions that require interventions from lifestyle and nutrition, to behavioural medicine, and exercise rehabilitation.

Tomczak is now setting up his research program and is encouraged by the strong health sciences capacity at the U of S and the integration with the Saskatoon Health Region. Of particular interest is the cardiac rehabilitation program, with which he hopes to collaborate and contribute. He is also getting ready for teaching the upcoming fall semester.

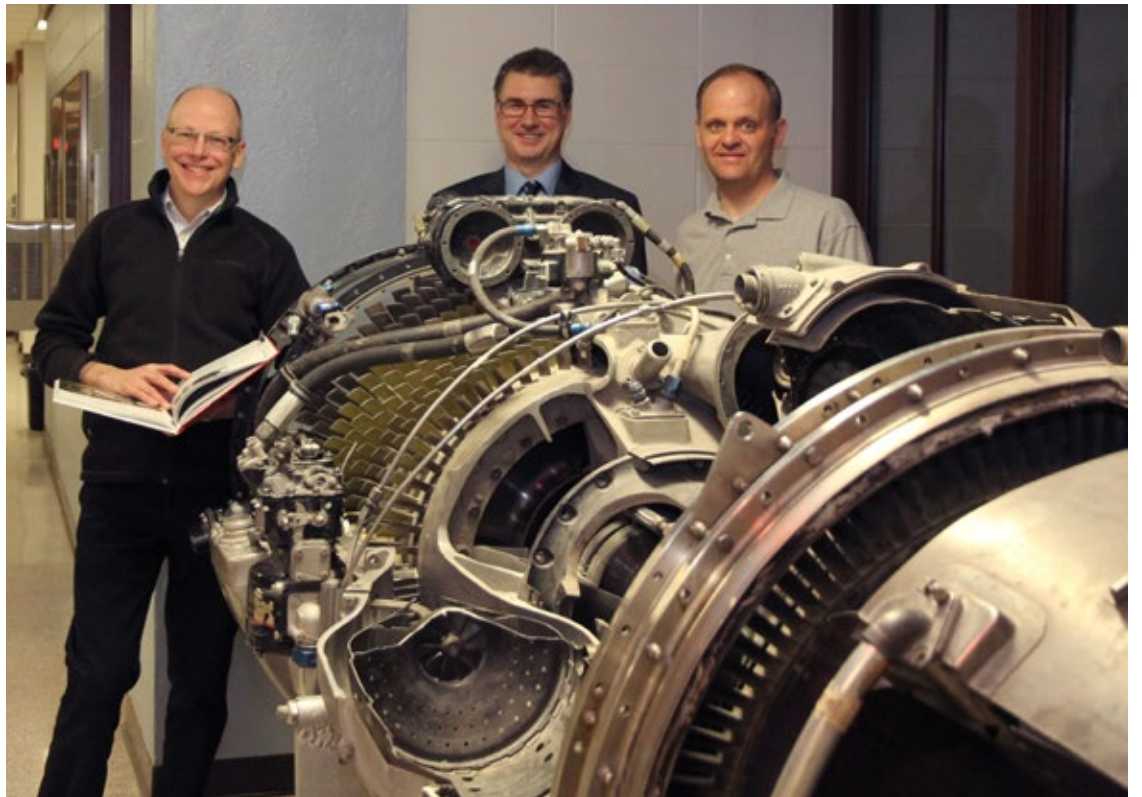
"The biggest thing I try to instill in my lectures is a desire or curiosity for the student that becomes internally driven," he said. "I hope to reach a stage for students where they get excited enough to be motivated to challenge themselves and learn on their own as much as they can. I try to show them how easily they can make it their own and how easy it is to get excited."



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Engine enigma



From left to right, Rick Retzlaff, Russell Isinger and David Sumner with the Avro Canada Orenda engine.

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There is an effort underway to answer some questions about the Avro Canada Orenda jet engine that has been in the College of Engineering for years. Rick Retzlaff, Russell Isinger and David Sumner share an interest in aviation and in solving some of the Orenda mysteries.

