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BY BEVERLY FAST

A distinguished and influential career in journalism earned Margaret Weiers (BA’49, DLitt’10) a reputation as a nationalist, feminist and social reformer.

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BY KIRK SIBBALD

Calculus may have beaten Brian Gable (BA’70) in university, but the Globe and Mail’s editorial cartoonist gets the last laugh.

Brother to Brother

BY CRAIG SILLIPHANT

A casual conversation with brothers Jeff (BA’82, Arts’85) and Mark (MA’96) Rogstad reveals how different paths led to the same destination.

A Well Written Career

BY STEPHEN JOHNSON

From his early days at The Sheaf, Murray Campbell (BA’70) has honed his craft as a storyteller while covering some of 20th century’s top news events.

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Editor’s Note

Growing up, I used to enjoy staying up late watching The National on CBC whenever I visited my grandparents. Of course, I enjoyed it because I got to stay up late more than to watch the news, but every night, my grandparents trusted Knowlton Nash enough to welcome him into their living room.

I continued watching The National into my adulthood. I came to trust Peter Mansbridge just as my grandparents trusted his predecessor. Then I got high speed internet and a PVR. I have unfettered access to news and do not have to wait for Peter to tell me about the day’s events.

There is no denying that technology has changed journalism and the media forever, and the ability of a journalist to convey the news in a way that gains the trust of his or her audience is a skill that is all the more important in this endless stream of information. It appears this is a skill taught very well at the U of S. Even without a school of journalism, a lot of journalistic paths go through the U of S.

In this issue of the Green and White we’ll tell of the paths of a few U of S alumni involved in the media and journalism.

We’ll introduce you to Margaret Weiers (BA’49, DLitt’10), a well respected woman who wants to be known first and foremost as a journalist instead of the labels—albeit appropriate ones—others gave her.

Find out how doodling in the margins during calculus paid off for Brian Gable (BA’70), an editorial cartoonist with the Globe and Mail.

Murray Campbell (BA’70) shares how a stint at The Sheaf led to his career in journalism.

Join the conversation among brothers Jeff (BA’82, Arts’85) and Mark (MA’96) Rogstad and fellow alumnus, writer and film maker, Craig Silliphant (BA’99), during their chat at the local CTV studio.

Read part of a conversation I had with Wadena’s most famous media mogul turned Canadian Senator, Pamela Wallin (BA’74), in this issue’s Q&A.

Trust me, you’ll enjoy reading this issue.
President’s Message

World famous businessman and financier Warren Buffet once said, “In the business world, the rearview mirror is always clearer than the windshield.” The University of Saskatchewan is an academic institution, a place of learning that is more than simply a business. But Mr. Buffet’s words are worth some reflection in academe as well.

As I’m sure any historian will tell you, contemplating the past is crucial to society; it gives vital context to the present. It is often said that without an understanding of the past, we are apt to repeat history’s mistakes. To progress, we must understand where we have been and how we got to where we are. We need to look honestly and sincerely into the proverbial rearview mirror.

It is in looking back into our past, our traditions, our university’s culture over the past 100 years, our strategic directions and our integrated planning cycles that we are able to look to the future with renewed clarity—and that is what the Institutional Positioning Project has done for us.

A year-and-a-half of introspection and intense consultation has given a clear picture of the university’s strengths as an institution of higher learning. Discussions with diverse groups of people—alumni, leading faculty, top prospective graduate and undergraduate students to name just a few—all had common threads. Time and time again we heard the U of S fosters a collaborative and dynamic learning environment, we provide freedom and support to push the boundaries of knowledge, our inter-disciplinary approach allows us to think differently about the issues surrounding our society, and our determination and dedication allow us to be leaders in many specialties, particularly in understanding human and other living systems.

Our context, consultation and reflection give us a clearer sense of who we are as an institution, what we offer and how we can fulfill the vision of Walter Murray, the university’s first president, and achieve “an honoured place among the best.”

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ESB and A&S Get New Deans

Daphne T aras began a five-year term as dean of the University of Saskatchewan Edwards School of Business July 1.

Taras has identified accreditation to provide a consistent level of excellence across all programs, the college’s 100-year anniversary in 2014 and enhancing the student experience as her top priorities.

Taras obtained a Bachelor of Arts from York University, and an Master of Arts from Duke University, both in political science. She received her MBA and PhD from the University of Calgary, and holds a Master of Laws degree in labour and employment law from Osgoode Hall. Her most recent position was associate dean (research) at the Haskayne School of Business at the University of Calgary.

Peter Stoicheff, vice-dean of humanities and fine arts in the College of Arts and Science, will take over as dean of the college in March 2011.

Stoicheff has an undergraduate degree from Queen’s University and master’s and PhD degrees from the University of Toronto. He joined the U of S in 1986 as an assistant professor.

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Dr. Hockey

Gordie Howe, commonly known as Mr. Hockey, was granted an Honourary Doctor of Laws at spring convocation.
The College of Law, with the approval of the Academic Programs Committee of University Council, has begun bestowing Juris Doctor (JD) degrees to graduates instead of Bachelors of Law (LLB).

Over the past several years, nine of 14 Canadian law schools have changed their degree designation, recognizing that law schools are not direct entry and that most students have degrees prior to studying law. Some believe there is also the perception, in America and internationally, LLB could be misunderstood as less than a professional law degree.

Alumni will be given the option of changing their degree to JD retroactively.

U of S Lands CERC

The University of Saskatchewan’s first Canada Excellence Research Chair (CERC), Howard Wheater, one of the world’s foremost experts in hydrology and water resources management, will join the U of S in October. Wheater comes to the U of S from the United Kingdom’s Imperial College of London, where he was a professor of hydrology and director of the environment forum.

The establishment of the CERC in water security—one of 19 chairs announced across Canada in May—is a $30 million, seven-year investment split evenly among the U of S and the federal and provincial governments, with in-kind contributions from Environment Canada and the Saskatchewan Research Council.

The U of S is now positioned to be a leading research training institute to address the quality and availability of water, bringing together the fields of ecology, toxicology and hydrology into a new field of study to be known as ecotoxicohydrology.

More than 65 faculty researchers on campus, including five Canada Research Chairs, currently look at water and water related issues. It is expected a total of 85 people will be recruited to the institute, including six new faculty, 20 post-doctoral fellows, 24 PhD students and 24 master’s students.

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Celebrating Canadian Rights

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Canadian Bill of Rights, enacted by Prime Minister John G. Diefenbaker (BA’15, MA’16, LLB’19, DCL‘58). Two separate events were held with high profile guests to celebrate the anniversary.

Governor General Michaëlle Jean visited the U of S August 24. After a tour of the Canadian Light Source, Canada’s only synchrotron, Jean addressed a standing-room-only crowd at Convocation Hall—a lecture hall in the Physics Building showed a live video stream for the few hundred people that could not fit into Convocation Hall.

