

URG Insider



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Another Spring/Summer session has begun and I hope that all of you will have a productive semester. Some of you will be attending classes to either catch up or get a head start on the fall semester. Some of you will be working to earn money to come back in the fall and some will be lucky enough to be going on vacation.

Whatever your plans, please take some time to stop by our office. We will be open all summer long and look forward to chatting with you about what's happening. Check out the Career Development seminars that Susan McKay holds every week during the summer as well as the Student Success Centre's schedule of workshops.

Be sure to read this edition's student profile of Peter who has travelled from Nigeria to attend the U of R. I am sure that you will be inspired by what he feels his journey will do for him.

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If you have some spare time and are looking for something to do, check out our article about Zeike's Place. Albert Rapley, the Youth Centre Manager is passionate about what he does and would love to have more volunteers.

Regardless of what you do, be sure to take some time for yourself, recharge your batteries and remember that we will be here for you if you need us.

Have a great summer and see you this Fall!

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STUDENT SUCCESS CENTRE

The Student Success Centre's Writing Service and Math & Stats tutoring is open! (*summer hours not yet decided; will be based on classes offered*)

- Writing hours are Tues 1-4 and Wed/Thurs 11:30 to 2:30.
- Math hours are Tues 10-1, Wed and Thurs 1-4.
- Drop in/Learning Lounge hours are Monday 12:30 to 2:30 and Tuesday 1-3 (no appointment necessary for drop-in times).
- Workshops are not offered in the Spring/Summer but you may book an appointments with Raeanne to discuss your learning skills

As well, the SSC spends the summer organizing Orientation. They are still looking for volunteers to be Ambassadors! This is a great leadership opportunity and it's a chance to fine-tune your social skills. Go to www.uregina.ca/ssc for contact information.

CAREER CENTRE

The University of Regina Career Centre in collaboration with the Student Success Centre will be offering five different career development seminars in June, July and August:

- Foundation for Choosing or Re-Evaluating Your Career Direction
Undecided about or re-evaluating your career direction?
- Job Searching Now!
Seeking work related to your studies and interests?
- Customized Resumes
Is your resume a barrier to getting interviews?
- Interview Skills
Want to prepare well for interviews?
- Starting a Portfolio
Not sure why or how to develop a portfolio?

Check out www.uregina.ca/cxc for seminar schedule. The monthly schedules for the above seminars will be posted in the last week of the month (for the coming month).

URG Student Profile

Peter Ajayi
BA, Class of 2015

WHO are you? I am Peter Ajayi, a first year Economics student from Osun State, Nigeria. I am planning to take a major in Economics and a minor in Statistics. I am much interested in reading, solving mathematical problems, sleeping, playing musical instruments, and attending Christian religious activities.

WHEN did you decide to come to the University of Regina? I actually decided to attend the U of R after exploring the web and discovering the benefits the university offers its students.

WHAT made you come to the University of Regina? After applying many times to the University of Regina, I refused to give up on my dream. I wanted to pursue a greater passion in my career; I decided to go for the best. Given all the criteria listed in my quest and search for the best - the U of R had it all.

WHERE do you see yourself after graduation? There are lots of options lined up after my graduation. I have even dreamed of becoming a professor one day. I see the U of R as a place where dreams come true. I really want to get the best and be the best in all I do, hence my participation in the UR Guarantee Program.



WHY did you join the UR Guarantee Program and how are you finding the program? I joined the UR Guarantee Program because I see it as necessary; it has lots of benefits for its members. Joining the UR Guarantee as a student simply means being with the right people at the right time.

It's obvious that getting a job is competitive and more demanding to every aspiring student. This is a program that fine-tunes your thinking ability and loads you with the technical skills needed to face the competition out there and be distinct. I am confident that with my experience with the UR Guarantee Program, I have an added advantage over others.

To you as a student, if you have a dream then stick to it and do not give up on yourself. As well, if you desire to be the best both during and after school, then I would recommend the UR Guarantee Program as your best option. Being part of the UR Guarantee Program will guarantee you career-related employment. It is an amazing opportunity to be part of the U of R and to get involved in the UR Guarantee Program. ■

Service & Leadership

Community Group Spotlight: Zeike's Place

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

In August 2010, Soul's Harbour Rescue Mission expanded its already impressive portfolio of services in the community. Zeike's Place Youth Center is set up to offer a safe and positive environment for youth to socialize and develop important life skills. Located on the corner of Athol Street and Dewdney Avenue, the center focuses on offering a wide range of activities and support to the youth of North Central Regina (with a concentration being in the 13-19 years of age range).

The activities are set out and are facilitated on a daily basis. The group activities include: a drama class, Sepak Takraw (if you're unfamiliar with this - Google it, it's pretty interesting), healthy eating, literacy programs, health and hygiene, basketball and other sports, community choir, and movie nights.

Equally impressive to the concept is the Youth Center Manager, Albert Rapley. He is able to identify with the participants while also being able to "step it up" if and when there are issues that may arise. There is definitely a mutual respect aspect to his mentoring of the center's participants while overseeing the broad range of center activities.

Through their broad range of programming, there is a focus on respect, teamwork, community involvement and cooperation, and Christian values. Zeike's is housed in a great facility complete with a full gymnasium, weight room, computer lab and a large games room.

A large part of the success of Zeike's Place is the volunteers who help to facilitate activities and mentor the center's youth. Rapley explains that there is a need for more volunteers to get involved with Zeike's Place.

Want to get involved and make a real difference in the lives of Regina youth? There are two ways to get involved: interested volunteers can go to the Souls Harbour Rescue Mission website and click **Get Involved**. You will then be prompted with a number of steps that will be required in order to start making your contribution. Interested to learn more about the programming at Zeike's Place, feel free to contact Albert Rapley at arapley.shrm@gmail.com. For more information on all of the services offered by Souls Harbour Rescue Mission, please go to www.soulsharbour-rescuemission.org. ■

