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REGINA -- For the first time in the province's history, the University of Regina is taking an admission-registration-counselling service out to communities it serves.

The unprecedented move, announced by University President Lloyd Barber, is in the form of a two-day pilot project August 12 in Melville and August 13 in Yorkton.

Dr. Barber said the project is in response to a rapidly-growing interest from these two areas for full time and part-time study.

"The increasing number of full time students attending this University from Melville, the city of Yorkton and the surrounding areas, in addition to a very strong interest in University courses locally, clearly shows that residents quite properly view the University of Regina as their University," he said.

"We see this as an obligation on our part to residents of the Yorkton-Melville region, and we are going to meet that obligation fully."

Dr. Barber said the unique project is consistent with the University's policy of not only being open to the public, but also being accessible to the general public in every way possible.

"Our doors are always open and we intend that to mean a door in every possible community across the Southern half of Saskatchewan," he said.

"The community college system has a vital role to play in this, and the co-operation of Parkland Community College serving the Yorkton-Melville region is an outstanding example. We see a strong partnership developing with the colleges, to co-ordinate delivery of those University-level courses which individuals require."

Dr. Barber acknowledged the pilot project is something of a bold step for a University, and added that the University would consider expanding it to more communities in future.

The University will provide, both in Melville and Yorkton, admission and registration services on the spot for students planning to attend University this fall, as well as for those planning to enrol for courses offered in both centres this fall.

The University project also will be able to provide guidance and advice for students still in high school, and for persons out of school who would like to attend University or to take some University courses.

Dr. Barber said the University of Regina is experiencing a rapid increase in part time students, with enrolment last year well over 6,000. This was coupled with a record-setting 3,700 full time students enrolled last winter.

"Perhaps this is because more and more students, and their parents, are discovering the University of Regina offers and demands top-level scholarship in a surprisingly complete range of areas."

Dr. Barber agreed that studying at a beautiful new lake-side University in the capital city is quite an attraction to students as well.