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# Revitalizing OUR COLLEGE'S

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Revitalizing our College  
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## **DEAN'S**

# Message

**Brent Cotter**

This is the most exciting Dean's Message I will communicate to you during my tenure as dean. The reason is that many of the most dramatic developments in the recent history of your College of Law are unfolding. It is with an enormous sense of enthusiasm that I introduce you to some of the initiatives that are "Revitalizing our College".

As you will see within the pages of this issue we are truly "Revitalizing the College" in key areas:

- **Student services:** we are improving our Student Services Office by welcoming a Student Services Officer and secretary. (see article page 3)
- **Student environment:** we are rejuvenating our students' lounge both aesthetically and functionally. (see article page 4)
- **Faculty enrichment:** we have increased our faculty complement with five dynamic law professors this academic year. (The quality of our which is truly exceptional!). (see article pages 8-9)
- **Additional physical space:** On June 9 we launched the 'Building of Our Future' campaign. Our goal is to raise \$7.5 million to finance an addition to, and modernization of, the physical premises of the College of Law.

As the cover story on pages 6-7 of this edition of the *of Note* describes, we have long since outgrown the current law school building. We have used a diversified and collaborative approach to plan a new addition that will be responsive to the needs of legal education over the next generation.

In the coming months we will continue our fundraising efforts to achieve and surpass our target. I am extremely grateful to the Law Foundation and the University for their support and to those of you who have already contributed generously to this, the 'Building of Our Future'. I am confident that many other alumni and friends of the law school will lend their support as well.

I hope that this message - and this edition of *of Note* - convey our collective enthusiasm for the future of your College of Law. These developments continue to move us to the front ranks among Canadian law schools, and I hope, engender a sense of pride in all alumni.

Here at the College of Law, we think the world of our future. We hope you do too.

Sincerely,

I welcome your views, suggestions and comments. You can contribute by letter, by phone at (306) 966-5910, or by fax to (306) 966-5900 or by email to [brent.cotter@usask.ca](mailto:brent.cotter@usask.ca).

# Revitalizing **OUR COLLEGE**

## **Enhanced Student Services**

### ***Enhancing the students' experience is a primary object of the Student Services Office.***

The College of Law is revitalizing our students' experience by expanding the services offered by our Student Services Office.

One of the initiatives is the creation of a career services program that aims to provide:

- individual career counselling to current students,
- informational sessions and workshops,
- links to the legal community and other employers,
- a resource centre,
- information for students,
- policies and standards.

As a member of NALP (National Association of Legal Practitioners), an international association of career services, the most recent initiatives are available to assist with our program development.

The career services program will be utilized by students and employers. It will assist our students in choosing the direction of their professional legal careers and achieving their goals. One of the anticipated benefits to the legal community will be the retention of young lawyers. The College would appreciate your input into the growth of this program. As well, we intend to partner with the legal community in providing these services to students. Your assistance with informational sessions and workshops and the development of policies will be invaluable to this work.

In addition to the Career Services Program we are considering additional ways to enhance the student experience. New initiatives such as the expansion of our International Exchange Program are currently underway.

To lead and develop these, and other new initiatives, the College has hired Terri Karpish, Student Services Officer (B.A., LL.B.'92) and Shannon Seymour, Student Services Secretary. These initiatives will add to the existing services provided to incoming and current students by Pam Kimber (Student Affairs Secretary) and Doreen Petrow (LL.B. Admissions Secretary).

The success of these programs will be fostered by our relationship with our alumni. We are interested in your suggestions and your involvement in our events so please contact Terri Karpish to volunteer or to offer your comments at (306) 966-1924 or by email [terri.karpish@usask.ca](mailto:terri.karpish@usask.ca).

### **THE STUDENT SERVICES TEAM**

Terri Karpish graduated from the University of Saskatchewan, College of Law in 1992. She was called to the Saskatchewan Bar in January 1994 and practised law in the city of Prince Albert. Her career has been diverse ranging from general practise, in-house counsel, working with First Nation organizations and managing a restorative justice program.

Shannon Seymour has an extensive background with student services and has been working within the university setting for a number of years.

Pam Kimber, Student Affairs Secretary, has been with the College for 23 years. She works closely with students throughout their program, assisting with courses and scheduling.

Doreen Petrow is the College's LL.B. Admissions Secretary. She joined us in June 2004.

#### **SSO Team**

*Clockwise from  
back left*

*Pam Kimber,  
Doreen Petrow,  
Terri Karpish,  
Shannon Seymour*





# Revitalizing **OUR COLLEGE**

## ***Student Lounge Project***

Revitalization and a renewed focus on the student experience are key themes being embraced by the College of Law. We all know a legal education involves much more than attending classes, researching and writing papers, and studying for those dreaded exams. Law school is also a highly social place where students interact with their peers and build relationships that last throughout their careers and beyond. To facilitate the social quality of the law school experience, renovations to the existing College of Law Student Lounge began in the spring of 2005.

A student committee was given the task of polling the student body for ideas on what the project should entail. The challenge facing the committee was to make the existing space more user-friendly and functional, improve its ability to accommodate student and college social functions and stay within a tight budget authorized by Dean Brent Cotter. Committee members also had to ensure the changes and improvements would maintain functionality within the College's future building plan.

With the help of University Planners, the Student Lounge planning committee devised a plan that will provide a place where students can gather to socialize, to learn and work together, and to enjoy their time at their College. Improvements to the Student Lounge included: painting, replacement of the tile ceiling, improved lighting, refurbishment of existing furniture and the purchase of some new furnishings, a mobile counter and coffee station (that will serve double-duty as a beverage service station during College receptions). The Student Lounge also displays artwork by prairie and Aboriginal artists to reflect the province's character and culture.

The most significant enhancement to the Student Lounge is the addition of the new *Express Computer Centre*. The Express Computer Centre will provide wireless network and printing

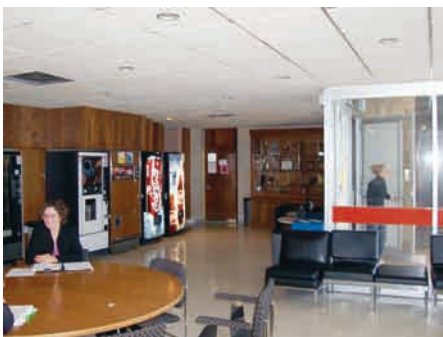
services for law students. The Centre features five computer stations (three desktop computers and two laptop docking ports) and a wireless accessible printer. Two stations have been designed to be wheelchair accessible. The Student Lounge space has also been upgraded with convenient electrical outlets and now provides wireless network access to law students who have personal laptop computers. This is a huge step forward in convenience for our students!

The Express Computer Centre came about as the result of a very generous gift from a college alumnus who wanted to make a difference in the lives of today's law students. Ms. Gerda Bloemraad (LL.B.'95) is currently living and working in Toronto but she still fondly remembers her law school days. It was those fond memories, combined with a visit from Dean Cotter in November 2004, that moved Ms. Bloemraad to consider a gift to the College. "I wanted to ensure that as many students as possible benefit, on a daily basis, during their time at the College of Law," Ms. Bloemraad said.

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Utilizing Ms. Bloemraad's gift to create the Express Computer Centre will meet her goals and fulfill a need that would have otherwise been financially impossible for the College to address. "The timing was perfect. Ms. Bloemraad's gift gave us an opportunity to incorporate the creation of the Express Computer Centre into the planning of the student lounge

## BEFORE



## AFTER



renovation project,” said Laura Herman, Development Officer for the College.

“Ms. Bloemraad deserves great credit for the establishment of this facility. We are pleased that she approached the law school asking about ways she could contribute to student life. The College, and its students, are thrilled with the Express Computer Centre and the results of the entire Student Lounge project,” said Dean Cotter.

Although Ms. Bloemraad did not want any direct acknowledgement for her generosity, she has agreed to have a small wall plaque mounted above the Express Computer Centre recognizing her generous contribution.

The lounge officially re-opened on September 6, 2005 during the College of Law’s first year Orientation Program.