A traditional Cree ceremony was held at the beginning of the event, at which Elders Walter and Maria Linklater presented Jean with a blanket and bestowed on her the ceremonial name Kihcokimaskkw Kânikânit (Great Woman Who Leads).

Jean spoke how the Canadian Bill of Rights should be protected without exception for all people, with an emphasis on women’s rights.

Jean’s speech was followed by a panel discussion with Beth Bilson (BA’67, MA’70, LLB’77), acting dean of the College of Law, Pamela Jordan, associate professor of history, Pamela Downe, department head and associate professor of archeology, and Omensoo Butt (BA’05), Graduate Students’ Association president.

After the event, a brief reception in Nobel Plaza in front of the College Building was held before Jean continued onto other engagements in Saskatchewan.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Premier Brad Wall (BA’87) came to campus September 9 to celebrate not only the bill’s anniversary, but the 30th anniversary of the Diefenbaker Centre.

Before the prime minister arrived at the Diefenbaker Centre, Professor Emeritus John Courtney (DLitt’05), senior fellow at the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, gave a brief biography of Diefenbaker and spoke how significant the Canadian Bill of Rights was in starting a “rights culture” in Canada and laying the foundation for the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, enacted by Diefenbaker’s political rival Pierre E. Trudeau, in 1982.

A restored bronze replica plaque of the Bill of Rights—an item originally given to Diefenbaker—was unveiled. The plaque will become part of the centre’s permanent collection.

After a brief tour of the centre’s display highlighting the bill, Harper spoke on the significance of Diefenbaker’s tenure as prime minister and his passion and vision for rights for all Canadians. He then announced “tangible recognition” for the centre’s “profound national purpose” in the form of a financial contribution to rejuvenate the centre. The $1.3 million contribution—given as part of the Federal Government’s Economic Action Plan—will be matched by U of S.

Premier Wall and U of S President Peter MacKinnon (LLM’76) provide brief comments on Diefenbaker and the centre and expressed thanks to Harper for the federal government’s continued support of the university and the province.

Ferguson Joins Board of Governors

Linda Ferguson (BSN’69, PGD’79, MN’90), a professor in the College of Nursing, has been elected to represent the General Academic Assembly on the university’s Board of Governors. Her three-year term began July 1.

Ferguson currently serves as director of the Centre for the Advancement of the Study of Nursing Education and Interprofessional Education in the college. She has been elected to University Council for four terms, where she has served on several committees.
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Generally speaking, daydreaming and doodling are not advisable ways to spend your first year of university. Brian Gable (BA’70) may beg to differ.

Having now served as the Globe and Mail’s editorial cartoonist for 23 years, Gable’s early propensity to doodle now makes perfect sense. But Gable admits his life could have taken a considerably different path if he had not struggled with calculus so much.

Born and raised in Saskatchewan, Gable acknowledges that a career in the arts was never something he even remotely considered as a youngster. Sure, he enjoyed scribbling images in the margins of his notebook, but who did not? In his mind, it was strictly a way to pass time.

In high school, he took every possible course except for art and entered the University of Saskatchewan with his eyes set on a career in architecture. It would be, he figured, an ideal way to incorporate his doodling tendencies into “a legitimate profession.” Those plans, however, did not last long.

“It never once occurred to me that one could realistically have a vocation as an artist,” said Gable. “It was as a pre-architecture student though that I encountered a discipline named calculus […] and it immediately became obvious to all the world that architecture would be much better off in my absence.”

His enrolment in the university’s pre-architecture program was not all bad. While flaming-out in calculus, Gable was also taking courses in studio art, a requirement of the pre-architecture program at that time. And soon, “without any specific expectation as to how [I] would make a living,” Gable immersed himself in fine arts courses.

“It was a wonderful feeling,” he remembers. “Calculus was a distant memory, and every day of classes brought something new and interesting.”

Gable got his feet wet as an editorial cartoonist after his obsessive doodling during an English class piqued the interest of a fellow student. It turned out that this student, David Crone (BA’71), worked for The Sheaf, and he suggested that Gable submit some cartoons to the student newspaper.

“It was at that particular moment in my life that I discovered my years spent reading MAD magazine were at least as important as the time I’d spent reading A Tale of Two Cities and Howards End,” said Gable.
His first cartoons for *The Sheaf* focussed on the usual university-related issues during the 1960s—the lack of student housing, expensive textbooks, and concerns that “The Man” was tearing apart all social integrity.

Although he now looks back on his early cartoons with a critical eye, at the time he believed those scribbles were brilliant commentaries filled with insight and inspiration. However, he says this “youthful blindness” is oftentimes a necessary precursor to success.

“If most 18-year-olds could truly perceive the level of the work they were producing, few would have the courage to keep trying,” he wryly noted.

Although Gable said it was “extremely bourgeois and entirely uncool” to consider one’s career options in the late 60s, he nevertheless became a high school art teacher following his time at the University of Saskatchewan.

Gable’s first teaching job was in the eastern Ontario town of Brockville. It seemed his life’s vocation was finally taking shape until one week, on a whim, he began submitting editorial cartoons to the local newspaper, *The Brockville Recorder and Times*.

“I kept at it for three years and somehow caught the attention of the Regina Leader-Post, which was looking for an illustrator and graphic designer and occasional editorial cartoonist,” he explained. “I thought I would give it a try.”

After seven years at the Leader-Post, he joined the *Globe and Mail* as a full-time cartoonist in 1987 and has been there ever since.

Although working for Canada’s largest national newspaper brings about occasional wrath—including the odd libel suit and irate politician—Gable says the letters of encouragement from readers help put everything into perspective.

“I’m reminded that journalism, politics and democracy make my job possible, and I realize how phenomenally fortunate we are to have a culture that values all three.”

Having used a computer as the sole medium for his drawings since 1999, Gable said he is fascinated by the capabilities of digital animation, drawing and photography. And because the newspaper industry is changing rapidly and placing an ever-increasing emphasis towards online efforts, he believes his work will soon be forced to evolve as well.

“The future for editorial cartoonists may unfold in any number of ways, which are difficult now to predict,” he said.

Gable lives in Toronto with Anne Steacy, a writer and artist, and said he returns to Saskatoon often and marvels at transformations in the city of his “MAD-reading, notebook-doodling youth.”
Early feminist, social reformer, fierce nationalist—this is how colleagues describe Margaret Weiers (BA’49, DLitt’10). Weiers, however, is not entirely comfortable wearing these labels.

She sees herself as a journalist. If she wrote on equality for women, social issues and foreign policy—and she did—it was as a journalist. If she led by example—and her inclusion on the College of Arts & Science 100 Alumni of Influence is one indication that she did—it was not her primary goal.

“I didn’t go into journalism to make a difference in the world. I went because I was interested, and it was what I wanted to do,” Weiers said. “I’ve always been an independent person, even as a child, much to my mother’s dismay.”

