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## editor's note

For many of us, the thought of going to war is unimaginable. This perhaps has less to do with a fading sense of Canadian patriotism than it does with a contemporary Canadian sensibility that emphasizes the value of compromise, reconciliation, and compassion.

But for those U of S students, faculty, staff, and alumni who were confronted with the outbreak of world war in 1914 and again in 1939, there was little doubt as to the right – and for some the only – course of action. Members of the University community enlisted *en masse* to serve their country: more than 300 people in WWI and nearly 2500 in WWII.

With the 60th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day in 2005, it seems appropriate that we recognize our graduates' tremendous contributions during the World Wars.

In this issue, you'll meet Allyre Sirois, whose remarkable courage during WWII characterizes a generation's selfless commitment to freedom. Like many others at the U of S, Allyre volunteered for service and put himself at great risk to assist the allied war effort. We've also included a special, online-only memorial list honouring alumni and friends who served in both wars. It can be viewed on our website at [www.usask.ca/greenandwhite.ca](http://www.usask.ca/greenandwhite.ca).

Now, we haven't overlooked the fact that 2005 is also Saskatchewan's centennial. In our Q&A, you'll meet Bernard Korchinski, a Saskatchewan-bred centenarian. Born December 25th, 1905, Bernard shares with us his unique perspective on life in Saskatchewan during the last 100 years.

There are, of course, other stories in this issue that are simply too good not to tell. You'll meet a young Aboriginal filmmaker who has shone light on one of Saskatoon's most controversial criminal investigations. You'll also read the unlikely story of four prolific writers who began their careers working together on the University's student paper in the 1950s. And we'll introduce you to a group of U of S researchers who are committed to enhancing our quality of life without poisoning the environment with industrial chemicals and pesticides.

I encourage you, as well, to read through the *Report to Donors*, which is a special recognition report of the many individuals and organizations that have generously supported the University over the past year.

As always, I invite you to get in touch and let us know what you think of our fall issue. But for now, sit back and enjoy!

Luke Muller, MA'00

## letters

I have been a regular reader of the *Green and White* since my graduation from the University of Saskatchewan in 1952. I recently received my spring 2005 copy in its new format, which I read with pleasure and appreciation, particularly the historical review of the founding of the University. The new layout is refreshing, and even the inevitable advertisements are at least relevant to the magazine and its readers.

**John G. Wright, BE'52**

Why should a prestigious university care so much about the rankings of a second-rate magazine ("Can Alumni Influence the Maclean's Rankings," spring 2005)? The Americanization and privatization of education has long been advocated by the Fraser Institute and other right-wing think tanks. Canadians are not buying it, yet.

**Larry S. Dillon, BE'53**

It was with mixed feelings that I read your cover piece "A Wave of Relief." I was again moved by the disaster because it brought back to mind the horrific images [of the tsunami] that were relayed to us incessantly via CNN. But I also felt deep pride when reading about one of our own so closely participating in the relief efforts. A good story. Thanks for telling it.

**Arthur Godfrey, BSc'67**



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Thanks for helping us help you! Good luck!

## president's message



As president, I have the special privilege of witnessing first-hand the tremendous transformations that are underway at the University of Saskatchewan. There is, of course, a physical rejuvenation that's been steadily taking place across campus over the past few years. But we're also experiencing a renewed, contemporary sense of our own identity, one that not only embraces our unique history, but recognizes the U of S as firmly positioned among the top universities in the country.

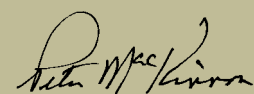
In September, we celebrated the rededication of the College Building with alumni and friends. Of all the capital building projects currently underway at the U of S, the rehabilitation of the College Building is perhaps the most significant. The largest heritage project undertaken outside of Parliament Hill, this careful restoration now preserves much of the University's distinguished past and stands as a tangible example of our revitalized commitment to success in the 21st century.

And as we move forward, we do so in ways that are consistent with the kind of excellence demanded by our Strategic Directions. We are at once strengthening our sense of place and community, and recognizing the value inherent in our uniqueness as a post-secondary institution – all the while enhancing our teaching and research on a local, national, and international scale.

We are preparing foundational documents that outline our commitment to community outreach and engagement by building upon our traditional roles of service and extension to the province in a contemporary context. It delineates how we can – and should – engage the people of the province, country, and world through our scholarly and artistic works and growing partnerships.

We are also capitalizing on our institution's unique advantages. We are, for example, the only Canadian university with colleges devoted to a range of interdisciplinary study in human, animal, and plant life. This allows us to offer programming as competitive as any offered at other post-secondary institutions in the country. We have an enviable science cluster, which includes the Canadian Light Source, a broad array of health science colleges, and the Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization (VIDO).

We are meeting today's challenges, then, with renewed vigour. We have recognized the extraordinary value of our sense of place, of our connections with Saskatchewan, Western Canada, the North, and the Great Plains environments of the world. We are embracing our unique resources that set us apart from other universities in Canada. And even though we are just beginning to explore and expand our possibilities, it is my strong belief that we have already earned our place as a centre of outstanding teaching and research excellence in Canada.

  
Peter MacKinnon, President

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### Ancient Pages

Half a century ago, American book collector Otto Ege cut apart 50 medieval Bibles and manuscripts and sold 40 boxed sets of various pages to universities and collectors around the world.

In mid-June, the U of S hosted an international conference on how to create an Ege Medieval Manuscript Database, with the goal of eventually reconstructing some of these books digitally. Columbia University, Berkeley and Yale will collaborate with the U of S on digitally reconstructing the books.



Photo: Jon Bath

### A Royal Visit

The Canadian Light Source (CLS) synchrotron has hosted thousands of visitors, but none have caused anywhere near the excitement and commotion as Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip, who toured the huge science facility on May 19.

During their nearly hour-long visit, the Queen and Prince chatted with scientists who use the synchrotron, met with schoolchildren, and went on an extensive 'walkabout' to greet the public lined up outside.



The Queen greets the public during a walkabout outside the Canadian Light Source synchrotron. Photo: CLS

While on campus, the Queen also received a special advance copy of History Prof. Bill Waiser's new book *Saskatchewan: A New History* in a ceremony at President Peter MacKinnon's residence.

The royal couple was on campus as part of their May 17-20 trip to the province in honour of Saskatchewan's centennial. They spent their first two days taking part in activities in Regina and Lumsden. After their Saskatoon visit, they travelled on to Alberta to celebrate that province's centennial.

### College Building Reopened

After a major two-year, \$21-million renovation, the College Building has resumed its position as the centrepiece of the U of S campus.

Special events were held Sept. 5-12 to celebrate the reopening and rededication of the 93-year-old building, with the official ribbon-cutting taking place on September 6.



Premier Lorne Calvert and President Peter MacKinnon unveil the plaque marking the rededication of the College Building on September 6.

The week's events in the refurbished building also included student registration for Orientation; tours for University staff and the public; the launch of Professor Bill Waiser's new book on the history of Saskatchewan; musical events in Convocation Hall, including one featuring the University's Amati Quartet in Residence; scholarly lectures; an exhibit of Allan Sapp artworks in the building's new gallery space; and a tour and lecture on the memorial legacy of the College Building, featuring the terra-cotta wall monuments honouring the University's dead and wounded in the First World War.

Organizers said the celebration was intended to help put the College Building and its Convocation Hall back into the public consciousness as a focal point of campus and of the larger community, since it is one of the foremost public buildings in Saskatchewan.



U of S alumni take time during Reunion 2005 to tour the refurbished College Building.

### WCVM Celebrates 40 Years

The Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVM) put on a double celebration June 9-11 as it held a 40th anniversary reunion and showed its dozens of visiting alumni and practising veterinarians details of the major expansion now underway at the College.

The anniversary included a banquet and extensive program of scientific lectures and workshops.

WCVM Dean Charles Rhodes and Small Animal Clinical Sciences Prof. Bruce Grahn also led an hour-long presentation to more than 100 visitors, giving details of the \$48-million renovation and construction project that will add greatly to the main College building built four decades ago.

The expansion project includes an animal care unit, completion of the MRI and cancer/oncology suites, expanded Veterinary Teaching Hospital and pathology areas, and a new two-storey research wing. Due for completion in spring 2008, the project is

proceeding in stages; the Veterinary Hospital work is now underway and construction of the research wing should begin this fall.

The federal government has contributed \$22 million and the province \$15 million. The College is committed to raising \$5 million for the project.



A bird's-eye view, looking from the east, of the expanded Veterinary Teaching Hospital at WCVM. Illustration: Facilities Management Division

### Branding to Reflect U of S Direction

Work is underway to develop a brand for the University of Saskatchewan, with some of the visual elements and position statements being unveiled this fall. It's all part of an effort to create and send clear, consistent messages about the University's mission and strategic directions.

Heather Magotiaux, V-P University Advancement, says, "When people hear the term branding, they often think of a recognizable logo or symbol. While that's a critical part, branding the U of S is also about articulating our strategic directions, positioning ourselves in the university sector and communicating more effectively with our key stakeholders."

Led by University Communications, the branding work has so far included stakeholder reviews, marketing assessments, surveys and consultation over designs and messages.

The brand will include a position statement that emphasizes the University's sense of place. A visual identity that illustrates the brand is also being developed.

Alumni are encouraged to provide feedback regarding the U of S branding initiative by emailing: [uofs.logo@usask.ca](mailto:uofs.logo@usask.ca)



## Promoting Aboriginal Education Research

Earlier this year, the College of Education became home to a new Aboriginal Education Research Centre (AERC) that will study broad historical, cultural, social, and economic issues as well as train teachers.



L-R: Dean of Education Cecilia Reynolds, artist Kevin Pee-ace, Education Professor Marie Battiste, and University Co-ordinator of Health Research Bruce Waygood stand in front of artwork by Pee-ace in the new Aboriginal Education Research Centre. (Photo: Dean Squires)

The Centre will enhance education delivery to Aboriginal students both provincially and in First Nations schools. It will also partner with First Nations groups to promote Aboriginal education and build research capacity while improving teaching on Aboriginal issues. The college also signed a co-operation agreement with the Office of the Treaty Commissioner to further knowledge about treaties.

For more information on the Aboriginal Education Research Centre, please visit [www.usask.com/education/arec](http://www.usask.com/education/arec)

## Kenderdine Campus Celebrates 70 Years of Art & Nature

Seventy years ago U of S President Walter Murray tramped through the bush to a lake north of Prince Albert and decided to create one of the University's most successful outreach initiatives: the Kenderdine Campus at Emma Lake.



Wynona Mulcaster (foreground), who was the first student to enrol in art classes at what is now the U of S Kenderdine Campus, and campus director Kate Hobin are shown at a recent exhibition of Mulcaster's work at Art Placement in Saskatoon. Photo: Colleen MacPherson

A special weekend of activities was held Aug. 6-7 to celebrate the campus' 70th year, as well as the 50th anniversary of the renowned Emma Lake Artists' Workshops which continue to put Prairie artists in touch with art centres around the world each summer.

