



CAMPUS CALENDAR

September 5 - October 6

Food and Art Exhibition at the University Club
Rm. 215, College West Bldg.
8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday
Info: 585-4747

October 4 - 9

Honouring Theatre Canadian Tour
Shumatcher Theatre, Riddell Centre
Cost: \$18 per play (adult); \$15 per play (student)
Info: 585-5500

Thursday, October 5 - noon

Seniors' Education Centre forum
"Aboriginal Medicine Wheel"
Rm. 106, Gallery Bldg. (College Ave & Cornwall St.)
Cost: \$5 Info: 585-5816

Friday, October 6 - 3:30 p.m.

Biology seminar
"Investigation on the roles of DegP proteases in Rhizobia"
Speaker: Christina Tsui
Rm. 128, Classroom Bldg. Info: 585-4145

Wednesday, October 11 - noon

SIDRU seminar
"New Curriculum Initiatives at SaskLearning"
Speaker: Gillian McCreary
Rm. 215, Education Bldg. Info: 585-5142

Thursday, October 12 - noon

Seniors' Education Centre forum
"Provincial Advisory Committee on Older Persons"
Rm. 106, Gallery Bldg (College Ave & Cornwall St.)
Cost: \$5 Info: 585-5816

Friday, October 13 - 3:30 p.m.

Biology seminar
"Bioavailability of iron to algal cells"
Speaker: Harold Weger
Rm. 128, Classroom Bldg. Info: 585-4145

October 17 - 18

Open House, October 17, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.
Student Day, October 18, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Location: Centre for Kinesiology, Health and Sport Info: 585-4791

UR Connected! is a series of events designed to provide plenty of information about the U of R in an informal, fun atmosphere. UR Connected! 2006 is made up of two events: an information session for members of the general public on the evening of Tues., Oct. 17, and a Student Day on Wed., Oct. 18.

"Tuesday evening will be a come-and-go format, with opportunities to gather information from people representing all areas of the University," says Naomi Deren, high school liaison officer with the U of R. "Current students - our Student Ambassadors - will also be providing tours of the campus." (There will be free parking for campus visitors in Lot 14 for the Tues. evening session.)

Student Day on Oct. 18 focuses on providing information to Grade 12 students, their parents, teachers and counsellors. The day's agenda includes a video overview of the University, a presentation on programs and services at the U of R, information sessions offered by the faculties and federated colleges, panel discussions and campus tours. In order to keep Student Day manageable, Deren stresses, students and other visitors must pre-register at: http://www.uregina.ca/newstudent/URconnected_reg.html. Registration will continue until all available spaces are filled, she adds. Another UR Connected! event will be held for Grade 10 and 11 students on Feb. 14, 2007.

For a complete calendar of events at the University of Regina, visit our website at www.uregina.ca
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Celebrating alumni achievements

With 48,500 alumni across Canada and around the world, U of R graduates are making significant contributions in the communities where they live and work. On Oct. 20, the University of Regina Alumni Association and the University will honour alumni for their outstanding accomplishments when they co-host the annual Alumni Crowning Achievement Awards.

"Recognizing the achievements of our alumni is very important," says Brian Munro, president of the University of Regina Alumni Association, "as it demonstrates the important role that the U of R and its alumni play in our lives, our communities and around the world."

Receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award is Elaine McNeil, who worked as a volunteer nurse in Africa in the late 1960s and early '70s. Upon returning to Canada, she earned a bachelor's and a master's degree in education while studying part-time and helping to raise her five children. She began working as an international project co-ordinator with the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology in 1988, and has developed and managed more than 25 development projects throughout the world.

"I believe in giving back to the community, including our global community," McNeil says. "I also believe that if our skills are useful and we have the time to commit to our alma mater, we should be privileged to take up our part."

Other recipients include Luther College graduate Daphne Bramham, Award for Professional Achievement, for her work as editor and columnist with *The Vancouver Sun*. Richard Turchenek, educator and chair of the Regina Catholic School Board, will receive the Award for Humanitarian and Community Service. Brothers David and Stuart Quinn — both graduates of the Faculty of Administration — will receive the Dr. Robert and Norma Ferguson Award for Outstanding Service, for 25 years of organizing alumni groups and events in Calgary. The Outstanding Young Alumni Award will go to Erin Weir, who completed his bachelor's degree at the U of R with great distinction and a 90.5 per cent average, followed by similar sparkling achievements in his post-graduate studies.

"These six inspiring individuals are an excellent



Elaine McNeil's global community work is being honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award at this year's University of Regina Alumni Crowning Achievement Awards, held Oct. 20 at the Regina Performing Arts Centre.

representation of our 48,500 alumni," Munro says. "They serve as role models for current and future students, and demonstrate what can be accomplished with an education from the U of R."

The Crowning Achievement Awards will be held on Fri., Oct. 20 at the Regina Performing Arts Centre. Tickets can be purchased by calling (306) 585-4024, toll-free 1-877-779-4723, or by email: uralumni@uregina.ca. A table of eight is \$220; general \$30; students \$10. Proceeds support student activities and programming.



Twyla Salm (l), director of the Greystone Centre for Interprofessional Collaboration in Education, speaks with Dean of Education Michael Tymchak (c) and Greystone CEO Rob Vanderhooft (r) at the event announcing the centre's creation. The virtual centre, established by a \$100,000 donation from Greystone, will help future teachers and human services professionals work together to meet the needs of children and youth in schools. It will serve as a foundation for projects across a variety of disciplines, including education, social work, justice studies and nursing.

FACES ON CAMPUS

Amanda Smytaniuk didn't think university was an option for her when she began studying media arts production at SIAST's Woodland Campus in Prince Albert. With two young boys to raise (ages seven and two-and-a-half) and a long commute to the nearest university, it just didn't seem practical. During her term as president of the student association at Woodland campus, she realized university wasn't out of reach.



Amanda Smytaniuk

"I started attending meetings with other student groups in Saskatoon and Regina, and I saw university might be a possibility," she says. "After a weekend volunteering with

Telemiracle, I decided I was going to come to the U of R and be a student here."

True to her decision, Smytaniuk is now in the third year of her studies toward a degree in economics and political science. This past May, she began a one-year term as president of the University of Regina Students' Union. She enjoys her fast-paced life.

"I've been a mom all my adult life, and I fell in love with student politics in PA. Since there are things I would like to change, I had to be involved."

During her term as president, Smytaniuk would like to encourage more environmental and sustainability initiatives supported by the Students' Union. As for her future, she is adamant that she did not pursue the position because it would look good on her resume. "I don't want to be strategic; I want to be young and idealistic about changing things. As for politics," she says, "I'm pretty sure I will always be involved at some level of government."

Every two weeks, the U of R Update will bring you news on events, programs, people and research at the University of Regina.