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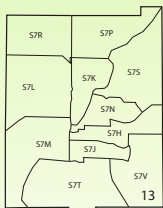
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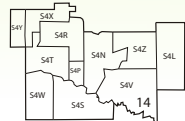
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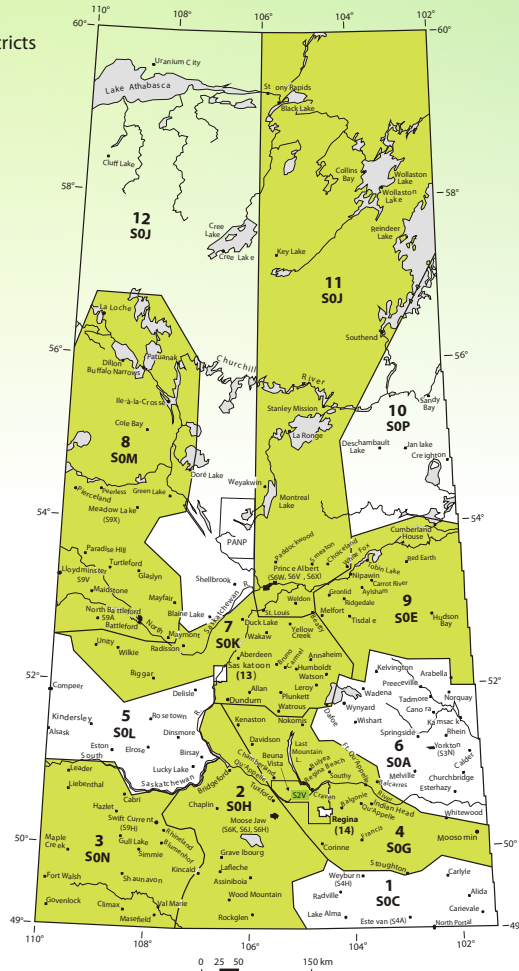
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An election will be held in the spring of 2010 for seven (7) Senate districts and four (4) member-at-large positions, that expire on June 30, 2010. Elected Senators serve three-year terms beginning July 1 and are eligible for re-election to a second consecutive term.

Senators are responsible for making bylaws respecting the discipline of students for any reason other than academic dishonesty; appointing examiners for, and making bylaws respecting, the conduct of examinations for professional societies; providing for the granting of honorary degrees; recommending to the Board and Council proposals received respecting the establishment or disestablishment of any college, school, department or institute or any affiliation or federation of the University with another educational institution in terms of relevance to the Province; and recommending to the Board or Council any matters or things that the Senate considers necessary to promote the interests of the university.

### NOMINATIONS FOR SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT SENATORS

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S0M S9X, S9V, S9A)

District 9  
Nipawin – Melfort – Hudson Bay  
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District 11  
Prince Albert – Stony Rapids (Postal  
codes beginning with S0J [and east  
of meridian 106], S6W, S6V, S6X)

Lee-Ann Ebel, currently representing District 2, Edward Bourassa representing District 9 and Maria Lynn Freeland representing District 11 are eligible for re-election. Senators Laurel Krause (District 3) and Emily Cherneski (District 4) have served six years and are therefore not eligible for re-election. Districts 7 and 8 are currently vacant.

Only members of Convocation residing in the above electoral districts are eligible to nominate

and vote for the member of the Senate to represent the above electoral districts.

### NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERS AT LARGE

There are currently four member at large positions expiring on June 30, 2010. Current Senators Richard Hiebert and Debbie Wagner are eligible for re-election. Senators Russell Eirich and Larry Wagner have served six years and are not eligible for re-election.

These positions are nominated and elected by all members of Convocation. There are no restrictions as to where these Senators reside.

### ELECTION PROCEDURES

Nominations for Senators must be signed by at least three (3) qualified voters and endorsed by the nominee. Nominators should clearly indicate their name and address on the nomination form. Each nomination should be accompanied by a biography of the nominee.

Nomination forms are available from the University Secretary's Office website [http://www.usask.ca/university\\_secretary/senate/senate\\_elections.php](http://www.usask.ca/university_secretary/senate/senate_elections.php) or call (306) 966-4632. You may also draft your own.

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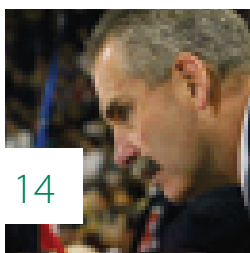


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Hugh Vassos, David Pettigrew and Grant Kook, members of the IIHF 2010 World Junior Hockey Championships organizing committee, at Credit Union Centre. *Photo by Liam Richards.*

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## Editor's Note

Our North American culture is saturated with sports. It's hard to turn around without seeing a logo on a hat, t-shirt, bumper sticker or car flag. Our language is full of sports analogies used to describe everything from personal and professional relationships to life's mundane occurrences. Sport has infiltrated our culture.

When I think of sport and the role it has played in my own life, it is clear that I have gleaned a lot of life lessons from sport. Anyone who has spent some time around young children lately is most likely familiar with the catchy melody of "What's going to work? Teamwork," heard on a popular children's cartoon, which sums up one of those life lessons quite plainly. There really are few things in life that can be accomplished in isolation, and life at the University of Saskatchewan is no exception.

The success of the university depends on a variety of players all working together toward the same goal. You, our alumni and friends, play a critical role in making the university a premier educational institution. Your collective achievements and support enhance and broadcast the integrity and value of the institution.

In this issue of the *Green & White* we will share the stories of some of our alumni that have successfully used sport and athletics to further entrench the University of Saskatchewan's reputation of excellence. We'll introduce you to a group of individuals that have worked together to bring the 2010 IIHF World Junior Hockey Championships to Saskatoon. You'll also read about Willie Desjardins, the coach of Team Canada for the same tournament.

The business and entertainment side of sport is discussed with Tom Anselmi, who works with one of the most successful sport franchises in North America, Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment.

Read about an alumna who has been termed "the most successful coach in the world of women's hockey?"

No sports themed magazine would be complete without mention of the world's largest sporting event being held in Vancouver, the 2010 Winter Olympic Games. Learn about two former Huskies who are speeding toward Olympic gold.

So get off the bench, step up to the plate and swing for the fences. This issue is a grand slam.

Go Dogs!

Derrick Kunz (BComm'96), Editor

## Letters

Re: No Man's Land

Those damned consumers have stopped consuming. Mr. Wigmore fails to explain how "affordable housing" was not affordable. Here in St. George, Utah, people with low income and low credit rating were offered large houses. This started in the Clinton era. St. George, percentage-wise, became one of the fastest growing communities and now leads Utah in mortgage foreclosures.

Our Senate and House of Representatives passed a 1,200 page bill that was not available for reading until after the vote. We are \$11,000,000,000,000 in debt. Our motto should be "never use the words million, billion, trillion. We must write out the zeros." Huge amounts of money have been given to banks and has gone down the gopher hole. Consumers are not spending because they don't trust the government and the big banks. We were happier in the old days when we weren't consuming.

No more consuming just to please the big banks.

**Clayton C. Purdy (BE'44)**, St. George, UT, USA

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## President's Message

Participation in sports and athletics at the University of Saskatchewan is as old as the institution itself. Hockey and track and field began as soon as there were students in 1909. Only a few years later, women and men from the U of S participated in intersarsity, city and provincial leagues in many different sports. Intercollegiate play would not be formalized for decades, but the fact that sport was there from day one tells a lot about the spirit of the University of Saskatchewan.

It is no coincidence that qualities necessary for athletic success—hard work, dedication, determination and tenacity—are also qualities required for success throughout life. It is that same hard work and dedication that makes the U of S the institution it is today. Intelligent, talented, hard working, dedicated people have quite literally put their sweat into making the university what it is today.

Another attribute that demonstrates the spirit of sport and the U of S is teamwork. Just as success in sport cannot be attributed to one individual (even athletes in single-person sports require coaches and trainers), the success of the U of S is a group effort that relies on the entire team—

students, staff, faculty, alumni and friends all play an important part in our collective achievements.

One final aspect of sport that illustrates life at the U of S is celebrating success. It is not enough for the team to accomplish its goal. We must take the time to celebrate, to reflect upon our collective success and build upon it to ensure we continue to realize our goals in the future. As I look around our fine institution, I find we have a lot to celebrate—groundbreaking research, outreach and engagement, and athletic success to name just a few areas.

With the same spirit, determination and teamwork the U of S will continue to achieve great things worthy of much celebration.

Peter MacKinnon, President  
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Dean of the College of Nursing, Dr. Lorna Butler

## Change to Nursing Education in Saskatchewan

To meet the growing demand for nurses in Saskatchewan, the province, the U of S, the University of Regina (U of R), and the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Sciences and Technology (SIASST) are partnering to restructure the delivery of nursing education in Saskatchewan.

Under the current structure, nursing students attend the first two years of the program at SIASST in Saskatoon or Regina, or at the First Nations University of Canada (FNUC) in Prince Albert. Third- and fourth-year classes are taken at the U of S, U of R or FNUC, with all degrees granted by the U of S.

The planned structure would see the four-year direct entry program continue at SIASST and the U of R. At the U of S, it would be changed to a three-year program that would require one year of prerequisite courses taken through the College of Arts and Science. The FNUC, which shares faculty and resources with the U of S, has not yet decided how it will partner to deliver nursing education under the new structure.

The new structure is scheduled to be in place by fall 2012.

## Social Networking Guidelines

With the exploding popularity of social networking technologies such as Facebook and Twitter, University Council has approved guidelines for their use in an academic setting. The guidelines are designed for both faculty and students and are largely based on common sense, pointing out that

the internet and social networking platforms offer many opportunities but are not without dangers.

The guidelines stress the importance of protecting personal information, ensuring privacy and confidentiality, and respecting intellectual property and copyright laws on posted information. Faculty are also reminded of the need to differentiate between personal views and views expressed by the university and that training of students may be required if social networking technologies are a course component.



## U of S to Trim \$10 Million From Budget

As part of the University of Saskatchewan's efforts to overcome the effects of the economic downturn on its operations, colleges and administrative units have been asked to trim their budgets by a total of \$10 million—\$5 million in each of the next two years.

The U of S Board of Governors approved an operating budget for 2009-10 that included a reduction in budget allocation for virtually every college and unit. Colleges and units are responsible and accountable for how they manage their finances, so each was given reduction targets instead of direction on where to cut. Reduction targets vary by unit.

Cuts will result in the elimination of approximately 60 positions (many of which are already vacant), rationalization of academic programs, some consolidation of class sections and elimination of some course options.

Tuition increases announced in May (ranging from 3 to 7.5 per cent) are the result of the provincial government's elimination of the provincial tuition freeze and are independent of the budget adjustment process. Work has begun on a new tuition management plan for the province.

More information on the budget can be found on the provost and vice-president academic's website at [www.usask.ca/vpacademic](http://www.usask.ca/vpacademic).