## Positive Spaces

A program called 'Positive Space' was recently launched on campus to reduce the impact of homophobia and heterosexism. The program encourages individuals and groups to sign up and display a special logo identifying their space as one where people need not fear disclosing their sexual orientation or gender identity.



Nicholas Fraser, the former director of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Ally Centre, says the initiative is "an amazing move on the part of the University that symbolizes to me that the University is taking a proactive approach".

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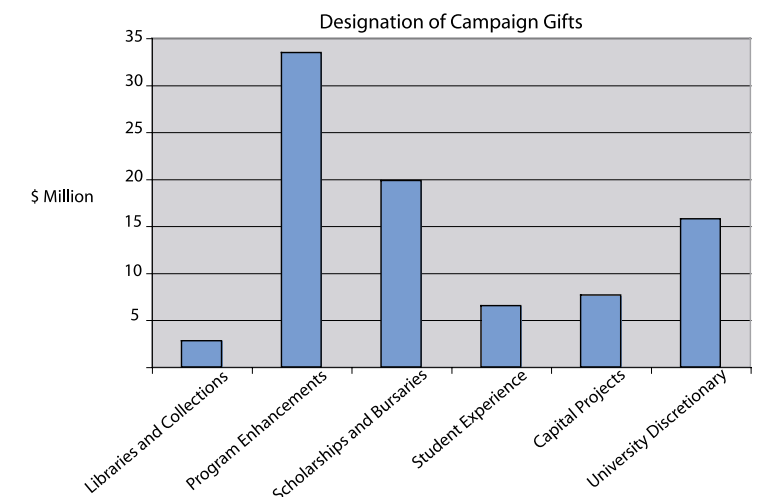
Campaign for the University of Saskatchewan

If you've been to campus lately, you've probably noticed lots of new buildings like the Physical Activity Complex, the Spinks Addition and of course the Synchrotron. These and other infrastructure projects are part of the largest renewal at the University of Saskatchewan in more than three decades. This transformation, valued at more than half a billion dollars, is being supported by the Provincial and Federal Governments, the City of Saskatoon, granting agencies like the Canada Foundation for Innovation and other partners.

*Thinking the World of our Future* is contributing to this renaissance on campus. This international fundraising campaign is an opportunity to share our success stories and our plans for the future with corporations, foundations and you, our alumni. The University of Saskatchewan's commitment to academic pre-eminence, international standards and an enduring sense of place has helped to attract more than 24 thousand donors since the start of the campaign. With more than \$86 million\* in pledges and gifts, we're well on the way to achieving our goal of \$100 million in time for the University's centennial year in 2007.

It is interesting to note that about half of the funds raised to date have been given or pledged by individuals. More telling is the breakdown of where that support is being directed. Of the close to \$20 million pledged to scholarships and awards, fully \$15 million is coming from individuals, reconfirming the old adage that 'people give to people'.

Here's an overview of where donations have been directed.



Support for students and programs that directly enhance the student experience make up 40% of the campaign goal. Student support remains a top priority, but in the months ahead campaign efforts will start to focus on libraries and capital projects such as the construction of a Graduate Student Commons, renovations to the College Building, and phase one of a new Fine and Performing Arts Centre. These projects are vital to the University's vision for the future. We are looking for partners who share that vision.

For more information about the campaign, please go to [www.usask.ca/campaign](http://www.usask.ca/campaign)

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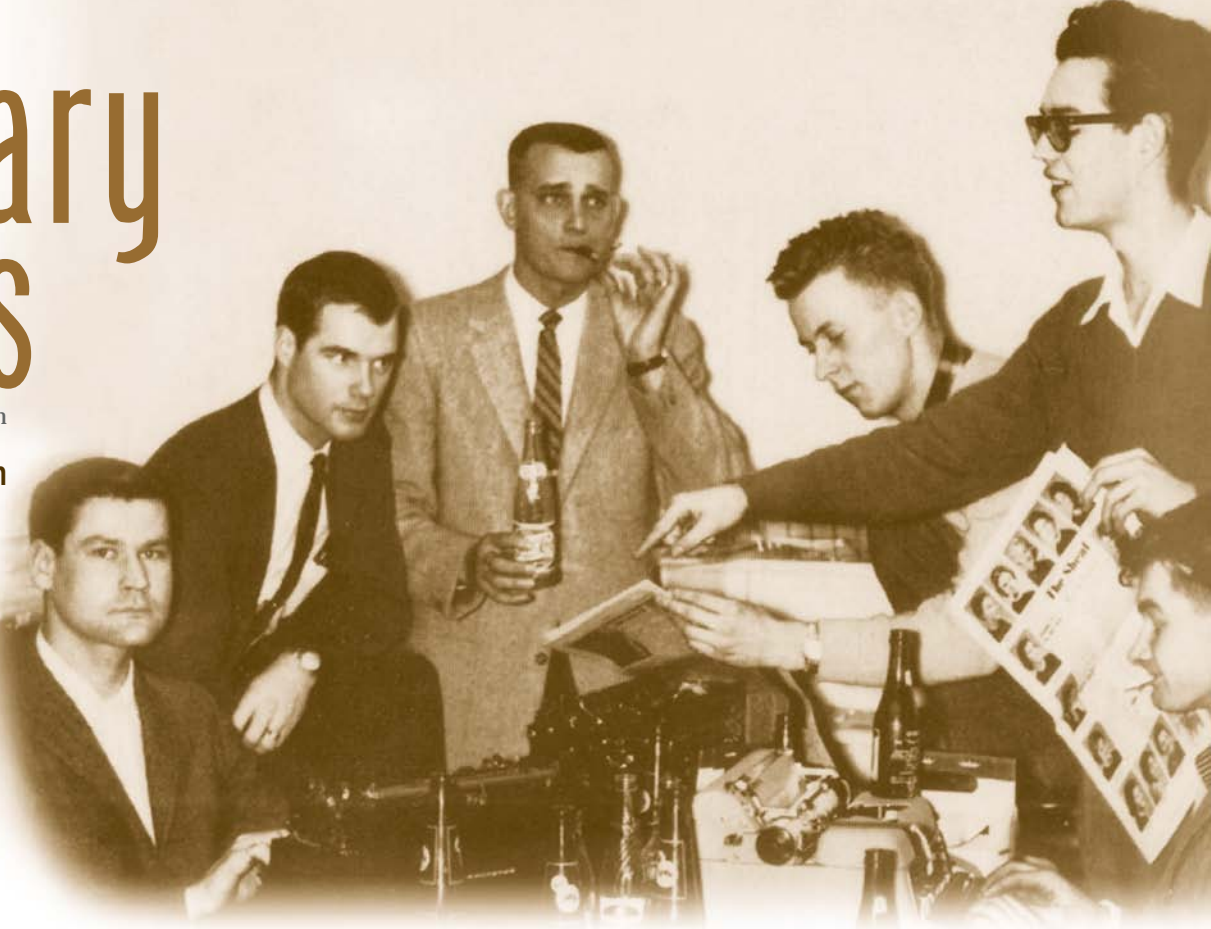
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# Literary Lives

by David Hutton

A popular science fiction novelist, the creator of CBC's *Street Legal*, a renowned wine writer, and a leading authority on the Doukhobors all share common starting points to their prolific careers: an ink stained room in the basement of Saskatchewan Hall.



**T**he *Sheaf* office in South Saskatchewan Hall was like a second home for Douglas Hill (BA'56), William Deverell (LLB'63), John Schreiner (BA'58), and Koozma Tarasoff (BA'57), who were on the staff of the student newspaper during the 1955/56 school year. They've all since gone on to remarkable literary success, publishing more than 100 books combined, and look back fondly on their time at *The Sheaf* where they honed their craft and found fellowship among an ultra-creative group of student writers.

"It was brilliant," says acclaimed science fiction novelist Douglas Hill, recalling the camaraderie of the staff. "You didn't get much sleep and didn't do any school work. We all hung out in one big room, made fun of each other, and worked all night brainstorming and

barnstorming. Sometimes, when we got around to it, we wrote for the paper."

Hill, who has carved out a career that includes more than 50 books, contributions to poetry anthologies, and the editor's post at the prestigious science fiction magazine *New World*, says *The Sheaf*, a mainstay in campus life since 1912, sparked his interest in writing.

"It was funny; I didn't plan to be a writer. During my final year, [William Deverell] kept saying to me, 'Hey, kid, you should stay in journalism; you're a natural.' And look what happened."

The 72-year-old Hill is best known for his children's science fiction and fantasy. Before J.K. Rowling's *Harry Potter* series, Hill was voted the most popular children's author in Britain by a reader's poll in the daily newspaper *The Guardian*.

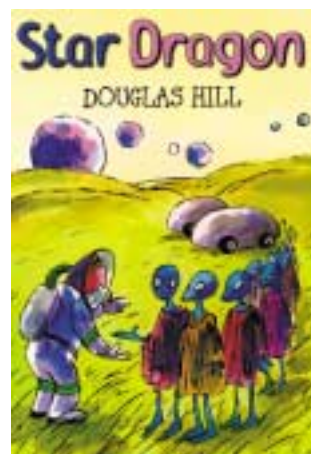
However, some of Hill's fondest memories are from his days at *The Sheaf*. He jokingly claims that *The Sheaf* staff invented the term "nerd" after using it to describe a "socially challenged" PhD student from the U of S's Linear Accelerator. The story got picked up by other student newspapers across the country and the term was quickly popularized.

While William Deverell believes his time at *The Sheaf* was also influential in shaping his life as a writer, he remembers the solidarity of the staff above all else.

"The editor's job paid a \$500 a year honorarium and frankly I needed the money," jokes Deverell. "We'd bring in about four or five cases of beer to the office and somehow, eventually, God knows how, put the paper to bed."

"I can't say I enjoyed being editor because of any

**Above:** Fatherly advice from 1959 *Sheaf* Editor Bill Deverell. Also pictured (L to R) Gerald Connaughty (features editor), Ken Halvorson and Bob Burchill (sports editors) Larry Gnyp (news editor)  
**Below:** Book by Douglas Hill



journalistic aspirations," he adds, "but I truly enjoyed the camaraderie. It was better learning than going to class anyway."

Deverell is best known as the creator of the popular and long-running CBC series *Street Legal*. Formerly one of

British Columbia's top criminal lawyers, the former court reporter quickly began writing fiction, combining his law and journalism backgrounds to write crime thrillers. His first novel, *Needles*, a story about a heroin-addicted prosecutor trying to convict a heroin ring, won the \$50,000 Seal Prize in 1979 and the Book of the Year Award in 1981.

While editor of *The Sheaf*, Deverell was also the night city editor for the Saskatoon *StarPhoenix* and a full-time law student. He would work from 5-11 p.m. at the *StarPhoenix* before trekking back across the University Bridge to finish production of *The Sheaf*.

An active member of the campus CCF movement and a self-described 'constructive journalist', Deverell claims to have started the political career of Roy Romanow by promoting his candidacy for Student Representative Council President, which Romanow won in 1961.