# *Revitalizing* **OUR COLLEGE** ***New Physical Space***

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*The great thing in this world is not so much where you stand, as in what direction you are moving.*  
- Oliver Wendell Holmes

The College of Law has embarked on a major initiative to revitalize, modernize and expand the physical premises of the College of Law. Since its inception in 1912, the College of Law has been an important institution at the University of Saskatchewan, proudly graduating over 3,500 students who have gone on to serve in leadership capacities at provincial, national and international levels. The present home of the College of Law was constructed under the Deanship of Otto Lang and, since its opening in 1967, has remained largely un-renovated. The College of Law was initially built to accommodate a community of approximately 250 people. The present population in the law school exceeds 350. While the current building has physical drawbacks and restrictions due to the growing law school community, it is still considered an architectural icon in the province of Saskatchewan, praised for its innovative design, construction and features. Preserving the historical and cultural significance of the College of Law building was at the forefront of discussions undertaken by the Building of Our Future Committee which was assigned the task of planning the expansion and modernization of the law school premises. The Committee is co-chaired by Professor Marie-Ann Bowden and Professor Heather Heavin.

The Building of Our Future project will bring the existing facility to a physical size that can accommodate the present and future needs of students, faculty, staff and alumni of the College of Law. Its aim is to address functional and accessibility deficiencies within the current physical space, enabling the law school to continue delivering high quality legal education into the future.

Given the significance of this capital expansion, there is a clear recognition by the faculty, students and staff of the College that the expansion project must reflect the values

that have been identified as important to the College. These values include a commitment to:

- our Aboriginal community by creating facilities that are welcoming and culturally appropriate.
- ecological sustainability through energy efficiencies and minimal impact to our surroundings.
- building functional facilities that will support and strengthen the collaborative and engaged nature of the law school community by accommodating student initiatives, law journals or research institutes.
- the flexibility required to support multiple uses by alumni, students and faculty.
- the facilitation of high-quality instruction and research through the use of appropriate technology.

The proposed expansion of the College of Law will see an increase of approximately 1,160 square meters of space adjacent to, and contiguous with, the existing building. In recognition of the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan's generous support for this project, the addition will be named 'The Law Foundation of Saskatchewan Wing'. The addition's location on the south-east side of the existing building will create a distinct 'law footprint' in the area between the Commerce and Arts buildings and will almost double the current, non-library space of the College. The addition has been proposed as a two-storey structure, with the structural capacity to construct a third storey depending on the success of fundraising efforts. The south-east location was deemed the most appropriate as it will maximize our opportunity to use natural light and achieve our ecological objectives. An outdoor court-yard will be accessible through an atrium serving as the link between the new and existing buildings.

Plans for the ground-floor of the addition include:



- a 125 person lecture theater that will provide more capacity than any of the College's existing classrooms.
- a new student lounge.
- offices for student organizations such as the Law Students' Association, the Aboriginal Law Students' Association, Pro Bono Students Canada, and Campus Legal Services within the College.
- two new classrooms that will alleviate the overcrowding currently experienced in our existing classrooms.

Plans for the first-floor of the addition include:

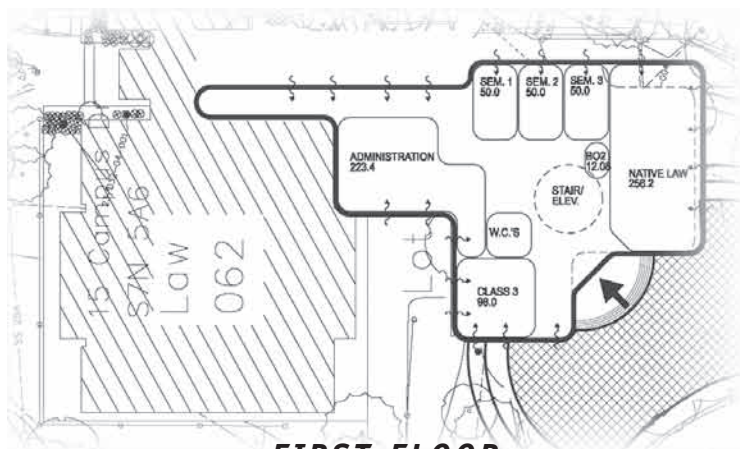
- a new and distinctive main entrance located south of the current building.
- the relocation of administrative offices to facilitate better access for students, the greater university, legal communities and the public.
- the development of additional classroom and seminar space.

Present plans also contemplate the inclusion of the Native Law Centre, a division of the College that is currently situated in the Diefenbaker Centre.

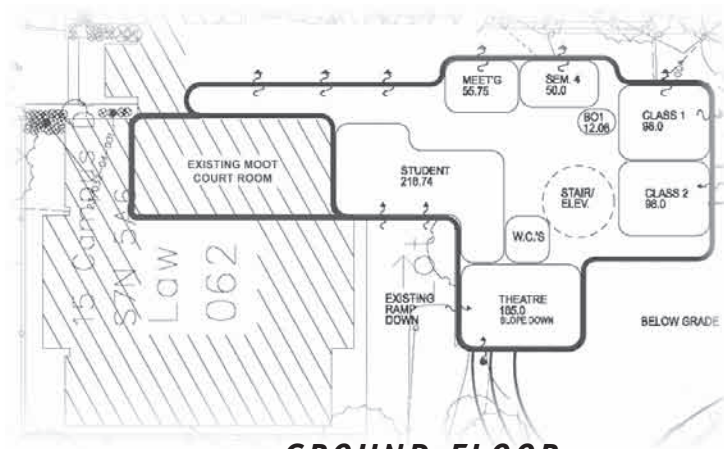
The creation of additional space will provide an opportunity to undertake required renovations to the existing law building. Recent increases in the number of faculty have placed a great premium on office space. Currently, some faculty offices are shared and we have moved some offices onto the mezzanine level of the Law Library. The planned removal of the administrative offices from the existing building will allow all faculty to be located on the third floor. The creation of new classrooms and seminar rooms will provide an opportunity to allocate space in the basement of the law school for other purposes such as library expansion or storage. Graduate student, professor emeritus and sessional lecturer offices will also be created through renovating and rejuvenating the existing building.

The College and the U of S Facilities Management Division have made a commitment to construct an environmentally friendly and sustainable addition to the Law building. Our intent is to assemble a planning and construction team that has experience in sustainable design. In this way, the College is being environmentally conscientious and continuing its reputation as a leader in innovation. This commitment will result in overall costs-savings for the project through future reductions in operating and maintenance costs.

The Building of Our Future project is an example of one of the many ways the College of Law is moving in a direction of excellence through change. In reflecting on the history of this great school, a common theme has emerged – plan for the future. A strategic direction for the College with enhanced student services, an enhanced faculty complement and the revitalization and construction of the physical premises are some of the many ways the College of Law is building for our future today.



**FIRST FLOOR**



**GROUND FLOOR**

# Revitalizing **OUR COLLEGE**

## ***New Faculty***

Michael Ilg, Don Layh, Dwight Newman, Doug Surtees, and Barbara von Tigerstrom are an exceptional group of professors. In my opinion, no law school in the country has done as well in attracting such a strong team to their faculty this year. Their presence will strengthen our research and publication record, enhance our teaching reputation and will enable us to dramatically expand our course offerings. For example, we will be adding the following courses to our curriculum (or bringing some out of "suspended animation"): Law and

Economics, International Criminal Law, Law and the Elderly, Health Law, Arbitration, Law and Psychiatry, a second Human Rights seminar, Legal History, Business Finance and Evidence II. This collection of new and revived offerings, coupled with the standard (and very solid) components of our curriculum will enable us to provide to our students the largest selection of course offerings in the history of the College of Law, taught by an outstanding team of law teachers.



### **MICHAEL ILG**

Michael Ilg is a Ph.D. candidate in the Faculty of Law, University of British Columbia. His research and publication record encompass areas of law and economics, legal theory, and international law. He also taught Corporations law as an adjunct professor at UBC in the Spring of 2005. Originally from Barrie, Ontario, Michael has also lived in Kingston, where he earned an LL.B. and LL.M. from Queen's University.



### **DON LAYH**

Don Layh brings to the College of Law 19 years of experience in the practice of debtor-creditor law, with a focus on personal property security law and issues in agricultural credit. Don is a graduate (with distinction) from the College of Law (1986) and recipient of the Award of Excellence for top marks in the Saskatchewan Bar Admission Course. He was called to the Manitoba Bar in 1994. Since graduation, Don has taught the Secured Transactions portion of the Saskatchewan Bar Admission Course and has been a sessional lecturer at the U of S in the Colleges of Law and Commerce. He practiced law with Robertson Stromberg from 1986 to 1994. In 1994 he and his family returned to their country home on the Assiniboine River valley east of Langenburg. Don set up his practice in Langenburg,



serving major credit-grantor clients, including Business Development Bank of Canada, Saskatchewan and Manitoba Credit Unions, Saskatchewan Northern Affairs, SaskNative Economic Development Corporation and Saskatchewan Indian Equity Foundation. Don was recognized this year by SKLESI at the Annual Saskatchewan Bar Association Meeting as an outstanding volunteer. As a half time professor, he will maintain and modify his Langenburg practice.

