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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, BD'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 of my own country, but it also reminded me of the horrors of war. It is right that we should remember those who served in the war, but we must also remember those who suffered as a result of it. The world is a smaller place, and we must all work together to make it a better place.

Arthur Godfrey, BSc'67

president’s message

A s 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 is 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 unique history as a post-secondary institution – all 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 and a new recognition of 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.
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.

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.

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 Waizer’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 residence; scholarly lectures; an exhibit of Allan Sapp artworks in the building’s new gallery space; and a tour and lecture on the University's 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.

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.

While on campus, the Queen also received a special advance copy of History Prof. Bill Waizer’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 Saskatchewan visit, they travelled on to Alberta to celebrate that province’s centennial.

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. Bruno 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 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.

Brand ing 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 Magaloua, 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: uofsls.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. 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.

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".

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.

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 Arts Building. 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


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For more information on the Aboriginal Education Research Centre, please visit www.usask.ca/education/aerc

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.

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The 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 Tarasof (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 a 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 brainstorming. 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 CanLit 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 backgrounds to write crime thrillers. His first novel, N estes, a story about a heroin-addicted evangelist trying to convert a heroin addict, won the $50,000 Seal Prize in 1979 and the Book of the Year Award in 1981.

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Above: Fatherly advice from 1955 Sheaf Editor Bill Deverell. Also pictured (L to R) Gerald Gurney (news editor), Ken Halvorson and Bob Burchill (sports editor) Larry Greg (news editor).

Below: Book by Douglas Hill

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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” 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.

Hubbard is not naive, 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.

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“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 naive, 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.”
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

On 25 March 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.

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 a while 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 toppled 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."
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.

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 enlisted 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.

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.”

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

L to R: Air Vice Marshal Clarence A. Cross 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

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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.

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Illustration by Jackie Robin

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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 guided 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.”
Together Again

On the weekend of June 10th, the members of the College of Law graduating class of 1985 gathered in Saskatchewan 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.

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.

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.”

STAY CONNECTED!

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Joy Crawford, BComm’93

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**Member (Voting Status, Conferrable at Convocation or Graduation)**
- Person holding degrees, certificates, and diplomas from the University Associate Member (Non-Voting Status, By Expression of Interest)
  - A person has completed one of the following and the class they started University with has since graduated
  1. One full year of classes (30 credit units)
  2. Two semesters (Term 1, Term 2, Spring/Summer Session) that total 30 credit units.
  3. 30 credit units over an extended period of time.
  4. Course work associated with a graduate program, but has not completed their thesis or dissertation work

**Friend (Non-Voting Status, by Application)**
- 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 person may be identified for honorary membership in the Alumni Association in recognition of their exceptional service, affluence, 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.

**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 teaching at the University of Saskatchewan (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.

**A “Future of Discovery” is Underway!**

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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 President’s Luncheon were 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 and Schools 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!

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 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 CSL presentation was given in North Battleford, SK on January 17th.

An Everyday Philanthropist

by Bevry 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 into education.

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.

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, founder 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 done a lot for me,” Bill says. “The scholarship will put something back into education.”

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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?
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Glenna Stimson (Pearce), BHS'47, of Brandon, MB, received the Ordinariate of Manitoba in July 1940.

1950
Ronald Francis Theres MacIsaac, BHSc'47, of Brandon, SK, received the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal on June 17, 2005. For almost 50 years, “I was blessed with a wealth of time,” says Bateman. “I was able to work on projects that were meaningful and important. I was able to contribute to society and help ensure that the people of the region where I lived had access to the right tools if they stepped up and take a chance. All over the world you have a great network of supporters waiting to support you.”

Don Bateman
Don Bateman (BE'56) remembers improving engineering designs from surplus parts donated to the U of S after World War II. This technique, which he began as an engineer for all existing resources, became Bateman’s engineering philosophy after graduation and has landed him a spot in the United States.

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Mitchell Gray Stewart, BSC'00, BComm'02, MA'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, Hillary (BComm'04), and a friend. He continues to sing and play guitar and has developed a love of travel.

Trevor Mavor
Trevor Mavor (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 care 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 waiting to support you," Mavor says in his character of the 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.

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Bradley (Brad) Scott Kynch, BEng'97, of Ottawa, ON, since November 2003, has been working on local, regional, and federal, and international development studies at Markit Resource Consultants (http://markit.ca) in Ottawa. In March 2005, he finished a Certificate in Environmental Management through the U of Toronto. He is still a resident of Ottawa, ON, and is currently employed with the federal department of Indian and Northern Affairs as a member of the executive management team. He also received an MSc in Business Administration from the U of Saskatchewan and a BComm in Business Administration in 1993.
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 ground-breaking research on mapping barley breeding irreversibly changed malting and brewing around the world.

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Dr. Skinnider joined Médecins Sans Frontières 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.

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Kathleen Skinnider (BSCh'91)
Kathleen Skinnider is a registered nurse who joined Médecins Sans Frontières in 1996 working mainly as a field nurse. Much of her experience has focused on feeding programmes for severely malnourished children. Between rotations, she works as a direct nurse and a communicable disease nurse for the Victoria Island Health Authority.

ALUMNI MENTORSHIP AWARD
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:

2005 Alumni Awards

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

For a complete listing of In Memoriam, please visit www.usask.ca/greensandwhite
Q & A

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 campaigning for Wilfred Laurier. When he 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 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 made possible for me in Saskatchewan. There has always been a sense of possibility here.

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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.

Nominations open for University Senate members

...your opportunity to participate in University government

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.

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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.

Nominations are available from the University Secretary’s Office website www.usask.ca/university_secretary/nominate or call (306) 966-4632. You may also draft your own.

Please send your nomination by March 1, 2006 to:

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