



THE SHEAF



♦ www.usask.ca/sheaf ♦

♦ Thursday, September 30, 1999 ♦

♦ Volume 91, Issue 9 ♦

Another "crappy" showing for the Agros at E-Plant.
Please see the full page spread beginning on A4.

Natalie MacMaster talks about her home, her family,
and her music. Please see the full story on B2.

New Director sparks SPHERU

SHAWN MASON

The first Monday in October will see Dr. Ron Labonte at his new post, heading cutting-edge research on campus as Director of the Saskatchewan Population Health and Evaluation Research Unit (SPHERU).

Under a \$500,000 a year core-budget from Saskatchewan Health and the Health Services Utilization and Research Commission (HSURC), the unit will employ eight initial researchers of various disciplines - split evenly between the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Regina offices.

SPHERU was launched August 16, as a partnership between Saskatchewan Health, HSURC, the Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations (SAHO) and the two universities.

"It will be a team approach to research," said Labonte, who hopes to organize a dynamic, interdisciplinary group including, but not limited to, people with backgrounds in Cultural Anthropology, Social Psychology, Economics, Statistics and Epidemiology.

"A lot of Population health research in Canada, and for that matter internationally, is driven primarily by epidemiological or quantitative measures with a tendency towards a bio-medical explanatory system," said Labonte. "The other social sciences have been kind of edging in around the side but haven't, at this point, really established themselves as equal collaborators with the natural health sciences. So, this time we'll have the social sciences

Please see SPHERU, A3

*So close yet so very far away
Poor Agro*

LUCAS OLENIUK/ SHEAF



Synchrotron project officially launched

*"Field of Dreams" a
realization*

STEVE WRIGHT

In a ground-breaking ceremony at the U of S Monday, September 27, the Canadian Light Source (CLS) synchrotron project was officially launched.

The synchrotron, a football-sized scientific facility, is estimated to cost \$173.5 million dollars before it's eventual completion and use in December, 2003. The project, the biggest scientific and technological device to come to the U of S, and will be the first of its kind in Canada. When fully operational, the facility will be able to accelerate electrons to nearly the speed of light, creating intense light beams able to probe the structure of matter. This technology could lead to more powerful computer microchips, new drugs, better engine lubricants, as well as many other useful applications.

Dubbed the "Field of Dreams," the synchrotron is a 25 year effort come to life. Ceremonies celebrated the realization of this dream, as well as the unique federal-provincial-civic-academic partnership, which was necessary for its completion. Federal and provincial dignitaries were on hand to oversee the ground-breaking ceremonies last Monday, as well as City of Saskatoon and University representatives. All panel

Please see Synchrotron, A8

Index

News: A2-A3
A8-A12

E-Plant: A4-A5

Letters: A14

Classifieds:
A15

A & E: B1-B9

Sports: B9-B11

*I wish I was a
catfish*

- Jimmy Hendrix

campus chat



Curt

3rd year Arts

"Manure balloons were a stupid idea 'cause I got hit with one. Next year I'm going to organize Arts and Sciences plant and we'll crush the Agro's and the Engineers."



Marc

Commerce/ Comp-sci
"It stunk like pig-shit."



Shawn and Tars

3rd year Commerce/
3rd year Arts
"It stunk... It stunk bad."



Jimmy

Ag / Bio Engineering
"The Engineers stomped the blue shit. Will the Agro's ever beat us?"



Khaffael

"As a former Engineer, I have nothing but respect for them. Blue shit will never reign supreme."

What did you think of E-Plant '99?

Synchrotron

continued from A1

guests had the opportunity to bring an item for a time capsule, which will be included in the foundation of the CLS building. The capsule is to be opened in 25 years.

The project, while benefiting the University of Saskatchewan, will also be essential to both the province and Canada, making it a cornerstone of research and development. Premier Roy Romanow agreed and commended the synchrotron as "a state-of-the-art scientific facility to continue building Saskatchewan, and Canada into the 21st Century." Mayor Henry Dayday also realized the potential of this project, and is predicting a bright future for both Saskatoon and the University. On behalf of the City of Saskatoon, his own contribution to the time

capsule was a \$500 bond which, when opened in 2025, will have matured into a \$3,000 scholarship for one deserving student pursuing a post-secondary education.

Former U of S President, Dr. George Ivany outlined the positives the project will bring to the University. "There will be opportunities, I suspect, for graduate students in connection with the research tasks that will be undertaken here." In total, construction of the synchrotron will create 500 jobs per year over four years. In 2008, when the facility is fully operational, more than 200 scientists, technicians, and operations staff will be employed at the center. Many hope the new facility will encourage Canadian researchers to remain in the country, and also attract researchers from all over the world, bringing with them a large global interest in the University of Saskatchewan.

Ivany affirmed that the project is all about the acquisition of knowledge. "Through this project, our University can be at the front of science and technology in this country." Expect many more guest lectures to be taking place, he added. With an increase of researchers in various sciences using the facility, it is clear the University will make good use of these scholars. It is estimated the CLS will attract more than 2,000 researchers per year once the station is fully operational.

The one thing agreed upon by the panel guests last Monday was that the future of Saskatchewan and its future researchers will remain a focus of the facility. As premier Romanow stressed, "the synchrotron puts us on the leading edge of the new, knowledge-based global economy, and creates jobs for our brilliant young researchers - our best and brightest minds."

New video aimed at professors and students with disabilities

SHAWN MASON

To heck with Pierce Brosnan and Gray Owl, the University of Saskatchewan had its own movie premiere on Friday, where students, staff and faculty mixed with the rising stars of our campus.

A new video titled *Teaching Students with Disabilities* premiered at Place Riel Theatre last week. Heather Kuttai, Director of Services for Students with Disabilities, who was also the project coordinator was on hand to premiere the video with the majority of the film's actors and contributors.

The video, released in time for Disability Awareness Week (October 5-8) features eight short vignettes, which highlight some of the problems arising between students with disabilities and professors at the U of S. The video encompasses a wide variety of situations, some straightforward, but most gray areas students and staff may find themselves dealing with. Although every situation is special, most of the basis for the short film came from the *Teaching Students with Disabilities Guidebook*, published by Services for Students with Disabilities. Special attention was also paid to gender and cultural balances within the film.

The \$5000 cost of the film came by way of a grant from the Student Employment and Career centre. "The grant had to do with training students with disabilities in the area of education on campus and the transferability of that to employment," said Vera Pezzer, Associate VP, Student Affairs and Services at the debut. The grant was flexed to include this project, she said.

In the Guidebook, Pezzer stated that "faculty members can be partners with students with disabilities in working to achieve academic success. To reach this goal, professors need information that most of us do not have, information about a very heterogeneous group of students." The newly minted video is indeed a step towards attaining that goal she added.

BEWARE STUDENTS:

Prepare to be milked by the Agros for Saskatoon's United Way

**AGROS
ONE DAY BLITZ**
(LOOSE CHANGE WANTED)

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 6TH, 1999



Saskatoon's United Way
Celebrating 40 years of Caring



October 29th: Halloween Howl

- 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon -

give a pint during the
Canadian Blood Services blood clinic

iMac Sale

Back To School iMac Promotion!

**Receive \$50 Off iMac
Accessories At Time Of
Purchase!**

Date: 09/1/99 until 10/1/99

Time: Now!



Campus Computer Store

The Campus Computer Store Serves
the University of Saskatchewan.

Not redeemable for cash.



Campus Computer Store
Place Riel
Tel: 966-8375
Ccs.usask.ca
Comp.store@usask.ca