The Orenda jet engine in the Engineering Building hallway is a marvel, its outer casing cut away in places to reveal a precision machine. It is also a bit of a mystery that three aviation buffs are attempting to solve.

David Sumner and Rick Retzlaff, from the College of Engineering, and Russell Isinger, the university registrar, want to learn more about the Orenda, in particular "how it got here, when it got here and who gave it to us," said Sumner.

The Orenda was manufactured by Avro Canada in the

1950s and was used in CF-100 and Sabre jets. The U of S engine has an Avro nameplate but its serial and model number plate is missing, explained Isinger. It may well have been a training tool for mechanics or engineers, he said, adding that it may have been donated by either Avro or the Royal Canadian Air Force, but no one knows for sure.

There is no information about the Orenda in the University Archives but Retzlaff has found college photos taken in the early 1960s that show the engine in the Engineering Building. The photos

also appear to confirm the cut aways were done after it arrived on campus, Retzlaff explained.

The Orenda continues to serve as a teaching tool—Sumner uses it to show the components of a turbo jet engine to students in his thermodynamics class—but the college would like to provide more detail about the engine in the form of a plaque. Isinger, Retzlaff and Sumner will continue their quest for answers and encourage anyone who has information about the history of the U of S Orenda to get in touch. ■

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Setting the stage

Planning convocation, celebration and atmosphere

✍ SHANNON BOKLASCHUK

Danielle Rudulier's favourite part of the University of Saskatchewan's convocation ceremonies is seeing the students' smiling faces as they walk on stage to receive their degrees.

This year, she will be one of those smiling students.

Rudulier, the co-ordinator of registration and convocation in Student and Enrolment Services Division (SESD), has completed the requirements to obtain a Master of Educational Administration degree from the U of S College of Education. On June 5, she will officially receive her parchment during one of the seven spring convocation ceremonies to be held at TCU Place from June 3 to June 6.

For her, the convocation ceremonies symbolize a time to come together as a community to celebrate our students' academic achievements.

"I find convocation is all about the atmosphere," she said. "Yes, it is a long ceremony with lots of students crossing the stage, but I think it is definitely worth attending for those two minutes that you get to be on stage, be hooded with your degree colours and shake a hand while receiving that valuable piece of paper that is going to hang on a wall for years to come."

While Rudulier is excited about receiving her own degree, she is more focused on ensuring the hundreds of other graduates have a great convocation experience.

She works tirelessly year round on the many details associated with the annual spring and fall ceremonies, such as providing information to the graduating students, sending out the invitations, organizing the ticket distribution, collaborating with co-workers on producing the program and printing the parchments. She also works with staff from



Danielle Rudulier, co-ordinator of registration and convocation in Student and Enrolment Services Division (SESD)

COLLEEN MACPHERSON

TCU Place to make sure the stage is set up and the decorations are ready. There are many other tasks, too: "everything else in-between," she said.

"One of the challenging aspects is that the ceremonies are live, so everything has to be in place before the curtain goes up for the first ceremony, at which point there is no going back."

While juggling all those details may sound stressful to some, Rudulier thrives on them. As the adrenaline get pumping, the tasks get done.

"Call me crazy, but I love all the little details and the need to be precise, especially in convocation planning."

Attending this year's spring convocation will admittedly be a little different for Rudulier; after all, it's the first time she's planned her own ceremony. Like any other student, she had to order her gown. Now she is feeling a growing sense of excitement each time she sees her own name on the graduation list.

“Call me crazy, but I love all the little details and the need to be precise, especially in convocation planning.”

Danielle Rudulier

But once Rudulier receives her parchment, it will be back to business as usual.

"I am excited to be the busybody backstage like I

"I like coming across my name on the graduation list. I will also get to see my parchment early, too, but I will have to wait until the ceremony to get my hands on it. There are some perks to being in the know."

always am, step in line, cross the stage and go back to my behind-the-scenes work. I think it will be unique experience to have the inside scoop; I just have to make sure I don't miss my chance to cross."