## Arts Web Magazine Launched

The *University of Saskatchewan Cultural Units Web Magazine* has been created to inform the public of the activities of the University Archives, Museum of Antiquities, the Kenderdine Art Gallery, the Diefenbaker Canada Centre and the Special Collections Library. The magazine will be updated annually with material related to recent acquisitions, brief descriptions about how these collections are being used, exhibits, feature articles and a calendar of upcoming events and exhibits. The web magazine can be viewed at <http://library2.usask.ca/cultural>.

Source: *U of S communication*

## Learning Communities Expands

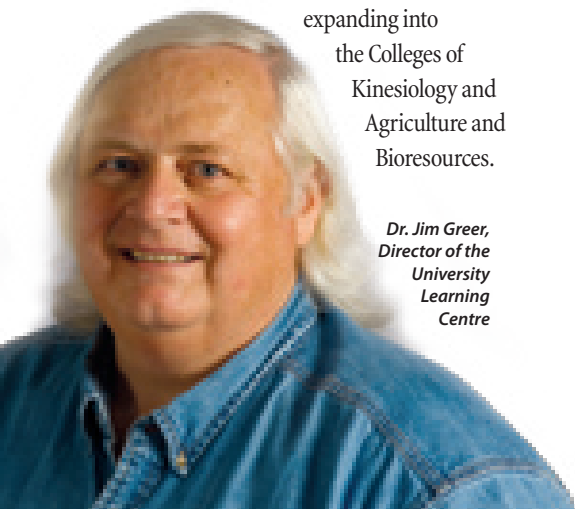
The university will be expanding its learning communities program in 2009-10 as part of an ongoing effort to recruit and retain undergraduate students. The program was established in 2007 in the College of Arts and Science and has enjoyed two successful pilot studies.

Learning communities consist of 30-40 students who take a predetermined set of three courses together and meet weekly for study, information and mentoring. The goal is to build a sense of community and to help students refine their academic goals.

About 200 students participated in learning communities in 2008-09. The goal is to have 400 for 2009-10 and double that number for the following two years by

expanding into  
the Colleges of  
Kinesiology and  
Agriculture and  
Bioresources.

*Dr. Jim Greer,  
Director of the  
University  
Learning  
Centre*



## KIP Funding for U of S

Thanks to the federal government's Knowledge Infrastructure Program (KIP), the U of S will receive \$12.7 million for roof repairs on up to 47 buildings. The Facilities Management Division has prioritized repairs based on need—those in greatest need of repair will be fixed first. The number of roofs that will be fixed with the funding will depend on the total cost for each project. The U of S will also contribute \$1.12 million toward roof repairs.

In addition to the roof money, the U of S received \$9.06 million to renovate the diagnostic lab in the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVM). This upgrade is the final phase of a larger infrastructure renewal plan for the WCVM that began in 2004. The project is expected to be complete by December 2010.

# Faculty Club

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College Building dedication ceremony and unveiling of the plaque; photo by Liam Richards

## College Building Commemorated as National Historic Site

In a ceremony June 19, the College Building was officially commemorated as a national historic site by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada. U of S President Peter MacKinnon (LLM'76), Saskatoon Mayor Don Atchison, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan Gordon Barnhart (BA'67, PhD'98), Bill Waiser (MA'76, PhD'83) from the U of S Department of History, Allan Duddridge from the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, and Katherine Peterson from Parks Canada joined a small crowd in Convocation Hall for the unveiling of the plaque.

The College Building was designated a provincial heritage property in 1982 and a national historic site in 2001.

The plaque inscription reads, "This handsome structure stands as the centrepiece of the finest grouping of university buildings in Canada designed in the Collegiate Gothic, a style widely used for institutions of higher learning throughout North America. One of the earliest buildings on campus, it was constructed from 1910 to 1912 to house the College of Agriculture following the designs of Montreal architects Brown and Vallance. Distinguished by its long, low symmetrical massing, notched parapet, and three oriel windows, the College Building reflects the importance given to the public university education in Western Canada in the early 20th century."

## Boost to Ag Research

The Dairy Research Facility on campus, a facility that has been described as technologically and functionally obsolete, is slated for an estimated \$10 million upgrade starting late 2009 or early 2010. The upgrades will improve the teaching and research capabilities of several colleges and units.

A new barn will be built near the existing dairy barn and will house the latest robotic milking technology, cattle housing, feed research areas, milk storage, staff and visitor spaces, and a public viewing gallery. Other features include incorporation of natural heating and ventilation, as well as manure processing, odour containment and bioenergy systems.

The U of S has purchased a North Battleford feed mill to develop a national facility to enhance animal nutrition and feed research. The \$12.6 million Canadian Feed Technology Research Facility will develop and commercialize high-value animal feeds made from low-value crops and from byproducts of biofuel production such as ethanol and biodiesel.

## Division of Forensic Psychiatry Established

The Department of Psychiatry in the College of Medicine has established the Division of Forensic Psychiatry, a growing psychiatric subspecialty. Dr. Mansfield Mela, a faculty member of the department, is acting head of the new division.

Forensic psychiatry occurs at the intersection of the clinical skills of psychiatry and the law, both criminal and civil. It plays a role in determining the relationship between a person's mental health and the alleged crime. The new division will work to ensure services are better given, research is better done and training is formalized.

The university's close proximity to the Regional Psychiatric Centre (RPC) represents a great opportunity for the division to strengthen its partnership with Correctional Services of Canada and the RPC in Saskatoon.

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons is expected to officially recognize the subspecialty this fall, meaning doctors will do fellowship training with exit exams.



Dr. Mela Mansfield, acting head of the Division of Forensic Psychiatry



## iUsask on iPhone

The University of Saskatchewan is the first educational institution in Canada to develop a student application for Apple's popular iPhone and iPod Touch.

Developed by the Department of Computer Science and available in Apple's App Store, the free application will enable students to view their class information, check their grades, read campus news, check the library catalogue and view a map to find their way around campus—all using the pocket-sized device. The application is not all work and no play—you can interact with “The Dawg” that responds to different touches by making various sounds.

Several U of S alumni are part of the development team, including department head Eric Neufeld (BSc'83, MSc'84, BEd'96), Dave Bocking (BSc'73, Sc/Cert'74, MSc'83), Shane Doucette (BSc'98), Collene Hansen (BSc'02, BE'02, MSc'07), Chad Jones (BE'00, BSc'00), Greg Oster (BComm'92, MSc'95), Ken Sailor (MSc'91, PhD'94), Guus van de Velde (BEd'01) and Cary Vernath (BSc'00).

Alumni Relations has had preliminary discussions with the Department of Computer Science to develop an application for alumni. Let us know if you would download and use such an application and what you would want it to include. Stay tuned for further developments.

Contact us at alumni.office@usask.ca.



## Edwards School of Business Establishes Downtown Campus

The Edwards School of Business (ESB—formerly known as the College of Commerce) has opened a 1,626 sq m downtown campus in Saskatoon thanks to a generous donation of \$2.5 million from the Nasser family. To recognize the gift, the campus has been named the K.W. Nasser Centre, Edwards School of Business, University of Saskatchewan.

Having a permanent presence in the downtown core strengthens university connections to the civic and business communities and will increase awareness, accessibility, and foster relationships within the community.

The campus will be used for the Master of Business Administration program, executive and professional programming offered through Business Advisory Services, the Executive Business Administration Certificate (EBAC) program, the new Aboriginal Business Administration Certificate (ABAC) program, and occasional activities of other university units. Housing these programs downtown will enable the ESB to accommodate up to 200 additional Bachelor of Commerce students on campus by 2012 without increasing class sizes.

Classes in the K.W. Nasser Centre began Aug. 25, and an official grand opening was held on Sept. 24.

Source: U of S news release



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by Stephen Johnson



Tom Anselmi (BE'85)

*Tom Anselmi may have the best job in Canada.*

The chief operating officer of Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment, which owns the Toronto Maple Leafs, Toronto Raptors and other sports teams, Anselmi (BE'85) is responsible for everything from sponsorship deals to negotiating broadcasting rights. A great fringe benefit is that he can attend a Raptors or Leafs game and justifiably claim it was a work-related expense.

Anselmi does not have the most obvious resume to lead a major sports franchise company. He was born and raised in Toronto and obtained a degree in landscape architecture from Ryerson University. During his time at Ryerson, Anselmi supported himself working as a cab driver. He credits one customer for helping to change the course of his life.

"I picked up a guy named John Summers who was president of Kilbourn Engineering," recalls Anselmi. "They were a fledgling company based in Saskatchewan. Two years later, I would graduate from Ryerson and do the 'go west young man' thing with a couple of buddies. We hit Saskatoon at about 9 p.m. on a Sunday night, and I called up John Summers. I said, 'Hi John, it's your cab driver from Toronto. Have you got a job for me?' Luckily, John remembered me and steered us in the direction of a few of his people who were running projects. A few weeks later, my buddies and I were working as surveyors' helpers on a uranium mine project in Cluff Lake, Saskatchewan, making \$8 an hour."



*Distinguished Lecturer Tom Anselmi (on tractor) with Dean of the College of Engineering, Janusz Kozinski (far left) and the Husky Sled Dog's ¼ Scale Tractor Team at the 2009 C.J. Mackenzie Gala of Engineering Excellence.; photo by Linda Carmichael*

Anselmi admits it was quite a change going from urban Toronto to Cluff Lake. “It was a hell of an eye opener working in a rough and tumble construction camp many hours north of Saskatoon. They had mosquitoes that were bigger than the street cars in Toronto!”

After working in northern Saskatchewan for a period of time, Anselmi applied to and was accepted by the University of Saskatchewan’s College of Engineering. He fondly recalls his time at the university. “It was a great experience. Saskatoon was the perfect size and I even enjoyed the winters. I had a wonderful four years at the U of S.”

Anselmi not only embraced his studies but also became active outside of academia. “I got a job at Louis’ pub and started playing intramural hockey. At Louis’, I learned a lot about sales and customer service—important functional skills not normally associated with an engineering education, but applicable to what I do now.”

Upon graduating from the University of Saskatchewan, Anselmi put his academic skills and street smarts to work. He was involved in a number of major capital projects across North America, including the SkyDome in Toronto. Anselmi entered the sports business world on a full-time basis when he became vice president of arena operations for General Motors Place in Vancouver—home of the Vancouver Canucks.

Anselmi continued with the sports theme when he joined Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment in 1996. He was responsible for the overall development of the Air Canada Centre, including management of the design and construction program. This was quite a challenge considering the Air Canada Centre was replacing the venerable Maple Leaf Gardens.

In 2004, Anselmi was appointed executive vice-president and chief operation officer of Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment. He is responsible for business operations for the Toronto Maple Leafs (NHL), Toronto Raptors (NBA), Toronto FC (Major League Soccer) and Toronto Marlies (American Hockey League). While most sports fans would

consider Anselmi’s position to be a dream job, he is somewhat more philosophical. “I am lucky that I can mix my vocation with my avocation,” mused Anselmi. “But make no mistake, the sports industry is a business first. I have to answer to shareholders and trustees. It is a lot of fun, but also hard work, including late nights and weekends.”

