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We’ve spent a great deal of time reflecting on our past during the University’s Centennial. We’ve been fascinated by our legacy – rich and varied as it is – and we’ve reached out to our long list of accomplishments and successes. But to what end? Why is our sense of history so important to us? The question invites some obvious answers: “to know where we’re going, we must know where we’ve been” or “to ensure we don’t repeat the mistakes of our past.” As soon as these axioms may be, there’s much truth here; knowledge of our past most certainly deepens our understanding of ourselves, at once clarifying our present and enriching our perspectives on where we’re going.

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When the University of Saskatchewan entered its Centennial year in 2007, our expectations were high that our 100th anniversary celebrations would not only reflect the University’s varied history, but inspire us to look forward and embrace the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

In January, our Centennial launch in Convocation Hall captured the imaginations of students, faculty, staff, and alumni – deeply connecting us all to our University’s past, present, and future. On April 3, we marked the day 100 years ago in 1907 that the University Act received Royal assent, a profound event in the life of our province that created the University of Saskatchewan. And later in June, we graduated the first Class of 2007 at a very special Centennial Convocation ceremony.

We also hosted Canada’s largest academic conference, Congress 2007, which publicly recognized our University community for their ongoing commitment to building one of the finest universities in the country, and celebrated the contributions of our alumni during the past 100 years at the Alumni and Friends Centennial Homecoming 2007.

Certainly, Homecoming 2007 remains one of the defining moments of our Centennial year. We not only welcomed several thousand alumni and friends back to campus to celebrate their successes and recognize their tremendous impact on building a world-class institution, but we invited them to join us in envisioning a bright future for our University in which alumni support will see us take, as Dr. Walter Murray put it, “an honored place among the best.”

And to Walter Murray, as well as others like Sir Frederick Haultain and Sir Walter Scott, we are indebted. These early visionaries laid the foundation on which successive generations of students, faculty, staff, and alumni have built an institution with a strong understanding of its significant role in the life of our community, our province, and our country.

Now, as we move into our second century, we will continue to celebrate our rich history, while embracing a bold vision of our future. We must, then, remain committed to achieving the three distinguishing features for which the University of Saskatchewan will be known — international standards in all activities, academic pre-eminence, and a sense of place.

As we anticipate the years ahead with excitement and optimism, the University of Saskatchewan is ready to expand on the original vision of our founders. Having built a world-class university on the banks of a prairie river, we will continue to engage fully in all we do, to enlighten all we serve, and to explore all aspects of our world.

Peter MacKinnon, President

Miss Brown’s Scrapbook

This photograph is from Miss Vivian Brown’s scrapbook. Miss Brown (BA’17, LL.D’62) stands behind the women in the hat and the annotation reads, “Taken at the Reception for graduates at Dr. Murray’s after Convocation. May 3, 1917.” The scrapbook contains eighteen pages of photographs, poems, programs and dance cards, and is a unique glimpse at student life during the University’s first decade.

Expanding Place Riel

The University of Saskatchewan Students’ Union (USSU) has announced preliminary plans for an expansion and renovation of Place Riel that could begin as early as 2008.

The plan now calls for a major renovation of the existing main floor and basement of Place Riel, adding additional retail space, food options, and other services. Circulation would be improved, particularly in the basement. The escalators would be removed and replaced with stairs, while the gap to the west of the main Place Riel entrance would be filled, providing still more retail space.

In addition, the expansion plan now includes a connected three-storey building to be constructed to the north of the existing Place Riel, between the Library building and Marquis Hall. The new structure will house retail space, USSU offices, council chambers, meeting rooms, and space for campus clubs and college societies.

BOG Begins Annual Public Meeting

The University’s Board of Governors has decided to begin meeting with the public once a year to improve the transparency of its activities.

At its meeting May 8, the board voted to meet in open session in conjunction with its June meeting to give a report to the University community and allow for questions about its activities.

According to University Secretary Lea Pennock, this is a direction the board has been pursuing for some time.

The board also decided to make public on its website a summary of the information received and decisions made at its meetings.
New University Online Store

The Alumni Online Store, which has been selling degree frames and centennial merchandise since October 2006, has been given a face lift, a catchy new name, and an expanded product list. Now alumni all over North America can “gear up” and show their U of S pride. The store offers Huskie and other U of S merchandise, and has plans to add more items such as textbooks. Visit store.usask.ca.

