MJ DeCoteau
A Superhero for our Times

The Power of Stem Cell Science
Sylvie is a retired school principal, an avid golfer and a grandmother of six. She has just completed her University of Saskatchewan Certificate in Art & Design through the Centre for Continuing & Distance Education and will now be working toward her B.F.A. through the College of Arts & Science. Congratulations Sylvie—on all your successes!

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Editor’s message

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY of the College of Arts & Science, the oldest college at the U of S, has been sneaking up on us for, oh, about 100 years.

I think every one of us cherishes this place when we remember our years as students. Before the crowds start streaming through in the morning, the quiet campus is a meditative oasis as you walk under the elms.

But as we started planning for the 2009 centennial year, we knew that this must be a special celebration of the People of Arts & Science. We are celebrating you—our very accomplished alumni who once walked these halls as students.

This centennial issue of DiversitA&S includes the announcement of the first annual Arts & Science Alumni Awards, the Alumni of Influence. These women and men are the superheroes of yesterday and today whose influence, power and passion are larger-than-life. Did you know that these heroes walked among us?

My discovery of the 100 Alumni of Influence of Arts & Science has been a thrill. I hope you too will be thrilled to read their stories.

I am deeply grateful to the dedicated and expert Alumni of Influence Selection Committee for their wonderful work over the last two years.

Your letters, email and Alumni of Influence nominations are important. Ongoing nominations of your classmates will allow us to honour alumni heroes again next year.

Come back to campus, visit us at the alumni office, and pause for a moment to view the new dedicated alumni display in the Arts Building.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FIRST ISSUE ISSUES

You could have used recycled paper and made an effort to show some fiscal restraint and concern for the environment…since when do individual colleges have to do this—why are you duplicating the Green & White?

Karen S. McDaniel (BA’69)

Electronic copies of DiversitA&S are a great option to save paper. We have switched to FSC certified paper made from post-consumer waste. DiversitA&S is the “silk purse” accomplished on a trim budget to tell Arts & Science stories.—Ed.

What has happened to alumni that are 60-plus? There must be some?

Gary Parchewsky (BA’66)

Although there are about 50,000 alumni of Arts & Science, our premier issue went only to 20,000 addresses, plus 12,000 e-mailboxes. This centennial issue will reach a broader group of alumni ages 20 to 120, and we plan for circulation to continue to stretch.—Ed.

…AND KUDOS

Wow, this publication is great. At last, something that reflects my interests and experiences. I look forward to seeing more!

Wendy Bergfeldt (BA’84)

I received my copy this week and am delighted with it! Although I have lived in Alberta for many years, the Saskatchewan connection is still strong, and I much appreciate this new way of staying connected. Look forward to the next issue!

Gail Helgason (BA’71)

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2010 Alumni of Influence Awards

Alumni of Influence are a broadly based group of alumni from the College of Arts & Science who have made great achievements locally, nationally or internationally.

Award Ceremony: Friday, October 1, 2010
Nomination deadline: Thursday, April 1, 2010

Please submit nominations to:
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UPDATE

GREG POELZER WINS DONNER PRIZE

Political Studies professor Greg Poelzer, featured in the Fall 2008 issue (Northern Exposures) for participating in the Canadian Armed Forces’ Operation NANOOK, has won the prestigious Donner Prize for Arctic Front: Defending Canada in the Far North (Thomas Allen Publishers), a book he co-authored with Ken Coates, Whitney Lackenbauer and William Morrison. The award is given annually for the best book on Canadian public policy, and is accompanied by a $35,000 prize.

“Unquestionably, this book deals with a subject of major public importance and interest,” said Donner Prize jury chair Grant Reuber.
Contributors

Shelley A. Leedahl (BA’07)
Shelley A. Leedahl is an active member of the Saskatchewan literary landscape, with multi-genre titles including The House of the Easily Amused, Orchestra of the Lost Steps, Talking Down the Northern Lights and The Bone Talker. She frequently visits schools and libraries, leads workshops and works as an editor. In 2009 she received a fellowship to attend the Fundación Valparaíso artists’ retreat in Spain. Leedahl lives in paradise, a.k.a. Middle Lake, Sask.

Stephen Rutherford
Fine Arts student Stephen Rutherford is currently experimenting with video and mixed media. Co-host of Saskatoon’s Tonight It’s Poetry series, he is the winner of the May 2009 Saskatoon Poetry Slam, and will be the alternate for the Saskatoon slam poetry team in the annual Canadian Festival of Spoken Word. On good days, he likes to consider himself a writer.

Kirk Sibbald (BA’04)
Kirk Sibbald grew up in Outlook, Sask. and graduated from the U of S with a BA (Honours) in English. After completing an MA in Journalism at the University of Western Ontario he worked as editor of The Lloydminster Source. Currently a communications officer for the College of Arts & Science, Sibbald fancies himself an up-and-coming Hallmark greeting card writer.

Craig Silliphant (BA’99)
Craig Silliphant is a writer and critic for The National Post, Planet S Magazine, CTV and the Rawlco Radio Network. He currently works as creative director at Rawlco Radio and editor-in-chief of Spaces Magazine. Silliphant wrote and co-produced the award-winning Global Television documentary, Stolen Sisters. He has a BA in English from the U of S. Silliphant’s radio reviews can be heard on the air on “Craig the Movie Geek.”

Joy-Ann Allin (BA’08)
Joy-Ann Allin was born in Regina, Sask. and completed her BA in English at the U of S after pre-journalism at the U of R. She works as Alumni Relations and Development Communications Officer for Arts & Science and as editor of DiversitA&S. Allin left the U of S in 1997 for a career in event planning and fund raising and later returned for her parchment and a job. She is equally at home flipping pancakes with students in the bowl and hobnobbing with emeritus pros.

Photos: Shelley A. Leedahl (Sean Virgo); Stephen Rutherford (submitted); Kirk Sibbald (Karee Davidson); Craig Silliphant (Chad Coombs); Joy-Ann Allin (Kirk Sibbald)
Most researchers and health officials agreed: following in the footsteps of devastating historical epidemics like smallpox, tuberculosis and cholera, we were overdue for the next pandemic.

On June 11, 2009, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared H1N1 a pandemic, the first global pandemic since the 1968 Hong Kong Flu. In the modern world, any and all viruses are of global concern.

Alumna Judith Wright (BA’00, MSc’03) works as a communicable disease epidemiologist with the Saskatoon Health Region. She is one of the many Arts & Science alumni and researchers whose work in the public health sector is helping to develop solutions and pandemic planning in Saskatchewan, with global impact. These individuals will be on the front line if a pandemic like H1N1 flares up.

“The new influenza virus is acting much like normal seasonal influenza, but it’s spreading faster because most of the population has no immunity to this strain,” explains Wright.

“A key concern will be maintaining adequate health services if and when demand for hospital care and physician services increases,” adds Brandace Winquist (BA’00, MSc’04), epidemiologist and decision support consultant with the Cypress Health Region. “In a health care system already working at capacity, prevention is very important. The development of an effective vaccine will be crucial in reducing the number of people who fall ill and require care. However, in the case of a severe pandemic, all sectors, not just health, will need to work together to mitigate its impact.”

Since globalization means that air travel has become increasingly prevalent, a new virus can be just a plane ride away. “We saw this with SARS and now H1N1 is another example of this; very quickly, the virus spread from Mexico all over North America,” Winquist explains. “And now the WHO reports that it has spread to more than 160 countries.”

Andrew Potter, director and CEO of the Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization (VIDO) at the U of S, cautions that restricting travel and trade is both impossible and inadvisable today. “All too often, one of the reactions...is to try and put barriers in place which are not based on sound science. An excellent example is the restrictions imposed by some countries on pork products, even though there was no danger whatsoever.”

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While the H1N1 threat is certainly real, experts suggest that other recent viral outbreaks, such as SARS, have helped Canada be better prepared this time around.

“(Canada’s) diagnostic facilities are excellent and we have plans in place for the production of vaccines and distribution of antiviral compounds,” explains Potter. “At the provincial level, I do not believe our plans are quite as advanced, but we are working on it.”