He has the added pressure of working in one of the most competitive sports markets in North America. “Toronto fans are extremely knowledgeable. They know their sports very well. A team like the Maple Leafs is not just a hockey team—it is a cultural institution.”

Anselmi has had many successes in his current job. He helped land the Toronto FC soccer franchise. The team has been an overwhelming success with fans, being sold-out for practically every game. He has also led Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment to be a major player in television production for Raptors and Leafs games.

While Anselmi was open and friendly during our interview, there was one question he was hesitant to answer, but of extreme importance to all Leafs fans—when will the Maple Leafs win the Stanley Cup? “I only know that it will happen one day. I will not commit whether it will be in five years or 10, but they will hoist the cup again.” ■



Grant Kook (BComm'85)  
David Pettigrew (BE'89)  
Hugh Vassos (BA'76)



# VOLUNTEER POWER of the World Juniors

by Mark Ferguson    photos by Liam Richards

For many Canadians, the annual IIHF World Junior Hockey Championship is a holiday pastime. Friends and family sit around the television sipping eggnog, eating leftover turkey sandwiches and cheering for the young superstars on the ice. But this year, nearly 2,500 volunteers across Saskatchewan will experience the world juniors in a totally different capacity as the puck drops in Saskatoon and Regina this December.

For Grant Kook (BComm'85), Hugh Vassos (BA'76) and David Pettigrew (BE'89), the tournament will be the successful culmination of a year and a half of preparation by the organizing committee and the volunteers—bringing even more clout to the old assertion that Saskatchewan is the volunteer capital of Canada.

“This tournament goes to the credit of the people of Saskatchewan to get it done,” says Kook, vice-president of sponsorship for the world juniors. “It’s the ‘we can do it’ attitude in the province. The people of Saskatchewan are going to make this tournament a success, whether or not Canada comes out on top.”

Kook is a well-known member of the Saskatoon business and volunteer community and the founder of Golden Opportunities Fund Inc, a labour-sponsored investment fund. As a hockey fan and player

himself, Kook says he takes great pride in being involved with a tournament that showcases the best players under 20 years of age from around the world. As a business man though, he recognizes the brand power of the tournament, and vying for sponsorship dollars was a key component in making the tournament feasible.

“The brand of the world juniors has grown. Even in difficult times economically the sponsors have really stepped up. It speaks volumes to the commitment of the fans and the sport.”

Kook says Hockey Canada representatives describe the world juniors as the “Super Bowl” of all annual tournaments, and if television ratings are any indication, that statement is more than accurate for fans of the Red and White.

TSN hockey personalities and commentators Pierre Maguire and Gord Miller were on hand during summer training camps in August to check out the young talent on the ice and share a few words of wisdom. According to them, nine of the ten most watched programs in TSN history are world junior hockey broadcasts, with last year's final in Ottawa claiming the top spot.



David Pettigrew, senior vice-president of the Regina games at the Brandt Centre, was also on hand to hear Maguire and Miller, and he thinks seeing Canada in the gold medal game this year will most certainly claim a spot among TSN's top-ten all-time rankings.

"I like that these kids are playing for their country and for their careers and they have a shot at professional hockey," says Pettigrew. "It's so important to them and they will be playing their hearts out. It's easier to get enthusiastic when you're a kid. To get a kid playing with that much heart is of great appeal to grass roots hockey."

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When he is not busy at work with the Harvard Western Insurance Company, Pettigrew is an active member of the Regina arts and health communities as a volunteer, and he's extremely excited to see Regina host 10 preliminary round games. Bringing the Queen City on board alongside Saskatoon for the tournament was no easy feat, but something he is looking forward to seeing when the puck drops.

"The effort so far has been collaborative between the two cities, which is so important. We have to be synchronized to make this tournament a success."

The Credit Union Centre in Saskatoon will host the other 10 preliminary round games, as well as the final rounds of the tournament, including the bronze and gold medal matches. An additional 3,000 seats are being installed in the CUC in anticipation of Canada vying for their sixth straight championship.

With a host nation eagerly awaiting not only world junior success, but Olympic success as well shortly after, the pressure for the home-team is immense. So the task of hosting the largest tournament in world junior history, and filling the extra seats, was placed in good hands.

"This tournament is going to be a challenge for us. No question," says Hugh Vassos, senior vice-president of business and marketing for the world juniors. "Our financial contribution to Hockey Canada is a guaranteed profit of \$12.5 million through ticket sales, sponsorship and the special events that go along with it."

The Vassos Marketing Group in Saskatoon carries the name of one of the city's foremost advocates of local sports and community events. As a sports fan and marketing and promotions guru, Vassos got involved early on in the promotion of the world juniors, although a year and a half wasn't much time to prepare for an event spanning an entire province, including a pre-competition game in the communities of Weyburn, Unity, Humboldt, Moose Jaw, Swift Current and Prince Albert Dec. 19-23.

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Prior to his involvement with the tournament itself, Vassos was also involved with the bid committee to bring the games back to Saskatchewan, making Saskatoon the first city in Canada to host the games for a second time.

He says that with 200 media expected from around the world, including five television crews and more cameras than any tournament so far, the eyes of the hockey world will be on Saskatchewan. And judging from his experience with other organizing committees for events such as the 2006 Vanier Cup and the 2007 Junos, he has seen the level of commitment from the volunteers and knows that when it comes down to it, the world juniors will be in the hands of the people of Saskatchewan this holiday season.

"It's been busy for those of us at senior levels, but now we are looking to the hundreds of volunteers around the province to pick up the ball and run with it. I know how volunteers work and they will take control once the event starts. It's going to be great to see it. There will be a lot of work for us and we'll virtually miss Christmas because of the timing of the event, but it's well worth it." ■

# Engaging

## PROVINCIAL COMMUNITIES

In an address to the university community, Provost and Vice-President Academic Brett Fairbairn (BA'81) explored the relationship between the University of Saskatchewan and the people of Saskatchewan. One point emphasized was, that from the beginning, the U of S has had a unique and vital bond with the province of Saskatchewan—the two are inextricably linked in building a strong and vibrant community.

Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) are one way the university's vision to engage communities and develop and enhance partnerships in the province is made visible and meaningful. Located in the University of Saskatchewan Senate districts, RACs are used by the U of S to connect more closely with Saskatchewan communities.

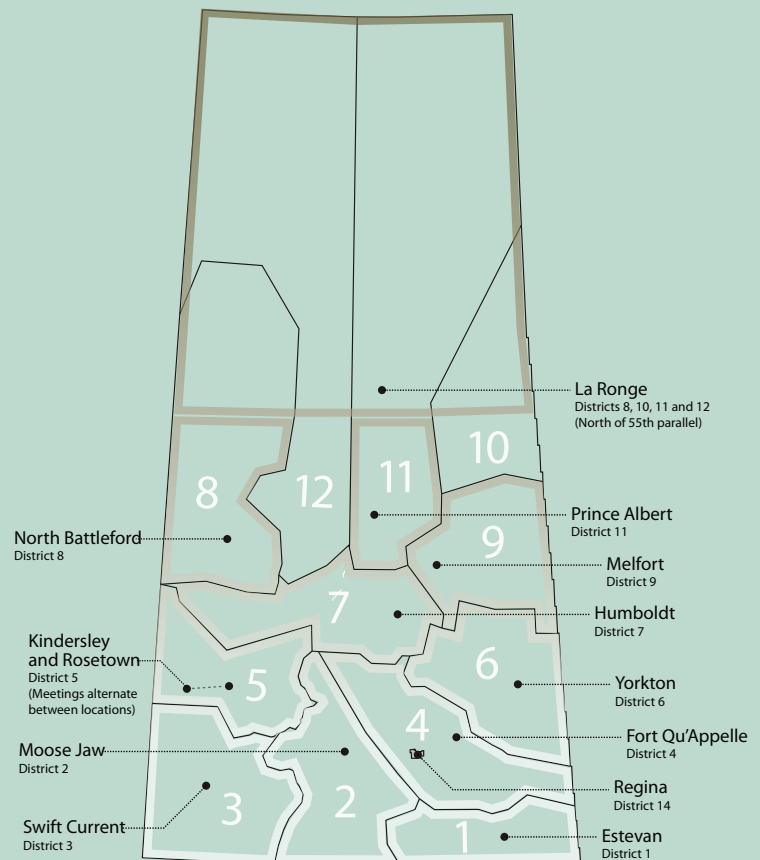
Membership on the advisory councils include representatives from aboriginal groups, alumni, business and industry, chambers of commerce, health regions, school divisions and other educational organizations, municipal governments and community based organizations. Regionally-elected U of S senators chair the council in each Senate district.

RACs provide the opportunity for key decision makers in communities and university personnel to have an open two-way dialogue about the university's overarching priorities. They also provide a forum for communities and the university to identify areas that support mutually-beneficial goals for all involved—such as student recruitment, increased community-based programs and practicum opportunities for rural, remote, and aboriginal students, and fostering economic development by aligning university programs with the needs of industry and community.

In 2008-09, RACs participated in multiple discussions about the university's core activities, including top issues like student experience, enrolment, accountability and community engagement.

Throughout 2009-10, the role RACs play will continue to evolve as they work closely with communities, the Senate Round Table for Outreach and Engagement, and with faculty and alumni in pursuit of common university and community objectives.

For more information on the regional advisory council in your area visit [www.usask.ca/rac](http://www.usask.ca/rac) or contact [communications@usask.ca](mailto:communications@usask.ca).



### SENATE ELECTION RESULTS

From May 11 through June 22, 2009, elections for several University of Saskatchewan Senate seats were conducted. The results are:

- DISTRICT 1** - David Hickie (BA'86, LLB'86), Estevan, SK
- DISTRICT 5** - Barbara Sanderson (BSHEC'74, BEd'76, Cert/BusAdm'93, MEd'04), Rosetown, SK
- DISTRICT 6** - Sandra Fisher (BA'68, CACE'97), Melville, SK
- DISTRICT 8** - Vacant (no nominations were received)
- DISTRICT 10** - Johnny Walker (CIBA'97, BComm'00), Pelican Narrows, SK
- DISTRICT 12** - Harvey Allyn (BSc'72, BEd'73, Sc/Cert'74, MEd'80), Blaine Lake, SK
- DISTRICT 13** - Nancy Poon (BA'85, MA'91), Saskatoon, SK
- DISTRICT 14** - Gordon Blackmore (BSA'82), Regina, SK

### ELECTED MEMBERS AT LARGE

- Kurt Breker (BA'75, BEd'78), Saskatoon, SK
- Judy Buzowetsky (BEd'67, BSHEC'67), Weyburn, SK
- Stefania Fortugno (LLB'87), Saskatoon, SK
- Bill Johnson (BA'90), Saskatoon, SK
- Amelia Lowe (BA'07), Saskatoon, SK

For more information on Senate, its composition, by-laws and membership, visit [http://www.usask.ca/university\\_secretary/senate/index.php](http://www.usask.ca/university_secretary/senate/index.php)

# The Magic is in the Hard Work

by Bev Fast

After five consecutive gold medal performances at the IIHF World Junior Hockey Championships, the pressure is on the team's new head coach Willie Desjardins (BEd'85) to keep Team Canada's winning streak alive.