Rudulier has worked in her job for nearly five years, and this year's spring ceremony will mark the 10th convocation cycle she has organized. It will also be the last one that will she do for a while; in the fall, she will welcome her first child with her husband, Adrien, so she will be on leave from her job for a year.

Rudulier will miss co-ordinating all of the convocation details while she is away, but she knows she is leaving the ceremonies in good hands. Her co-workers, who pitch in to make the ceremonies a success each year, will pick up the torch. Like Rudulier, those co-workers will continue to work to enhance the student experience.

"I want family and friends to have the chance to celebrate their graduates, and I also want graduates to feel a sense of accomplishment as they hear their name and cross the stage," she said. "A university degree is no small feat. It is about celebration of years of hard work." ■

Shannon Boklaschuk is a communications co-ordinator in Student and Enrolment Services Division. She will be attending a convocation ceremony on June 4 to receive her Master of Public Administration degree from the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy at the U of S.

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Convocation by the numbers

<p>Number of ceremonies to be held during spring convocation 2014:</p> <h1 style="text-align: center;">7</h1> <p>Approximate number of hours Rudulier spends organizing convocation each year:</p> <h1 style="text-align: center;">close to 500</h1>	<p>Number of parchments to be handed out:</p> <h1 style="text-align: center;">3,450</h1> <p>Number of people expected to attend the ceremonies (in total):</p> <h1 style="text-align: center;">around 13,500</h1>
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Dallas Howe is an entrepreneur and business executive who has spent a lifetime building Saskatchewan’s economy. Howe pioneered, developed and commercialized applications software in the computer industry as founder and CEO of several technology companies. He joined PotashCorp’s board of directors in 1991 and has served as chair since 2003. Howe served as a director of Viterra, formerly Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, from 2005 to 2012, and in 2013, became the first board chair of the Global Food Security Institute.



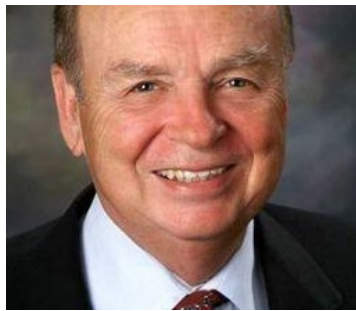
IZZELDIN ABUELAISH
Honorary Doctor of Laws

Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish is a Palestinian physician and an internationally recognized human rights and inspirational peace activist. He is devoted to advancing health and education opportunities for women and girls in the Middle East through his research and his charitable organization, The Daughters of Life Foundation. His autobiography, *I Shall Not Hate: A Gaza Doctor’s Journey*, is an international best-seller published in 20 languages.



JOHN H. WEDGE
Honorary Doctor of Laws

Dr. John Wedge graduated from the U of S College of Medicine in 1969. After completion of his surgical education in Saskatoon, Montreal, Toronto and Oxford, U.K., he held many senior positions, including the head of the Department of Surgery, Royal University Hospital (Saskatoon), Head, Division of Orthopaedic Surgery, as well as surgeon-in-chief at the Hospital for Sick Children (Toronto) and associate vice-provost, University of Toronto until 2007. In 2006 Dr. Wedge became an Officer of the Order of Canada for his outstanding contributions to paediatric orthopaedic surgery in Canada.



DON BATEMAN
Honorary Doctor of Science

Don Bateman is a corporate fellow and chief engineer-technologist for Flight Safety Systems and Technology in Advanced Technology Engineering for Honeywell in Washington State. A graduate of the U of S with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering, Bateman’s interest in aviation began at the age of five when his father took him to an air show in 1937. Bateman has developed and championed critical flight-safety sensors used by aircrafts worldwide. He holds more than 50 U.S. patents in the field of flight safety and was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in 2005.