“We have a relatively small population,” adds Wright, “so managing daily public congestion, which facilitates rapid transmission, is less of a challenge (in Saskatchewan) than some parts of the country. Being fairly small, communications between different parts of the health sector are less fraught than a major centre; that is something that has definitely improved since SARS. That being said, I expect we will be doing things differently to deal with a surge in patients needing help.”

Preparedness for dealing with viral outbreaks depends largely on the resources available for healthcare infrastructure and disease surveillance. This means some communities—such as several
Manitoba First Nations, for example—have experienced a higher proportion of serious H1N1 cases.

"Disease will always affect the disadvantaged disproportionately," says Wright. "Individuals with underlying health problems, regardless of cause, may experience more severe influenza illness. Individuals without access to a regular physician or with poor contact to health services overall may not try to get treatment."

Amidst rumblings of timeline delays, WHO announced this past July that it does not expect an H1N1 vaccine to be widely available until the end of the year.

However, with completion of the new International Vaccine Centre (Intervac) slated for 2010, the U of S campus will soon become home to an important research facility with global reach to fight infectious disease. VIDO/Intervac will be one of the largest Containment Level 3 vaccine research and development facilities in North America.

Potter believes that VIDO’s biggest potential contribution is in the area of zoonotic diseases (diseases transmissible from animals to humans). "Given the role that animals play in the evolution of new viruses, one of the most effective means of mitigating the threat to humans is to deal with the issue at its source—the animal host."

He also acknowledges that while there is "no magic bullet" to successfully combat a pandemic, any medical advances must be combined with social solutions to ensure the best possible results are achieved.

Winquist agrees that Canada is well prepared for any challenges that may arise. "We are hopeful that the extensive planning being undertaken at all levels of government and by health regions puts us in a good position to deal with any scenario."
He’s not a political leader, CEO or prominent in legal circles. But make no mistake about it, Gordon Keller is a powerful man.

As one of the world’s leading stem cell scientists, Keller (BSc’74) has spent the past three decades working in one of medicine’s most auspicious and controversial spheres.

Since graduating from the U of S with a degree in biochemistry and biology, Keller has been lured to Switzerland, Austria, Denver and New York by various schools and institutes that covet his expertise. And, despite being named as one of the top six medical minds the city didn’t want to lose by New York magazine in 2006, he did leave shortly thereafter, accepting a position in Toronto as director of the McEwen Centre for Regenerative Medicine, a post he still occupies today.

Raised on a farm near Melville, Sask., Keller’s prairie modesty becomes evident when asked about the New York article.

“That was all kind of blown out of proportion,” says Keller, who was working at New York’s Mount Sinai School of Medicine when the article was published. “There are relatively few people trained in stem cell biology, and given the excitement and enthusiasm surrounding this, they just try to hold onto their faculty.”

Personal modesty aside, there is little room for humility in the fields of stem cell science. Characterized by a unique ability to renew themselves and morph into a range of specialized cell types, stem cells hold the potential to make medical miracles an everyday reality.

Proponents of such research claim that stem cells will one day unlock cures for everything from heart disease and cancer to diabetes and kidney failure. This past summer, in fact, the world’s first clinical trials began using embryonic stem cells on patients with spinal cord injuries. If successful, paralysis could one day be a temporary affliction.
“That’s power, amazing power.... We make human heart cells, human liver cells, human insulin-producing cells every-day in our lab.”

Opponents, however, have long criticized stem cell research on ethical and religious grounds. Obtaining stem cells via human embryos, they argue, is the same as destroying a human life.

However, stem cell research today is able to skirt many of its past controversies. Keller says that researchers have now discovered how to take fully-formed adult cells and “reprogram them” back into an embryonic state.

“That’s power, amazing power,” says Keller. “The excitement now is it’s happening; it’s not the future. We can take cells from you, me, anyone, and take them back in time, so to speak. We make human heart cells, human liver cells, human insulin-producing cells and so forth everyday in our lab.”

These reprogrammed cells—technically called induced pluripotent stem cells—could hold enormous potential. However, because they were just recently discovered and have subtle differences from true embryonic stem cells, many doctors and researchers still choose to work with cells derived directly from embryos.

“The controversy really all depends on your religious beliefs,” said Keller. “But I think if you present society with the issue that these fertilized eggs will be eventually destroyed or converted to stem cells, which do you want?”

Working in Toronto, says Keller, presents him with amazing opportunities. The cluster of research institutes—including the McEwen Centre—on University Avenue means he is able to work alongside many other accomplished scientists interested in stem cell biology.

“Canada is definitely amongst the best places in the world doing stem cell research. We always compare ourselves to America; they’re 10 times as big but by no means 10 times better when it comes to this,” he said.

However, while Keller said the Canadian and provincial governments have solid track records of funding research infrastructure, he says it is “worrisome” that operating grants have begun to plateau over the past few years.

“We need to encourage our elected officials that now, if there ever was a time to invest (in stem cell research), this is it,” he said.

“There are new innovations and new emerging industries coming out of this that we don’t want to miss. We are on the cusp with a lot of this research, and Canada has the chance now to do something really special.”
It’s a hot July day on Broadway Avenue in Saskatoon, and I am hunkered down on a bench in the shade of the Roastery’s south wall with MJ DeCoteau (BA’91, MA’97).

In her white Fashion Targets Breast Cancer T-shirt and windswept hair, she looks very much the smart prairie girl making a difference in the big city.

DeCoteau has just confessed that she is approaching 40, yet she is the founder of the Toronto-based organization Rethink Breast Cancer focused on reaching young women, defined as women under 40.

Rethink Breast Cancer is youthful Canadian charity with a mission to think differently about how to beat breast cancer, and a bold delivery of awareness campaigns, support services, fund raising and medical research.

Working as executive director at Rethink Breast Cancer can be intense. But the birth of her five-year-old daughter, Annie, became a way for DeCoteau to regain work-life balance, a principle she believes in strongly.

“It can get draining and exhausting working with a population that has breast cancer at an early point in their lives…we offer emotional support. In the early years, energy seemed endless,” she says. “Now when I’m with my daughter, I’m with her. When I’m at work, I’m focused.”

How can you talk to a five-year-old about your good-versus-evil job, combating breast cancer through awareness and research? For DeCoteau, it is natural. “My daughter has an old soul—she needs information. I told her
what cancer is. She knows she didn’t get to meet her grandma because of breast cancer. I tell her mommy helps raise money so that fewer families will be affected.”

DeCoteau’s work is a tribute to her mother, Anne, who lost her life to breast cancer when DeCoteau was only 22, and the two women share many qualities. “What I share (with my mom) is an ability to make people feel comfortable right away. She saw the best in people and I try to do that too, in my life.

“When my mom was diagnosed, and my grand- ma, this was before runs and walks and wearing pink ribbons. It was discussed in hushed tones… some people still can’t talk about it in their cultures. Now young women can talk to their moms about it.”

While many young people flock to the parties, the challenge is to convert event patrons into donors and activists.

One of Rethink’s many success stories is the innovative Support Saturdays, bringing together young mothers with psychologists for intense group support. “There are crafts, games and activities for dads and kids. We love that the whole family can come and linger and decompress and hang out and visit. Moms are overjoyed to meet women in the same situation. Some of them have been diagnosed shortly after giving birth.”

With its mandate to reach young women, Rethink Breast Cancer stands out among a host of other foundations. “We’re the only national breast cancer organization focused on young people,” DeCoteau explains. “We don’t water down our approach. It has enabled us to do more creative work. Young people are hard to reach.”

The cloud of pink merchandise marketed today can be overwhelming. “Pink is inescapable. It’s global. We’re edgy and girly. I worry about overkill and the message getting lost,” DeCoteau reflects. “You want people to know there’s a lot more to do (than buying something pink). It’s a passive way of supporting, instead of being breast aware and checking your breasts.

“We try to find products that appeal to our audience, versus items that I call the pink ribbon tchotchkes. And I worry about landfill, too.” She recommends that buyers beware, and make sure they are supporting a registered charity that receives a minimum of 10 per cent of the item’s price.

While many young people flock to the Rethink parties, the challenge for the organization is to convert event patrons into donors and activists that understand their mission. Activism is becoming increasingly important to this sophisticated demographic; they ask tough questions about how money is helping, and research the organization online.