College of Commerce Renamed

For the fourth time in its 93-year history, business programming at the University of Saskatchewan has a new name. On July 24th, the College of Commerce was renamed the N. Murray Edwards School of Business. This new moniker more accurately captures the identity of the School, and signals to potential students, and faculty, as well as external stakeholders, that business is at the core of its programming, research, and outreach and engagement activities. Murray is an alumnus and substantial supporter of the Edwards School of Business. His recent gift marks a strengthening of this partnership, and will be used solely to support and enhance the student experience. Visit www.edwards.usask.ca for more information.

Appointments

Ernie Barber has agreed to serve for up to one year as Acting Provost and Vice-President Academic, and he has also decided not to return to his current position of Dean of the College of Agriculture and Bioresources. The search for a new Provost is underway.

And the Board of Governors has approved the reappointment of Steven Franklin to the position of Vice-President Research for a second, five-year term. Franklin will begin his second term July 1, 2009.

U-Pass A Go

In one of the USSU’s largest voter turnouts ever, U of S undergraduate students voted 59 per cent in favour of a universal bus pass, or U-Pass, in a referendum held February 7 and 8.

The U-Pass system will come into effect for the 2007-08 academic year and will cost students $59 per term ($118 per year), reducing the cost of public transportation for students by almost three-quarters.

USSU President Ryan Allan said the pass will promote bus use and will save money for students, who will have unlimited city-wide transit for about $15 per month. That means there will be fewer cars on and near campus leading to better traffic flow, reduced congestion, and fewer parking problems.

Graham Centre Approved

The new Ron & Jane Graham Centre for the Study of Communication in the College of Engineering is set to become a national leader in communication teaching and research, according to Academic Director Jennifer MacLennan.

The centre, made possible by a donation from U of S graduates Ron and Jane Graham, will stand out because there are still relatively few places to study communication in Canada, MacLennan said, and because its programs and research are based on rhetoric – the study of persuasion and influence through public communication.

“Graham Centre staff (left to right) Jeannie Willis, Jennifer MacLennan, Deborha Rolles, Rebekah Bennetch, and Burton Urquhart.”

“My intention, and Ron and Jane Graham’s intention, and the college’s intention, is that it will be a leader in the study of communication in the country,” she added. “We want it to become the place that people will come to study communication.”

There are also plans for a Master of Professional Communication degree, targeting practicing engineers and other professionals who want to improve their skills. The program will likely be a 10-course degree with intensive classes offered in a format that will be readily accessible to professionals, and should begin in the fall of 2008.
FROM THE BEGINNING:
The University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association

By Christy Miller

You probably don’t even remember how it happened. There were bright lights, music, crowds, applause, and then someone took your hand and inducted you into the University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association.

On that day – your convocation day – you joined an Alumni Association with a history that is both impressive and important. When you were presented your degree, you joined a distinguished group of Olympic medalists, Supreme Court Judges, and even an Oscar winner who have all been members of the U of S Alumni Association over its 90-year history.

Yet the beginnings of the Alumni Association were humble. Ten years after the University of Saskatchewan was created, a group of graduates formed what was then called the University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association.

What started in 1917 was the commitment to add value to the lives of University of Saskatchewan alumni everywhere, while continually inviting the membership to be part of the life of the institution. By creating this community of graduates, the Alumni Association would celebrate not only the successes of alumni, but continue to champion the University – its past, present, and future.

Fundraising was an early function of the Association, the results of which are still relevant today. In 1924, the Association asked its members to contribute to the construction of the Memorial Gates, built to commemorate the lives of the sixty-seven U of S students, faculty, and alumni who lost their lives in World War I. Alumni raised almost half the funds required to complete the project, which was unveiled in 1928 and remains a campus landmark today.

Later, fundraising included the campaign to construct the Memorial Union Building, dedicated in 1955 to students and alumni who served in World War II and the Korean War. Fred Fulton (BSA’50, PGD’68, McTgEd’72), current President of the Alumni Association, recalls the impact this project had on him as a student.

“At the time when the Alumni Association started fundraising for the MUB, I remember being inspired by both the monetary and time commitments that graduates put into this ambitious project.” A year later, the Alumni Association formalized an Alumni Annual Giving program to raise funds for the University’s ongoing priorities.

As the number of University graduates began to grow, so did the activities of the Alumni Association, and the first alumni branches were established in Moose Jaw, North Battleford, and Regina in the 1920s. With this expansion came the need to communicate more widely, and the Green & White alumni magazine was first published in 1939, the same year that the Association officially changed its name to the University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association.