Willie Desjardins is not afraid of a little pressure. In fact, talk to him for just a few minutes and you get the sense that he actually likes it. "Coaching hockey at an elite level is always exciting, but when it's for your country it's an honour. We're a hockey nation. Canadians have that passion, grit and pride. I don't see coaching at this level as pressure," he says. "I see it as opportunity."

His record backs him up. When Desjardins took over as head coach of the Medicine Hat Tigers in 2002-03, the team had failed to make the playoffs five years in a row. Since Willie's arrival, they have won two WHL championships and missed the playoffs only once.

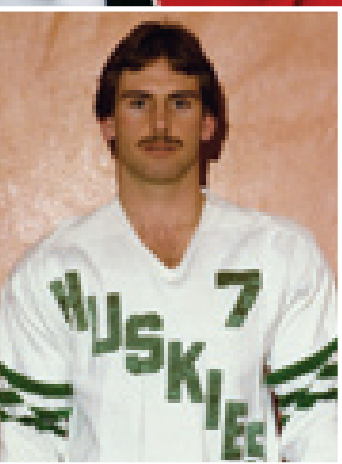
Desjardins' coaching philosophy has evolved over a lifetime of hockey. The 52-year old native of Climax, SK played junior hockey with the Lethbridge Broncos and professional hockey in Japan and Holland. He also played four years with the U of S Huskies, three of them under head coach Dave King (BAPE'71, BEd'72), who went on to coach winning national teams in the IIHF World Junior Hockey Championships, Winter Olympics and IIHF World Hockey Championships.

"My first year with the Huskies, we were three and 21. Then Dave came and laid down the challenge. He showed us that there were no shortcuts to winning. The magic was in the hard work, and we worked hard every day."

Desjardins was one of many players to take his game to the next level. He was a four-time all-star and an all Canadian. He was also part of the winning University Cup team of 1982-83.

"Winning was something we had to learn. I watched Dave change players I didn't think it was possible to change. He got them to buy into a dream, got them to believe they really wanted to win. I could see us changing from a team that didn't win to a team that started to win. It was an amazing program and he was an amazing coach."

*Desjardins directs players at a workout during the development camp held in Saskatoon in August; photo courtesy of Hockey Canada*



1980-81 CIAU  
All-Canadian;  
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Archives, RG 2095



Desjardins looks back on his Huskies career with pride, despite being pushed into it. "I went to school because my dad was big on education. He said you're going and that's it. At first I was more interested in playing hockey than in classes, but I found I really enjoyed the classes. The U of S challenged me in ways that were interesting and motivating."

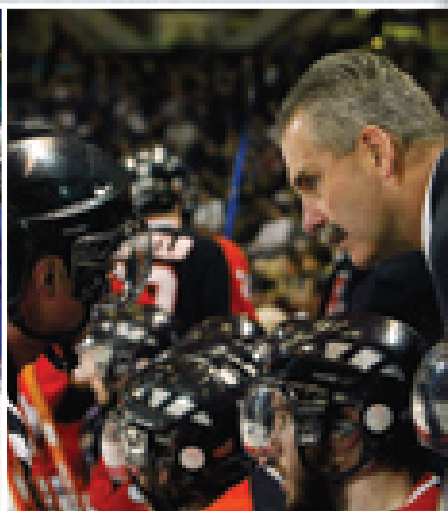
After university, Desjardins continued to play professional hockey for a year, but he felt time and injuries catching up to him. "I knew I could only play for so long," he says. "I also knew I wanted to stay involved in the game. To do that, you have to find different avenues."

Desjardins made the transition to coaching in 1985. He had just earned his Bachelor of Education when he was offered the position of assistant coach with the University of Calgary Dinos. At the age of 28, he embarked on his second career.

Willie was promoted to head coach of the Dinos in 1989. In 1993, he went to Japan to coach the Seibu Bears. He returned to Canada and followed an interim stint as head coach of the Saskatoon Blades with a year as assistant coach of the 1998-99 Canadian National Men's Hockey Team. He has headed the Medicine Hat Tigers for seven years and last year, served as assistant coach under Pat Quinn at the 2009 IIHF World Junior Hockey Championships.



*Desjardins addresses players at a workout during the development camp held in Saskatoon in August; photo courtesy of Hockey Canada*



*The Tigers' bench during the 2007 WHL Finals; photo by CJ Relke*

Desjardins' coaching style has developed over the years, but remains rooted in lessons learned with the Huskies. "The U of S shaped me and taught me what it would take to win. You can't just show up at the rink and expect to win. You have to play to win. And that takes hard work."

This work ethic is one of the things Desjardins and his coaching staff—associate coach Dave Cameron and assistant coaches Andre Tourigny and Steve Spott—will focus on with Team Canada. After spending a week evaluating 44 of Canada's best young players at a summer camp in Saskatoon, Desjardins and his staff have high hopes.

"The kids coming up have so much talent and they train so much harder. We have an opportunity to mold them a little bit, to drive them to excel and discover how to be their best. That's one of the challenges of coaching at this level that I really enjoy.

"This is our opportunity to make our mark, to prove what we can do as a group. Do I want to make it six World Junior Championships in a row? You bet I do."

And you can bet the stands will be full of passionately cheering fans wanting exactly the same thing. Good luck Willie and Team Canada. ■

# Win to CHEER ON Willie

Kick-off the 2010 World Junior Hockey Championships with fellow alumnus and Team Canada coach Willie Desjardins, and watch Canada take on Latvia to open the tournament, December 26, 2009. Enter to win two tickets and show your support as Desjardins leads Team Canada in their quest for their sixth consecutive gold medal.

**To enter, and for contest rules, visit [www.usask.ca/alumni/contests](http://www.usask.ca/alumni/contests)**

To purchase ticket packages, visit [www.ticketmaster.ca](http://www.ticketmaster.ca)



Lyndon Rush (front centre) and his teammates Chris Lebihan, Rob Gray and Lacelles Brown launch their sleigh. photo by Charlie Booker



Kotyk, on the left, climbs aboard Canada 1  
Photo courtesy of Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton

# The High Speed Pursuit of Olympic Gold

by Jeff Drake

## FORMER HUSKIES ON BOBSLEIGH CANADA'S TOP TEAMS

The middle of Saskatchewan may seem like an unlikely place to start a competitive bobsleigh career, but two former U of S Huskies could ride their bobsleighs to the top of the podium at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver.

Football fans will remember Lyndon Rush (BA'04) as a conference all-star defensive end with the Huskies. The Humboldt, SK native knew he wanted to compete at an elite level; he just wasn't sure what sport to pursue. One phone call pointed him in the right direction.

"I came home from class one day and there was a message on the phone inviting me to attend a Bobsleigh Canada recruitment camp. I thought someone was playing a joke on me," laughs Rush.

But the call was real. An initiative had been launched named Own The Podium 2010, and Bobsleigh Canada was scouring the country for elite athletes to invite to their world-class program. A recruiter had called Huskie coach Brian Towriss, and Towriss suggested contacting Rush.

"Football was coming to an end and I was thinking about trying out for the CFL," adds Rush. "My parents had just moved to Sylvan Lake [Alberta] so I thought I'd go up to the bobsleigh tryout camp in Calgary and visit my parents at the same time. I wasn't sure if anything would come of it, but I thought I'd give it a try."

Rush's size and strength were just what Bobsleigh Canada was looking for, and he was invited back. He returned that winter with a pulled hamstring that prevented him from pushing the sleigh. One of the camp evaluators suggested he try driving, and while some people might shy away from the thought of trying to control a 1,300 lb bullet as it careens down an ice-covered track, Rush jumped at the opportunity.

Natural ability soon earned Rush a spot on the Canada 2 team, which means he is the second fastest driver in the country. Canada will send two two-man and two four-man teams to the Olympics, and Rush is confident he will be racing for Olympic gold on home soil.



When asked what it will feel like to pursue the top prize in his sport, he is not sure. “I don’t know; I’ve never been in the Olympics before,” answers Rush. “In every race I’m in I’m chasing after the perfect run. Right now, I’m just treating it like any other race. I’ll go out, do what I do, have fun and try to win.”

Rush isn’t the only former Huskie in pursuit of Olympic gold. Ken Kotyk (associate alumnus\*) excelled in two sports while attending the U of S. Born and raised in Rama, SK, Kotyk has enjoyed sports all his life and played on the Huskies track and field and volleyball teams. When track coach Todd Johnson received a scouting call from Bobsleigh Canada, he immediately suggested Kotyk, knowing that the sprinter’s explosive speed and natural athletic ability was exactly what the national team was looking for. Kotyk excelled so quickly that he was invited to join the team a week after his tryout. Now in his seventh season, Ken is a pusher on Pierre Lueders’ Canada 1, the fastest four-man bobsleigh team in the country.

“I knew that I wanted to stay in competitive sports and compete at a high level,” says Kotyk. “I saw that I could do that with bobsleigh. My goal is to win every race, win as many medals as possible, and this season I want to rectify the finish in the last Olympic Games.”

In the Olympics, the final ranking for bobsleigh is determined by the combined time of each team over four runs. Kotyk’s prior Olympic experience was at the 2006 Torino

Winter Games, where his team placed fourth by 9/100s of a second.

“Competing in Torino was a bit overwhelming at first,” says Kotyk. “We were really excited to be there, and the size of the event is just a lot to take in. Once we got settled, we really focused on our goal—to win a medal. To fall just a bit short was very devastating.”

Kotyk suggests that the Germans and Swiss will be the teams to beat in 2010. He feels that there is a definite home field advantage at the European races, where thousands of screaming fans line the racetracks to cheer on their national heroes. But Kotyk also knows what it is like to compete on Canadian soil, and he is planning to use the crowd to his advantage in Vancouver.

“I’m really looking forward to 2010,” adds Kotyk. “We raced a World Cup event in Whistler last year, and it’s very exciting to be in front of a hometown crowd. In 2010, the fans will give us the extra lift we need. With the crowd behind us, it will give us that chance to win an Olympic medal.”