In Toronto’s competitive world of charitable benefits, somehow Rethink manages to continually generate fresh, new ideas to engage young women and men. In June 2009, the annual Rethink Romp went underground with a “Prohibition” theme for a roaring party that raised $99,000 for research, education and support. The year before, “Hello Sailor” featured playful pin-up girls and a naughty nautical theme.

Awareness campaigns are no less creative and edgy, with the “Booby Wall” encouraging young women to become breast-aware by posting photos of their breasts online.

The international Fashion Targets Breast Cancer campaign made its Canadian debut in 2001 through the work done by DeCoteau’s team. “The launch of the campaign was hugely challenging but also very exciting. We had lots of celebrities involved. It took less than six months to put together, from selling ideas to partners, to having product in stores. We worked like mad people.”

Through the Pink Pearl Campaign with partner TELUS, young women receive support and tools at a tough time. “We are giving out pink BlackBerries with unlimited service for a year so they can stay connected and keep all the contact info they need,” DeCoteau explains. “It helps with chemo fog (a cognitive side-effect of treatment), their kids’ schedules, helps them manage the confusing and chaotic program that can be treatment.”

Thanks to a youthful and enormously creative small team, Rethink stays true to its mission. “We do a lot of brainstorming and get inspiration from the for-profit world, and watch trends in New York and London. We try to use a venue before anyone else has,” DeCoteau says. “We don’t want to lose the fun and youthful spirit.

“Because we’re a small organization, you get to know the people that are using our services. They’re so thankful that someone’s created something just for them…it makes us feel like we’re on the right track, trying to change the face of breast cancer.”

DeCoteau knows that Rethink Breast Cancer gets results that save lives, sharing the story of one woman whose life was deeply impacted by the Hello Sailor romp. “There was a whole group of people that came out and had an amazing time. They drank, they ate, they danced. But they also got the message. One woman went home and did a breast exam for the very first time, and found a lump that turned out to be cancer. We get the message out in a positive, non-scary way. Now she’s had her treatment—she’s young mom with three kids—and we hope it’s going to be a positive long-term outcome for her.”

DiversitA&S | Fall 2009
This year marks the 100th anniversary of the College of Arts & Science, the oldest college at the University of Saskatchewan. It is 100 years since the first lecture was given in Arts & Science, back in 1909.

People are the most valuable asset in the College of Arts & Science, and in this, our centennial year, we are “Celebrating a Century of Great People,” our students, alumni and faculty.

I invite you to read the wonderful alumni stories in these pages, and share my pride in all the distinguished people of our college. These 100 Alumni of Influence are a wonderful representation of the College of Arts & Science.

In creating the Arts & Science Alumni of Influence awards, the selection committee worked diligently for nearly two years, guided by this statement of purpose: “The 100 Alumni of Influence are a broadly based group of alumni from the College of Arts & Science who have made great achievements locally, nationally or internationally.” Great care was taken to search for a truly diverse and distinguished group of individuals across various fields and decades. I am grateful to our committee for their expertise and commitment. Thanks to Bill Waiser, Duff Spafford, Don Kerr, Don Gendzwill, Ron Verrall, Tim Hutchinson, Dean Hall, Huzefa Rashid, Vanessa Chesters, Melana Soroka, Dick Rempel and Joy-Ann Allin.

On Oct. 2, the formal announcement of the 100 Alumni of Influence takes place, including a Gala Luncheon and Awards Ceremony, followed by an Unveiling Ceremony for the commemorative alumni display. Witnesses to this special day include student representatives from across the college, faculty, dignitaries and community members.

Each year hereafter, we will continue to induct accomplished alumni to the Arts & Science Alumni of Influence. I encourage you to come forward with nominations of former classmates, friends and colleagues, so that we may honour their great achievements in future years.

It is tremendously important for today’s students to recognize our great alumni, to hear their stories and to know the great value of an Arts & Science degree. I hope you will come back to visit campus and view our dedicated alumni display in the Arts Building.

On behalf of the students, faculty and staff of Arts & Science, I offer my congratulations and deep appreciation to each of our special Alumni of Influence and their families.

Jo-Anne Dillon, Dean
The committee has made every effort to contact our honoured alumni and their families and to conduct thorough research, so that the following Alumni of Influence award citations are accurate, complete and representative. For the sake of brevity, these citations include only the degrees earned at the University of Saskatchewan, and not honorary degrees or degrees from other institutions. We regret any errors or omissions that have occurred inadvertently.

Mark Abley, BA’75
Award-winning poet, journalist and prolific author, Mark Abley writes for the Montreal Gazette and the Times Literary Supplement. His Spoken Here: Travels Among Threatened Languages was a New York Times Notable Book, a San Francisco Chronicle Best Book of the Year and a Globe and Mail Best Book of the Year. Abley has been recognized for his critical writing and international reporting by the National Newspaper Awards.

Nancy Foster Adams, BA’31 (d. 1998)
Member of the Order of Canada
Nancy Adams was a pioneer in rural women’s organizations as a founder and leader at local, provincial, national and international levels, including the Association of Homemakers’ Clubs of Sask., Federated Women’s Institutes of Canada and National Council of Women. Adams was also active in rural planning and adult education in Sask.

Frank W. Anderson, BA’55 (d. 2008)
At age 16, Frank Wesley Anderson entered prison to serve a life sentence. After the warden challenged him to acquire an education, Anderson completed high school and become the first inmate in Canada to take university courses. Released on parole in 1951, he completed his degree and worked in the prison system as a social worker. Anderson wrote many booklets on Canadian history, travel and true crime. In 1974, he was appointed to the National Parole Board.

Anita Reynell Andreychuk, BA’66, LLB’67
Reynell Andreychuck has worked as a lawyer, judge and diplomat in Canada for the past four decades. She served as chancellor at the University of Regina and Associate Deputy Minister of Social Services in Sask. She was then named Canada’s High Commissioner to Kenya and Uganda and ambassador to Somalia, Comoros and Portugal. Andreychuk has also held many high-ranking posts in the Canadian Senate.

Robert M. Arn, BA’63
Robert Arn founded many companies that have transformed telecommunications media. His ventures enabled internet distribution of video media, marketed the first mobile digital television production studio and developed the first consumer digital satellite TV recorder. Arn led a buyout of what became the pioneering company in HTML page processing, the foundation of the World Wide Web.

Clare B. Baker, BA’44, Cert/Med’44
Member of the Order of Canada
Best known for performing the first successful cardiac transplant in Canada, Baker also pioneered a bloodless surgical technique for the procedure. Renowned in Canada for his excellence as a surgeon and clinical teacher, Baker has travelled extensively to demonstrate his open-heart procedures and post-care techniques.

Edward J. Baldes, BA’18 (d. 1975)
Edward Baldes served as director of the Mayo Clinic and is recognized for his work on blood flow, osmotic pressure, electrophysiology and aviation medicine. His consulting work for U.S. Air Force led to the development of the life-saving pressurized anti-gravity suit worn by American fliers in World War II. Baldes’ study of German aviation medicine contributed to operational space medicine, and ultimately the first human lunar landing.

Edward Bayda, BA’51, LLB’53
Saskatchewan Order of Merit
Following graduation, Edward Bayda became a leader in the legal and greater community. He was appointed to the Court of Queen’s Bench in 1972 and to the Court of Appeal in 1974. In 1981, he became Chief Justice of Sask. Bayda was greatly respected throughout his career for judgments characterized by scholarship and sensitivity.
George Edwin Britnell, BA’29 (d. 1961)
An internationally recognized economist, George Edwin Britnell often advised governments in such diverse fields as federal-provincial relations, transportation and coal mining. Britnell headed the Dept. of Economics and Political Science at the U of S for many years. He served as royal commissioner and Canadian delegate to international economic conferences and as special advisor on transportation to the Sask. government.

Weldon Grant Brown, BSc’27, MSc’28 (d. 1989)
Weldon Grant Brown’s contributions in chemistry advanced the modern understanding of the mechanism of electrophilic substitution reactions. His work recognizing hyperconjugation is considered a classic of organic chemistry. Brown was the first to establish the usefulness of paper chromatography for microseparation of organic compounds. During World War II, Brown undertook assignments for the U.S. National Defence Committee.

