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From the Director

The first edition of is our opportunity to let you know about Continuing Education at the University of Regina.

Most of us are located on the College Avenue Campus but our work is intertwined with units on the main campus. We also have other partners outside the University and outside of Regina.

Within Continuing **Education at the University** of Regina, we offer programs for credit such as the Certificates in **Public Relations and Local** Government Authority, programs that provide professional development as with the Professional Leadership Certificate and we administer programs such as Summer University. Some of our learners are

children, some are retired adults and the rest are all ages between. Students in our English as a Second Language Program come from throughout the world but often live in residence on campus while other students are Saskatchewan citizens but live far from us in northern First Nations communities.

Continuing Education at the University of Regina is about lifelong learning. "cce connections" is your chance to learn more about us.

#### **CCE Celebrates First Graduate from ACLGA Program**

Gordon Hubbard, a true lifelong learner, has the honour of becoming the first student to graduate from the Advanced Certificate in Local Government Authority (ACLGA), in Spring 2008.

Starting out as a municipal administrator in 1976, Hubbard moved into the role of Municipal Advisor within the provincial government in 1983. Now with the government for over 25 years, Hubbard enjoys his current role as Vice-Chair of the Saskatchewan Municipal Board since 2002.

Hubbard began his academic journey at the University of Regina to support his career aspirations in the area of public administration and municipal government. Since the early 1980s, he has completed the Junior and Senior Certificates in Local Government Administration as well as two Certificates in Administration (Level I and Level II).

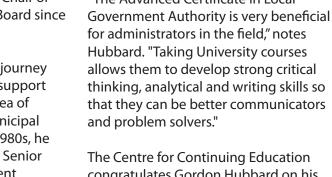
Hubbard is especially pleased to be the first graduate from the ACLGA program

because he was one of the representatives on the initial municipal-provincial government task force that recommended the development of a University program that meets the advanced educational needs of Saskatchewan's municipal administrators. As a result, the Advanced Certificate in Local Government Authority was introduced by

the University of Regina in 2006.

"The Advanced Certificate in Local

congratulates Gordon Hubbard on his dedication to academic success as the first graduate of the ACLGA program and wishes him all the best in his pursuit of lifelong learning.



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Spring Performing Arts and Recreation for Kids (SPARK) for youth from 6 to 13 year of age, had over 70 enthusiastic students this past spring break. SPARK was developed three years ago to complement the day camps in SPACE (Summer Performing Arts Creative Experience). Marde, a student in the Creative Drama Studio for students 11 – 12 years old, said, "I like how we make our own characters, develop them, and do lots of improv. We make our own play and do everything ourselves, including the posters." Her classmate, Michael, added that, "we have a nice teacher, the kids are nice to each other and they have good imaginations. I think it builds confidence because we have to be in front of people and be insane on the stage and we make a lot of friends."

Adrianne Hendry-Vermeulen, the "nice teacher" teaches with the Regina Public School system but worked during her spring break, because, "It is fulfilling and rewarding because I am doing drama 24-7 and this is my passion. This is a fabulous group of kids and the process has been one of give and take because they've designed costumes, created costumes, kept character journals, chosen what we would create and we've all worked together."

Day camps such as Arts Explorer, Musical Mania, Improv Workshop, and Story to Stage allowed children to explore their creativity and expressiveness. Students took home masks, paintings and clay sculptures they created. Madison, a student in

Musical Mania, said that she "liked making songs with instruments and the class had to think about rhythms and beats."

Danyelle Watson, a teacher in the Story to Stage workshop, said that, "it has the same focus as my Arts Education courses that focus upon appreciating the arts and understanding better through the arts: drama, visual art, dance and music. I may shift from looking to teach in a high school and work with younger kids instead when I finish my degree this April."

Summer 2008 will see the 6th season of the Summer Performing Arts Creative Experience (SPACE) beginning on July 7, 2008. For information call (306) 585-5830



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#### Making Connections with Mumbai, India

In January 2008, Dr Brian Campbell, Head of the Distance Learning Division, and Corwin Derkatch, Web Developer with the Centre of Academic Technologies, spent two intensive weeks in Mumbai working with the graduate students in the Master of Educational Technology/Computer Applications (METCA) program at SNDT Woman's University of Mumbai. Campbell stated, "I presented on the theory and practice of distance education and Corwin offered workshops related to software applications such as flash. We were very impressed by the depth and rigor of their program, along with the dedication of the students." Derkatch adds, "In addition we had the opportunity to review each of the student e-portfolios and provide individual student feedback. This offered us a great opportunity to view the extensive work being undertaken by these graduate students."



Each year since 2004, the Distance Learning Division and the Centre for Academic Technologies host two METCA students to do their three-month graduate internship. This year, starting in March, Devika Mehta and Shalini Mathias visit Regina to work on instructional design projects related to technology enhanced Learning at the UofR. Campbell observed, "Corwin and I were really overwhelmed by the hospitality shown to us at SNDT. Not only are we strong partners; we have become great friends and now it is our turn to be good hosts. We hope this partnership will continue to grow to include more joint research, along with increased student and staff exchanges."