At the College, Don will be teaching Secured Transactions and a seminar in Agricultural Credit. His involvement in assisting the Alberta, British Columbia and New Zealand Bars to adapt to personal property security legislation, his several presentations for SKLESI and appearances before all levels of the Saskatchewan courts will offer students a pragmatic view of these vital areas of Saskatchewan law.

Don's invitation to teach at the College of Law should have come as little surprise to him. While he and his wife were traveling in India in February, a casual encounter with an astrologist outside a restaurant in New Delhi foretold that by September a new professional opportunity (requiring a change of residence) would present itself. Don said he chuckled and dismissed the experience until, upon his return to Canada, he had received an email from the College inviting him to explore the options of a "temporary or permanent change of career."

Don taught high school for four years before entering law school. He is eager to return to a teaching career. As Don says, "Teaching and practicing law are passionate undertakings. To have the chance to do both is a rewarding calling."



## DWIGHT NEWMAN

Dwight Newman returns to the College of Law, from which he received his LL.B. in 1999 with the Gold Medal, and where he was a member of the Saskatchewan Jessup Moot team that wrote the written argument recognized as best in the world out of 275 teams. Born in Moose Jaw and raised in Regina, where he completed his B.A. with the Governor General's Silver Medal and the University of Regina President's Medal, Dwight has gone on to various things since graduating from the College. Upon graduation, he headed to Ottawa to serve as a law clerk to Chief Justice Lamer and Justice LeBel at the Supreme Court for one year. Then he departed to Cape Town, South Africa, where he served as an intern for a human rights organization for six months. Dwight has also worked for the Pay Equity Task Force Secretariat, has been called to the Ontario bar, and served at a human rights organization in Hong Kong, China. Over the past six years, he has travelled to almost fifty countries.



Most recently, Dwight has been completing his graduate studies at Oxford University, with support from a Rhodes Scholarship and, for his final year, a SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship and the Taylor Fellowship as Canada's top SSHRC doctoral student. After completing his B.C.L. (and winning Oxford's Hart Prize in Jurisprudence and Political Theory) and his M.Phil., Dwight is in the final stages of a D.Phil. His thesis tries to develop a theoretical account of group rights, and he hopes to build from this in future research. Dwight has taught jurisprudence and international law at Oxford for the past two years. In 2005-06, he will be teaching at the College in first-year constitutional law (where he wants to introduce some comparative perspectives while simultaneously focussing in on how constitutional law matters provincially and regionally) and in a new seminar in international criminal law (where he will get participants to explore facets of this fascinating hybrid area of law that seeks to enforce human rights protections and achieve transnational rule of law). When we caught up with him briefly, Dwight said, "I am looking forward to working at the College. It is full of great ideas and people and vision. I am honoured to serve as a member of the faculty, to work with a great group of colleagues, and to help future generations of students reach for the very best that they can do, something that will very often far surpass initial expectations."

## DOUG SURTEES

Doug Surtees is a lawyer who, prior to joining the College of Law, was with the Public Legal Education Association of Saskatchewan (PLEA) for twelve years. He served the organization as Co-Director and Youth and Schools Coordinator. In addition to being a lawyer, Doug holds a teaching certificate and is a certified mediator. He has earned four degrees: B.A., B.Ed., LL.B., and a LL.M.



In addition to his work at PLEA, Doug has taught as a sessional lecturer at the University of Saskatchewan (Colleges of Law and Commerce), and at Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (Kelsey Campus). He has also been a labour adjudicator and an arbitrator.

Doug was raised in Saskatoon, and has been an active community member. In addition to serving on the Board of Directors of the Saskatchewan Abilities Council and Saskatoon Co-op, Doug volunteers with the Brevoort Park Community Association, the Brevoort Park Home and School, and the Saskatoon Optimist Club. He is married and has two children.

## BARBARA VON TIGERSTROM

Dr. Barbara von Tigerstrom hails from Edmonton, Alberta. She is currently teaching at the University of Canterbury School of Law in Christchurch, New Zealand. She moved to Christchurch in 2003 after completing a Ph.D. at the University of Cambridge. Her previous degrees were from the University of Alberta (B.A. in Comparative Literature) and the University of Toronto (M.A. in Comparative Literature and LL.B.).



After graduating from law school, Barbara worked at the Supreme Court of Canada as law clerk to Justice Cory and then completed her articles with the Edmonton office of Miller Thomson. After being admitted to the Alberta bar she left the firm to take up a position as Project Coordinator at the University of Alberta Health Law Institute. There she was responsible for a major project on legal issues in health care reform (including co-editing *Health Care Reform and the Law in Canada: Meeting the Challenge*, University of Alberta Press, 2002), as well as research and education on health information and privacy law, consent to treatment, public health surveillance and complaint resolution in health care.

At Canterbury, Barbara has been teaching health law, international human rights law, and international trade law, and has been active in law school and university administration, especially on research matters. Her current research focuses on issues of international and domestic law relating to public health and biotechnology. She has written extensively on health information and is also the author of articles and book chapters on other health and biotechnology law issues, tobacco control, human rights, international trade and development, and human security in foreign policy and international law.

Barbara will join the College of Law in December 2005. She is looking forward to being back in Western Canada and getting to know Saskatoon and the University of Saskatchewan.

# Revitalizing **OUR COLLEGE**

## Faculty News

### PENELOPE ANDREWS

In February and May, 2005 Penny participated at the Feminist Legal Theory Workshops at the Thomas Jefferson Law School in San Diego and the University of Keele in the United Kingdom. Her presentations at both events were based on her current research involving women in transitional societies. In March she participated at an international law workshop at Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, hosted by the University of Idaho Law School. Penny's paper focused on the use of international law by South African courts.

Her article, *Brown v. Board of Education at 50: Reflections from South Africa*, was published in the summer 2005 volume of the *New York Law School Law Review*.

### MARK CARTER

Professor Carter is presently researching issues relating to unwritten constitutional principles as sources of interpretation for the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.



### PAUL CHARTRAND

Professor Chartrand wrote a commentary published in the 22 April 2005 issue of the *Lawyers' Weekly*, "Should Supreme Court pluralism extend to Aboriginal representation?" (at 16).



He organized and chaired a conference that focused on the two public inquiries published by the government of Saskatchewan in 2004: the Inquiry into the Death of Neil Stonechild, and the report of the First Nations and Métis Peoples and Justice Reform Commission. (see article on page 25) Professor Chartrand also made presentations on panels at two other conferences: a panel on Aboriginal representation in public institutions at a joint Canadian Bar Association-Indigenous Bar Association conference in Ottawa-

March, 2005 and a panel on Aboriginal law at the mid-winter conference of the Canadian Bar Association's Saskatchewan branch in February.

During the fall term he attended sessions of the United Nations' Commission on Human Rights Working Group on the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People in Geneva. In April, 2005 the CHR extended the mandate of the Working Group to complete its work of elaborating a declaration.

### MICHAELA KEET

Professor Michaela Keet, with Julie Macfarlane, recently published "Civil Justice Reform and Mandatory Civil Mediation in Saskatchewan: Lessons from a Maturing Program" (2005) 42(3) *Alberta Law Review* 667.

### RONALD CUMING

Professor Ronald Cuming gave a paper at a World Bank Symposium on Modernization of the Secured Transactions Law held in Beijing China, January 24-28, 2005. The Symposium, which was attended by over 200 participants including members of the Chinese judiciary and representatives from the People's Bank of China and the National People's Congress, was part of a World Bank project designed to improve credit markets in China. Professor Cuming will continue to work with a World Bank team of legal experts and economists to develop recommendations for changes to the secured transactions law of China.



### PATRICIA FARNESE

Professor Farnese has received funding under the Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) Program to develop an on-line version of the Issues in Agriculture and Food Law course that she teaches in the College of Agriculture.



She is participating in the program design and course development of the new Indigenous Peoples Resource Management Program for Land Managers that will soon be offered at the University of Saskatchewan.

On April 8, 2005, Professor Farnese gave a presentation on Country of Origin Labelling at the semi-annual meeting of the Agricultural Institute of Canada in Victoria, British Columbia.