Deverell also arranged to have Tommy Douglas come to campus to speak and asked Romanow, then a sports radio announcer, to introduce him. Romanow was so astounded by Douglas' speech that he played it over and over to himself for weeks and soon after bought a CCF membership.

"Roy and I were friends and used to play bridge and ping pong instead of going to class. A few of us on the staff

decided we were going to 'make' Romanow so we put him on the front page of *The Sheaf* every week leading up to the 1961 election.

While Deverell was busy promoting future politicians, John Schreiner, who later became the chief political reporter in the Saskatchewan Legislature, was busy parodying politics. He recalls one student election in particular.

"For some childish reason, I promoted the candidacy of the dog who was the campus mascot," says Schreiner. "He actually got some votes. It

**They've all since gone on to remarkable literary success, publishing more than 100 books combined.**

comforts me to know that I was not the only one on campus who had yet to grow up."

For Schreiner, who credits *The Sheaf* with teaching him "the discipline of journalism," growing up came quickly after graduation.

After covering the Saskatchewan Legislature, Schreiner joined the staff of *The Financial Post* in Toronto. In 1998, when *The Financial Post* was acquired by *The National Post*, he was appointed Senior

Correspondent in Vancouver and later retired in February 2001.

A wine connoisseur, Schreiner has authored nine award-winning books on Canadian wine, beginning with *The World of Canadian Wines*, published in 1984.

Koozma Tarasoff also found a niche writing non-fiction after his days at *The Sheaf*. He has written, edited, and translated nine books on the Doukhobors in Canada. While writing news for *The Sheaf*, Tarasoff also edited *The Inquirer*, a monthly publication about the

Doukhobors, from his attic. Tarasoff now boasts a collection of 50,000 photos of Doukhobor life and has work on display at the Canadian Museum of Civilization in Ottawa.

"I suppose the smell of the printers ink was a direct road to my interest in writing and publishing," concludes Tarasoff of his time at *The Sheaf*. "I learned most by reading and doing."

However, not everyone from the 1955/56 staff pursued the literary life. Duff Spafford (BA'59, MA'61) became a professor of political studies at the U of S, while Graydon Gould went on to a career in television and movies playing Chief Ranger George Keeley on *The Forest Rangers*, the first Canadian-made TV series shot in colour, and appeared in the 1996 film *Mission: Impossible*. The editor, David Stollar (MD'59), has gone on to a prestigious academic career in biochemistry at Tufts University, Boston. ■



Bill Deverell



John Schreiner



Koozma J. Tarasoff

# 2 WORLDS COLLIDING

by Erin Taman



*When Tasha Hubbard (BA'94) decided to make a documentary film about Saskatoon's infamous "freezing deaths," little did she know she was about to embark on an intensely personal journey of her own.*

Born Cree and raised in a white household, Hubbard had to overcome her own internal conflict before she could begin to tell the story of the Aboriginal men and their families whose lives were forever changed by the "freezing deaths" in Saskatoon that occurred between 1990 and 2000.

"It was actually a real struggle for me because working on the project forced me to confront identity issues I had avoided in terms of who I was and what community or communities I belonged to," Hubbard says.

"I just came at it as someone who lived in the community and understood some of the issues and empathized with the people involved."

Hubbard wrote and directed the documentary film aptly titled "Two Worlds Colliding," which is adapted from a line in the INXS song *Never Tear Us Apart*. It was produced by the National Film Board of Canada.

The 49-minute documentary tells the story of the strained relationship between the Saskatoon City Police and the Aboriginal community, which is exemplified through the story of Darrell Night. Night is an Aboriginal man who was driven beyond the city limits by police officers and dropped off alone in a field on a night when the temperature dropped to -20 degrees Celsius.

He survives, but is shocked to find out a few days later that other Aboriginal men who allegedly had similar experiences with the police weren't so lucky. Bravely, Night comes forward with his story and the police are forced to confront a deep secret.

The story is told chronologically, starting with Night's story of survival and then proceeding to the discovery of two frozen bodies near the Queen Elizabeth Power Station and another in the North Industrial area. The film then examines how the City of Saskatoon reacted to the shocking news.

With only two years of filmmaking under her belt, Hubbard struggled at times. She had to work hard to build trusting relationships with Night and the families of the late Lawrence Wegner and Rodney Naistus, whose deaths are still unsolved.

"[The film] makes sure that the men aren't forgotten and I hope it brings something to the dialogue between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people."

The documentary has been to film festivals both in Canada and abroad, even finding an audience as far away as Brazil. It also aired on CBC Television's *Rough Cuts* series and the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network. At the 2005 Yorkton Film Festival, Hubbard won the Golden Sheaf Award for the best Aboriginal film.

She has also visited seven Canadian cities with a panel that discussed some of the issues that arise in the film. It was during this tour that Hubbard came to understand that every community has struggles and problems.

"When it aired in other communities it acted as a springboard to discuss the issues that are faced in those communities. Every city has its own issues. Every community has its own struggles it's dealing with so the film acted as a bit of a catalyst [for] dialogue about those things."

During the production of the documentary, Hubbard was furiously working on completing her Masters degree in English at the University of Saskatchewan. She was completing the first year of her program while editing, and finished the film during her second year of studies. With a thesis left to write, Hubbard is still looking forward; she's considering enrolling in an interdisciplinary doctorate program and hopes to continue telling stories through documentary films.

In spite of the serious and at times grim nature of the film, Hubbard remains optimistic about Saskatoon's future. She believes that while police officers need to continue to educate themselves about the Aboriginal community, Aboriginal people, too, must shift their perception of the police to avoid stereotyping them based on relatively few instances of alleged misconduct.

"We need to keep in mind there is a history of power imbalance and there is no simple solution." Poverty, power, and awareness all play a role, she adds.

Hubbard is not naïve, however, and knows there will continue to be collisions between her community and the police. "But I hope they are less frequent and less violent." ■

**Clockwise from top:** Aboriginal officer Craig Nyirfa listens at the inquiry into the death of Neil Stonechild in Saskatoon. Darrell Night, who alleges he was abandoned by the Saskatoon police near the outskirts of the city in January 2000 in -20° C. Saskatoon police Const. Ernie Louttit on patrol in Saskatoon.



Above photos, credit: Kevin Hogarth

# My Life As A Spy



**Top:** Illustration featured throughout article by Raymond Verdaguer

**Above:** Justice Allyre Louis Sirois

2005 is the 60th anniversary of VE Day – the end of World War II in Europe. While our collective memory of the war dims as years pass, Justice Allyre Louis Sirois (BA'48, LLB'50) remembers his life as a spy in Nazi-occupied France all too well. by Beverly Fast

**I**n 1943, Cpl. Sirois of the Canadian Signal Corps. reported as ordered to Canada House in London, England. He was 20-years old, blond-haired, blue-eyed – and bilingual. It was this last fact that brought him to the attention of Military Intelligence.

“How would you like to work behind enemy lines?” they asked.

“That’s for me,” Sirois promptly replied.

After months of intensive training, Sirois parachuted behind enemy lines into Nazi-occupied France on March 2, 1944. His destination was Toulouse in the southwest of France, a long way from home for a farm kid from Vonda, Saskatchewan.

“The thing a lot of people don’t realize today is that when I enrolled in the army in December 1941, the war was going badly for us. I thought it was my duty to try and do something against Nazism,” Sirois says.

Sirois was recruited as an undercover radio operator by Special Operations Executive (SOE), a secret organization of spies and saboteurs created by Churchill’s War Cabinet in 1940. In France, he was part of a three-man unit working covertly to organize the resistance, set up



Allied supply drops, direct Allied bombing runs and intercept German communications.

Rene Bochereau, an Allied officer, was caught by a Nazi patrol. He bought his own life by turning traitor on Sirois’s SOE unit. The unit organizer, Captain Charles Rechenmann, was arrested by Gestapo agents while having lunch in a French cafe.

## For several months, all went well. Then in May, disaster!

Word spread quickly through the underground. Sirois just had time enough to bury his radio set and run for it. When he arrived at a safe house days later, he heard that his other unit-mate had also been captured.

The story took a final twist when Rechenmann’s girlfriend arrived at the safe house with Bochereau, who told of a daring escape. “We chatted for awhile and then they went downstairs for lunch. But the girl snuck back and said, ‘be careful, the story he told you is different than the one he told me.’”

Sirois fled to another safe house and radioed London that they had a traitor. “They said do what you have to do. In occupied territory, that’s the law of the gun. I had him done away with.”

Luck – that’s how Sirois explains his escape. After the war, he learned that Rechenmann and his other unit-mate were executed at Buchenwald concentration camp in September 1944.

For Sirois, there was little time to mourn missing friends; the unit was re-organized and back at work co-ordinating air drops of munitions for the resistance fighters.

After one successful drop, Sirois was making his way back to the safe house with a fellow resistance fighter. They were just about to cross a road when, in one of those surreal, slow-motion moments, they turned just in time to see moonlight glint off a helmet as a Nazi patrol topped the hill.

“Run!” I said. So we took off through the field and hid in a vineyard. The Germans came round by the road and my friend says, ‘We’re done for.’ But the patrol stopped at the wrong place. They heard something – who knows what – and opened up with their machine guns. But we were a ways away.”

Sirois’s luck held. Once again he escaped capture and the fight for freedom continued.

By June of 1944, D-Day had turned the tide on the Nazis. They were on the defensive, and the resistance fighters turned up the heat. “A lot of guys got caught that summer,” Sirois remembers. “They got reckless. They wanted the Germans out of their country.”



**Above Left:** Sirois’s fake identification papers. He was known as Andre Sirois.

**Above:** Sirois (2nd from left) and onlookers in France at a ceremony honouring members of the French resistance (1944).



By the end of August, southwest France was liberated and Sirois received orders to leave.

"It was [Charles] deGaulle's show now," he says, "but we did go to Paris for the big blow-out [victory party]. There was great jubilation among the French people. After almost five years of occupation, they were free."

Sirois was awarded the French *Croix de Guerre* in recognition of acts of bravery in the face of the enemy, and made a Member of the Order of the British Empire.

He returned home to Saskatchewan just before Christmas 1944. It was a tough adjustment, but Sirois picked up the pieces of his life. He was only 21. He enrolled at the U of S, earning a BA in 1948 and LLB in 1950. He married Madeleine Anne-Marie Ehman and raised a family in Gravelbourg, where he practiced until his appointment to the Court of Queen's Bench in 1964. He served 34 years, retiring in 1998.



Sirois (center) and members of the French resistance after the liberation of France in 1944.

Now 82, Justice Sirois still lives in Saskatoon. He's been back to France several times and kept in touch with wartime friends, though many are gone now. Looking back, he shakes his head and says, "From one minute to the next, you didn't know who to trust, what was waiting for you. You can take all the precautions you want and still get caught. I was just lucky." ■

## The Wars Remembered

WWI and WWII had profound effects on the University of Saskatchewan community. 332 students, faculty, and staff enlisted during the First World War. The School of Engineering even closed its doors for the 1916-1917 session when the faculty and students enlisted *en masse*.