Homecomings and reunions also became an integral part of the Alumni Association’s desire to keep alumni connected not only to each other, but to the University as well. In addition to inviting all alumni back to the University for annual Homecoming celebrations, the Alumni Association introduced reunions in 1996 for graduates who were celebrating 20, 40, 50, and 60 year anniversaries since graduating from the U of S.

1998 saw the start of another new tradition for the Association – the Celebrating Our Successes Alumni Awards Presentation & Gala Dinner. This event began as a way to recognize exceptional U of S alumni in areas such as achievement, mentorship, and excellence in Aboriginal initiatives, and has evolved into the Association’s flagship annual event.

The desire to stay involved in the life of students and the University has consistently been a priority for the Alumni Association. The Association is noted to have supported a number of student conferences and events over its history, promoting the University to high-school students, and pioneering an alumni-to-student mentorship program. The Association has also created more than 24 student awards that are still presented annually.

“The Alumni Association has always been dynamic and evolving – never static,” says Melana Soroka, Director of Alumni Relations for the University of Saskatchewan.

“Graduates have significantly contributed to the University’s history through continuous involvement and a dedicated commitment to seeing this institution flourish.”

In 2007, the University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association celebrates its 90th anniversary, and looks back on the decades of contributions to this University that are evident both on and off campus. Today, there are more than 70 alumni branches spanning from Alaska to Australia that connect alumni back to the U of S. There are over 120,000 alumni living worldwide and 3,500 new graduates join the Alumni Association each year.

The roots of fundraising lie with the Alumni Association, and support for this University has never been stronger. In 2006, alumni donated over $1 million dollars to the University to build future landmarks like the new College of Law and the Western College of Veterinary Medicine buildings.

“The Alumni Association is an organization with strong planning and foresight,” says Fulton. “Looking beyond our 90th year, we want to invite more young alumni to get involved so that we can continue to enhance the lives of all U of S graduates everywhere.”

In 2007, the Alumni Association celebrated its 90th Anniversary, and marked the occasion by dedicating a plaque in Convocation Hall at its June AGM.

The GREEN AND WHITE

The first issue of the Green and White alumni magazine was published in 1939.

Post Football game Homecoming party.

October 1963. (A-7526, University Archives)

2007 Alumni Awards Recipients and Nominators.

Memorial Gates dedication, May 3, 1928. (A-532, University Archives)

Memorial Gates, 1990s. (2220.9x-03, University Archives, DMT Photos)

Dr. L.E. Kirk (A-180, University Archives)

Members of the Canadian Armed Forces unveil a memorial to students, graduates, and faculty who gave their lives in World War II during the official opening of the Memorial Union Building in 1955. (A-558, University Archives)
When the University of Saskatchewan graduated its first class in 1912, the University itself was still a work in progress. While every successive class has made its mark, there can only be one graduating class we can call the ‘first’.

David Neil Hossie, D.S.O, K.C., Q.C. (BA’12) was the University’s first Rhodes Scholar. A brilliant student, he entered on a Meilicke Exhibition Entrance Scholarship, earned the prestigious Copland Scholarship two years in a row, then capped it all with the 1912 Rhodes Scholarship. He went off to Oxford University, but soon put his academic career on hold to serve in World War I, for which he was honoured with the Distinguished Service Order. After the war, David completed his MA at Oxford and returned to Canada, becoming a partner in a prominent Vancouver law firm. He died in 1962.

Twin brothers Douglas (BA’12, LLB’15) and Howard (BA’12) McConnell were born in 1886 in Ontario. When their parents moved to Saskatoon in 1907, the young men followed; when the University enrolled its first students in 1909, they were at the forefront of the line. Douglas dived into athletics and other extracurricular activities; Howard focused on politics, becoming the first president of the Student’s Representative Council (SRC). Both pursued law studies, Douglas at the U of S and Howard at Osgood Hall in Toronto. Both built successful legal practices in Saskatchewan, but Howard’s involvement in politics brought him into the limelight. In 1922, he became the first U of S grad to become Mayor of Saskatoon. In 1927, he was elected to the provincial legislature as MLA for Saskatoon, serving until 1934. Howard was also a member of the U of S Senate from 1923-1946, and was instrumental in raising funds to erect the Memorial Gates. The monument had a personal connection for the McConnell’s – their younger brother Clifford (BA’16) had died in a prisoner of war camp in World War I. Howard passed away in 1957 and Douglas, who was the last surviving member of the original graduating class, died in 1978.