LORNE BABIUK
Honorary Doctor of Science

Lorne Babiuk is an internationally recognized leader in vaccine research who has devoted his career to Canadian-based research aimed at safeguarding the health of people and animals at home and abroad. The vaccines that he was involved in developing have had a significant impact on the economy as well as reduced mortality and morbidity caused by infectious diseases. He has published over 500 manuscripts, holds 40 patents, and trained over 100 PhD and post-doctoral fellows. He received the 2012 Canada Gairdner Wightman Award and, in 2013, the Killam Prize in health sciences.



ROSS KING
Honorary Doctor of Letters

Ross King was born in Estevan, Saskatchewan, and raised in the nearby village of North Portal. King is the author of six books on Italian, French and Canadian art and history. He has also published two historical novels, *Domino* (1995) and *Ex-Libris* (1998), and edited a collection of Leonardo da Vinci’s fables, jokes and riddles. Translated into more than a dozen languages, his books have been nominated for a National Book Critics’ Circle Award, the Charles Taylor Prize, and the National Award for Arts Writing. His latest book, *Leonardo and The Last Supper*, was awarded the 2012 Governor General’s Award for Non-Fiction.



RONALD C.C. CUMING
Master Teacher Award

Ronald C.C. Cuming joined the U of S College of Law in 1966, has become an internationally recognized expert in secured financing, leasing, and insolvency law, and has shared this expertise with countless law students as well as many national and international organizations. His reputation as a teacher and scholar has been described as “legendary,” and he has received numerous awards for both teaching and research. A leading expert in commercial law, he has played a key role in the development and analysis of the areas of law that he teaches. Students in his classes know that they have the great fortune of learning from a true master of the subjects.



RENÉ DRUCKER-COLÍN
Earned Doctor of Science

René Drucker-Colín was born in Mexico City in 1937 and obtained his BSc from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, his MSc from Northern Illinois University, and his PhD from the U of S in 1971. Drucker-Colín is best known for his life-long interest in the brain mechanisms regulating the sleep-wake cycle and in employing the technique of implanting stem cells into brain tissue to restore lost function in neurodegenerative diseases. Drucker-Colín demonstrated that peptides were involved in the regulation of sleep, a revolutionary finding since the emphasis had been exclusively on classical neurotransmitters. His work in transplanting fetal cells led to clinical investigations in which he transplanted dopamine-producing fetal cells into Parkinson’s patients.



CHELSEA WILLNESS
Award for Distinction in Community-Engaged Teaching and Scholarship

Chelsea Willness, assistant professor and Grandey Scholar in Sustainable Leadership at the Edwards School of Business, and associate faculty at the School of Environment and Sustainability, and a research associate with the Community-University Institute for Social Research, is a passionate champion of community-engaged scholarship. Willness has successfully developed and implemented dozens of innovative, in-depth applied projects and courses for students via partnerships that she has developed between the university and numerous community organizations. Willness provides ongoing mentorship to other educators, both internal and external through of presentations, seminars, and workshops.



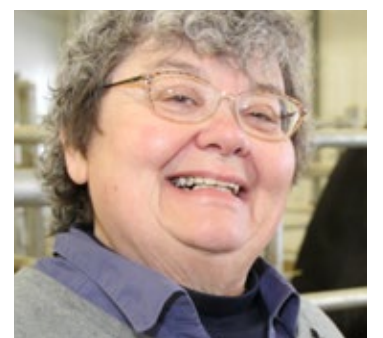
KENNETH (KEN) ROSAASEN
Award for Distinction in Outreach and Public Service

Kenneth (Ken) Rosaasen, professor in the Department of Bioresource Policy, Business and Economics, has earned the reputation of a well-respected educator, analyst, presenter and leader on agricultural economic issues affecting Western Canada, particularly Saskatchewan. In his 34 years at the university, Rosaasen has put on thousands of miles travelling throughout the province to speak about agricultural economic issues to a seemingly endless number of communities—large and small. Rosaasen not only explains agricultural economics and policy to farmers, he is also able to bring farmers’ ideas, innovations and concerns back to the academic world, ensuring that their interests and expertise are understood and incorporated into research, teaching and policy formation.