Professor Farnese has received a research grant from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada under their Private Sector Risk Management Partnership. The project is designed to identify risk and assess the potential for liability arising from producer participation in traceability initiatives and on-farm environmental planning. In addition to traditional legal publications, the project will produce checklists producers can use as a management tool to assess and minimize risks and a guide for their lawyers in the event of a problem on the farm.

#### DAN ISH

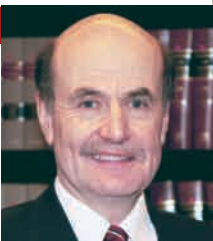
Professor Dan Ish has been on Administrative Leave this past term. He wrote a paper on Co-operative Legislation for Farmer Co-operatives in China which was delivered to a workshop in Beijing in April. The Chinese government is developing draft co-operative legislation and has invited input from a number of international experts. The China project is a continuation of work done by Professor Ish over several years with co-operatives and governments in developing countries including Indonesia, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Nepal and several Caribbean countries.

Professor Ish has also completed a revision of a chapter for the next edition of *Materials on Canadian Income Tax*, a casebook/text used in taxation courses across Canada.

#### GLEN LUTHER

Professor Glen Luther joined the Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association and attended the November conference on Advocacy in Regina and attended the conference in Saskatoon on Media and the Law in April, 2005. He also attended a two day International Human Rights Symposium held at Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto in January.

Professor Luther and Dr. Mansfield Mela of the Department of Psychiatry are developing a new seminar on Law and Psychiatry to be offered in the winter term of 2005-06. For many years such a course was taught by President Peter Mackinnon and Dr. Ian McDonald and the re-introduction of the course in the College's curriculum will be welcomed by our students.



#### KEN NORMAN

Since September, 2004, Professor Norman has served as a member of the four-person Content Advisory Committee for the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. This Committee works with Ralph Appelbaum & Associates, of New York, on the design of this National Museum. On April 15, 2005, federal funding of \$100 million, for the \$280 million project, was confirmed. The Museum is to be built at The Forks in Winnipeg. It is slated to open in 2009.

Professor Norman also serves as a member of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General for Canada and he continues to serve as Treasurer of the Court Challenges Program of Canada.

His most recent publication was "ILO Freedom of Association Principles as Basic Canadian Human Rights: Promises to Keep" (2004) 67 Saskatchewan Law Review 591.



#### TIM QUIGLEY

Professor Quigley is the chief negotiator for the Faculty Association, and he continues to be a co-editor of the Criminal Reports writing headnotes and annotations.

His publications include "Brief Investigatory Detentions: A Critique of R. v. Simpson" (2004), 41 Alta. L. Rev. 935.



#### LUCINDA VANDERVORT

Professor Vandervort recently published "Sexual Assault: Availability of the Defence of Belief in Consent" (2005) 84(1) Canadian Bar Review 89-105.

#### FACULTY PROMOTIONS

**Paul Chartrand** has recently been awarded tenure. **Lucinda Vandervort** has recently been promoted to full Professor.

#### FACULTY RESIGNATION

It is with regret that we announce the resignation of **Tamara Buckwold** who is pursuing new opportunities with the Faculty of Law at the University of Alberta. Her passion for teaching and lending a hand with anything that needed to be done will be greatly missed by faculty, staff and students.



# THE *Ariel F. Sallows* *Chair*

**PENELOPE ANDREWS**

Since I was born in Cape Town, South Africa during the dark days of apartheid, my approach to human rights have been shaped by growing up in a highly repressive, racist and authoritarian society. My earliest political activities were directed at various anti-apartheid causes. I went to law school believing profoundly that law could serve the ends of justice and that law really could be used in the service of human needs. I worked at the Legal Aid Clinic at the University of Natal, where I obtained my B.A. and LL.B degrees. Upon graduation I was employed at the Legal Resources Center, South Africa's largest public interest law firm.

I obtained a scholarship to do my LL.M. at Columbia Law School and thereafter worked as a legal intern at the NAACP Legal Defence Fund, a civil rights organization that had for decades successfully challenged segregation in the U.S.A. I was also appointed the Chamberlain Fellow in Legislation at Columbia Law School where I researched labour legislation in South Africa.

During my three years in the U.S.A. I was active in the increasingly successful anti-apartheid movement there, and I also became acutely aware of other global struggles around racism and sexism. The first article I ever wrote focused on the intersection of racism and sexism in South Africa.

In 1985 South Africa declared a state of emergency and I decided not to return there. Since I was not able to obtain a green card, I applied for law teaching positions in Australia and joined the faculty at La Trobe University, Melbourne, in 1986. For the next six years I taught courses on Aborigines and the Law in Australia and Australia's anti-discrimination laws and policies.

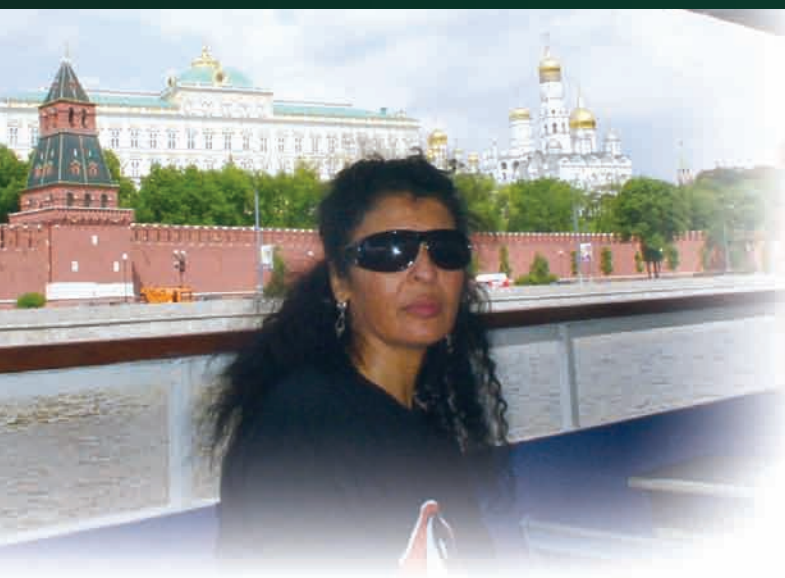
I also obtained some consultancies focusing on the human rights issues of Aboriginal people; particularly Aboriginal women and the violence to which they were exposed.

I was appointed to the faculty of the City University of New York in January 1993 where I've taught courses on international law, international human rights law and comparative perspectives on race and law. In my advocacy and scholarship I have focused on constitutional and human rights issues in the South African, Australian and global contexts, with particular emphasis on the rights of economically marginalized communities, women and people of color.

I have held several visiting positions such as teaching international human rights law at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa, the University of Aberdeen in Scotland, the University of Amsterdam and the University of Potsdam in Germany. During 2002 I held the Stoneman Professor of Law and Democracy at Albany Law School and the Parsons Visitor at the University of Sydney, Australia. I remain active in many international organizations and I serve on the Board of Directors of the Welfare Law Center in New York, the Friends of the Constitutional Court of South Africa, the Law and Society Association and the Columbia Law School Association.

I have maintained very close contact with South African and Australian lawyers and human rights advocates and have collaborated with them in several ventures including an internship program for American law students. I have taken delegations of American lawyers and judges interested in human rights to meet their counterparts in South Africa.





I decided to come to the University of Saskatchewan as the Sallows Professor to write a book on women's human rights. Tentatively entitled: *From Cape Town to Kabul: Rethinking Women's Rights*, I want to explore the ways that societies in transition, like South Africa and Afghanistan, deal with the removal of gender inequalities in the face of widespread poverty, cultural conflicts and legacies of violence. The book will examine major trends in women's human rights in the last few decades and assess how the pursuit of rights has been possible through the use of constitutions and laws, but also the vast obstacles that continue to impede women's right to equality.

While at the University of Saskatchewan, I am organizing two conferences: one at the University of Saskatchewan in September, 2005 entitled, *Reflections on Rights Enforcement: Comparative Perspectives*. The other will take place at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, entitled *Comparative Constitutionalism and Rights: Global Perspectives*.