The University of Regina signed a new memo of understanding with the SNDT Women's University in Mumbai India renewing a partnership that spans back to 1997.

#### Gear Up for Summer



Summer University is just around the corner so the Credit Studies Division reminded students that it's time to "Gear Up for Summer." Ice cream cones were served in the Riddell Centre on March 4th over the noon hour. Waiting to receive their treat, students had a chance to review the Summer University 2008 brochure listing course offerings and ask questions of staff members. Students heard wondering if ice

cream is served in summer courses may, however, be disappointed.

Summer University offers students the flexibility to finish programs more quickly or enrol in the prerequisite for a course offered during an upcoming term. Summer courses are especially appealing to foreign visa students whose employment possibilities are restricted.

The Credit Studies Division believes in the value of Summer University for both students and the University. Providing students with more course opportunities provides a more effective use of University resources across the academic year and has been shown to increase participation. Credit Studies promotes all summer offerings so that students may see at a glance what will be available to them and plan their upcoming academic year.



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#### Liberal Arts Certificate and Liberal Arts Diploma

The Centre for Continuing Education and the Faculty of Arts are pleased to partner on the joint offering of the new Liberal Arts Certificate and Liberal Arts Diploma. These two programs will meet the needs of students who wish to pursue liberal arts study but who may not initially wish to pursue a full degree program.

Students who may be juggling work, family and academic responsibilities will appreciate the opportunity to ladder from a certificate to a diploma to a degree. These programs also benefit students who may not take a linear approach to achieving their academic goals. In addition to on-campus offerings, these two programs will be offered outside of Regina to accommodate students who seek to complete a stand-alone program while in their own community. The first students will enrol in the Spring 2008 term.

www.uregina.ca/cce/creditstudies/programs/credit

### Conservatory Youth Entertain

The Amadeus Orchestra from the Conservatory of Performing Arts performed in three Regina elementary schools, Gladys MacDonald, McLurg and MacNeil, on April 4, 2008. Directed by Regina Symphony Orchestra Concert Master Ed Minevich and assisted by Conservatory instructor Sandra Cosbey, the Amadeus Orchestra consists of 29 young violin and cello players ranging in age from 9 to 14 years. "This is a unique opportunity for elementary school aged children to be entertained by performers their same age" said Gerry Folk, Head of the Conservatory of Performing Arts.

Most students in the Amadeus Orchestra learn to play their instruments in the Conservatory's successful Child/Parent strings program, move to the

Conservatory's Giocoso Orchestra and finally the Amadeus Orchestra. When they reach the age of 14, they may audition for the South Saskatchewan Youth Orchestra and later for the Regina Symphony Orchestra.



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#### ESL Instructors Present

Ruth Heinrichs, an English as a Second Language Instructor, will be presenting a paper titled, "The Academic Word List in the ESL Curriculum" at the Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) Canada 2008 Conference in Moncton New Brunswick, May 29 – 31, 2008.

Lorinda Jones, ESL Instructor, and Stacey Shand, sessional instructor, presented the workshop titled "Classroom, Community and Beyond: Using Volunteer Placements in Second Language Learning" at the Saskatchewan Council for the Education of Non-English Speakers (SCENES). The annual SCENES Conference took place April 11-12, in Moose Jaw.

Stacey Shand will be presenting two papers at the TESL Canada 2008 Conference in a workshop format, titled "Classroom, Community and Beyond: Volunteer Placements in ESL" and "Social Conscious Literature for Upper Intermediate and Advanced ESL Students."



ESL student volunteer in Wascana Park

## Conservatory of Performing Arts Pipe Band is Band of the Day



The Conservatory of Performing Arts Pipe Band won the "Best Youth Band of the Day" award at the Winnipeg Scottish Festival on February 16, 2008.

"It was an excellent day for the band members," says CPA Band Director Iain MacDonald. "The Conservatory Pipe Band received very positive comments from the adjudicators at the Festival, and the band also placed higher than adult bands from Saskatchewan and Manitoba."

www.uregina.ca/cce/conservatory/programs/music/Pipe & Drum.shtml

## 25 years with Continuing Education Celebrated



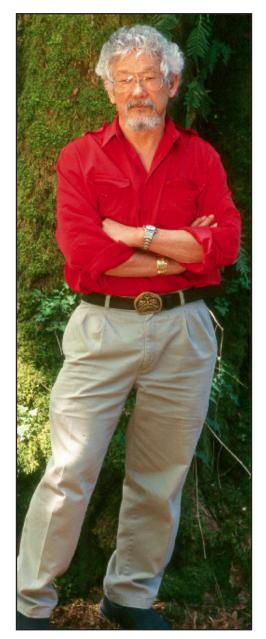
I have been working in the area of distance learning at the University for 25 years. When I started, the new Selectric typewriter had just replaced manual typewriters and the only "mouse" in the office was crawling on all fours. The buzz was the advent of the "Information Highway" and the demand for computer science courses was strong throughout the province.