Weiers attended the University of Saskatchewan in the post-World War II years. Returning veterans were taking advantage of the federal government’s promise of free tuition and flocking to universities across Canada. “I was straight out of high school and going to university with men who’d been overseas. They had experiences those of us just out of teens couldn’t relate to, and they were determined to get the best education they could. Never mind crowded classes and drafty buildings, they spurred us on.”

After earning her Bachelor of Arts, she got her start working on a small weekly newspaper in Regina. She was the only reporter on staff, but soon found herself doing a lot more than reporting. Weiers said she also “wrote a column and my first
editorial, and learned all about proof-reading, copy-editing, layout, advertising, printing and circulation, because everyone on that small staff doubled in brass.” Two years later she landed a job at the Regina Leader-Post “on the women’s pages, the ghetto to which female journalists were then assigned,” she said.

Weiers stayed with the paper until 1955, then did a brief stint with the Canadian foreign service, serving as vice-consul for the Canadian Consulate General in New York City and a press officer for the Canadian delegation to the United Nations General Assembly.

In 1957, she married Robert Weiers (BA’47, BEd’48, BComm’52). This happy occasion marked the end of her foreign service career, as the Department of External Affairs required women officers to resign after they married, a policy that continued until 1971.

In 1960, the Weiers went to Ghana on a 15-month foreign aid assignment. While her husband helped set up a school of business at the University of Accra, Margaret worked as a freelance writer for radio and television. After they returned to Canada, her career took a new direction when she joined the Toronto Star in 1963.

In almost three decades with the Star, Weiers worked as a reporter, a feature writer and most notably a member of the Star’s editorial board. “It is important to make the distinction between a reporter and an editorial writer,” she said. “It is the duty and responsibility of a reporter to observe and report events accurately. A feature writer goes into more depth than a reporter. Fairness and accuracy are still key, but the analysis should never be personal.

“Editorial writing becomes even more impersonal. You are writing opinion, but it is the collective opinion of the newspaper for which you work. That is why editorial writers are a breed apart from reporters. In my whole career I don’t think I ever used the personal pronoun. That’s not so today, and I’m not sure it’s a change for the better.”

The Star’s editorial board met every morning to discuss the next day’s editorials. The debates about what stand the paper should take on new issues was often vigorous. It was during this time that colleagues began to attach the feminist label to Weiers.

She concedes it is a legitimate term. “I wrote about equality for women, equality of opportunity and the ability to make choices about what women wanted to do with their lives. I supported public policies that encouraged that choice, so I was labelled a feminist.”

Weiers earned her reputation as a social reformer by writing about a wide range of social policies, from child care to family law to education for children with mental disabilities. As for the term “fierce nationalist”, “I don’t put this label on myself. I think it came from a colleague who used to laugh at me because I defended the Canadian Football League, as a joke,” she said. “But I defended the CBC, I believed in equalization [payments]. The idea that you should be treated differently depending on which province you live in always bothered me. I think policy should be made in the interest of Canadians, whether it is foreign policy, economic or social policy. Let’s decide for ourselves what makes sense for Canada.”

Weiers retired from the Star in 1991. She went on to write a book about women in the Canadian foreign service. Published in 1995, Envoy Extraordinary: Women of the Canadian Foreign Service chronicles the experiences of 22 female career officers struggling to succeed in a predominantly male world.

Despite her obvious role in opening doors for other women, Weiers does not claim credit for the inroads she sees women making in journalism. But she is nonetheless pleased to mark the progress. “I see more women in newsrooms, more women as managing editors, city editors and publishers of newspapers, more women in managerial positions in the media. There are also more women being sent by their employers as foreign correspondents—that’s a major achievement,” she said.

“Before, during and after World War II, newspapers and broadcasters did not send
In the spring 2010 issue of the Green and White the University of Saskatchewan’s Institutional Positioning Project was presented to you, our readers. The project’s goal is to define the University of Saskatchewan’s competitive advantages in the increasingly competitive post-secondary marketplace. Three key questions directed the project: what can the U of S credibly claim? What is relevant to various stakeholder groups? What makes the U of S different than other Canadian universities?

Much work has been done in the months following that initial introduction to the project. Extensive research and consultation with key U of S stakeholders has been an important part of this highly engaging project, ensuring the university’s position credibly differentiates itself from other universities in a way that matters to stakeholders.

The U of S is now ready to communicate its strengths to the world.

Heather Magotiaux, vice-president of University Advancement and project chair, reminds us, “The position is not a logo or a tagline or an ad. It is how we work, how we collaborate, how we achieve our goals, how we impact the community around us—it is our personality. But for our positioning to come alive both on and off campus, we need to be able to show it to people. People communicate verbally and visually, so we need to express our position both verbally and visually to effectively communicate it.

“Having a clearly defined position for the university does not change our direction; it allows us to move forward more cohesively, with the same focus and determination, to make the U of S a truly top-notch academic institution.”

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To be eligible for member at large positions, it does not matter where you reside but you must be a member of Convocation, which comprises all graduates of the University of Saskatchewan. Senators serve three year terms beginning July 1 and are eligible for re-election to a second consecutive term. Current Senators Joanna Alexander, Joy Crawford, Eileen Hartman, Robin Mowat and Peter Stroh are all eligible for re-election in spring 2011.

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I sat down with the brothers Rogstad in the news studio at CTV Saskatoon—where I had gotten one of my early breaks doing movie reviews with Jeff on the News at Noon—to discuss where they came from, how their experiences at the University of Saskatchewan contributed to their careers, and what it’s like working in the same newsroom as your brother.

CRAIG SILLIPHANT: I feel like a bad friend for never having asked you this before, but where did you guys grow up?

JEFF ROGSTAD: We’re from Watson. Home of the original Santa Claus Day!

MARK ROGSTAD: Seriously, we have a big statue of Santa Claus in our town.

CS: On air you two are quite different. Would you say that’s pretty accurate?

JR: The truth is, when Mark and I were growing up, there was a seven-year difference between us. Only when we were adults did we find ourselves gravitating towards similar things. I think it’s tough on little bro here; everybody thinks he’s Johnny Serious because that’s his job.

MR: He gets to be the clown. It’s hard to be funny about something tragic, which is what I’m usually saddled with at work.

CS: There’s the cliché about what a small world we live in, but still, don’t you think it’s odd that you both ended up working in the same TV station?

JR: It is quite unique. I don’t know of any other situation in Canada. I think of the Kent brothers, but I don’t think Peter and Arthur Kent ever worked at the same place at the same time. It was just one of those things that worked out.

MR: I was just happy to be able to work in Saskatchewan where I grew up. In many respects, Saskatoon is a great place to live and work and raise a family.
JR: You work for the Chamber of Commerce now? You on the mayor’s payroll now?

CS: Mark, I know you actually attended broadcasting school in Halifax after your time at the U of S, but Jeff, how did you get into this business?

JR: I used to volunteer here at CFQC Radio, doing movie reviews.

CS: You realize that doing movie reviews on TV with you was how I started?

