

About the College

College of Education
University of Saskatchewan

Assistant Dean's Report—Dr. Angela Ward

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As the field experience team is nearing the end of placements for those teacher candidates interning in September (we hope!), we are deeply engaged in planning for orientations and inservices for the next academic year. In June we will be meeting our College Supervisors for two days; the first day will get us started on a consistent use of Learning Focused Supervision (a modification of cognitive coaching for education), and we will spend the second day working with the Professional Growth Guide. Our supervision group includes faculty, field experience coordinators, graduate students, returning supervisors and several newcomers who bring extensive backgrounds in supervision and administration. In the spirit of adapting internship to the needs of the field, I will be carrying out a pilot project with W. P. Bate school, where, along with the principal and staff and five interns, we will use a Professional Learning Community model for inservices.

I was privileged to be the College of Education representative at the graduation ceremony on May 22nd for the Big River First Nation Teacher Education Program. Seventeen new teachers from Big River, Witchikan and Ahtahkakoop were enthusiastically welcomed into the profession. Thanks to the work of ITEP, and in particular to Orest Murawsky, this is the first program of its kind in Saskatchewan. In recognition of the importance of the event, Grand Chief Lawrence Joseph and Vice-Chief Lyle Whitefish of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations were in the grand entry, as well as Chief Bruce Morin (Big River First Nations), Chief Larry Ahenakew (Ahtahkakoop First Nation), and Chief Steven Jim (Witchikan First Nation). Chief Peter Bill of Pelican Lake First Nation was a supporter, but not able to be present. The event was coordinated by Curtis Bear of the Big River Post Secondary Authority,

and the master of ceremonies was Cal Arcand.

The university was represented by Vice-Provost Ernie Barber, and Joan Greyeyes, Special Advisor to the President on Aboriginal Initiatives. Representatives from First Nations and the University of Saskatchewan emphasized the importance of reaching out to their communities through education. Orest was honoured by all, and most especially by the participants in the program, for his ongoing personal and professional support of First Nations education. I would also like to personally recognize the work of Irene Oakes, field experience coordinator, who was responsible for supervising internship in the Big River program. She worked very hard with teachers and administrators in the schools to ensure that the College of Education goals and community aspirations were upheld. Thank you to all.

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An Invitation from Acting Dean Hajnal

June 5th Faculty Meeting— Room 2060

As noted in my May 13 email re budget news, we would like to utilize the June 5th Faculty Meeting to plan for the future. Therefore all staff are invited to join faculty at this meeting. Offices can be closed from 10:00-12:00 to allow CUPE support staff to participate. If possible, notices should be posted on the door the day before regarding closure.

We must work together to meet the challenge presented by the College budget cut. I hope you will attend the meeting.

The Spring Retreat on June 1 and 2 will help set the stage for undergraduate program revision—an urgent issue given the budget news.

Vivian Hajnal
Acting Dean

Spring Retreat

The Spring Retreat (2009) offers the opportunity to explore issues connected to undergraduate program renewal efforts - issues that have been raised by members of our College community. On June 1st, we will begin an exploration of core knowledge necessary for infusing Aboriginal knowledges and perspectives. On June 2nd we will discover more about research in teacher education, how this informs program renewal, and raises questions for possible future research projects.

June 1st—Increasing Core Knowledge for Infusing Aboriginal Knowledges and Perspectives

Time: 8:45 - 4:15

Where: Saskatoon Golf and Country Club

June 2nd—Research in Teacher Education: Informing Program Renewal & Future Projects

Time: 9:00 – 4:15

Where: College of Education

Please see Iris in the Dean's Office to RSVP for both days.



**Farewell Tea—
Everyone
Welcome**

Farewell

Acting Dean Hajnal and the Social Committee invite you to attend the annual Farewell Tea.. At this time the Deans and Department Heads will recognize and thank those faculty and staff members whose terms are ending. We will be honouring Brian Keegan, Bonnie Mihalicz, Warren Noonan, and Cheryl Shields. Refreshments will be provided.

Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2009
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Location: Faculty Lounge

EPSE Students Receive SSHRC Grants

EPSE Master's students, Heather Agnew, Adele Beaugregard-Laye and Megan Wood are recipients of \$17,500 Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships. The scholarships are effective September 1, 2009. Congratulations!

Development Officer's Report—Joan Wolf

Upcoming Alumni Relations Events

June 1 Alumni Engagement Strategies at the University of Saskatchewan

This session will focus on how to create a culture for engagement and strengthen relationships with our alumni. Deans, advancement professionals and other leaders play critical roles in the alumni engagement process.

June 4 Alumni Association Annual General Meeting (AGM) – Convocation Hall – 5 p.m.

RSVP by June 1 to University Advancement's Customer Service Centre at alumni.office@usask.ca or by telephone at 966-5186.

June 19 & 20 U of S Alumni Reunion Activities

All Colleges Anniversary years of 1928 to 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964 and 1969 will be celebrating that weekend. The College of Home Economics graduates are also gathering and have special events planned. The College of Education will be providing it's alumni a tour of the College and lunch in the Faculty lounge on Friday. Feel free to extend a friendly hello or a chat with our alumni.

August 19 Student and Young Alumni Engagement at the U of S

In 2008-2009, University Advancement undertook an integration project that focused on gaining a better understanding of how to engage student and young alumni by learning more about their preference for communications, on giving, and about alumni

programs and services. Members of the integration team will present highlights from the surveys and interviews, and lead small group discussion on key issues resulting from the research.

September 4 U of S Alumni and Friends Homecoming 2009 Football Game

Griffith Stadium, 7:00 p.m.

TD Friends of the Environment Donation

Making a difference in communities by supporting the efforts of Canadians who are dedicated to the well-being of our environment is what this organization is about. A sign for the Prairie Habitat Garden is being constructed as a result of the donated funds.

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Important Dates

- SUNTEP Saskatoon Grad—May 30
- Spring Retreat—June 1 & 2
- Farewell Tea—June 3
- Faculty Meeting—June 5

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Activities in the Prairie Habitat Garden

June 2nd-Sowin' Love event for four elementary school classes.

June 10-"Dandelion Lunch on the Garden" in the Prairie Habitat Garden for faculty and staff from 11:30-1:00.

June 15th-Pipe Ceremony in the Prairie Habitat Garden with Elders Walter and Maria Linklater at 9:00 am. Everyone invited to attend.

Protocol for Pipe Ceremony:

- Women wear skirts below the knees.
- Bring a blanket (no chairs) to sit on.
- Jewelry removed at beginning of ceremony (if possible)

~~Thank you to those who volunteered at Rocking the Shale on May 21st to spread the new shale and weed! ~~

Upcoming Conferences

- June 25—27, 2009 **HITS for Education CMTC Conference (Harnessing Images, Text and Sound for Education in the Context of Culture, Multimedia, Technology and Cognition)** - UPEI. The HITS for Education conference is an opportunity for educators, researchers, and students from many disciplines to share ideas about advances in research on audio-visual and text-based technologies employed for the benefit of education. As every educator is aware, computer multimedia technologies can potentially enhance teaching and learning. HITS will examine best practices and their basis with the aim of facilitating decisions about which of the plethora of possibilities to use. The conference is being hosted by UPEI and is supported by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC).
- September 16 & 17, 2009 **Getting Serious About School Reform**—TCU Place. Guest speakers are Dr. Robert Marzano and associate Dr. Debra Pickering. Dr. Marzano is one of the most respected educational writers and researchers in North America. He examines all reliable information drawn from over 35 years of metaanalysis and distills the factors, strategies and patterns that result in the biggest gains in student achievement. Bob Marzano and Debra Pickering will present straight-forward strategies and best practices developed from three decades of diligent research.

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Reaching
beyond the
classroom