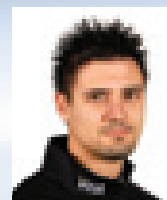
The world bobsleigh season starts in November and the Canadian Olympic teams will be named in January. You can follow Rush’s and Kotyk’s careers at [www.bobsleigh.ca](http://www.bobsleigh.ca). ■

*\* An associate alumnus is a person who has obtained a prerequisite number of credits but has not obtained a U of S degree.*



#### LYNDON RUSH CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2009 – Overall World Cup Standings: 11 (2-man); 15 (4-man)
- 2009 – World Championships, Lake Placid, USA: 12 (4-man)
- 2009 – World Championships, Lake Placid, USA: 7 (2-man)
- 2009 – World Cup, Whistler, CAN: 4 (2-man)
- 2008 – Overall World Cup Standings: 17 (2-man); 24 (4-man)
- 2008 – World Championships, Altenberg, GER: 13 (2-man); 16 (4-man)
- 2007 – World Cup, Park City, USA: 10 (2-man)
- 2007 – World Cup, Park City, USA: 7 (4-man)
- 2007 – World Cup, Cortina, ITA: 11 (4-man)



#### KEN KOTYK CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2006 – Olympic Winter Games, Torino: 4 (4-man)
- 2007 – World Championships, St. Moritz, SUI: 2 (4-man)
- 2007 – World Cup, Königssee, GER: 1 (4-man)
- 2006 – World Cup, St. Moritz, SUI: 2 (4-man)
- 2006 – World Cup, Königssee, GER: 1 (4-man)
- 2006 – Canadian Championships: 1 (4-man)
- 2005 – World Championships, Calgary, CAN: 3 (4-man)
- 2003 – Canadian Championships: 1 (4-man)
- 2003 – World Cup, Cortina, ITA: 2 (4-man)



## Alumni Association President's Message



Greetings! It is my pleasure to introduce myself as the new president of the University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association.

Oh my, another fall is upon us. As I am writing this I am thinking where has the time gone? I am already well into my term as your new president of the University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association. I want to thank Michael Clark, past president, for his leadership and dedication last year, especially in regards to the Alumni Association's Board of Directors' key initiative of formalizing an arrangement between the association and the University of Saskatchewan. Also, I want to thank those members who have completed

their terms on the board; your time and dedication have been valuable contributions in support of the association.

In addition to the returning board members, the board welcomes two new members—Lenora Bells and Judith MacMillan. This year, the board will be focusing on the following key initiatives:

- finalizing our three-year strategic plan
- continuing to work on our volunteer management strategy
- reviewing current programs and services offered to U of S alumni and assess other potential programs and services.

This issue of the *Green & White* takes a glimpse at some alumni who have gained success through sports and athletics. At the annual Honouring our Alumni Gala Dinner, being

held Feb. 4, 2010, the Alumni Association will also celebrate the success of six alumni award recipients. Mark this event on your calendar, and join your fellow alumni as we celebrate the achievements of the award recipients.

I look forward to serving you as your president for the coming year. As a board, we will continue to work toward fulfilling the association's mission of adding value, building community and celebrating success of U of S alumni. I encourage you to get involved in your Alumni Association. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or have any questions about the association, I can be contacted at [alumni.president@usask.ca](mailto:alumni.president@usask.ca).

**Marianne Schneider**, BSN'94, MBA'96

## Alumni Services & Benefits

Alumni membership is automatic when you graduate from the University of Saskatchewan. Get your free alumni card to access several campus services. Call (306) 966-5186 or email [alumni.office@usask.ca](mailto:alumni.office@usask.ca) for more information.

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Get your free one-day trial membership to experience what the Faculty Club has to offer—a perfect location for your business lunch, professional function, or to unwind after a busy day.

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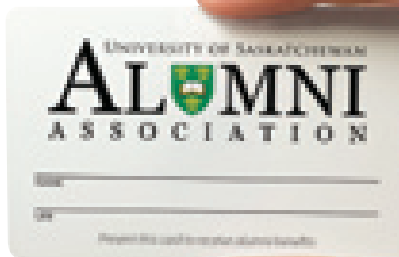
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### AND MORE...

Your free alumni card also gives you access to ballroom dancing, the Language Centre, U of S libraries, discounted classified advertising in *The Sheaf*, and more. Get your card today.



## Cruise the Passage of Peter the Great

In the fall of 2008, Chancellor Vera Pezer and 18 other U of S alumni and friends embarked on a 13-day adventure aboard the river cruise ship *M/S Repin* to trace the history of one of Russia's most famous leaders, Peter the Great.

The journey snaked through lakes, rivers and canals, including stops in popular spots like St. Petersburg and Moscow—as well as off-the-beaten-path places like Goritsy and Yaroslavl—to experience palaces, churches, music and culture at historical destinations such as the Hermitage, the Kremlin, Red Square and the Bolshoi Ballet. “I was struck by how the people value history,” says Pezer. “All the tour guides were well-trained, informed, patient, and humorous.”

*U of S alumni in Moscow's Red Square  
Photo courtesy of Chancellor Vera Pezer*



Being with a group also enhanced the experience. “We felt bonded because of our mutual connection with the U of S. We all reminisced a lot about our experiences at university. A tour like ours was an excellent way to experience the country; an individual or small group would be lost.

“We always felt like we were well taken care of. The boat was a three-level river cruiser, and I was impressed with the quality of the staff. I would go on the tour again in a minute if I had the opportunity.”

For more information on the U of S alumni travel program, including the next Chancellor's Tour to Europe for Canada's Great War Tour in 2011, visit [www.usask.ca/alumni/travel](http://www.usask.ca/alumni/travel).



*U of S Alumni Association 2009-10 Board of Directors,  
Top (l-r): Lenora Bells, John Shanks, Pauline Melis, Jason Aebig, Iain MacLean;  
Bottom (l-r): Melana Soroka, Judy MacMillan, Michael Clark,  
Bryan Harvey, Sharon Laflamme, Marianne Schneider.  
Missing from photo are Caroline Cottrell and Peter MacKinnon*

## New Board Elected

On June 4, the University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association held its Annual General Meeting in Convocation Hall. Reports of the past year's business were heard, and the Board of Directors for 2009-10 was elected. Following the meeting, attendees mingled while enjoying hors d'oeuvres and the smooth sounds of U of S Jazz Combo.

**PRESIDENT**  
Marianne Schneider,  
BSN'94, MBA'96

**PAST PRESIDENT**  
Michael Clark,  
BComm'95, LLB'96

**PRESIDENT-ELECT**  
Dr. Bryan L. Harvey,  
BSA'60, MSc'61

**VICE-PRESIDENT**  
Jason A. Aebig, BA'99

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Lenora, Bells,  
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Sharon Laflamme,  
BEd'91, PGD'01

Pauline Melis, BA'77, MA'82  
R. Iain MacLean,  
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John A. Shanks, BComm'70

**NON-ELECTED MEMBERS  
Ex-officio and  
Executive Director**  
Melana Soroka, BA'84

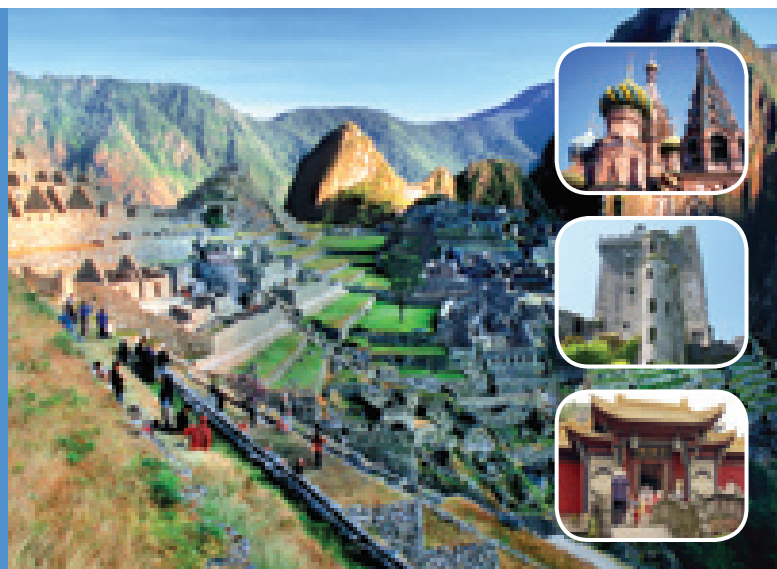
**Ex-officio**  
President Peter MacKinnon,  
LLM'76

**Ex-officio**  
Caroline Cottrell  
(BEd'73, BA'81, MA'89),  
USSU General Manager

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Toronto branch members watch the Riders defeat the Argos

## At the Branches

The Toronto branch of the University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association held its annual Saskatchewan Roughriders vs. Toronto Argonauts event on July 11. Ninety alumni and friends attended this year's event in Windows Restaurant at Rogers Centre where they enjoyed good food and an exciting football game. The Riders defeated the Argos 46-36.

The University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association's Saskatoon branch enjoyed the theatrical production of Antony & Cleopatra at Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan on July 26. Some of the group were treated to a five-course meal and entertainment at the festival's medieval feast prior to the play.

Other branch activities included attendance at a Blue Jays game in Toronto on Sept. 25 and a football game featuring the Saskatchewan Roughriders vs. the BC Lions in Vancouver on Oct 2.

Canada Day celebrations were held in London, UK and Lake Oswego, Oregon, and all-Canadian alumni events were hosted in Minneapolis, New York, Chicago, Seattle, Shanghai and Hong Kong in the past several months.

On Sept. 9, Chancellor Vera Pezer (BA'62, MA'64, PhD'77) attended the inaugural Regional Advisory Council (RAC) meeting in Fort Qu'Appelle for Senate District 4, chaired by Senator Emily Cherneski (BA'78, Arts'83, MA'91). Pezer also hosted a reception in Fort Qu'Appelle for the area's alumni and friends and RAC members.

## Homecoming



Alumni and friends reception at Homecoming 2009. Photo by Liam Richards

A record regular season crowd of over 6,000 fans watched the Huskies defeat the University of Calgary Dinos 34-33 in overtime at the Alumni and Friends Homecoming football game on Sept. 4.

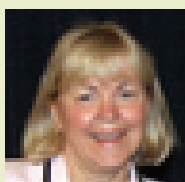
Pre-game fireworks, music and cheerleaders enlivened the crowd. The game began with the ceremonial coin toss with President Peter MacKinnon, Marianne Schneider, president of the U of S Alumni Association, and Warren Kirkland, USSU president.

Game-time festivities included prizes, giveaways, the annual toga run and the second annual half-time college challenge, which saw the team from the College of Agriculture and Bioresources defeat teams from St. Thomas More College and the College of Engineering.

The Dawgs of '59—the first football team to take the field after WWII—celebrated their 50-year reunion throughout the weekend.

For all Huskie news and information, visit [www.huskies.usask.ca](http://www.huskies.usask.ca).