JR: Oh man! That’s right!

CS: Ah, the circle of life…

JR: That’s exactly what happened. A friend of mine was doing the movie reviews, and I phoned in when *Caligula* had just come to Saskatoon. Then I ended up doing movie reviews at Telecable 10. It’s funny too, because I was done my drama degree at that time, and I was planning on moving to Vancouver to seek my fortune in film and television. Someone said there was an opportunity to do weather at Global, then STV. I was like, “Meh…I’m not going back to school to be a meteorologist.” But they actually weren’t looking for that, so I was very lucky.

CS: I’d say that your dramatic training is what makes you so imminently watchable. You not only do your thing on the show, but you also perform at the Saskatoon Soaps and other acting gigs. Isn’t it great when all our passions come together like that?

JR: If you can find that in life, it sounds like a cliché, but jeez — pretty good gig. If you can find a place where you can indulge your passions and still make a paycheck, it’s like, “Woo-hoo! Gimmie!”

CS: How did your degrees help in your career, Mark?

MR: What I took away from my degrees is an appreciation of the larger world out there. What I was taught is that sociology gives you the skills to debunk the world taken for granted. [This] helps me every day in my career as a journalist.

CS: Do you remember any specific images or instances from your time at the U of S that stick in your head?

JR: Coming from a small town, what was so cool was going to the library. We came from a town with two [television] channels—and there weren’t no internet! [sic] One of my biggest thrills was going to the library and going to the stacks and reading weekly *Variety*.

JR: The showbiz bible! You could read about what was going on in music and theatre, particularly movies! I also loved the old hanger building. It was a rundown dilapidated building. There used to be an old joke: if you hadn’t broken into the hanger building to rehearse, you weren’t passionate about theatre.

CS: Good answers. I was just going to say, ‘chicks’.

JR: Oh. Wait. Can I change mine to chicks?

MR: Fine. “Barbecues” and all the other things that go along with barbecues. Like beverages and so forth.

CS: If I remember correctly, the Rogstads have a proud U of S lineage—your mom, your sister, your dad, and the two of you all went to school here.

JR: [We’re] very proud to be U of S alumni.

MR: I took a lot of pride in that when I went to Halifax. Quite frankly, I never let people forget that I was from Saskatchewan, and that I was a U of S graduate. We make pretty good stuff out here.
A Well Written Career

by Stephen Johnson

The Board of Governors has refused to hand over to the Regina Campus Student Council the money accumulated towards construction of a student union building, in a statement released last week. Board chairman, Bob Byers of Saskatoon, said that “these funds represent a trust, dedicated to a specifically defined purpose. It would not be proper keeping with the nature of this trust to release the funds for any use other than the designated one.”

The memorandum also outlined the Board’s position concerning its role in the retention of student fees in Regina for this term.

The main reason cited by Mr. Byers is that because the University is financed by a large part by the provincial government, the student union has no right to keep the money it has in its accounts.

The report goes on to say that if the student union does not relinquish its control over the money, the University will have to find another source of funding for the projects.

Murray Campbell (BA’70) never suspected a volunteer position at a student newspaper would lead to an international career in journalism.

“While attending the University of Saskatchewan, I had a few friends who wrote for the student newspaper, The Sheaf,” said Campbell. “Frankly, I first joined mainly to meet girls and go to good parties.”
Beyond expanding his social life, Campbell found volunteering for the newspaper to be a rewarding experience. “I was involved with the paper from 1969 to 1970. The campus was a lively place and it was the era of student activism. We were involved in issues ranging from anti-Vietnam rallies to student governance. The newspaper played a central role in those debates.”

Campbell’s role with The Sheaf quickly expanded beyond contributing articles. “In fairly short order, I was asked to become the editor due to an illness [of the previous editor],” Campbell said. “I learned the newspaper business from the ground floor. Everything from writing news stories to delivering the final copy to the printers. It was a great education for my future career.”

After obtaining his Bachelor of Arts in English, Campbell spent several years traveling and working, including a stint at a magazine in England. He returned to Canada in 1972 and studied journalism at Carleton University in Ottawa completing his thesis and obtaining a Bachelor of Journalism in 1976. During this time, he also started a full-time job at the Ottawa Citizen in the fall of 1973.

“I learned the craft of journalism at the Citizen,” remembers Campbell. “We had a great newsroom with many people who enjoyed a long career in journalism. I was assigned the education beat, which was rather ironic since I did not have children and did not pay property taxes.”

In 1977, Campbell moved on to the Globe and Mail in Toronto, where he enjoyed a long and varied career, working everything from city editor to sports editor. There were a few assignments that stand out for Campbell. “I was the Los Angeles bureau chief from 1990–93. This was the time of the L.A. race riots after the Rodney King incident. I remember the racial divides in the city and being in the middle of the riots. I quickly learned it is impossible to predict the nature of a riot or where it will lead. It was interesting but scary as well.”

While in L.A, Campbell covered the 1992 American presidential election. “I met Bill Clinton when he was running to be the Democratic nominee for president. Even then, a person felt like you were the only person in the universe when talking with Clinton. It was quite something to cover his victory speech in Little Rock, Arkansas the night of the presidential election.”

Not all of Campbell’s assignments were as glamorous as meeting future presidents. “I covered Rwanda after the genocide in 1994. It was time when tens of thousands of people were dying of disease and malnutrition. You would see bodies stacked along the side of the road. As a journalist, I had to put a shell around me. There was plenty to write about, and I felt there were stories that needed to be told. You just have to keep going otherwise you will stop doing it.”

Another assignment in a war-torn region is etched in Campbell’s memory. “I was in Afghanistan for a month in 2007 covering the war. We would go out on patrols with the soldiers. There was always the threat of an attack or roadside bomb. One time, I had to file a story and needed photos. I approached a Master Corporal with the Canadian army who was a military photographer. He graciously provided me with a CD of photos and I was able to file the story. About a week later, he was killed in a Chinook helicopter crash.”

In 2009, Campbell chose a different career path and became the director of corporate communications for Ontario Power Authority. Campbell is philosophical about leaving journalism and taking on a new job. “I had a great career in journalism but felt it was time for some of the younger people to take over. There are a lot of stories to tell at the Power Authority, and I am happy to be a part of it.”

Campbell’s wealth of experience in journalism gives him credibility to reflect upon the profession and its future. “When I first starting out, I would go home to write a story on a manual typewriter and call a cab to deliver the story to the newspaper before deadline. Now, you can be in the middle of nowhere, set up a satellite dish and file a story.”

This instantaneous access also has drawbacks. “Journalists are expected to file all the time, whether it is stories, blog updates or video reports. The 24 hour news cycle has placed many demands on the profession.”

Campbell could not offer a definitive answer on the role of print newspapers, but he offered his own observations. “I just see my two sons who get a lot of their news information via the internet. Also, I notice not as many people reading newspapers in the subway.”

