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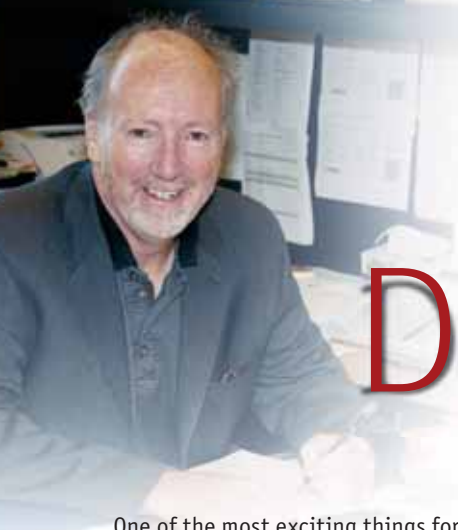
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Dean's Message

Brent Cotter

One of the most exciting things for me to contemplate at the College of Law is the two-sided coin of the law school - the achievements of our past and the opportunities we see for our future. Indeed, in this edition, *of Note* uniquely highlights these complementary themes at your alma mater.

Legal education is in the midst of change. Change as exciting and dramatic - and occasionally as sad - as we have ever experienced.

At a national level, law schools have changed a lot in the last decade.

Admission to law school continues to be highly competitive, as competitive as it has ever been. It has also become significantly more expensive for students and their families. Law schools have also expanded their faculties, enriched course offerings and generated more scholarship in more areas of law than ever before. And law schools have significantly expanded their services to law students, whether in terms of academic opportunities, technological support or job and placement supports. Finally, law schools are becoming more "strategic" in their approaches to the future - articulating principles, goals and objectives, building on strengths, becoming more effective in delivering on program priorities.

I am pleased to report that your College of Law is at the forefront of these developments. In 2003 we developed an Integrated Plan for the law school that builds upon our strengths. We are presently implementing it, and will shortly begin a project to revise and strengthen it for the future.

As a law school we are in great demand among applicants. We continue to receive hundreds of applications each year. In each of the last three years we have received between 900 and 1,000 applications from across the country and, while we accept many outstanding students, we must turn away hundreds of well-qualified applicants. While tuition at our College of Law is the lowest in common law Canada and while we provide much more financial aid than ever before, at \$6,840 per year the tuition is still a significant financial hurdle for many students.

As part of the change and revitalization at the College of Law, we have expanded our faculty with the addition of five highly distinguished young professors. You will see a snapshot of these scholarly contributions in the 'News from Our Faculty' section on pp. 4-7.

We have significantly expanded services for our students. A spruced up student lounge, wireless internet service throughout the law school, a 'virtual' computer lab, plans to enrich international exchange opportunities for students and, most significantly, a much needed Student Placement service under the direction of our Student Services Officer, Terri Karpish, have been great improvements.

Finally, through the incredibly generous support of the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan, alumni and friends of the College of

Law, we have big plans for an addition to and renovation of the existing law school. This will enable us to address significant classroom and office over-crowding, enable us to improve student space in the law school and provide us with the technologically advanced teaching and learning space of a modern law school. We are doing all of this in the most environmentally progressive way possible and will have the most environmentally sustainable building ever built at the University of Saskatchewan. (See 'The Building Of Our Future' update on page 19).

All of these changes, I hope, will continue to give you confidence in your alma mater and its commitment to excellence in legal education.

None of this would mean very much if it were not able to be built on - and rest upon - the shoulders of the giants of law and legal education who have made this law school great. This legacy of excellence is due in part to the work of great legal educators under the leadership of very distinguished Deans of the past - Arthur Moxon, Fred Cronkite, Otto Lang, Roger Carter, Doug Schmeiser, Don Clark - and those of a more recent vintage - Dan Ish, Peter MacKinnon, Beth Bilson. And it has been a legacy of excellence due to the careers and accomplishments of very distinguished graduates, some of whom - our Gold Medalists - we celebrated last November (see pp. 16-17). Your achievements in so many walks of life enable us at the law school to bask in the reflected glory of your achievements. And you inspire us to celebrate your work and to pursue a future for legal education at the College of Law whose watchword is excellence.

This brings me to final and quite sad notes. It is the nature of change that careers built on a commitment to excellence inevitably come to an end. The first is to report that Professor Russ Buglass, a much valued colleague at the College of Law, retired on June 30th. Russ will be greatly missed within the law school community, but I am pleased to report that he has been appointed Professor Emeritus and will continue in residence at the law school.

On a much sadder note, Professor Howard McConnell passed away on Monday, June 14th. Howard McConnell was a friend to countless students and colleagues at our law school and beyond. He was admired and loved by many of us. Howard has been away from the law school since 1998 when he retired and was named Professor Emeritus. His legacy and his larger-than-life presence at the law school have continued to this day. After grieving for Howard and his family, I hope you will remember to celebrate his life and his friendship to so many of us - his lasting gift to us. I invite you to read former Dean Schmeiser's "In Memoriam" remembrance of Professor McConnell on page 30).

Thank you for your continuing affection for and loyalty to the College of Law.

College APPOINTMENTS

NEW ASSOCIATE DEAN ANNOUNCED

Dwight Newman has been appointed the Associate Dean at the College of Law for a three year term, commencing July 1, 2006.

Dwight received his LL.B. at the University of Saskatchewan in 1999 and was awarded the Gold Medal. Born in Moose Jaw and raised in Regina, he completed his B.A. in Regina with the Governor General's Silver Medal and the University of Regina President's Medal. Following law school, Dwight served as



Dwight Newman
B.A., LL.B., B.C.L., M.Phil.,
D.Phil.

a law clerk to Chief Justice Lamer and Justice LeBel at the Supreme Court for a year and as an intern for a human rights organization in Cape Town, South Africa for six months. After being called to the Ontario Bar, he started into his graduate studies at Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar.

At Oxford, Dwight attained a Bachelor of Civil Law (B.C.L.) degree, a Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.), and a Doctor of Philosophy (D.Phil.). During the last two years of his graduate studies, he taught in Oxford's undergraduate jurisprudence and international law courses. Along the way, over the past six years, Dwight has worked in four different countries and travelled to almost fifty.

In his first year at the College, Dwight taught first-year constitutional law and a new seminar on international criminal law, attended several conferences, successfully defended his D.Phil. at Oxford and published a number of articles. When we caught him for a moment to ask him how he feels as he enters into his new responsibilities, he said, "Over the past year, I've immensely enjoyed working with our diverse and talented

student body, our experienced and hard-working staff, and a great group of colleagues. It's great waking up every morning to the puzzles that arrive in legal research and the challenges of striving to be the most effective teacher I can be. I look forward now to the new opportunities and challenges present in the Associate Dean position."

Dwight replaces Ron Fritz who, after seven years as Associate Dean, will continue his 32 year teaching legacy in the College.

We extend our congratulations to Dwight Newman on his appointment and thank Ron Fritz for his many years of commitment and service to the College.

NEW LAW FOUNDATION OF SASKATCHEWAN CHAIR ANNOUNCED

Dean Brent Cotter is pleased to welcome **Grant Hammond** as the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan Chair for the fall of 2006.

Justice Grant Hammond graduated from the University of Auckland and the University of Illinois. He was a partner in Tompkins Wake & Co., a Hamilton law firm. He has been a Professor of Law in American and Canadian Universities, and Chairman of a Canadian law reform agency before becoming Dean of Law at the University of Auckland. He was appointed a judge of the New Zealand High Court in 1992 and to the New Zealand Court of Appeal in January 2004.



Grant Hammond

Justice Hammond will share his enthusiasm and expertise in the area of appellate advocacy.

NEWS

FROM OUR FACULTY

BETH BILSON

Professor Beth Bilson presented a paper on administrative tribunals and the Charter at the *Reflections on Rights Enforcement: Comparative Perspectives* conference at the College of Law. Professor Bilson also presented a paper entitled "Future Tense: Some Thoughts about Labour Law Reform" at a national labour law conference at the University of Western Ontario in October. She chaired a conference on universities and innovation in Saskatoon in November.



MARK CARTER

Professor Carter's recent publications include "Retributive Sentencing and the Charter: The Implications of *Sauvé v. Chief Electoral Officer*" (2005), 10 *Canadian Criminal Law Review* 43 and "The Constitutional Validity of the Corporal Punishment Defence in Canada: A Critical Analysis of *Canadian Foundation for Children, Youth and the Law v. Canada (Attorney General)*" (2005), 12 *International Journal of Victimology* 189.



In June 2005 Professor Carter presented his paper "*The Unwritten Constitution and the Charter: Fundamental Justice in Section 7 as a Text-Emergent Constitutional Norm*" at the Annual Conference of the Canadian Law and Society Association, in Harrison, British Columbia.

Professor Carter was an invited panelist at the conference *Reflections on Rights Enforcement: Comparative Perspectives* at the University of Saskatchewan, College of Law in September 2005. The panel was titled 25 Years of the Canadian Charter. The subject of Professor Carter's presentation was issues relating to the new Malmo-Levine standard for the principles of fundamental justice in section 7 of the Charter.

PAUL CHARTRAND

Professor Chartrand gave keynote addresses and other presentations at eight conferences including an Organization of American States (OAS) conference in Ottawa, a Law Commission of Canada conference in Winnipeg and a European Union academic Conference in Brussels.



He published a summary of a conference in Saskatoon in the *Saskatchewan Law Review*, and attended two United Nations

Experts Seminars, one in Geneva and one in New York, where he presented a paper. He attended sessions on the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People in Geneva and of the OAS Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Antigua, Guatemala, as an advisor to indigenous NGOs. He chaired a committee of the Canadian Association of Law Teachers (CALT) which produced a report on judicial appointments (available on the CALT website) and he contributed to the drafting of the report. During the winter term, Professor Chartrand joined an international consortium of law teachers to offer an advanced seminar on comparative law relating to indigenous peoples which was presented from the College's Moot Court Room through a live, interactive video conference, to law students in Canada, the United States, Australia and New Zealand.

KEN COOPER-STEPHENSON

Professor Cooper-Stephenson recently delivered three conference papers including "Rights, Reparations, Dispute Resolution and Politics: Reflections on Justice and Theory in Residential School Abuse Claims" at the *Reflections on Rights Enforcement: Comparative Perspectives* conference at the College of Law, September 2005; "Conceptual and Computation Issues in Damages for Sexual Assault" (with Michaela Keet) at the *Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association Seminar*, November 2005; and "The Emergence of Constitutional Torts Worldwide" at the Conference on *Comparative Constitutionalism and Rights: Global Perspectives* in Durban, South Africa, December 2005.



In March 2005, Professor Cooper-Stephenson attended the Annual Conference on European Tort Law at the European Centre of Tort and Insurance Law in Vienna, Austria.

BRENT COTTER

In October and November 2005, Dean Cotter served on the Supreme Court of Canada Advisory Committee to the Minister of Justice for Canada to provide a short-list of candidates to fill the vacancy on the Supreme Court of Canada created by the retirement of Justice John Major.

In February 2006, Justice Marshall Rothstein was appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada to fill the vacancy. In February 2006, Dean Cotter served as Panel Chair and Commentator at a Law Commission of Canada sponsored *Crown-Métis Relations Conference* in Winnipeg, and addressed the subject of Métis and s. 91(24) of the Constitution Act, 1982.



RONALD CUMING



In October 2005 the book entitled *Personal Property Security Law*, co-authored by Professors Cuming, Walsh and Wood, was published by Irwin Law. This book is a detailed examination of all Canadian Personal Property Security Acts and the case law relating to that legislation.

