



CLUB 2005 inspires community to give to Games

Dave Pettigrew says the 2005 Canada Summer Games has already created a legacy for the city of Regina and the U of R, and he's happy to be a part of it. Pettigrew is a volunteer fundraiser for the University's Building Dreams and Futures campaign. The campaign recently announced CLUB 2005, an opportunity for the community to support the Games financially.

"The Games will have a lot of in-kind support from individuals and businesses," says Pettigrew. "But Games organizers will also need cash to make the event the best that it can be. CLUB 2005 is a relatively accessible way for an individual to get behind an important initiative for the Regina area and the University."

Pettigrew plays recreational hockey and coaches kids' soccer when he's not working as IBM Canada's General Manager in Saskatchewan. While he says his connection to the Games will be as a spectator, he joined CLUB 2005 for several reasons, including the

feeling of knowing that he's helping young athletes' dreams come true.

"You can see the legacy of the Games already in the deepening of the lake for the aquatic events," Pettigrew says. Facilities like the Centre for Kinesiology, Health, and Sport also play an important role in the Games and in the future of the community. "I was impressed when I heard a PhD student talk about his three reasons for continuing his health studies in Regina: financial support for his work, a strong faculty advisor, and an outstanding research facility."

Pettigrew, a University of Saskatchewan grad, believes a strong, vibrant University is central to the economic growth of the Regina area and the province. With the recent investments in infrastructure and the momentum created by the \$75 million Building Dreams and Futures campaign, he believes the Regina area is well poised to become an

important centre for research in areas such as petroleum recovery and environmental management.

"I have three small children, and they are a big part of my U of R connection," says Pettigrew. "I expect they will attend the U of R and stick around to contribute to the community."

CLUB 2005 has three levels of membership. A gift of \$205 provides the donor with a Games pin, a window flag, one ticket to an exclusive CLUB 2005 reception, and discounts on Games clothing and merchandise. Donors at the \$1,005 level receive the same benefits, plus an additional ticket to the exclusive reception and two tickets to the opening and closing ceremonies of the Games. A gift of \$2,005 includes those benefits, plus two one-week passes to the Games. Payments can be made by cheque or credit card. Donors can make payments in full or through equal



monthly instalments, with the final payment no later than December 2005.

"I added a CLUB 2005 commitment to my five-year pledge to support the University. The first year will be to CLUB 2005, with the following years to the University," Pettigrew says. "When I heard about CLUB 2005, I saw it as a positive move for the community, and something worth getting behind."

To join CLUB 2005, visit www.uregina.ca/campaign/club2005, or call 1-877-779-4723.

The hometown advantage

Building Dreams and Futures/Bâtir un avenir, réaliser des rêves

What better way to participate in the 2005 Canada Summer Games than by competing in your own hometown? In just a few months, 4,500 of Canada's finest young athletes will descend on the U of R campus, which will be transformed into the Athletes' Village for the Games. Among those athletes will be Sandy Bain, who is balancing a full load of Administration courses with his training for the Games. He's been waiting since he was a kid for the singular opportunity to participate in the Games, while representing his city and the U of R at the same time.

"My friends and family will be able to see me race live against a competitive field," he says.

Bain competes in track and field events - usually the 1,500, 3,000 and 5,000-metre races - indoors and outdoors. He also runs the 8 km and 10 km cross-country races. Bain declines to list of all the provincial championships he's won, but does admit to having held the provincial championship in the 1,500- and 5,000-metre events. He would like to compete in those two events at the Games. Qualifying trials will be held in June.

Besides his commitments to the U of R Cougars Track and Field and Cross-Country teams, Bain is also a fourth-year Administration student, specializing in accounting. "I know many people think accounting is boring, but I like it a lot," says Bain.

How does he balance his academic and sports responsibilities? "I stay organized and let my profs know of my racing schedule, so if there are any conflicts, they can be worked out. My profs are very co-operative with my track, so it makes things a lot easier," Bain says.

While the Games will be an opportunity to showcase the U of R and the community on a national stage, the event will also give athletes like Bain a chance to shine and compete for top national honours. Bain expects to have a hometown advantage during his events.

"I am the type of person who feeds off the crowd, and the crowd will be cheering for me. There will be a little extra nerves, but I always compete better when I have fans, so I think it will help me a lot," he says.

Bain could be excused for experiencing some extra nerves. The Games are expected to attract 12,000 visitors to the province. As part of the U of R's Building Dreams and Futures campaign, local corporations, businesses, and individuals are donating \$10 million in cash and in-kind donations to help fund the Games. Games organizers have invested in new and upgraded facilities in Regina, Moose Jaw and surrounding communities. The Games will leave a legacy of experienced coaches and athletes, including Bain. Are the Olympics a possibility in his future?

"Making the Olympics will be a hard goal to accomplish," he says. "If I do make it, hopefully it will be in the 5 km or 10 km. The average runner doesn't peak until they're 28 to 32 years old. I'm only 21, so I have a lot of improvement to make. The good thing about events like the Canada Games is that they represent a stepping stone to the ultimate goal of making the Olympics and representing your country."

For more information on the Building Dreams and Futures campaign, visit www.uregina.ca/campaign.

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Thurs., Apr. 14 - 2:30 p.m.
Economics seminar
 "The Equalization Quagmire: Where Do We Go From Here?"
 Speaker: Gary Tompkins
 Rm. 420, Classroom Bldg.
 Info: 585-4485

Friday, April 15 - 5 p.m.
BFA Graduate Exhibition Reception
 "inPlace" (exhibition runs April 14-24)
 Gerald Youzwa, Harwood Truscott, Michael Dornian, and Anthony Chivetelu
 Mackenzie Art Gallery (Agra Torchinsky Salon)
 Info: 585-5572

Friday, April 15 - 3:30 p.m.
Biology seminar
 "Getting together and breaking up: Roost associations in female Big Brown Bats (*Eptesicus fuscus*)"
 Speaker: Kristen Kolar
 Rm. 126, Classroom Bldg.
 Info: 585-4145

Monday, May 9
Start of 2005 Spring/Summer sessions

Wednesday, May 11 - 5:30 p.m.
21st Annual Distinguished Canadian Award Dinner
 Award recipient: Roy Romanow
 Regina Delta Hotel
 Tickets by May 6/Info: 585-5816

Wednesday, May 18 - 7 p.m.
Luther College book club meeting
 Book: "The In-Between World of Virkam Lal" by M. G. Vassanji
 Main floor, Luther College, U of R
 Info: 337-2463

Wednesday, June 1 to Friday, June 3
Spring Convocation

For a complete Calendar of Events at the University of Regina, visit our Web site at www.uregina.ca



Sandy Bain (r), a U of R student who will be competing in the 2005 Canada Summer Games, was joined by Gary Huntington (l), chair of the Building Dreams and Futures campaign, at the April 7 news conference announcing CanWest MediaWorks' \$1 million sponsorship of the Games and the launch of CLUB 2005. Bain spoke about the great experience the Games will be for Saskatchewan athletes.

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