100 Years. One million memories.
When my parents retired and sold our childhood home, I was tasked with the daunting chore of cleaning out my bedroom. The room was essentially a relic of my pre-teen life; nothing had been touched or thrown out since I left for university years before.

A leaning tower of Tupperware bins greeted me as I surfed through the piles of memories: photos of friends, old essays, journals with overly dramatic entries. What probably should have been a day’s work turned into three as every new bin revealed a storm of memories that required me to sit down and indulge in every single one.

There’s something to be said about disconnecting from the world and reflecting on the past when you’re given the opportunity to do so. Nostalgia has the ability to make time stand still, if you disconnect from your iPhone long enough to let it.

That’s what we sought out to accomplish in this issue of the Green & White. As we celebrate 100 years of our Alumni Association, we look back on the past century and some of our favourite memories that instill that nostalgic feeling.

You’ll read stories that give you a glimpse into our rich University of Saskatchewan history. From campus traditions, to the ever-evolving use of technology in the classroom, these stories will remind you of your time as a U of S student or maybe teach you a thing or two about the generations of U of S alumni that came before you.

I hope this issue can be your own Tupperware bin full of memories and that you take the time to get lost in the nostalgia of your university days.

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The U of S Alumni Association kicked off its centennial year with a bang by creating a 100 year photo in the Bowl as part of the annual homecoming festivities. For more information on centennial events throughout the year, flip to page 34.

DAVID STOBBE

About the cover photo:

A brave student sits on the roof of the Physics Building in 1914 holding a camera as part of a student prank. Student pranks have been part of the U of S student experience for years. Read more about them in our feature story “The evolution of tradition.” Photograph collection, A-10842

Special thanks to university archives and special collections at the U of S library for the archival photos in this issue.
Nearly a decade after the University of Saskatchewan was created, a group of alumni formed the Graduate Association. They had one goal: to celebrate the success of alumni while championing the university.

From the beginning of its existence, the group focused on community, volunteerism and philanthropy as its way of giving back to the campus they loved. Even though they were no longer students, they held a close affinity to their alma mater and wanted to continue their relationship beyond their student years.

The name of the Graduate Association has since changed to the Alumni Association, but the mandate remains the same today. Since that day nearly 100 years ago, the association has been one of the most influential groups at the university. A board of volunteers representing 150,000 alumni in over 100 countries has left its mark on campus through fundraising efforts and events, and it continues to champion alumni success. Its fundraising contributions in 1924-28 made the Memorial Gates possible. That landmark, which commemorates the alumni who lost their lives in World War I, continues to be a reminder to every one of the service and dedication of our veterans.

This issue of the *Green & White* is a celebration of 100 years of alumni success and a chance to remember what campus was like all those years ago. When we look back on the last 100 years of alumni, we can be proud of all that we’ve accomplished.

The true value of our alumni is the combination of all of our strengths. It’s the success of our Oscar winner, our Nobel Prize winners, our politicians. But it’s also the success of the nurses who work 12-hour shifts and the engineers troubleshooting biomechanical issues. It’s the researchers genetically testing and inventing new ways to look at agriculture and the teachers nurturing the minds of our next generation. The true value of our Alumni Association lies within all of these people—all of you. Your many talents and contributions make up our Alumni Association.

It’s not every day that you reconnect with the memories you made at university. I invite you to reconnect with them now, as you flip through these pages and when you visit us for all of our centennial events throughout the year.

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The voice of the green and white: remembering campus radio

In 1944, the Students’ Representative Council established the Radio Directorate: the first steps towards a campus radio station, a dream that would take another 20 years to fully achieve.

Earlier university radio broadcasts, under the support of The Sheaf, had taken place as early as 1932. Programming was broadcasted for many years on CFQC with “The Voice of the Green and White” as one of the first weekly programs. Programming included roundups of campus interviews, campus reviews, football reports, student entertainment “with piano renditions and song stylings” and various campus orchestras. A second program, “Greystone Calling,” was broadcast in Prince Albert and Regina by 1947. A temporary studio was subsequently set up in Convocation Hall.

By 1956, the Radio Directorate had become relatively inactive, but that year a radio station with all but a transmitter—described as “one of the most modern university radio setups”—opened in the Memorial Union Building (MUB), laying the groundwork for the revival of campus radio at the U of S.

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When CHSK-FM (formerly CJUS-FM) signed off the air in 1985, it was the end of more than 40 years of student radio at the University of Saskatchewan.

Correction: In the Spring 2016 issue of the Green & White, a photograph in the feature “Remember When” was wrongly identified as Bill Fritz. The man in the photo is in fact Charles Abbot Conway. Thank you to Charles’ son-in-law for pointing out the error.
independent operation had started a few years earlier. In 1959 a group calling themselves “University Radio Productions” had approached the federal government for a broadcast license to operate a student-run FM station on a non-commercial basis. However, licenses could only be issued to the university itself. Students approached the Board of Governors for approval in 1960. Operation of the station was formalized in 1965 between the university and the University of Saskatchewan Student Union (USSU), and CJUS-FM was launched, with studios in the MUB and antennas on top of the Arts Building. For 10 years prior to the establishment of a CBC-FM station in Saskatoon, CJUS carried CBC network programming and many of the station’s locally produced programs were carried nationwide. In 1980, the station moved from the MUB to the Education Building. In October 1983, the station became a limited commercial station, and changed its call letters to CHSK-FM. However, by late 1984 the Board of Governors decided not to continue the station’s funding. Although the USSU briefly considered taking full responsibility for running the station, the last day of programming was September 30, 1985.

The radio silence on campus led directly to the formation of CFCR, Saskatoon’s community radio station. The non-profit Community Radio Station Society of Saskatoon was incorporated the year after the university station went off the air, with many former CHSK-FM hosts joining. The group also purchased all the equipment that had been used at the campus station. CFCR started broadcasting in 1991. Among other University of Saskatchewan contributions, a show hosted by the USSU has been part of the CFCR line up for the past decade and continues today.
The first batch of medical-grade isotopes was delivered to the Royal University Hospital (RUH) in early June.

“The distance to our neighbouring large cities is quite large, and the issue with radio isotopes is that they break down over time—they decay,” explained Dr. Paul Babyn, head of medical imaging at the College of Medicine, and a member of the team that helped bring medical isotope production to Saskatchewan.

While the cyclotron in Saskatoon, operated by the Sylvia Fedoruk Canadian Centre for Nuclear Innovation, has been producing radioisotopes for several months, June was the first production of F18-Fluorodeoxyglucose—the radiopharmaceutical most needed for positron emission tomography imaging at RUH.

If you’re on campus this fall and find yourself walking between the Biology and Agriculture Buildings, look up and you’ll find the new rooftop garden project. The garden, tentatively planned for five years, aims to promote sustainable agriculture practices and urban farming.

“This is the other face of agriculture—urban agriculture,” said Grant Wood, a professor in the U of S College of Agriculture and Bioresources.

The rooftop garden is one of only a few at a Canadian university where food production is intended to be used on campus by Culinary Services. And this might only be the beginning; an expansion proposal is in the works that would double the growing area on the south roof and also utilize the roof area on the other side of the tunnel.

Beginning November 1, 2016, Huskie Athletics will have a Board of Trustees, responsible for advising and guiding the strategic, financial and operational decisions of the Huskie Athletics program.

The board will further enhance the 105-year tradition of Huskie Athletics at the university, in Saskatoon and across the country. The first iteration of the board includes Tom Anselmi (BE’85), Shelley Brown (BComm’78), David Dubé (BA’85), Diane Jones Konihowski (BEd’75, LLD’02), and David Sutherland (BComm’73). A sixth member will be announced at a later date along with five U of S community members.

Dubé, a successful local businessman, philanthropist, member of the U of S Board of Governors and long-time supporter of Huskie Athletics, was appointed the first chair of the new Board of Trustees.

“A vibrant athletic program is a fundamental part of the culture on campus and enhances our connection to the community,” said Dubé. “We are proud to have produced generations of Huskies who have gone on to excel as amateur, professional and Olympic athletes, as well as Rhodes scholars, scientists, artists and leaders of industry.”

Five U of S alumnus named to Huskie Athletic Board of Trustees

Cyclotron giving medical imaging a boost

Rooftop roots
With water-related threats like floods, droughts and degraded water quality afflicting many parts of the world, the time is now to prevent future disasters.

This was the message at the announcement that the U of S will receive $77.8 million from the Canada First Research Excellence Fund (CFREF) to lead the “Global Water Futures: Solutions to Water Threats in an Era of Global Change” research program—the largest university-led water research program ever funded worldwide.

“This collaboration on this scale is needed now more than ever and positions the U of S as leaders,” said president Peter Stoicheff.

The announcement was made September 6, 2016 and is the largest grant ever awarded to the U of S. The U of S was the only university in Canada to be awarded two CFREF grants. The funding will allow researchers and students to lead and transform the way water research is conducted worldwide.

The U of S-led water research network will involve:
More than 380 Canadian university researchers
18 universities
19 federal and provincial agencies
7 Indigenous communities and governments
39 industrial collaborators
15 non-governmental agencies
45 international research institutes

Debra Pozega Osburn joins U of S leadership team

Debra Pozega Osburn is the new vice-president university relations at the University of Saskatchewan. She assumed the role on October 1, 2016. Pozega Osburn was previously the vice-president university relations at the University of Alberta, a position she held for the past six years.

“I admire and respect the university’s strong connection with the people of the city, the region and the province.”

DEBRA POZEGA OSBURN
ON CAMPUS NEWS

Tech Venture Challenge champions

U of S alumna Jackie Martin (BSc’02, BSc’03, MA’05) of Viking Innovations and her business partner Mike Ransom won the grand prize in this year’s University of Saskatchewan Tech Venture Challenge, an annual business start-up competition. Martin and Ransom were awarded the top prize of $50,000 from the U of S Industry Liaison Office for their innovative product, the Dalmatian, a kitchen fire prevention system for the home.

The Dalmatian is a small control panel designed to disconnect power to the kitchen range and counter plugs when a smoke alarm is activated. The Tech Venture Challenge is open to anyone with a University of Saskatchewan affiliation—employees, researchers, students and alumni—who want to take their technology idea and translate it into a business.

ICYMI

A lot goes on between issues of the Green & White…

The finish line

Dave Nordin (BSc’84) completed a month-long walk from his home in Calgary to Saskatoon to raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation and the U of S’s Ore Gangue Bursary Fund. A long-standing member of the Ore Gangue Students’ Society, the finish line for the 600 km walk was especially symbolic for Nordin.

“The Geology and Geophysics department is important to me. It was an obvious spot to end the walk,” he said. “I guess there could have been many other places in Saskatoon I could have chosen, but this spot on campus is the most meaningful for me.” Nordin’s walk raised more than $17,000 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation and more than $4,000 for the Ore Gangue Bursary Fund.

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Keep up to date and join the conversation on official U of S social media channels to stay connected.
Five Questions
with David King (BAPE’71, BEd’72) about the U of S Home Ice fundraising campaign

1. Why did you want to get involved in the Home Ice campaign?
It was really an easy decision for me. I played Huskie hockey back in the late ‘60s and early ‘70s, and then I also coached the Huskies back in the early ‘80s. I have a long tradition with the program. I’m a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan and my home is Saskatoon, so it was just natural to get involved in it. It’s a meaningful project because it’s time to build a new arena. Anybody that’s played (at Rutherford Rink) or seen a game here knows that it’s a limited facility and it’s time to step up—the time is now.

2. What other organizations around Saskatoon are involved in the project?
There’s a number of organizations that are involved in this project, starting first of all with the City of Saskatoon. Mayor Don Atchison has a hockey background—he was an old goalie—so we were able to get some funding from them and their support. The Saskatoon Minor Hockey Association is another partner in this project and they feel there’s a real need for a new facility in Saskatoon.