With the declaration of war in 1939, members of the U of S community once again committed themselves to military service. But this time, more than 2,000 students, faculty, and staff answered the call to arms. Unlike WWI, however, the government encouraged students to finish their academic programs, thus bringing their education and expertise with them to the field.

The names of those that served and died in the Great War are immortalized on scrolls that line the walls of the 1st and 2nd floors of the College Building. These scrolls, which were carefully preserved during the College Building renovations, were originally blank and intended simply as decoration. With the Board of Governors' approval in 1916, the University inscribed on the blank scrolls the names of all who served.

The Memorial Union Building, which was constructed from 1953-55, was designed to serve as a memorial to U of S students, faculty and staff who perished overseas in both World Wars.

Visit the *Green & White* website for a special online-only memorial list honouring those alumni and friends who served in the World Wars.



L to R: Air Vice-Marshal Clarence A. Cook OBE (BEng'33, BEd'34), F.O. Doug Stark (BEng'54), W/C John Berven (BEng'35), and W/C R.A. 'Bob' Rennie in the MUB. Photo: U of S Archives, A-1180



R.J. Bateman was an English professor and first to enlist for service in WWI from the U of S community.

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# Pick Your Poisons

by Michael Robin



Illustration by Jackie Robin

**L**ife in the developed world is good: we live longer, eat better, travel faster, work more productively, and have more opportunities for recreation than ever before. But what price do we pay for our modern conveniences?

“There is a price associated with our current way of life,” says Karsten Liber, director of the U of S Toxicology Centre.

Municipalities such as Saskatoon and Toronto are considering bans on cosmetic use of pesticides. But what of the homeowner whose roses are being devoured by aphids or whose shade trees are being killed by pests, reducing property values and diminishing quality of life?

Policy makers must balance environmental protection with public desires. Liber and his colleagues in the U of S Toxicology Group

help provide the answers needed to achieve this balance.

The interdisciplinary group is the foundation of the largest and best toxicology program in the country with ambitions to lead the world in research to help minimize our impact on the environment.

“This is the only university in Canada that has every professional college represented on campus,” Liber says. “We have a medical college, we have a veterinary college, we have a pharmacy school, we have arts and science and engineering. That’s a huge advantage.”

The University’s Integrated Plan names toxicology, particularly northern ecosystems toxicology, as a key area for research excellence. The University’s latest two Canada Research Chairs include a leading

river systems toxicologist and one of the world’s top specialists in persistent organic pollutants (POPs).

The Toxicology Centre, which occupied about a third of the space in its building, is expanding to fill the entire space. By next year, it will have two floors added to its north wing for state-of-the-art laboratories.

Stiffer regulations and Canada’s international commitments are driving demand for toxicologists. While the program is devoted to both biomedical and environmental toxicology, Liber acknowledges the latter is a growth area.

“We’re seeing a tremendous interest from students. They see it as being relevant to society,” he says.

The graduate program is one of the most sought after in the country, with more than 200 students a year vying for 10 to 15 spots.

More than 37 per cent of these grad students hold NSERC funding or secure it shortly after their arrival. And top marks are essential. The undergraduate program is one of three in the country and the only one in Western Canada. Launched in 2002, it is also steadily building momentum.

“We are looking to recruit new students, the best and the brightest Canada has to offer,” says John Giesy, Canada Research Chair in Environmental Toxicology.

Giesy will join the U of S from Michigan State University in May 2006, bringing with him a team of 35 and a research program worth \$4 million a year. An expert in ecology and environment, publications from his lab are the fourth most cited in the world.

He was the first to identify the presence in the environment of perfluorinated compounds, a class of POPs used in products from paints and cosmetics to electronics.

The discovery provoked consternation – perfluorinated compounds are essential to make everything from electrical wire to MP3 players. But Giesy also specializes in “green chemistry.”

“We were able to help manufacturers come up with alternatives that work, but don’t have that bad chemical profile,” he says. “Improve the quality of life without degrading the environment. That’s what I do.”

Like a lit cigar in a crowded room, pollution is a global concern and responsibility.

“In the Arctic, we end up with polar bears with perfluorinated chemicals in their livers,” Giesy says. “We need to train students from other countries so they can minimize

production of those chemicals, which ultimately end up here.”

In this single, shared ecosystem, we are all downstream from one another. Monique Dubé, Canada Research Chair in Aquatic Ecosystem Health Diagnosis, is keenly aware of this.

“We have the science right now to conserve, treat and develop our water supplies in a sustainable way. What we don’t have is an integrated understanding of the problems. Our greatest challenge in the next decade is to bring the information together for an integrated understanding of the problems, to identify our priorities, and to move forward to solve them.”

Dubé joined the U of S from the National Water Research

Institute in Saskatoon and has worked on aquatic systems across Canada. She was invited by the United Nations Environment Program’s Global Environmental Monitoring System (GEMS) water program to develop a global process for accessing water health.

Dubé’s award-winning track record with government and industry involves understanding industrial operations, assessing aquatic impacts, and finding alternative solutions. These collaborations allow students to gain hands-on research experience. Her THREATS Healthy River Ecosystem Assessment System includes “hot spot” software to identify and assess aquatic systems under threat, as well as a 12-metre

## Policy makers must balance environmental protection with public desires.

laboratory on wheels, able to go to any location in Canada, or “plug in” to the back of the Toxicology Centre. Other lab space will house her “mesocosms” – scale-model versions of river ecosystems to test effects of pollutants in a controlled environment.

While the Toxicology Centre will boast some of the most advanced analytical facilities of their type in the world, Liber stresses people are key to claiming a world-leading role. U of S expertise is

sought after by government regulators and industry across the country, particularly in the resource sector. This includes areas as diverse as oil sands, diamond, uranium, and base metal mining, pulp and paper, forestry, and agriculture.

“There is no such thing as zero pollution,” Liber says. “We have to accept certain levels. But as environmental toxicologists, what gets us excited is to help society decide what’s a safe level. We can’t get to zero. But let’s get to a level that’s safe.” ■



## Health, Science, and Indigenous Knowledge

For Sue Wilson Cheechoo, married mother of six and doctoral student with the Department of Community Health and Epidemiology, research and family go hand in hand.

Wilson Cheechoo is working to build a partnership between western science and the Moose Cree First Nation (MCFN), her home community near Moose Factory on the shore of Hudson’s Bay.

Industrial society’s environmental fallout, from global warming to PCBs, shows up far from population centres in northern communities. Northern indigenous peoples’ close relationship to the land makes them highly susceptible to these environmental impacts.

The people of the MCFN want to explore how their knowledge can complement western science to identify factors that may be contributing to a decline in the health of their people. Few research projects in Canada involve an indigenous community guiding toxicology studies in this way.

“The design of the project reflects what I call reciprocity in research,” she says. “The project recognizes and incorporates two knowledge systems to provide guidance for a research area that is traditionally dominated by science.”



**Alumni Association President's Message**

I am thrilled to introduce myself as the 2005-2006 president of your Alumni Association.

First as a branch rep in Calgary and then as an Association committee and board member, I have participated in the ongoing evolution of the Association. While much has changed, the Alumni Association is still committed to strengthening the bond between alumni and the U of S.

To this end, the Alumni Association has developed a strategic plan clearly defining three main goals aimed at enhancing your U of S alumni experience. First, we will clarify the role of the Alumni Association vis-à-vis the University with the purpose of ensuring that the Association maximizes its potential and continues to thrive.

Second, we will continue to build our alumni community. It is critical we identify and build partnerships with all our key stakeholders. We will more clearly define the expectations of our branch representatives, become more involved with college-based alumni activities, and continue to create opportunities that will connect us with all our graduates.

Finally, we will revisit our current programming to ensure that we are adding value to the lives of all our alumni. Through conversations with our membership and other alumni associations, we will enhance our current alumni programs, as well as create new ones.

In short, our goals over the next few years are to develop the U of S Alumni Association in ways consistent with the kind of excellence our membership deserves. I'm happy to say that we're up for the challenge. I'm enthusiastic about our plans, and I look forward to the year ahead.

**Joy Crawford, BComm'93**

**Saskatchewan Pride Outside**

In celebration of Saskatchewan's 100th Anniversary, Saskatchewan Industry and Resources initiated a series of events across the country designed to promote and celebrate the province's centennial – to encourage "Saskatchewan Pride Outside" the province.

As part of this ambassadorial program, an event was held in Toronto on July 9th at the Radisson Harbor Front Hotel for several hundred Saskatchewan ex-pats. The Argonauts vs. Roughriders game followed the reception.

A similar event was held in Calgary on July 23rd at the Foothills Baseball Stadium. More than 3000 former Saskatchewan residents attended the event and filled the stands with a sea of green at the Stampeders vs. Roughriders football game that followed.

Throughout the fall, Saskatchewan Pride Outside events were held in Edmonton and Vancouver.



A 'sea of green' at the Stampeders vs. Roughriders game in Calgary.

**2005-06 Alumni Board of Directors**



**Back row, left to right:** Mr. Ben Voss, BE'99, Ms. Marianne Schneider, BSN'94, MBA'96, Ms. Crystel Knihniski, BA'90, Mr. Michael J. Clark, BComm'95, LLB'96, Dr. Gordon Barnhart, BA'66; MS'77 (Reg), PhD'98, Mr. Jeffrey Vicq, LLB'98 (President Elect)

**Front Row, left to right:** Dr. Kevyn R. Kristmanson, BSc'97, Ms. Joy Crawford, BComm'93, (President), Ms. Melana Soroka, BA'84 (Director of Alumni Relations & Executive Director of the U of S Alumni Association), Mr. Rob Theoret, BComm'94 (Past President). Missing from photo: Mr. Fred Fulton, BSA'50, PGD'68, MCTGED'72 (Vice President), Ms. Magel D. Sutherland, BSc'98

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**Together Again**

On the weekend of June 10th, the members of the College of Law graduating class of 1985 gathered in Saskatoon for their 20 year reunion. On Friday night, they met at the Moot Court Room, where Dean Brent Cotter and Professor Dan Ish presented remarks about what is now taking place at the College and its plans for the future. After a day of golfing on Saturday, the Class of '85 attended a dinner and dance at the Sheraton Cavalier. On Sunday morning, many of the graduates and guests met for a brunch, at which President Peter MacKinnon was also present. Plans are already underway for the 25 Year Reunion, which will be held in Calgary, Alberta.



The Class of '85

**Visiting Buckingham Palace**

As a result of an initiative by the Canadian High Commission in London and in preparation for the Queen's centennial visit to Canada, a handful of U of S alumni living in England received a special invitation to Buckingham Palace to attend a Royal reception and meet Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.



Dr. Jacqueline Rainsbury (BA'91) meets Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace.

On May 2nd, more than 150 invited guests had the privilege of entering through the front gates of Buckingham Palace and crossing the front courtyard to the reception rooms, where they enjoyed good conversation and wine. Afterward, a reception line was formed and guests met both the Queen and Prince Philip.

**Len Epp (MA'99)** and **Dr. Jacqueline Rainsbury (BA'91)** were two of the lucky U of S alumni who attended the event. "The Queen was very polite as our names were announced to her," said Len, "and the Prince kept asking everyone he met if they were with the High Commission."