In November 2005 and January 2006 Professor Cuming traveled to Beijing, China to make presentations and conduct a seminar on reform of Chinese secured transactions law.

Professor Cuming also traveled to Cairo, Egypt to meet with Iraq Ministry of Justice officials to explain the various features of a Draft Law of Consensual Charges on Movables that he prepared for Iraq. The Draft Law would provide a modern legal structure for secured transactions in Iraq.

Also in February 2006, Professor Cuming prepared a research paper for the Uniform Law Conference of Canada entitled "Should Canadian Jurisdictions Implement Certificate of Title Systems for Motor Vehicles".

In May 2006, Professor Cuming's article entitled "The International Registry for Interests in Aircraft: An Overview of Its Structure" will be published in the *International Law Review*, the journal of the International Institute for the Unification Private Law (UNIDROIT), Rome, Italy. The International Civil Aviation Organization has designed this article as a fitting vehicle to commemorate the entry into operation of the International Registry established pursuant to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment, 2001. The article will be posted on the web pages of the International Civil Aviation Organization, Montreal, and the International Institute for the Unification of Law, Rome. It will also be distributed to the Member States of the last-mentioned organization.

Professor Cuming has been nominated by the Government of Canada and appointed by the International Civil Aviation Organization to an eight member Commission of Experts to advise the Governing Council of ICAO with respect to the operation of the International Registry established under the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment, 2001 and the Protocol on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment. Other countries represented on the Commission are: United States, United Kingdom, France, Switzerland, China, Nigeria and Ireland.

The Convention, which was proposed by Professor Cuming and an associated Protocol, provides an international regime within which secured financing and leasing of large aircraft occurs. The International Registry, patterned on Canadian PPSA registries, is located in Dublin Ireland.

The Commission of Experts will exercise the functions of the Supervisory Authority allocated to the ICAO under the Convention and Protocol.

HEATHER HEAVIN



Professor Heavin published an article in the September issue of the *Canadian Bar Review* entitled "The Purposes of Authorized Trade Retaliation: Beyond Inducing Compliance" (2005), 84(2) Can. Bar Rev.

She also presented a paper titled "Fiduciary and Trust Duties of the Public Trustee and Guardian: An Exploration of Contract Law Issues" at the Conference of the National Association of Public Trustees and Guardians.

Professor Heavin has also been working diligently as the co-chair of the Building of Our Future Campaign.

SAKÉJ HENDERSON



The Indigenous Peoples' Counsel (I.P.C.) award was bestowed on Dr. Sakéj Henderson by the Indigenous Bar Association, (IBA) in October 2005. The IBA has recognized Dr. Henderson, Research Director of the Native Law Centre, for his outstanding career achievements. The I.P.C. awards are peer-based awards given to honour significant and outstanding achievements in serving the Indigenous community and the Creator with honour and dignity. The I.P.C is the Aboriginal equivalent to the Queen's Counsel (QC) awards.

Dr. Henderson also received the National Aboriginal Achievement Award, Law and Justice, in January 2006 (also see "Faculty Awards" page 7).

His recent publications include "Insights into First Nations Humanities", (2006) *The Australian Journal of Indigenous Education*; "Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Tribunals" (2005) *Canadian Journal of Administrative Law and Practice*. Co-author, Final Report: *Our Nations; Our Government Choosing a Path*, AFN Recognition and Implementation of First Nations Governments; and *Treaty Elders View of Land and Resources* FSIN for Office of Treaty Commissioner, 2005.

Dr. Henderson has also authored the following conference papers:

"Principles for the Development of First Nations Institution, Exercising Indigenous Jurisdiction Over Collective Rights", Indigenous Bar Association;

"Structuring the Ethical Circle, One Earth, One Universe Workshop", NASA;

"Reconciling Aboriginal and Treaty Rights" to Healing and Canadian Health conjoint meeting of the Association of Canadian Medical Colleges, the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Canada, the College of Family Physicians of Canada, the Canadian Association of Medical Educators, and the Medical Council of Canada.

DWIGHT NEWMAN

Professor Newman started work at the College in July 2005. He successfully defended his D.Phil. thesis at Oxford University in August. Over the last few months he has presented at two human rights conferences. One, at the University of Saskatchewan (paper on "Negotiated Rights Enforcement" published in (2006) *Saskatchewan Law Review* and the other at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. Professor Newman also presented work from his thesis at a seminar in John Whyte's Justice Studies course at the University of Regina.



His publications during his first semester in the College include: "Collective Interests and Collective Rights" (2004) 49 *American Journal of Jurisprudence* 127; "The Rome Statute, Some Reservations Concerning Amnesties, and a Distributive Problem" (2005) 20 *American University International Law Review* 293; "Tsilhqot'in Nation v. British Columbia and Civil Justice: Analyzing the Procedural Interaction of Evidentiary Principles and Aboriginal Oral History" (2005) 43 *Alberta Law Review*; and the latest version of his annual survey of the case law of the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal in the *Saskatchewan Law Review*.

KEN NORMAN

Professor Norman presented a paper on the content design of the proposed Canadian Museum for Human Rights at a panel on "New and Systemic Initiatives in Human Rights Education", Canadian Association of Statutory Human Rights Agencies, 2005, at the conference *Freedom Justice Peace: Human Rights in a Changing World*, Saskatoon, June 2005. A revised version of this paper was presented at the *Court Challenges Program of Canada's AGM*, November 2005. He delivered a presentation on "icjcanada.org", at the *Canadian Bar Association's Annual Meeting*, Vancouver, British Columbia. He also presented a seminar entitled "Social and Economic Rights" for the South African Human Rights Commission, and related statutory agencies and NGO's in Cape Town, South Africa, November 2005.



Professor Norman's recent publications include "Poverty is a Human Rights Violation" delivered at the *Comparative Constitutionalism and Rights: Global Perspectives* conference at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa; Chapter 7, in Beaudoin & Mendes, *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms 4th ed.*, (Markham: LexisNexis, 2005); and "The Saskatchewan Bill of Rights" in the *The Saskatchewan Encyclopedia*, (Regina: Plains Research Centre, 2005).

DOUG SURTEES

Doug Surtees attended the first *Elder Law Conference*, hosted by the Canadian Centre for Elder Law Studies in Vancouver in September 2005. He participated on a panel examining guardianship issues, and presented a paper on co-decision-making and guardianship in Saskatchewan. In October 2005 he addressed the *Canadian Public Guardian and Trustee National Conference* in Regina, where he spoke on Elder Abuse. In March 2006, he attended a symposium at the City University of New York Law School, where he presented a paper outlining the development of the Saskatchewan Non-Profit Corporation Act, 1995, and comparing Saskatchewan's non-profit law to that of New York State.



TIM QUIGLEY

Professor Quigley is the chief negotiator for the Faculty Association, and continues to be a co-editor of the *Criminal Reports*, writing headnotes and annotations. His recent publications include, *Procedure in Canadian Criminal Law* (looseleaf and bound student edition), published by Carswell.



LUCINDA VANDERVORT

Professor Vandervort has published "The Defence of Belief in Consent: Guidelines and Jury Instructions for Application of Criminal Code Section 265(4)" (2005) in 50(4) *Criminal Law Quarterly* 441-452.

BARBARA VON TIGERSTROM

Recent publications by Professor Von Tigerstrom include: "Small Island Developing States and International Trade: Special Challenges in the Global Partnership for Development" (2005) in 6(2) *Melbourne Journal of International Law* 402-36 and *International Law Issues in the South Pacific* (Ashgate, 2005) (co-editor with G. Leane).



In November 2005 Professor von Tigerstrom presented a paper titled "Globalization, Harmonisation and the Regulation of Therapeutic Products: the Trans-Tasman Therapeutic Products Agency in Global Context" at the *2nd Globalization and Biomedicine Workshop*, University of Sydney Faculty of Law. This paper will be published in an edited collection later in 2006.

In February 2006 she presented a paper on “Healthy Communities: Regulating Risks to Population Health” at the *3rd National Health Law Conference*. This paper will also be in an edited collection in 2006. Professor von Tigerstrom also presented “The Revised International Health Regulations and Restraint of National Health Measures” (2005), published in 13

Health Law Journal, as part of the *Health Law Seminar Series* at the University of Toronto in March 2006, and she participated in the *3rd Curriculum Network Meeting of the CIHR (Canadian Institutes of Health Research) Training Program in Health Law and Policy in Halifax*.

FACULTY AWARDS

James (Sakéj) Youngblood Henderson was the recipient of the 2006 National Aboriginal Achievement Award in Law and Justice. Sakéj is the Director of The Native Law Centre and has received national and international awards for his determination to see that Indigenous ways of life are suitably represented in society. The College of Law held a reception on March 10th to honour Dr. Henderson and celebrate his receipt of such a prestigious and deserving award.

Professor **Paul Chartrand** was inducted into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame as a member of the Saskatoon Liners Fastball. The Saskatoon Liners were perennial Saskatchewan senior baseball contenders during their years of operation, 1977 through 1984. This follows his June 2004 induction to the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame.

Professor Emeritus Doug Schmeiser has been awarded the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal for his services to the legal community. He was nominated by the Honourable Frank Gerein, Chief Justice of the Court of Queen’s Bench.

FACULTY RETIREMENT

A Testimonial to Professor Emeritus Russ Buglass

Professor Russ Buglass retired from the Faculty of the College of Law on June 30th after a long and distinguished career as a professor in the College which began in 1974. Russ is a graduate of the College, attending law school after being a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Russ Buglass will be missed very much. He has been a hard-working colleague and one who was always very balanced in his views and opinions. In the many debates that have taken place in our faculty over the years, Russ has always been one of the anchors who brought us back to our senses and led us in the right direction. He always “stepped up to the plate” to assume more than his share of the workload. Russ has also made many contributions to the legal profession in Saskatchewan, most notably as a board member

and President of SKLESI in its early years.

One of his former students, Doug Surtees, observes that notwithstanding Russ’ sometimes intimidating facade, as a professor he was extremely caring and helpful. Pam Kimber observes that it has been a pleasure for all staff to work with Russ in his many capacities over the years. His patience, knowledge and hearty chuckle will be missed. Russ’s colleague, Professor Ken Norman, finds Russ’ retirement to be bittersweet. He wishes Russ well in his post-retirement years after having served this College so well for so long. On the other hand, since Professor Norman was on faculty when Russ was an undergraduate in the College, like George Burns, it makes him wonder whether it might be a waste of money for him to buy any more green bananas.

The University of Saskatchewan has awarded Professor Emeritus status to Russ Buglass – an acknowledgment that is most assuredly deserved.

Dan Ish





Our Alumni

Nurturing the Seeds of Our Future

The College's alumni bring to the law school a wealth of knowledge, experience and involvement. We are grateful for the involvement of our alumni in so many ways.

AS MOOTING COACHES AND ASSISTANTS

Hours of preparation are required by moot coaches and volunteer assistants, most of whom are alumni. The College's external Moot Coaches take time from their legal practices to select, train and travel with students, enhancing their academic experience. Coaching involves dozens of hours of involvement and instruction but is also rewarding for the coaches.