3. Why is a new rink needed for the community?
A new rink is needed for Saskatoon, and there are many good reasons. One of them being that (Rutherford Rink) has out-grown its use. It’s in disrepair so we need to get a new facility for that reason. Secondly, the city hasn’t built a new facility for a number of years. We have a lot of kids that are looking for ice time, and they’re going to centres outside of Saskatoon to find ice time to practice. This is going to make it much more convenient for youngsters to find ice time and one of the good things about this facility is that in our agreement with the City of Saskatoon, there are 1,500 hours of ice available to youth and minor hockey in Saskatoon.

4. How can U of S alumni contribute?
Alumni can contribute in many ways. I mean obviously (chuckles), we want them to dig into their pockets and give to the campaign, and the people and organizations who have stepped up so far have been terrific. When you play Huskie hockey, it’s a great program and a privilege to be a part of, so we all have to pay it back in some way. We’ve been doing that since the ‘70s starting with a gentleman named Ron Robinson and we’re working hard today to make a new ice facility a reality.

5. What can we expect to see when the facility is complete?
It’s going to be a first-class facility. It has two ice pads. It’s going to have 12 dressing rooms. It’s going to have room for our soccer teams to have dressing rooms. It’s going to have a weight room. It’s going to have a gymnasium for volleyball and basketball to practice in … This facility is going to have lots of things that help our students with their after-hours activities. We have the largest campus recreation hockey program in Canada so all those rec hockey guys and gals that love playing hockey—they’re going to get better ice times, they’re going to get better facilities to play it in. For our campus students, it’s going to be wonderful.

I can see this facility allowing us to attract events to Saskatoon that right now we can’t attract. This is going to be a moderate-sized facility that will be able to attract youth hockey events for the Western Canadian provinces and maybe even national programs.

For more than 85 years, hockey players, coaches, officials and fans have created great sporting memories at Rutherford Rink on the University of Saskatchewan campus.

Built in 1929 and affectionately called the “Dog House,” the home of Huskie men’s and women’s hockey has fallen well below the standard of quality required for a competitive university athletic program. Student intramural, community-based programs and league teams also experience challenges with the outdated Rutherford Rink.

Although renovated numerous times, it is clear that Rutherford is now beyond repair.

David King, legendary hockey coach and U of S Alumnus of Influence is leading the fundraising campaign for the new twin-pad ice facility for the university and the community.

The Green & White caught up with King to chat more about the Home Ice campaign and the future facility. The following is an edited version of that conversation.

To learn more and make a donation to the Home Ice fundraising campaign visit www.homeicecampaign.ca

Follow the #HUSKIEHOWLCHALLENGE on twitter to see who’s howling about the campaign.
ON CAMPUS NEWS

The start of another exciting season of Huskie Athletics is underway!

Join us and cheer on our athletes at home or on the road.

U of S students came out in full force for the annual running of the togas at this year’s homecoming game September 16. To read more about U of S traditions, flip to our feature story on page 16.

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A part of your history

For the past century, the U of S has had worldwide impacts and played a major role in the province of Saskatchewan.

Take a walk down memory lane to see a few campus and alumni milestones since the beginning of the Alumni Association.

1910
Construction of the first buildings on campus begins in 1910. Prime Minister Sir Wilfrid Laurier laid the cornerstone for the College Building (now the Peter MacKinnon Building) at the official sod-turning ceremony.

“There is no doubt that this university will in time be one of the world’s greatest,” he said.

1932
The Broadway Bridge in Saskatoon, designed by C.J. Mackenzie, dean of engineering, officially opens.

1935 - notable alumni

Henry Taube (BSc’35, MSc’37, LLD’73)

Henry Taube is the only University of Saskatchewan graduate to have received a Nobel Prize (Chemistry), and one of only two Nobel laureates associated with the University of Saskatchewan. His research helped him write two books and over 200 research articles.

1937
Walter Murray, the first president at the U of S, retires after serving almost 30 years in the role. James S. Thomson takes over.

1939
World War II begins. 2,500 U of S students enlist for service; 202 were killed in action.

1943
The Esquire Club is formed to boost morale and “further campus spirit and organizing cheerleading, singsongs and any other activity that would add life to the student activities,” during World War II.

1945
The Department of Drama, the first of its kind in Canada, is formed in an effort to teach the academic and cultural aspects of drama within fine arts.

1948
The university obtains the first betatron in Canada. The betatron allowed the Department of Physics to have a first-class facility for radiation treatment research and nuclear research.

1910 - 1948
A PART OF YOUR HISTORY

SEAN CONROY
1915
Nan McKay (BA'15) becomes the first Métis and Aboriginal woman to graduate from the U of S.

1917-18
The student population grows to more than 1,000 students for the first time.

1915 - notable alumni
John Diefenbaker (BA’16, MA’16, LLB’19, DCL’58)
John Diefenbaker was Prime Minister of Canada from 1957-63. The Diefenbaker government was responsible for introducing many legislative measures, including the Canadian Bill of Rights.

1920
The Sheaf student newspaper begins weekly publication. Previously, The Sheaf was issued in booklet form that came out approximately five times a year.

1924 - notable alumni
Hilda Neatby (BA’24, MA’28)
All but three of her 44 years as a history teacher were spent at the U of S including 12 years at Regina College. She retired as head of the history department in 1970. She was also recognized as Woman of the Century by the National Council of Jewish Women for outstanding service to Canada.

1925
The Engineering Building is destroyed in a fire. The cause of the fire remains unknown.

1928
The Memorial Gates open and are dedicated to students and faculty who served and lost their lives in World War I.

1951
The world’s first calibrated cobalt-60 therapy unit, which is used for cancer treatments, opens at the U of S. The calibration work was done by Sylvia Fedoruk (BA’49, MA’S1, LLD’06) through rigorous depth dose measurements.

1952
U of S awards its first PhD at spring convocation.

1955
Royal University Hospital officially opens.
A PART OF YOUR HISTORY

1956
Saskatoon’s population: 72,858

1963
The Western College of Veterinary Medicine is established upon agreement with the federal government and the four western provinces to establish a joint facility on the U of S campus. The first classes were held in 1965.

1964
The first successful kidney re-transplant in Canada is conducted at the university hospital.

1967 - notable alumni
Lorne Babiuk (BSA’67, MSc’69, DSc’87)

Babiuk has received several awards including the Order of Canada and the Saskatchewan Order of Merit. In addition to being a philanthropist and a builder, Babiuk published over 600 scientific journals and trained more than 100 PhD and post-doctoral fellows.

1963 - notable alumni
Sandra Schmirler (BSPE’85)

“Schmirler the Curler” was part of three championship teams at both the Canadian Curling Championships (Scott Tournament of Hearts) and the World Curling Championships. Most memorably, Schmirler won gold at the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan, the first time women’s curling was a medal sport at the games.

1980
After 15 years of planning, the Place Riel student centre officially opens.

A new expansion was completed in 2011.

1983
The U of S men’s hockey team, coached by alumnus Dave King, wins the national championship.

The Huskies won the University Cup defeating the Concordia Stingers 6-2. The championship team was inducted into the Saskatchewan Hall of Fame in 2000.

1985 - notable alumni
Sandra Schmirler (BSPE’85)

1987
The university begins offering credit courses in history and English via television satellite.

Each session provided a televised presentation by a faculty member in Saskatoon, with discussions led by on-site tutors. Student comments or questions were conveyed by telephone and heard by all participants.

1987

Huskie Football establishes a winning tradition with three national Vanier Cup victories.

1991
College of Agriculture Building opens.

Construction took three years and cost a total of $92 million.
1968
Classes begin in the College of Dentistry with the help of $2.25 million in funding from the provincial government.

1970
The Education Building opens. Features included two 100-seat class rooms, a lecture theatre seating 325, a reserve library, a gymnasium and a swimming pool.

1971
Gerhard Herzberg wins the Nobel Prize for Chemistry for his contributions to the knowledge of electronic structure and geometry of molecules. Herzberg came to campus in 1935 and served as a faculty member for ten years.

1975
In her final year with the U of S track and field team, Diane Jones-Konihowski sets a world record in the pentathlon, winning the 1975 Canadian Senior Indoor Pentathlon Championship.

1971 - notable alumni
Ralph Goodale (BA’71, LLB’72)
First elected to parliament at age 24, Ralph Goodale has also served in several positions in public service as a federal cabinet minister and in the Saskatchewan legislative assembly. He holds the unique distinction of serving as a cabinet minister in governments led both by Pierre and Justin Trudeau.

1995 - notable alumni
Rahul Sharma (BComm’95)
Rahul Sharma is the co-founder and CEO of Micromax Informatics, which has produced innovations in cell phone technology, including a phone with month-long battery life. Micromax’s revenue surpassed $1 billion in 2013. In 2014, Sharma was named as a Fortune 40 Under 40 entrepreneur.

1999
Peter MacKinnon is installed as the eighth president of the U of S, serving until 2012.
2007
The University of Saskatchewan celebrates 100 years.
The official birthday took place on April 3 in the College of Agriculture atrium. Greetings were given by Saskatoon mayor Don Atchison and president MacKinnon, who paid homage to the vision of the University of Saskatchewan’s founders.

2004
After the U of S is named home to the “largest scientific project ever undertaken in Canada,” in 1999, the Canadian Light Source synchrotron officially opens.

2001
The College Building is named a National Historic Site of Canada. The building was closed in 1997 due to structural issues but re-opened in 2005 after substantial renovations.

2003 - notable alumni
Thomas Yu (DMD’03)
In addition to being a periodontist, Thomas Yu is one of Canada’s most accomplished musicians. He has received several honours, including winning the Cliburn International Amateur Piano Competition, awarded to the best amateur piano player in the world.

2014
The new Health Sciences Building officially opens.

2015
Peter Stoicheff is introduced as the 11th President of the University of Saskatchewan.

2016
The Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre officially opens. It is serving as home for Aboriginal undergraduate and graduate student leadership and allowing for mutual learning opportunities for students and faculty.

2016
The Huskies Women’s Basketball team wins its first national championship in program history, defeating the Ryerson Rams.

2016
The U of S reaches 150,000 alumni.
Our students have big dreams.

They come to the U of S passionate, determined and inspired to make a difference with their education. They see no limits to what they can accomplish, but they need your support to help them achieve their goals.

Biochemistry student Dakoda Herman aims to help people worldwide. “I’m concerned about infectious diseases and health care in underdeveloped nations, so my dream is to one day be the director of the World Health Organization,” he said. “I hope to complete grad studies in the College of Medicine so I can help create a common standard of care across the whole world.”

Help students like Dakoda fulfill their lifelong dreams. Your donation to the Campaign for Students gives students a boost with scholarships and bursaries, easing financial worries and rewarding exceptional accomplishments, so they can stay focused on the inspiring visions in their minds.
The evolution of tradition

Across generations, U of S student traditions provide connectedness, memories and a sense of belonging.

DEE HOBSBAWN-SMITH
In 1916-17, the year the University of Saskatchewan’s Alumni Association formed, the university had a total enrolment of 291 students. “Campus life forced students to undergo an evolution: from the larva of home life to the pupa of campus life before entering the adult stage of the outside world,” wrote Michael Taft in *Inside These Greystone Walls: An Anecdotal History of the University of Saskatchewan*. By the end of the Great War, 336 staff, faculty and students would enlist.

Many students who stayed behind to carry on with their studies came from outside of Saskatoon, and lived in campus residences or in boarding houses across the city and often could only afford to get about by walking, or occasionally, by trolley. The university became, de facto, their cultural and social centre as well as their academic home, and events sprang up to unify and entertain these students. Thus, U of S student traditions were born, and would become a long-lasting presence in on-campus student culture.