## New Board of Governors Appointment



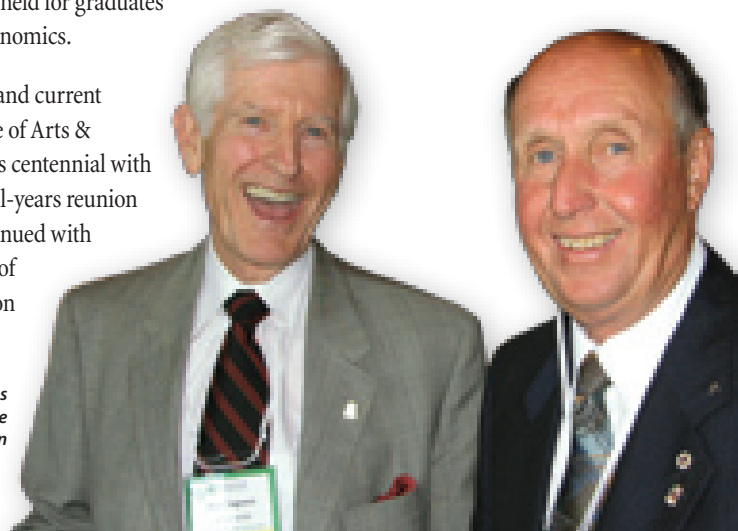
Grit McCreath (BE'd'91) has been appointed to a three-year term as the university's Senate representative to the U of S Board of Governors.

McCreath has worked as a teacher, teacher-librarian and administrator for over 30 years in Saskatchewan, Alberta and Ontario. Her work as an educator and in the not-for-profit sector has been widely recognized; she has been named one of Calgary's Women of Distinction and has received the Conference Board of Canada Royal Bank Partners in Education Award.

## Reunion

More than 200 alumni were welcomed back to campus June 19 and 20 for the annual Honoured Years Reunion. Colleges were represented by graduates from 1969, 1964, 1959, 1954, and 1949 and earlier. An all-years reunion was also held for graduates from the College of Home Economics.

Graduates along with former and current faculty and staff of the College of Arts & Science celebrated the college's centennial with a full slate of activities at an all-years reunion June 19-21. Celebrations continued with Arts and Science 100 Alumni of Influence awards gala luncheon on Oct. 2.



Paul Gagnon, (BE'59) and Gus Sander (BE'59, BE'61) at the Honoured Years Reunion

## Upcoming Events:

### PRESIDENT'S PROVINCIAL TOUR

**November 23, 2009** Lloydminster, SK  
**March 24, 2010** Prince Albert, SK  
**December 10, 2009** Melfort, SK  
**April 20, 2010** Swift Current, SK

### SASKATOON BRANCH FOOTBALL EVENT

**October 23, 2009**  
 Griffiths Stadium at PotashCorp Park  
 Pre-Game Event 5:30 p.m., Kick-Off at 7 p.m.

### HUSKIE CLUBS

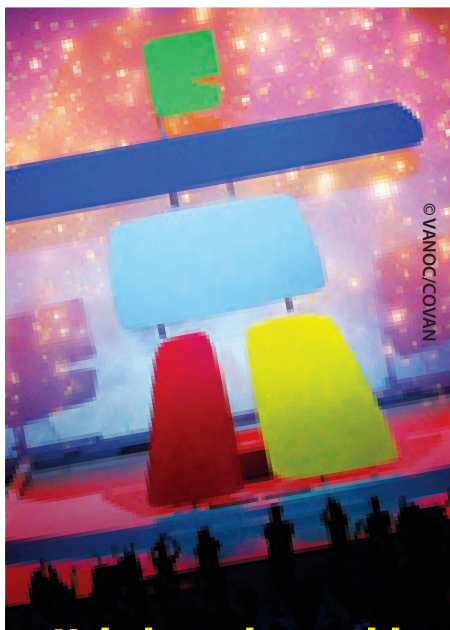
**January 16, 2010** – Saskatoon, SK  
 Men's & Women's Volleyball,  
 U of S vs. U of W (Winnipeg)  
 Reception TBD  
 Game Times: women 6 p.m., men 8 p.m.

**January 31, 2010** – Regina, SK  
 Women's Hockey, U of S vs. U of R  
 Reception TBD; Game Time 7 p.m.

### HONOURING OUR ALUMNI AWARDS GALA

**February 4, 2010**  
 Saskatoon, SK, TCU Place

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**Josh** is a Civil Engineer, MBA graduate, sessional lecturer and a sports enthusiast who enjoys travelling with his wife. He also graduated from the Leadership Development Program through Business & Leadership Programs and was recently promoted to Executive Director, Major Projects with Saskatchewan Highways and Infrastructure. Congratulations Josh—on all your successes!

### Josh Safronetz

1999: BSc in Engineering (University of Saskatchewan)  
 2003: MSc (University of Saskatchewan)  
 2008: MBA (University of Saskatchewan)

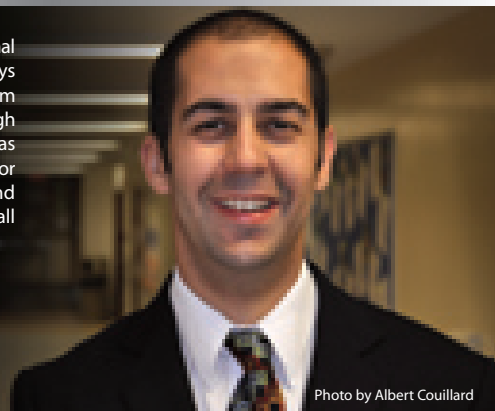


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 • Eco-Education Tours • Horticulture • Indigenous Peoples

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• Saskatoon Seniors for Continued Learning (SSCL) and various programs of interest to boomers and seniors

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- Online Offering of Special Education Certificate (SPEC)

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## The Samuel and Ethel Brown Memorial Fund for Chemistry

**N**uclear waste sequestration, semiconductor devices, and power generation are all areas that will benefit from the Samuel and Ethel Brown Memorial Fund for Chemistry. **Assistant Professor Andrew Grosvenor**, a recent beneficiary of support from this fund, is a solid-state chemist who joined the Department of Chemistry in July 2009. \$10,000 from the fund will be used to promote his cutting-edge research, which examines the structure, bonding and surface reactivity of transition-metal and rare-earth oxides and silicates.



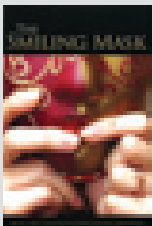
**Seeking Balance: Conversations with BC Women in Politics**

(Caitlin Press, 2008) by Anne Edwards (BA'55, MA'58)  
Over 80 women reveal their ambitions and reactions to serving in provincial or federal politics. These women, of various ages and political persuasions, share attitudes and insights into the lively world of BC politics.



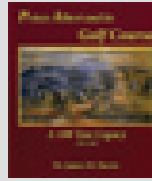
**Criminal Investigative Failures**

(CRC Press, Taylor & Francis Group, 2009) by Kim Rossmo (BA'78)  
A 21-year police veteran and university researcher comprehensively defines and discusses the causes and problems most common to failed criminal investigations. More importantly, the book outlines realistic strategies to prevent future failures of justice and to find the truth.



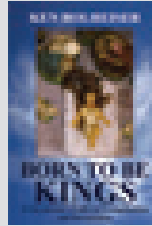
**The Smiling Mask: Truths About Postpartum Depression and Parenthood**

(Purpose to Prosperity Publishing, 2008) by Tania Bird (BComm'96) Carla O'Reilly, Elita Paterson and Peggy Collins  
Personal stories are compiled to increase awareness, acceptance and assistance for those suffering with postpartum illnesses. The goal of the book is to shed light on the realities that many mothers and families face when their lives are affected with postpartum disorders.



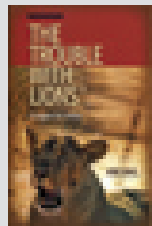
**Prince Albert and its Golf Course: A 100 Year Legacy**

(Dr. James M. Harris, 2009) by Dr. James M. Harris (BA'73, MD'80)  
With the book's historical narrative and rich images, readers discover the story of the City of Prince Albert itself as it weaves its way through the story of the golf course.



**Born To Be Kings: A Lay person's Guide to Evangelization and Stewardship**

(Ken Rolheisser, 2009) by Ken Rolheiser (BE'68, BA'72)  
At a time when many are losing their faith, *Born To Be Kings* explores the role individuals and the church play in evangelization and stewardship, challenging readers to give witness and be instruments of love and peace.



**The Trouble With Lions: A Glasgow Vet in Africa**

(The University of Alberta Press, 2008) by Dr. Jerry Haigh (BSc'82)  
This fascinating collection of stories about working with wild animals in Africa features Haigh, his wife Jo and a colourful cast of veterinarians, guides and wardens as they scour Africa's sprawling vistas "troubleshooting" an array of indigenous mammals.

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**1932**

**Mrs. Marian Wright; BA'32,**

of Toronto, ON, celebrated her 100th birthday on

May 25, 2009. In the 1932 Greystone, Wright is described as, "Versatile, bright, capable [...] excellent executive ability in her numerous offices. Efficiency in Economics, real talent in tennis and fancy skating besides. She indulges extramurally in Entomology."

**1944**

**Mr. Clayton C. Purdy, BE'44,** of St. George, UT, USA, and his wife celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May 28, 2009.

**1959**

**Dr. Roma Franko, BA'59, BEd'61, MA'71,** of Toronto, ON, was named the inaugural recipient of the George S.N. Luckyj Ukrainian Translation Prize by the Canadian Foundation of Ukrainian Studies. His late sister, Sonia Morris, assisted Dr. Franko as editor and provided valuable input to make this project a success.

**1960**

**The Hon. Roy Romanow, BA'60, LLB'64, LLD'07,** of Saskatoon, SK, received Honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from the University of Western Ontario and York University.

**1961**

**Ms. Byrna Barclay, BA'61,** of Regina, SK, was appointed as chairperson for the Saskatchewan Arts Board.

**Mr. Robert Currie, BSP'61, BA'64, Dip/Ed'66, BEd'66,** of Moose Jaw, SK, has been appointed to a second term as Saskatchewan's Poet Laureate, running until December 31, 2010. His latest book of poems, *Witness*, was published in May 2009.

**1964**

**Ms. Sharon Fyke, BEd'64, PGD'90, BA'93,** of Saskatoon, SK, received the 2009 Women of Distinction, Lifetime Achievement Award from the Saskatoon YWCA.

**Dr. Brian Fowler, BSA'64, MSc'65, PhD'70,** of Saskatoon, SK, received the Saskatchewan Soil Conservation Association's Award of Merit in recognition of his work on winter wheat for Saskatchewan and his role in the development of direct seeding systems.

**Mr. Jon Gillies, BE'64, MSc'68,** of Regina, SK, received the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan (APEGS) Brian Eckel Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his contributions as both a senior researcher and educator in the areas of hydrology, irrigation and water resource management.

**Chancellor Emeritus William Thomas Molloy, BA'64, LLB'64, LLD'09,** of Saskatoon, SK, received his Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Saskatchewan.