GRAHAM GEORGE
Distinguished Researcher Award

Graham George, professor in the Department of Geological Sciences and Canada Research Chair in X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy, is an internationally recognized researcher who has made significant contributions to instrumentation and synchrotron science over the past three decades. Since joining the U of S in 2004, George’s work has enhanced the global reputation of the Canadian Light Source (CLS) synchrotron. He is the principal investigator on the CLS’s BioXAS beamline, a project that has attracted more than \$20 million in funding since 2006 and has proven to be a tremendously important resource for both the Canadian and international scientific communities.



MARLENE FEHR
President’s Service Award

Over her 39-year career with the dairy research, teaching and outreach programs in the Department of Animal and Poultry Science, Marlene Fehr held a number of positions, all of which involved primary responsibility for the dairy herd. She is known to be uncompromising in ensuring the animals receive expert care, knowing as she does that dairy research requires cows that are performing at the top industry standard. Managing a dairy research herd requires in-depth knowledge of biology, animal health, biostatistics, economics, pharmacology and nutrition and it is a testament to Fehr that the university’s Greenbrae herd is consistently ranked among the best in the province by the Canadian Dairy Herd Improvement Program.

Coming Events

■ Courses/Workshops

Continuing Education for Nurses

For more information visit usask.ca/nursing/cedn

- May 26-27, Physical Assessment, Biggar
- May 31, Suturing and Surgical Skills

Centre for Continuing and Distance Education

For more information, visit www.ccde.usask.ca or call 306-966-5539

Business and Leadership Programs

- Technical Writing, June 24

Community Music Education

Registration is open for fall classes.

For information, call Nicole Wilton at 306-966-5625 or visit www.ccde.usask.ca/community-music

U of S Language Centre

- One-Week Intensive French Immersion Program: for speakers of all levels, Aug. 11 to 16, Monday to Friday, 8:30 am-4 pm and Saturday 8:30 am-noon, Cost: \$540.00 (materials and GST included). Register at ccde.usask.ca/learnlanguages/french-immersion or call 306-966-4351
- The French Voyageur for Beginners: for zero to low-level beginner speakers, Aug. 8 to 10, Friday 6:30 pm-9 pm, Saturday and Sunday 9 am-5 pm, Cost: \$275.00 (materials & GST included). Register at ccde.usask.ca/learnlanguages/french-voyageur or call 306-966-4351
- Cree Immersion for Beginners, Aug. 11-14, 10 am-3 pm, four-day intensive course
- Learn Cree as well as Cree world views, spirituality, customs and traditions. Instructor Belinda Daniels; cultural

consultant Randy Morin. Fee \$395 plus GST.

Multilingual Conversational Language Classes Summer Term July 9-Aug. 27. Language assessments available by calling 306-966-4351 or emailing reception.uslc@usask.ca. Textbooks and workbooks are extra.

- French levels 1 to 2: \$205 (GST exempt)
- Spanish levels 1 to 2: \$215.25 (GST included)
- Part-Time English Classes, call 306-966-4351 or visit ccde.usask.ca/PTESL
- Pronunciation, June 26-Aug. 28
- Spoken English, Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 3-Aug. 26
- Writing and Grammar, Mondays and Wednesdays, July 2-Aug. 27
- Reading Skills, Tuesdays, July 8-Aug. 26
- Listening and Note-taking Skills, July 3-Aug. 21
- English for the Workplace, July 5-Aug. 23

USCAD Classes

- Drawing I, May 30, June 1 and June 13-15
- Drawing II and III, May 23-25 and June 6-8
- Pinhole Photography and Alternative Process I, June 7-8
- Expressive Landscape Painting I, May 30, June 1
- Off The Wall: Mixed Media Sculptural Wall Pieces I, June 13-15/ 20-22
- Welding in Sculpture II, June 5/14-15/21-22