John James Moore (BA’12) was the only member of the first graduating class to have been born and raised in Saskatchewan (although at the time of his birth it was technically still considered the North-West Territories). At the U of S, he played football, boxed, and served as president of the Literary Society. He wanted to become a lawyer, but like many young men was inspired to enlist in the 196th Battalion, which was made up of students and faculty from Canada’s four western universities. John was killed in action in 1917, most likely at Vimy Ridge. He was only 26.

Mary Isabella Oliver (BA’12) was one of the brightest students of her year. Mary not only earned a Copland Scholarship, but was the president – and likely a founding member – of the Penta Kai Deka Society. She would earn a degree with high honours in Classics, and serve as University librarian. Mary went on to marry fellow alumnus Frank Lloyd (BA’14). She passed away in 1961.

Like many early students, Marion Bruce Pettit (BA’12) was born in Ontario. She began her university career at Victoria College (University of Toronto). When her family moved west, she transferred to the U of S to complete her degree. She earned honours in English and History, while also serving on the SRC and as a councillor for Penta Kai Deka, the society for female students established in 1911. After leaving the U of S, Marion married lawyer George Cruise. She passed away in 1955.

Born in County Down, Ireland, John Strain (BA’12, BSA’15) came late to the University of Saskatchewan – he was 24 when he enrolled in 1909. He went on to study agriculture, earning his BSA in 1915. His life took a dramatic turn when he enlisted in the Queen’s Battery in WWI. In France, he became a field instructor – not in the science of war, but at the University of Vimy Ridge, a soldier’s university created by Capt. Edmund Oliver, the University’s first professor of history and first principal of St. Andrew’s College. John returned home in 1919 and farmed in the Birch Hills area until his death in 1973.

The life of William Exton (W.E.) Lloyd remains somewhat of a mystery. We know his date of birth – January 10, 1890 – and that he was the recipient of the first exam ever given at the U of S, which was a matriculation exam delivered in September of 1909. We know, too, that he was a member of the first U of S track & field team, as well as a member of the original Graduation Year Book Board. Although William appears in this photo wearing his convocation robes, it appears he actually did not graduate from the U of S.

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By Bev Fast
BOOK COLLECTION

A NEW COLLECTION OF BOOKS WRITTEN, EDITED, OR TRANSLATED BY FORMER STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN IS REACQUAINTING STUDENTS, PROFESSORS, AND ALUMNI WITH THE UNIVERSITY’S LITERARY PAST AND PRESENT.

by Kenyon Wallace

When Duff Spafford (BA’59, MA’61), Professor Emeritus of Political Studies, set out three years ago to form a collection of books written, edited, or translated by former students of the University of Saskatchewan, he had no idea just how many accomplished and prolific authors the University had produced during its 100-year history.

“There are an awful lot out there,” says Spafford. “As soon as we started delving into fields like economics and science fiction, and even smaller fields like home economics, we discovered after book by book of U of S alumni.”

Spafford and his committee – Cheryl Avery of the University Archives, English Professor Bob Calder, and Director of Alumni Relations Melana Soroka – have assembled a bibliography with some 3,000 titles by former U of S students, and have managed to acquire about 450 of those.

The collection, the first of its kind in Canada that Spafford knows of, was started in September 2005. It was officially launched during the 2007 Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences. The books, aptly named the College Building Book Collection, are on permanent display and housed in the College Building Retirees Lounge. The collection is based almost entirely on donations from authors or friends of authors, and hunting down titles is done on a voluntary basis.

“We started working from a list of alumni,” explains Spafford. “A lot of our authors are academics, so they have to write in order to get ahead in their fields. Thus, when you find an academic, you often find someone who’s written a book.”

The committee also scoured Canadian who’s who publications, looking at authors’ educations to see if they ever attended the U of S. Spafford notes that not all of the authors in the collection were granted degrees.

Some detective work was required to determine if some authors were even students at the U of S at all. Modern privacy laws make it difficult to find out whether a person attended a university if they did not obtain a degree.

Case in point: Canon Edward Ahenakew.

To determine if the first Western Canadian president of the League of Indians of Canada and author of Voices of the Plains Cree had in fact attended the U of S, the committee combed through volumes of hand-written receipt books from the early 1900s. They discovered that while studying theology at Emmanuel College, Ahenakew had taken three courses at the U of S between 1911 and 1912, making him one of the first students of Aboriginal descent to attend the U of S.