In the "old days" courses were offered at regional colleges with a university instructor teaching face-to-face. They still are offered this way but are also delivered via videoconferencing between sites within a college area and from one college to another. Today, students can combine face-to-face, televised and online courses throughout the province. Demand for new and innovative programming is constant and technology-enhanced learning has become the norm.

Last year the women who have worked together at CCE formed an "old gals" club. Many have retired or moved to other jobs, but we get together to discuss old times and swap stories beginning with "do you remember when". The loyalty and bond is tight as Continuing Education, the building and the staff - past and present - hold a special place in the hearts of all who have worked here.

- Kathy Waithman

#### David Suzuki Honoured



Dr. David Suzuki, award-winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster received the Distinguished Canadian Award presented on May 6th by the Seniors Education Centre and the Seniors' University Group. The Distinguished Canadian Award was established by the Seniors' University Group in 1985 to recognize older adults who have made outstanding contributions to Canadian life. The award highlights the role of older adults (aged 55 and over) in society.

In addition to his professional honours, David Suzuki is well known for his work in broadcasting demystifying science and advocating for the environment. Many viewers first became familiar with him as host of CBC's science television series, *The Nature of Things*. As well he has created several documentary and television series for PBS and the Discovery Channel and founded the CBC Radio program *Quirks and Quarks*.

Over 400 people attended the 24th Annual Distinguished Canadian Award Dinner on May 6th. In addition to honouring older adults, the Seniors Education Centre is able to raise funds from the dinner to ensure that cost is not a barrier to courses offered at the Centre. Past recipients of the award include T.C. Douglas, Roy Bonisteel, Allan Blakeney, Stephen Lewis, Sylvia Fedoruk, Adrienne Clarkson, Lloyd Barber, Maria Campbell, Roy Romanow and Lynda Haverstock.

www.uregina.ca/cce/seniors

## Distance Learning Division Bis a University of Regina Student in your Community!

www.uregina.ca/cce/offcampus

# Retired or Retiring Soon?

Exploring Retirement workshops are offered by the Seniors Education Centre for those who are recently or soon to be retired and are seeking to plan a healthy, creative retirement. Workshops consist of a mix of presentations and interactive sessions.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration, Canada Revenue Agency, Sask Energy and the University of Regina are some of the organizations who have held workshops for their employees. Attendees at these in-house workshops included professionals, tradespersons and public servants.

Maria Reardon facilitates the workshops with a panel of volunteers talking about their retirement experiences. A professional from the health care sector discusses aging well from the perspective of health and a financial planner is available to answer questions.

Upcoming workshops will be held at the Seniors Education Centre on May 9 and May 30, 2008. The registration fee of \$85.00 includes a resource guide, refreshment breaks, lunch and a one-day parking pass. To register, call 585-5816.

#### **Upcoming Events**

May 9, May 30 - Exploring Retirement Workshops Seniors Education Centre – Gallery Building, Room 106 Call 585-5816 for information and registration

May 20 - June 20 - EXPLORE Program - Spring English Immersion program for Francophone students from Quebec and international students

May 29 – 30 - Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) Canada 2008 Conference Moncton, New Brunswick

May 31 – June 3 - Canadian Association for University Continuing Education (CAUCE) Conference London, Ontario

June 3 - Leaders in Action
Keynote Luncheon and Seminar
For information, 585-5853
To register, www.uregina.ca.cce/business

**June 6** - University of Regina Spring Convocation Continuing Education students

**June 6** - ESL Spring Graduation



June 11 - Conservatory of Performing Arts Celebration of Excellence Darke Hall, College Avenue and Lorne Street

June 16 - ESL Regular Program – Summer Classes begin

June 25 - Heritage Lecture "ArtsAction in Regina's Downtown" Room 106, College Building College Avenue and Scarth Street Call 585-5870 for further information

**June 30 - August 1** - EXPLORE Program - Summer English Immersion program for Francophone students from Ouebec and international students

August 11 - Continuing Education Program Guide available

**August 22** - ESL Summer Graduation

**September 2** - University of Regina Credit Classes begin

**September 12** - Seniors Education Centre Book Sale Books may be donated at GA 106 during working hours commencing June 2

**September 15** - Seniors Education Centre - Fall Classes begin

September 24 - ESL Regular Program – Fall Classes begin



On June 3rd, 2008, Business & Professional Development will be hosting *Leaders in Action: A* Keynote Luncheon and Seminar, featuring Olympic gold medallist, Joan McCusker (photo at left), and First Nations University of Canada professor, Carrie Bourassa (photo at right). They will share their leadership journeys and success stories while motivating others to grow as leaders in the workplace and daily life.

Focusing upon leadership and community connections, Business and Professional Developments puts on events like *Leaders in Action* to improve the workplace and to foster a healthy, productive community.

Tickets for this event are \$79.00/person or \$590.00/corporate table of 8. To register, visit www.uregina.ca/cce/business or call 585.5853.