**From the beginning**

The earliest tradition to emerge was the hazing of first-year—or freshmen/frosh—male students by older students. Taft wrote, “Over the years there have been well-organized initiation ceremonies…. freshmen often had their faces blackened with soot or their starched collars ripped…They might have been made to wear strange clothes or perform public recitations.”

Women endured a much more civilized initiation, a formal ceremony complete with candles. Taft recorded that the 1920s was the worst hazing decade, with someone inevitably getting hurt, which eventually led to the official end of this form of initiation.

In 1913, department store owner J.F. Cairns initiated “The Stick,” a cane he donated, to be awarded annually to the “best all-round man in the junior year” of the College of Arts and Science. Each recipient’s name was engraved on the cane’s silver band, but the prestige had dwindled by the time Robert Currie (BSP’61, BA’64, BEd’66) who would become a Saskatchewan Poet Laureate, received The Stick. “I was Senior Stick in my final year,” he reminisced. “But it was a popularity contest, elected by college students. I suspect I was chosen because I wrote columns for the Tonic, the pharmacy paper.”

As early as 1920, encouraging school spirit included a pep rally in the fall called the Noise Parade at Griffiths Stadium. Students would convene with pots, pans, and musical instruments in hand and shout the raucous yells associated with various colleges or with the intercollegiate sports teams, known since 1932 as the Huskies. From this auditory conflagration arose what came to be known as the Snake Dance. At its rowdiest
during the 1920s, this linkage of hand-holding students walking and running down College Drive into downtown Saskatoon brought traffic to a halt and led to fisticuffs, and, occasionally, damage to cars caught in the hubbub. But despite being outlawed by the student council, the Snake Dance persisted.

Mildred Kerr (BA ’59) recalled, “I had come in to register for classes and met an older fourth-year student, Louis... he took my hand for the Snake Dance, and said it was most fun at the end, where you can drop off to have a coke, but you’re whipped around as people run down across the bridge.”

Currie recalled the Snake Dance, too. “It seems to me that the Twenty-Fifth Street Bridge was closed for construction in my very first year; so we went over the Broadway Bridge, a hell of a way from the university. The trick was to go through beer parlours, because of course they were not yet open to women. There were as many women as guys in the dance, and they kept dropping off—guys in the bars were so glad to see women they were buying beers for them. But the big thing that pissed off the citizens was when the Snake Dance went through the Capitol Theatre, and they had to postpone the show, there was such a brouhaha.” The Snake Dance’s final hurrah came a few years later, in 1962.

The myth of Godiva

Much has been written about the tradition of Lady Godiva on U of S campus during Welcome Week in the 1950s-1980s, but no one can agree on one story or the other as being the true tale and the tradition has taken different forms from generation to generation.

A 1960 Greystone photograph of the agriculture students’ annual Lady Godiva’s campus ride shows a bewigged man on a hobbyhorse, coconuts attached to his chest.

Actual recollections of the Godiva event vary wildly. Murray Scharf, (BED’61, MED’64), professor emeritus and past dean of education, was the third generation and fifth family member to attend the U of S. He commented that in the ’50s, “Godiva was 90 per cent hoax. I saw several—the second was a guy in drag, and the third also, carrying a toy horse. And once there was a guy dressed as a horse.”

According to the university archives, “The original campus Godiva was a pig which law students on campus had intended to ‘run naked’ through the Bowl in December 1949 to advertise the impending Law Cabaret. However, when the engineering students’ Christmas tree was stolen several days earlier they blamed the lawyers, and on a crisp December morning 400-500 engineers mobbed three law students in the Bowl, stealing their prized bowler hats. At noon the next day the engineers stole the pig as well and had it eat out of one of the hats, despite the best efforts of the lawyers.”

Rob Ashton, currently a third-year mechanical engineering student and VP of Logistics of the Saskatoon Engineering Students Society (SESS), has a different collective memory of Godiva—even though the event pre-dates his university attendance. “The story is that we’d hire a lady … and have her ride a horse without clothing while the Gears (engineering students) followed singing. But we got in trouble, and the event was deemed sexist, so we got a guy [in drag] up there [on horseback], but it got shut down as well.”

Historic rivalries and the feeling of belonging

In a dry city, where booze was banned on campus until 1965, students found ways and means around the ban, and to unofficially visit each other in the residences. Author Byrna Barclay (BA ’61) clearly remembers a variety of other unwritten traditions. The Intensely Vigorous College Nine became an enduring musical institution that spanned several decades and a constantly evolving roster of skilled but irreverent musicians who entertained students, staff, faculty and the public from their very first performance in 1954.

“In our day, Ray Hnatyshyn, Bob Caldwell and Ed Raturshney played at dances and frosh week and football games,” Barclay said. “It was all part of the atmosphere, and offered comic relief from the pressure of our studies. It enhanced the feeling of belonging with only 5,000 students, the campus was relatively small, but I thought it was huge.

“The rivalry between law and engineering went on for decades,” Barclay said. “My husband (Ronald Barclay, BA’54, LLB’58) tells me that between ’56 and ’59, the law students in the middle of the night got a truck of manure and packed it around the Engineering Building and wrote in whitewash, ‘Here’s to the Legal Eagle, that great and glorious bird, and here’s to the Engineering Building, where the eagle dropped his turds.’ The next morning, the engineering students retaliated, and were sprayed with a fire hose.”

That friendly rivalry was matched only by the longstanding competition between the agriculture and engineering students, culminating in an infamous annual prank called E-Plant. Engineering students would kidnap the highest-ranking agriculture student, duct tape him or her to a pole with a big red E, then paint
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They recalled there were no Indigenous traditions during her student years, but she had a hand since in creating them.

"Community is a huge concept in Indigenous communities," she explained. "It's important for students to receive recognition from the Indigenous community for their accomplishments. ITEP and SUNTEP had to create events that were community-driven so parents and children of graduates could be part of the celebration." Traditional feasts with proper protocols are held to include the larger community that gathers, she said, with differences between Métis and First Nations.

On campus, Indigenous traditions include soup and bannock with Elders, sweat lodge ceremonies, Aboriginal Achievement week and the Annual Graduation Powwow. The ITEP Traditional Feast happens annually and is coordinated and driven by the student association. It is followed by a round dance.

Author Lisa Bird-Wilson (BA '93, BEd '03, MEd '04) remembered attending a Welcome Week Powwow. "I can remember going to it in the Bowl and everyone did a round dance. A round dance gets everybody up and on their feet, holding hands and being a part of something."

In 2016, the university registered over 20,000 students. Social media's access divert students off-campus—and out of the university’s influence—daily, but there remains a need to connect and create traditions.

“The role of traditions is to create warmth and welcome, to create great memories and connectedness across time. The student experience is more than simply getting an education,” said Caroline Cottrell, general manager of the University of Saskatchewan Student Union (USSU). “Students don’t need to come together on campus now; they come together in different ways… As students, they are more serious, more conscious of the future and how critical it is. They’re concerned with sexual and gender politics, mental health, academic rights. And as more co-operative souls, they see themselves as collegial where my generation saw themselves as oppositional.”

On-campus, Welcome Week has taken over from hazing, but the new approach is clearly evident in the College of Engineering, where pranking has taken on formal trappings and engineers have a formal morale boosting commissioner on their board of directors. Would-be stunters must file a clear and accurate description with the SESS, as required by the online Official Traditions Manual of the Saskatoon Engineering Students’ Society.

Manicured and managed traditions and pranks fit today's worldview, and although early 20th-century students might not recognize their descendants’ caution, they’d certainly recognize the eternal student spirit behind them.
COMING HOME

You’re invited to Alumni Weekend May 18 – 21, 2017 and we’re excited to see you! If you haven’t been on campus for a while, you may notice a few things have changed.

Here’s a handful of places to check out for a new perspective of campus and also a few that will take you on a walk down memory lane. Check out www.usask.ca/maps to find each location.

The Diefenbaker Centre
The walking paths by the Diefenbaker Centre are a long-time favourite for alumni. It includes the stretch of path leading to the Meewasin Trail, the one-of-a-kind statue and sculpture field and a picturesque view of the Saskatoon skyline.

Kinesiology building
If you weren’t around to experience the Kinesiology Physical Activity Complex (the PAC), make sure you peek your nose into the state-of-the-art facility, which includes a climbing wall that will leave you sore for days. Climbing not your thing? You can also drop in for an exercise class or some gym time.

The Bowl
Not much has changed to this landmark in over 100 years, but we wouldn’t have it any other way. Much like Central Park in New York (maybe a far-fetched comparison?) alumni can breathe a sigh of relief knowing that this beautiful green space remains untouched by any building development. Kick a ball around, play some frisbee or just lounge on the grass like the good old days.

There’s a Starbucks now?
Alumni prior to 2007 would remember the first floor of the Murray Library as a space for group meetings and where you could open a bag of chips without the “shhhhhh” of the 3rd or 4th floor. Today the space is home to a bustling crowd that enjoys the pleasures of open spaces and caramel macchiatos.

Piano jams
A refurbished baby grand piano has provided entertainment for many students, staff and faculty who pass through the Arts Building. The piano is open to anyone who wants to sit down and play, so feel free to tickle the ivories if you’re so inclined.
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Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre

The beautiful new student centre opened February 2016. It is an inclusive intercultural gathering place that brings together the teachings, traditions and cultures of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people of Saskatchewan. Once inside, look up to see the decorated medicine wheel framing the ceiling and the feature skylight that is inspired by the design of a star blanket.

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The Moeller Resource Room

Formerly the Commerce Reading Room and described as the “nucleus of daily student life” by Larry Moeller (BCOMM’80), his generous donation at the beginning of 2016 enabled the outdated reading room to get some serious upgrades, including new furniture, meeting rooms and audio-visual equipment.

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Revitalized Place Riel

Depending when you were on campus, you might remember the days when there were only a handful of places to eat in Place Riel. After a hefty construction and redesign in 2011, the space has expanded to include a whole array of tasty eats for lunch and services for the U of S community.

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The Museum of Natural Science in the biology building

A classic favourite for many, especially if you grew up in Saskatoon and spent many field trips on your tiptoes peering into the fish aquarium, or looking up at the towering T. Rex. The museum has many exhibits, all there to illustrate the diversity of the geological and biological sciences.

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Peter MacKinnon building

Designated a National Historic Site in 2001, the former College Building was the first building on campus and remains the focal point of campus life today. Walk the sloping green staircases that decades of students have walked before and marvel in the architecture, including the memorial ribbons honouring members of the university community who served in the First World War.

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Catch up with old friends at Louis’ Loft

Formerly Browers Café, the upstairs space in the Memorial Union Building was renovated in 2013. Still operated by the USSU, it no longer accepts used textbooks, but offers a delicious cup of coffee, among other goodies (including some of the best Saskatchewan craft beer in the city.)

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**Did we miss one? Let us know!**

Email alumni.office@usask.ca or comment on our Facebook page about the best places to visit on campus.
Sitting on his sofa in his Regina home, Jack Boan (BA’48) pulls out a 4x4 black and white photo of a young man.

“That was me during the time I was a U of S student,” he recalled. “We veterans were housed in Carson College, formerly a Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) base, for our first three classes. It was like being still in the service.”

The photo was taken in 1946, nearly 70 years ago, but Boan talks about it as if it were yesterday. The 98-year-old reminiscences on his life events with impressive precision and enthusiasm, leaving no stone unturned.

As one of the University of Saskatchewan’s oldest living alumni, he recalls his time on campus with a quiet humbleness. In reality, his time as a U of S student was one of the most exciting in its history.

You don’t know Jack

Boan was born Dec. 16, 1917 near Briercrest, Saskatchewan. When he was 22 years old he enlisted in the RCAF as a wireless operator. After training, he was slated to go overseas but he never received physical clearance to go to Europe due to a hernia. After surgery, he was posted to a wireless flying squadron school in Calgary, where he spent the majority of his RCAF career. Here, he trained wireless operators to perform their tasks in the air.