## Graduate Studies Opportunity

The College of Law encourages graduates of the College and Saskatchewan practitioners to consider taking a career break to further their educational qualifications, and to read, write, and think in areas of particular interest through the U of S Master of Laws (LL.M.) program. The combination of a relatively small student body and faculty supervisors who are eminent in their fields, enables the College to offer a unique experience in graduate legal studies. This thesis program has a one-year residency requirement, and normally takes two years to complete. Supervisory expertise is available in the areas of Aboriginal Law, Agricultural Law, Criminal Law, Commercial Law, Constitutional Law and Human Rights, Environmental Law, and Alternate Dispute Resolution. Where possible, interdisciplinary programs may be considered, for example in relation to International Trade. Bursary and scholarship funding may be available. For the 2006-07 academic year, applications from alumni and

Saskatchewan practitioners will be accepted until May 1, 2006. Application forms are available on-line at <http://www.usask.ca/cgsr/forms.html> or from our Admissions Officer, Graduate Program, College of Law, (306) 966-5909.



***To address the safety of our students, the College installed security cameras in the basement of the Law building. The cameras, and reduced non-business hours access to the basement area, now give our students an improved sense of security.***

# *The Building of our Future* **FUNDRAISING UPDATE**

*The Building of Our Future–The College of Law calls on alumni, friends and the legal community for support.*

June 9, 2005 was a very exciting day for the College of Law at the University of Saskatchewan. Faculty and students gathered with the Canadian Bar Association-Saskatchewan Branch, the Law Society of Saskatchewan and members of Saskatchewan's legal community as Dean Brent Cotter officially kicked-off a \$7.5 million fundraising effort that will see the College revitalized, modernized and expanded.

Last September, Dean Cotter struck an internal working committee to begin planning for the Building of Our Future. Chaired by Professor Heather Heavin, the committee included several junior and senior faculty members, the Dean, Associate Dean, administrative staff and student representatives. Meeting regularly throughout the academic year, the committee worked toward a building plan that would meet the changing needs of legal education and be representative of the various communities of interest the law school serves. Through consultations with faculty, students, and members of the legal community, and by working collaboratively with University planners, the committee was able to unveil preliminary renderings and floor plans for the Building of Our Future during the fundraising kick-off.

The expansion will allow for state-of-the-art classrooms with multi-media capabilities, enhanced student support services, sufficient faculty and administrative offices, improved student areas, including student lounge space and offices for student organizations. (see article on page 6-7 for more building details.)

Dean Cotter addressed the audience saying "All of these improvements will contribute to an enhanced atmosphere for student learning and growth. The expanded facility will enable us to alleviate overcrowding in the faculty offices and accommodate a growing faculty complement. We will consolidate faculty offices and relocate the administrative

offices to improve our services to the law school and improve our accessibility to the outside community."

In addition to treating the legal community to a first glimpse of the proposed renderings and floor plans. Dean Cotter discussed the financial requirements and reported on the College's success to date in raising the required capital for the project.

The total project is expected to cost between \$7.5 million and \$8.0 million and is scheduled for opening in time for the 2007-2008 academic year. Capital required for the project has been partially secured by a unique funding arrangement among three partners in legal education. The Law Foundation of Saskatchewan is providing a matching gift of up to \$2.5 million dollars toward the College of Law's building addition project. Along with this leadership gift from the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan, the University of Saskatchewan has also committed up to \$2.5 million in matching gifts. It is up to the College of Law to raise a further \$2.5 million for the project.

"We are looking to our alumni, the legal profession and friends of the College to pledge their support for this project and collectively contribute at least \$2.5 million", said Dean Cotter. "Every dollar pledged to Building of Our Future will secure two more dollars for this project because of the matching agreement with the Law Foundation and the University of Saskatchewan. We are confident we can achieve our goal. I am pleased to announce that we have received contributions and commitments exceeding \$1.3 million. We are over 50% of the way."

Cotter acknowledged and thanked the leadership already shown by College of Law supporters including MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman LLP which pledged \$300,000. A newly constructed



theatre will be named in honour of the firm to recognize its significant contribution.

McDougall Gauley LLP has also pledged its support in the form of a \$250,000 contribution to the Building of Our Future. The firm's commitment will be recognized by renaming the current Moot Court Room the 'McDougall Gauley Court Room' at the official opening in September, 2007.

Other major gifts to date include a pledge from Robert H. McKercher, QC and Peggy McKercher of \$100,000, \$75,000 from The Canadian Bar Association - Saskatchewan Branch and pledge to organize a volunteer committee that will canvass their members province-wide for support.

A \$600,000 gift from an anonymous donor was also announced on June 9.

Dean Cotter continued to impress the crowd when he announced faculty and staff in the College of Law have given their full support to the College's Building initiative and have collectively pledged over \$150,000 to date. Students contributed to the fundraising effort by holding a steak night last spring and donating all proceeds to the Building of Our Future. LSA President, Jeff Howe, says the student body is committed to continuing its fundraising efforts in the upcoming school year. Jeff said "We don't have to wait to

be alumni to give back to our College, we can all start right now!"

All gifts made to the Building of Our Future will be recognized as part of the University of Saskatchewan's Thinking the World of our Future campaign. President Peter MacKinnon and University Advancement personnel launched this Campaign for the University of Saskatchewan last November with a goal of raising \$100 Million for the University in time for its Centennial celebrations in 2007.

Our future as a law school has never been brighter. We have the support of so many communities of interest who believe in the College, who have benefited and who continue to benefit from our commitment to excellence in legal education.

*Laura Herman*

If you would like to make a gift to the College of Law's Building of Our Future project, please contact Dean Brent Cotter at (306) 966-5910 ([brent.cotter@usask.ca](mailto:brent.cotter@usask.ca)) or Development Officer Laura Herman at (306) 966-5898 ([laura.herman@usask.ca](mailto:laura.herman@usask.ca)).

## *Administrative* **NEWS**

**Sherri Cheung** is the Executive Assistant to the Dean while Jana Danielson is on maternity leave. Sherri was seconded to Law from her position as Human Resources and Administrative Officer in University Advancement.



**Kris Engstrom**, the Dean's secretary and long time employee of the College of Law, was awarded a Saskatchewan Centennial Medal for her artistic excellence and the support of local charities through donations of her work to fundraising auctions. She was nominated for the award by the Hon. Frank Quennell, QC.



# Revitalizing **OUR COLLEGE**

## **Alumni Support**

### **'SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR REUNION' BRINGS ENTHUSIASTIC ALUMNI BACK TO CAMPUS**

June 23-25 saw over 450 University of Saskatchewan Alumni and friends return to our beautiful campus for 'Spotlight on Your Reunion'. This year the annual reunion festivities were in honour of the graduating classes of 1928-1944, 1950, 1955, 1960 and 1965. Alumni traveled from across the province and around the world to reconnect with their friends from the 'good ole days', to share their stories, to reminisce, and to create new memories.

Opening night featured a welcome reception at Saskatoon's 'Castle on the River', the Delta Bessborough Hotel. Alumni and their families were greeted by University Advancement staff and volunteers and then ushered into the grand ballroom to meet with graduates and representatives from their respective colleges. The party was said to last well into the night as alumni rekindled friendships and enjoyed the hospitable atmosphere.

Friday began with bus and walking tours of the University of Saskatchewan campus. In full bloom and exuding its breathtaking summertime beauty, campus was the perfect setting to welcome back these special alumni. The changes that have taken place throughout the campus since many of these alumni had last visited were described by campus tour guides, most of whom are current U of S students. Alumni enjoyed the opportunity to interact and learn from the students while sharing stories of their own as they related to the buildings on campus.

Following the campus tour, Dean of Law, Brent Cotter, took up the reigns as tour guide and led the Law Alumni on a tour of Qu'Appelle Hall. Prior to 1967, Qu'Appelle Hall housed the College of Law, so our visitors remembered it vividly. Although the building is now used as a student residence, law alumni were able to remember much of the old set-up.

Dean Cotter continued his duties as tour guide and brought the group back to the current College of Law building. Alumni were treated to a special presentation about the history of the College of Law, given by Cris Shirritt, a third year law student who spent the summer of 2004 researching and preparing the history materials. Many alumni were delighted and surprised to see old photos of themselves during their law school days. Stories continued to fly as the alumni and their spouses joined faculty and students for a luncheon in the law library.

The afternoon was a time for alumni from all colleges to gather and learn about the Canadian Light Source (CLS) Synchrotron which is now operational on the U of S campus. The CLS is Canada's largest science project in over 30 years and is one of only seven second generation synchrotrons in the world.

Friday evening saw U of S Chancellor and law alumni Tom Molloy, QC play host during the Chancellor's Dinner. Alumni again enjoyed our great prairie hospitality and spent the evening dining, dancing and delving into the past as the Intensely Vigorous College Nine band entertained the crowd. Reunion activities wrapped up on

Saturday afternoon following the President's Luncheon, hosted by U of S President, and former Dean of the College of Law, Peter MacKinnon. Always a favourite event during reunion, the luncheon gave visiting alumni one last chance to interact with their former classmates before being honoured with University pins and alumni certificates.