AS EDUCATORS

Our alumni provide their professional expertise to enhance our students' learning experience. Professor Michaela Keet says, "We have relied on alumni over the years to bring richness and depth to our classes. Students love hearing from our colleagues outside the College – about current opportunities and challenges in different areas of practice, as well as much-valued glimpses into the 'real life' of being a lawyer. Lawyers, judges, and others working within the legal profession offer an important perspective that is not always captured in the legal literature and teaching material – and their contributions to the life of the classroom are deeply appreciated." Kearney Healy (LL.B.'80) is a popular guest in classrooms. He feels that, "Saskatchewan is a unique place with problems and opportunities different from those in most of the English common law world. I am grateful to be able to talk to our college's students and I see how sharp, how well taught and how eagerly some are ready to take up the cause of justice for marginalized children and youth."

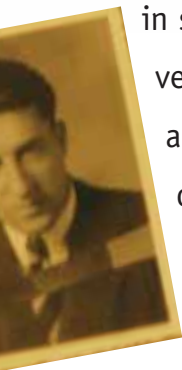
AS GUEST SPEAKERS

Whether through courses taught at the law school or through special lectures and presentations, alumni enrich us by sharing their expertise. The College's Guest Speaker Program draws on prominent alumni to address students, faculty and the interested public with presentations of timely topics. When given the opportunity, our alumni enjoy coming

Neil Turcotte with the 2006 Laskin Moot Team L-R James Rosowsky, Marianne Davies, Leigh-Anna Gates, Stephanie LeBlanc

Lawyers, judges, politicians, community leaders, public advocates, role models

in society... you, our alumni, are very important, energetic people and are making a difference in our society. Many of you are also making a difference through your contributions to, and involvement at, the College of Law.



back to the College and sharing their viewpoints with friends from the past and crusaders of the future. One example is Roy Romanow (LL.B.'64) who returned to the College recently as a guest speaker. He said "I loved my experience as a law student at the College of Law. The chance to come back to the law school and share some of the things I have learned, and care passionately about, was a great experience for me. And, I hope, it was of interest to the law school community as well." Our guest speakers inspire, motivate and enlighten our students. Their experiences, personal views and knowledge bring insight to the students and the community at large who attend the presentations.

MENTORSHIP AND AFFILIATION

Alumni and associates, through their affiliation with agencies such as the Canadian Bar Association (Saskatchewan Branch), Saskatchewan Justice and the Law Society of Saskatchewan, proactively confer with law student groups to identify and develop initiatives that will assist them in matters relating to the legal profession. Leadership of this sort has recently created the Aboriginal Law Student Summer Job Program - a summer work-placement opportunity in legal firms for Aboriginal students.

Students are also provided membership benefits in the Canadian Bar Association, information sessions and social events, mentorship programs and career related workshops that are enthusiastically embraced by our alumni.

AS STUDENT SERVICES SUPPORT

Enhancing opportunities and services offered to our law students is a new and exciting venture. Alumni have rekindled law school memories, wish-lists of days gone by and practical experience to support and advise our Student Services Officer, Terri Karpish (who is also one of our valued alumni!).

Our alumni are amazingly supportive of our efforts. Saskatchewan Alumni played a critical role in the revival and outstanding success of the CBA Showcase of Saskatchewan Firms and alumni across Western Canada have helped to make our Career Fair the envy of law schools across Canada. Alumni increase our students' chances for success by coaching them through career related decisions and providing experience-based advice to appreciative students, who are after all our 'Alumni in Waiting'.

Employment opportunities offered by our alumni reinforce their confidence in our students and our college by fostering a relationship between academia and practice. Terri Karpish finds the enthusiasm and ongoing assistance from the U of S alumni instrumental in the development of Career Services. She commented that "Today's students have very diverse interests and needs and are keen to learn about the options that are available to them. These include career decisions about areas of practice, rural or urban locales, firm sizes, graduate studies, public interest, international work and non-traditional careers. Students are also interested in how their career selections will influence their lifestyle. Our alumni



Roy Romanow, QC Guest Speaker

are an important and integral resource. I can call on them to provide information and services that will assist students in making informed decisions. Through their reputations our alumni are also exemplary role models."

AS PRO BONO LAWYERS AND SUPERVISORS

College of Law Alumni contribute significantly to the Saskatchewan Branch of Pro Bono Students Canada (PBSC). Students involved in PBSC aim to meet the legal information needs of organizations and individuals across the province. Our lawyer volunteers are available to students during their projects, answering questions and offering support. They also review projects prior to submitting the final documents to the organizations. Typically, lawyers spend between five and ten hours on their PBSC placement, but many lawyers have contributed far more than that each year of their involvement.

Many of our lawyers go above and beyond the call of duty, becoming mentors to their students.

Our alumni also volunteer on a monthly basis at the Saskatoon Free Legal Clinic (SFLC). Their work assists individuals who would not otherwise be able to access legal services. The SFLC lawyers are also role models to the students who administer the clinic, enriching the hands-on experience that SFLC provides.

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FUND-RAISING ENDEAVOURS

The Building of Our Future Campaign has been a great success due not only to the financial generosity of our Alumni, but also their leadership with respect to the campaign. According to the College's Development Officer, Jennifer Molloy, the enthusiastic participation in our campaign is exciting: "I receive calls daily from alumni wanting to get involved with the campaign. Our volunteers are working tirelessly on our behalf to see that we achieve our goals. It is overwhelming to be a part of this demonstration of kinship." Harry Dahlem (LL.B.'61) has been heading up the Saskatchewan portion of the Building of Our Future Campaign, and we have the assistance of Jonathan Horlick (LL.B.'80) and Rob Garden (LL.B.'73) as co-chairs of the Calgary campaign. These are only three of the many volunteers whose expertise and time we have relied upon to achieve our success.

THE SASKATCHEWAN LAW REVIEW

The Saskatchewan Law Review continues to provide an important connection with many alumni. In recent years the Review has published articles by alumni, faculty and students of the College. The Review encourages alumni to submit articles, case notes, or legislative comments for consideration. The Review has a disposition toward articles which have a particular Saskatchewan or Western Canadian perspective. Those who have been involved in a case which may have broad

significance are encouraged to think of structuring their knowledge and ideas in an article or comment, with a view to publication.

In recent years the Review has published papers from conferences held in Saskatchewan, including national or international conferences on Labour Law, Human Rights, and Métis Rights. The Review also published The 2004 Saskatchewan Law Review Lecture by Madam Justice Jackson (LL.B.'76) on Judicial Ethics, and annually publishes an analysis of the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal decisions (currently authored by Professor Dwight Newman LL.B.'99).

NURTURING THE SEEDS

In 2007, the University of Saskatchewan celebrates its 100th year as an academic institution. The College of Law will continue its 95 year legacy of excellence with an expanded and revitalized faculty, new and improved physical premises, an excellent educational program and top quality law students. We are able to do this because of our alumni, because of your achievements, your contributions to the law school in so many ways and your loyalty to the College of Law.

Your roots are here at the College of Law. We honour the time and commitment that our graduates bring to nurture the seeds for our next generation of professionals.

Hello

from Pro Bono Students Canada!

Once again, with the support of the College of Law, and the legal community, Pro Bono Students Canada at the University of Saskatchewan had a successful year. Over eighty students volunteered to provide legal information to fifty-one community organizations across the province.

We built on many of our established projects with organizations such as the Family Support Centre, Child Find Canada, and the Saskatoon Free Legal Clinic (SFLC). The SFLC volunteers, under the supervision of volunteer lawyers, showed dedication to their project beyond their required commitment, providing services to people who do not otherwise have access to legal advice. We developed new partnerships with organizations such as STEM, Habitat for Humanity, and the Saskatchewan

Environmental Law Students Association (SEALS). We anticipate building on our success and developing new partnerships in the upcoming school year.

One of the highlights of our summer was hosting the Pro Bono Students Canada National Conference in May. This was an opportunity to share our campus and the beauty of Saskatoon with students from every law school in Canada. We received many compliments ranging from the friendliness of the people, the good food, the prairie sky to an appreciation of how our Law College is currently in an exciting stage of growth. We were pleased to be in the position of playing host and we extend a thank you to all those who had a part in making the four days a real success.

Supervising lawyers are crucial to the continuance of this project; we are fortunate to have dedicated lawyers who are willing to answer questions and review materials collected by students. If you are a practicing lawyer interested in volunteering with PBSC, please contact our office at 966-7757. Likewise, if you know of a non-profit or community organization that may be interested in a service we can provide, please let us know. Our door is always open to developing new projects and getting volunteer law students on board!

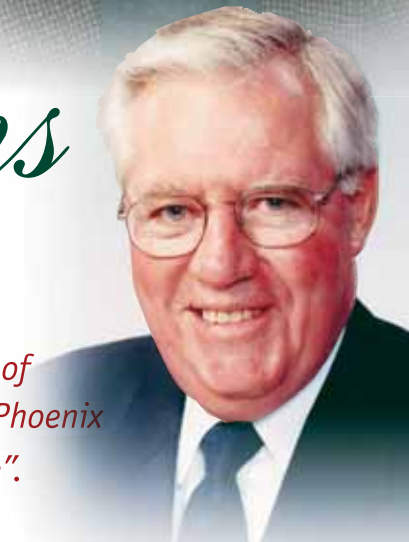
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Emmett Hall



Roger Carter



Tom Molloy

Saskatonians who made a difference

The College of Law is proud to celebrate the achievements of four of our Alumni who were recognized by the Saskatoon Star Phoenix on May 26, 2006 as "Saskatonians who made a difference".

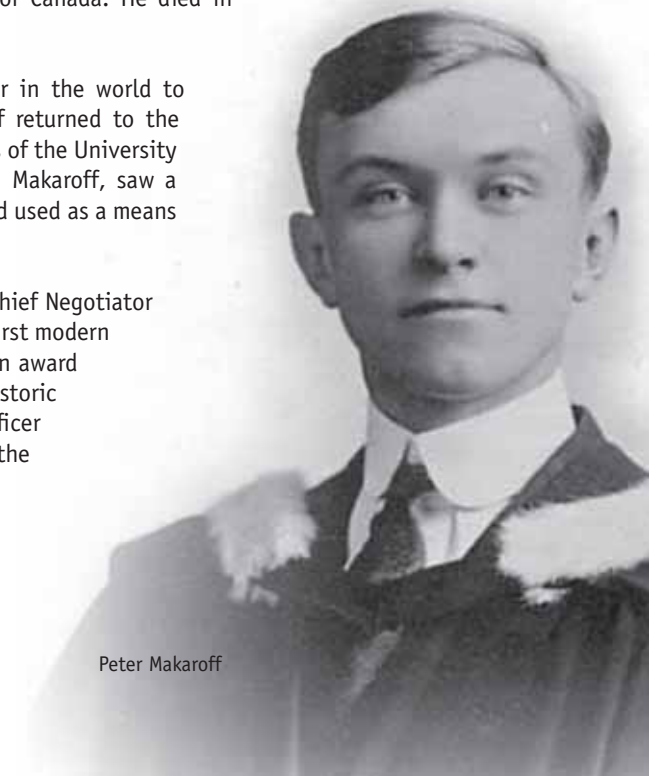
ROGER CARTER LL.B. 1947. As Dean of the Law School, Roger Carter observed that there was a shortage of people of Aboriginal ancestry involved in the legal profession. Through Dean Carter's vision and determination the College of Law instituted a special summer orientation program in legal studies for Aboriginal peoples throughout Canada. The Native Law Centre opened its doors in 1975. In 1998 Dean Carter received the Order of Merit and in 2001 was inducted as an Officer of the Order of Canada.

