



CAMPUS CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 12

Last day of winter 2006 lectures.

Thursday, April 13 – 3:30 p.m.

Biology Seminar
"Prediction and Management of an Invasive Grass (Agropyron Cristatum)"
Speaker: Malin Hansen

Rm. 235, Lab Bldg.

Info: 585-4145

Friday, April 14

Good Friday
University is closed.

Friday, April 14 – 7:30 p.m.

Musica Sacra
Juventus Concert Choir

Director: Diana Woolrich

Chapel, 2nd floor, Campion College

Info: 359-1244

Friday, April 17 – 21

SPARK Camps for Kids
Conservatory of Performing Arts,
College Avenue Campus

The Conservatory of Performing Arts is offering Spring Performing Arts and Recreation for Kids (SPARK) during spring break week. The program includes two camps covering three age groups.

"The camps will give kids in different age groups a chance to explore their creativity and self-expression in various forms," explains Gerry Folk, head of the conservatory. "They are similar to the ones we offer during the summer."

The Creative Drama Studio is being offered in two parts, for children ages six to eight, and nine to eleven. Participants will learn the basics of acting – voice, movement, storytelling and improvising – from theatre professionals. During the week, the children will create a script, a set and props, and rehearse their production. On Friday afternoon, they will present their play to family and friends. "It's a wonderful way for kids build self-confidence," says Folk.

The second camp – Arts Play, Ocean Adventure – is for children ages five to seven. Through art, drama, music, dance and literature, kids will explore the ocean and learn more about the creatures in it. They'll also look for buried treasure, take an ocean cruise and make some super sea slime. "We did a bit of this last summer," says Folk, "and the kids really enjoyed it. This arts-based camp expands the opportunities for children to develop creativity around the ocean theme."

More information about SPARK camps and registration forms are available at: www.uregina.ca/cce/conservatory/

Tuesday, April 18 – 4 p.m.

Saskatchewan Institute of Public Policy Public Forum
"Saskatchewan with an Aboriginal Majority:
Education and Entrepreneurship"

Speaker: Eric Howe

Alvin Buckwold school gymnasium (715 East Drive, Saskatoon)
Must register. Info: 585-5869

Thursday, April 20 – noon

Senior Education Centre Forum
"Restorative Justice"

Senior's Education Centre (College Ave. & Cornwall St.)

Cost: \$5 Info: 585-5816

Friday, April 21 – 1:30 p.m.

Saskatchewan Institute of Public Policy Professional Outreach Program

"Canadian Health Care: A Comparative View from the European Observatory"

Speaker: Gregory Marchildon

Window Rm., Galley Bldg. (College Ave. Campus)

Must register. Info: 585-5869

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Opening doors to learning for all

The U of R, SIAST and Regina Community Living have teamed up to explore a new approach to improve literacy among people with intellectual disabilities. The pilot project provides an opportunity for two adults with intellectual disabilities to attend classes at the U of R, where they receive tutoring from their classmates. The project is already producing benefits for everyone in the classroom.

"The project grew out of research I did, which showed that of the more than 11,000 adults in Regina with intellectual disabilities, less than one per cent have access to literacy programming," explains Joan McCulloch, a doctoral student in the Faculty of Education at the U of R. "Yet, 80 per cent of them said they wanted to improve their literacy capabilities. And, we know that our literacy skills are like muscles; if we don't exercise them, they wither away."

McCulloch's findings, which were submitted to the National Literacy Secretariat, led to the formation of an advisory committee consisting of various community and government agencies. The committee decided to seek out opportunities at the post-secondary level for people with intellectual disabilities.

"David Friesen (associate dean of the Faculty of Education) initially opened the door," McCulloch says. "Then the Registrar, Judy Chapman, found bursaries for the students, Jana and Roxanne. SIAST will join the program in 2007. We're thrilled with the support we've received."

Jana Friel and Roxanne Charpin have been attending a course in health education instructed by Darlene Solie, who is an enthusiastic supporter of the project. When the course began, she asked the students to assess their abilities, strengths and weaknesses,



Roxanne Charpin (left) and Jana Friel (right) participate in a University of Regina course in health education taught by Darlene Solie (centre). The students are involved in a pilot project aimed at improving literacy among people with intellectual disabilities.

and she invited them to volunteer to tutor Friel and Charpin to improve their literacy in specific areas. The response was so strong Solie had to limit the number of tutors to three each. Together, they planned out the areas they wanted to work on. Both students are working on their reading and computer skills. Friel is also improving her abilities in mathematics. Charpin works out in the gym with one of her tutors. "We had an 'a-ha' moment a few days ago when Roxanne and Jana spoke up for the first time when the other students were giving their presentations," says Solie. "They are reading better, and their confidence is up. It's about giving them

opportunities to be respected. When these students leave here they're also going to be better able to help other special needs people because of their experience."

What do Friel and Charpin think of the experience? "Awesome," they chime in together. "I used to be at home all the time. It's better to get out more," Friel adds. They agree they'll miss the class when it ends, although their classmates plan to stay in touch through email and instant messaging on the computer. Without hesitation, they also agree they'd come back to campus for another course. That will depend on finding the funding to extend and expand the pilot project.



U of R marketing students Krista Loydl, Jocelyn Lanoie, and Treena Amyotte, shown here with Dean of Business Administration Garnet Garven, will travel to China next semester to gain hands-on international marketing experience. The team won the faculty's annual Bridges to International Practice competition with a marketing strategy to help Hypor Canada expand its operations in China. The Faculty of Business Administration is currently seeking new partners for the competition and welcomes inquiries from interested businesses.

FACES ON CAMPUS

Annette Revet has only been with the University in her role as Enterprise Risk Manager for a few months, but her longstanding ties with the U of R influenced her decision to take the job.

"I've always had a soft heart for the U of R," says



Annette Revet

Revet, who was born and raised in Regina. "I earned both my degrees here. Before I accepted the job offer, I took a good long walk around campus, and I knew I wanted to be part of an institution that is young, vibrant, relevant, open and learning."

Although Revet has

extensive experience in the potash industry and with Farm Credit Canada, her new role as risk manager will involve a learning curve. Her job is to facilitate the process of identifying the risks the University might face, and finding reasonable measures to mitigate or minimize those risks.

"Universities are complicated institutions," she states. "I'll be talking with a lot of people, gathering information and organizing it. Part of the job is to ask 'Are we reasonably mitigating the risks?' I'll start at the enterprise level, and work down to the unit level. We'll be taking increment steps because this is a new process for the University."

"Good managers address risk implicitly," Revet continues, "building it into their programming. Part of my role is formalizing and building on what already works, strengthening it, and introducing new risk management practices to help the University succeed."