Spafford says he was most surprised to discover that Frank W. Anderson, author of some 80 slim books on Western Canadian history, travel, and true crime, was a former U of S student – but not in the traditional sense.

When Anderson was 16-years old, he killed a prison guard and was sentenced to death. His sentence was commuted, however, to life imprisonment. It was while serving time in 1936 at the federal penitentiary in Prince Albert that Anderson was challenged by the Warden to acquire an education. Anderson became a dedicated student and not only finished high school, but also took 10 correspondence courses from the U of S. For his 341 page essay on Louis Riel, which later became part of his book 1885: The Riel Rebellion, the University library contributed considerably to the more than 100 books and documents dispatched to the penitentiary. When Anderson was released on parole in 1951, he was just two courses shy of completing a bachelor degree.

Other notable U of S alumni in the collection include Douglas Hill (BA’56), famed children’s science-fiction writer and author of more than 70 novels; Emmett Hall (LLB’19, DCL’64), Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada and chair of the Royal Commission on Health Services; and Roy Romanow (BA’60, LLB’64), former premier of Saskatchewan and author of the Romanow Report, a document commissioned to find ways to improve the Canadian Medicare system.

Graduate student Holly Luhning holds the distinction of being one of the only current U of S students whose work is part of the collection. Although not quite an alumna yet – Luhning will graduate from the U of S with a PhD in English in 2008 – her book of poetry, Sway, published by Thistledown Press in 2003, was nominated for a Saskatchewan Book Award in the ’first book’ category.

Although the book collection currently has no formal connection to the University’s library, Spafford believes if it grows large enough and some books prove useful to courses, the committee may consider having the collection catalogued.

Spafford is convinced the committee has really only scratched the surface of books written by U of S alumni.

“The more we look, the more we start learning about just how many titles might be out there,” he says. “We really don’t know how many we’re going to end up with.”

To contribute to the collection please send books to:

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A fall “Homecoming” was an annual event between 1938 and 1971, and again between 1991 and 1995. With a special Homecoming organized for the University’s Centennial year, we take a look back at this long tradition.

The first Reunion Day – later Homecoming Weekend – took place in October 1938. For many years this event, whose most familiar features were football games, parades, and dances, coincided with Thanksgiving Monday, and later took place the weekend just before Thanksgiving.

While the name “Reunion Day” was used for the first several years, the “Homecoming” moniker, adopted in 1953, was foreshadowed in a Sheaf headline in 1938: “Alumni Homecoming Set for October 10th.”

From the very first year, a feature event of Homecoming was the student parade. It’s possible that this tradition emerged from the Frosh Week parade, involving at least in some years the C.O.T.C. leading pajama-wearing “freshies and freshettes” to the rugby games. The first Homecoming parades were also related to the rugby or football games; students met the opposing team at the train station, and then paraded to the Bessborough Hotel. This was subsequently changed to have the parade end at the Bowl, where both teams were introduced and the floats were judged.
The parade’s direct connection to the football game, however, had to change after inter-varsity football was discontinued in 1946, leading to this lament in The Sheaf:

“About the only similarity between the parades we used to have way back in the 30s and the one last week was the weather. You want snow? Just plan a homecoming parade. […] The parade used to mean something. It used to mean there was a football game in the afternoon.”

Even after football was reinstated in 1959, the parade did not assume its original purpose, although the football game returned as an important part of the weekend.

In 1940, a year into World War II, there was apparently some uncertainty surrounding the event. In the July Green and White, it was reported, “No one is planning very far ahead these days, but if the Rugby Schedule goes through […] there will be a Reunion at the Thanksgiving Game.” The Sheaf then reported on 4 October that “it was announced late last night that there will definitely be a reunion day this year.”

With the end of the war and the return of soldiers, there was much anticipation that a greater number of alumni would be able to participate in Homecoming. In 1946, Reunion Day was announced as a “post-war revival” of the annual event, although it does not appear to have stopped completely during World War II, with the possible exception of 1942.

In fact, the war would become a theme for the parade. In 1940, The Sheaf reported that “Each float will depict that particular college’s contribution to the war effort. For example, the Lawyers will have Hitler up before the Supreme Court. The medics will show work done by the doctors.” (The Sheaf, 11 October, 1940).

The last year for the original Homecoming was 1971. Following poor attendance and a financial loss, the Chairman of the Alumni Association’s Homecoming Committee made several recommendations in January 1972 that would contribute to the dissolution of the formal Homecoming event.