**Mr. Edward Schultz, BSA'64,** of Sherwood Park, AB, was inducted into the Alberta Agriculture Hall of Fame in 2008.

**1965**

**Mr. Victor Cicansky, BEd'65, BA'67,** of Regina, SK, became a Member of the Order of Canada, as appointed by the Governor General of Canada.

**Dr. Ross Petty, MD'65, PhD'78,** of Vancouver, BC, was appointed as a Member of The Order of Canada, as appointed by the Governor General of Canada.

**1967**

**Ms. Lorna Zatlly, BEd'67, BA'70,** of Prince Albert, SK, was appointed as a member of the Saskatchewan Arts Board.

**1969**

**Dr. George Sofko, PhD'69,** of Saskatoon, SK, received the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan (APEGS) Outstanding Achievement Award for his technical excellence and achievements in engineering.

**Mr. Ronald Waschuk, BSP'69,** of Waskesiu Lake, SK, was appointed as vice-chair of the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency.

**1970**

**Ms. Joan Borsa, BA'70,** of Saskatoon, SK, received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2008 Lieutenant Governor's Arts Awards.

**1971**

**Ms. Alison Renny, BA'71, BComm'82, MBA'91,** of Saskatoon, SK, has been appointed as associate dean, undergraduate programs in the Edwards School of Business for a five-year term.

**1972**

**Mr. Claude Lang, BA'72,** of Saskatoon, SK, received the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union Doug Favell Staff Spirit Award for 2009.

**Mr. Harley Olson, BSA'72, MSc'74,** of Regina, SK, was appointed as Associate Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs within Executive Council for the Government of Saskatchewan.

**Dr. Toby Helen Rose, BSc'72, MD'77,** of Toronto, ON, has been named the medical director for the Provincial Forensic Pathology Unit in the Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario.

**1973**

**Ms. Patricia Katz, BSHEC'73,** of Saskatoon, SK, received the 2009 Women Entrepreneurs of Saskatchewan Member of the Year award in the existing business category.

**1976**

**Ms. Deborah Black, BFA'76,** of Saskatoon, SK, received the Women of Distinction, Science, Technology and Research Award from the Saskatoon YWCA.

**Mr. David Folk, BA'76,** of Saskatoon, SK, along with Eugene Hritzuk's senior men's curling team, received the Sask Sport Award for Team of The Year.

**Mr. Sylvan Isman, BA'76, MBA'78,** of Regina, SK, was appointed as Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs for the Government of Saskatchewan.

**Mr. Dwain Lingenfelter, BA'76,** of Regina, SK, was elected as leader of the Saskatchewan New Democratic Party.



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**1976**

**Dr. Anne Doig, MD'76,**

of Saskatoon, SK, was elected as president of the Canadian Medical Association. Dr. Doig has been a family physician for over 30 years and is a clinical associate professor at the U of S Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences. Dr. Doig has received the award for Clinical Teacher of the Year in Family Medicine from Saskatoon City Hospital and the Excellence in Teaching Award from the Association of Professors of Obstetrics and Gynecology. After being inducted as president in Convocation Hall on August 19, Dr. Doig jetted to PEI to officiate swimming—a sport in which she has been an active volunteer for years—at the Canada Summer Games.

**1977**

**Ms. Catherine J. Manning, BA'77, LLB'81, BFA'04, BA'05,** of Kingston, ON, has graduated with her MA in Art History from Queen's University in June 2009. During her studies, she won a SSHRC (masters) and the R.S. McLaughlin Fellowship scholarships. Manning presented papers at Queen's University, University of Toronto, Dalhousie University, Brock University and Yale University. She is presently a PhD candidate in Art History at Queen's, studying art of the 17th century Dutch Baroque.

**1978**

**Ms. Susan M. Clark, BA'78** of Basel, Switzerland, exhibited her silk paintings and soft furnishings on June 8-27, 2009 at Elfdausigjumperestube, Basel. She and her husband, David P. Hughes (LLB'84, BA'88) reside in Basel, Switzerland.

**1979**

**Ms. Clare Isman, BComm'79,** of Regina, SK, was appointed as Deputy Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour for the Government of Saskatchewan.

**1980**

**Ms. Isobel M. Findlay, MA'80,** of Saskatoon, SK, accepted a three-year appointment to the Sectoral Commission on Culture, Communications

and Information of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO. She also published her new book *Business Communication Now, Canadian Edition* in March 2009.

### 1981

**Ms. Elizabeth Jean Campbell**, BA'81 of Paris, France, has completed a Master in International Affairs – International Security at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris.

### 1982

**Mr. Lyndon Carlson**, BSA'82, of Regina, SK, was appointed as president of the Canadian 4-H Foundation.

**Mr. Ralph Ibanez**, BEd'82, of Saskatoon, SK, was the recipient of the Sask Sport Award for Master Athlete of the Year.

**Ms. Katherine Mae Zoerb**, BEd'82, completed her Masters in Education from Plymouth State University and is currently living in Shanghai, China.

### 1983

**The Hon. Judge Marylynn Beaton**, BA'83, LLB'86, of Regina, SK, was appointed as a Provincial Court Judge for Saskatchewan.

**Mr. Ajay Krishan**, BComm'83, LLB'84, of Saskatoon, SK, received the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal.

**Dr. A. Gary Linassi**, BSc'83, of Saskatoon, SK, was appointed as assistant dean of undergraduate medical education in the College of Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan for a five-year term.

### 1984

**Major Kenneth Bridges**, BA'84, BEd'89, previously of Yellowknife, NWT, has been living and working in Yellowknife for the past 5 years as the operations and plans officer with Joint Task Force (North) has been assigned to the NATO Combined Air Operations Centre in Uedem, Germany.

### 1986

**Mr. Robin Bellamy**, BEd'86, of Saskatoon, SK, received the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal.

**Mrs. Verna Bridges**, BEd'86, of Yellowknife, NWT, will be moving with her husband, Ken, and their three children to Krefled, Germany. Verna has been employed by the Yellowknife School Division #1 for the past four years where she implemented a public Montessori kindergarten program in the NJ MacPherson School.

**Dr. Brooke Dobni**, BComm'86, MBA'88, was appointed as acting dean for the Edwards School of Business at the University of Saskatchewan.

### 1987

**Dr. Digvir Jayas**, PhD'87, of Winnipeg, MB, was appointed as vice-president (research) at the University of Manitoba.

### 1988

**Mr. Andrew Buzinsky**, BE'88, of Sherwood Park, AB, graduated from Queen's University with a Masters in Business Administration in May, 2009.

### 1991

**Dr. Maxine Thevenot**, BMusEd'91, of Albuquerque, NM, USA, has recently released two organ and two choral recordings on the Raven CD label. Dr. Thevenot performed the final concert of the Annual Festival of New Organ Music at

Westminster Abbey, London, England, as part of the centenary celebrations of the Royal Canadian College of Organists on August 2, 2009. Performances are planned for Regina, SK, Lake Lenore, SK (a fundraising concert for the 1927 pipe organ), Quebec City, QC and Ottawa, ON.

### 1992

**Mr. Brian Bjorndal**, SC'92, BSc'92, MSc'94, of Saskatoon, SK, has been named director of workplace safety and environment protection at the University of Saskatchewan.

**Ms. Parkash Virdi**, Cert/BusAdm'92, CPHTL'97, of Saskatoon, SK, received the 2009 President's Service Award from the University of Saskatchewan.

### 1993

**Ms. Colleen Christensen**, BSc'93, PhD'99, of Saskatoon, SK, accepted the position of assistant director in the Feeds Innovation Institute and was appointed as vice-chair of the Saskatoon Regional Health Authority.

**Mr. Daniel Farthing**, BSPE'93, of Regina, SK, was inducted into the Saskatchewan Roughrider's Plaza of Honour in 2009.

### 1994

**Mr. Darren Crilly**, BSA'94, of Saskatoon, SK, has been appointed manager of grounds with Facilities Management Division at the University of Saskatchewan.

### 1995

**Mr. Derek Jorgenson**, BSP'95, of Saskatoon, SK, received the 2009 Commitment to Care and Service Award for Collaborative Team Initiatives for his work with Student Wellness Initiative Toward Community Health (SWITCH).

**Mr. Greg Saretzky**, BE'95, MSc'98, of Saskatoon, SK, received the 2009 Sylvia Wallace Sessional Lecturer Award at the University of Saskatchewan.

**Dr. Susan Shaw**, MD'95, of Saskatoon, SK, received the Women of Distinction Award for Health and Wellness from the Saskatoon YWCA.

### 1997

**Mr. Lee Whittington**, MBA'97, of Saskatoon, SK, was appointed as president and chief operating officer for the Prairie Swine Centre in Saskatoon, SK

**Ms. Lisa White**, BE'97, MSc'06, of Saskatoon, SK, received the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan (APEGS) Promising Member Award in recognition of her achievements in the early stages of her career.

### 2000

**Ms. Joy Agnew**, BE'00, of Saskatoon, SK, received the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union Teaching Excellence Award for 2009.

### 2002

**Mr. John Cornwell**, BComm'02, of Saskatoon, SK, is now associate university auditor for the University of Saskatchewan. He has also attained The Institute of Internal Auditors' Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) designation, which is the only globally accepted designation for internal auditors.

**Dr. Derek Rajakumar**, BSc'02, MD'07, of Saskatoon, SK, received the Best Case Report Award (Biology and Medicine) at BioMed Central's Third Annual Research Awards.

**Mr. Richard Medernach**, BSA'02, of Saskatoon, SK, received the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union Academic Advising Award for 2009

### 2003

**Mr. Devin Ens**, BA'03, ARTS'03, of Saskatoon, SK, was appointed as the vice-president academic and awards for the Graduate Students' Association at the University of Saskatchewan for 2009.

**Mr. Kelly McShane**, BComm'03, MPAcc'05, of Saskatoon, SK, was appointed as chief financial officer and corporate secretary for Titan Uranium Inc.

**Dr. Thomas Yu**, DMD'03, of Calgary, AB, won the Bosendorfer International Piano Competition for Amateurs, held in Vienna May 11-15, 2009.

### 2004

**The Honourable J.E. Harrison M.L.A.**, LLB'04, of Meadow Lake, SK, was appointed as Minister of Municipal Affairs for the Government of Saskatchewan.

### 2005

**Mr. Jeff Prosko**, Dip/Ag'05, of Rose Valley, SK, was appointed as a member of the Agriculture Youth Advisory Committee of Saskatchewan.

### 2006

**Ms. Laura Beddome**, BA'06, of Saskatoon, SK, received the Women of Distinction, Youth Award from the Saskatoon YWCA.

### 2007

**Mr. Nicholas Fraser**, BA'07, of Saskatoon, SK, was appointed as the president of the Graduate Students' Association at the University of Saskatchewan for 2009.

**Mr. Jared Pashovitz**, BA'07, of Saskatoon, SK, was appointed as the vice-president external for the Graduate Students' Association at the University of Saskatchewan for 2009.

