

# Local

## UofS To Get iPhone App

### Free Download Will Check Marks, Find Classes

DREW SEBESTENY

**SASKATOON, SK** — The iPhone is about to go from productivity inhibitor to vital educational tool for students at the University of Saskatchewan.

Programmers at the U of S are gearing up for the August launch of the University's new iUSASK application.

The first of its kind in Canada, this new application for the popular iPhone provides students with a host of tools to help with university life.

The application, which currently packs 12 different features, allows students to do everything from check marks and find class times and locations to view campus news and updates.

"For a new student, this is a central contact point and when all the relevant information is added, this application could be used all the time," Chad Jones, an instructor with the computer science department, told the *StarPhoenix*.

A demonstration on campus drew around 20 people eager to experience the new application first-hand.

The iUSASK development team



An Apple iPhone displaying the University's PAWS site

also released a demonstration video on their website.

The iUSASK announcement comes hot on the heels of the latest device update from Apple — the iPhone 3GS.

"The iPhone is the dominant platform (for smartphones)," said Jones. "That's where the excitement is and we can do a lot with it."

The programming code on which the application is built could be sold to other universities as well,

said Jones.

The computer science department at the U of S announced also that it hopes to offer the first iPhone programming class in Canada next year. The class will allow students to create features that could eventually be used with the iUSASK application.

Once approved for inclusion in the Apple App Store, the application will be available to download for free.

## Cops Can Now Evict Renters

DREW SEBESTENY

**SASKATOON, SK** — One of the first major challenges to the province's Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) Act has been denied by a Saskatchewan judge.

William Ross Butler and Michael John Nicholson had launched an appeal of an eviction notice demanding they vacate their Regina residence on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The two tenants were evicted following an investigation that led to two police searches of the premises — in July of 2008 and February of 2009.

According to the judge, the eviction notice cited the presence of stolen property, drug trafficking and gang-related activities as reasons for the demand to vacate.

The evicted men maintained the order should be overturned because it didn't come directly from the landlord.

The judge assigned to the case ruled authorities were not wrong

in acting on behalf of the landlord, and noted that the owner of the house was in full cooperation.

The purpose of the SCAN Act, under which the eviction was processed, is described by the Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing as "[to] improve community safety by targeting and, if necessary, shutting down residential and commercial buildings and land that are habitually used for illegal Activities."

The ruling sets a precedent for tenants engaging in illegal activities in their rental properties to be evicted from their residences by the police.

A family in Nova Scotia was similarly denied an appeal to their eviction from a Cape Breton home for drug trafficking in late May, based on that province's Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act.

In 2007, Hells Angels members were ticketed under the SCAN Act for wearing gang membership patches at a Saskatoon bar. That case is currently on appeal.

## Systems Will Cost Up To \$455k

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Engele. "One is for evidence collecting, so for the public we're going to be able to put better evidence in front of the courts."

"If there's anybody who

complains about police, it'll be on camera," he added "If the police have done something wrong, naturally it will be dealt with, or if people are making false accusations, it will stop them."

The units range in price from \$4,500 to \$6,500 each, bringing the total expected cost to between \$315,000 and \$455,000 when they are installed in all 70 cruisers by the end of 2010 or early 2011.

# National



## 19 New Garbage Dumps For T.O.

### Ontario's Capital Braces For Prolonged City Workers' Strike

AHN STAFF

**TORONTO, ONTARIO** — Aside from opening 19 temporary garbage dumps in different parts of Toronto, the city is also asking residents to postpone garden trimming and pruning and to dig a backyard compost pit for garden and organic waste as Ontario's capital braces for a prolonged city workers' strike.

To avert a health crisis caused by

the mountains of garbage expected to be dumped in the 19 new landfills, inspectors from Toronto Public Health will periodically check the sites. Additionally, professional pest and odour control firms will jointly ensure sanitation in the vicinity.

Toronto residents will be permitted to dump their garbage only within fenced areas, with violators facing fines starting at \$380. There will be security personnel to guard the sites 24/7.

Residents have been encouraged to keep their recyclables at home in clear plastic bags until the labour dispute is resolved.

Though all 19 dumps have been approved by Ontario's Ministry of the Environment, the fact that some of the sites are public parks has drawn the ire of some residents.

Community group Green 13 has written to Toronto's mayor and councilors urging them to move the park sites to somewhere else.

However, as City manager Joseph Pennachetti explains, all of the new dump sites fit the city's criteria, as they are city-owned, accessible by vehicle, not very close to residential buildings and big enough to take in a large volume of trash.

The 19 temporary dump sites augment seven waste transfer stations already in operation.

The strike involves 24,000 members of the Canadian Union of Public Employees locals 79 and 416. ...

### National At A Glance

**DITCH THE QUEEN** — A recent survey of 1,000 Canadians by the Strategic Counsel showed 65 percent of Canadians favor cutting ties with the Crown once Queen Elizabeth dies. The survey also said only 35 percent support Prince Charles as their next monarch. ...

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## Climate Change Laws Will Match US: Prentice

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**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — Because of the possibility that Canadian energy exports to the United States may be slapped with a green tariff, Canadian Environment Minister Jim

Prentice has promised that Ottawa will issue climate change laws that match U.S. standards.

Prentice said, "The trade

implications (of the American Clean Energy and Security Act) only apply if Canada does not have a commensurate system and, in

fact, everything we are doing is to ensure we do have a commensurate system. It will not be identical to the United States, but it will be comparable."

Canada has a lot of catching up to do, according to a recent report released by the World Wildlife Fund and Allianz which showed that Canada is the worst of the G8 nations regarding climate protection based on future policies, current status and improvements since 1990. ...



Smog over Calgary, Alberta

## Prince Charles, Camilla To Visit In November

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**OTTAWA, ONTARIO** — Canadian Governor General Michaëlle Jean has announced that Prince Charles and Princess Camilla will visit the country on November.

Among the Canadian areas on their itinerary are the national capital region, British Columbia, Quebec, Ontario, and Newfoundland and Labrador.

The royal visit of The Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall will be coordinated by Kevin MacLeod, the Canadian Secretary to the Queen.

The Department of Canadian Heritage will release a detailed itinerary of the royal couple at a later date.

In July, Canada is set to welcome Japanese Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko. ...



Britain's Prince Charles

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