Dr. Jacqueline Rainsbury, who was seven-and-a-half-months pregnant at the time, confessed that she was a little nervous about the experience. "I was lucky enough to be part of a smaller group that had been invited to meet the Queen and Prince Philip prior to the reception," she said. "Bryan Adams was also in this smaller group and I think I was more nervous about meeting him than the Queen."

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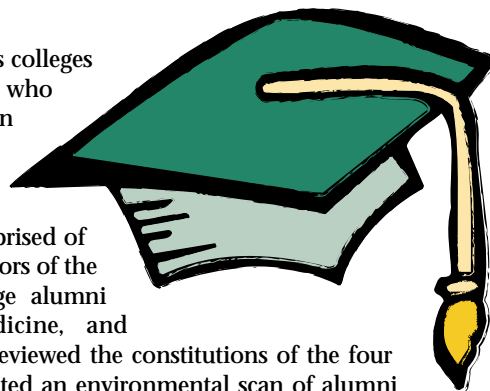
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## Defining Alumni

As a result of conversations with various colleges and college-based alumni associations who were interested in clarifying the definition of 'alumni', a task force was established by the U of S Alumni Association to review alumni classifications. The Task Force was comprised of representatives from the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association, as well as college alumni associations from Agriculture, Medicine, and Veterinary Medicine. The Task Force reviewed the constitutions of the four Alumni Association bodies and conducted an environmental scan of alumni definitions at other North American universities.



The results of this initiative precipitated a number of important amendments to the Alumni Association's constitution – amendments which called for the creation of a clearer, more inclusive definition of the term 'alumni'. At its 89th Annual General Meeting, the U of S Alumni Association approved four new categories of alumni membership:

### Member (Voting Status, Conferred at Convocation or Graduation)

- a. Persons holding degrees, certificates, and diplomas from the University Associate Member (Non-Voting Status, by Expression of Interest)
- a. A person has completed one of the following and the class they started University with has since graduated
  - i. One full year of classes (30 credit units)
  - ii. Two semesters (Term 1, Term 2, Spring/Summer Session) that total 30 credit units.
  - iii. 30 credit units over an extended period of time.
  - iv. Course work associated with a graduate program, but has not completed theses or dissertation work
- b. A person has completed one year of a program that results in accreditation, such as medical residency.
- c. A faculty or staff member has retired from the University

### Friend (Non-Voting Status, by Application)

- a. A person having an interest in the aims and objectives of the Alumni Association and the University but who does not qualify for any other membership category may be declared a friend by a majority vote at a meeting of the Board of Directors.

### Honorary (Voting Status, by Nomination)

- a. A person may be identified for honorary membership in the Alumni Association in recognition of their exceptional service, affinity, or support of the University of Saskatchewan. Honorary members shall be approved by the membership at the Annual General Meeting. Honorary members shall have the same rights and privileges as members.

The voting status of various classifications was also changed to reflect the new alumni definitions. To learn more about these new categories of alumni membership or for more information about the 89th Annual General Meeting, please visit our website at [www.usask.ca/alumni](http://www.usask.ca/alumni).

## Honorary Degrees – Spring 05



**Honorary Doctor of Laws**  
**John Francis (Frank) Roy**  
(BA'48, BEd'53, MA'68)


Mr. Roy's commitment and service to the teaching profession has been extensive and sustained. A dedicated environmentalist and conservationist, Mr. Roy has contributed to drafting provincial and national policies on ecology – work has helped shape public opinion.

Mr. Roy was awarded the first Joe Duffy Memorial Award for excellence in the teaching of English (1983); the Meewasin Valley Conservation Award for Leadership in conservation and environmental education (1992); the Distinguished Alumnus Award from St. Thomas More College (1992), and the Queen Elizabeth 50th Anniversary Medal in 2002.



**Honorary Doctor of Letters**  
**Allan Fotheringham**

Mr. Fotheringham has been an award-winning columnist for the better part of his nearly half century in journalism. His work has appeared in publications as divergent as the *South China Morning Post* in Hong Kong and the *Christian Science Monitor*. Well known to most Canadians, he occupied the prestigious "back page" of *Maclean's Magazine* for more than a quarter century. Between 1972 and 2001, he authored eight books, and received the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for significant contribution to fellow Canadians in 2002.

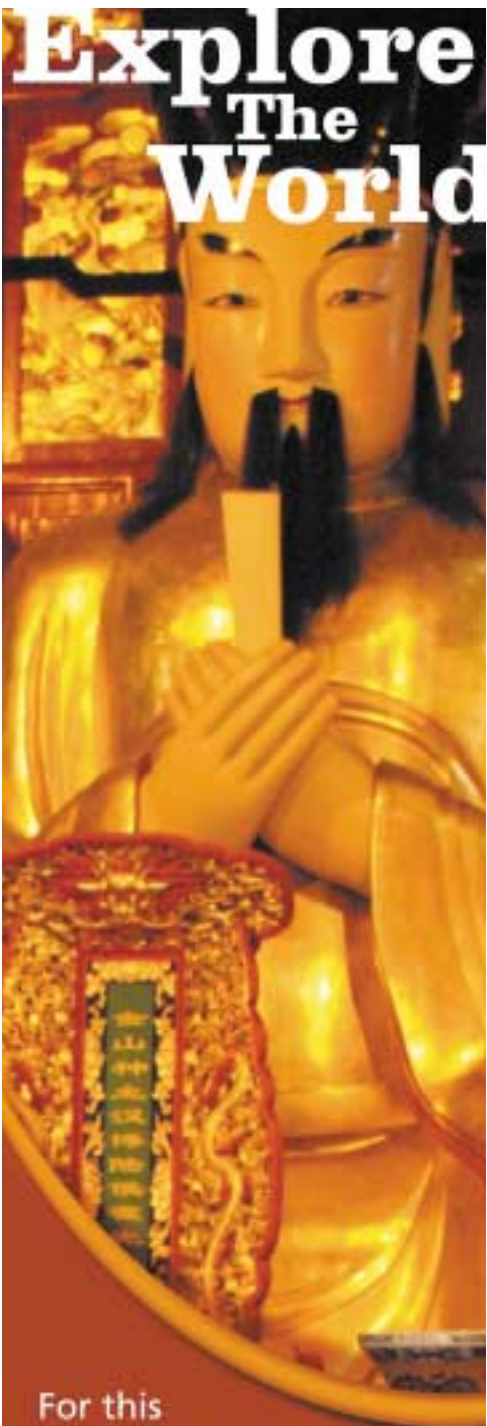

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# Future of Discovery

## Annual Fund 2005-06

### A "Future of Discovery" is Underway!


*Future of Discovery – Annual Fund 2005-06* launched in September 2005, and over 30,000 alumni and friends will be contacted this year in support of the largest and most broad-based annual appeal to alumni and friends of the University of Saskatchewan. Last year, over \$1,003,000 was raised with contributions from 7,833 alumni and friends. The Fund traditionally supports initiatives that enhance the student experience on campus such as updated library and technological resources, expanded learning opportunities, scholarships, athletics and recreation, and much more.

This year, the Annual Fund takes an expanded role in advancing the University's strategic directions. The U of S is in the middle of its most ambitious major fundraising campaign, *Thinking the World of our Future*. The goal is \$100 million in time for the University's centennial celebrations in 2007. This international campaign is helping to build the profile of the U of S with decision-makers and leaders across the country and beyond. The resources generated will be used to better position the University as a top research-intensive university in the country.

The Annual Fund highly encourages alumni participation this year as all contributions will be counted towards the \$100 million goal. With the support of our donors, the Annual Fund campaign aspires to contribute well over \$1 million this year to the major campaign for the University of Saskatchewan.

Alumni and friends should have recently received a *Future of Discovery – Annual Fund 2005-06* mail package identifying how their gifts can help support the direct needs of their college/area and university-wide objectives. As well, there will be an opportunity to discuss their gift and campaign goals when contacted by one of our very own U of S student representatives taking part in this year's Annual Fund Student Calling Program.

For more information on *Future of Discovery – Annual Fund 2005-06* or to make a gift, please visit our website at [www.usask.ca/advancement](http://www.usask.ca/advancement) and click on "Development" or "Give to the U of S" for access to our online gift form. You can also call University Advancement directly at (306) 966-5186 or 1-800-699-1907, anytime.





2005 Reunion participants on an exclusive tour of Convocation Hall during the renovation of the College Building.



1955 College of Engineering Class gather for a memorable reunion photo.

## Spotlight on Your Reunion 2005

The U of S Reunion shone brightly in 2005. The participants beamed with excitement as graduates from 1928 to 1944, and honoured years of 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, and 1965 gathered from June 23 – 25 to reunite with colleagues, friends, and their University during Saskatchewan's Centennial Celebrations. More than 200 alumni and guests experienced the first exclusive public tour of the refurbished College Building that was officially re-opened in September 2005. The Chancellor's Banquet and Presidents' Luncheon, both traditional reunion venues, gave reunion participants a chance to hear about the exciting new opportunities and initiatives in store from the U of S in the coming years. The represented Colleges also hosted their alumni and guests with college tours, lunches, and reports on college news.

We're looking forward to doing it all again June 22-24 in 2006!



1940 College of Agriculture graduates visiting at the opening reception at the Delta Bessborough Hotel.



1955 Home Economics graduates pose with President Mackinnon after their certificate and pin presentation at the Presidents' Luncheon.

## A Bright Light in Regina

The Canadian Light Source Synchrotron lit up the room at a Regina Branch alumni event held on February 16th in the provincial capital. More than 120 alumni and friends attended an informal reception that highlighted Canada's newest and most ambitious research project – the Canadian Light Source Synchrotron.



Alumni and guests enjoy the CLS presentation.

Alumni enjoyed a detailed presentation on the workings of the synchrotron, viewed pictures of the facility, and received a detailed explanation of its enormous research potential for disciplines such as physics, biology, archaeology, and the health sciences.

A similar alumni reception and CLS presentation was given in North Battleford, SK on January 17th.

## BRANCH OUT!

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## An Everyday Philanthropist

by Beverly Fast

Bill Pringle (BComm'55) is a modest man – not unusual for a prairie boy. Yet his life is one of quiet achievement. Now, looking back on a successful career as a chartered accountant and businessman in Calgary, he sees his life as “ordinary, everyday.”

However, we see something more. We see an alumnus who wanted to put something back and chose a generous \$1 million bequest by will to establish the *John A., Bertram H. & William G. Pringle Award*. The award will benefit new generations of U of S students from rural areas and communities other than Saskatoon and Regina. As Bill says, telling his story might inspire other “ordinary, everyday” alumni to make their own gifts.

Born in Harris, Saskatchewan in 1931, Bill was the youngest son of the local banker. He came of age during the turbulent years of the Depression and World War II. His oldest brothers, John and Bert, both attended the U of S College of Commerce. John graduated in 1935; Bert left a class short of his degree – war was looming in Europe and he enlisted in the RCAF. He was killed in 1943.