EMMETT HALL LL.B. 1919. The Honourable Justice Emmett Hall was appointed Chief Justice of the Saskatchewan Court of Queen's Bench in 1957. In 1961 he was appointed Chief Justice of the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal and was later appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada. In 1964 Mr. Justice Hall issued a report which called for a comprehensive, universal, portable medical care insurance system. By 1970, every province and territory had medical insurance. Amongst his many awards, distinctions and honours Justice Hall was Chancellor of the University of Saskatchewan and was named a Companion of the Order of Canada. He died in Saskatoon in 1995.

PETER MAKAROFF LL.B. 1918. Mr. Makaroff became the first Doukhobor in the world to receive a university degree and to enter the profession. Peter Makaroff returned to the university scene in 1943 when he was appointed to the Board of Governors of the University of Saskatchewan. During this time, many C.C.F. observers, including Mr. Makaroff, saw a vision of the University as part of an educational system to be reformed and used as a means to a better life in Saskatchewan.

TOM MOLLOY LL.B. 1964. Mr. Molloy has been recognized for his role as Chief Negotiator in the creation of the territory of Nunavut in 1999 and in negotiating the first modern day treaty with the Nisga'a Nation in British Columbia. Mr. Molloy wrote an award winning book detailing his experiences: *The World is Our Witness: The Historic Journey of the Nisga'a into Canada*. Tom Molloy was inducted as an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1996. He presently serves as Chancellor of the University of Saskatchewan.

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Peter Makaroff

2005-2006

Law Society of

Saskatchewan *Medals*

Outstanding academic achievement in the College of Law is heralded by the presentation of the Law Society of Saskatchewan Gold, Silver and Bronze medals. This year the College is pleased to recognize three outstanding women who have earned the most distinguished awards in the College of Law.

ZOE OXAAL - Law Society of Saskatchewan Gold Medal Award and TD Brown Prize Recipient

Zoe Oxaal's academic achievements are numerous but it was her professional experience in women's rights and international development that fuelled her desire to study law.

Born and educated in the United Kingdom, Zoe moved to Saskatoon in 2001 to join her husband and begin part-time studies in the College of Law at the University of Saskatchewan.

Ms. Oxaal came to the University of Saskatchewan with a master's degree in Interdisciplinary Women's Studies from the University of Warwick (U.K.) and a B.A. (Honours) in History from the University of Cambridge (U.K.). She has done research for many international development authorities including The Institute of Development Studies (U.K.); the United Nations Development Program in China at the Women's Studies Centre, Faculty of Law, Fudan University (Shanghai); the Center for Reproductive Law and Policy (U.S.A.); and the University of Central Lancashire, Preston (U.K.).

Throughout her law school studies Zoe excelled academically receiving numerous scholarships and prizes.

She was also a Summer Editor and then a Managing Editor for the Saskatchewan Law Review. She was a high-ranking oralist at the 2004 Canadian Jessup Moot Competition and volunteered with Campus Legal Services and Pro Bono Students Canada. In addition to her law school accomplishments, Zoe has had two articles published in the Saskatchewan Law Review and an article in Bar Notes XVIII, the Saskatchewan Branch Newsletter of the Canadian Bar Association.

Zoe has achieved one of the most outstanding records in the history of our law school. She has been selected to clerk with Justice Marshall Rothstein who has recently been appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Her leadership and academic abilities are exceptional. It is also noteworthy that during her time at Law School Zoe Oxaal gave birth to two children and has been a dedicated mother to her two young children throughout law school.

STEPHANIE LEBLANC - Law Society of Saskatchewan Silver Medal and Ron Fritz Prize in Law Recipient

Stephanie LeBlanc was born and raised in Regina, SK. She was majoring in English when she decided to follow her interest in the law and apply to the College of Law at the University of Saskatchewan. A good move it was as Stephanie excelled throughout law school receiving many scholarships and prizes.

Stephanie says that one of the most challenging and rewarding parts of her law school experience was competing with the U of S 2006 Laskin Moot in Halifax, NS. Her most memorable experience was the opportunity



Law Society of Saskatchewan Medal Winners

Stephanie LeBlanc (left) Zoe Oxaal (centre) Marianne (Chuck) Davies (right)

to go to Toronto, ON to receive the 2004 Blakes Scholar award in person.

Stephanie is currently clerking at the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal under Gerwing, Sherstobitoff and Cameron JJ.A., after which she will join Macleod Dixon LLP in Calgary, AB.

MARIANNE (CHUCK) DAVIES - Law Society of Saskatchewan Bronze Medal Recipient

Chuck (as Marianne Davies prefers to be called) lived in eight cities in four provinces before attending the College of Law at the U of S. She graduated on the honour roll from Cairine Wilson Secondary School in Ottawa (1992) and in 1996 received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree (with distinction) from the University of Victoria. Chuck has worked with the Pacific Opera Victoria throughout British Columbia and with other theatre companies across Canada.

It was family exposure to the law, lawyers and legislation and a comment made during a Convocation Address in 1996

that brought Chuck to study law. During her time at the College, Legal Follies benefited from her theatrical experience and participation on the board. She was elected 2nd year representative and, in third year, was elected Vice President of Academic Affairs of the Law Students' Association. Chuck was a Saskatchewan Law Review board member and was later a Managing Editor for the Sask Law Review, in addition to doing editing work for the Canadian Bar Review. Chuck was also a member of the 2006 Laskin Moot team. In 2004 she was elected to the Board of Directors for the Saskatoon Co-operative Association.

Chuck has said that her most astounding accomplishment during her first year of law school was convincing her father, then 48, to begin the study of law. He started his studies in the part-time program in 2004 (when Chuck was in her second year) and is hoping to graduate with the class of 2009.

Chuck (Marianne) Davies, is currently clerking at the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal and will then work at Macleod Dixon LLP in Calgary, AB.

College Hosted EVENTS

REFLECTIONS ON RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT: COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES

In September 2005, the College of Law at the University of Saskatchewan hosted a celebration and reflection of human rights progress by hosting an international conference entitled, *Reflections on Rights Enforcement: Comparative Perspectives*. Organized and co-ordinated by Penelope Andrews, the Ariel F. Sallows Professor of Human Rights Law at the College, the conference brought participants from Canada, the United States, South Africa, Vanuatu, Japan and the United Kingdom.

The purpose of the conference was to allow constitutional scholars, judges, human rights advocates and law students to explore the local and global themes of constitutionalism and rights. Panels at the conference addressed various themes: broad theoretical questions regarding the apparent paradoxes in contemporary global law and politics, the supremacy of human rights discourses, and the dominant economic paradigm of the free market and the increasing limitation of governmental power, particularly regarding social and economic justice. Participants pondered the possibilities and limitations of pursuing social and

economic rights in a constitutional framework, and specifically the idea of litigating these rights. They examined the emergencies emanating from the so-called "war on terror" and their implication for the protection of civil and political rights.

Particular attention was focused on the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, providing ample opportunity for praise and critique. In an impassioned luncheon address, the Federal Minister of Justice, the Honourable Irwin Côtler, outlined Canada's impressive but unfinished business of human rights, detailing the gains made thus far and the many steps still to be taken, including reconciliation with the indigenous peoples of Canada.

The conference proceedings were published in the 2006 Sask. Law Review 69(1).



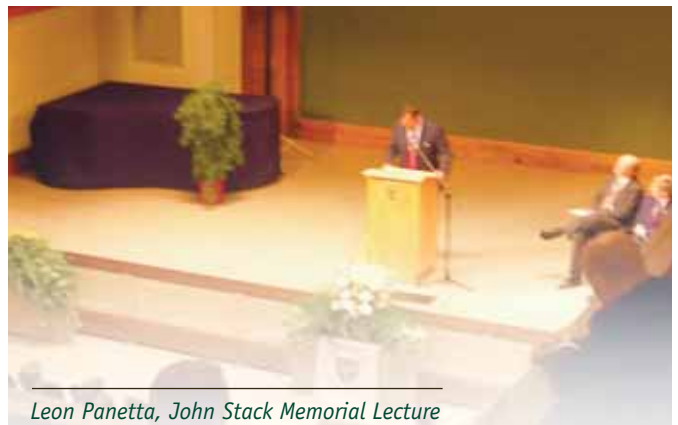
*Penelope Andrews
2005 Ariel F. Sallows
Professor of Human Rights*

GUEST SPEAKERS

The College of Law regularly hosts local, national and international visitors as part of its Speakers Series. The Speakers Committee is currently chaired by Professor Martin Phillipson. Professor Michael Ilg also serves on the Committee along with student members Marcus Davies, Ashley Smith and Christina Winger.

The 2005-06 academic year has been a particularly exciting one in relation to visiting speakers. The College hosted a stimulating and diverse range of speaker events with participation from the academic sector and the practising bar. Three of our six endowed lectures – the Cronkite, Culliton and Stack Lectures – as well as the Law Review Lecture, were delivered by leaders in their respective fields.

Peter Oliver, King's College, London, England



Leon Panetta, John Stack Memorial Lecture

In September, the College welcomed the Saskatchewan Children's Advocate Marvin Bernstein who spoke on "The Supreme Court of Canada and Corporal Punishment". Also in October, Leon Panetta, former Chief of Staff to U.S. President Clinton, delivered the **John Stack Memorial Lecture** titled "Ethics in Politics and Implications for Governance". In October, Professor Kent

McNeil of Osgoode Hall Law School delivered the **Saskatchewan Law Review Lecture** entitled "Aboriginal Title at the Supreme Court: What's Happening?" In November, Professor Neil Brooks of Osgoode Hall Law School delivered the lecture "The Times Are They a Changin'? Do the Costs of Raising Taxes Now Exceed the Benefits of the Welfare State?" In November 2005, Professor Michael Byers of the Liu Centre at the University of British Columbia delivered the **F.C. Cronkite Memorial Lecture** entitled "Lest We Forget: Canada and the Laws of War". In January 2006, Professor David Tanovich of the University of Windsor Faculty of Law delivered the **2006 Culliton Lecture** on "The Colour of Justice: Policing Race in Canada" and local practitioners Terry Zakreski and Rick Danyliuk took part in a lively panel discussion on the implications of the Supreme Court of Canada decision in *Monsanto v. Schmeiser* and in a discussion of the ongoing case of *Hoffman et al v. Monsanto*. Mr. Zakreski represented Percy Schmeiser in front of the Supreme Court and is acting for the plaintiffs in *Hoffman* while Mr. Danyliuk represented AgWest Bio in the *Schmeiser* case and represents Monsanto in the *Hoffman* litigation. Also in January, Professor Anne McGillivray of the Faculty of Law at the University of Manitoba lectured on "The Aboriginal Child in the European Imagination". In February 2006, Professor Pamela Jordan of the Department of History at the University of Saskatchewan delivered a lecture titled "The Role of Lawyers in Post-Soviet Russia". In March, Roy Romanow discussed the impact of the Chaoulli Decision from the Supreme Court of Canada.

The Speakers Program for the 2005-06 academic year concluded on March 20 with a lecture by Professor Peter Oliver of King's College, London on "Parliamentary Sovereignty in the Commonwealth".

Planning is already underway for the Speakers Program for the 2006-07 academic year. Endowed lectures in the fields of Administrative Law (The Heald Lecture), Law and Literature (The Shumiatcher Lecture) and Health Law (The Gertler Lecture) will be delivered in 2006-07. All Speakers events at the College are open to the public and alumni are particularly welcome to attend.