“I taught people wireless in the air. Once they had their Morse code and procedure down pat, they graduated,” said Boan.

When the war in Europe ended in 1945, Boan was sent to the west coast to a “bush” station camp on northern Vancouver Island, where he awaited a posting in the Far East. However, after the American attack on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the RCAF began discharging airmen and Boan applied for discharge after serving for 63 months.

At the time, the Government of Canada encouraged veterans to enrol in post-secondary education as a way to adapt back into civilian life. There was practically no cost; veterans could come to university and receive room, board and a degree entirely on the federal government’s dime. The incentive to come to university was a hard offer to pass up.

“It was something you couldn’t refuse and the lure of freedom was pretty strong,” Boan said about the opportunity. “The U of S sounded like a good option … closer to home.”

In 1945, Boan left the RCAF and made his way back to Saskatchewan to start his next chapter as a student.

Battle of the bulge

On top of struggling through the Great Depression and then WWII, the University of Saskatchewan was structurally going through a transformation period in the early 1940s. A new administrative arrangement was challenging day-to-day operations and budget cuts were a constant struggle that put faculty on leave and decreased salaries.

The end of the war brought optimism and a glimmer of hope that the new veteran cohorts would bring the university out of its slump. The university was looking forward to greeting veterans with open arms and dusting off the dark days of the past.
Boan wasn’t alone in his decision to step out of duty and into the classroom; student enrolment between 1945 and 1946 exploded with veterans who had the same idea. In the fall of 1944, the University of Saskatchewan had 1,530 students enrolled in fulltime classes. In 1946, that numbers spiked to 4,195.

Former president (1933-1949) James Sutherland Thomson wrote in his book *YesterYears at the University of Saskatchewan* that the time period was coined “the battle of the bulge.” He notes the increase “strained to the limit all our resources in teaching and equipment during the remainder of my time at the university.”

Managing the increase

Thomson and the U of S Board of Governors were advised that buildings were required not only for teaching and research purposes, but to house the influx of students.

In order to get ahead of the curve, buildings were constructed quickly, and often hurriedly, around campus and around the city. Administration brought several old army buildings onto campus to create make-shift classrooms. The chemistry and physics annexes were constructed, along with the notoriously drafty Hangar Building.

“All of these students are coming and with them, federal money. Money was no problem, the problem was, ‘where are we going to put them?’” said Michael Hayden, U of S professor emeritus and author of *Seeking a Balance: The University of Saskatchewan 1907-1982*. “They brought various buildings on campus, old army buildings and shacks. I arrived in the mid-1960s and most of those buildings were still here.”

The annex buildings were intended to be temporary, but some buildings were eventually used beyond their expected timelines. They would go on to live on campus for decades.

Many students were accommodated on the former RCAF training base near the Saskatoon airport, which is where Boan called home.

“They put us up there in the barracks like we’d’ve in the air force,” said Boan. “We lived on campus and we took our first three campus classes on that air force station.”

In January of 1946, the university’s newspaper, *The Sheaf*, published an article that criticized the poor conditions of the new facilities and how it limited the veterans chance to have a real university experience: “It is unfortunate that the faculties on the campus proper were not adequate to accommodate these new students. However, in spite of the location of their classrooms, they are nonetheless a part of the “Saskatchewan” and it is hoped that they can grasp in some measure the spirit of our university.”

However, according to Boan, the group had never known the university before the influx, and therefore didn’t mind the conditions. Behind closed doors administration may have been reeling with the load increase, but it was never felt by Boan or his fellow veteran classmates.

“In my opinion, the administration did an amazing job – first of all using the airport base for the overflow and then handling it all on the campus. I don’t know how they coped really,” said Boan.

The increase in students did entice the university to start planning for a few permanent structures. The College of Medicine opened the doors to a brand new building in 1949 and blueprints for new buildings for agriculture, an animal disease laboratory and a gymnasium were also announced during the years after the war.

**Nose to the grindstone**

Michael Taft wrote in his book *Inside these Greystone Walls: An Anecdotal History of the University of Saskatchewan* that the veterans who returned from WWII were some of the most influential students ever to set foot on campus and were set apart from previous years by “their maturity, their seriousness and their somewhat intimidating approach towards education.” The group slightly overwhelmed their peers, and even their professors, with their get-it-done mentality.

“There has been little written on the students on the 1940s. That’s because they weren’t doing anything other than studying. They came here, worked hard, got their degree and then moved on,” said Hayden. “The veterans were older, wanted to get an education and wanted to get on with their lives. They came across as being much more practical.”

Boan is a testament to this work ethic. His memories don’t necessarily relate to pulling pranks or participating in campus sports.

“You had to keep your marks above a B or else the government would cut you off (financially). That was a tremendous incentive to stay in and study at night, rather than go to a movie,” laughed Boan, who majored in economics and political science. “That cramped my social life quite a bit.”

Despite the late nights studying, Boan still found time to write an economics column for *The Sheaf* and even found the love of his life, Jean, at the local Saskatoon Tennis Club and married in 1949.

Eventually, the late nights and hard work paid off when he finished at the U of S with honours. The degree was his first step into a life filled with academic pursuits and accomplishments.

“I had a liberal arts program under my belt when I finished and I had some equipment to think with. I was now able to think my way through problems,” said Boan.

**The next chapter**

The increase of students at the U of S eventually evened out again in the 50s once the veterans filtered through the system.

Following his doctorate at Ohio State University in 1953, Boan taught at the University of Alberta and had several economics jobs across the country, including playing a role in building the universal health-care system in Canada. He came back to Saskatchewan in 1962 to teach at the newly formed U of S Regina campus, which eventually became the University of Regina in 1974. Here, he would become an internationally recognized scholar, mentor and professor. He retired in 1983, but continued to work on a sessional basis until 1999.

After all his years, adventures, jobs and life lessons, the 98-year-old alumnus still says the U of S instilled a solid work ethic that gave him the building blocks to walk through many open doors.

“I graduated from Ohio State University with a GPA of 3.95 out of 4. That was because of the good grounding I got at the U of S,” said Boan. “It was a great time in my life and the lectures would have been worth paying for, if my scholarship hadn’t made that unnecessary.”
FIVE BOOKS EVERY U OF S GRAD SHOULD HAVE ON THEIR BOOKSHELF

To celebrate the Alumni Association’s 100th anniversary, we compiled a list of five books that we think every grad should have on their bookshelf or at least in queue on their Kindle.

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Who Has Seen the Wind (1947)
W.O. Mitchell

Born in Weyburn, Sask., Mitchell is best-known for his radio series “Jake and the Kid” and his authentically Saskatchewan book, Who Has Seen the Wind. Among his many achievements, he received an honorary degree from the U of S in 2007.

Life of Pi (2001)
Yann Martel

A Saskatoon resident and internationally-acclaimed author, Martel’s bestselling book was back on the bestseller list in 2013 when it became a Hollywood blockbuster. Martel has several ties to the U of S, including launching the inaugural College of Arts and Science Book Club.

Man Descending (1982)
Guy Vanderhaeghe
(BA’71, Honours’72, MA’75)

The internationally-acclaimed author and U of S alumnus has many books that could be on this list, including The Englishman’s Bay (1996) and the recent Daddy Lenin and Other Stories (2015). Vanderhaeghe has received three Governor General’s Awards for his work, one of only four people in history to do so.

Halfbreed (1973)
Maria Campbell

Associate alumni and professor, Campbell is one of Canada’s first female Métis writers and playwrights. Her autobiography Halfbreed was published in 1973 and remains a staple in Aboriginal literature today. She was a writer in residence at the U of S and taught Indigenous literatures and storytelling here for many years.

Lorna Crozier (BA’69, DLET’07)

Crozier grew up in Swift Current and graduated from the U of S in 1969. She taught creative writing on campus for many years while at the same time thriving as an award-winning author.

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Election procedures

Only members of convocation1 are eligible to be nominated and to vote for members at large. There are no restrictions as to where these senators reside. The incumbents eligible for re-election are Jenalene Antony, Davida Bentham, Richard Rempel and Michelle Thompson.

Nominations for senators must be signed by at least three (3) members of convocation 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 (no more than 200 words).

Nomination forms are available from the Office of the University Secretary’s website (usask.ca/secretariat) or by calling 306-966-4632. You may also draft your own.

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1. Convocation includes the chancellor, members of Senate and all graduates of the U of S.
The learning curve

Just when you think you are up to date with the latest gadget, the tech industry goes ahead and releases a bigger, better and shinier version just months later. How does this light speed approach to new technology affect the way universities approach education?

With an ever-changing technology landscape, the U of S is constantly adapting to integrate technology in the classroom. Getting ahead of the curve is the name of the game.

BEVERLY FAST
The way University of Saskatchewan students learn has changed dramatically over the last century—a 1916 graduate would be gobstruck by 2016 technology. However, the most remarkable changes have taken place in the last 20 years. Today, a walk around The Bowl shows students constantly plugged into their smart phones, laptops and tablets, whereas 20 years ago you would be lucky to find student with a cellphone. Jay Wilson (BA’89, BEd’95, MEDUC’00), associate professor and head of the university’s Department of Curriculum Studies, has had a front-row seat on how technology has changed, and continues to change, the university’s learning landscape.

“When I started as a student, university profs essentially used the same teaching technology they’d been using for years—film strips, overhead projectors, audio-visuals. The internet signaled a major shift, and everything I do today has grown out of that shift,” Wilson said.

Making distance disappear

In 1995, Wilson had just completed a bachelor’s degree in education when the university recruited him to help figure out how the internet would impact teaching. At first, Wilson was alone in an office with a dial-up internet connection.

“Within a year, we had Mosaic, the first-ever graphical interface, and then came the mouse and then Netscape and then tiny eyeball cameras,” Wilson said. “It was all cutting-edge technology; some worked great, some never worked at all.”

Wilson and a growing team explored ways the university could use the internet, particularly to enhance distance education. “Pre-internet, students enrolled in distance courses received course materials in a shrink-wrapped package in the mail. Students worked through the materials on their own, mailed in their assignments and waited for their marks to be mailed back.”

The internet promised to change all that, but it took another 10 years and the introduction of web 2.0 to move beyond the internet as a portal to information and into the internet as a space driven by user-generated content, interactivity and collaboration.

“Today, distance education students at the university are ‘there’ during the class,” Wilson said. “You can ask questions, post comments and interact with other students. You can use Skype and other interactive software to collaborate. Feedback is easier and more immediate. It all makes the learning experience deeper and more formative.”

Developing digital literacy

Nancy Turner, director of the university’s Gwenna Moss Centre for Teaching Effectiveness, sees the internet as a game-changer for all universities. “Historically, universities were seen as creators and keepers of information and knowledge. The internet democratized that, first by making information more accessible and then, with web 2.0, by enabling individuals to create and disseminate their own content.

“I think universities have responded by shifting focus,” Turner said. “Universities are not only creating and disseminating information, they are also helping students become knowledgeable creators of content and critical consumers of content.”

It’s a well-accepted truism that, whatever your course of study, university teaches you how to think critically. Turner believes it’s...
The career I have now with Google was the stuff of science fiction— being a technical solutions consultant at the Google campus in California, working with computer-based technologies. Even then, Collins expected to spend his career in academia, enmeshed in computer languages and algorithms. "It wasn't until I met a really excellent professor who made me realize it was a career option," he said. "I think creativity is at the heart of the future of education, and technology is a tool that allows people to be creative—intellectually, artistically and academically."

