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DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL STUDIES—UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

NEWSLETTER

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FAREWELL JENE PORTER!

Jene Porter will retire at the end of June 2003. That statement scarcely conveys the impact Professor Porter's departure will have for the Department, the College and the University. Holding a PhD in political science from Duke University, and with some years teaching at Drury College in Springfield, Missouri, he joined the University of Saskatchewan in 1967. In the intervening decades, he made political philosophy a central part of the Department's program of studies. Through his supervision of 17 Master's students, his publications, such as *Classics in Political Philosophy* (now in its third edition), and his frequent conference presentations in Canada and the United States, he helped build the Department's scholarly reputation. In addition to his scholarship, Jene Porter has made an exceptional contribution to the government of the university. He served for many years on the Executive of the Faculty Association. He has been a member of all the onerous committees of the College of Arts and Science, including the College Review Committee and the College Budget and Planning Committee. At the University level it would be difficult to identify a committee on which he has not served. His extensive work on the Planning Committee of Council began with its formation in 1996 and concluded with his chairmanship of the Committee for two years ending in 2002. Jene Porter has served on University Council in all of its structural forms virtually without interruption during his career. At a time when academics and academic institutions are accused of being narrow and insular, Jene Porter has worked to draw people together from a wide variety of disciplines and from different walks of life. Believing in the social value of discussion, he has been instrumental in establishing and maintaining a number of seminars and discussion groups, whose participants come from many departments within the University and from numerous organizations and professions in the larger community. His colleagues and students wish him a happy retirement!

FACULTY NEWS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Bohdan Kordan recently had a new book published titled, *Enemy Aliens, Prisoners of War: Internment in Canada During the Great War* (Montreal-Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2002). **Ken Pontikes** has been appointed by the Government of Saskatchewan to serve a three-year term as a part-time member of the Saskatchewan Municipal Appeals Committee and its Planning Appeals Committee. **Gordon Barnhart**'s latest book is called *Building for the Future: A Photo Journal of the Saskatchewan Legislative Building*, Canadian Plains Research Centre, 2002. **David Smith**'s *The Canadian Senate in Bicameral Perspective* is to be published this spring by the University of Toronto Press. **Jeffrey Steeves** did field research in January 2003 on the recent national elections in Kenya and on the presidential succession from Daniel Arap Moi to Mwai Kibaki. He also travelled throughout rural Kenya interviewing political actors, strategists, and civic and church leaders in both English and Swahili. **Russ Isinger** has received an award from the Department of History's Messer Fund for Research on Canadian History to assist his research on the Avro Arrow. **John Courtney**'s *Democratic Elections in Canada* has been accepted as a volume in the

'Democratic Audit' series to be published by University of British Columbia Press beginning this year. The Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal has been awarded to **Gordon Barnhart** and to **David Smith**.

WELCOME ROY ROMANOW!

Former Premier of the Province of Saskatchewan, and more recently Chair of the Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada **Roy Romanow** has assumed his position in the Department as Senior Fellow in Public Policy. His responsibilities will entail participating in, and facilitating, studies in those areas of public policy where he made a contribution during his public life. He will serve on graduate advisory committees and participate in graduate seminars. We are very pleased to have him as a member of the Department. Systematic Program Review On February 5-7, 2003 Professors Leslie Pal (Carleton), Denis Stairs (Dalhousie) and Grace Skogstad (Toronto) visited the Department to review its undergraduate and graduate programs. The review was of a high quality and faculty and students were very pleased with the reviewers' report.

NEWS ABOUT CURRENT AND FORMER STUDENTS

Jordan Velestuk, BA Hons '01, prepared a written submission for the 'Final Report' of the Prime Minister's Caucus Task Force on Urban Issues, November 2002; **Ian Burgess**, BA Hons '00, is executive assistant/political liaison officer to Senator E. Leo Kolber (Quebec); after several years teaching English in Japan, **Amanda Cannon**, BA Hons '99, is in the Comparative Politics program at LSE; **Robin Speer**, BA '00, is now Canadian Alliance National Youth and Internship Coordinator, a position, attached to the Canadian Alliance National Office and the Office of the Leader of the Official Opposition; another liaison officer, this time for the media, is **Trevor Lynn**, MA '98, who is Public Affairs Officer with the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada in Ottawa; Political Studies senior, **Misty Bertram** (photo to left), has been named to the Canada West first All-Star team. The U of S hockey player was the Canada West nominee for the TSN national award; **Susan Echlin**, MA '99, has recently joined the Communications Office at the University of Saskatchewan; **Raquel Digness**, BA '01, is Youth Policy Analyst, Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation, Deputy Minister's Office, Regina. She is part of the