Professor Martin Phillipson,
Chair, College of Law Guest Speakers Committee

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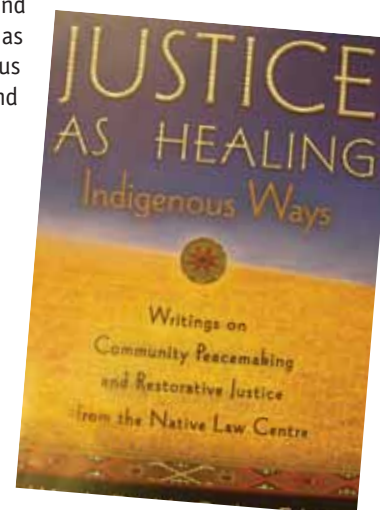
JUSTICE AS HEALING: INDIGENOUS WAYS BOOK LAUNCH



Wanda McCaslin (LL.B.'96)

The College of Law celebrated the book launch of *Justice As Healing: Indigenous Ways* edited by Wanda McCaslin of the Native Law Centre and published by Living Justice Press. The book is a compilation of articles from the *Justice as Healing Newsletter* with contributions from leading scholars, practitioners, judges, lawyers, Elders and community members from across Canada, the United States, New Zealand and Australia working in the area of Indigenous Justice. The text has received national and international acclaim from those working and teaching in the area of Indigenous Justice. The goal was to bring together articles that focus on Indigenous traditional

justice responses, decolonization, and Indigenous reclamation of justice as healing. The book highlights Indigenous ways of responding to harms and restoring harmony in relationships.





Christopher Triggs (left) and Kenneth Hodges (centre) unveil the T.D. Brown Prize in Law plaque as Brent Cotter (right) looks on.

GOLD MEDAL AWARD CEREMONY

November 7, 2005 the College of Law hosted a ceremony to celebrate the achievement of our top graduates from each of the graduating classes of 1946 to 1986.

Since 1987, Gold medals, sponsored by the Law Society of Saskatchewan, have been awarded to the top student in each graduating class. College Dean, Brent Cotter, wanted to provide

this same token of recognition to the College's top students of the years prior to 1987.

The College recognizes that we are a respected College of Law because of our outstanding graduates, many of whom are pictured here.



Recipients of the Thomas Dedrick Brown Prize and Gold Medal in Law :

1946	Gilbert Schmitt	1966	Margaret Farmer	1987	John Hardy
1947	Roger Carter	1967	Robert Laing	1988	Bernard Roth
1948	Robert McClelland	1968	Henry Kloppenburg	1989	Kate Sutherland
1949	Kenneth Hodges	1969	Donald Demetrick	1990	Ryan Rempel
1949	George Taylor	1970	Lenore Boyes	1991	Michael Digout
1950	Melville Neuman	1971	Gordon Kuski	1992	Banafsheh Sokhansanj
1951	Nelson Thurm	1972	Ralph Goodale	1993	Lyle Yuzdepski
1952	Robert Pierce	1973	William Hood	1994	Elaine Lee
1953	Otto Lang	1974	Gene Anne Smith	1995	Thomas Clearwater
1954	Calvin Tallis	1975	Audrey Wakeling	1996	Heather Heavin
1955	Edwin Willes	1976	Debrah Ball	1997	April Grosse
1956	Douglas Schmeiser	1977	Beth Bilson	1998	Brent Kraus
1957	Ellen Schmeiser	1978	Gwendolyn Morrison-Gray	1999	Dwight Newman
1958	Nicholas Sherstobitoff	1979	Clifford McNeil	2000	Jerome Tholl
1959	Leonel Jahnke	1980	Donna Greschner	2001	Jordan McJannet
1960	David Bonham	1981	Myra Buccis	2002	Eustathios Markatos
1961	Gregory Brandt	1982	Dennis Klinck	2003	Jodi McNaughton
1962	Gerald Beaumont	1983	Anne Wallace	2004	Darren Reed
1963	Peter Klassen	1984	Robert Leurer	2005	Christopher Triggs
1964	Elizabeth McFadyen	1985	Frederick Decoste	2006	Zoë Oxaal
1965	Mitchell Gropper	1986	Edward Halt		



UPCOMING SHUMIATCHER LECTURE

The College of Law at the University of Saskatchewan proudly presents the 2006 Shumiatcher Lecture featuring guest speaker Lt. Gen. Roméo Dallaire (Ret).

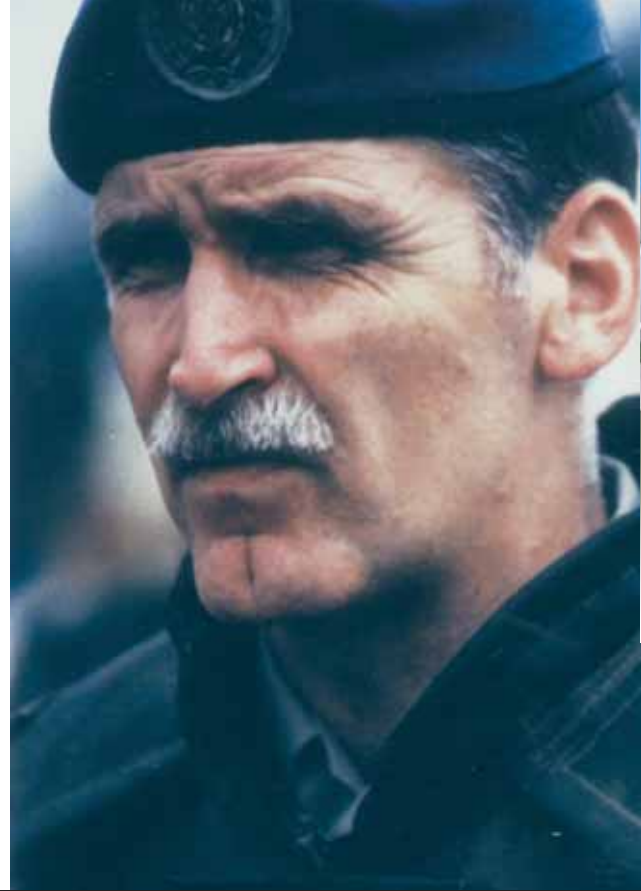
The presentation will take place Wednesday, September 27, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sid Buckwold Theatre at TCU Place (formerly the Centennial Auditorium).

Tickets are \$20 plus service charges and taxes and are available through Ticketmaster by calling 1-800-970-7328 or online at www.ticketmaster.ca.

Dallaire's recently released book *Shake Hands With the Devil* is a stirring account of his experience as the Force Commander of the United Nations Mission to Rwanda.

It exposes the failures by humanity to stop the worst genocide in the 20th century. His leadership and courage in the face of Rwandan genocide have earned him international respect.

The Shumiatcher Lecture series is a bi-annual lecture program established with funds donated to the University of Saskatchewan College of Law by Dr. Morris and Mrs. Jacqui Shumiatcher. Dr. Shumiatcher was a leading human rights advocate and criminal lawyer, and was also a well-known freelance writer. Dr. Shumiatcher passed away in 2004. The College of Law is proud to honour Dr. Shumiatcher's memory and legacy by presenting this lecture.



McCarthy Tétrault Announces TWO NEW AWARDS *at College of Law*



McCarthy Tétrault proudly continues a 'legacy of leadership' with its announcement of two new Leadership Awards valued at \$5,000 each; one to a student completing his or her first year and one to a student completing his or her second year of legal studies at the University of Saskatchewan, College of Law. Selection will be made on the basis of academic achievement and demonstrated leadership ability. Through its Leadership Award Program, McCarthy Tétrault builds on the successes of the past and recognizes the leaders of the future.

Thank you, McCarthy Tétrault, for investing in our students.

*Michael Briggs with Brent Cotter at the
award announcement ceremony*



The Building of Our Future *update*

We are getting closer to the realization of the “Building of Our Future”. As many of you know, the College of Law has embarked on an ambitious plan for the modernization of the law school building and has undertaken a major fund-raising campaign to finance a significant portion of the project. We have worked with architects and planners who have developed plans for an affordable, highly functional, environmentally advanced and beautiful addition to the existing College of Law building. The addition will address our overcrowded situation, modernize the physical and technological capacity of the law school and enable us to deliver cutting edge legal education to our students. And at long last, the project will enable us to provide the internationally renowned Native Law Centre its own discrete space within the law school itself. This latter objective will fulfill Dean Roger Carter’s vision when he first established the Native Law Centre in 1972.

To finance the project, the College of Law has undertaken a fundraising campaign seeking to raise \$7 million for the project. In a major signal of support for the project, the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan committed \$2.5 million, on condition that it be matched by the University and by the donations of alumni, members of the legal profession and Friends of the College of Law. We are pleased to report that as of March 31, 2006 alumni, law firms, law faculty members and Friends of the College of Law have committed, in total, over \$3.5 million toward the project bringing us within \$1 million of our goal. As a consequence, we were able to obtain the approval of the Board of Governors of the University of Saskatchewan to proceed with the project. This is exciting news for the College of Law and its future.

Our timetable is an ambitious one. We plan to commence construction in the early fall of 2006 with the objective of completing the project during the summer of 2007 and moving into the new addition in time for the start of the September 2007 academic year. The new addition will be partly two stories in height and partly three stories in height and will include a new entrance to the law school with a natural light atrium, additional classroom space, improved meeting and lounge space for students, office space for sessional lecturers and new administrative and faculty offices. The Native Law Centre will take up new space in the building addition, with design features that incorporate indigenous traditions and values. We will also link the addition to the existing law school building in imaginative ways that will include new entrances to the existing Moot Court Room and Law Library. The addition will incorporate advanced principles of environmental design, including the use of recycled and locally manufactured products, maximum use of natural light, advanced principles of insulation and heating and a “green roof”. The College of Law is striving to achieve Gold certification for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) for the project.

The law school community is excited about the Building of Our Future and the ways in which the new and redesigned space at the law school will enhance the learning experience for students. We are equally grateful to the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan, our alumni, members of the legal profession, members of the law school community and Friends of the College for their generosity to the law school and specifically to the Building of Our Future. Without this support the project would simply not have been possible.

Beynon's '66 Rider teammate led him to U of S law school

Rob Vanstone
Leader-Post

As a perennial all-star guard with the Saskatchewan Roughriders, Jack Abendschan routinely cleared paths for stars such as fullback George Reed.

With considerably less fanfare, but more lasting impact, Abendschan played a vital role in removing impediments which faced a fellow offensive lineman.

Forty years later, Tom Beynon reveals that a thoughtful gesture by Abendschan "changed my life more than any other single event."

Beynon - who helped the 1966 Roughriders win the franchise's first-ever Grey Cup title - has gone on to become a successful lawyer. Without Abendschan's intervention, Beynon would not be the proud owner of two Grey Cup rings, and he doubts that his legal career would have been the same.

Beynon's gratitude compelled him to write a testimonial entitled "Thanks, Jack Abendschan. Thanks, Saskatchewan," which is excerpted in this story.

The 64-year-old Beynon was able to express his thanks in person on Thursday, when the football comrades arrived in Regina for a 40th-anniversary reunion.

"A lot of times when we do things

with people, we don't know the significance that what we say or what we do is going to have on that person," Abendschan reflects.

The seven-time all-star had no idea of his impact on Beynon's life until recently, when he read "Thanks, Jack Abendschan. Thanks, Saskatchewan."

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Beynon and Abendschan were introduced in August 1966. At the time, Abendschan was in the second year of a CFL career which continued until 1975. Beynon had just been traded to Saskatchewan by the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

Hamilton had selected Beynon in the first round of the 1965 CFL draft. Having just completed an engineering degree at Queen's University in Kingston, Ont., Beynon enrolled in law school at the University of Western Ontario in London. The first year of law classes left him broke. To cover the costs of continued education, he tried pro football.