Preparing for careers that don't exist... yet

Another unique challenge that ever-changing technology brings is how to prepare students for careers that don't even exist, at least, not yet. Jason Collins (BSc’94, MSc’96) is a case in point. Growing up in the 1980s, he was fascinated with computers. But when it came time for university, he enrolled in electrical engineering because he didn't know he could make computers his career. "I switched to computer science after my first year, and only because I had an excellent professor who made me realize it was a career option," said Collins.

Even then, Collins expected to spend his career in academia, enmeshed in computer languages and algorithms. "It wasn't until I got a job as a software engineer that I really understood you could build software for commercial purposes."

Collins went on to become chief technology officer (CTO) at Point2 Technologies, a Saskatchewan-based start-up known for real estate industry software solutions. In 2008, he started Vendasta Technologies with several colleagues, again serving as CTO—a role that only gained traction in the last decade along with the rise of computer-based technologies.

In 2015, Collins left Vendasta to join the Google Cloud Platform as a technical solutions consultant at the Google campus in California. "The career I have now with Google was the stuff of science fiction books and movies when I was growing up," he said. "It's pretty awesome to see it really happening."

"When I started at the University of Saskatchewan in 1989, I didn't consider computers as career—I didn't even know it was an option."

JASON COLLINS, GOOGLE CLOUD PLATFORM

Where will it all lead?

In 2012, the University of Saskatchewan College of Nursing launched its remote presence (RP) technology to give nursing students in remote locations access to faculty and mentors based in Regina, Saskatoon and Prince Albert. Today, the RP7i mobile robot is an accepted part of nursing classrooms in Air Ronge, Île-à-la-Crosse and Yorkton. It has an articulated flat-screen monitor for visual display, dual camera configuration and full on-board audio that, when used in conjunction with mobile devices and video or web conferencing tools, allow nursing instructors in one location to effectively teach and assess clinical competencies with students in another location.

The RP7i is just one of many tools in the university's digital resource cupboard. Instructional technologies run the gamut from Blackboard course tools, lecture capture, podcasting, media streaming, remote response clickers, wikis and more.

Even the university's libraries are evolving, moving away from static stacks to interactive learning commons. Wilson uses an analogy to illustrate the changes: "University libraries are not grocery stores full of books; they're kitchens—places people gather to create and share ideas. They are evolving into ‘maker spaces’ where students can go and build something or collaborate with a team."

In just two decades, technology has revolutionized how we access, disseminate and inform. The impact on the University of Saskatchewan faculty, staff, students and alumni has been profound. What's on the horizon?

"There's a lot of work going on in augmented and virtual reality and gamification which could change teaching considerably in some fields of practice," Turner said. "Beyond the next few years, however, it's anyone's guess as to where technology will go."

Wilson sums up the future more succinctly, saying, "I see more of the same—change."

Going, going, gone.

It's out with the old and in with the new for some of these now obsolete gadgets. Take a look at the new generation of classroom devices.

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U of S students, faculty and alumni lost their lives in WWI.

The Memorial Gates were donated to the university by alumni to commemorate those that we lost.

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When Nancy Tapper (nee Tyerman) (BSHEC’76, BEd’77, BCOMM’84) applied for her first degree at the University of Saskatchewan in the early ‘70s, she was surprised to learn her family already had a reputation there.
“When I went to apply, the person who was admitting me said, ‘Is Helen your aunt? She was quite the good-looking woman.... Those Tyerman girls!’” Nancy laughed.

Nancy is the third generation of Tyermans to attend, and later to graduate from, the U of S. When her niece Lisa Bailey (BCOMM’04) and her son David Tapper (BCOMM’05) graduated, they became the fourth generation, almost 100 years after their great-grandfather Dr. Peter Tyerman (ADEUND’1907) earned his degree.

“That is quite a dynasty,” Nancy said of her family’s history at the U of S.

The first Tyerman alumnus

After earning a degree in medicine from the University of Toronto in 1892 Nancy’s grandfather, Dr. Tyerman, moved to Prince Albert to set up a medical practice.

“He was a country doctor,” said Nancy. “My dad used to tell me he would load up a horse and buggy, and he’d put everything and a sack of flour on the back, then he’d head off to see patients. He’d stop and build a campfire and make some bannock with the flour.... And I’m sure his patients fed him when he was there, too.”

Dr. Tyerman had an office in the back of the family house in Prince Albert, and a scale he used is still around today, donated first to the College of Pharmacy, and later to the Western Development Museum.

Her grandfather went on to become one of the first professors at the U of S, and earned his adeudum degree in 1907. An adeudum degree is given to a faculty member at an institution who received a degree from another institution. At the turn of the century, this practice was custom if faculty received their degrees outside of the U of S, which meant that on top of being one of the first professors, Dr. Tyerman was also one of the first alumni.

In addition to his work as a doctor and professor, Dr. Tyerman was an entrepreneur, owning several farms around Prince Albert and Melfort. While business wasn’t always steady—Nancy said he “made and lost two fortunes in his lifetime”—the family has continued his legacy and done business in Saskatchewan ever since he first arrived.

With the money he earned from his work, Dr. Tyerman was able to give his children the same opportunities he was fortunate to obtain, and send his children to post-secondary school.

Second generation: An exceptional family

All six of Dr. Tyerman’s children went on to earn a degree from the U of S, but it was actually his wife, Jessie (Thompson) Tyerman, who championed education.

“She pushed the kids to go to school and make something of themselves,” Nancy said. “[She] was a bit of a feminist.... It was very unusual for the four girls—my aunts—to go to university.”

Strong women surrounded Nancy from the beginning of her life. Her aunt, Laura Mary Edwards (nee Tyerman) (LLB’27) was the third woman to graduate from the College of Law and her mother, Emilia Tyerman (nee Zurkowski) (BSP’32), was the only woman in her class as she studied to become a pharmacist.

“They had to blaze a trail, those poor women who were ‘taking jobs from men,’” Nancy says. From 1930 to 1960, women comprised only about 20 per cent of undergraduate students.
Canadian universities. Nancy said she’s always been proud of the fact that all four of her aunts, as well as her mother, earned degrees during a time when few women did so.

Since the Tyermans still resided in Prince Albert, the second generation who attended the U of S had to stay in residence. It was their first time away from home, and Nancy said they made the most of it.

“They had a wonderful time. It wasn’t academically related, but I think the social milieu was wonderful, with the different clubs, the swimming team and the dances.”

**Third generation: Against the grain**

Nancy would be the third generation to graduate from the U of S, but not without some push back from her siblings. Her family was living in Regina at the time, where her father, David McIntyre Tyerman (LLB’28), ran a successful law firm, MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman (MLT) LLP. Her older brother and sister went to Queen’s University in Ontario, and wanted her to follow in their footsteps. The temptation to travel to Ontario was strong when Nancy saw her siblings’ successes: her sister earned a commerce degree from Queen’s, and travelled the world as a buyer for Eaton’s in the ’70s.

“It was expected you would go to university; it was just a matter of where,” Nancy said.

Despite her sister’s exciting career, and the peer pressure to attend her siblings’ alma mater, Nancy felt drawn to make her own way. The stories her aunts, uncle and parents had shared over the years about attending the U of S stood out in her mind.

“The U of S seemed like a very mysterious, kind of interesting, fun place to go,” said Nancy.

She left Regina to attend the University of Saskatchewan, and has stayed in Saskatoon ever since. She met her husband, Louis Tapper (BED’77, BCOMM’82), while they were both studying education.

“My husband was one of the fastest men on campus in track,” she said. “He held records in the 40-yard, and as a relay team member. He is proudest of coming off a long hiatus from high jumping just to help the varsity team win points, and managing a fifth-place finish at nationals.”

Nancy continues relationships she made with her classmates, referring to them as lifelong friends.

A few years later, Nancy and Louis both graduated with commerce degrees and ended up running a string of businesses. Today, Nancy and her son David manage a company that has investments in farmland and a software company.

Along with being a successful accountant and partner in MNP LTD, Nancy calls Louis the “driving force” behind the family business.

**Fourth generation: A continued tradition**

When it came time for her own two sons to decide their fate after high school, Nancy always encouraged them to attend university. While academics held no interest for her younger son John, her older son David Tapper (BCOMM’05) did show an interest in higher education at an early age, a trait he attributes to his family’s history.

David recalls there being a “culture of knowledge,” in both his childhood home and his grandfather’s home, as well as the ability to challenge ideas.

“(My grandfather) was very academic. As a kid, I would go into his study with its wall of books, and be so thrilled by it,” said David.

With his grandfather and great-aunt as lawyers, and much of his family involved in the businesses his great-grandfather started, there was a pressure from others in the family to go into business or become a lawyer as well.

However, from a young age David knew he was more interested in the business side of the Tyerman legacy: “I remember being 12, and looking through an investment research book that I got from my mother… It wasn’t like they said, “read this,” but it was there. Most kids wouldn’t have had that lying around. It definitely impacted my interest and it’s what I’m fascinated by.”

Today, he continues the tradition and manages investments for the family business.

David says it was the expectation in his family that you would attend university, though no one ever explicitly instructed him to go. Through generations of family members who had attended post-secondary and thrived in their careers as a result of doing so, the Tyermans had made university a priority when planning their lives.

In the end though, each generation made individual choices to attend the University of Saskatchewan; each had to make their own place in the world, and learn how to navigate the waters. And both David and Nancy said they’re proud to have such a deep history with the U of S.

“I picked the U of S to be closer to Regina, and to be with my friends, but mostly I was curious to be part of this great institution that I had heard my mom and dad talk so much about,” Nancy said. “It had a wonderful mystique about it. The U of S gave me skills to cope in many areas of life and I am really grateful I could attend as much as I did. I loved it all.”
When the Alumni Association started under the guidance and leadership of Dr. L.E. Kirk, the group wanted to enhance the relationship of U of S graduates to their alma mater while paying tribute to the past and honouring the future of the institution.

The Alumni Association board has grown, expanded and adapted throughout the years, but we have the same intentions today. Our esteemed alumni continue to impress and inspire us and we’re committed to paying tribute to their success.

A centennial year only happens once, and I encourage you to take advantage of the activities our planning committee has scheduled and join us to celebrate as graduates from a great university! Celebration events are planned across Canada with additional opportunities for snowbirds in Glendale, Phoenix, Palm Springs and San Francisco as well as a session in London, England. Visit alumni.usask.ca/centennial to get a full list of when we’re coming to your area.

If you’re out of town, still live in Saskatoon or just feeling nostalgic for the good ol’ days, mark May 19-21, 2017 in your calendars to come to the U of S for an all-years Alumni Reunion. It’s a great reason to come back to campus and reconnect with alumni from all colleges and programs.

Our centennial year provides our 150,000 alumni across the world the opportunity to celebrate a century of accomplishments and help our association promote our university. Whether it’s coming back to campus, or checking out events in your area, we’d love to see you!

Jim Blackburn BSP’60
President, Alumni Association

Alum Nights
Do you miss the beautiful U of S campus? Do you long for the days where you cheered on your Huskies at the PAC or in Rutherford Rink?

2016-17 is your chance to rekindle your love for the U of S and our Huskie Athletics teams. As part of the U of S Alumni Association’s centennial year, the Alumni Association has partnered with Huskie Athletics and Saskatoon Media Group to present Alum Nights. With five different sports to choose from, you’ll be cheering on the green and white all year long!

U of S alumni will receive a free ticket to the game and a drink and food voucher to Huskie mens and womens soccer, hockey, basketball and volleyball. All you have to do is show your alumni card to get in!

Visit alumni.usask.ca/centennial to check out the game schedule and sign up for your free alumni card.

Jim Blackburn at the U of S employee appreciation picnic.
Grit McCreath: U of S ambassador

KRIS FOSTER

From being a student and alumna, to a member of the University Senate and the Board of Governors—and most recently being appointed the university’s first honorary ambassador—McCreath has held many roles at the U of S.