Sharon Butala, BEd’62, BA’63, PGD’73
Officer of the Order of Canada
A noted novelist, playwright and non-fiction writer, Sharon Butala is well-known for her many works, including The Perfection of the Morning, that give rural women an important voice. The spirituality and vivid sense of place evident in her writing have endeared her to many readers. Butala has been shortlisted for the Governor General’s Award for both fiction and non-fiction, and won the Marian Engel Prize in 1998.

Robert Calder, BA’63, MA’65
Bob Calder is recognized as the world’s leading authority on William Somerset Maugham, and award-winning author of books and scholarly publications. Willie: the Life of W. Somerset Maugham received the Governor General’s Literary Award for non-fiction. Calder has taught literature in the U of S Dept. of English for many years. Active in the province’s literary community, he has served as president of the Sage Hill Writing Experience and president of the Sask. Writers’ Guild.

Jessie Rowles Caldwell, BSc’24 (d. 1990)
Jessie Caldwell’s distinguished record of public service blazed new trails for Canadian women. Raised on a homestead in Sask., Caldwell served on the boards of many organizations, and was a member of the Canadian delegation to the Eighth General Assembly of the UN. She travelled and spoke extensively about the work of the UN as chair of the Sask. World Refugee Year Committee.

Alastair Graham W. Cameron, PhD’52 (d. 2005)
Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada
Alastair Cameron is an internationally respected physicist and the first to earn a PhD at the U of S. Cameron’s research has been published extensively and he has edited 11 books on infrared astronomy, origin and evolution of atmospheres and oceans, interstellar communication and stellar evolution. He served as chair of the Astronomy dept. at Harvard University, and is a fellow of many professional societies.

Roger C. Carter, BA’45, LLB’47 (d. 2009)
Officer of the Order of Canada; Saskatchewan Order of Merit; Queen’s Counsel
Roger Carter made many inroads for aboriginal students during his time as dean of the U of S College of Law. He initiated an eight-week program designed to help aboriginal students succeed in their first year of law studies. In 1975 Carter established the Native Law Centre at the U of S, which is still Canada’s leading training and research program for aboriginal lawyers.

Samuel Delbert Clark, BA’30, MA’31 (d. 2003)
Officer of the Order of Canada; Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada
A respected founder of Canadian sociology, Samuel Clark established its credibility as a distinct discipline with roots in history, political economy, and American and European
Kim Coates, BA ’81
Sask. home-grown actor Kim Coates has successfully entered the realms of film, stage and television on both sides of the border. Coates has more than 40 films to his credit, including *Black Hawk Down* directed by Ridley Scott. He has also made many appearances on popular television shows, including *CSI Miami*, *Prison Break* and *Entourage*.

Edward M. Culliton, BA’26, LLB’28 (d. 1991)
*Companion of the Order of Canada; Saskatchewan Order of Merit; Queen’s Counsel*
A lawyer until beginning his public career in the Legislature, Edward Culliton was appointed to Cabinet as Provincial Secretary in 1938. He resigned this post to enter service with the Canadian Army and returned to the Sask. Legislature in 1948. In 1951, Culliton was appointed to the Sask. Court of Appeal, becoming the first U of S grad to occupy an important appellate post.

Thomas Courchene, BA’62
*Officer of the Order of Canada*
One of Canada’s most respected economists, Tom Courchene’s work has influenced many Canadian policy decisions. A distinguished author and editor of more than 50 books and 300 articles, he won the inaugural Donner Prize for the best book on Canadian public policy (with Colin Telmer) for *From Heartland to North American Region State: The Social, Fiscal and Federal Evolution of Ontario*. Courchene is the Jarislowsky-Deutsch Professor of Economics and Finance at Queen’s University.

Lorna Crozier, BA’69
Acclaimed as “one of the most original poets writing in English,” Lorna Crozier is a prolific award-winning writer and professor. She has been honoured by the U of S and the University of Regina for her contribution to Canadian literature. Crozier’s *Inventing the Hawk* received the Governor General’s Award and her poems have been widely translated. A generous and inspiring mentor, Crozier has introduced many new writers to Canada.

William Deverell, LLB’63, BA’64
Heralded as a “national treasure” by the *Toronto Star*, award-winning crime writer William Deverell is well known for his crime novels and for the long-running CBC TV series, *Street Legal*. He worked as a journalist for *The StarPhoenix* while studying at the U of S. Deverell worked in criminal law, civil rights, labour and environmental law in B.C., Alta. and the Yukon, and is a founding director of the B.C. Civil Liberties Association.

John Diefenbaker, BA’15, MA’16, LLB’19 (d. 1979)
*Order of the Companions of Honour; Privy Counsellor; Queen’s Counsel; Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada*
John Diefenbaker is Sask.’s most well-known political figure. After beginning his law practice, he entered politics, was elected to the House of Commons in 1940, and became the leader of the Progressive Conservative Party in 1956. Diefenbaker became Prime Minister of Canada in 1957, and introduced the Canadian Bill of Rights.
James Dosman, BA’59, MD’63, MA’69

Saskatchewan Order of Merit

James Dosman founded the Institute of Agricultural, Rural and Environmental Health, and also the Agricultural Health and Safety Network. The organizations are unique in Canada and have enormous provincial impact for farm families. Dosman has worked to form rural health safety programs at the national and international levels and is credited for reducing dangers in the agriculture profession.

Lillian Eva Dyck, BA’66, MA’70, PhD’81

Regarded as a brilliant role model, Lillian Eva Dyck found her path to the Canadian Senate through her excellence in neuroscience and her advocacy in the aboriginal community. Dyck serves on the Aboriginal People’s Committee, frequently speaking on science, teaching, violence against First Nations women and discriminatory legislation. Dyck also served as associate dean of Graduate Studies and professor in the Neuropsychiatry Research Unit at the U of S.

Sylvia Fedoruk, BA’49, MA’51

Officer of the Order of Canada; Saskatchewan Order of Merit

Sylvia Fedoruk was the chief medical physicist for the Sask. Cancer Foundation for 35 years. During this time she was instrumental in developing the Cobalt 60 unit, one of the first nuclear scanning machines that pioneered cancer radiation treatment. A former U of S chancellor, Fedoruk was appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Sask. in 1988. Fedoruk was also inducted into the Canadian Curling Hall of Fame.

Edith Fowke, BA’33, MA’37 (d. 1996)

Member of the Order of Canada

Edith Fowke was Canada’s preeminent scholar of English-language traditions. Fowke collected and preserved Canada’s oral traditions in folklore, traditional songs, stories and games. Her private collection of recordings became the enduring CBC radio shows Folk Song Time and Folk Sounds. Fowke became a major figure in the North American folk music revival.

Gerald Friesen, BA’65

Gerald Friesen is author of The Canadian Prairies, the most influential and widely read history of Western Canada. The first Seagram Chair at the Institute for the Study of Canada at McGill University, Friesen is a prolific writer and researcher, lectures internationally, works as professor of History at the University of Manitoba, and is past-president of the Canadian Historical Association.

Dorothée Gizenga, BSc’85

Dorothée Gizenga aids recovery of war-ravaged African countries in her work with Diamond Development Initiative. Through Gizenga’s work to regulate the diamond industry and establish the Kimberley Process, the trade of conflict diamonds has been nearly eliminated. With Partnership Africa Canada, she worked as an activist in peace, human security and sustainable development.

Lydia Gruchy, BA’20 (d. 1992)

Lydia Gruchy was the first woman to be ordained in the United Church of Canada, the first denomination to affirm ordination of women. After graduation from St. Andrew’s College, she served as a rural lay minister and sought ordination repeatedly for 10 years until her ordination in 1936. In 1953 she became the first Canadian woman to receive the Doctor of Divinity degree.

Raymond Heimbecker, BA’44, Cert/Med’45

Officer of the Order of Canada; Order of Ontario

A true pioneer in the field of cardiovascular medicine, Raymond Heimbecker performed the world’s first complete heart valve transplant in 1962 and Canada’s first modern heart transplant in 1981. He is at the forefront of his specialty, having developed several advanced techniques for heart surgery. He joined the University of Toronto’s Dept. of Surgery in 1955.