The Pringles moved to Saskatoon in 1946. After Bill's dad died, the family made do on a \$78/month pension. There was no money to send Bill to university; he got a job in a bank to earn money. With savings and a bank loan, he enrolled at the U of S in 1952 and followed in his brothers' footsteps, graduating from the College of Commerce in 1955.

Bill settled in Calgary, becoming a Chartered Accountant in 1959. He spent the next 31 years building his professional life – head of his own CA practice, founding partner of a leading Calgary CA firm, owner of a real estate development company. He married his wife May in 1963, and volunteered for professional associations and charitable groups. He was on the joint committee that introduced Legal Aid to Alberta, and was an enthusiastic volunteer for the federal Liberal Party, particularly during the Pearson era of the flag debate, Medicare, and CPP.

So after living in Calgary all these years, what made Bill think of establishing a scholarship at the U of S?

“My older brother John loved the University; he started working there after coming home from the war, finally becoming Vice President of Administration. So that was a connection. I'd also attended my 25th, 40th and 50th class reunions,” Bill says. “And I guess as you get older you think about things more. My generation was lucky. We didn't have to fight in the war. By the time I graduated university, the economy was good and there were no problems getting a job.”

“If I hadn't got an education at a reasonable price, I wouldn't have had the chance to do as well as I have. I wanted to do something for the U of S because it had certainly done a lot for me,” Bill says. “The scholarship will put something back into education.”

The Pringle Award will also be a lasting legacy to the three Pringle brothers who attended the U of S.

Bill Pringle's life story really isn't ordinary after all. How can it be, when his planned gift today will make such a difference in the lives of U of S students tomorrow?



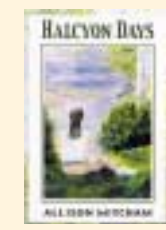
*Integrative Leadership (Integrative Leadership Institute, 2005) by Lillas Marie Hatala (MCTgEd'84) and Richard John Hatala* – Lillas and Richard Hatala challenge each of us to be better leaders in our own lives and in the lives of others. Their new book proposes a process and model of transcending the newer humanistic styles of leadership to one that embraces the concept of the spiritual mystic leader. Through extremely well-researched material, the authors have been successful in simplifying the complexity of leadership by using a seven-step process of integration that can be used by anyone.



*Take Me Out of the Ball Game: Wit and Whimsy To Go (ThistleDown Press, 2005) by Joe Campbell, BA'50, BE'52* – Funny in a light-hearted, satirical, Canadian way, Joe Campbell's essays don't miss any of his social targets. From the multiculturalism of chickens to the literary quality of legislation, Campbell glibly slides from one idea while gleefully mocking them. Though his subjects are as Canadian as a boy's dream to play in the NHL or as universal as toilets, he always writes with a softly jaded edge to show the potential pitfalls and hilarity of clichéd dreams and ritualized customs.



*Silence Invites the Dead (ThistleDown Press, 2005) by Scott Gregory Miller, BA'92* – Scott Miller's novel opens in the storm of the Rwanda genocide that drives a Canadian journalist into a funk of regret. Seven years later, Myles Sterling, still haunted by this past experience, accepts an invitation to Candle Lake, Saskatchewan, where life is peaceful and the fishing is good. However, he is soon dragged down a trail of suspicious dealings over a proposed casino development.



*Halcyon Days (Dreamcatcher, 2005) by Allison Mitcham, BA'52* – Elizabeth Fraser, a quiet, observant, intelligent little girl from a small town in Saskatchewan, becomes a “displaced person” when her father goes overseas during World War II and she moves to Montreal with her mother. After experiencing life in the big city, Elizabeth and her parents are reunited in Saskatchewan, where she eventually finds tranquility and emerges from her adolescence still on excellent terms with her father and in relative harmony with her mother.



*Forever Home (Fifth House, 2005) by Victor Carl Friesen, BA'61, BE'61, MA'65* – In his sixth book, Victor Carl Friesen offers an entertaining and inspirational collection of essays about the everyday incidents, sights, and sounds of his boyhood on the family farm near Rosthern, Saskatchewan. Friesen's reflections, recounted with warmth and affection, range far and wide – from cooking pancakes and sawing the winter's fuel to feeding the pigs and teaching at Stoney Lake.

*If you graduated from the U of S and have recently published a book, let us know!*

## 1940

**Glenora Slimmon (Pearce)**, BHSc'47, of Brandon, MB, received the Order of Manitoba in July 2005.

**Ronald Francis Theres MacIsaac**, LLB'48, of Victoria, BC, was the recipient of the Harry Rankin QC Pro Bono Award on March 5, 2005. The award recognizes outstanding contributions of a lawyer in the area of pro bono work and is given in recognition of Harry Rankin's support of access to justice for the poor.

## 1950

**Dr. Harold Phillip Milavsky**, BComm'53, LLD'95, of Calgary, AB, received the Institute of Corporate Directors 2005 Fellowship Award on May 25, 2005.

**Mildred Matilda MacLellan**, BA'54, BEd'55, of Saskatoon, SK, received the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal on June 8, 2005.

**Lily Dorothy Spencer (Mazurkie)**, BA'56, of Prince Albert, SK, received the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal on June 17, 2005. She was also nominated by the YWCA of Prince Albert for 42 years of volunteer service, 12 of them on the Board of Directors of the YWCA.

## 1960

**The Honourable Robert (Bob) Walter Peterson**, BE(CE)'61, of Regina, SK, was appointed to the Senate on March 24, 2005.

**Ralph Devere Coffey**, BEd'62, BA'67, of Prince Albert, SK, received the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal on June 17, 2005.

**Coach Emeritus Lyle Kingman Sanderson**, BAPE'63, MSc'69, of Saskatoon, SK, has been recently appointed to the International Association of Athletics Federations School/Youth Commission.

**Henry Ronald Kloppenburg S.V.M., Q.C.**, BA'65, LLB'68, of Saskatoon, SK, received the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal on April 28, 2005. He also received the Canadian Bar Association's 2005 Community Service Award on June 9, 2005.

**The Honourable Anita "Raynell" Andreychuk**, BA'66, LLB'67, LLD'93 (Regina), of Regina, SK, received the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal on April, 17, 2005

**Dr. Syed Mohammed "Shakeel" Akhtar S.V.M.**, PhD'68, of Saskatoon, SK, received the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal on April 28, 2005.

**Frank John Sudol**, BEd'68, of Paddockwood, SK, received the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal on June 17, 2005.

## 1970

**Gordon Balon**, BComm'72, LLB'73, of Prince Albert, SK, received the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal on June 17, 2005.

**Edward (Ed) Winter Geall**, BE(EE)'72, of Regina, SK, received the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal on April 7, 2005.

**Doris Elizabeth Lund**, BEd'72, of Prince Albert, SK, received the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal on June 17, 2005.

**Marjory Jean Gammel (Morisey)**, BSN'73, Cert/HosAdm'80, of Saskatoon, SK, received the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal in July 2005. She was also re-appointed to the Saskatoon Regional Health Authority for a second 3-year term, July 2005.

**Anthony Paul Sellar**, BSP'73, MSc'74, of Vernon, BC, along with his wife Loree, are moving to the trees and hills of Canadian Lakeview Estates overlooking the Okanagan Lake. He is returning to OUC after a 4-year break from nearly 19 years at NAIT in Edmonton, AB. He will be helping OUC split into UBC Okanagan and the new Okanagan College by staying on as the Kalamalka Campus Regional Dean for the new Okanagan College.

**Robert (Bob) James Falkiner**, BSc'75, MSc'78 (McMaster), of Mississauga, ON, transferred to the Process Technology Section of Imperial Oil Engineering Services Canada as a technical specialist. In his new role, Bob will be responsible for gas and liquid treating as well as supporting other refining processes. Bob is a founding

Public Health Association and an Instructor in the School of Health Sciences, U of Lethbridge.

**Dr. Elizabeth (Liz) Louise Harrison**, Dip/Physio'76, BPT'79, MSc'83, of Saskatoon, SK, received the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal on May 3, 2005.

## 1980

**Her Honour Judge Lorna Denise Dyck**, BA'81, LLB'85, of Prince Albert, SK, was recently appointed judge of the Provincial Court of Melfort.

**Anne Marie Wallace (Sander) Q.C.**, LLB'83, of Saskatoon, SK, was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Canadian Museum of Nature in February 2005. Anne received the 2005 YWCA Women of Distinction Professions/Management Award in June 2005.

**Sarah Jay Kaplan**, BA'86, ARTS'87, of Cornwall, ON, completed her Master's of Social Work at McGill University. After about 10 years of clinical practice, she now manages a forensic program that provides emergency medical and follow-up services to victims of intimate partner violence and sexual assault in Cornwall, ON. On the home front, she has been married 15 years and has 10-year old twin girls.

**Andrew "Scott" Tuttle**, BA'86, BEd'90, MBA (New England), of Calgary, AB, was appointed Vice-President, Human Resources of Nexen Chemicals.

**Diane Ellen MacKenzie**, BSPE'87, of Bedford, NS, received the Faculty of Health Professions Teaching Excellence Award from Dalhousie University on May 9, 2005.

**Michael Christopher Maguire**, BE(EP)'87, MSc'92, of Glendale, CA, USA, recently completed the UCLA graduate certificate program in Astronautical Engineering and has joined ITT Gilfillan in Van Nuys CA as an Associate Member of the Technical Staff.

**Dr. Adam James Sarty**, BE(EP)'87, PhD'93, of Bedford, NS, received the Father William A. Stewart Medal for excellence in teaching at SMU's convocation ceremony on May 19, 2005.

**Dr. Myles Alan Calvin**, BA'88, MA'96 (WU), DMin'05 (ACCS) of El Paso, Texas, USA, recently completed his doctorate. Dr. Calvin graduated with the highest honours after successfully defending his Applied Research Project (dissertation). This was the culmination of a few years of study and writing in addition to secular work and ministry activities. He gratefully acknowledges the support of his family and promises no more degree programs. Dr. Calvin now concentrates on majoring in family studies.

**David (Dave) John Kalist**, BSA'89, and Venessa Marie Kalist (Elder), BSN'97, of Red Deer, AB, along with their two children Alexa Marie and Andrew David wish to announce the birth of son and brother, John Robert Jae on March 20, 2005 in Red Deer.

## 1990

**Robert (Bob) William James Maguire**, BComm'90, MBA'92, of Ajax, ON, is currently employed with the federal department of Indian and Northern

Affairs as a member of the executive management team. Based in Toronto, he is currently the Regional Director of Funding Services for Ontario Region. His wife Anna Janet Maguire (Fogwill), Cert/BusAdm'94, is working as a nurse in critical care with the Lakeride Health Centre in Bowmanville, ON. Bob and Anna are residing in Ajax, Ontario and have two children.

**Russell Troy Eirich**, BSc'92, of Regina, SK, is the Entomology Research Analyst for the City of Regina. He is also a member of the Senate for the U of S. He is also a member of the Prairie Winds Concert Band playing first clarinet.