Growing up, the U of S was a place that was more than libraries, labs and lecture halls for her family. “On Sundays we would pack up our VW Bug and have picnics on campus, or go see a concert, or attend sporting events at the U of S gym. My parents would bring students home for dinner. It was absolutely central to my life growing up,” said McCreath.

There was no question, McCreath continued, “that I would attend the U of S.” And she did, earning a bachelor of education degree and spending 32 years as a teacher and education administrator in Saskatoon, Toronto, Edmonton and Calgary.

No matter the distance, there has never been a time in McCreath’s life that she has not been connected to the U of S, from childhood to today. Her son Andy attended the U of S, she and her spouse Scott McCreath, a graduate of the College of Commerce, have hosted countless alumni events and sponsored a number of scholarships. In fact, she and her husband calculated that in their immediate family there are 29 U of S degrees.

McCreath, in her ambassador role, has possibly found the perfect job, albeit one that does not come with a paycheque.

“I adore the university and as the honorary ambassador, get to share with others all the things that make this such an incredible place,” explained McCreath.

Some of the McCreath’s duties include meeting with and hosting alumni and donors, recruiting students, mentoring individuals and groups, attending university events and ceremonies, and providing the president with feedback from the community.

“The university is essential to the province and so many people are connected to it and have pride in it. I get to share that with others,” said McCreath.

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The University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association is proud to honour those who have left the University of Saskatchewan and have gone on to do amazing things through their respective fields and philanthropic efforts.

This October we pay tribute to these esteemed individuals and their achievements at the annual University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association Honouring Our Alumni event, an evening recognizing their determination and influence.

Congratulations
to the recipients of the 2016 Alumni Achievement Awards.
Roma Franko (MA’71)

Presented for her outstanding leadership in the arts and education.

Award-winning teacher and translator Roma Franko has been an influential member of the Ukraine Community in Saskatchewan for decades. Since its inception, her publishing company—Language Laterns Publications Inc—has published more than 20 books of English translations of Ukrainian literature.

Grit McCreath (BEd’91)

Presented for her outstanding volunteerism, philanthropy and public service.

Grit McCreath has a long history with community service and the University of Saskatchewan. She has served as both a member of the U of S Senate and Board of Governors. In 2011 she received a spot on the College of Education Wall of Honour and most recently has been named the first honorary University of Saskatchewan ambassador.

Iain MacLean (BA’62, BEd’63)

Presented for his outstanding community leadership and commitment to education (posthumous award).

Iain MacLean was a lifelong member of the U of S community, serving as both the administrative assistant to the U of S dean of arts and science and university secretary. He pioneered and established many advisory boards and committees during his time as an employee and continued his philanthropic work into his retirement.

Ross Phillips (MSc’11)

Presented in the young alumni category for his commitment to athletics, sports and wellness and environmentalism.

Ross Phillips is one of the founding members of the Cross Canada Canoe Odyssey, an expedition that took over 149 days to complete and spanned from Vancouver to St John’s. The award-winning trip showcased the importance of Canadian freshwater resources to culture, identity and the environment.
Noelle Rohatinsky  
(BSN’02, MN’08, PHD’13) 
Presented for her commitment to the nursing profession and her dedication to Aboriginal health initiatives. 
Noelle Rohatinsky is a leader in the Saskatchewan healthcare community for her work in Aboriginal advancements in health. Her research and mentorship focusing on health-care provider transitioning has been influential for new Aboriginal nursing graduates transitioning to practice experiences.

Ashley Smith  
(LLB’07) 
Presented in the young alumni category for her community leadership, achievement in the arts, and her contribution to the legal profession. 
A jack of all trades, Ashley Smith has found a balance between her love of law and the arts. An active member of the Saskatoon law community, Ashley sits on several boards. She's a sessional lecturer, a published author and coaches a U of S moot team at the College of Law. She's also passionate about performing in the arts and has performed all over the world in theatre and ballet.

Bruce Reeder  
(MD’76) 
Presented for his commitment to the medical profession and his dedication to public service and international aid. 
Dr. Bruce Reeder has spent the last three decades committing himself to the field of community health and epidemiology. He has applied his knowledge internationally through work with Doctors Without Borders, including in Liberia during the Ebola virus disease outbreak.

Myron Stadnyk  
(BE’85) 
Presented for his outstanding community service through philanthropy and his contributions to the energy industry. 
Myron Stadnyk was appointed president and CEO of ARC's Resources in 1997 and has helped the company grow from a $200 million start-up to an $8-billion company. ARC's production has grown to become one of Canada's top 10 energy producers.

For more information about this year’s award winners, go to alumni.usask.ca/achieve
ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Paul Suchan (BEd’07, BMusEd’07)
Presented in the young alumni category for his significant contributions to the arts and music education.
Paul Suchan says the time he spent as a U of S student helped shape his future career as a professional composer. Among his achievements, he has had his music play around the world and co-founded the Strata Festival of New Music that gives young Saskatchewan composers the chance to work on their art.

Dr. John Wedge (MD’69)
Presented for his commitment to advancing the medical profession and his dedication to public service.
A leading innovator in complex surgical hip construction, Dr. John Wedge is seen as the international authority on the subject. His expertise is demonstrated by his mentorship, publications and world lectures. Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Wedge co-founded SickKids International—a paediatric specialty service for developing countries.

Audrey Zettl (BSN’63)
Presented for her outstanding achievement and service in aboriginal initiatives and education.
Audrey Zettl has travelled extensively as a community health nurse, spending the majority of her career in northern Saskatchewan and the Territories where she made a positive impact on the lives of several Aboriginal communities. She co-founded Harvest Community Incorporated that looks to enhance the lives of those with intellectual disabilities.

Honorary alumni

Honorary alumni status may be granted to any person who is not otherwise a member of the Alumni Association in recognition of their exceptional contribution to the association or the university.

The following received honorary alumni status at the October Alumni Achievement awards.

Dr. Ernie Barber, interim provost and vice-president academic, University of Saskatchewan
Ellie Dybvig, finance and administration officer, Edwards School of Business
Sharon Evans, executive assistant to the dean, Edwards School of Business
Karen Georget, office administrator, information, Edwards School of Business
Jan Kalinowski, donor relations officer, Edwards School of Business
Wendy Wignes, director of undergraduate programs, Edwards School of Business
CLASS NOTES

Share your story. Tell us the recent highlights of your career, achievements and personal updates.

Your story will be shared online in class notes and may be published in the next Green & White or in college publications. Visit alumni.usask.ca/classnotes.

1950

Dr. Donald M. Kent, BE'57, MSc'59, of Regina, SK, was presented with the 2015 RJW Douglas Medal on February 6, 2016. This medal is awarded by the Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists for outstanding contributions to the understanding of sedimentary geology in Canada, commending major contributions to regional tectonics, petroleum and structural geology.

Dr. Keith K. Downey, BSA'50, MSc'52, DSc'94, of Okotoks, AB, is a recipient of the 2016 Saskatchewan Order of Merit.

Mr. Alexander Kobelak, BE'53, of Parksville, BC, was part of one of the U of S smallest engineering class in 1953, totaling 69 grads following the graduation of the WWII veteran cohort. A class history was written and published for the 50th anniversary in 2003 and a class bursary initiated to assist U of S students.

1960

Mr. Dale F. Ebert, BA'61, Educ'62, BE'd66, PG'd78, of Prince Albert, SK, was named a recipient of the 2015 Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal.

Mr. Bob D. Currie, BSP'61, BA'64, BE'd66, Educ'66, of Moose Jaw, SK, wrote his latest book, The Days Run Away, which has been shortlisted for the High Plains Book Award for poetry. This award covers the work of writers from Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Colorado, Nebraska, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Mr. Don G. Britton, BE'62, of Sanford, MB, began his one-year term as president of the Canadian Society of Senior Engineers in May 2016.

Mr. John S. Plaxton, BE'62, of Lethbridge, AB, was a member of the regular officer training program in 1958 and served in the Royal Canadian Air Force and Canadian Air Force until retirement in 1985. He travelled to Panama Canal, Inuvik, North West Territories while publishing two travelogues.

Mr. Jim D. Pulfer, BA'64, MSc'68, of Saskatoon, SK, was elected member of U of S senate representing Saskatoon, University of Saskatchewan and member of the task force charged with revising senate bylaws, 2012/13 and chair 2014. He was appointed to senate executive July 1, 2016.

Mr. Ken D. Collier, BA'64, of Mission, BC, has retired from his career in post-secondary education. He finished his Master of Social Work at UBC in 1970 and PhD of economics and applied social studies at the University of Wales in 1991. He taught social work and social policy from 1974 to 1996 at the University of Regina. He was appointed director of the centre for prior learning at Athabasca University in 1997 and appointed associate vice-president academic, administrative and special projects in November 2005.

Mr. Byron B. Birch, Be'65, of Millarville, AB, was approved for a lifetime membership from the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan on February 4, 2016.

Mr. Russell P. Marchuk, BA'69, of Regina, SK, retired as a member of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan on April 4, 2016. He had previously served as minister of education.

Commander George A. Godwin, BE'66, of Victoria, BC, retired after serving for 35 years in the Royal Canadian Navy and then 15 years with the sergeant-at-arms staff at the British Columbia legislative assembly.

Mr. Dennis K. Paddock, BE'68, of Regina, SK, retired after 23 years of service from his position as executive director and registrar of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan.

Mr. Gordon S. Rawlinson, BComm'68, of Calgary, AB, is a recipient of the 2016 Saskatchewan Order of Merit.

Ms. Sheila D. Early, BSN'69, of Edmonton, AB, received injection authorization in 2016 to enhance the pharmacy Practice at Didsbury and Carstairs Pharmasave.

Mr. Wilfred D. Perreault, BA'70, of Regina, SK, is a recipient of the 2016 Saskatchewan Order of Merit.

Ms. Lori K. Isinger, BE'70, of Saskatoon, SK, is downsizing her public involvement as the 10-year president of the Sask. Progressive Conservative Party, the Royal University Hospital Auxiliary and Foundation, the fundraising chair of the Friends of the Public Library, and an 11-year position on the Saskatoon Housing Authority. Lori is still involved in the Saskatoon Council of Women, is president of the Provincial Council of Women, is completing her second term on the senate of the U of S and is the incoming chair of the nominating committee. She is also board member of the Grasswood’s Conservative EDA.

Ms. Jeannette M. Eddolls, BEd'73, of Prince Albert, SK, was named a recipient of the 2015 Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal.

Mr. Don A. Weeks, BEd'72, of Lloydminster, AB, is now semi-retired living in Lloydminster, Alberta.

Ms. Lowell T. Snodgrass, BE'73, of Saskatoon, SK, was approved for a lifetime membership from the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists on February 4, 2016.

Mr. Jerome R. Konecni, BA'74, MA'76, BEd'77, of Saskatoon, SK, retired as the CEO of Innovation Saskatchewan on June 30, 2016.

Ms. Jo-Anne E. Bannatyne-Cugnet, BSN'74, of Weyburn, SK, is a recipient of the 2016 Saskatchewan Order of Merit.

Ms. Rita E. Bouvier, BEd'75, MEduc'84, of Saskatoon, SK, received the Rasmussen, Rasmussen and Charowsky Aboriginal Peoples’ Writing Award from the Sask. Book Awards for nakomaway'sa for the seasons on April 30, 2016.

Mr. Ken P. Krawetz, BEd'75, of Invermay, SK, retired as a member of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan on April 4, 2016. He served in several cabinet portfolios during his tenure in office, including the positions of deputy premier, minister of education and minister of finance.

Ms. Connie J. Strautman, BSP'77, of Olds, AB, received injection certification in 2013 and additional prescribing authorization in 2016 to enhance the pharmacy practice at Didsbury and Carstairs Pharmasaves.