Not only did he recommend that reunion groups meet at their convenience throughout the year and assume financial responsibility for their events, but that “a large Homecoming Event should be scheduled every 5 years.”

While his recommendations were accepted by the Alumni Association, it does not appear that the suggestion about a Homecoming every five years was carried out.
Nominations open for University Senate members
...your opportunity to participate in University governance

An election will be held in the spring of 2008 for three (3) Senate districts and five (5) member-at-large positions, that expire on June 30, 2008. 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 disciplines 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.

When they got back to school this fall, your Annual Fund gift was already hard at work.

Each fall, the University of Saskatchewan reaches out to its alumni and friends in support of the Annual Fund, the campaign that supports the needs of today’s students. From books to scholarships, lab equipment to study abroad programs, Annual Fund dollars are student-focused, going directly to support undergraduate and graduate programs and awards that may not be funded otherwise.

And because alumni remember their own College best, you can direct your Annual Fund gift to your College, ensuring that the highest priority needs are met and providing resources for use immediately.

Last year, more than 8,300 alumni and friends contributed over $1.3 million to fourteen Colleges at the University of Saskatchewan - money that is working hard to benefit students right away.

If you haven’t received your Annual Fund package yet, you can still give using two convenient options:

1. Give by phone by calling 1-800-699-1907, or
2. Give online using the secure online gift form at www.usask.ca/alumni/support/campaigns

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NOMINATIONS FOR SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT SENATORS

The three districts in Saskatchewan that are open for nominations are:

- District 6 Wymard – Estevan
  (Postal codes beginning with S0A and S0N)
- District 7 Unity – Duck Lake – Watrous
  (Postal code beginning with S0K)
- District 10 Sandhoy – Creighton
  (Postal code beginning with S0P)

Senator Bernie Frischak, currently representing District 5, is eligible for re-election. Districts 2 and 7 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.

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 http://www.usask.ca/university_secretary/senate/senate_elections.php or call (306) 966-4632. You may also draft your own.

Please send your nomination by March 1, 2008 to:
Lea Pennock, University Secretary
Room 212 - 107 Administration Place
University of Saskatchewan
Saskatoon, SK    S7N 5A2

Phone: (306) 966-4632
Fax: (306) 966-4530

Convocation includes the Chancellor, members of Senate, and all graduates of the University of Saskatchewan.

NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

There are currently five member-at-large positions expiring on June 30, 2008. Current Senators Rakib Buckridan, John Bumban, Brian Hall, and Jennifer Perera are all eligible for re-election. Senator Mavis Moore has served six years and is not eligible for re-election.

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

In 1996, after a review by an ad-hoc “Future of Homecoming” committee, fall Homecoming was discontinued as a major event. Among other factors, such as the organizational resources required, it was determined that reunions would be more effectively held at other times of the year. Indeed, a reunion weekend in June continues to be an annual event and the Homecoming football game was renamed Dog Day Afternoon.

This piece was adapted from an archival display compiled by University Archives. For more information on this display and the history of the University of Saskatchewan, please visit www.usask.ca/archives/history or contact University Archives at archives@usask.ca or 306-966-6028.

“Being awarded academic scholarships for my work continues to encourage me, and I understand and appreciate the support of the thousands of alumni and friends who contribute to the University through the Annual Fund, making scholarships possible. Thank you.”
-Nicki Jamal, 3rd Year Student
College of Dentistry

Above: Scenes from the pre-game BBQ and Carnival outside Griffiths Stadium, September 1994.
The Centennial Time Capsule

During the Alumni and Friends Centennial Homecoming 2007 held in September, the U of S unveiled the Centennial Time Capsule designed to record the University’s local, national, and international achievements over the past 100 years. Contributions will illustrate the life and times of the University of Saskatchewan in 2007. Artifacts, memorabilia, and other items of historical significance may also be contributed.

Alumni and friends are invited to submit their contributions to the Centennial Time Capsule, which is scheduled to be opened for the celebration of the University’s 125th anniversary in 2032. The deadline for submissions is December 31, 2007. Submissions can be forwarded to:

Office of the President
University of Saskatchewan
210 College Building
107 Administration Place
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
S7N 5A2 Canada

For an up-to-date list of alumni branches and upcoming events in your area or to find out more about becoming involved in your local alumni branch, phone our office toll free at 1-800-699-1907 or email alumni.office@usask.ca or visit our website at www.usask.ca/alumni.

Alumni Association President’s Message

The past few months have been significant and exciting for the University and its alumni.