Robert Hinitt, BA’47, MA’49, BEd’52

Member of the Order of Canada; Saskatchewan Order of Merit

Bob Hinitt has nurtured generations of theatre-goers and artists through his vision and lifelong passion for designing, directing and teaching theatre. He designed the Aden Bowman Castle Theatre, modeling it after the Stratford Festival stage,
and was a founding member of the Saskatoon Gateway Players and the Saskatoon Summer Players. Saskatoon cherishes Hinitt’s annual Christmas display at his home.

Orville Hjertaas, BA’39, Cert/Med’39 (d. 1998)
Member of the Order of Canada; Saskatchewan Order of Merit
Orville Hjertaas is recognized as one of the fathers of Medicare. He organized Sask.’s first two experimental health regions in Swift Current and Weyburn. In response to the doctors’ strike, Hjertaas established and directed Sask.’s first community clinic in Prince Albert. He also pioneered group practice arrangements and prevention in health care delivery.

Ramon Hnatyshyn, BA’54, LLB’56 (d. 2002)
Privy Counsellor; Companion of the Order of Canada; Commander of the Order of Military Merit; Canadian Forces Decoration; Queen’s Counsel
Canada’s 24th Governor General and Commander-in-Chief, Ramon Hnatyshyn was elected to Parliament in 1974 and served in the House of Commons until 1988. He filled several cabinet roles and went on to serve as Governor General from 1990 to 1995. Many of his decisions were widely popular and responsible, in part, for renewing public interest in the Governor General’s office.

Lisa Hornung, BMus’91
Saskatchewan born contralto Lisa Hornung has been acclaimed for performances in repertoire ranging from Baroque to contemporary composers. Her voice has been called “rich and powerful” and her stage presence has “inspired audiences and musicians alike”. In addition to oratorio and concert work, Hornung performs and tours with the American Spiritual Ensemble.

Ted Hughes, BA’48, LLB’50
Officer of the Order of Canada; Queen’s Counsel
Ted Hughes has served as a judge, deputy attorney general, commissioner of Conflict of Interest and chief federal treaty negotiator in Western and Northern Canada. He has been invited to serve on numerous commissions of inquiry. Hughes chaired the APEC Inquiry and authored the highly publicized report concerning the Vancouver APEC conference.

Frances Hyland, BA’47, (d. 2004)
Officer of the Order of Canada
Affectionately referred to as the first lady of Canadian theatre, Frances Hyland’s prolific acting career spanned more than 50 years. She appeared in numerous high profile productions, films and television features, and campaigned vigorously for better pay and status for Canadian actors. In 1994, Hyland won the Governor General’s Performing Arts Award.

Gary Hyland, BA’62, BE’d64
Member of the Order of Canada; Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal
Writer, teacher and activist Gary Hyland has published his poetry in books and journals. He has won many honours for his contributions as a leader in the arts and founding member of such organizations as the

Wilbur Roy Jackett, BA’31, LLB’33 (d. 2005)
Officer of the Order of Canada; Queen’s Counsel
Wilbur Jackett is known for his enormous impact on the administration of law in Canada. Jackett was responsible for drafting the Bill of Rights, a statutory precursor to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, at the request of the Diefenbaker government. He also directed the development of the Crown Liability Act, and was instrumental in replacing the inefficient Exchequer Court with the new body, the Federal Court of Canada.

Albert Johnson, BA’42
Companion of the Order of Canada
An esteemed public servant for the Sask. and Canadian governments, Albert Johnson joined the Sask. Civil Service in 1946. At only 29, he was appointed Deputy Provincial Treasurer for the province. He was named president of the CBC where he promoted the importance of maintaining a distinct Canadian identity. Johnson served on the U of S Board of Governors from 1953 to 1963.
Norman Bell Keevil, BSc’30, MSc’32 (d. 1989)

Officer of the Order of Canada

Norman Bell Keevil is known in mining for applying geophysical methods in the hunt for new mines, using scientific precision to replace the costly hit and miss of prospecting. He was responsible for interpreting the first 100,000 square miles of magnetic airborne geophysical surveys, revealing billions of dollars of new ore, such as the rich copper ore found in the Temagami area of Ontario.

Gordon Keller, BSc’74

One of today’s top medical minds, Gordon Keller is a leading stem cell scientist, head of Toronto’s new McEwan Center for Regenerative Medicine and senior scientist at the Ontario Cancer Institute, Division of Stem Cell and Developmental Biology. Keller’s life-saving research offers hope for new treatments targeting a wide range of diseases.

Donald Kent, BE’57, MSc’59

Donald Kent is recognized as the leading geological authority on Paleozoic carbonates in the Williston Basin, and Mississippian, Devonian and Ordovician rocks. Former professor of Geology and dept. chair at the University of Regina, Kent is a consulting petroleum geologist. He actively rebuilt the Sask. Geological Society after the exodus of local petroleum companies and has been honoured by the society for his sustained leadership.

Carlyle King, BA’26 (d. 1988)

An early proponent of Canadian literature and long-term head of English at the U of S, Carlyle King published several books on U of S history and an anthology of early Sask. writing. He held many leadership roles in Sask.’s libraries and the arts. A democratic socialist and pacifist, King worked actively in politics for the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation party.

Lawrence Kirk, BA’16, BSA’17, MSc’22, (d. 1969)

Officer of the Order of Canada; Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada

Lawrence Kirk is a nationally-recognized agronomist best known for introducing crested wheatgrass to Canada and helping control the dust bowl in the 1930s. Kirk was a professor and dean of Agriculture at the U of S, dominion agrologist in Ottawa’s Experimental Farms Service and chief of Plant Industry Branch in the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN.

Dorothy Elsie Knowles, BA’48

Member of the Order of Canada; Saskatchewan Order of Merit

Dorothy Knowles is one of Canada’s most notable landscape artists. Knowles works from nature, photographs and sketches to create her distinctive prairie landscapes, which have had an enormous influence on young painters across Western Canada. A recipient of many awards and honours, her work was celebrated in the recent monograph, Land Marks: The Art of Dorothy Knowles.

Lester Lafond, D/Agric’75, BA’82

Saskatchewan Order of Merit

A prominent influence in the development of Sask.’s aboriginal business community, Lester Lafond remains involved in many organizations that promote the development and success of new business enterprises for First Nations people. President of Lafond Insurance & Financial Services Ltd., he also serves on the boards for various community organizations and is president of Tribal Nations Management Services and Tribal Nations Energy Ltd.

Patricia Lawson, BA’50, BEd’53

Pat Lawson was the most distinguished female athlete in Canada during the 1950s, winning provincial titles in six sports, Canadian titles in three sports and leading 13 intervarsity teams. Lawson’s world-class athleticism would have shone in basketball and speed skating had these sports been open to women at the Olympic Games. Lawson is now a leader and mentor to many women as coach and teacher.

Mary Jo Leddy, BA’68, BEd’70

Member of the Order of Canada

Mary Jo Leddy is a writer, teacher, theologian and social activist, widely recognized for her work with refugees at Toronto’s Romero House. A believer in the goodness of people, Leddy has discovered a passionate
basis for social engagement. Leddy was founding editor of the Catholic New Times and is author of seven books.

Russell Holmes Macdonald, BA’39 (d. 1997)
Rusty Macdonald is known as the father of Western Producer Prairie Books and was that paper’s first full-time editor, adding strong Canadian content to its features. Macdonald is credited for implementing Sask.’s unified library system linking eight regional systems with the urban libraries in Saskatoon and Regina, a system unique in Canada.

Jim MacNeill, BA’49, BE’58
Officer of the Order of Canada
A lifelong advocate for sustainable development practices, Jim MacNeill was the chief architect and author of the World Commission on Environment and Development’s influential report, Our Common Future. He has served as a first-generation leader for many environmental organizations in Canada and abroad. He also held many senior positions with the government, helping shape energy and environmental policies.

Peter Makaroff, BA’15, LLB’18 (d. 1971)
Peter Makaroff was a natural leader of the independent Doukhobor movement, the first person of his sect to pursue a university education and legal career. A strong idealist and intellectual, he was committed to the Doukhobor values of non-violence at a time when Canada debated conscription. Key cases in Makaroff’s legal career included his successful representation of the Doukhobor leader Peter Vergin Jr. in his deportation battle, and the defence of the Regina Rioters.