Next summer's reunion festivities will be held June 22-24, 2006 and we can't wait to welcome a huge crowd of Law Alumni. While all alumni and their families are welcome to come back to campus, the classes of 1928-1944, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961 and 1966 will be the honoured years. Information will be available shortly on the U of S website at



www.usask.ca/reunion or by calling Sue Hicks, Alumni Relations Officer at (306) 966-5600.

All classes from the College of Law (regardless of their graduating year) who are planning to organize a class reunion for next summer are encouraged to consider hosting their events in Saskatoon during U of S Reunion weekend, June 22-24, 2006. If you or your classmates would like further information and assistance in arranging a class reunion, please contact College of Law Development Officer, Laura Herman at (306) 966-5898 or by e-mail at [laura.herman@usask.ca](mailto:laura.herman@usask.ca).

#### Special Reunion Note:

Mr. Bernie Isman is the last surviving member of the College of Law graduating class of 1928. Mr. Isman is now 97 years old and he traveled all the way from Vancouver, B.C. to attend the U of S Reunion this summer, his 14th trip to Saskatoon for Reunion activities. Congratulations Bernie!

*Laura Herman*

## Alumni **NEWS**

#### **Carson, Mark** (LL.B.'03)

Mark Carson was presented to the Court of Queen's Bench in June. After graduating from the U of S Law School he joined the family law firm of Carson and Company in Melfort, Saskatchewan.

#### **Christ, Louis** (LL.B.'84)

On November 5, 2005 Louis Christ will be inducted into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame. Louis was a specialist at 800 metres and 1,500 metres during the years 1977 through 1982 when he represented Saskatchewan at inter track meets. He raced at Canadian junior and senior championships and represented Canada in meets against France (1978) and Belgium (1980). Louis spent five years with the U of S where he competed in one championship and four conference meets. He was named most valuable male athlete in the Canada West conference championship in 1980. During the championship meets, he

won eight gold medals, five silver and two bronze. He was strong in Canada West and Saskatchewan Open cross-country events. Louis was installed in the University of Saskatchewan's Athletic Wall of Fame in 1994.

#### **Cutforth, Lee** (LL.B.'87)

Lee Cutforth moved to Lethbridge, Alberta, with his wife Elaine and three daughters. This was a bit of a homecoming for him as Lethbridge is his birthplace and Southern Alberta is the site of the family homestead and farm. He recently joined the firm of Dimnik & Company.

**Dahl, Kurt** (LL.B.'05) studied law but rock won. The 24-year-old Saskatoon drummer graduated from the U of S this spring with degrees in commerce and law but it's a different kind of bar that he has been called to. Kurt is devoting a couple of years to the local band One Bad Son which

has already landed a two-album deal with a U.S. indie label. His plans are to record and tour and see how far they get.

#### **Dobrohoczki, Robert** (LL.B.'03)

Robert has been awarded the Norm Bromberger Research Bursary for 2004. He is currently an Interdisciplinary Ph.D. student in Co-operative Studies at the University of Saskatchewan.

#### **Heinrichs, Gregory** (LL.B.'75)

Greg accepted a position with the national law firm Davis & Company in their Edmonton office, effective November 1, 2004. Greg will continue to practice in the area of Civil Litigation.

#### **Gauley, David E.** (LL.B.'43)

The Law Society of Saskatchewan celebrated 60 years of membership for David Gauley, QC on February 10, 2005.

## *In Memoriam*

The Honourable Reginald John Gibbs, QC (LL.B.'51) passed away Nov. 16, 2004.



# Alumni **REUNIONS**



**The Class of 1979** celebrated its 25 year reunion in October, 2004. The reunion was a great success and their continued support of the College was demonstrated through a donation of over \$700.

## **Law Class of 1985 20 Year Reunion**

On the weekend of June 10, the members of the Law School graduating class of 1985 gathered in Saskatoon for their 20 year reunion. On Friday night they met at the Moot Court Room of the College of Law. Dean Brent Cotter and Professor Dan Ish presented remarks about what is now taking place at the College and plans for the future. The group then went over to the Faculty Club for talk of the "old days". On Saturday, some of the attendees golfed at Dakota Dunes Golf Course. The Saturday evening event was a dinner and

dance at the Top of the Inn at the Sheraton Cavalier. On Sunday morning, many of the graduates and guests met for a brunch, at which President Peter MacKinnon was also present. This was a special treat for the grads and some discussion was overheard about what might have happened in certain Evidence classes those many years ago. All in all, it was a wonderful weekend spent reminiscing about the many hours together at the College of Law. Plans are already underway for the 25 Year Reunion which is to be held in Calgary, Alberta.

Standing, from left to right: Hugh Harradence, John Will, Terry Owen, Pam Lothian, Char Greve, Mary Donlevy-Konkin, Judy Halyk Maathuis, Lorna Dyck, Karen Wiwchar, Wendy Downe, Mary Lou Senko, Robert Sulyma, Anne Parker, Lorna Nystuen, Ross Macnab, Donna Wilson, Sheri Meyerhoffer, Val Macdonald, Klaus Thietke, Ruth Spetz, Linda Murray, Janet McMurtry, Delores Ebert, Shirley Milligen Moffat, Karen Janke, Daryl Schatz, Jean Blacklock, Jay Watson, Rob MacKenzie

Seated, from left to right: Dale Rondeau, Ross Green, Frank Quennell, Brad Hunter, Barry Morgan, Stephen Nicholson, Don Eng

Also attending on the Friday night: Roger Arnold, Pat Dunne, Naomi Goldstein, Murray Sawatzky, Michael Scott, Rita Vogeli and on the Sunday: Don Worme.





Amanda Dodge LL.B.'03

There appears to be no well-worn path for law students seeking a rewarding career in international human rights law. That is why, as a first year law student with a serious interest in human rights, I was excited to hear about the internship opportunities offered by the federal government for young lawyers interested in human rights work around the world. It has been nearly five years since I heard about these opportunities from U of S Law alumnus Dwight Newman, and today I am preparing to move to Southern Africa for my own internship experience.

The program I am participating in is a joint initiative of the Canadian Bar Association's International Development program and the Department of Foreign Affairs' Young Professionals International program. The program's main objectives are to provide legal assistance to human rights organizations in developing countries and to provide young Canadian lawyers with human rights related work overseas. A secondary objective of the program is to assist young lawyers in obtaining employment in the field of human rights law.

Each year, the program selects ten Canadian lawyers under the age of thirty to work as interns with human rights organizations in Central and South Africa, South America, and Asia. During the seven month placements, the interns research and draft documents on a variety of human rights

related issues, such as racial and gender equality.

My placement will be with the Legal Assistance Centre (LAC) in the Republic of Namibia, formerly known as South West Africa. The LAC was involved with promoting the country's independence achieved in 1990, and has since been contributing to the creation, reform and awareness of its legal system in the post-colonial era. The LAC's main objectives are to create a human rights culture and promote access to justice in Namibia.

I will be stationed in the LAC's Gender Research and Advocacy Project, the department that seeks to strengthen women's rights and increase awareness of women's legal issues. I will be assessing the implementation of the country's Combating of Rape Act, developing a training guide on gender issues in the proposed Labour Act, and proposing reforms to family legislation.

I am hopeful that this internship will be a stepping stone to a career in international human rights law. I am appreciative of the U of S faculty and alumni, particularly Professors Ken Norman and Dwight Newman, who have been so supportive of my involvement in this program.

The of Note, and your fellow alumni, are interested in your career related adventures or accomplishments. In each issue, we would like to feature a College of Law Alum, so send your suggestions for a story to the of Note editor at [ofnote@usask.ca](mailto:ofnote@usask.ca) or call Leslie at (306) 966-5873.

*As Amanda demonstrated in this article... you can inspire others.*

It is almost exactly six years ago that I departed to South Africa to undertake an internship within the same program. I will never forget arriving in Cape Town, shrouded in mountain and sea, further than I had ever been. I will never forget standing, a few months later, in line at five in the morning with the mostly French-speaking refugees and asylum-seekers at the Home Office, having been sent to interview them as part of a project on refugee life in South Africa. I will never forget going into a township for the first time, entering the starkest apartheid legacy, now a place of both deprivation and hope.