Master Gardener Program

- Hypertufa Pots Beginner to Advanced, May 23, 7-9:30 pm, \$55.45 + GST
- Safe Use of Pesticides and Alternatives Beginner to Advanced, May 24, 9-noon, \$44.95 + GST
- Common Plant Diseases Beginner to Advanced, May 24, 1-4 pm, \$44.95 + GST

- Identifying Insects in Your Yard and Garden Beginner to Advanced, May 25, 9 am-4 pm, \$67.95 + GST
- Gardening 101: Summer Beginner, May 24, 1-4 pm, \$44.95 + GST

Eco-Education Travel

- Churchill, Manitoba: Birds, Blooms and Belugas 2014, July 8-14, free information session June 10 from 7-9 pm, Room 224 Williams Building.
- Churchill, Manitoba: Polar Bear Ecology Tour, Nov 6-13, 2014, free information nights June 4 and June 24, 7-9 pm, Room 224 Williams Building.

For more information, phone Melanie Elliott at 306-966-5484 or Eve Barbeau at 306-966-5565.

ICT Training Services

For information or to register email us at training@usask.ca or visit training.usask.ca.

- Adobe Acrobat Pro – Intro, June 18, 1:30-4:30 pm, \$75 students; \$85 staff and faculty; \$100 others
- Adobe Illustrator – Intro, June 3 and 5, 1:30-4:30 pm, \$125 students; \$150 staff and faculty; \$185 others
- Adobe Photoshop – Inter, June 10 and 12, 1:30-4:30 pm, \$125 students; \$150 staff and faculty; \$185 others
- Apple – iOS Tips and Tricks (iPad, iPhone, iPod), June 26, 2:30-4 pm, \$0 students, staff and faculty; \$75 others
- Apple - Make the Most of Your Mac OS - Intro, June 11, 1:30-4:30 pm, \$0 students, staff and faculty; \$75 others
- MS PowerPoint – Intro, June 19, 1:30-4:30 pm, \$0 students, staff, faculty; \$125 others
- Research Posters - Adobe Illustrator, May 29, 2:30-4 pm, \$0 students; \$50 staff or faculty; \$75 others
- Research Posters - MS PowerPoint, May 27, 2:30-4 pm, \$0 students, staff, faculty; \$75 others

Faculty Workshops: contact training@usask.ca or 306-966-4866 for more information on workshops geared to faculty. IT4U – Tech Help for Students: it4u.usask.ca

Enroll in many courses from off campus. Go to training.usask.ca for more information.

Edwards School of Business, Executive Education

For information call 306-966-8686, email execed@edwards.usask.ca or visit edwards.usask.ca/execed

- May 26-27, Analyzing and Improving Office and Service Operations (Lean Office) Course
- May 28-29, Process Metrics, Management and Controls Course
- May 30-June 6, The Effective Executive Leadership Program –Waskesiu

■ The Arts

STM Gallery

The gallery is currently featuring *Sharon Ceslak: Ruins and Refinements*, photographs taken with film and manual cameras that allow the artist to present a diverse range of warmth and tone in her work. Until July 25.

Sitar Concert

The Division of Humanities and Fine Arts is one of the sponsors of a sitar concert of North Indian classical instrumental music by Vikas Gupta May 30 starting at 7 pm at the Broadway Theatre. Tickets are available at McNally Robinson Booksellers, The Bassment and at the event.

A Queen and Her Country

The Diefenbaker Canada Centre is hosting *A Queen and Her Country*, a travelling exhibit from the Canadian Museum of History, until June 8. The exhibition marks the diamond jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II using artifacts and images to recall her many visits to Canada and her connections to major events in the country's history.

Kenderdine Art Gallery

The next exhibition in the gallery is *Gus: The Archive of Kenderdine*, which opens June 3 and will continue until Aug. 1.