Eric Malling, BA’67 (d.1998)
From the Regina Leader Post to the Toronto Star and finally as correspond-ent and host with CTV and CBC, Eric Malling moved quickly through Canada’s journalistic ranks. In 1976, Malling became host of CBC’s flagship current affairs program, The Fifth Estate. He later returned to CTV as host of W5, to which he brought a new political focus. For his impressive accomplishments in broadcast journalism, Malling won seven Actra/Gemini Awards and three Gordon Sinclair Awards.

Vincent Matthews, BA’43, Cert/Med’43 (d. 1988)
Vincent Matthews is recognized as a pioneer of Medicare in Sask. He became a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in Public Health and Preventative Medicine, served as medical health officer in the Swift Current Health Region and operated a general practice in Maple Creek. As Acting Deputy Minister of Health, Matthews helped design and introduce Medicare to the province in 1962. He was professor and head of the Dept. of Social and Preventative Medicine in the College of Medicine at the U of S.

Kenneth J. McCallum, BSc’36, MSc’39 (d. 1997)
Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada
A chemist and scholar respected across Canada and beyond, Kenneth J. McCallum was a professor and dept. head in Chemistry as well as dean of Graduate Studies at the U of S. He established the first 14C radiocarbon dating lab in Canada, used by anthropologists and archeologists to establish age of artifacts, and for evaluating wheat grown in regions near atomic bomb testing.

James McConica, BA’50
Officer of the Order of Canada
Ordained priest James McConica is widely respected as a scholar of Renaissance humanism. He was a professor of History at the University of Toronto, associate director of the Centre for Medieval Studies, and president and vice-chancellor at the University of St. Michael’s College. McConica was appointed a fellow of the Royal Historical Society, a Guggenheim fellow and a Killam Senior Research scholar. His projects include editing the Collected Works of Erasmus.

Alastair McCrone, BA’53
Alastair McCrone began his career as a petroleum geologist in Western and sub-arctic Canada and then taught Geology at New York University. Under his leadership as Humboldt State University’s longest serving president, the university achieved a reputation for academic excellence, especially in environmental studies, the sciences and engineering.
Annie McKay, BA’15 (d. 1986)

A trailblazing pioneer who displayed a remarkable commitment to the U of S, Annie McKay was the first Métis woman to graduate. She served on student council, The Sheaf editorial board, played women’s hockey and eventually became an assistant librarian. She was a tireless volunteer during the flu epidemic of 1918, and was the first secretary-treasurer of the U of S Alumni Association.

Obang Metho, BA’00

As director of International Advocacy with the Anuak Justice Council, Obang Metho advocates for human rights, security and justice in international courts. He has testified before the U.S. Senate on the genocide and oppression in Ethiopia. Metho also serves as executive director of the Gambella Development Agency to mobilize U of S doctors and volunteers to bring clean water, health care and education to Sudan.

William E. K. Middleton, BSc’27, MSc’29 (d. 1998)

A pioneer in atmospheric science, William Middleton authored many books on meteorological instruments and optics, including *Meteorological Instruments* and *Vision Through the Atmosphere*. A multilingual scholar, Middleton was fascinated by the study of historical scientific instruments. He worked for the Meteorological Service of Canada, introducing Canada’s first automated weather station. Middleton later worked in the Division of Physics at the National Research Council, specializing in colorimetry.

David Courtney Milne, BA’64

Photographer Courtney Milne has been called “an ambassador of the land.” Milne’s evocative portraits of the natural world began with Canadian prairie landscapes and continued with exotic destinations on expeditions around the globe. He has made more than 475,000 images from 35 countries and all seven continents. Milne supports environmental preservation initiatives through his images, seminars and multimedia shows.

William Thomas Molloy, BA’64, LLB’64

*Officer of the Order of Canada; Queen’s Counsel*

One of Canada’s top treaty negotiators, Tom Molloy brought forward some of Canada’s most important treaties, including the Nunavut Agreement, the Nisga’a Agreement, the Lheidli T’enneh Agreement and the Inuit of Northern Quebec Offshore Agreement. An award-winning author, Molloy also served as 12th Chancellor of the U of S. He began his career as a lawyer with MacPherson, Leslie & Tyerman LLP.

Jefferson Mooney, BA’66

Jeff Mooney is executive chairman and controlling shareholder of A&W Food Services of Canada. Under his leadership, A&W has grown to become an organization of more than 650 restaurants across Canada, and has been named one of the 50 Best Managed Companies in Canada for four consecutive years. Mooney has been honoured for his marketing and leadership skills. He also serves on the Vancouver Olympic Committee Board of Directors.

Helen Frances Morrison, BHSc’39

*Saskatchewan Order of Merit*

A well-respected pioneering woman in Saskatoon, Frances Morrison was an influential chief librarian from 1961 to 1980. She oversaw construction of the new main library that now bears her name, and established the library’s local history room and fine arts department. Morrison played a prominent role in establishing Sask.’s regional library system and was active in the Sask. Arts Board, YWCA and Heritage Society.

Hilda Neatby, BA’24, MA’28 (d. 1975)

*Companion of the Order of Canada; Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada*

A renowned historian and educator, Hilda Neatby established herself as one of Canada’s most formidable intellectuals with her book *So Little for the Mind* (1953), a bestseller that challenged the Canadian public education system. Neatby was featured on a Canada Post stamp in 2000, and the largest lecture theatre at the U of S is named in her honour.

Darwyn Peachey, BSc’78, MSc’83

A key contributor to such animated films as *Up*, *Toy Story* and *Ratatouille*, Darwyn Peachey has worked with Pixar Animation Studios in California as a software developer, technical artist, and vice president. Peachey and six co-workers won an Academy Award in 1993 for developing Renderman software, widely used in the visual effects and animation industries.
Bruce Peel, BA'44, (d. 1988)
Bruce Peel is recognized as the leading authority on Canadian prairie history to 1953, and his comprehensive bibliography of the prairie region is unrivaled in its field. Peel curated the Shortt Library of Canadiana at the U of S and later became chief librarian at the University of Alberta, where the Special Collections Library is named for him.

Wilfred Perreault, BFA'70
Wilf Perreault is a highly respected francophone painter whose expert craftsmanship, composition and style come together to create paintings of back lanes and hidden urban landscapes. In 1989, he was chosen to be one of five artists representing Canada in Les Jeux de la Francophonie in Morocco, and has been recognized for both his painting and charitable work. He was elected to the Royal Canadian Academy of the Arts.

Clayton Oscar Person, BA'49, MA'51 (d. 1990)
Member of the Order of Canada; Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada
The top international authority on the genetics of host-parasite relations, Clayton Person has made a major contribution to the understanding of this field. His theoretical methods have been applied widely in the practical management of diseases in agriculture and forestry. Person’s research in genetics, botany and agriculture is second to none, and he has consulted and lectured around the world.

Vera Pezer, BA'62, MA'64, PhD’77
Vera Pezer’s name is best known in curling circles as the only skip to have won three consecutive Canadian curling championships. An accomplished athlete, she was a four-time Canadian curling champion, served as sports psychologist for the 1988 and 2002 Olympic Winter Games and published two books on curling history and sports psychology. Now chancellor of the U of S, Pezer has served on faculty in Psychology and in several senior administrative posts.

Herbert Pinder Sr., BA'42
Member of the Order of Canada
A multi-sport athlete, prominent business leader and respected politician, Herbert Pinder left indelible marks throughout Canadian society. He served as a director for such companies as John Labatt Ltd and the Royal Bank of Canada. He was elected to the Sask. Legislature in 1964 and served as Minister of Industry and Commerce.

Jacob Rempel, BA'31, MSc’33 (d. 1976)
Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada
Medical entomologist Jacob Rempel is well known as a specialist in the mosquitoes of Western Canada. His award-winning research into the role of mosquitoes in transmission of western encephalitis aided provincial and federal health authorities and received international attention. He also developed a method of controlling the black flies of the South Sask. River, which helped combat disease-carrying flies on the Nile.

Robert Gordon Robertson, BA'35
Privy Counsellor; Companion of the Order of Canada; Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada
Gordon Robertson, the “very civil servant,” served at the centre of Canadian government power, working directly with Prime Ministers King, St-Laurent, Pearson and Trudeau, and as senior advisor to the latter two. Robertson was Commissioner of the Northwest Territories and the first Deputy Minister of the Dept. of Northern Affairs. He played a key role in Canada’s debate on constitutional reform and national unity.