From humble beginnings at a student newspaper to covering some of the top news events of the twentieth century for Canada’s largest newspaper, Campbell’s career is a truly amazing story.
I am honored to serve as your president for the 2010-11 year. I hope to build on the strong foundation laid by my predecessors as the University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association strives to serve you, our members—now over 132,000 strong, spread around the world—and work closely with the university to help achieve its goals.

Our annual general meeting was held in June, where we recognized the contribution of several volunteers—a practice that was long overdue and one we plan on continuing.

The Alumni Association board will be conducting a governance review this year. The objective is to ensure a governance structure that effectively and efficiently serves you.

I am delighted to inform you that there will be an interactive Alumni Wall of Honour in the renovated Place Riel Student Centre. We hope to have an official opening in 2011. Watch for details of this exciting development.

Connecting with current students, our future alumni, is important. The association was proud to once again sponsor the Welcome Back Breakfast and be the game sponsors at this year’s Homecoming football game. Huskie athletes continue to be excellent ambassadors for the university and the association, and I encourage you to support our full-range of teams.

The Honouring our Alumni awards gala will be held Nov. 4 at the Sheraton Cavalier in Saskatoon. Thank you to all who submitted nominations. Join us to celebrate your fellow alumni. Sponsorship opportunities represent another way for you to show your support.

We like to hear from our members, so let us know what you and your classmates are up to and get involved—it is your Alumni Association. Contact the alumni office at alumni.office@usask.ca or 1-800-699-1907 for gala tickets, sponsorship, volunteer opportunities and more.

Bryan Harvey, BSA’60, MSA’61

**2010 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS GALA**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4
5:30 p.m. – cocktails; 6:30 pm – dinner and awards program

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To purchase tickets call 966-5186 or
toll-free 1-800-699-1907 by November 1 or
visit www.usask.ca/alumni/alumni_association/alumni_awards
**Alumni Award of Achievement**

Dr. Ernest (Ernie) Offert (BA’65, DVM’69, MSc’76) has made outstanding contributions to experimental animal care standards during his 40-year career. He was the lead editor of the *Guide for the Care and Use of Experimental Animals*, a book that remains a key source around the world for the humane care of animals used in science. As a pioneer of laboratory animal medicine in Canada, he received the Canadian Council on Animal Care Outstanding Service Award in 2006 and was named the 2005 Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association Veterinarian of the Year.

**Alumni Humanitarian Award**

Garth Herbert (Bcomm’91) has been actively involved with the Canadian Diabetes Association for more than 20 years, being named chair of the national board in 2006. As a chartered accountant, Garth has been involved in various professional organizations including the Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Saskatchewan—currently serving as chair. Garth also serves as finance committee chair at his church in Regina and is actively involved with the Knights of Columbus.

**Alumni Mentorship Award**

Dr. William (Bill) Frischke (DVM’76) joined a mixed veterinary practice in Ponoka, AB—where he still practices full-time—after graduating. Throughout his more than 30-year career, Dr. Frischke never hesitated to make himself available to help younger veterinarians, even if that meant a 3 a.m. house call. Many regard him as patient, understanding, and kind with an enthusiasm and upbeat approach to his life’s work, helping others aspire for the same.

**Alumni Service Award**

Laurel Krause (BSHeC ‘75, BEd’77) served two consecutive terms as U of S Senator for District 3, where she chairs the Regional Advisory Council. Laurel was appointed to the initial President’s Round Table on Outreach and Engagement and has lobbied for facilities improvements for disabled students on campus. She not only encourages enrolment at the U of S, she has helped her former students navigate through their first year, delivered care packages and sewn togas for the traditional running of the togas at Homecoming.

**Alumni Excellence in Aboriginal Initiatives Award**

Cecil King (BEd’73, MEd’75), an Odawa from Wikwemikong, spent 50 years as a teacher, professor, researcher and consultant. Cecil founded the Indian Teacher Education Program (ITEP) and served as head of the Indian and Northern Education Program at the U of S. His love of the Ojibwe language is illustrated by his development of language programs throughout North America and an 8,000-word Ojibwe dictionary. Cecil was awarded a National Aboriginal Achievement Award for Education in 2009.

**Outstanding Young Alumni Award**

Kelly-Anne Riess (BA’02) is the best-selling author of *Saskatchewan Book of Everything*. She has written and produced documentaries and short films that have aired world-wide and been featured at film festivals. Kelly-Anne serves on the board of directors for the Saskatchewan Filmpool and the Saskatchewan Writers Guild. She also enjoys leading workshops and is the founder of A Night of Poetry and Film in Regina.
Homecoming 2010

Two days of rain did not dampen the spirits of over 5,000 students, alumni and friends who attended the annual U of S Alumni and Friends Homecoming game in Saskatoon on September 10. The Huskies fell to the UBC Thunderbirds 31 – 12.

An entertaining half-time show began with the annual running of the togas—a Homecoming tradition—followed by the third annual College Challenge. The College of Engineering defeated last year’s champion and long-time rival, the College of Agriculture and Bioresources.

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The President’s Tour

On May 18, President Peter MacKinnon hosted a reception at the Westin Edmonton Hotel where he met with a group of 125 alumni and friends. He talked about the latest developments at the University of Saskatchewan and addressed questions from guests.

President MacKinnon began his annual President’s Provincial Tour on October 5 in North Battleford, where alumni and friends gathered at the Chapel Gallery for a reception.
Senate Election Results

Congratulations to the following alumni who have been elected to the U of S Senate effective July 1:

District 2 (Chaplin/Moose Jaw/ Rockglen area) – Lee-Ann Ebel (BSHEc’73, BEd’77)

District 3 (Leader/Climax/Swift Current area) – Mark Stumborg (BE’80, MSc’86)

District 4 (Kenaston/Indian Head/ Moosomin area) – Jason Johnston (BSPE’98, BEd’05)

District 7 (Unity/Duck Lake/Watrous) – Ron Schriml (BA’67)

District 8 (La Loche/Green Lake/ Battlefords) – Robert Krismar (BEd’73, PGD’90, BA’95)

District 9 (Nipawin/Melfort/Hudson Bay) – Ed Bourassa (BA’72, BEd’80, MEd’06)

District 11 (Prince Albert/Stony Rapids) – Jack Jensen (BA’74)

Members at large:
Sandra Finley (BComm’71)
Tim Isnana (CIBA’98, BComm’00)
Mary Jean Hande (BA’09)
June Jacobs (BSHEc’74)

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A Gathering of Friends

Alumni authors celebrate the U of S Bookstore’s grand re-opening in August.

(l-r) College of Arts and Science Vice-Dean (Humanities and Fine Arts) David Parkinson, member of the U of S Board of Governors Grit McCreath (BEd’91), U of S Chancellor Vera Pezer (BA’62, MA’64, PhD’77), (front) Paralympic medalist Heather Kutta (BA’94, MSc’09), His Honour the Honourable Dr. Gordon Barnhart (BA’67, PhD’98), U of S Chancellor Emeritus Thomas Molloy (BA’64, LLB’64, LLD’09)

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At the Branches

A number of events have been held in the southern California branch the past year, including a dinner June 2 at The Athenaeum, a lovely private club located at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena.

