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Time capsule a flash from the past at 25th anniversary celebration

New time capsule prepared at SIAST Woodland Campus

June 15, 2010 – SIAST hosted an anniversary celebration this afternoon marking the 25th anniversary of SIAST Woodland Campus in Prince Albert. Dr. Bob Gervais, former principal of the Northern Institute of Technology, as it was known at the time, was on hand to help mark the occasion.

The highlight of the event was the unveiling of a time capsule that was sealed inside the wall of the campus since 1985. The stainless steel capsule contained construction photographs, a complete set of the building's blueprints, a hand-drawn sketch of the building, artist renditions of the campus, an event participant list, invitation and program, and a copy of the philosophy of the Prince Albert Technical Institute. Other unique items included a copy of the PA Herald, an April 1985 issue of Maclean's magazine, a PA phone book, a community directory and \$1 and \$2 bills.

"It was wonderful to be back at Woodland Campus, see old friends and acquaintances and see the institute so vibrant and continuing to grow," said Dr. Gervais, former principal of the Northern Institute of Technology. "I hope to be here to do it again in another 25 years."

"Milestones like the one we are celebrating today demonstrate that SIAST will do what it takes for students to get the education they need here in Saskatchewan, and for employers to have access to a well-trained workforce," said Dr. Bob McCulloch, SIAST president and CEO. "We will continue to build on our position as an education leader aligned with the province's post-secondary priorities."

SIAST Woodland Campus closed the 25th anniversary celebration by dedicating a new time capsule intended for future students, faculty and staff to open in the year 2035. New information about the culture on campus and the changes that have occurred over the last 25 years were placed in the time capsule. Items included photos and

information on the student housing project and blueprints for the new 6,000 square foot electrical expansion, a new staff photo and photos from the 2010 graduation ceremony.

SIAST is Saskatchewan's primary public institution for post-secondary technical education and skills training, recognized nationally and internationally for its expertise and innovation. More than 14,000 students were enrolled in SIAST programs in the most recent academic year; additionally, the organization drew almost 30,000 individual course registrations. Through program and course registrations, SIAST served almost 26,000 distinct students with programs that touch every sector of the economy. SIAST operates campuses in Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon, and provides a number of courses and programs through distance education.

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