The internship program Amanda Dodge is now undertaking presents young Canadian lawyers with a tremendous opportunity to go and use their legal skills to try to contribute to international human rights, working with organizations that have long been doing so. In the process, interns learn more about how they might try to make similar contributions in future, and they learn about themselves. Saskatchewan has strong traditions in human rights law; it is wonderful that Saskatchewan alumni like Amanda Dodge are finding opportunities to engage with the world.

Dwight Newman, LL.B.'99





# Mystery Photo

## CONTEST

The mystery photo which was published in the last issue of the of Note stimulated a number of responses from people with information about the people in the picture and the occasion on which it was taken.

The picture apparently records a meeting of the Campus Conservatives held in 1953 or 1954. Among those in the picture are Neil Crawford ('54), who later became Attorney-General of Alberta and held other Alberta cabinet posts; Mackenzie Alfred (Mack) Downey ('56), who practiced law in Edmonton and went on to enjoy success in business internationally; Fred Dunbar ('56), a veteran of the Korean War who practiced law in Regina; George Hill ('58), a prominent Saskatchewan lawyer and businessman; Roy Laschuk ('55), a longtime Regina practitioner; Robert MacKay, an Arts and Science student; Robert Paton ('55), who was a high school principal in Alberta and later served in a legal capacity in the Government of Alberta; Martin Pedersen, who became leader of the Saskatchewan Conservative Party; Charlie Sands, an Education student; Rod Tomlinson, a 1956 graduate of the College of Arts and Science; and Alan Winship ('55), who practiced law in northern Alberta.

The hands-down winner of this contest is Catherine Crawford, the only woman in the picture, who was not only able to identify twelve of the fifteen people in the photograph, but to supply the information that the occasion was a social gathering in the basement suite where she and her husband Neil Crawford lived. She also provided the sad news that Mr. Crawford died of Lou Gehrig's disease in 1992.



Front Row (l to r): Cathie Crawford, Neil Crawford ('54), Roy Laschuk ('55), Martin Pedersen, Rod Tomlinson  
Second Row (l to r): Robert MacKay, Robert Paton ('55), unknown, George Hill ('58), Mack Downey ('56), unknown Agriculture student, Fred Dunbar ('56), Charlie Sands, unknown, Alan Winship ('54).

We would like to thank the following alumni & friends who participated in the contest and provided us with information and editorial comment: T.D.R. (Bobs) Caldwell ('57); Catherine Crawford; Ross Jack ('53) and Kay (Dewar) Jack ('53); David J. MacLean ('57); John McIntosh, QC ('74); Douglas A. Schmeiser, QC ('56); Hon. Ellen Schmeiser ('57); Hon. Barry Strayer ('55).

- Beth Bilson

## WANTED



## CAN YOU HELP OUT THE HISTORY PROJECT?

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Due to the great success of our last issue's contest we would like your help again...if you recognize anyone in this photo or you know when the photo was taken, Professor Beth Bilson would like to hear from you. Please contact her at [beth.bilson@usask.ca](mailto:beth.bilson@usask.ca) if you can identify any of these College of Law affiliates.  
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## REWARD

offered to the person who provides the most information by November 30, 2005.



# Student **NEWS**

**Chris Lavier** (LL.B.'06 and **Charmaine Panko** (LL.B. '06) won the SPINLAW Award. This award recognizes the significant commitment of deserving students to public interest as demonstrated by their active involvement in the law school and broader community.

**Zoë Oxaal** (LL.B.'05) has been offered a clerkship with the Supreme Court of Canada.

**Leah Bitternose** (LL.B.'05) is the recipient of the Eva Safian Memorial Scholarship for the 2005-2006 academic

year. It is valued at \$4,000 and will be applied to her graduate degree tuition in the College of Law this fall.

# Student **ACTIVITIES**

## LEGAL FOLLIES 2005

The 36th annual Legal Follies show at the Broadway Theatre was a rousing success! The 2-day production raised over \$4,000 for The Boys & Girls Club of Saskatoon through ticket sales, 50/50 draws and (for the first time in Follies history) DVD sales. The Boys & Girls Club will use the proceeds to continue their McNab Park project which, by providing after school and

evening activities for disadvantaged children, has decreased crime in the area by 80%.

The Law-prentice themed event featured skits, musical and dance numbers and fantastic hosting by Darren Howarth.

The 2006 show will be held Feb. 3 and 4. We hope to see you all there!

**Kaylea McBeth**

## PRO BONO STUDENTS OF CANADA

Excitement is brewing at the Pro Bono Students Canada (PBSC) office about our upcoming program and another successful year of everything bono. As new coordinators, we have inherited one of the strongest PBSC programs in the country, and are proud to be a part of the continuing tradition of innovation, initiative and excellence the U of S Pro Bono program has become known for.

In a recent national consultation on Pro Bono Legal Services convened by the Honourable Irwin Cotler, Minister of Justice and Attorney General for Canada, Pro Bono at our College of Law was described as the "gold standard" program for Canadian law schools.

The success of the Saskatchewan PBSC program depends on the support of a number of key players in the community. Community organizations and programs who require legal information can approach our office and, together with the student coordinators, develop a project placement which will address their legal concerns while providing law students with an opportunity to expand their substantive legal skill base. U of S Law students, eager to put their developing skills to use, commit forty (or more) hours to their project placement. Their efforts provide organizations with high calibre legal information.

PBSC's dedicated volunteer members of the Saskatchewan Bar support students by answering questions, providing guidance, and reviewing final project submissions. A lawyer's five to ten hour commitment ensures that materials submitted to organizations are accurate and complete. In 2004-2005 this arrangement matched 76 students with over 40 lawyer volunteers to complete placements with 50 organizations throughout Saskatchewan.

We look forward to continuing and



LEGAL FOLLIES 2005

expanding the many successful student placements that have developed in the past. The breadth of experiences offered at PBSC range from legal research and writing to hands-on clinical experience. Continuing and new highlights of PBSC Placements include:

- The *De Facto* Radio Show at CFR where law students and the community at large enjoy vibrant legal conversations based on the research of current legal events. Stay tuned to CFR for our continued legal programming!

- The Saskatoon Free Legal Clinic is celebrating its first anniversary this September. Over the course of 2004-2005, 150+ clients were assisted by volunteer lawyers and students who otherwise would be unable to access legal assistance. The need for expansion of the clinic is apparent as we have fielded calls at the office from almost twice the number of people we have been able to assist.

- Long distance placements have been very rewarding for students and communities alike. Student volunteer placements have been located throughout the province from Wood Mountain to Pelican Narrows. We continue to look for ways to assist remote communities and technological advances will play an important role to the future of PBSC Saskatchewan.

- The Regina Free Legal Clinic meets the needs of potential clinic clients in the Queen City. We have partnered with the Salvation Army in Regina to develop a Regina Free Legal Clinic, under the supervision of Pamela Kovacs, the PBSC student coordinator from 2003-2005. Clinic intake is organized through the Salvation Army using the PBSC Best Practices Guide and offers remote students, articling students and young associates an opportunity to volunteer in a clinical setting.

We would like to extend our appreciation for the support we receive from the College of Law at the University of Saskatchewan and the PBSC National

Office. The College of Law continues to support the PBSC office financially and is always willing to assist us with our newest initiatives. We are proud to be a part of a national network organized by PBSC National, which provides us with ideas and inspiration.

If you are interested in participating with Pro Bono Students Canada as a lawyer supervisor, or know of an organization which might need assistance with a legal question, please contact our office at (306) 966-7757.

**Chris Lavier & Azure-Dee Farago – Student Coordinators 05/06**



*Azure-Dee Farago & Chris Lavier - Pro Bono Student Coordinators*

### **LAW STUDENT'S ASSOCIATION**

The Law Students' Association is hard at it planning another great year for our students at the College of Law. We have a number of initiatives under way including an exciting search for the College's long-lost mascot, the 'Legal Eagle'.

September and October are jam packed with social and athletic events. We kicked off the year with Orientation Week activities, including the annual Sibling Match and BBQ. Drawing on the success of last year's Family Day, we hosted a Family Picnic Day September 17. Other fall social activities include: Evident Corporate Investigation's "Discover the Truth" treasure hunt, pairing law students with local lawyers, followed by a wine and cheese - September 30 and the First Year Welcome Banquet, October 6.

As for athletic events, we have planned a golf tournament in September and slow-pitch, soccer and volleyball tournaments in September and October, 2005.