**Trevor Maurer**

"The U of S taught me that anything was possible," says **Trevor Maurer (Bcomm'93)**, now President and CEO of EyeWeb, a software company in New York that designs computer merchandising, marketing, and digital sales solutions for leading eye wear companies. "The U of S gives students access to the right tools if they step up and take a chance. All over the world you have a great network of supporters wishing you well." Maurer is in charge of the strategic direction for EyeWeb and was recently promoted. He says that EyeWeb is attempting to capitalize on the digital market for the \$65 billion optical industry.

**Dr. Neil Robert Thomlinson**, MA'92, of Toronto, ON, defended his doctoral dissertation, "Unfinished Business: The Remaking of Toronto," on December 3, 2004 and received his PhD in Political Science from the U of Toronto on March 11, 2005. He teaches at Ryerson University, where he was transferred to tenure on December 17, 2004 and promoted from Assistant to Associate Professor effective September 1, 2005.

**Stacey Leanne Krajci (Siedlecki)**, BSP'93, and Glen Robert Krajci, BA'91, of Lac La Biche, AB, welcomed their second child, a daughter, Kennedy Elena Danielle on May 3, 2005.

**Bruce M Pon**, BE(AE)'96, of Berlin, Germany, after working 6 years for Accenture as a Management Consultant, he left Toronto in 2002 to take a 2-year trip around the world. He was able to volunteer in China, see the world, learn a bit of French in Paris, and work and study in Germany. For the last year and a half, he has been working in Berlin, Germany for DaimlerChrysler Services at the World Headquarters as the IT-Project Manager.

**Collette Michelle Demasson**, BA'97, BEd'01, of The Bahamas has been teaching internationally since receiving her BEd. Most recently, she has completed three years teaching high school English in the Kingdom of Bahrain (an island situated in the Persian Gulf). This fall she will move to a quieter island in the Bahamas to teach I.B. English at The Lyford Cay School.

**Bradley (Brad) Scott Kynoch**, BE(EP)'97, of Ottawa, ON, since November 2003, has been working on local, regional, federal, and international development studies at Marbek Resource Consultants (<http://marbek.ca>) in Ottawa. In March 2005, he finished a Certificate in Environmental Management through the U of Toronto. He is hooked on a girl and living happily in Ottawa. No kids yet; just a couple of cats.

## 2000

**Mitchell Gray Stewart**, BSc'00, BComm'02, MPAcc'03, of London, UK, completed

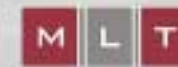
qualifications and was granted Chartered Accountant standing in March, 2005. He was seconded from the Calgary office of PricewaterhouseCoopers to London, UK, in April 2005. He is currently living in the Battersea area of SW London with his sister, Hilary (BComm'04) and a friend. He continues to sing and play piano and guitar and has developed a love of travel.

**Dr. Michael Joseph Anthony Fitzsimmons**, PhD'03, of Saskatoon, SK, received the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal on June 17, 2005.

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2005 Alumni Awards



**ALUMNI AWARD OF ACHIEVEMENT**  
**Dr. Bryan Harvey (BSA'60, MSc'61, PhD'64)**

Dr. Bryan Harvey is an internationally renowned scientist, academic, administrator, and public servant. Dr. Harvey's groundbreaking research on malting barley breeding irrevocably changed malting and brewing around the world.



**ALUMNI HONOUR AWARD**  
**Ms. Tania Miller (BMusEd'91)**

At the age of thirty-five, Tania Miller is currently the youngest Music Director of a major Canadian orchestra and the first woman in the history of the Canadian industry to be appointed to such a significant post.



**ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD**  
**Ms. Catherine Gryba (BSPE'84)**

Catherine Gryba's strong leadership and commitment has been the catalyst for a number of successful initiatives that have immeasurably benefited the College of Kinesiology and contributed to its ongoing development and success.



**ALUMNI MENTORSHIP AWARD**  
**Dr. Margaret Crossley (BA'82, MA'84, PhD'89)**

Dr. Crossley has been a core clinical faculty member within the Department of Psychology at the U of S since 1994. In addition to the hundreds of hours she spends with students, she also works tirelessly to provide them with placement opportunities.



**OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD**  
**Mr. Amit Gupta (BE(EE)'99, BSc'99)**

Mr. Gupta, along with a team of five co-founders, transformed their fourth-year engineering design project into successful business called Analog Design Automation (ADA). He also uses his time to lecture and mentor hundreds of students interested in becoming entrepreneurs.



**ALUMNI EXCELLENCE IN ABORIGINAL INITIATIVES AWARD**  
**Mr. Orest Murawsky (BA'71, BEd'74, MEd'75)**

Mr. Murawsky has served as Director of the Indian Teacher Education Program (ITEP) for almost thirty years, and has made significant contributions to advancing the position of Aboriginal people at the U of S and throughout the province of Saskatchewan.



**ALUMNI HUMANITARIAN AWARD**  
**Ms. Eileen Skinnider, LLB'87**

Eileen Skinnider's international legal research has contributed to guideline documents relating to a number of important human rights issues. Between 2000 and 2002 she worked with *Medecins Sans Frontieres* (MSF) in Afghanistan and Sudan as a Humanitarian Affairs Officer.



**ALUMNI HUMANITARIAN AWARD**  
**Dr. Marie Skinnider (MD'87)**

Dr. Skinnider joined *Medecins Sans Frontieres* in 1993. In 2005, she began working as a health advisor in the Public Health Department in the Amsterdam MSF headquarters. In 2002 she received the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for her work with MSF.



**ALUMNI HUMANITARIAN AWARD**  
**Kathleen Skinnider (BScN'91)**

Kathleen Skinnider (BScN'91) is a registered nurse who joined *Medecins Sans Frontieres* in 1998 working mainly as a field nurse. Much of her experience has focused on feeding programmes for severely malnourished children. Between missions, she works as a street nurse and a communicable disease nurse for the Victoria Island Health Authority.



**HONORARY ALUMNI STATUS**  
**Dr. Howard R. Nixon**

Dr. Nixon came to the U of S as an instructor and as a coach of wrestling, swimming, diving, volleyball, gymnastics, and football. He was instrumental in the formation of the College of Physical Education and became the College's first Dean in 1973.

**The Alumni Association notes, with sorrow, the passing of the following graduates:**

(1924) **William James Cumming**, BE(CE)'24, of North Vancouver, BC, d. March 14, 2004.

(1929) **Arlene Adell Eamer (Corrigall)**, BA'29, BEd'30, MEd'35, of Saskatoon, SK, d. July 25, 2005.

(1930) **Ira "Millen" Dunbar**, Dip/Agric'30, of Brandon, MB, d. December 9, 2004.

(1936) **James Norman Clarence Sharp**, BA'36, of West Vancouver, BC, d. April 30, 2005.

(1939) **Albert Rees Bevan**, BAcc'39, of Penticton, BC, d. March 10, 2005.

(1939) **Gordon Mitchell Cooke**, BE(ChE)'39, of Wyoming, ON, d. April 16, 2005.

(1939) **Dr. Isaac Stanley Kaleal**, BA'39, MD(oth), of Vancouver, BC, d. December 28, 2004.

(1939) **Gordon Camoens (Cam) Loptson**, Cert/Pharm'39, of Comox, BC, d. January 16, 2005.

(1939) **Robert Wilford Wismer**, Cert/Pharm'39, of Victoria, BC, d. July 13, 2005.

(1941) **Helen Anabel Yuill (Stewart)**, BA'41, of Palo Alto, CA, USA, d. May 2005.

(1942) **Aileen June Gabert (Willis)**, BHSc'42, of Saskatoon, SK, d. May 12, 2005.

(1942) **Shirley Jean Sherman (Scott)**, BA'42, of Victoria, BC, d. September 1, 2004.

(1943) **Reverend George Everett Ward**, BA'43, BD'55(Tor), DD'82, of Claremont, CA, USA, d. April 17, 2005.

(1944) **Patricia Ann Watson (MacLeod)**, BA'44, of Glen Rock, NJ, USA, d. March 9, 2005.

(1945) **Dr. Katherine Metrakos (Chrones)**, BA'45, MD(oth), of Masonville, QC, d. May 12, 2005.

(1945) **Alexander (Alex) Robert Ramsey**, BE(EP)'45, of Peterborough, ON, d. April 9, 2005.

(1946) **Garnet Palmer Beach**, BE(CE)'46, of Winnipeg, MB, d. May 24, 2005.

(1946) **Sister Mary Aquinas Schulte**, BA'46, BEd'47, of Humboldt, SK, d. February 5, 2005.

(1947) **Archdeacon Edwin (Ted) Stanley Light**, BA'47, of Meaford, ON, d. May 21, 2005.

(1948) **Margaret Eleanor Barker (Cook)**, BA'48, of Port Colborne, d. June 24, 2005.

(1949) **Harry Hughes Buckle**, BComm'49, of Hamilton, ON, d. January 21, 2005.

(1949) **Mr. Bruce Cooper**, BE(CE)'49, of Vancouver, BC, d. January 28, 2005.

(1949) **Norman John Howes**, BE(ME)'49, of Blind Bay, BC, d. June 13, 2005.

(1949) **Gordon Alexander McMurphy**, BEd'49, BA'50, of Victoria, BC, d. May 9, 2005.

(1949) **Dr. Allan Norman Myhr**, BSA'49, MS(oth), PhD(oth), of Geulph, ON, d. August 8, 2004.

(1949) **Jack Kenneth O'Brien**, BA'49, LLB'51, of Victoria, BC, d. August 12, 2004.

(1949) **Willis Arthur Richford**, BEd'49, of Norquay, SK, d. May 6, 2005.

(1949) **Gilbert (Gib) Henry Wesson**, BSA'49, of Regina, SK, d. May 7, 2005.

(1950) **Keith Forrester Best**, BSA'50, of Kelowna, BC, d. February 20, 2005.

(1950) **Neil Colvin**, BSA'50, of Fort Saskatchewan, AB, d. May 12, 2005.

(1951) **John Neilson McGowan**, BE(ME)'51, of London, ON, d. December 18, 2004.

(1951) **Wilson Campbell Phillips**, BE(CE)'51, of Lumsden, SK, d. April 29, 2005.

(1951) **Walter Donald Sedman**, BA'51, BE'54, of Calgary, AB, d. May 29, 2005.

(1952) **Dr. Doreen Luverne Buthune-Johnson**, BEd'52, of Denman Island, BC, d. May 18, 2005.

(1953) **Arnold Clinton Johnson**, BA'53, BSP'55, of Calgary, AB, d. March 7, 2005.

(1957) **Dr. James Larry Anderson**, BA'57, MD'59, of Parksville, BC, d. October 30, 2004.

(1959) **Patricia (Pat) Frances Currie (Patrick)**, BA'59, MA'62, of Saskatoon, SK, d. March 8, 2005.

(1959) **Elaine Louise Folstad (McKeachie)**, Dip/Nursing'59, of Kelowna, BC, d. April 2004.

(1960) **Professor Guenter Blankenagel**, MSc'60, of Saskatoon, SK, d. July 18, 2005.