**Mr. Derek Tallon**, Dip/Ag'07, BSA'09 of Lafleche, SK, was appointed as a member of the Agriculture Youth Advisory Committee of Saskatchewan.

### 2008

**Mr. Mark Boots**, BE'08, BSc'08, of Saskatoon, SK, received the Saskatoon Engineers Without Borders Volunteer of the Year award.

**Ms. Sarah Ivany**, BComm'08, of Saskatoon, SK, has joined University Advancement, Communications as communications coordinator for the University of Saskatchewan.

**Mr. Clayton Ruszkowski**, BE'08, of Saskatoon, SK, has joined the Industry Liaison Office as a transfer technology officer for the University of Saskatchewan.

### 2009

**Professor Emeritus William Ingledew**, DSc'09, of Parksville, BC, received a Doctor of Science from the University of Saskatchewan. He was also senior editor of *The Alcohol Textbook, 5th Edition*—the seminal textbook for the fuel alcohol industry.

# ALUMNI AWARDS



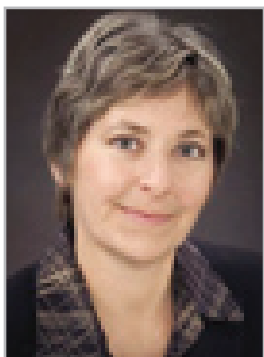
## ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

**Malcolm Wilson** (MSc'77, PhD'81)—the director, Office of Energy and Development at the University of Regina—is a leader in climate change research. As a member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Wilson was a co-recipient of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize, awarded jointly to Al Gore.

One of *Saskatchewan Business*

*Magazine's* 10 most influential men, Wilson helped establish, and is director of, the International Test Centre for CO2 Capture (ITC). He has been integral in establishing several other national and international climate change research and carbon capture projects.

Wilson frequently visits community groups and local classrooms. He co-launched a program for senior climate change students and inspired Springboard West Innovations, which helps entrepreneurs make their innovations viable in the marketplace.



## SERVICE AWARD

**Susan Milburn** (BComm'78, MBA'80), vice-president of Raymond James Ltd. in Saskatoon, served as president of the U of S Alumni Association in 2002-03, where she helped encourage her fellow board members to strengthen the association's relationship with the university.

Since then, Milburn has continued to serve the university by volunteering

for the successful Thinking the World of Our Future campaign, being an elected member of Senate and sitting on the University of Saskatchewan's Board of Governors, where she chairs the Audit Committee.

Outside the U of S, Milburn serves or has served on many boards, including the Saskatoon Foundation, Credit Union Center and several provincial crown corporations.



## HUMANITARIAN AWARD

**Lorne Gelowitz** (BA'83) became involved with youth as a young coach of minor league sports. His involvement in the lives of others has continually progressed toward his goal—inspire others to take that first step towards making a difference in someone else's life.

Gelowitz is a Staff Sergeant with the Saskatoon Police Service and director

of the Saskatchewan Law Enforcement Guardians, dedicating his free time—and even vacation time—to work for the benefit of those in need.

His devotion to the community has earned him the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award, the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal, Saskatoon Volunteer of the Year Award, the Special Olympics International Achievement Award and more.



## MENTORSHIP AWARD

**Betty-Ann Heggie** (BEd'75) never formally used her education degree in the classroom, but uses it constantly to bring out the best in those around her.

During her long and successful career with Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan (PCS)—where she was senior vice-president of corporate relations—Heggie earned a reputation for mentoring those around her, always

finding time to accommodate her “students” that sought her advice, leadership and direction with wisdom, understanding, and skillful and humorous storytelling.

Having reinvented herself as The Stiletto Chick, Heggie now travels the world as a keynote speaker, mentor and motivational speaker.

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Join us as we celebrate our award winning alumni at the Honouring our Alumni Gala

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## YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

**Dr. Alika LaFontaine** (MD'06) earned his Bachelor of Science from the University of Regina at age 19 and his Medical Degree from the University of Saskatchewan, where he is currently training in the field of anesthesiology, at age 24.

Among his accolades, LaFontaine is the youngest recipient of the National Aboriginal Achievement Award and was named Canada's Next Great Prime Minister after winning the CBC's competition in 2008.

LaFontaine's resident research is focusing on retention of resident trainees in Saskatchewan—examining the issue in more depth than has ever been done in the past.



## ABORIGINAL AWARD

**Cort Dogniez** (BEd'79, PGD'92) has served Saskatoon Public Schools for over 30 years as a teacher, administrator, and coordinator of First Nations, Inuit and Métis education.

Dogniez's advocacy has helped integrate aboriginal culture into school curriculum and introduce Cree language programs in several schools. His efforts have helped move aboriginal education beyond an awareness level to a level of cultural responsiveness.

In 2008, Dogniez was humbled with the honour of receiving his spirit name—Wanjbli Mato (Eagle Bear)—for his commitment and service to First Nations and Métis communities in Saskatoon.

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**The Alumni Association has noted, with sorrow, the passing of the following faculty and friends:**

**CORRECTION:** In the Spring 2009 issue we did not properly recognize Stella Mildred Dyck (Dip/Nurs'61, MCEd'72) as a Professor Emerita. The notice should have read:

**(1961) Professor Emerita Stella Mildred Dyck**, Dip/Nurs'61, MCEd'72, of Saskatoon, SK, d. May 25, 2008.

**The Alumni Association has noted, with sorrow, the passing of the following graduates:**

**(1933) STAPLE, Dr. William James**, BSc'33, MSc'36, of Ottawa, ON, d. May 8, 2009.

**(1935) WHEATON, Eileen Mary**, BA'35, of Saskatoon, SK, d. November 8, 2008.

**(1941) MCKINNON, Alexander Allister**, BE'41, of Regina, SK, d. December 27, 2008.

**(1948) WALLBRIDGE SYMINGTON, Sheila Eleanor**, BA'48, of Almonte, ON, d. October 31, 2008

**(1949) BEYNON, George Alexander**, BE'49, of Oyen, AB, d. December 26, 2008.

**(1949) FORSYTH, Donald George**, BE'49, of Craik, SK, d. January 9, 2009.

**(1949) WALLS, Alan Arthur**, BSA'49, of Winnipeg, MB, d. February 2, 2008.

**(1951) SMITH, Yvonne Harriet**, BSP'51, of Prince Albert, SK, d. April 6, 2009.

**(1955) CHURCH, Gordon Cameron**, BA'55, MA'60, of Regina, SK, d. April 7, 2009.

**(1955) ECKEL, Albert Philip**, BEd'55, BA'58, of Regina, SK, d. July 12, 2009.

**(1956) SERNE, William James**, BE'56, LLB'63, of Saskatoon, SK, d. October 6, 2008.

**(1956) TOOP, James Harold**, BA'56, MA'60, of Windsor, ON, d. January 2, 2009.

**(1959) REINEKE, Sister Fidelis**, BA'59, of Humboldt, SK, d. February 20, 2008.

**(1959) UNROE, Denis Roland**, BE'59, of Orlando, FL, USA, d. July 5, 2008.

**(1969) KUNKEL, Audrey Jeanne**, BEd'69, BA'71, of Saskatoon, SK, d. April 2, 2009.

**(1979) YEO, Douglas**, BA'73, of St. Paul, AB, d. April 1, 2009.

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# Q&A

with Shannon Miller

*Shannon Miller (BSPE'85) has been referred to as the “most successful coach in women’s hockey”—and for good reason. Miller coached Team Canada for seven years, leading the national team to an Olympic silver medal in 1998 and multiple gold medal finishes at various international competitions. In her 10 seasons coaching at the University of Minnesota Duluth, Miller reached the 250 win mark faster than any coach in NCAA history and led the Bulldogs to four NCAA championships.*

*Chelsea Purcell, captain of the Huskie women’s hockey team, had the opportunity to speak with her fellow Huskie on behalf of the Green & White.*

**G&W** What were some challenges you faced being a female in, what was for a long time, pretty much a “male sport”?

**SM** The biggest challenge is that there are so many people that just don’t believe you can do anything because you’re a woman. Those people are almost in your way. My philosophy is, when you encounter those people that don’t believe in you, gently push them aside and say, “Please get out of the way while I accomplish this.”

**G&W** How was your transition to the University of Saskatchewan and playing for the Huskies?

**SM** I was very excited to go to the U of S. I was on the volleyball team, and I was walking down the hallway one day when I saw a poster saying there was going to be tryouts for a women’s hockey team. I was so excited I had my mom send my equipment on the bus. I stopped playing volleyball and started playing hockey. My years of hockey helped make my university years the best they could be. The transition was exciting because I had a team.

**G&W** Where did the team get funding during its early years?

**SM** They gave us ice and that was it. Dave King was the men’s coach, and he gave us their old jerseys, water bottles and pucks; then we basically fundraised.

**G&W** What led you to coaching?

**SM** Well, when I was at the U of S I knew for a fact I didn’t want to be a phys. ed. teacher; I wanted to coach. I was a volunteer coach in Calgary. Two other women and I started the first ever female minor hockey team. We took kids from 12 to 16 years old and played in the Calgary minor hockey league, which was a boy’s league. A few years later I coached a junior women’s hockey team, then Team Alberta at the 1991 Canada Games. I volunteered as the assistant coach for Team Canada from ‘91 to ‘94 and became the head coach from ‘95 to ‘98.

**G&W** How did you end up coaching in Minnesota?

**SM** After the ‘98 Olympics I got a phone call from someone telling me that the UMD was going to start a hockey team, and they were very interested in me being the coach. So I looked into it and the rest is history. I started the program from scratch and had to hire everyone.

**G&W** Words like “pioneer” and “most successful coach in women’s hockey” have been used to describe you. How does that make you feel?

**SM** You know, it makes me feel proud! It makes me feel proud that I was there from the beginning. I’m very proud of the success I have had and the people around me have had. Sharing my knowledge and success to help coaches that are coming after me is equally important as what I’m doing now.

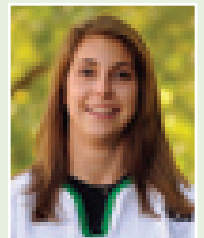
**G&W** What stands out as the highlight of your career so far?

**SM** One would be the very first games as an all girls team in the Calgary minor hockey league. Another one would be the 1997 world championships in Kitchener, ON. It was leading into the Olympic year, and my grandparents from both sides, my mom and my sister were there. Also, our 2003 NCAA championship because it was our third in a row, and it was at UMD.

**G&W** Any advice or words of wisdom for athletes or aspiring coaches?

**SM** Always believe in yourself, create your own strong vision, work your butt off, and the people that do not believe in you, make sure you move them out of the way so they don’t interrupt you while you’re getting it done. Lastly, reach out to a mentor because that will help you a ton, and people love to help other people.

Chelsea Purcell, a centre for the Huskie women’s hockey team, is in her final year of eligibility and plans to graduate from the College of Kinesiology this year. She served as co-captain the last two years and will captain the team this year.



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