Upon being traded, Beynon inquired as to whether he could transfer to the University of Saskatchewan's law school. That application was denied.

Beynon proceeded to meet with William Carrothers, the dean of Western's law school. Carrothers and Beynon figured out how



many games he would have to play with Saskatchewan to earn enough money for Year 2 of law school.

They concluded that Beynon would accumulate the sufficient funds by Sept. 24, when the Roughriders were to play in Hamilton. The arduous eastern swing also included a game two days later against the Ottawa Rough Riders.

Carrothers made the following deal with Beynon: He would be registered at Western for the fall semester and able to resume his

law studies providing that he was in class the morning after the game in Ottawa.

Beynon promptly embarked for Regina, fully anticipating a short-term stay. Within weeks, that secret would be shared - but with only one member of the Roughriders organization.

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Beynon joined a Roughriders team which included Reed, quarterback Ron Lancaster and receiver Hugh Campbell. They were able to excel with the

support of an offensive line which included Abendschan, Ted Urness, Al Benecick, Clyde Brock and Reg Whitehouse, plus tight end Jim Worden.

Although Beynon was used primarily on special teams, he quickly developed a special attachment to Saskatchewan.

"The Riders were in first place," he writes. "All of the fabulous Rider fans in the province were certain that a Grey Cup would be on the mantle by Christmas. It was a dream come true, playing professional football, and playing for the first-place team in the Canadian West.

"It was a privilege to play with the star players that were not only household names in Saskatchewan, but throughout Canada."

That excitement was tempered by the knowledge that he was to return to Western Ontario on Sept. 27 – two months before the Grey Cup.

"I became concerned about my ever-growing conflict and the script that I had written that I was now committed to act out," Beynon recalls. "You see, playing football in Canada is special. However, being a player on the Saskatchewan Roughriders was as good as it gets."

But the clock was ticking. On Sept. 19, Abendschan and Beynon went for dinner and a few refreshments.

"While I enjoyed the evening, my mind was in other places – namely, 'How could I continue to play for the Roughriders and go to law school?' " Beynon writes. "It just didn't seem possible.

"Jack noticed something was different and commented a couple of times, 'What's wrong?' After the second or third time, I asked Jack if he could keep a secret. And after being assured that Jack would keep what I told him a secret, the story began."

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"Jack, when we go east this weekend, I am not coming back."

Those words, followed by Beynon's explanation, shocked Abendschan.

"Tom, you are crazy," Abendschan responded. "We are in first place in the West, we are going to the Grey Cup, and we are going to win it."

A restless night ensued for Beynon. At practice the following day, Abendschan periodically shook his head at Beynon.

That evening, Abendschan and Beynon returned to the old Golden West on south Albert Street.

"Around midnight, a well-dressed person that Jack knew came over and joined our table," Beynon remembers. "Jack introduced me to Mr. Harold Pick, a lawyer in Regina – a great fan of Saskatchewan, and a great fan of the Saskatchewan Roughriders."

After some small talk, Pick alluded to Beynon's school-related complications. Pick signed off by saying, "If you really want to try to get into the law school, be at my office at five o'clock this morning and we will talk about it."

An astonished Beynon looked across the table and saw Abendschan.

"Sounds like maybe you've got a friend that might be able to help you," Abendschan said with a knowing smile.

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A sleep-deprived Beynon arrived at Pick's law office at the appointed time.

Pick, who was a prominent member of the Law Society of

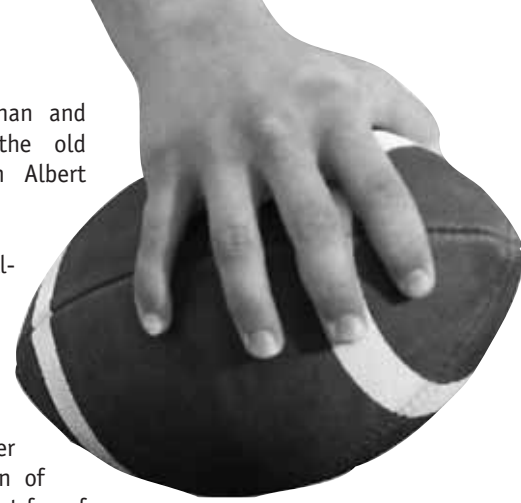
Saskatchewan, told Beynon he would attempt to facilitate the transfer to the U of S.

Beynon signed an agreement which specified he would travel to Saskatoon to attend as many law classes as possible during football season, and that perfect attendance would be maintained (except for illness) during the offseason.

A few hours later, Beynon left for Roughriders practice, still uncertain about his future with the team.

"I closed my eyes and dreamed, 'Could it possibly happen? Could I stay in Saskatchewan and be on a Grey Cup team with such a great group of guys?' "he wondered.

As the workout ended, Pick approached the practice field and



(story continued on pg 22)

At our request, Tom supplemented the above Star Phoenix story with the following:

In either December 1966 or early in 1967 the late Gordon F. Henderson came to the Law School and gave two days of special lectures on intellectual property law, a discipline that I had some interest in with my Mechanical Engineering undergraduate degree from Queens University. Mr. Henderson was a great lawyer, a great student of the law and, among other things, a great sports fan. It so happened that he was one of the owners of the Ottawa football club that Saskatchewan defeated in the 1966 Grey Cup. Mr. Henderson sat with me after class one afternoon in the Law School lecture hall and talked about football and intellectual property, and his firm, Gowling and Henderson. I spent sixteen great years at Gowlings. This opportunity started for me in Saskatchewan. I had the privilege of traveling the world for Gowlings, completing transactions from Seoul to Siberia, and it would not have happened if it had not been for Jack and Harold, as I would not have met Gordon Henderson.

Regarding the article, I told the story because I thought it should be known what Jack and Harold did for me. An untold part of the story is the support I received from my fellow students at the Law School. They were so giving of their time during my second and third year at the Law School, to ensure that I was successful. Each and every classmate, and those that had spouses at the time, were exceedingly generous in enabling me to feel at home in Saskatoon and at the Law School.

informed Beynon that he had been accepted into the U of S.

"Jack was standing behind me with a grin from ear to ear," Beynon writes. "He was the author of my good fortune."

There was more good fortune Nov. 26, when Saskatchewan defeated Ottawa 29-14 in the Grey Cup. Beynon also played in the 1967 Grey Cup – replacing the retired Whitehouse at left tackle – as Saskatchewan lost 24-1 to Hamilton.

In the spring of 1968, Beynon graduated from the U of S. Citing a desire to practise law in the east, he requested (and

received) a trade. He spent the next three years with Ottawa – helping the eastern Riders beat Saskatchewan 29-11 in the 1969 Grey Cup -- before concentrating full-time on law.

Beynon now resides in his birthplace of Waterloo, Ont., where he works primarily in corporate business and finance law. His career has taken him to Korea, Japan, Indonesia, Singapore, Russia and Siberia.

Abendschan, 63, lives in Abilene, Texas, where he coaches the offensive line and tight ends with McMurry University. Pick died of cancer in 2002 at age 76.

Beynon's gratitude extends to various people he met in Saskatchewan – teammates, coaches, medical and training staff, law-school classmates and professors, and Roughriders fans. But Abendschan and Pick are atop a lengthy thank-you list.

"(Back-to-back Grey Cup appearances with Saskatchewan) would not have happened without Jack daring to do something because he cared, and without Mr. Pick – both of whom I shall be indebted to forever," Beynon concludes.

"Jack, thank you from the bottom of my heart. Harold is

no longer with us. To him I say, 'I hope you can hear my words. My sincerest thanks for what you did for me.'"

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Professor *Barbara von Tigerstrom* receives CIHR Grant

Around half of all Canadians are overweight or obese, and rates of obesity have increased dramatically among children in Canada. Being overweight or obese is linked with numerous health risks, including type 2 diabetes, heart disease, hypertension and certain cancers. Over the next few years, research at the College will contribute to efforts to deal with this important public health issue. Dr. Barbara von Tigerstrom, who joined the College as Assistant Professor in December 2005, was recently awarded an operating grant by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) for a research project investigating the role of the law in preventing obesity. The value of the grant is \$125,000.00.

The research will look at regulatory strategies to promote healthy eating, such as food labeling, marketing restrictions, and influencing food prices through taxes or subsidies. It will also examine attempts to use litigation against producers as a public health strategy. The focus will be on Canadian law and policy, but the research team will gather information from other jurisdictions as part of a comparative analysis to consider the impact of international instruments on Canadian regulation. Obesity is a complex public health issue with multiple causes, and studying legal strategies in this context will also provide an opportunity to critically examine the role of law in promoting and protecting public health.

The project will run for two years beginning in October 2006 and will be carried out in partnership with Professor Tim Caulfield and Nola Ries of the University of Alberta Health Law Institute. Patricia Farnese (College of Law and the Centre for Studies in Agriculture, Law and the Environment) and Ruth Thompson (Native Law Centre) will be collaborators on this project along with experts on food and obesity from the University of Alberta. Students at the College will also benefit since the grant will provide funding for student research assistants to participate in the project. The grant will also support consultation with experts and conference presentations by the lead researchers on the results of their research. This is the first CIHR grant received by a U of S law faculty member and an exciting new opportunity for the College.



New Faculty

The College of Law is pleased to welcome three outstanding professors to our College. Felix Hoehn (already a familiar face around the college), Tamara Larre and Marjorie Simington joined us in July and will strengthen our teaching, research and publication endeavors.

FELIX HOEHN is not new to the College of Law. He has taught as a sessional lecturer since 2002, and started graduate work in Aboriginal governance at the College a year ago. This background has made Felix particularly excited about an expanded role at the College: "It's truly a privilege to work with the students and faculty in this College. I've learned much from them, and feel honoured to have been asked to contribute more."

Felix graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with an honours degree in Regional and Urban Development (Planning). He left Saskatchewan to earn his LL.B. from the University of Toronto, but returned to Saskatoon to article and practice law. While practicing, he taught municipal and planning law to students in the Regional and Urban Development Program at the University of Saskatchewan, and authored *Municipalities and Canadian Law*. He has nearly completed a second edition of this textbook.

After leaving private practice in 2001, Felix served as course author and course director for municipal law classes offered in a national advanced certificate program in municipal administration jointly sponsored by the University of Alberta and Dalhousie University. He sat on the Board of Revision for the City of Saskatoon from 2003 until he was appointed to the Assessment Appeals and Planning Appeals Committees of the Saskatchewan Municipal Board in 2005.

In his spare time, Felix serves on the boards of the Community Clinic Foundation and the Rainbow Community Centre, and likes to spend time with his partner Carol and their two children.

Professor Hoehn will be teaching Property Law and Municipal Law.

Raised on a mixed farm near St. Walburg, Saskatchewan, **TAMARA LARRE** is happy to return to her Saskatchewan roots. Tamara received her

LL.B. in 2002 from the U of S and was the Law Society of Saskatchewan Silver Medalist in her class. She is currently completing her LL.M. thesis at Osgoode Hall Law School on the taxation of personal injury damages in Canada. Prior to commencing graduate studies, Tamara articulated with and practiced at the Calgary office of Bennett Jones LLP. As a member of the tax group, her practice was focused on individual and corporate income tax matters, including corporate tax planning, corporate reorganizations, and general corporate/commercial law. Tamara has completed Parts 1 and 2 of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants In-Depth Tax Course and is currently a member of the Canadian Tax Foundation.