Canadian ex-patriots celebrated Canada’s birthday in a variety of ways, including family picnics, potluck meals and musical entertainment by Canadian bands. Celebrations were held in Sandy Springs, GA, Raleigh, NC, Redwood City, CA, and Woodway, WA, and other U.S. locations. Canadians living in the UK sang O’Canada, played hockey games and enjoyed concerts in Trafalgar Square—activities that were enjoyed by thousands of people.

On July 13, U of S alumni attended a gathering hosted by Maria Lynn Freeland (LLB’86), a member of the U of S Alumni Association Board of Directors, at the famous Duke of Duckworth Pub & Eatery in St. John’s, NL. Guests from as far away as Saskatchewan joined local alumni for the event.

The Regina branch of the U of S Alumni Association hosted a Huskie Club social at the Regina Inn Sept. 18 prior to the football game against the U of R Rams.

Fall activities included an alumni event in conjunction with the Saskatchewan Roughrider football game in Toronto on October 2.

Upcoming Events

SASKATOON HUSKIE CLUB RECEPTION
Oct. 23, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
PAC, U of S Campus
Men’s and Women’s Hockey – U of S vs. U of M
Game Times: Women 2 p.m., Men 7 p.m.

ALL CANADIAN ALUMNI
RECEPTION AND DINNER
Oct. 23, 6 - 9:30 p.m.
Petersen Automotive Museum, Los Angeles, CA, USA

SASKATCHEWAN ROUGHRIDERS
vs. BC LIONS ALUMNI EVENT
Oct. 31
Pre-game lunch - 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Holiday Inn Express
Football game - 2 p.m.
Empire Stadium, Vancouver, BC

HONOURING OUR ALUMNI AWARDS GALA
Nov. 4, 5:30 p.m
Sheraton Cavalier Hotel, Saskatoon

PRESIDENT’S TOUR ALUMNI RECEPIONS
Dec. 7, 2010, Regina, SK
Feb. 14, 2011, Calgary, AB
March 10, 2011, Toronto, ON
March 16, 2011, Yorkton, SK
March 22, 2011, Vancouver, BC
May 11, 2011, Estevan, SK
Date TBC – London, UK

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The Letters of Sylvia Beach (Columbia University Press, 2010) edited by Keri Walsh (BA’98)

This collection of Beach’s letters illustrates her unique talents and day-to-day work as a librarian, publicist, publisher and translator. The volume sheds light on many of her life’s events and includes correspondence with a long list of friends and clients like James Joyce, Earnest Hemmingway and Gertrude Stein.

Confessions of an Accidental Sleuth (Booksurge Publishing, 2009) by B.F. Monachino (LLB’74)

A mild-mannered attorney gives into a moment of weakness and steals a valuable piece of baseball memorabilia found in an old book, only to find himself tangled up with sinister criminals using rare books as a smokescreen for their crimes.

Don’t Come Here, Julie! (Outskirts Press, 2009) by P. Joy Webster (BA’97, CTESL ’97)

In this science fiction for teens and pre-teens, Julie goes to visit her mother, an ambassador on the Planet Norandia, in spite of her mother’s warnings. Once Julie arrives, she may wish she had listened to her mother.


Sure to be a valuable resource for those with celiac disease, this comprehensive guide provides detailed food and ingredient information, national and international labeling regulations, a thorough list of widely available specialty products, tips for eating out and more.


Based on a true story, a free-lance journalist uncovers evidence that a convicted high-profile Saskatchewan politician was framed for the murder of his ex-wife.

If you graduated from the U of S and have recently published a book, let us know. Email: alumni.office@usask.ca
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**Daryl (Doc) Seaman O.C.,** BE’48, LLD’82, was elected posthumously (d. Jan. 11, 2009) into the Hockey Hall of Fame in the builders category. Seaman and his brother Byron (BE’45, DSc’92) were among the group of people that brought the Flames to Calgary.

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**The Hon. Mr. Just. Ronald L. Barclay,** BA’56, LLB’59, of Regina, SK, was honoured with the 2010 Distinguished Service Award from the Canadian Bar Association and received an Honourary Life Membership in the Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association. He has resigned as Queen’s Bench Judge and has now been appointed the Conflict of Interest Commissioner for the Province of Saskatchewan.

59

**Prof. Emeritus Dr. James Dosman,** BA’59, MD’63, MA’69, of Saskatoon, SK, has been elected to the Royal Society of Canada.

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**Dr. Sharon A. Butala,** BEd’62, BA’63, PGD’73, DLitt’04, of Calgary, AB, was awarded the Saskatchewan Order of Merit in November 2009.

**Chancellor Vera R. Pezer,** BA’62, MA’64, PhD’77, of Saskatoon, SK, was nominated for and received the YWCA Women of Distinction Lifetime Achievement Award.

63

**Mr. Glen A. Sorestad,** BEd’63, MEd’76, of Saskatoon, SK, was appointed Member of the Order of Canada by the Governor General of Canada.

**Ms. Rita M. C. Mirwald,** BA’63, Dip/Ed’67, of Saskatoon, SK, was appointed Member of the Order of Canada by the Governor General of Canada.

**Dr. Kathleen McCrone,** BA’63, of Windsor, ON, professor emeritus of history and former executive dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Windsor, is serving as acting provost and vice-president, academic of the University of Windsor until March 31, 2010.

65

**Dr. Calvin R. Stiller C.M., O.Ont., FRCPC, MD’65, DSc’07,** of London, ON, received the 2010 Canada Gairdner Wightman Award for leadership in medicine and medical science.

66

**The Hon. Anita R. Andreychuk,** BA’66, LLB’67, of Ottawa, ON, was elected the first female chair of the Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade in the Senate of Canada.

69

**Dr. Linda M. Ferguson,** BSN’69, PGD’79, MN’90, of Saskatoon, SK, was elected for a three-year term to represent the General Academic Assembly on the University of Saskatchewan’s Board of Governors.

**Mr. John (Len) L. Gusthart,** BEd’69, MEd’75, of Saskatoon, SK, received the Provost’s Teaching Award for Excellence in Teaching in the College of Kinesiology at the University of Saskatchewan.

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**Dr. Barbara D. Schultz-Hurlbut,** Dip/Physio’71, BPT’79, of Saskatoon, SK, was nominated for and received the YWCA Women of Distinction Award in the health and wellness category.

72

**Ms. Bev Dahlby,** BA’72, Arts’73 of Edmonton, AB, received the 2010 Doug Purvis Memorial Prize at the annual meeting of the Canadian Economics Association. Bev is professor of economics at the University of Alberta and fellow in residence at the C.D. Howe Institute in Toronto.

