



## CAMPUS CALENDAR

**Sunday, May 25 – 7:30 p.m.**

Regional Centre on Expertise lecture

*“Reconciling our inheritance: Finding opportunity in the challenges of the 21st century”*

Speaker: Severn Cullis-Suzuki

Royal Saskatchewan Museum

Info: 585-5295

**Tuesday, June 3 – 12:15 p.m.**

*Leaders in Actions: A Keynote Luncheon and Seminar*

Speakers: Carrie Bourassa and Joan McCusker

Ramada Hotel, Regina

Be inspired to apply leadership knowledge and skills to your organization and daily life.

Tickets:

\$79 + GST each

\$590 + GST Corporate table of eight (includes buffet lunch).

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**June 4-6**

2008 Spring Convocation

Conexus Arts Centre

For more information: [www.uregina.ca/convocation/](http://www.uregina.ca/convocation/)

**Thursday, June 5 – 9 a.m.**

National Aboriginal Leadership Seminar

Speakers: Keith Goulet, the Honourable Judge G. M. Morin, Sharon LaFlamme, Lisa Meeches, Dr. Blair Stonechild, Dr. Jacqueline Ottmann, Keith Martell and Perry Bellegarde

Education Auditorium

Info: 337-3203

The Aboriginal Student Centre is proud to host the National Aboriginal Leadership Seminar. The one-day seminar will bring together Aboriginal leaders from different fields in order to give the audience a comprehensive view of Aboriginal leadership. The speakers will explore the role of Aboriginal leadership through the lens of the various levels of government and society. Participants will have an opportunity to learn about the history of Aboriginal leadership, consider emerging Aboriginal issues, and examine strategies for improving Aboriginal presence in leadership roles.

Those wishing to attend the National Aboriginal Leadership Seminar can contact Réal Carrière at (306) 337-3203 or visit the Aboriginal Student Centre website at: [www.uregina.ca/asc](http://www.uregina.ca/asc).

**Wednesday, June 25 – 7:30 p.m.**

Heritage Lecture Series

*“ArtsAction in Regina’s Downtown”*

Speakers: Christine Ramsay and Kathleen Irwin

Rm. 106, College Bldg., College Avenue Campus

Info: 585-5870

**July 1**

Canada Day

The University of Regina is closed.

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## Sustainability conference at the University of Regina to address global issues

At a time when the public eye is focused more than ever on the environment and sustainable livelihoods, Saskatchewan residents will have a unique opportunity to discuss these issues with like-minded people from across the Americas and beyond at a conference being held right here at home.

The conference is being presented by the Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development in Saskatchewan (RCE Saskatchewan), the United Nations University-acknowledged organization formed in Saskatchewan in March 2007.

“The RCE Conference of the Americas will bring together for the first time members of the different North and South American RCEs that are recognized by the United Nations University for their role in education for sustainable development,” says Roger Petry, conference co-chair and a professor with Luther College at the University of Regina. “In particular it allows participants to explore sustainability themes important to the prairie region including climate change, sustainable infrastructure, farming and local food production, and healthy lifestyles, among others.”

Petry is a co-coordinator of RCE Saskatchewan, an organization that brings together several post-secondary institutions including the U of R, Luther College, University of Saskatchewan, and SIAST to address sustainability issues in the region.

According to Petry, this conference will give the public a global perspective. “The conference will provide a rare opportunity for people in Saskatchewan to engage not just with each other, but also with people



As a co-coordinator of the Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development in Saskatchewan, Roger Petry is helping to bring people from across the Americas together to talk about sustainability.

from as far away as Brazil who can provide meaningful insight into how we can all live sustainable lifestyles,” he says.

Entitled “Knowledge and Innovation for Sustainability: Assessing and Adopting Beneficial Practices,” the RCE Conference of the Americas will take place from May 25-27 at the U of R. The public are invited to attend a keynote speech by Severn Cullis-Suzuki, environmental advocate and founder of the Environmental Children’s Organization. Cullis-Suzuki’s free address will take place at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum at 7:30 pm on Sunday, May 25, and is entitled “Reconciling our inheritance: Finding opportunity in the challenges of the 21st century.”

In addition to the keynote speaker, the RCE Conference of the Americas will bring together approximately 50 presenters and panelists to discuss ways of promoting education for sustainable development in the province and beyond.

RCE Saskatchewan is one of eight RCEs recognized in North and South America by the United Nations University. There are approximately 55 RCEs worldwide, all of which have been designated by the United Nations University as part of its contribution to advancing the United Nations’ “Decade of Education for Sustainable Development” (2005-2014). Further information about the conference is available at: [www.saskrce.ca/conference2008](http://www.saskrce.ca/conference2008)

**FACES ON CAMPUS**

It’s one of the busiest times of the year for farmers across the province. This season however, Greg Bridgeman is hoping farmers are not only thinking about getting the spring seed in. He wants them to think about how to do it safely.

Bridgeman is the workplace wellness coordinator at the Dr. Paul Schwann Applied Health and Research Centre at the University of Regina. The Schwann



Greg Bridgeman

Centre recently launched a new website that’s receiving national attention as it is helping farmers prevent injury while working.

The website – thinkback.ca – provides information to farm workers on proper lifting techniques, proper ergonomics and tips on posture in an effort to prevent debilitating injury. Thinkback.ca was launched in March during Canadian

Agriculture Safety Week (CASW) and has received national media attention since. And it’s no surprise, as magnitudes of people across the country suffer from back pain. In fact, according to Bridgeman, studies show that up to 80 per cent of the population will experience back pain at some point in their lives, and 15 to 18 per cent will miss work because of it. This is of particular concern to farmers, most of whom are self-employed and may not have insurance for work-related injuries.

“By promoting safety measures we’re helping farm workers to work smarter, not harder,” says Bridgeman. “All of the material on the site was gathered and researched by the Dr. Paul Schwann Centre. It covers topics like proper posture when driving a tractor, or how to change a tire, which people might not think of when assessing the potential risk for injury,” he adds.

Thinkback.ca is the result of a partnership with Farm Credit Canada (FCC), which approached the Schwann Centre in 2001 for help in developing educational materials specifically for farm workers. Even with mechanization, farm work often requires a lot of physical effort, and back injuries are especially common among farmers.

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