Over the past year, the Alumni Association has been celebrating its 90th anniversary and the University has been celebrating its Centennial. At our 91st Annual General Meeting in June, the Alumni Association presented the University with a plaque to mark both of these very special occasions. This plaque, which now hangs in Convocation Hall, publicly recognizes the shared history of success between the University and its Alumni Association during the past century.

At the AGM, it was also my great pleasure to assume the Presidency of the Association, and welcome the new 2007-2008 Board of Directors. This dedicated and talented group of volunteers will undoubtedly contribute significantly to the direction of our Alumni Association as we move forward in the coming months to strengthen our ties with the University and with each other.

During the past few months, I’ve also had the privilege of participating in a number of events on behalf of the Association. It was thrilling to greet new Alumni Association members from so many disciplines at the University’s Convocation in June. Their pride in their accomplishments and their enthusiasm for the future will no doubt strengthen our Association, as well as the reputation of our University.

I’m continually struck, in fact, by the tremendous impact our graduates are having on the world. While I met a number of extremely interesting and successful alumni at Homecoming 2007, this was particularly evident to me at our annual Celebrating Our Successes Alumni Awards Presentation & Gala Dinner. Seven prestigious alumni awards were presented to graduates who have made lasting contributions to bettering our world and our Alumni Association. This truly was a very special event featuring some very distinguished alumni.

As we continue to work through our Strategic Plan, which was undertaken three years ago to better assist us in developing ways to meet the needs of our membership, I’d like to remind you that this is your Alumni Association and that our graduates are our most valuable resource. I invite you to participate in our exciting evolution; we’re meeting the challenges of our new century head-on, and your involvement is critical to our success. Please visit our website at www.usask.ca/alumni for more information on how you can become involved.

It is a privilege to serve as your President.

Fred Fulton, BSA’50, PGD’68, MCGEd

Coming Events

DECEMBER
- Tuesday, December 4, 2007
  Fourth Annual All-Canadian Wine Tasting
  Les Zygomates Wine Bar-Bistro, Boston, MA
  7:00-9:00 p.m.
- Friday, December 7, 2007
  Nutcracker Ballet performed by Royal Winnipeg Ballet
  National Arts Centre, Ottawa, ON
  7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY
- February 4-9, 2008
  Canadian Artists Art Show
  The Gallery in Cork Street, London, UK
- Thursday, February 28, 2008
  Pan-Canadian Event hosted by McGill University
  Atlanta, GA

APRIL
- Thursday, April 17, 2008
  President’s Tour
  Tisdale, SK
- Thursday, April 17, 2008
  President’s Tour
  Meadow Lake, SK

MAY
- Tuesday, May 13, 2008
  President’s Tour
  Tisdale, SK

Please visit our website for up-to-date information on these and other events.
2007 Centennial Alumni Reunion
and alumni from 1939 to 1946 celebrated both their special anniversary since graduation and the University’s Centennial on June 21st – 23rd, 2007. Over 450 alumni, guests, faculty, and staff returned to participate in the reunion activities, which included campus tours, college interaction, a farewell banquet for former Chancellor Tom Molloy, and the Presidents’ Luncheon at which graduates received their Centennial Alumni Appreciation certificates.

Right: Tom Molloy’s portrait was unveiled at the Chancellor’s Banquet. Photo by - Stewart Auchterlonie

At The Branches
While U of S alumni branches throughout the world have been busier than ever hosting events – branches throughout Canada, the US, and as far away as India – two in particular are stirring things up and reaching out to alumni. On November 2, 2006 the Parksville Branch near Victoria, BC, held its inaugural event, an informal reception that attracted more than 100 alumni and friends. A very big thank you to event organizers Diana Matsuda (BA’70, BAC’95) and Eric Nelson (BA’66).

And on the other side of ‘the pond’, alumni in London, England, were treated to a cocktail party at the historic residence of Calvin Redlick (BA’83). The 30 alumni and friends who attended had the opportunity to rub elbows with guest speaker Heather Magotiaux, Vice-President of University Advancement, and His Honour the Honourable Dr. Gordon Barnhart, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan.

For more information on branch events in your area, please visit our website at www.usask.ca/alumni.

Left Above: Alumni at the Parksville Branch event raise their hands during a U of S trivia game.