This year Professor Larre will be teaching Commercial Law, Taxation I, and Taxation II and she plans to continue working on a number of research projects relating to taxation law.

MARJORIE SIMINGTON is currently enrolled in the J.S.D. program in the McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific, at Sacramento, California. Marjorie received her B.A. from the University of Calgary, her LL.B. from the University of Alberta and her LL.M. from the University of the Pacific. Prior to moving to California to pursue graduate work in international water resources law, Marjorie was a partner in the national law firm of Miller Thomson in Edmonton. She practiced corporate/commercial and insolvency law for 15 years, taught in the business section of the Alberta Bar Admission Course and was a volunteer legal advisor at The Business Link.

Marjorie is also interested in fitness and wellness; she is an avid jogger and has led workshops in the Ayurvedic system of wellness.

Marjorie will be teaching Property Law, Oil and Gas Law and the Natural Resources Law seminar.



FELIX HOEHN



TAMARA LARRE



MARJORIE SIMINGTON

GRADUATE STUDENT NEWS

Sonne Udemba successfully defended his LL.M. thesis, "The Precautionary and Differentiated Responsibility Principles in the Climate Change Context." His thesis explored the historical development and articulation of the precautionary principle and differentiated responsibility in international and environmental law regimes.

Brad Bellemare successfully defended his LL.M. thesis, "La Chaas: The Métis Constitutional Right to Hunt in the Canadian Legal Consciousness." His thesis was a critique of the jurisprudence with respect to the Métis right to hunt against the background of the historical development of Métis communities in Western Canada and constitutional jurisprudence.

Brad is currently doing research with Professor Frank Tufts in Edmonton, Alberta.

Daniela Holler Branco successfully defended her LL.M. thesis, "Towards A New Paradigm for Corporate Criminal Liability in Brazil: Lessons from Common Law Developments." Her thesis traced the history of the development of corporate criminal liability in civil law and common law jurisdictions, explored alternative theories developed in common law jurisprudence and academic literature with a view to identifying the best approach and, ultimately, argued for the incorporation of criminal liability for corporations in Brazilian constitutional and statute law.

Daniela is currently training to be a judge in Brazil.

STUDENT NEWS

ABORIGINAL LAW STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Aboriginal Law Students' Association (ALSA) has been in existence for over ten years at the College of Law. The ALSA is comprised of graduates from the Native Law Summer Program and is administered through the Native Law Centre. The objectives of the ALSA are:

- (a) to foster a community of academic, professional and social support among Aboriginal students in the College of Law;
- (b) to represent and support the academic and professional interests of Aboriginal students at the College; and
- (c) to promote accessible legal education for Aboriginal people in a culturally-sensitive learning environment.

The Law School has approximately forty Aboriginal (Métis and First Nation) undergraduates enrolled in legal studies. There are two Aboriginal (Métis and First Nation) Master's of Law students and one Aboriginal (Métis) student taking the doctorate level of studies at the University of Saskatchewan. The College of Law Admissions Committee, Dean Cotter, and faculty are proud that the College has one of the largest Aboriginal student enrolments among Canadian law schools. Activities of the ALSA this academic year have included:

- Attending a luncheon with other Aboriginal student groups and Special Advisor to the President, George E. Lafond.

- Facilitating a question and answer session for the University of Saskatchewan Indigenous Students' Council when it hosted Robert F. Kennedy Jr., prominent American activist.
- Breakfast with Dean Cotter.
- A 2005 Christmas potluck.

Fund-raising activities have included a joint ALSA/LSA Halloween Dance, an ALSA raffle ticket sale and an ALSA Dinner Fund-raiser. Most of the fund-raising proceeds will be used towards the ALSA 2006 Graduation.

The ALSA can be reached at: a_l_s_a@hotmail.com

Lewanna Dubray
President, ALSA 05-06

LAW STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Law Students' Association (LSA) has been hard at work this year creating a positive experience for students at the College of Law. We have been involved in planning a number of social and athletic events and charity fund raisers. The LSA kicked off the year with a Welcome BBQ for students and faculty. Welcome Week featured a number of other social events, including a golf tournament, a slow pitch tournament, soccer tournament and, following its success last year, the LSA and College of Law sponsored a Family Day Picnic for students, faculty and staff with young families.

The First Year Formal was held October 6 and was a great success. A trip to Regina to see the Saskatchewan Roughriders was organized and, new this year, was a comedy night fund raiser. The ALSA/LSA Halloween Monster Mash Costume Bash was a huge success, with LSA proceeds donated to the Big Brothers & Sisters.

In November the Dissent played the Follies Pub Fund-raiser and the Evil Fish Pub was held in the student lounge. We kicked off January with a bang including several fund-raising pub nights and a volleyball tournament. This was followed up by Legal Follies in February. It was a huge success with \$5,000 raised for Camp Circle O' Friends - a camp for children affected by cancer. A basketball tournament was also held in February. New this year was a ski trip to Kimberley over the February break.



The LSA also modified its structure this year and established the positions of Vice President-External and Vice President-Aboriginal Relations.

The LSA has been supportive of other initiatives this year including supporting students in the Terry Fox Run, Trick or Eat, and the Jingle Bell Run. We have also been supportive of other student organizations including the newly established Saskatchewan Environmental Association of Law Students (SEALS), the Scales of Social Justice League, Pro Bono Students Canada and a new negotiation/mooting club within the College.

All in all it has been a great year for the LSA and the College of Law.

Jeff Howe, LSA President 05-06

Rayelle Johnston, LSA Publicity Director 05-06

SCALES OF SOCIAL JUSTICE LEAGUE

As law students it is sometimes difficult to conceive that the law is about more than statutes, cases, and 100% final exams. As we progress through our legal education, however, it becomes clear that the role of law in society is much more than this. The legal profession provides a unique opportunity to further the causes of justice and human dignity. To this end, law students from all years have united with a common interest in human rights, through the inspiration of Professor Penelope Andrews (the 2005 Ariel F. Sallows Chair in Human Rights), to create the Scales of Social Justice League (SOS Justice League).

Established as a general outlet for those interested in human rights/public interest law, the SOS Justice League has a wide mandate and encompasses a variety of opportunities for student involvement. Human rights committees representing the many different aspects of human rights law meet often to plan, coordinate and execute programs and educational initiatives, both inside and outside of the law school. Our purpose is to execute projects in the field of international and domestic human rights; to promote awareness, study and understanding of domestic and international human rights law through education; to encourage communication and cooperation among law students and lawyers in human rights law pursuits; to promote social responsibility within the legal community; and to promote student careers and experiences in the field of human rights/public interest law.

We held a Clothing/All Purpose Drive, donations of which were made to a local, rights-based charity. In addition, representatives of the group attended the Public Interest Fair and SPINLAW Conference, hosted by Osgoode and the University of Toronto. We hope to implement several major projects beginning next year.

Sarah Dolgoy, President 05-06

SASKATCHEWAN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW STUDENTS

Saskatchewan Environmental Association of Law Students (SEALS), a student organization, was formed in September 2005. Our mission is to provide opportunities for law students to contribute their legal knowledge to environmental initiatives. Our focus is small, local projects where we will add significant value and can measure results. These targeted opportunities fall into two categories:

- 1) To provide basic legal knowledge to facilitate sustainability initiatives at the University of Saskatchewan and within the province of Saskatchewan.
- 2) To improve the environmental performance of the College of Law and its student body.

The role of the five executive members is to actively seek projects, recruit interested students, provide strategic advice and secure minor funding for three to five project teams. Projects are created when environment related requests from the surrounding community can be matched with student interest.

Projects to date:

- Green Building Project
- Speaker's Panel on GMOs and Traditional Farming: the Schmeiser Case
- Wetland Conservation Policy for the City of Saskatoon
- 'Don't Chuck the Cup' Campaign
- Campus Bike-Loan Liability Management

On the horizon:

- Options Handbook for Citizens Concerned about Intensive Livestock Operations
- Environmental Law High School Teach-In

Mike Preston, President, SEALS 05-06

**STEPHANIE YANG, COLLEGE OF LAW STUDENT, CANADIAN
YOUTH AMBASSADOR AT APEC YOUTH SUMMIT IN SOUTH KOREA**

On the morning of August 10, 2005, I eagerly hopped on a plane to South Korea to attend the Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Youth Summit. As a member of Junior Team Canada, I was one of the delegates chosen to represent the prairies as a Canadian Youth Ambassador. I would be meeting students from 35 different countries to discuss global issues and develop a "voice for the youth" for the APEC Leaders Summit.

APEC is the premiere forum for facilitating economic growth, cooperation, trade and investment in the Asian-Pacific region. The Youth Summit was organized to establish a future orientated network among youth and promote mutual cooperation and understanding for peace and development. The five priority tasks that were formally discussed were free trade, anti-corruption, intercultural cooperation, terrorism, and the information technology gap between developed and developing countries.

Despite the incredible debate and ideas that arose during formal discussions, some of the most memorable moments were the many personal one-on-one conversations with the other participants. Engaging in debates and discussions with individuals from different cultures and academic backgrounds was an incredibly unique and educational experience. From hearing first hand how families struggled in Indonesia after the Tsunami, to learning about the booming economies of Dubai, or the interesting laws from a fellow law student in Singapore, each conversation was unforgettable. At times, it seemed like a magical place that transcended all boundaries of politics, race and religion.

This diverse global exchange truly opened my mind to new and different perspectives and generated a new appreciation for the opportunities I have as a free Canadian citizen. I heard the frustrations of individuals from Thailand, Korea,

and Singapore who must serve mandatory military terms before entering university, and learned of the commonplace political censorship occurring in China, Singapore and Taiwan (or Chinese Taipei). These are just a few examples of the restricted freedoms that many Canadians, including myself, often take for granted.



Looking back on this experience, those three weeks had a tremendous impact on my life and current outlook towards international issues. When a protest breaks out in Finland, or a disaster occurs in the Philippines or there is an election in Peru, these events hit home as I now associate a face and a friend with the event. As a result of this experience, I have also affirmed my desire to pursue a career in the field of international human rights and/or international trade and business law.

I would like to also thank my sponsors - especially the College of Law, the University of Saskatchewan and Junior Team Canada - for making this once in a lifetime opportunity a reality. I will be forever grateful to have had the support from my College and local community. The unique friendships and memories will last a lifetime.

Thank-you!
Stephanie Yang
Second Year Law Student





"Mirsa erdha!":

The beginning of an exciting career

Yair Baranes, LL.B.'95, LL.M.'99

"Mirsa erdha!" (Welcome!) was the greeting I received by the Albanian soldier. He was wearing an old uniform and carrying a rusty Kalashnikov. The plane that brought me to his country, Albania, had just landed on the short and bumpy runway in Tirana, the capital city. It was February 23, 1999. This marked the beginning of what would become a rewarding career as an international lawyer while also marking the end of my years as an undergraduate and graduate student at the College of Law. On a personal level, the stressful transition from being a student to working on international development projects was painless in comparison to the enormous shift Albania has been experiencing on a national level ever since the fall of communism in Albania in 1991. In the years following and during my time in Albania, I have worked in over 15 countries in Eastern Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Asia, assisting local governments to establish modern credit laws and computerized registry systems in support of their emerging market economies.

The opportunities for an international career in the area of commercial law are countless. International organizations such as the United Nations, the World Bank and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) seek to promote stability and peace worldwide through democracy building and economic development. Since access to finance is the fuel of economic development and expansion, I chose to specialize in commercial law and, in particular, secured financing law.