This year we will endeavour to increase outside support for the L.S.A. and our activities. We are hopeful for contributions from 'Friends of the College' to help support our social and athletic events. In turn, the L.S.A. would like to increase our contributions to charity, and support the College in its fund-raising efforts. In June, L.S.A. members joined the College of Law faculty, staff and friends on the Heart & Stroke Foundation 'big bike'. The "Law and (Dis) Order" big bike team raised over \$4,600.00 for heart and stroke research.

We are continuing to work on our communications strategies by utilizing our group website on PAWS to ensure that the general membership is up to date and has access to pertinent information. In line with this, we have opened a new email account. Our new email address is lawstudents@gmail.com.

"Catch the buzz" about what is going on at the College from our new 'Buzz Board' located at the top of the stairs on the second floor of the college.

We are looking forward to another great year and would like to thank the College of Law, the CBA, local and out-of-province firms, and other sponsors for their ongoing support. We would also like to welcome and thank new sponsors and 'Friends of the College' for their contributions.

Here's to another great year!

**Jeff Howe, L.S.A. President 05/06**  
**Rayelle Johnston, Publicity Director 05/06**





# Grad Students'

## NEWS

This spring, three of the College's Masters students successfully completed their Master of Laws program.

**Michaela Keet** successfully defended her LL.M. thesis, "Contributing to Cultural and Systemic Transformation? Assessing the Impact of Mandatory Mediation in Saskatchewan". Her supervisor was Professor Dan Ish. Her advisory committee included Professors Benson and Buglass. The external examiner on the defence committee was Professor Michelle LeBaron of the University of British Columbia.

Michaela Keet's LL.M. thesis represents a major contribution to the Alternative Dispute Resolution literature. It is both an empirical analysis of Saskatchewan's mandatory mediation program and a theoretical exploration of what is necessary for systemic transformation. The former involves a study of the Saskatchewan program which uses both quantitative and qualitative analyses. The theoretical part of the thesis involves an in-depth analysis of the data to determine whether the program has brought about systemic change in its decade of operation. Ms. Keet finds that mandatory mediation in Saskatchewan has inspired significant change but has fallen short of systemic transformation. Changes in professional identity, a necessary ingredient in systemic transformation, are only beginning to occur. The thesis concludes that not only is more and different research needed, but also that systemic transformation depends on a renewed commitment to dialogue and relationship between program managers, mediators and legal professionals.

Michaela is currently an Assistant Professor at the College of Law.

**Robert MacKenzie** successfully defended his LL.M. thesis, "Restorative Justice in Colonial Saskatchewan: An Analysis." His supervisor was Professor Tim Quigley. The members of his

committee were Professors Mark Carter and Glen Luther. The external examiner was His Honour Judge Ross Green of the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan.

His thesis provides both a theoretical and practical overview of issues surrounding restorative justice initiatives. His conclusion was that, at present, restorative justice practices have not been able to break free of the colonialism that has characterized the relationship between Aboriginal peoples and the Canadian state.

Robert is Director of the Northern Legal Aid office in LaRonge.

**Firew Seyoum** successfully defended his LL.M. thesis, "Termination of an Employment Contract Under Canadian and Ethiopian Laws: A Comparative Study". His supervisor was Professor Beth Bilson. His advisory committee included Professors Dan Ish and Ken Norman. The external examiner on the defence committee was Professor Louise Clarke of the University of Saskatchewan.

In his thesis, Firew compared Canadian and Ethiopian law with respect to the termination of the individual contract of employment. He looked at the theoretical foundations of the two employment law regimes, and discussed Canadian common law principles in relation to an Ethiopian system which is based on civil law combined with comprehensive regulation by statute. Though he identified significant common ground, he also pointed to important differences, such as the availability of reinstatement as a remedy in Ethiopia.

Firew Seyoum was a Judge in Ethiopia and will obtain a Canadian Law degree through the LL.B. program at the University of Saskatchewan.





# *College* **HOSTED EVENTS**

## **ABORIGINAL MOOT – NORMAN ZLOTKIN**

### **KAWASKIMHON 2005 Aboriginal Law Moot**

The College of Law in association with the Native Law Centre and the University of Saskatchewan Aboriginal Law Students Association were proud to host the Kawaskimhon 2005 National Aboriginal Law Moot on March 4 and 5. An opening reception was hosted by Dean Brent Cotter on the evening of March 3.

Kawaskimhon means “speaking with knowledge”. The Aboriginal Moot is a non-competitive moot addressing current issues in Aboriginal-Government relations. The objective of the moot is to try and reach a consensus on the issues raised by the moot problem. It is designed so that it respects and incorporates Aboriginal values and concepts of dispute resolution. The participants sit in a large circle and make their presentation from locations around the circle.

This year 12 law schools from across Canada represented various governments and Aboriginal organizations. The 2005 Aboriginal Moot was designed as an exercise in multi-party negotiations to develop a process for dealing with treaty relationships and disagreements in the interpretation of the numbered Treaties and the Robinson Treaties.

Two teams from the University of Saskatchewan College of Law participated in Kawaskimhon 2005. Lionel Kayseas, Dorinda

Stahl and Lua Young-Chartier represented the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations, and Lisa L. Abbott, Keith A. Amyotte and Leah M. Bitternose represented the Government of Saskatchewan. Professor Norman Zlotkin coached both teams.

The facilitators were Christine MacDonald of Johnstone-Clarke, MacDonald, Saskatoon; Wanda McCaslin, University of Saskatchewan Native Law Centre; and Marilyn Poitras, College of Agriculture, University of Saskatchewan. The facilitators assist the circle and comment on the presentations with the goal of trying to reach a consensus on the issues being dealt with.

The organizing committee was composed of Professor Norman Zlotkin (chair); Professor Paul Chartrand; Professor Glen Luther; Sâkéj Henderson-Research Director, Native Law Centre; Wanda McCaslin-Research Associate, Native Law Centre; Leah Bitternose-Aboriginal Law Students’ Association; and Brad Bellemare and Rae Mitten, graduate students.

The organizers of Kawaskimhon 2005 wish to thank the following for their generous support of the Aboriginal Moot: Department of Justice Canada-Aboriginal Affairs Portfolio; Office of the Treaty Commissioner; Semaganis, Worme & Missens Law Firm, Saskatoon; and the Department of Justice Canada, Advisory Committee on Aboriginal Peoples.

## ABORIGINAL PEOPLE AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IN SASKATCHEWAN: WHAT NEXT? – PAUL CHARTRAND

The College of Law, in cooperation with the University's Indigenous Peoples and Justice Programmes, presented a conference in Saskatoon January 26-28, 2005. The aim of the 'Aboriginal People and the Criminal Justice System in Saskatchewan: What Next?' conference was to provide a forum to respond to two reports published by the government of Saskatchewan in the year 2004: the "First Nations and Metis Peoples and Justice Reform Commission," chaired by Willie Littlechild IPC, released in June and Mr. Justice Wright's "Inquiry into the Death of Neil Stonechild" published in October. The conference drew two hundred participants from the professions, universities, students and community members. The conference was launched on the Wednesday evening, in conjunction with the showing of the National Film Board's film by Tasha Hubbard on the freezing deaths of Aboriginal men in Saskatoon entitled "Two Worlds Colliding." This is the first film produced by Hubbard, a graduate student at the University of Saskatchewan, and the occasion marked the launch of a national tour by the National Film Board. The

public film viewing was attended by over four hundred people who were given the opportunity to participate in an open discussion with guest panellists.

The two day conference featured panels on the main topics that were dealt with in the reports, including policing, restorative and community justice projects, city and provincial perspectives, and the courts, as well as an examination of commissions and their roles. Special presentations were made by Elder Danny Musqua, by leaders and political representatives of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations, the Assembly of First Nations, and the Métis National Council. The dinner address was given by the Honourable Frank Quennell, QC, Minister of Justice for Saskatchewan.

The conference was chaired by Paul Chartrand of the College of Law. A summary of the conference proceedings, as well as several papers written for the conference, appeared in the August issue of the Saskatchewan Law Review.



## Announcing The College of Law Alumni Association

The Dean is pleased to announce the College's intention to establish a College of Law Alumni Association. If you are a College of Law graduate and are interested in serving on the Alumni Association, you are invited to express your interest to Laura Herman at [laura.herman@usask.ca](mailto:laura.herman@usask.ca) or by phone at (306) 966-5898.

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Adam Ueland	Douglas A. Schmeiser Prize in Constitutional Law

***The following third year students received the Saskatchewan Law Review Honour:***

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