Dr. Jim A. Kells, Be'77, MSc'80, PhD'95, of Saskatoon, SK, was named a fellow of the Engineering Institute of Canada (EIC) on December 18, 2015. The induction ceremony occurred on March 12, 2016.
Mr. Bob H. McDonald, BE’78, MBA’82, LLB’90, of Regina, SK, assumed the position of executive director and registrar of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan (APEGS) on June 1, 2016.

Ms. Shelley A. Brown, BComm’78, of Vancouver, BC, was inducted into the Junior Achievement of Saskatchewan Business Hall of Fame on June 6, 2016.

Mr. Timothy D. Grad, BSc’79, of Edmonton, AB, retired from Telus Corporation in 2014 after holding various positions in computer systems and finance departments in Edmonton.

1980

Ms. Janice L. Kolbinson, BSc’80, of Saskatoon, SK, retired on June 1, 2015, after 30 years of pharmacy service to patients at the Saskatoon Cancer Centre. She also received a Honorary Lifetime Membership award from the Canadian Association of Pharmacy in Oncology for long-term service in oncology care in April 2016.

Mr. Don H. George, BE’81, of Saskatoon, SK, was named the 2015 recipient of the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan Meritorious Achievement Award.

Ms. Susan E. Hetu, BA’81, of Saskatoon, SK, was appointed as CEO of the United Way of Saskatoon and Area on April 4, 2016.

Mr. Felix P. Hoehn, BA’81, LLM’11, of Saskatoon, SK, was the recipient of the 2016 Provost’s College Award for outstanding teaching for the College of Law from the University of Saskatchewan.

Ms. Donna M. Woloschuk, BSc’82, of Winnipeg, MB, retired from the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority Pharmacy Program June 10, 2016 and assumed the role of president, Canadian Council for the Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs (CCAPP) shortly thereafter.

Mr. James D. Turner, LLB’82, of Rosetown, SK, was appointed Queen’s Counsel by the Province of Saskatchewan on June 30, 2016.

Mr. Jeff R. Lawrence, BEd’83, of Dinsmore, SK, retired June 30, 2016 after a 40-year elementary teaching career, all at Dinsmore Composite School, Dinsmore, Sask.

Mr. Rob A. Neyedley, BSA’83, MSc’90, of Orleans, ON, retired from Monsanto Canada on June 19, 2015, after 30 years of summer and full-time service with the company.

Mr. Steven A. Horn, JD’83, of Nampa, BC, retired as chief legislative counsel, Department of Justice, Government of Yukon on December 31, 2009.

Mr. Alan G. Wallace, BA’84, of Saskatoon, SK, will be retiring from his position of chief planner for the City of Saskatoon in October 2016.

Mr. Simon J. Barber, MSc’84, of Dunrobin, ON, was appointed manager of global regulatory services for AgriThority LLC on March 15, 2016. AgriThority LLC is an integrated agricultural science consultancy organization.

Ms. Elizabeth E. Philips, BA’85, of Saskatoon, SK, received the City of Saskatoon and Public Library Saskatoon Book Award for her novel The Afterlife of Birds on April 20, 2016.

Mr. Warren M. Kaeding, BSc’85, of Regina, SK, was elected as a member of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan on April 4, 2016.

Minister Kevin A. Doherty, BA’85, of Regina, SK, was re-elected as a member of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan on April 4, 2016.

Dr. Keith G. Martell, BComm’85, LLD’16, of Eagle Ridge, SK, received a honorary doctor of laws degree from the University of Saskatchewan during spring 2016 convocation.

Ms. Heather L. Zordel, BComm’86, of Toronto, ON, moved law firms to Gardiner Roberts LLP in Toronto. She has also been appointed as a board member and audit committee member of Toronto Hydro Corporation.

Mr. Jim A. Nicol, BA’85, BComm’88, of Regina, SK, has been elected to serve a three-year term (2016 - 2019) on the University of Saskatchewan senate as representative of District 14 (Regina).

Dr. Peter P. MacLeod, MA’85, of Ottawa, ON, was appointed the director of research for The Canadian War Museum on June 27, 2016.

Ms. Catherine A. Sproule, Bed’85, BA’94, LLB’94, was re-elected as a member of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan.

Premier Brad J. Wall, BA’87, of Regina, SK, was re-elected as a member of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan and premier of Saskatchewan on April 4, 2016.

Brother Bruno R. Boyko, BA’87, Arts’91, of Pecos, NM, made a solemn profession as a monk of Our Lady of Guadalupe Olivetan Benedictine Monastery in Pecos NM, USA on Sunday May 29. His nickname is “Brother Tacturititas.”

Ms. Heather J. Scarlett-Ferguson, BSc’87, of Ponoka, AB, completed a doctor of education degree and now manages a research program for Alberta Health Services along with teaching pharmacology at MacEwan University.

Mr. E Craig C. Lothian, LLB’88, BA’86, of Regina, SK, was inducted into the Junior Achievement of Saskatchewan Business Hall of Fame on June 9, 2016.

Mr. Andre B. Regnier, BA’88, of Gloucester, ON, is co-founder of Catholic Christian Outreach and was awarded the Pro Ecclesia et Pontificе Medal on December 9, 2015. It is the highest award that can be given to a lay person by the pope.

Ms. Lynn A. Karasiuk James, BED’88, of Wataskiwin, AB, graduated in April 2016 with her master’s degree in educational leadership at the University of Saskatchewan’s School of Education.

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Mr. Bert O. Munro, BE’90, of Saskatoon, SK, was named the recipient of the 2016 Brian Eckel Distinguished Service Award from the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists on February 4, 2016.

Mr. Darren J. Moroz, Bed’90, of Calgary, AB, completed the Master of Education program in educational leadership at the University of Lethbridge and is currently in his 26th year of teaching with the Calgary Catholic school district.

Dr. Simon C. Pedder, PhD’91, of Indian Land, SC, was appointed director for Oksigen Inc. on March 24, 2016.

Dr. Vivian R. Ramsden, BSN’91, PhD’04, of Saskatoon, SK, was the recipient of the Award for Distinction in Community Engaged Teaching and Scholarship during the University of Saskatchewan’s spring 2016 convocation.

Ms. Joni V. Avram, LLB’91, of Calgary, AB, was recognized by the SABRE Awards North America 2016 for superior achievement in branding, reputation and engagement for leading Alberta’s province-wide #believeyou campaign, an initiative to promote a positive, empathic response to survivors of sexual assault. #believeyou was selected from over 300 campaigns and 2,000 entries across North America. The campaign was also presented at the Local Health and Innovation Conference at Yale University in April, 2016.

Ms. Patricia E. Bood, BA’91, LLB’94, of Victoria, BC, moved to Victoria, BC, assuming the role of senior vice president legal affairs and general counsel of British Columbia Investment Management Corporation, one of Canada’s largest institutional investors within the capital markets.

Dr. Crystal D. Litwin, MD’93, of Wynyard, SK, was named physician of the year by the Saskatchewan Medical Association in May 2016.

Dr. Ole G. Nielson, LLB’96, of Spruce Grove, AB, was named as a member of the Order of Canada on June 30, 2016.

Mr. Robert H. Jardine, BEd’97, MEduc’05, of Saskatoon, SK, was one of the eight teachers recognized by the Human Rights Commission for making significant contributions to the citizenship education materials March 2016. He was also awarded an international...
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Mr. Troy W. LaForge, BSA'99, of Swift Current, SK, was named the 2015 Canadian agronomist of the year by the Canadian Association of Union Americana De Natacion (UANA) judges. She attended and judged at the 2016 UANA age group championships in San Juan, Puerto Rico from Aug 29 to Sept 5, 2016.

Dr. Carol Ann Bullin, BSN’97, MCTGed’04, PhD’14, of Saskatoon, SK, was the recipient of the 2016 Provost’s College Award for outstanding teaching for the College of Nursing from the University of Saskatchewan.

Dr. Wendy J. Roy, MA’97, of Saskatoon, SK, was the recipient of the 2016 Provost’s College Award for outstanding teaching for the College of Arts and Science (Humanities and Fine Arts) from the University of Saskatchewan.

Ms. Kimberley A. Neyedley, BA’97, of Orleans, ON, published her first novel, Misfit, set in 1970s rural Saskatchewan, in which the main character endures a dysfunctional family and the modèle of her peers to emerge stronger on the other side.

Ms. Tara Y. Tanner, BEd’98, of Pincher Creek, AB, was appointed principal of Matthew Halton High School in Pincher Creek, AB for the 2016-2017 school year.

Mr. Troy W. LaForge, BSA’99, of Swift Current, SK, was named the 2015 Canadian agronomist of the year by the Canadian Association of Agri-Retailers.

2000

Mr. John R. Pantazopoulos, BComm’00, of Calgary, AB, was recognized as a 2016 oil and gas rising star by Oilweek, recognizing his contribution to his industry and Calgary.

Ms. Kerri E. Balon, BusAdm’00, of Saskatoon, SK, was named recipient of the 2016 Recruiter Recognition Award by the Canadian Association of Staff Physician Recruiters (CASPR). The Recruiter Recognition Award recognizes significant potential as an innovator and a role model or future leader in physician attraction, recruitment and retention activities.

Ms. Dallas L. Green, BComm’00, of Saskatoon, SK, was awarded the Fellow Chartered Professional Accountants (PCPA) in May 2016.

Ms. Holly Mansell, BSP’02, of Saskatoon, SK, was the recipient of the 2016 Provost’s College Award for Outstanding Teaching for the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition from the University of Saskatchewan.

Ms. Jackie E. Martin, BSc’02, BSc’03, MA’05, of Saskatoon, SK, was the recipient of the 2016 TechVenture Challenge for her company’s, Viking Innovations, development of the Dalmation. The Dalmation is a kitchen fire prevention system for the home.

Lieutenant Geoff B. Stewart, BE’02, of Wellard, AU, joined the Australian Defence Force in March 2010 and achieved the rank of lieutenant in the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) in July 2014. He will begin a two-year posting onboard HMAS Sirius on August 29, 2016 as deputy engineer officer.

Minister Jeremy E. Harrison, JD’04, of Regina, SK, was re-elected as a member of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan on April 4, 2016.

Ms. Sally R. Meadows, BEd’04, of Saskatoon, SK, has been shortlisted for the 2016 Word Awards, a national competition that honours the best published work by Canadian Christian writers in a wide range of genres.

Ms. Shirley Zhou, MSc’05, of Saskatoon, SK, was named one of CBC Saskatchewan’s future 40 winners of 2016, on March 15, 2016.

Ms. Candice D. Grant, BA’05, LLB’08, of Saskatoon, SK, was named one of CBC Saskatchewan’s future 40 winners of 2016, on March 15, 2016.

Ms. Karlyn M. Wells, BSKI’05, of Saskatoon, SK, was inducted into the University of Saskatchewan Athletic Wall of Fame on April 1, 2016.

Ms. Susanne K. Berg, BComm’06, of Saskatoon, SK, has been elected to serve a three-year term (2016 - 2019) on the University of Saskatchewan Senate as a member-at-large.

Dr. Leah J. Ferguson, BA’07, MSc’09, PhD’14, of Saskatoon, SK, was the recipient of the YWCA Women of Distinction Award in the category of health and wellness on May 26, 2016.

Mr. Evan D. Cole, BSc’07, BEd’08, of Saskatoon, SK, has been elected to serve a three-year term (2016 - 2019) of the University of Saskatchewan Senate as a member-at-large.

Mr. Cody R. Barnett, BComm’08, of Saskatoon, SK, was named the director of development and communications, Saskatchewan for the Nature Conservancy of Canada.

Ms. Jennifer L. Campeau, MBA’09, of Regina, SK, was re-elected as a member of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan on April 4, 2016.