**Mr. Harley D. Olsen,** BSA’72, MSc’74, of Regina, SK, has been appointed CEO, Provincial Capital Commission by the Government of Saskatchewan.

73

**Ms. Patricia R. Katz,** BSHEc’73, of Saskatoon, SK, was nominated for and received the YWCA Women of Distinction Award in the leadership and management category.

75

**The Hon. Kenneth P. Kravetz,** BEd’75, of Regina, SK, has been appointed Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance by the Government of Saskatchewan.

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**Dr. William (Bill) Waiser,** MA’76, PhD’83, of Saskatoon, SK, has been appointed as the A.S. Morton Research Chair for a five-year term.

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**The Hon. Judge Morris M. Baniak,** BA’77 LLB’82, of Saskatoon, SK, was appointed Provincial Court Judge by the Government of Saskatchewan.

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**The Hon. Donald R. Morgan,** LLB’78, of Saskatoon, SK, has been appointed Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Workers’ Compensation Board, and Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority by the Government of Saskatchewan.

79

**Mr. David J. Brundige,** BA’79, LLB’83, of Regina, SK, was appointed Queen’s Counsel by the Government of Saskatchewan.
Dr. James R. Kazan, BSc’79, MBA’84, MD’87 has retired. He and his wife Doreen will spend winters at their home in Mexico and summers at home in Lethbridge, AB.

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Ms. Evelyn M. Burnett, BEd’80, MEd’93, of Saskatoon, SK, was nominated for aYWCA Women of Distinction Award in the community building category.

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Ms. Lesya M. Sabada, BEd’80, of Saskatoon, SK, was nominated for theYWCA Women of Distinction Award in the education category.

Ms. Laurie H. Pawlitzka, BA’80, LLB’83, of Toronto, ON, has been elected treasurer of the Law Society of Upper Canada.

81

Ms. Kim Newlove, MEd’81, of Saskatoon, SK, received the sixth annual Council of the Federation of Literacy Award for advancing lifelong literacy.

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Ms. Susan E. Barrett, BEd’83, PGD’88, of Saskatoon, SK, was nominated for and received theYWCA Women of Distinction Award in the community building category.

Dr. Melissa J. McKibben, BE’86, PhD’92, of Saskatoon, SK, was nominated for aYWCA Women of Distinction Award in the science, research and technology category.

Mr. Timothy S. Gitzel, BA’86, LLB’90, of Saskatoon, SK, was recently appointed president of Cameco Corporation.

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Mr. Graham Addley, BA’87, is the new director of mission programs for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Saskatchewan.

Ms. Karen Reynaud-Altrogge, BMus’87, MMus’93, of Saskatoon, SK, was nominated for aYWCA Women of Distinction Award in the arts, culture and heritage category.

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Dr. Carolyn M. Brooks, BA’88, MA’93, PhD’09, of Saskatoon, SK, was recently honoured with a University of Saskatchewan Students’ Union Teaching Excellence Award.

The Hon. Kenneth A. Cheveddroyff, BA’88, of Saskatoon, SK, was appointed Minister of First Nations and Metis Relations, Minister Responsible for Northern Affairs, Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation, and Minister Responsible for the Proposed Multi-Purpose Entertainment Facility by the Government of Saskatchewan.

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Mr. Dean G. Smith, BSA’89, of Arlington, VA, recently joined the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies in Washington, DC, as the North American waterfowl management plan coordinator and wildlife liaison (Canada).

Mr. Jay R. Wilson, BA’89, BEd’95, MEd’00, of Saskatoon, SK, was honoured with the Provost’s Teaching Award for Excellence for Outstanding New Teacher at the University of Saskatchewan.

Ms. Lisa Angela Baiton, BA’89, of Toronto, ON, has been appointed vice-president, stakeholder and government relations by the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board.

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Mr. Morris B. Halota, BEd’90, BA’96, of Myrnam, AB, has been appointed principal of École Plamondon School in Plamondon, AB, commencing the 2010 – 11 school year.

Mr. James M. Gibbons, Cert/BusAdm’91, of Saskatoon, SK, was recently honoured with aUniversity of Saskatchewan Students’ Union Teaching Award.

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The Hon. Mr. Just. Neil W. Caldwell, BA’92, LLB’95, of Saskatoon, SK, has recently been appointed Judge of the Court of Appeal by the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada.

Mr. Shawn Grice, BComm’92, of Regina, SK, has been appointed president of the Saskatchewan Transportation Company by the Government of Saskatchewan.

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Mr. Jeff Drake, BA’93, BEd’96, of Saskatoon, SK, has been appointed manager of communications services in University Advancement at the University of Saskatchewan.

Col. Scott A. McLeod M.S.M., C.D., MD’93, of Ottawa, ON, was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal by the Governor General of Canada.

Mr. Rodney M. Peacock, BE’93, of Edmonton, AB, has been appointed ISL Engineering’s new president and CEO.

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Mr. Derek J. Jorgenson, BSP’95, of Saskatoon, SK, was named 2010 Canadian Pharmacist of the Year by the Canadian Pharmacists Association.

Dr. Lorin J. Elias, BA’95, of Saskatoon, SK, was honoured with a Provost’s Teaching Award for Excellence for Outstanding Teaching in the College of Arts and Science (social sciences) at the University of Saskatchewan.

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Ms. Angela K. Bedard-Haughn, BSc’96, Sc’98, MSc’01, of Saskatoon, SK, was recently honoured with the Provost’s Teaching Award for Outstanding New Teacher at the University of Saskatchewan.

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Mr. Dean Onyskevitch, BA’98, of Regina, SK, was promoted to Corporal of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and is now the team leader of the Traffic Services Unit based in Broadview, SK.

Ms. Elizabeth Quigley, LLB’98, of Ottawa, ON, received the 2010 Outstanding Young Lawyer Award from the Ontario Trial Lawyers Association.

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The Hon. Darryl D. Hickie M.L.A., BA’99, of Prince Albert, SK, was appointed Minister of Municipal Affairs by the Government of Saskatchewan.

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Mr. Brian Peters, BComm’03, of Vancouver, BC, recently graduated from Queen’s School of Business with an Executive MBA.

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The Hon. Jeremy E. Harrison, LLB’04, of Meadow Lake, SK, was appointed Minister of Enterprise, Minister Responsible for Trade, and Deputy Government House Leader by the Government of Saskatchewan.

Ms. Lisa M. Krol, MEd’04, of Saskatoon, SK, was honoured with a Provost’s Teaching Award for Excellence in International Teaching at the University of Saskatchewan.

06

Ms. Cammy Ouellette, BComm’06, of Saskatoon, SK, earned her professional designation as a chartered accountant.

Mrs. Keenan H. Wagner, BScKin’06, of Saskatoon, SK, was honoured with a University of Saskatchewan Students’ Union Experience in Excellence Academic Advising Award.