Aboriginal Management and Professional Internship Program. **Stuart Sykes**, MA '00, has started at Human Resources Development Canada as an analyst within the Employment Policy Directorate. **Tanis Halpape**, Hons BA '02, is in Kiev with the World Bank People's Voice Project; Keane Grimsrud is doing a MSS (Masters in Strategic Studies) at the University of Calgary; **Paul Clemens**, Hons BA '02, is in Korea teaching English. While teaching children ages 4 to 13, he says 'he definitely uses the skills of my POLST degree.' **Leslie Seidle**, Hons BA '74, has been appointed Senior Director, National and International Research and Policy Development, at Elections Canada. Formerly, he was Director General of Strategic Policy and Research, Intergovernmental Affairs, Privy Council Office. **Evan Jones**, MA '01, is a Research and Policy Analyst with Adult Learning at Alberta Learning, Edmonton. **Ryan Dollimore**, MA '01, completed his OISE degree and is now teaching three 'applied' classes, that is, children with learning disabilities or behaviour problems, at Ascension of Our Lord school in Toronto. **Carrie Tait**, Hons BA '02,

is currently a copy editor for a publishing company in Korea. She is enjoying living in a new culture and is putting her writing skills to good use.

STUDENT ADVISING!

POLITICAL STUDIES ADVISING

- **SESSION 1:** Wed. March 19, 2003
2:30-3:30 p.m.
108 Arts
- **SESSION 2:** Thurs. March 27, 2003
2:30-3:30 p.m.
139 Thorvaldson

*To obtain permission to take a 4th year seminar you **must** come to an advising session.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION ADVISING

Will take place in 907 Arts as follows:

- **SESSION 1:** Wed. March 5, 1:00-2:30 p.m.
- **SESSION 2:** Thurs. March 13, 1:00-2:30 p.m.
- **SESSION 3:** Thurs. March 20, 1:00-2:30 p.m.
- **SESSION 4:** Tues. March 25, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Departmental Graduate Seminars held so far this year .

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- Carin Holroyd, "The State in an Era of *Laissez Faire* Capitalism: The Case of International Trade Development."
- Cris de Clercy, "Effective Provincial Executive Reforms and B.C.'s New Government"; Duff Spafford, "The Democratic 'Deficit' in Canada"; David Smith, "Second Thoughts About Canada's Second Chamber."
- Roy Romanow, "Politics and the Future of Healthcare."
- Tom Pocklington, "No Place to Learn: Strengthening the Case."
- Cathy Nilson, "Reconfiguring Aboriginal-State Relations."
- Peter Phillips, "Stewardship in the 21st Century: The RR Wheat Case."

The Aboriginal Public Administration and the Indigenous Peoples Justice Initiative team are pleased to welcome **Anna Oualid** to the Department of Political Studies. Anna is a student in Paris, France and she is participating in an international internship for her communications degree. Anna is co-ordinating a communications strategy for the Indigenous Peoples Justice Initiative. Welcome Anna!

ABORIGINAL PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM

We are hoping that the proposed new **Aboriginal Public Administration Program** will be approved by the University shortly. The Program explores governance and public administration issues of significance to Aboriginal peoples. It is intended as a basic program of professional preparation for students who are

contemplating a career in public sector management in Aboriginal organizations. One of the distinctive features of the curriculum is its inclusion of courses in Indigenous Knowledge. The Aboriginal Public Administration Program constitutes a further expression of the University's commitment to meet the educational needs of Aboriginal peoples in our Province.

PASS EXECUTIVE – 2002-03

(Political Studies & Public Administration Students' Society)

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For other PASS executive members, please see the [Political Studies website](#)

UPCOMING PASS EVENTS

Watch for the annual "Trivia With the Profs" which will take place early in April. Each year students and professors gather to play a rousing game of trivia. PASS Executive elections will also be held at this time. Much of this year's executive is graduating, so new faces are needed! If you are interested in running for a position, or would like more information, please contact Niki Pogue (PASS President) at: pass0203@hotmail.com

ANNUAL GRADUATION DINNER

The Political Studies and Public Administration Graduation Dinner will be held March 22, 2003 at the Willows Golf and Country Club. Tickets are \$25 each. Please contact PASS at: pass0203@hotmail.com for ticket information.

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