Ms. Nicole J. Berg, BA’09, of Lashburn, SK, was runner-up for “Best Article/ Series (2015-16)” for her thought leadership column on gender balance in the workplace in Coaching at Work, the leading global industry magazine for coaches, mentors, managers, and HR professionals.

2010

Mr. Vincent A. Bruni-Bossio, MBA’10, of Saskatoon, SK, was the recipient of the 2016 Provost’s Award for Outstanding New Teacher from the University of Saskatchewan.

Ms. Leah D. Horlick, BA’10, of Regina, SK, was named one of CBC Saskatchewan’s future 40 winners of 2016, on March 15, 2016.

Mr. Anirban Banerjee, MSc’12, of London, ON, was named one of CBC Saskatchewan’s future 40 winners of 2016, on March 15, 2016.
IN MEMORIAM

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

In Memoriam include those who have passed prior to August 15, 2016. Names are listed by decade of receipt of their first U of S degree. Date of death and last-known address can be found online at usask.ca/greenandwhite.

1930

- Greene, Dorcas L (Langdon), BHSC’38
- Kernen, Gerald, AGRIC’39
- Richter, Sylvia I (Reveley), BA’38
- Sutherland, Doreen M (Bailey), BA’38

1940

- Acorn, Ivan M, BA’41, BACC’47
- Atkinson, Frederick F, BE’43
- Cooper, George, AGRIC’44
- Craswell, Robert W, BSA’49
- Dean, Bert E, BA’48, BEd’72, PGD’79
- Dean, David R, BComm’48
- Gauley, David E (Tom), LLB’43
- Radfie, Stan, Ad Eundem’44
- Ross, Graham A, AGRIC’48
- Sly, Jessie E (Mills), BA’49
- Smith, Teresa J (Connolly), BA’45, LLB’48
- Wagner, Jeanie M (Shaw), BA’42, MA’66
- Walper, Helen B (Beryl) (Haver), BSN’46
- Wheaton, Robert R, BA’49, MD’57
- Williams, Richard W, BA’49, LLB’52

1950

- Agar, Charles F (Frank), BE’52
- Anderson, Jack, BA’50, BComm’51
- Atchison, Lorne F, Cert Bus Admin’57
- Bevins, Robert A (Bob), BSA’50
- Carlson, Evar Y, BE’50
- Chater, Jeanne B, BComm’51
- Dakota, Guy L (LeRoy), BComm’50
- Deniroz, David M, BE’55
- Ellis, Kenneth A, BA’50, BComm’51
- Fox, Charles M, BA’58
- Harcourt, Wilfred J, BEd’59, BA’60
- Hennenfent, William C, BE’55
- Hextall, Lorne T, BSA’51
- Hockley, James S (Jim), BA’54
- Holding, Stanley R, BSP’50
- Howard, Marlene J (Gates), BA’56, SC’74, BEd’80, MEd’83
- Hudson, Gudrun S (Stefanie) (Gunlaugson), BA’54
- Kenney, Donald T, LLB’59
- Kozak, Hilda W, BEd’58
- Ladouceur, Denis A, BSA’56
- Lambie, Judith A (Gathercole), BA’59, Cert Edu’59, BEd’87
- Lowes, Myrna A (Pufahl), BA’56
- MacNeil, James A, BA’56, Cert Edu’58, BEd’65
- Martin, David J, BA’55, MD’57
- Olson, Edward F, Cert Bus Admin’57
- Richert, George E, BEd’58, MEd’65
- Ritter, Giorgianna (I) (Fennell), BEd’55
- Roese, Alphonse A (Al), BE’52
- Rogoman, Edith P, BA’55, MD’57
- Russell, John W (Wilson), AGRIC’54
- Sandcrorck, John K, BA’58
- Sanderson, James H, LLB’52
- Schneider, Lambert, BEd’54, BA’65, PGD’69
- Schoonover, Linda (Novak), Cert Edu’55
- Sedgewick, Ronald (Ron), BE’54
- Shenher, Joseph A, BA’58, Cert Edu’59, BEd’63
- Skinner, Stanley A, BA’59
- Smith, Donald A (Don), BE’58
- Soper, Robert J, BA’53, BSA’53, MSc’55
- Vistnes, Lars M, BA’50
- Whitmore, Helen J (Jean) (Stewart), BSP’54
- Wilson, Douglas W, BE’58
- Wilson, Ian J, BA’50, BEd’54

1960

- Anderson, Brenda J, BA’69, ARTS’69
- Arrell, Bruce E, BComm’66
- Bartle, Victor, BSP’63
- Bell, Roderick M (Bud), BE’64
- Benson, Mervin H (Merv), BA’60
- Bert, Paul E, BE’62
- Bertram, Beverley M, BEd’62, BA’63, MEd’76
- Beveridge, Stanley B, BE’64
- Broshko, Bernard M (Bernie), BEd’69
- Czarnecki, Edward M, BSA’69
- Dalgliesh, Ronald G, BSA’65
- Dauphinais, Guy J, BA’63, LLB’66
- Dickson, Geraldina (Gerri) (Pine), BSN’69, PHD’97
- Dyck, Arthur, BEd’69
- Dyer, Susan M, BA’69, BEd’72
- Ehman, Gail M (Ohara), BA’60
- Fabian, James T, BEd’64
- Ferris, Thomas W, BA’63
- Gerber, George H, BSA’64, PHD’69
- Hall, Faith, PUBLA’69
- Hare, Edward M, Cert Bus Admin’66
- Hinderkers, Helen A (Killer), BEd’61, BA’61
- Holt, Garry L, AGRIC’64
- Hooker, James M, BA’69
- Huebert, Alfred J, BA’67, LLB’68
- Hughes, Donna-Lynne C, BA’69
- Jansen, Norman H, BSP’62
- Johnson, Thomas S (Stani), BEd’68, Kagi, Maija L, BA’66
- Lien, Roger T, BE’68
- Listoe, Philip, BEd’60, BA’68
- Martin, Herbert C (Bert), BSP’63
- McCallum, Erika L (Elister–Connell), BA’63, BEd’63
- Monckton, Vincent E, BA’60, Cert Edu’64, BEd’65
- Owerko, Elizabeth, BEd’61
- Reiley, Stuart B, BA’66, BEd’69
- Sandomirsky, Noel S, BA’63, JD’67
- Schuck, Andrew P, BA’65
- Senitis, Vernon J (Vern), BE’62
- Sluchinski, Heather A (Robb), BEd’67, BA’69
- Soronow, Beatrice I (Proznik), BA’66, LLB’70
Stredwick, Ralph V, BSA’66, Suchoboki, Eugene, BE’63
Truscott, Gerald E, BEd’64
Weiner, Gunter H, BA’63, Cert Educ’64
Wetterstrand, Karl G (Gerry), BE’63
White, Douglas A, BE’61
Windjack, Walter, BEd’64, BA’68
Wytrykush, George F, BA’65
Zabinski, Orest J, Cert Bus Admin’63
Zacharias, Henry H, BEd’62, BA’68
Zaleschuk, Walter P, BEd’63, BA’66

1970

Bleszynski, Alexander L, BEd’70
Bamford, Gail D (Burnard), BEd’71
Cooley, Wayne T (Trent), BEd’70, PGD’87
Cowie, Neil W, BSc’74, MSc’77, MD’81
Cox, Darryl L, BEd’70
Dauben, Lois M, BEd’70, PGD’71, MEd’75
Dorotich, Elizabeth A (Scarlett), MEd’79
Dyck, Beatrice (Betty) L (Saunderson), LOCADM’72
Forsch, Nikolai J (Nick), DVM’76
Gibson, James F, BE’73
Gudmundson, Jon, MVS’76
Hajnal, Vivian J (Podworny), MBA’76, PHD’91
Harman, Nancy R (Hanson), BSP’77
Howard, Colleen A (Merrill) (Zavislake), BSP’72
Hrooshkin, Peter, BEd’74
Klopushak, Anne D (Hankewich), BEd’76
Krell, William F, AGRIC’73
Lakhram, Kenneth E, BEd’74
Logan, Helen V (Staflund), BEd’74
Mager, Lloyd C, BA’76
Morrow, Orville T, LLB’78, BA’78
Nevlin, Robert L, BA’73
Nordquist, Donald E, BA’73
Piechotta, Georgia F, BSN’73
Powell, Kenneth C, AGRIC’72
Reimer, George C, BEd’71

1980

Basset, Mary L (Zentner), BEd’86
Beamish, Berniece F. (Sand), BEd’85
Elchuk, Marilyn A, BEd’80
Gamelin, Patricia A (Pat) (Nisbet), BEd’84
Hawkes, Mary Ann (Plymire), BA’81, MA’84
Petreny, Joe N, BSA’84, DVM’91
Pringnitz, Valerie M, BEd’81
Regush, Gloria S (Kimmerly), BRELST’84
Tunnicliffe, Donald B (Bruce), BUSADM’84
Wensley, Noreen (Wensley-King), BSHEC’81
Zwierzynski, Judith A (Lasiuk), HECADM’89

1990

Boscher, Terry W, BEd’94
Hay, Elaine C. (Robillard), BEd’95
Hennig, Barry R, BEd’91
Lillie, Robert E (Bob), MBA’93
Loewen, Susie (Susanne) (Yee), BA’96
Luciuk, Colin M, BComm’90

2000

Di Giovanni, Laura L, MEd’07
Facca, Lindsay I, BSc(Kin)’09, MPT’11
Goosen, Kurt D, BA’98
Guo, Weiji, MSc’97, PHD’00, CPDS’02
Hammersmith, Jamie M, BA’03, JD’06
Kirkland, Warren A, BA’09
Lindberg, Angela F (Korchinski), BSc’04
Rosen, Adrian M, BUSADM’03
Taylor, Laura C, BSc(Kin)’06
Wilcox, Bradley A (Brad), MSc’03
Young, Liesle D (Korchinski), PHD’05
Zboril-Benson, Leona R, BSN’98, MN’00

2010

Davis, Heather S, MPH’12
Howe, Gordon (Gordie), DCL’10
Ulrich, Preston C, BA’10

The Alumni Association has noted, with sorrow, the passing of the following faculty, staff and friends.

Bishara, Halim I.
Cowie, Neil W.
Doucette, Joseph R (Ron)
Ghadially, Feroze N.
Goddard, Dudley A.
Gudmundson, Jon
Guo, Weiji
Hajnal, Vivian J (Podworny)
Kernen, Hester J (Lusted)
Long, Richard J (Rick)
Lucyshyn, Frank F.
Maher, William J.
Milani, John R.
Mills, Douglas K.
Perez, Luis A.
Saunders, James R (Robert)
Sokalski, Alexander A.
Steeden, Jean H.
Taylor, Laura C.
Whale, William B (Brock)
Wilcox, Bradley A (Brad)
Woznica, Nellie A.

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Olivia Carolan’s interest in animals started early, riding horses and caring for their injuries. It was a heartbreaking experience that inspired her decision to pursue an education in veterinary medicine to reduce animal suffering. “It was putting my horse down—Denahli—who had cancer,” she explained. “I couldn’t do anything to help him with the pain.”

Olivia knew the University of Saskatchewan was the right place for her. However, it wasn’t possible due to financial constraints. Then, a university donor changed everything.

Olivia received much-needed financial support to enter the College of Agriculture and Bioresources’ Animal Bioscience Program when she was awarded the Peter Lewochko Bursary, funded through a bequest gift. Olivia now aims to enter the Western College of Veterinary Medicine within the next two years, so she can fulfill her childhood dream.

“The opportunity to pursue higher education without financial worry is an irreplaceable gift. Donors graciously open the door to life-changing opportunities, and for that I am forever grateful.”

Olivia Carolan
Animal Bioscience student

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