2007 Alumni Association Award Winners (left to right)
Mr. Fred Fulton, BSA’50, PGD’68, MCTEd’72
President, Alumni Association
Mr. Andy McCrae, BA’99
Outstanding Young Alumni Award
Mr. Don Bateman, BE’56
Alumni Honour Award
Ms. Sylvia Cholodniuk, BSHEc’85
Alumni Humanitarian Award
Mr. Brett Wilson, BE’79
Alumni Award of Achievement
Dr. Peter Náderfi
Honorary Alumnus
Ms. Carrie Allen, BA’00
Alumni Service Award
Mr. Richard Dubé, BMusEd’94
Alumni Excellence in Aboriginal Initiatives Award
Mr. Brent Banda, BComm’97
Alumni Mentorship Award
Mr. Michael J. Clark, BComm’95, LLB’96
President-Elect, Alumni Association

For complete biographies of this year’s award winners, please visit www.usask.ca/alumni.
On September 14-16, the University of Saskatchewan welcomed several thousand alumni and friends back to campus for Centennial Homecoming 2007. The tremendous success of the more than 70 events held across campus would not have been possible without the generous support of U of S alumni, faculty, staff, students, and, of course, our Homecoming volunteers.

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in Centennial Homecoming 2007; your ongoing commitment to the University of Saskatchewan during its Centennial year ensured a memorable Homecoming for all our alumni and friends.

A special welcoming Powwow - Building Bridges: Past, Present and Future held in the PAC for all new and returning students focused on building bridges between students' culture and heritage and their University studies. (Photo by James Zhang)

World-renowned primatologist, environmentalist and UN Ambassador for Peace, Dr. Jane Goodall presented her Reason for Hope lecture as part of the pre-Homecoming activities. (Photo by Mel Malinowski)

The Centennial Golf Tournament held at Riverside Golf and Country club on Friday afternoon raised more than $40,000 for U of S Centennial Student Awards. (Photo by Liam Richards)

Over 700 alumni and friends attended the Centennial Homecoming Dinner and Dance held on Saturday night at TCU Place. President Peter MacKinnon, along with the evening's other speakers, spoke about the significance of the University's Centennial and contributed to the Centennial time capsule that will be opened when the University celebrates its 125th anniversary. The evening included performances by the Amati Quartet in Residence and the Greystone Singers, and concluded with a dance. (Photos by Liam Richards)

Alumni and friends said goodbye to campus and each other at the Farewell Brunch in Marquis Hall on Sunday. (Photo by Liam Richards)

For more Homecoming 2007 photos, visit www.usask.ca/100
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C.M., LL.B., B.Soc.Sci., B.A., Q.C., of Regina, SK, has been appointed Judge of the Court of Queen's Bench of Saskatchewan in Regina.

The Honorable Justice Trudy Kiyak
C.M., J.B.A., B.Soc.Sci., B.A., Q.C., of Regina, SK, is the recipient of the 2007 Saskatchewan Women’s Innovation Award for Social Innovation. In recognition of her contributions to the community and profession, she was appointed a Queen’s Counsel in Regina.

Ellis (Ellie) B. Eades
LL.B., of Saskatoon, SK, was appointed a Queen’s Counsel in Regina.

The Honorable Justice Marie (Josephine) Ojo
C.M., LL.B., L.L.A., of Regina, SK, was appointed Judge of the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan in Regina.

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Stain of the Berry (Iniosmacia Press, 2006) by Anthony Bidulka (BA’83, BEd’91, LLB’96, LLD’96)

Everyone has their private Boogeyman, but for Anthony Bidulka, the ‘ordinary magic’ that animates life is the most frightening of all. In this collection of poems, Bidulka explores people making sense of loss, and about the different forms resilience can take. Tempered with a sense of optimism, these pages will engage your imagination and take you to a place where you can find hope.

Two families: Treaties and Government (Purich Publishing, 2007) by Harold Johnson (LLB’95)

An easy to read style, Harold Johnson presents his eloquent personal view on what treaties between First Nations and governments represent. Two Families is a passionate plea for the restoration of harmony and equality between First Nations and the rest of Canadian society. It is a must read for anyone attempting to understand an Aboriginal perspective on treaties.

Combustion (Brick Books, 2007) by Lorri Lesnich Glenn (BED’69)

Lorri Lesnich Glenn explores a full range of poetic possibilities in Combustion, a book rich with the ‘ordinary magic’ that animates everyday experience. Her poems cross generations and a wide variety of relationships: father to daughter, parent to children, children to friends to find. These poems are full of insight, and often humour, even when addressing dark subjects.


The Alouette Anon., with answers, the passing of the following faculty and friends (U of S Alumni Magazine, 2006):

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