(1960) **Donald (Don) Beryl Wilson**, BSP'60, of Parksville, BC, d. January 25, 2005.

(1962) **Russell William Haid**, BE(ME)'63, of Victoria, BC, d. June 28, 2005.

(1963) **Sharon Birrell Van Cleave**, BA'63, BSW'77, of Saskatoon, SK, d. March 26, 2005.

(1965) **Margaret (Peggy) Rose Argue (Jacobson)**, Dip/Nurs'65, of Stewart Valley, SK, d. May 1, 2005.

(1965) **Douglas (Doug) Austin Bassett**, BE(ME)'65, MSc'68, of Gibson's Landing, BC, d. March 2005.

(1965) **Leigh Carol Hendrigan**, BEd'65, BA'70, of Rimbey, AB, d. July 15, 1998.

(1965) **Glen Howard Wensley**, BA'65, BEd'65, of Saskatoon, SK, d. June 4, 2005.

(1967) **Eleanor Helen Strobel (Ciortan)**, BEd'67, of Saskatoon, SK, d. September 10, 2004.

(1967) **Lorna Marguerite Van Leusden**, BAPE'67, of Mississauga, ON, d. October 3, 2004.

(1971) **Norma Gail Szekrenyes**, BSc'71, BEd'72, of Cochin, SK, d. July 2005.

(1972) **Raoul Joseph Gaudet**, BEd'72, of Domremy, SK, d. March 31, 2005.

(1973) **Brian Gordon Walter**, BSc'73, BEd'76, of Saskatoon, SK, d. May 9, 2005.

(1980) **Lori Jane Mything**, BSc'80, of Climax, SK, d. January 3, 2005.

*The College of Pharmacy & Nutrition newsletter (Summer 2005) incorrectly listed Peter Pavlakidis, BSP '89 in its 'In Memoriam'. The College apologizes for any concerns this may have caused.*

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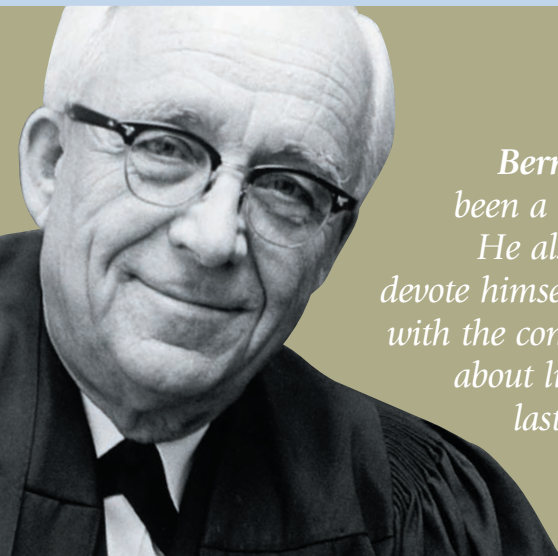
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with Bernard Korchinski

*Born on Christmas Day 1905, Bernard Korchinski (Arts'40) has been a teacher, an MLA, and a judge. He also found time along the way to devote himself to his family of five. We met with the conversational centenarian to talk about life in Saskatchewan during the last 100 years and find out what's kept him here all this time.*

**G&W What did you study at the U of S?**

BK I studied to become a teacher. My parents were from the Old Country and emigrated in 1905. They insisted that all of us get an education. At that time, it was fairly easy to pursue a career in teaching. I wanted to start working and begin serving my community as soon as possible.

**G&W What was university life like during the 1930s?**

BK I don't think it has changed very much from what it is today. Students missed classes, tried to copy from each other, and engaged in all kinds of shenanigans. University was co-educational so we used to socialize with the girls and go to dances as often as we could. It was very social, but also very hard work.

**G&W Why did you pursue public service?**

BK Public service runs in my family. My father was a politician. When he came to Canada he believed there were only two political parties: the rich man's party and the poor man's party. In 1911, he was campaigning for Wilfred Laurier. When he was defeated, my father came home crying. This inspired me and I knew then I wanted to work hard for the poor man's party—work for the people.

**G&W What do you think has been the most significant development in the Province of Saskatchewan in the last 100 years?**

BK So much has changed in the last century that it's difficult to say what the most important development in the province has been. But I think the most significant change has been more mental than physical. The spiritual attitude of people in Saskatchewan is one that says we won't give up easily. We're not going to surrender to political, social, or even environmental oppression; we're going to fight back against adversity. We have lived through the Dirty Thirties and through times when we got 90 cents for a bushel of wheat. Somehow we managed to survive. I say we can survive anything.

**G&W What is it about Saskatchewan that has kept you here for 100 years?**

BK The province has been good to me. I was a member of the legislature, I was a judge, a teacher, I worked for the National Film Board – all of these things were

made possible for me in Saskatchewan. There has always been a sense of possibility here.

**G&W What was the atmosphere like in Saskatchewan when WWII broke out?**

BK Hitler was trying to conquer Europe and allies around the globe weren't going to stand for it. At the time, I was teaching high school in a place called Rama, SK. When war broke out, the next thing I knew half of my grade 12 students had volunteered for the Air Force. Everybody wanted to get involved. It was a very emotional time.

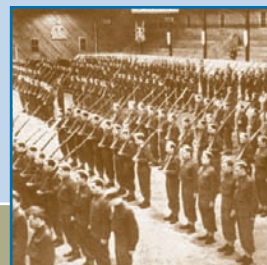
**G&W How did life in Saskatchewan change after the war?**

BK I don't think it changed very much – perhaps for the better. There was a sense of relief and people were eager to get back to work – back to their lives.

**G&W After witnessing our province change and grow over the last century, are you optimistic about the future of Saskatchewan?**

BK I am absolutely optimistic. They say our young people get educated here and then they move somewhere else. We have a climate that can be at times tough to live in. Our economy can be unpredictable. In spite of all this, our province is still able to grow and produce successful businesses and successful people. Yes, I am very optimistic about the future. ■

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# Nominations open for University Senate members

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An election will be held in the spring of 2006 for seven (7) Senate districts and six (6) member-at-large positions, that expire on June 30, 2006. Elected Senators serve three-year terms beginning July 1 and are eligible for re-election to a second consecutive term.

Senators are responsible for making bylaws respecting the discipline of students for any reason other than academic dishonesty; appoint examiners for, and making bylaws respecting, the conduct of examinations for professional societies; provide for the granting of honorary degrees; recommend to the Board and Council proposals received respecting the establishment or disestablishment of any college, school, department or institute or any affiliation or federation of the University with another educational institution in terms of relevance to the Province; and recommending to the Board or Council any matters or things that the Senate considers necessary to promote the interests of the University.

**NOMINATIONS FOR SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT SENATORS**

The seven (7) districts in Saskatchewan that are open for nominations are:

- District 1 Weyburn – Estevan - Carlyle (Postal codes beginning with S0C, S4H and S4A)
- District 5 Kindersley – Delisle – Lucky Lake (Postal code beginning with S0L)
- District 8 Laloche – Green Lake – Battleford (Postal codes beginning with S0M, S9X, S9V and S9A)
- District 10 Sandy Bay – Creighton (Postal code beginning with SOP)
- District 12 Blaine Lake – Uranium City (Postal code beginning with SOJ and west of meridian 106)
- District 13 Saskatoon (Postal codes beginning with S7R, S7P, S7L, S7K, S7S, S7N, S7H, S7J, S7M, S7T, S7V)
- District 14 Regina (Postal codes beginning with S4Y, S4X, S4R, S4T, S4W, S4P, S4S, S4N, S4V, S4Z and S4L)

Senators Colin Keess, Ellwood Fleming, Harvey Walker, Harry Lafond and Gary Gullickson are eligible for re-election in Districts 1, 5, 8, 12 and 13, respectively. Districts 10 and 14 are currently vacant.

Only members of Convocation residing in the above electoral districts are eligible to nominate and vote for the member of the Senate to represent the above electoral districts.

**NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERS-AT-LARGE**

There are currently six (6) member-at-large positions expiring on June 30, 2006. Current Senators Joan Bobyn, Albert Faber, Agnes Herzberg, Bryan Puk, Byron Reynolds and John Shanks are all eligible for re-election.

These positions are nominated and elected by all members of Convocation. There are no restrictions as to where these 14 Senators reside.

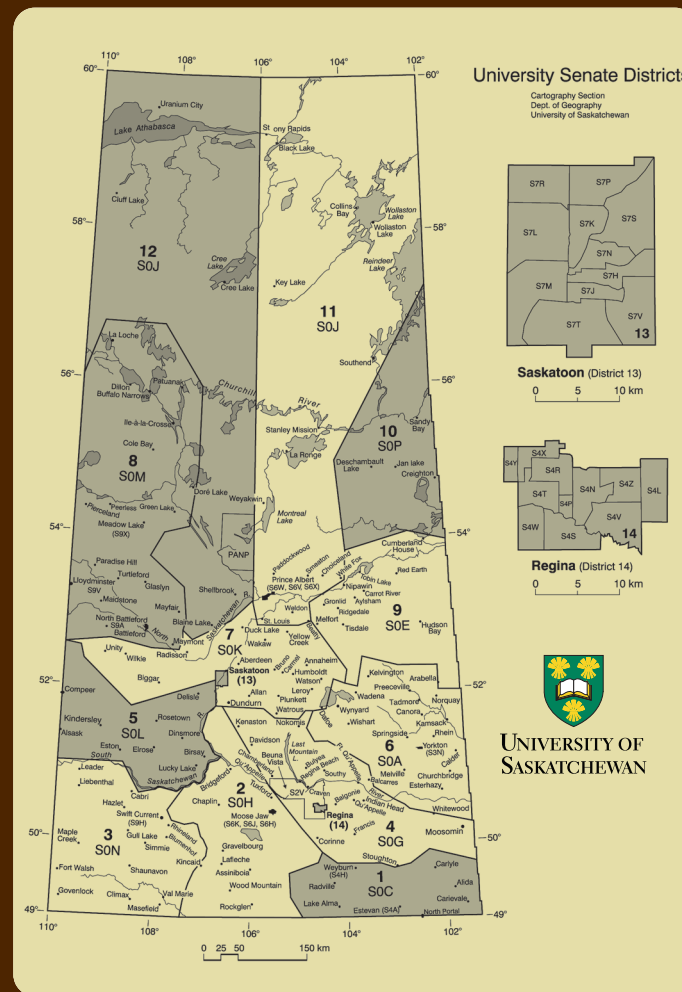
**ELECTION PROCEDURES**

Nominations for Senators must be signed by at least three (3) qualified voters and endorsed by the nominee. Nominators should clearly indicate their name and address on the nomination form. Each nomination should be accompanied by a biography of the nominee.

Nomination forms are available from the University Secretary's Office website [www.usask.ca/university\\_secretary/senate](http://www.usask.ca/university_secretary/senate) or call (306) 966-4632. You may also draft your own.

Please send your nomination by March 1, 2006 to:

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Room 212 - 107 Administration Place  
University of Saskatchewan  
Saskatoon, SK S7N 5A2  
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