Roy Romanow, BA'60, LLB’64
Privy Counsellor; Officer of the Order of Canada; Saskatchewan Order of Merit; Queen’s Counsel
Former Sask. Premier Roy Romanow is best known for his important work as head of the Royal Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada. As Premier, Romanow dealt with an acute financial crisis in 1992, restoring Sask.’s financial position and making the province the first in Canada to balance its budget in the 1990s.

Darcy Kim Rossmo, BA'78
Criminal profiler Kim Rossmo has worked with law enforcement on more than 3,000 crimes around the globe. Now the Criminology chair at Texas State University and head of the Centre for Geospatial Intelligence and Investigation, Rossmo began his career as a Canadian police officer. His
John Francis Roy, BA’48, BEd’53, MA’68
Saskatchewan Order of Merit
A committed environmentalist and conservationist, Frank Roy’s work to create provincial and national policies on ecology has shaped public opinion. Roy was a founding member of the Sask. Natural History Society, and an advocate of ecotourism and sustainable development in Sask. He is recognized as a master teacher, responsible for strengthening the high school English curriculum and developing the naturalist program in outdoor education.

Edith Child Rowles Simpson, BHSc’32 (d. 1997)
Member of the Order of Canada
Edith Simpson is recognized as a leader in home economics and rural education. After teaching in rural schools, she achieved most distinguished graduate in Household Science at the U of S. Simpson earned degrees from the University of Wisconsin and Columbia University, and returned to serve in several U of S positions including professor, dean of women and dean of Home Economics.

George Simpson, BA’19 (d. 1969)
After joining the Dept. of History’s faculty in 1922, George Simpson initiated Slavic Studies at the U of S and became the first anglophone historian to learn the Ukrainian language. He would eventually edit the first history of the Ukraine in English. Simpson was also instrumental in shaping policy for the SASK. Archives Act and served as provincial archivist.

Barry Strayer, BA’53, LLB’55
Member of the Order of Canada; Saskatchewan Order of Merit
Best known for her authoritative book Traditional Ukrainian Cookery, Savella Stechishin was a women’s rights advocate, journalist, author, teacher, home economist and community organizer. She is also credited for her leadership in preserving Ukrainian culture in Canada. In 1930, she was the first Ukrainian Canadian woman to receive a degree at the U of S, and later lectured on cuisine, culture and public speaking for young women. Stechishin was instrumental in establishing the Ukrainian Museum of Canada.

William George Schneider, BSc’37, MSc’39
Officer of the Order of Canada; Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada
One of Canada’s most distinguished scientists, William Schneider served as president of the National Research Council of Canada from 1967 to 1980, making it an important international force. Schneider began his career at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, conducting research on underwater explosions and anti-submarine weapons. He has published extensively in molecular forces, ultrasonics, nuclear magnetic resonance and organic semiconductors.

Savella Stechishin, BA’30 (d. 2002)
Member of the Order of Canada; Saskatchewan Order of Merit
Best known for her authoritative book Traditional Ukrainian Cookery, Savella Stechishin was a women’s rights advocate, journalist, author, teacher, home economist and community organizer. She is also credited for her leadership in preserving Ukrainian culture in Canada. In 1930, she was the first Ukrainian Canadian woman to receive a degree at the U of S, and later lectured on cuisine, culture and public speaking for young women. Stechishin was instrumental in establishing the Ukrainian Museum of Canada.

Ahab Spence, BA’52 (d. 2001)
Member of the Order of Canada
Ahab Spence lived a varied life as an Anglican Priest, educator, oral historian, and preserver of the Cree language. A student in the residential school system, he obtained his Licentiate in Theology from Emmanuel College. He taught Cree and Native Studies at Brandon University and translated Cree for the government. Spence worked for the federal Dept. of Indian and Northern Affairs in aboriginal cultural development.
essays on public law. He has held judicial appointments in the Federal Court of Canada, Federal Court of Appeal, and Court Martial Appeal Court of Canada, and now serves as Deputy Judge of the Federal Court.

Walter Surma Tarnopolsky, BA’52, LLB’57 (d. 1993)
A pioneer in human rights and civil liberties in Canada, Walter Surma Tarnopolsky published the groundbreaking study, *The Canadian Bill of Rights*, a pivotal book used by Canadian law students and lawyers. He was a professor of Law before becoming a judge in 1985 on the Ontario Supreme Court and Court of Appeal. Tarnopolsky was chair of the Canadian Civil Liberties Assoc., served as a Canadian Human Rights Commissioner, and represented Canada at the UN.

Henry Taube, BSc’35, MSc’37
A leading inorganic chemist, Henry Taube was awarded the 1983 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his studies of inner-sphere electron transfer, particularly of metal complexes. Taube developed techniques for studying the kinetics and mechanism of inorganic reactions and demonstrated that ligand bridges form between interacting complexes, allowing electrons to be transferred. He was among the first chemists to use isotopes to determine reaction mechanisms.

Gordon Thiessen, BA’59, MA’62
Officer of the Order of Canada
Starting his career at the Bank of Canada in 1963, Gordon Thiessen was appointed adviser to the bank’s governor in 1979. In 1994, he became governor of the Bank of Canada and led Canada through seven of its most financially turbulent years. During his time as governor, Thiessen established monetary policies that helped calm inflation and restore economic health to Canada.

Henry G. Thode, BSc’30, MSc’32 (d. 1997)
Companion of the Order of Canada; Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada; Fellow of the Royal Society of London; Member of the Order of the British Empire
President of McMaster University (1961–1972), Harry Thode was a visionary leader who led the university through its most ambitious era of growth. He was also a pioneer in the field of nuclear science and geochemistry and built Canada’s first nuclear reactor. Thode’s atomic research during World War II contributed significantly to the design and operation of nuclear reactors.

Margaret Thompson, BA’43
Member of the Order of Canada
A leader in the field of genetics, Margaret Thompson has spent her professional career researching the relevance of human genetics to childhood diseases. She and her late husband, James Thompson, co-authored *Genetics in Medicine*. She has received numerous awards and is a founding member of the Genetics Society of Canada, the Canadian College of Medical Geneticists and the American Society of Human Genetics.

Raymond Thorsteinsson, BA’44
Member and Officer of the Order of Canada
One of Canada’s most respected geologists, Raymond Thorsteinsson prepared the first detailed geological maps of more than 200,000 square miles in the Arctic Islands. A leader of survey teams in the Arctic, Thorsteinsson also has made important contributions in the field of palaeontology. He retrieved many records and artifacts from early Arctic explorers, and researched the Haughton Astrobleme.

James Till, BA’52, MA’54
Officer of the Order of Canada
James Till is known for his groundbreaking work in demonstrating the existence of stem cells, and that marrow cells were capable of self-renewal. Discoveries by Till and colleague McCulloch formed the basis of bone marrow transplants, now widely used in treating leukemia and other disorders. In the 80s, Till’s work focused on cancer therapies, quality of life and ethics. He is a strong advocate of knowledge transfer and open access to scientific publications through the internet.
Mabel Timlin, BA'29  
(d. 1976)  
*Member of the Order of Canada; Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada*

Mabel Timlin’s first book, *Keynesian Economics* (1942), earned international acclaim, and she went on to publish many other works in economics. Timlin began her career as an educator, joined the U of S as a secretary in 1921, continued her education and was appointed to the faculty of Economics in 1941. She was the first female social scientist elected to Canada’s Royal Society. The largest lecture theatre at the U of S is named in her honour.

Guy Vanderhaeghe, BA’71, MA’75  
*Officer of the Order of Canada; Saskatchewan Order of Merit; Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada*

One of Sask.’s most celebrated literary minds, Guy Vanderhaeghe is a prolific author of novels, short stories and plays. He is a two-time Governor General’s Award winner for his collection of short stories, *Man Descending* and his novel, *The Englishman’s Boy*. His novel, *The Last Crossing*, was a winner of the CBC’s Canada Reads competition, and he is currently a fellow of the Trudeau Foundation.