Working on and directing international development projects is challenging and

demanding, but it is also deeply rewarding. Each jurisdiction has its own unique legal, social and cultural characteristics which must be taken into consideration in all aspects of the work I do. Perhaps my greatest challenge so far was to work towards increased cooperation among various local ethnic groups in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bosnian Serbs, Moslems and Croats who had recently recovered from a long, complicated and bloody conflict. All three ethnic groups were represented in the newly established, democratically elected parliament. During the time that I worked with them, one of my roles was to generate support within the diverse parliament for proposed new secured financing legislation. In my appearances in front of the parliamentary committees, I was able to demonstrate that any person and business would benefit from access to credit, regardless of their ethnic origin. Today Bosnia and Herzegovina experience a considerable increase in secured credit with modern legal and registry systems, which are designed based on the Canadian model.

In addition to law reform, the work I do involves the establishment of modern personal property registries. Traditionally, in developing economies, personal property was not considered valuable or "real" property. Consequently, these jurisdictions lack the legal and institutional infrastructure to support the efficient use of personal property as collateral. In the year 2000, I brought a delegation from Albania to learn about the operation of the Saskatchewan Personal Property Registry. The study tour in Regina was rewarding to all of us. It was evident to the delegation that the Saskatchewan model is superior to the ones we saw earlier in the U.S.. Consequently, Albania

and later Tajikistan and Madagascar have implemented their own systems based on the Canadian model.

Perhaps one of the most important opportunities that I have is freedom to design each project's activities so that it is suitable to the particular jurisdiction. As the director of these projects, I often design and implement educational activities for the people I work with. For example, I have taught law students and trained judges in a number of the countries and otherwise disseminated knowledge through publications, seminars and conferences.

After working in the field of credit laws and registry systems for seven years and after completing a number of projects, I decided to establish my own company. CReDILS LLC is a U.S. company that provides consultancy services in the area of commercial law reform as well as the production and implementation of computerized registry systems. The company has been involved in projects in Asia and Africa. The company is also developing expertise in new areas such as credit assessment systems and company registries.

During my traveling and work, I often reflect on my time as a student at the College of Law and as a member of the community of Saskatoon with fond memories and gratitude for the excellent education, care and guidance I received and that has carried me to this fascinating work I am involved with today in different parts of the world.



of Note and your fellow alumni are interested in your career related experiences and or accomplishments. In each issue, we will feature a College of Law Alumnus. Email your story suggestions to the of Note editor at 'ofnote@usask.ca' or call Leslie Tuckey at (306) 966-5873.

ALUMNI SUPPORT

JENNIFER MOLLOY, COLLEGE OF LAW DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Jennifer Molloy is the College of Law Development Officer while Laura Herman is on maternity leave. Jennifer received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Saskatchewan and her Certificate in Annual

Giving from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Jennifer has previously worked in fund development at St. Paul's Hospital Foundation and the Canadian Red Cross. Jennifer has brought a wide range of

experience and much enthusiasm to the Development Officer position. She will be with us until the end of the calendar year.

COLLEGE OF LAW BUILDING OF OUR FUTURE CAMPAIGN REACHES \$6 MILLION OF \$7 MILLION GOAL

I am happy to be able to write to you, our alumni and friends, to update you on The Building of Our Future Campaign. I began my new position at the College of Law last November and since then I have been working with Dean Brent Cotter and numerous volunteers to ensure the successful completion of our fund-raising campaign.

Dean Cotter and I have had the opportunity to meet and speak with alumni across Canada to garner support for the College of Law Building Campaign. The feedback we have received has been extremely positive. It is apparent to me that, as alumni, you feel a sense of pride and willingness to support your college and the next generation of lawyers.

Thanks to you, our Alumni and Friends, our campaign has hit the \$2 million mark. We don't have far to go. Every dollar we have raised so far equals three, thanks to the commitment made by The Law Foundation of Saskatchewan and the University of Saskatchewan in matching every dollar raised to a maximum of \$2.5 million dollars. We have been overwhelmed by your support!

I have received many letters from you, the alumni, telling me how important your time here as a student has been to you. One



former student donated \$1,000 for every year since he graduated. He felt that his financial success was a direct result of the education he received here at the College of Law. This was a meaningful gift that will leave a lasting legacy at the College and for our students. Every donation will make a difference, and will get us that much closer to our goal.

Not only have we received generous financial support but many U of S College of Law alumni have taken up roles as campaign volunteers, and are assisting us

in contacting their colleagues and members of their organizations to encourage them to support the campaign. Thank you to the organizers of these campaigns, we truly appreciate your generous commitment of time and energy.

If you would like to make a donation, have any questions or if you are interested in getting involved in the College of Law Building of our Future Campaign, please do not hesitate to contact me. My contact information is listed below and I would be happy to discuss any aspect of the Campaign or College of Law with you.

We are excited to be moving forward with our plans to build a new and improved College of Law which will better address the needs of our students, staff and faculty. None of this could be occurring without your generous support.

On behalf of everyone at the College, thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Jennifer Molloy
Development Officer

Jennifer can be reached by phone at (306) 966-5898 or email at jennifer.molloy@usask.ca.

ALUMNI News

Leanne Bellegarde Daniels (LL.B.'91) is now the Director of Aboriginal Business Programs in the College of Commerce at the University of Saskatchewan. Leanne was recognized for women's leadership and excellence with the Athena Award in 2003 and as one of Saskatchewan's Top 10 Women of Influence by SaskBusiness Magazine.

Richard I. Hardy (LL.B.'81) retired as a partner from Davis & Company LLP to hunt, fish, boat and garden in a very beautiful part of Canada - British Columbia.

Daniel B. Konkin (LL.B.'81) was sworn in as a Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench, September 15, 2005.

Robert Laing (LL.B.'67) was sworn in as the new Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench January 5, 2006.

Clayton Miller (LL.B.'05 and current Masters of Law student) won a bronze medal in the Men's Skeet event at the Commonwealth Games in Sydney, Australia.

Eileen Skinnider (LL.B.'87) was a recipient of the University of Saskatchewan 2006 Alumni Humanitarian Award. Eileen Skinnider and her two sisters, Dr. Marie Skinnider (MD'87) and Kathleen Skinnider (BScN'91) are active in the organization Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders). The Alumni Humanitarian Award was given to each of them for their service in challenging places around the world, including Afghanistan, Sudan, Rwanda, Uganda, Russia, Uzbekistan and Eritrea.

ALUMNI Reunions

The U of S summer reunion festivities will be held June 22 - 24, 2006 and we can't wait to see a huge crowd from the College of Law. 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. College reunions that are in the planning stage for this year are:

1956 Date is to be determined, contact William Girgulis (780) 452-7866 for more information.

1966 Date is to be determined, contact Patrick Carey (306) 933-6638 for more information.

1976 August 18-20, contact Sheila Whelan (306) 933-6693 for more information.

1996 August 18-19, contact Heather Heavin (306) 966-5880 for more information.

All classes from the College of Law (regardless of their graduating year) who are planning to organize a class reunion for this summer are encouraged to consider hosting their events in Saskatoon during University of Saskatchewan Reunion Weekend June 22-24, 2006. If you or your classmates would like further information and assistance in arranging a class reunion, please contact the College of Law Development Officer, Jennifer Molloy at (306) 966-5898 or e-mail jennifer.molloy@usask.ca.



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 Jennifer Molloy at jennifer.molloy@usask.ca or by phone at (306) 966-5898.

In Memoriam

George Curtis (LL.B.'27) our oldest alumnus, and one of our most distinguished graduates, died October 23, 2005 at the age of 99. George was the founding dean at the University of British Columbia, and a distinguished professor at many Canadian law schools. He was, to the end, a lively, insightful and extremely witty person.

Wilbur Roy Jackett (LL.B.'33) The Honourable Wilbur Jackett, QC, died September 10, 2005 at the age of 93. He was a Canadian scholar, public servant, jurist, and the first Chief Justice of

the Federal Court of Canada. Born in Saskatchewan, he graduated from the University of Saskatchewan's College of Law. In 1958, he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Civil Law (DCL) from the University of Saskatchewan and in 1981 he was made an Officer of the Order of Canada.

Thomas Wakeling (LL.B.'48) The Honorable Thomas Clarkson Wakeling, QC, passed away November 19, 2005. He had a distinguished legal career as a lawyer and as a judge. For over twenty years he was a named partner of

McDougall, Ready, Wakeling. In 1984 he became a judge of the Court of Appeal of Saskatchewan, a position he held until he retired at the age of 75.

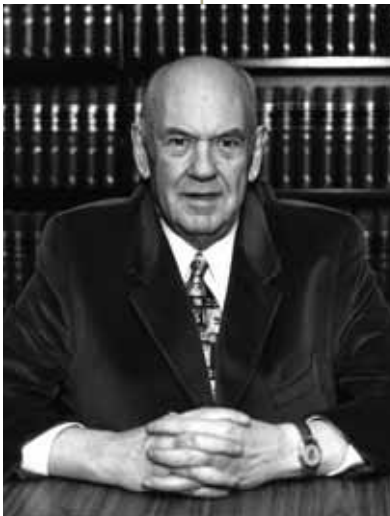
Edward Joseph Wenniger (LL.B.'64) passed away on November 5, 2005.

The College of Law would like to extend condolences to Ronald MacIsaac (LL.B.'48) and family in the loss of their mother, Mary MacIsaac. Mrs. MacIsaac was the second oldest person in Canada when she died on March 10, 2006 at the age of 112.

The Canadian legal community was shocked by the sudden death of **Professor Emeritus Howard McConnell** of a heart attack at his residence in Gatineau, Quebec, on June 12th, 2006. Howard had resided in the area of his birth since his retirement from the University of Saskatchewan in 1998.

Professor McConnell had an outstanding legal career. He was a gifted scholar, earning five University degrees, including Masters degrees in Arts and in Law, and a PhD in Political Science. Prior to joining the Saskatchewan Law Faculty in 1970, he had worked as an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Bishop's University in Lennoxville, Quebec; in the Judge Advocate-General's Department in the Royal Canadian Air Force; and, in his student days, as a part-time reporter.

At the University of Saskatchewan, he soon established a national reputation as an authority on Canadian Constitutional Law, and was in constant demand by the news media as a commentator on public law issues. He was a prolific author, writing 5 books, over 30 articles in legal journals, over 35 book reviews, and hundreds of newspaper articles. He served on many legal committees, and worked tirelessly to improve the stature and the independence of the judiciary. He had a continuing interest in the history of legal institutions, and chronicled the development of the profession



in Saskatchewan and the exploits of some of its illustrious members.

Most important of all, Howard had a genuine interest in everyone he met, and it is for this reason that he was one of Saskatchewan's most beloved professors. He had a penetrating wit, was always in good humor, and was a delightful companion. At the same time he was humble and unworldly by nature, and spent much of his time trying to help others. He never forgot a student, and always found time to listen to their problems, or even play a game of chess with them. He kept in touch with many students long after their graduation, and they knew that he truly cared for them.

Howard is survived by his son, Richard, who is a teacher in Halifax, his daughter-in-law, Anne Grant, and grandson, John Felix. Among his colleagues and students, he also leaves behind many friends, who will sadly miss him.

Douglas A. Schmeiser, Q.C.
Professor Emeritus of Law

If you are interested in contributing to a fitting memorial for Howard, please contact Kris Engstrom at (306) 966-5910 or via email at kris.engstrom@usask.ca.



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