07

Dr. Aaron D. Beattie, PhD’07, of Saskatoon, SK, was appointed barley and oat breeder with the Crop Development Centre (CDC) and the Department of Plant Sciences in the College of Agriculture and Bioresources at the University of Saskatchewan.

Mr. Bradley Flavell, BA’07, of Saskatoon, SK, is the new executive assistant in the office of the chief information officer and associate vice-president, information and communications technology at the University of Saskatchewan.

08

Ms. Ashley M. Smith, LLB’07, of Saskatoon, SK, was nominated for and received theYWCA Women of Distinction Award in the youth category.

Ms. Kira Paluck, BA’08, of Saskatoon, SK, is the new communications coordinator in the College of Agriculture and Bioresources at the University of Saskatchewan.
Lei Xia is a third-year student in the College of Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan. He chose the U of S because of its world-class medical program and the opportunity to grow as a leader. He has volunteered for things like U of S orientation, acted as note taker for Disability Services, and been actively involved in student government. Lei is also one of the founders of Health Sciences Kids Camps which introduces health science and care to youth in a fun environment for exploration and learning.

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The Alumni Association has noted, with sorrow, the passing of the following faculty and friends:


**PARSONS, Professor Emeritus David Stewart**, of Saskatoon, SK, d. July 8, 2010.

**SANTORO, Rocco**, of Saskatoon, SK, d. May 11, 2010.


The Alumni Association has noted, with sorrow, the passing of the following graduates:


(1944) **DARCOVICH**, Dr. William, BSA’44, MSc’47, of Edmonton, AB, d. Feb. 28, 2010.


(1960) **MCCULLAGH**, Kenneth Robert (Bob), BE’60, MSc’65, of Mississauga, ON, d. May 6, 2010.

(1971) **HEBERT**, Linda Marie, BSc’71, Cert/ LabTec’74, of Regina, SK, d. April 9, 2010.


(1986) **WITZEL**, Dr. Patricia Ann, BA’86, MA’89, PhD’94, of Saskatoon, SK, d. July 12, 2010.

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After studying at the U of S, Dr. Baker earned his Medical Degree at the University of Toronto and went on to become head of cardiovascular surgery at St. Michael’s Hospital in Toronto, where he helped develop catheter procedures, performing 147 “bloodless” open heart surgeries and five heart transplants.

Among Dr. Baker’s top honours were being inducted into the Order of Canada and being named one of the University of Saskatchewan’s 100 Alumni of Influence. According to the Toronto Star, Paul Murphy, a golfing buddy of Baker’s, said, “He was even more proud of his award from the University of Saskatchewan.”

He is survived by his wife, Emmaleen and sons John, Stephen and Edward.

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**David Courtney (Courtney) Milne (BA’64),** of Grandora, SK—who lived with multiple myeloma with the same passion that he had lived his whole life—died at home Aug. 29, 2010.

The award winning nature photographer—who was named one of the College of Arts and Science 100 Alumni of Influence in 2009—published 12 photography books, including his best-selling Sacred Earth that included a forward from the Dalai Lama. His photography took him all over the world, but Milne is best known for his prairie landscape images.

He is survived by his wife Sherrill Miller, who says, “He felt his role as a photographer was to portray the mystery of our planet—to show the awe and wonder of nature, and the possibility of experiencing the world at much deeper levels than we ever thought possible.”
How did you get interested in journalism?

PM I am the accidental journalist. After graduating, a friend from university called me and said the host of his open-line radio show, Radio Noon on CBC, had fallen ill. I had done some public speaking in university, so he asked me. When you’re young and foolish you say yes to these things! But that’s when I knew this is what I was meant to do. I went back home, packed my things and stayed in journalism the next 30 years.

Did being from small town Saskatchewan present itself as a challenge?

PM No, it was a benefit. I think there is a much larger sense of trust in a small town. It was a place where you could still be curious. My parents were very open and encouraged curiosity—which is the single most important aspect of journalism. You can learn to do the research, learn some of the techniques and learn the skills. But if you are not naturally curious as a human being it’s hard to recreate that. So, I credit the time and place I grew up.

Was it hard to transition to different mediums—radio, print and TV?

PM Not really because my pursuit was always the same. If you are genuinely curious and you believe it’s your job to provide context so others can chose more wisely—which I believe is the basic definition of a journalist—then it matters not to me where I did it. The first time I did Question Period I was asked if I was afraid of the camera. I kind of panicked, and thought I must have done something really wrong. I said “No, I’m sorry, I forgot it was there.” I was told I should think about getting into TV because the camera is a barrier for many people. I was driven more by the content than the form.

Any interviews stand out for you?

PM I always liked the interview that just finished—until the next one, and I found that person more interesting. It’s not necessarily the famous or the politician that’s the most rewarding. It’s some individual who learned life lessons and knows how to share that and is willing to share that. You’ve got to give them the comfort and the ability to do that, to provide the forum to share that experience and that information. It may be an ordinary person who did an extraordinary thing, and the latter was always more interesting to me.

What are your thoughts on how technology has changed journalism and the media?

PM It’s very hard to define media now. Our biggest problem right now is there is no way to verify all the fascinating information. You can make yourself endlessly well informed about things, but you really don’t know if the information you are getting is true. Something like Wikipedia that allows people to participate directly—while in theory is a great idea, perhaps even the ultimate in democratic form—but has become somewhat of a negative force, often perpetuating information that anybody can construct but nobody checks. I hope it’s forcing people back to more reliable sources.

How do you feel your career has prepared you for your role as senator?

PM The basic skills you learn as a journalist—creating and making sure you are providing context for others to choose wisely—serve me well. In the senate, the committee structure is important because we can take more time than the House of Commons to look at issues, to bring to bear your experiences, to collect and assess information, providing context and value for the end user.

Any advice for aspiring journalists in the information age?

PM Don’t ever lose sight of what your responsibility is—there is an expectation that what you say is true. You have to be able to provide people with context. Be as straight as you can be. Do your homework for every story.

Degree obtained at University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus. In 1974 the University of Regina was established as an independent degree granting university.
For the Vicqs

retirement isn’t about taking it easy.

Both Jack and Sylvia continue to be very involved in community service, sitting on numerous boards and volunteering with organizations that are important to them, like Jubilee Residence Inc., the Meewasin Valley Authority and the Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce. They also continue to be active in the University of Saskatchewan community.

One important way that the Vicqs stay connected to the U of S is through their charitable giving. Their generosity impacts children who participate in Kinesiology Special Needs Programs as well as people in the Edwards School of Business who worked with Jack for many years. It is their continuing interest and belief in the U of S that prompted Jack and Sylvia to leave a portion of their estate to the university in their wills.

The Vicqs’ generous planned gift to the U of S is directed towards continuing their support of special needs children programs in the College of Kinesiology; student awards in the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy; and the John Brennan Bursary Fund in the Edwards School of Business. The Vicqs know that their planned gift to the U of S will continue to make a difference to the university that meant so much to them.

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