

Experience US! coming soon

Dates changed this year

TERA SCHNEIDER

Experience US!, an event that allows prospective students, their parents and guidance counsellors to visit campus and experience the University will be held on October 26th and 27th. During the largest recruitment event on campus, the University of Saskatchewan will be host to 2400 high school students, 400 parents, and 100 guidance counsellors from across the province.

For prospective students that have already chosen the U of S, Experience US! may solidify that decision; for those that are still deciding, Experience US! will try to convince them of the

benefits of making the U of S their choice. "We want prospective students to know what it's like to be a student here, to know what is special about the U of S. There is something really different about the university community and we want them to get excited about coming here!" said Kelly Saretsky, Assistant Registrar of Enrolment Management and Chair of the Experience US! Planning Committee.

Saretsky pointed out many reasons why the event has been moved from early February to late October this year. The beginning of the Grade 12 year is when students start thinking about what they are doing after high school. The majority of students, parents and guidance counsellors who registered for Experience US! in February 2000 said that

they would prefer the event to be held earlier than February. The end of October is also a better time for current U of S students to volunteer.

Experience US! gives high school students the opportunity to find out about the programs and services available at the U of S, as they get to choose from 17 College & Program sessions and 14 General Interest sessions. They will have the chance to talk to current U of S students and professors. "Current students are experts of the U of S. They can pass on this information to high school students; it's extremely rewarding," stated Jason King, a Student Representative on the Planning Committee.

According to Saretsky, research shows that contact with current students, faculty, and staff members is the best

way to ensure prospective students will choose the U of S.

"It is a great opportunity for Grade 12 students to see the University while it is up and running. When you come to campus it is very different from reading something in a brochure," said Farrah Mateen, a Student Representative on the Planning Committee.

Highlights include the noon hour event with entertainment provided by HOJA, and live action from Huskie athletes. Students will have the opportunity to purchase Huskie Athletics clothing in the Education Gym. Throughout the day, BOOM Music will be providing the tunes and an information fair will conclude the event.

Experience US! has a large impact on prospective students: 96.1% of students who registered for Experience US!

said that a spend-a-day event such as Experience US! is important in influencing their decision to choose a post-secondary institution. Cora Schneider, Acting Director of Student Recruitment, commented, "Experience US! is an opportunity for the campus community to promote itself to prospective students. It is great to see the various colleges and departments across campus getting involved in this event."

Volunteers are needed to ensure the event is a success. Students can volunteer to be campus tour guides, greeters, and movement ambassadors. Volunteers are also needed in areas such as registration and parking. To sign up: go to, <<http://www.usask.ca/registrar/experience/volunteer>>

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~ Saturday, September 30, 8:00 p.m.

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Tashlich ~ Sunday, October 1, 4:00 - 4:40 p.m.
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September Recruitment Month for Saskatoon Big Brothers

U of S students involved

STEVE WRIGHT

No, it's not the reality-based television show that everyone seems to be talking about, but rather a reality with which everyone should be involved.

The Big Brothers Association of Saskatoon has declared in a recent press release a "state of emergency," due to "hundreds of boys and girls waiting for male and female volunteers."

"There are over 100 Little



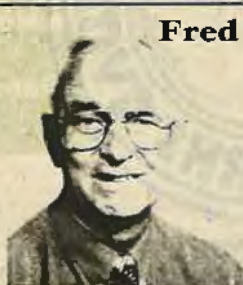
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Brothers waiting for Big Brothers. Some have been waiting for two years!", read the release. The agency has organized several mentoring recruitment activities as part of

its Recruitment Month, taking place throughout September. Early on in the month, the agency, in conjunction with the Big Sisters of Saskatoon, organized a drive at the Vimy Band Shell near the Bessborough with free hot dogs and entertainment. The goal of the agency this month is to reach at least 50 new volunteers, and is having a battle of the sexes to do so. "Will it be the men or the women who first reach the goal?" questioned the release.

The most notable of these activities is the "24-Hour



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Abortion Story Opinion

After reading the article on the anti-abortion rally in the September 14th issue of the Sheaf, I felt to wondering how Bill Whatcott and the "like-minded Christians" propose to end abortion. Will they advocate social and economic support for pregnant women? Will they push for the development of safe, effective birth control? Will they support the liberation of women from situations that do not allow them to choose when or how often

to become pregnant? Or do they simply assume that making abortion illegal will be enough to end it? Do they not know the consequences of illegal abortions? Should we hold a pro-choice rally displaying full-colour pictures of women who have bled to death on their bathroom floors as a result of botched illegal or self-induced abortions? Anti-choicers have a right to their opinions. They do not have a right to force everyone else to share them.

Melanie Racette
Parent's Group Coordinator
U of S Women's Centre

Any Mechanics out there?

Dear Editor:

Tuesday's, Sept. 19, Star Phoenix third page featured the Engineering students latest engineering style humour, a red car with the "E" emblem prominently displayed on top of the Arts-Thorvaldson walkway. The caption reads: "While the car was no doubt brought to the roof in parts and reassembled there, the university will have to hire a crane to take it down again, at a cost of \$300."

Here the Administration's response to this attempt to show mechanical cleverness isn't up to the same standard. This car, very stripped down to barest of parts, was most likely assembled with simple hand tools and thus could be disassembled the same way. That could be done by university technicians or maintenance staff who have the skills

and tools. If some of the parts were welded on, not likely, there are U. of S. technicians who are capable of using a cutting torch to cut the car into small, easily handled pieces. Since they're current salaried

employees that would save scarce university budget dollars.

Larry James Fillo

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Big Brothers con't from 11

Emergency Plea," being held on Tuesday, September 19th at 7:00 a.m., on the roof of Tim Horton's on 8th Street. The event will run straight for 24 hours, until 7 a.m., Wednesday, September 20th.

Among the Big Brothers of Saskatoon are ten University of Saskatchewan students, two professors, and three In-School Mentors. Three additional university students who graduated in May were also In-School Mentors. These university members give at least one hour per week to children who are in need of positive role models and friends.

Among the university mentors is Ron Ferguson, a fourth-year commerce student taking a double major in Marketing Finance. Ferguson chose to become a Big Brother because "[I'm] helping someone else out and it's rewarding, not just for myself but for the Little Brother too... I can be an influence in a young person's life." He adds that the 24-hour Plea is "a very good cause... and raises a good awareness [of

Big Brother programs]." Ferguson will be attending the plea campaign himself on Tuesday evening.

This local chapter of a nation-wide agency, one of 175, was established in 1971. The organization states in its mission goal the desire to "foster and enhance the emotional, social, intellectual, and physical growth of youth... through the establishment of quality adult-child relationships.

Any students or faculty wishing to become a Big Brother (or Sister) for a youth can do so by contacting the Big Brother organization via e-mail: <SASKBIGBRO@aol.com>. Applicants will undergo an interview, two reference checks, and a no-cost police clearance check. Participants may mentor with one of various types: a traditional one-to-one match, an In-School Mentoring program, a couple match (two-to-one), a "big buddy" program (mentoring in a group setting), or e-mail mentoring.

In addition, the organization is having an information night on Wednesday, September

27th at 7 p.m. at their offices on 106 - 33rd Street East. While listening about various Big Brother programs and having questions answered, interested university members can also enjoy free coffee and donuts.

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