



Total lunar eclipse seen at U of S

The observatory here on campus will be open special hours on January 20 for the observation of a total lunar eclipse. The U of S observatory will be open from 9 to 11 PM that night. The total phase of the eclipse starts at 10:05 pm and will conclude at 11:22 PM. The maximum eclipse will happen at 10:44 that night. More information can be obtained by calling the astronomy information line at 966-6429. The observatory is located just off College and Wiggins Drives.

Cigarette packages get more graphic

The Canadian government recently announced that they will be putting political pressure on tobacco manufacturers, urging them to add graphic photos to their packages. Cartons and packages currently display messages but the new plans could include pictures of disease filled lungs. A recent study group found that smokers would be more reluctant to let others see their packages and may be less likely to pull out their cigarettes if graphic photos were included. However, the President of the Tobacco Manufacturer's Council commented that by making smoking less glamorous by including photos, this would promote teenagers to smoke, as it agrees with their rebellious nature.

Coke's new vending machine

A new computer chip will allow Coca-Cola to build high-tech vending machines. The new machines will have a thermometer that senses temperature. On warm days the machine will automatically raise the price of the sugary sweet treat. A head executive at Coca-Cola commented that it is only fair as the summer heat often causes people to become more thirsty.

Canadian millionaires

According to the most recent Angus Reid poll, Canadian millionaires are more than twice as likely to play golf than do charity work. It is estimated that there are more than 200,000 millionaires living in Canada. The survey said that while Quebec was underrepresented, Ontario had more than its fair share, with 48% of all of Canadian millionaires. Still, Ontario is home to only 38% of the Canadian population. Quebec boasted 14% of millionaires and 25% of the population. The Prairies are home to a mere 16% of millionaires.

When asked to rank leisure activities in priority, reading and books on tape came first at 25%, but travel and vacation came a close second at 24%. Golf was third at 23% and tied with attending cultural events. Gardening, walking and jogging followed close behind.

Want to write?

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Former Police Chief justifies the legal profession

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On Monday, January 10, as the first of its new lecture series for the new millennium, the College of Law welcomed Greg McCullagh, a former Prince Albert Police Chief, to deliver a lecture entitled, "Municipal Policing in Saskatchewan: History, Structure, and Relations with the Legal Profession."

McCullagh, who served as Chief from 1990 to 1998, has

spent over 30 years in the police profession and offered a wealth of information to those in attendance. He spoke of the different interconnections that exist between law enforcement officers and lawyers, noting that lawyers not only prosecute and defend, they also serve as intricate parts in police commissions, boards, and inquests alike. The critical connection between the two professions, said McCullagh, is the Police Act, which played an essential part in the radical changes to municipal policing since its revision in 1973. The revisions created a standardized set of policing rules established for all of Saskatchewan.

McCullagh is very impressed by the ideals this province has set for itself, including the Saskatchewan Police College, which has made policing more unified than most

provinces in Canada. The former chief said that the uniformity of policing in Saskatchewan is crucial when provincial investigations need to be carried out.

In his hour-long lecture, McCullagh provided listeners with an extensive history of what are now major policing forces of today. Using examples like the Temperance Movement, and the pressure put on the government by such groups as the Social and Moral Reform Council, McCullagh was able to explain how policing gained more money, equipment, and public recognition, and was able to provide citizens with better protection. It was these conditions, which also lead to various political foundations of policing with governing boards and committees, on which many lawyers are needed to serve upon.

The idea that lawyers were needed for more than prosecution and defense was a key point in McCullagh's lecture, as he outlined the many various positions that people in the legal profession held in order to keep policing a more stable profession. His outlining of the external reviews of various police personnel, which needed to be carried out by lawyers separate from the police force, backed up his lecture.

By highlighting the relations that existed between police officers and lawyers on such things as provincial statutes, bylaws, civil matters and inquests, McCullagh was able to give a more detailed look into the world of policing, and he showed that lawyers play an important role in many police processes.

No cheques, but 3,870 Saskatchewan students get awards

CHARLENE TEBBUTT

Needy post-secondary students who do not receive a portion of the \$9.7 million in Millennium Scholarship money allocated for Saskatchewan will receive provincial bursary assistance, the Executive Director of Student Financial Assistance for the province said in an interview this week.

Brady Salloum said students who do not receive Millennium Scholarships would not be left out in the cold. "Because the Millennium Scholarship money is a finite pot, we didn't want the money to run out...so what we said was if you don't get a Millennium Scholarship, you will get provincial bursary assistance," he said.

Letters from the Millennium Scholarship Foundation were sent out to cash strapped post-secondary students across the country in early January. 70,000 Canadian students will receive between \$2,000 and \$4,000 shares of a \$215 million fund, based on provincial needs assessment strategies. To be eligible for a Millennium Scholarship, students

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must also qualify for financial assistance within their province.

Although scholarship money will be coming from the Foundation, created by the federal government in 1998, the provinces have control over how that money is distributed. In Saskatchewan, Millennium money has been put toward student loans, as a way of reducing individual student debt, Salloum said. Students in Saskatchewan however, will not

be receiving cheques, but instead will get a notice confirming the amount of their scholarship, to be paid directly to the bank at which their student loan is held. Some provinces have chosen to pay scholarship money directly to students, but because "we were providing money to students via a loan, it made sense that we would use this money to pay off a loan on students' behalf," Salloum said.

Although the letters from the Foundation confirm what portion of debt reduction comes out of the federal and provincial funds, Evelyn Smith, the Emergency / Government Loans Advisor with Student Affairs and Services at the U of S cautioned that they are not a recognition of new money. While the letters do state that "your scholarship will be paid to your financial institution in order to reduce your existing student loan debt," some students, Smith said, are confused by the letters because there is "not enough information," detailing how the money in Saskatchewan will be distributed.

Bryan Sutherland, who received

a Millennium Scholarship for \$2,000, said the letter he received was a little "vague," but said that he is happy to receive the award. Sutherland did say however, that he called the province's student financial assistance line for more information.

The student loans program in Saskatchewan has also been expanded as a result of the Millennium Scholarship fund, Salloum said. Student loans will now be portable anywhere in Canada and financial assistance will be available from both the federal and provincial government levels, regardless of where you choose to study, he added.

3,870 students in Saskatchewan will receive Millennium scholarships. Salloum said the program seems to be running smoothly after the first round of recipients were announced in December, but he added that there is more work to be done.

The toll free number for student financial assistance in Saskatchewan is 1-800-597-8278.

Well by now the long awaited Jay & Silent Bob should be out and some time this month OPI Press will be releasing the Jay & Silent Bob trade paperback collection.

not only does the comic tie in with the movie Chasing Amy...

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