College Art Galleries

Opening May 23 in the College Art Galleries is *Patrick Traer: A Survey*, curated by Kent Archer, director of the university art collection. There will be an artist talk/tour May 23 at 7:30 pm followed by a

public reception. Traer is a graduate of and a former teacher at the U of S best known for his large format drawings, embroidered textile works and upholstered sculptures.

■ Miscellany

U of S Retirement Banquet

The university will honour its retiring employees at a banquet May 28 in Marquis Hall. The reception begins at 5:30 pm with the dinner and program following at 6:30 pm. Tickets are available online at usask.ca/retirementbanquet

U of S CSA Reunion

The U of S CSA Reunion 2K14 will be held Aug. 2-4 at various venues around Saskatoon. Activities include a come and go tea, golf, dinner in the Upper MUB, campus tours and a banquet and dance. For information go to <http://sites.google.com/site/uofscsareunion2k14/>

CLS Tours

The Canadian Light Source is offering free public tours of the facility most Thursdays at 1:30 pm. Reservations are required. An online form is available on the CLS website under the education tab, or email outreach@lightsource.ca, or call 306-657-3644.

SUBMIT Coming Events

Next OCN: **Friday, Aug 29**
Deadline: **Thursday, Aug 21**

[Email ocn@usask.ca](mailto:ocn@usask.ca)

Campus changes

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the U of S, everyone had their own typewriter, she explained, but there were no department photocopiers. There was one photocopier machine available on campus, in the STM building, and it was a huge machine with limited availability. Instead, departments used a Ditto machine or a Gestetner to make copies, the former involving alcohol and documents printed in purple, and the latter “black goeey ink and stencils.”

She also witnessed the introduction of computers and email at the U of S. Swann said her first experience with a computer was a data processor that was shared by three departments. It was a party-line terminal that could be used by only one person at a time, she explained, and each person had two hours a day to use it.

Communicating on campus was very different before all staff had personal computers and emails. “Typed memos were constantly sent through campus mail, which was delivered twice a day, but most business was done over the phone,” she said. Still, Swann prefers email to the other forms of communication: “It’s less tedious than having to type memos and by far quicker and more efficient to get things done.” Swann also remembers the

days before PAWS and online registration for students. “The students would line up outside of your office in rows and rows wanting to register or change classes and all that had to be done manually. They would be lined up in the morning when you arrived for work; I would see them and think ... oh gosh!”

There have been seven different university presidents since Swann started working on campus. She said none had a significant impact on her daily work but she fondly remembers Dr. John W.T. Spinks, her first president. She often saw him walking on campus and he would take time to chat with her and ask about her day.

The administration structure changes in the past year are the most significant Swann has experienced in her 45 years on campus, she said. As the only clerical assistant for her department, Swann used to do many different types of tasks, from finance and budget monitoring to assisting and advising students. Now in the division’s administrative commons, her specialized role focuses on class build and collegial processes. It’s different, “but I’m enjoying my new role and the shared work environment.” ■

Faye Anderson is a donor relations co-ordinator in the College of Arts and Science



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Room with a View

This year's back-page feature explores the view of campus from various office windows, and the people who enjoy them. Do you have an interesting view? Let us know at ocn@usask.ca



KRIS FOSTER



Due north

When Michael Robin, research communications specialist, got the news he was moving back to campus from Innovation Place earlier this year, the first thing he looked for in the new space was a window.

"While there are nice big skylights in our work space that provide wonderful natural light, there was only one workstation with direct access to a window," said Robin. "I immediately claimed it."

The claimed window, in keeping with the Thorvaldson Building's Collegiate Gothic architecture, is tall with narrow dimensions framed in Tyndall stone. "It reminds me of the slits used by archers on a medieval castle," said Robin with a laugh.

Robin gets a bird's eye view of the changing seasons and the to-and-fro of people on their way to the Education Building and other points north on campus. His window also overlooks Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the Canada flag blowing high above the treeline.

"Early this year, I took a quick glance over my shoulder and noticed the Maple Leaf over the building was flying at half-mast. It was my first indication that Jim Flaherty, our former federal minister of finance, had passed away."