Ernest Walker, BEd’71, BA’72, MA’78  
*Member of the Order of Canada; Saskatchewan Order of Merit*

One of Canada’s most renowned archaeologists and forensics experts, Ernie Walker has been active in law enforcement and is a Special Constable with the RCMP. For his work in the areas of aboriginal cultural expression and post-secondary education, he was named an Honourary Chief with Sask.’s First Nations. A professor in the U of S Dept. of Archaeology and Anthropology, Walker received the 3M Teaching Fellowship in 2007.

John Wedge, MD’69, BSc’73  
*Officer of the Order of Canada*

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Once Upon a Time in Bali: Adventures on a Mother-Son Vacation

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His name is Mogly, he's a tailor with a thousand watt smile, and he's fitting Logan for a three-piece suit. I stand outside, dissolving in the nearly-equatorial heat; I'm not a shopper. I pluck my sweat-soaked blouse, and a barefoot motorcyclist speeds past with two passengers—a woman and a baby. Yesterday I saw five people on one bike. I'm having some trouble believing my eyes.

“Ini,” Logan says, using the Bahasa Indonesia word for mother. “I've decided to get two suits, and a belt.”

Logan and I are unlikely travel mates. He's 24, and I am not. He lives in Saskatoon, and enjoys the urban pace and nightlife. I live in a village of 500, and appreciate hearing coyotes in the evening. I'm all about solitary walks through the campground at dusk, when the light appears blue. Logan earns a respectable income welding farm equipment. I'm a literary writer, and this year will earn less than $10,000. We are mother and son, and we don't see each other often. It might be fair to say that since he's grown up and I've moved away, we no longer know each other well. Now here we are on a street in Kuta, Bali, midway through our 10-day vacation. He is having suits made. I have purchased a fridge magnet. Bali, it reads, beneath a grotesque mask. I don't need much more.

When Logan and I began discussing a mother-son vacation, we agreed that our destination must be exotic, inexpensive (for me), and offer good surfing (for him, although I was game, too). Bali fit, and we booked something called the “Bali Bliss Package,” which included our flight from Vancouver, a three-star beach hotel (breakfasts included), five sightseeing tours, and a massage at a high-end spa. I won't be using that,” Logan said.

After almost 14 hours of air travel and a hotdog in Taiwan, we arrived in Denpasar. I've travelled in Mexico, the Caribbean, and South America, and I've witnessed wild traffic, but I'd never experienced anything like the motorcycle vs. car weaving pinball machine chaos of Balinese streets.

“Well, we won’t be renting a motorcycle,” I said, as the airport shuttle ripped past yet another Hindu shrine. “That's for damn sure.”

Our destination was Sanur, a quieter area than party-central Kuta.

“Selamat siang. Good day,” I said, to the desk clerk at the Inna Sindhu Beach hotel.

“They call this a three-star?” Logan was taking in the blue pools and fountains, the manicured grounds, the carved wood and marble at our “cottage” with the oh-so-welcome air conditioning.

I agreed. From the über-friendly service to the anything-you-desired breakfasts, from the live music to the ocean-side setting, this was a five-star deal.

The beachfront boasted coral reef-sheltered waters, colourful outrigger canoes, and fishermen waist-deep in water beneath broad rice hats. The boardwalk restaurants appeared endless. We ascertained that a quick way to measure costs was to price compare the popular nasi goreng at each. We rarely spent over $10 CDN on a meal.

“Cheers,” Logan said, hoisting a Bintang, the local beer, on our first night. “To Bali,” I said, clinking bottles. “And to us.”

We spent most of our time in Bali on motorcycle.

One moment we were walking past a hand-written Rentals sign, and in the next Logan was shaking on a deal: “So it's been a while … how do you drive one of these?”

We hired “Dennis” to double me, and lead us out of sprawling Denpasar and into Ubud, the centre of Bali's arts’ scene. I laughed at our helmet-heads, murmured a prayer, and tried to visualize where I'd filed the travel insurance. On the road I kept turning to ensure that Logan was still behind us; I hadn't seen him grinning that broadly since forever.

Ubud's only about 30 km from Sanur, but it took an hour to arrive at its maze of boutiques, cafes, galleries and temples. Dennis left us at the central...
market among a hundred other parked motorcycles.

"Memorize that license plate number, Logan."

It was a shopping kind of morning. My son had reverse-packed—"I buy as I need it"—and from underwear to blow darts, the market had it all. No change rooms? No problem. Logan joked with the amiable saleswomen as he slipped out of and into shorts. (Months later, I’d still hear the women’s melodic “Best price … morning price … only for you.” After a sale, they brushed the bills across their merchandise, for good luck. I bought three knock-off batiks, mostly so I could barter in their language.)

Perhaps the apple doesn’t fall far from the tree; my son and I do share a genuine interest in people. I can’t include all the friends we made in Bali, but I can tell you about Gede, the 21-year-old who led us into the mountains on motorbike.

“You do realize that if we wipe out, we’re dead,” I warned Logan as we dodged possibly rabid dogs and side-swiping cars.

Holy National Geographic, what a journey. Women balancing baskets on their heads, old men working in the terraced rice fields …

“See that?” Gede pointed, and I glimpsed a smoking pyre. “That’s a cremation.”

When we reached majestic Mount Batur, Gede asked if we wanted to celebrate Saraswati (goddess of knowledge) at a nearby temple. “But we must cover ourselves,” he said. I pulled out the pseudo batiks, and voilà: sarongs. No one looked askance at the sole tourists in the bustling pura. I sat on the ground and tried to absorb the gamelan music; the priests flicking holy water over worshippers’ heads; the high-piled food, flower and incense offerings; the speaker-broadcast prayers.

“I don’t believe this,” I whispered to Logan. “Do you have any idea how lucky we are?”

Yes, he said, he absolutely did.

We surf, and kayak. We eat and drink in live-music bars. We take the public boat across the choppy Bedung Strait to Nusa Lembongan, where we split costs with a Dane and go snorkelling, and Logan stumbles onto a traditional cock fight (the bloody details of which I’ll not go into).

The motorcycle offers freedom. We happen onto the Sacred Monkey Forest Sanctuary, where 300 Balinese macaques wander, scrap, scream, and get into decidedly human-like monkey business. We watch pieceworkers transform silver into works-of-art jewellery. We splash through the streets in water up to our shins. And—ha!—we both enjoy that spa massage.

But the highlight’s yet to come.

“Toward my house,” Mogly says. We’ve been seeing him every few days, and have already spent an entire afternoon laughing, eating, and singing American Pie. He’s taken us to the textile shop he patronizes, and while Logan selected several metres for his sister, I swam through the Pasar Badung market’s spice and fruit vendors.

“Are you sure?” I ask. “We could take you and your family out?”

No, he wants to invite us.

We follow our friend to the seaside market to buy fish. We follow him through mud-clogged alleys, and past the river that flooded two nights before and reached right to his doorstep. At his modest home, we meet his wife, Sri, their toddler and Sri’s sister, who lives with them.

Mogly throws coconut shells on the ground, douses them in kerosene, strikes a match and covers the flames with tin flashing. The fish go on top. Inside, Sri’s preparing rice.

We eat on the floor. The food’s wonderful, but the fellowship’s sublime. We discuss work, customs, language, family, and religion. Mogly, a Muslim on this predominantly Hindu island, addresses the often negative global perception of Muslims.

“Extremists form such a tiny percent. Most of us desire peace.” He says the Shahadah—La ilaha ill’Allah, Muhammad rasul Allah—and reads from the Qur’an. He says he can’t go to the mosque tomorrow, because he’s had a beer and thus is unclean. He invites us to return, and “next time” to join him in his homeland, Java.

Later I’ll lie on my bed in the cottage, and say to Logan, in his bed across the room: “We are so alive.”

To travel is to learn, and I hope to be a lifelong student. I learned more through being welcomed into the homes and hearts of the people than I could ever glean from a book. Perhaps from a dozen books. I learned that my son travels like a veteran, and that we’re excellent travelling companions. And I learned—through watching him interact so delightfully and easily with others—that my kid who is all grown up is going to be okay in life. I could go back to my quiet little village, and it’d be fine if we didn’t talk every week or see each other every month. Once upon a time, we did Bali. And we were so alive.
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