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Mission Statement

Connected to Saskatchewan, Western Canada, the North, the Great Plains environment and the world, we are teachers and scholars who are involved in the systematic study of political life. Our research and scholarly work reflect our pursuit of academic excellence, our involvement in interdisciplinary studies and our sense of place. We are committed teachers who place a high value on learning and understanding, analytical thinking, effective oral and written expressions, and our students' development and success. As political scientists we contribute to the community by sharing our knowledge and expertise.

1. Remarks by the Editor



Both inside and outside of classes, the Department addressed several important political events during this term. Among these were the events in Northern Africa and the Canadian federal election, for which we organized special public fora that are discussed below. Our focus on students in this issue includes a special feature on Mairin Loewen, one of our MA students, who was recently elected to the Saskatoon City Council. In addition we have correspondence from two alumni of the International Studies Program who are now preparing for academic careers in graduate programs at other universities.

As some careers begin, however, others end. A special "In Memoriam" section of the newsletter contains eulogies for three individuals who were significant to the Department in different ways. The first is for Allan Blakeney, who was the tenth premier of Saskatchewan from 1971 to 1982. It was written by Roy Romanow, the twelfth premier and currently Senior Fellow in Public Policy in the Department. The second is for Fred Barnard, who was a distinguished political scientist and a member of the Department from 1965 to 1970. It was written by Professor Emeritus Jene Porter, who knew him well. The third is for William Beatty, an MA student in the 1990s, who was the most senior graduate student the Department has ever had. I wrote this eulogy because I was his graduate supervisor.

If you are a graduate of one of the programs in our Department, we want to hear from you. Send us an email about yourself and the career or studies you have undertaken since receiving your degree. Include a picture if you can. Also, if you have advice for current students in the Department, please send it. For example, what did you learn from making applications for different jobs or for further studies, or about how to make good (or bad) impression in an interview? Are there courses (in Political Studies or in other disciplines) you wish you had taken, but didn't? Were some courses you did take of particular value for someone in your occupation? Is there any other advice you can provide to current students?

While we may not be able to publish everything that is submitted, we do want to hear from you. Write to the Editor, **Ron Wheeler**, at: ron.wheeler@usask.ca.

2. Faculty Notes



Loleen Berdahl and her colleague Keith Archer (University of Calgary), published *Explorations: Conducting Empirical Research in Canadian Political Science* (Oxford University Press) in February 2011. The book provides readers with an introduction to empirical political science research, including quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis.

Professor Berdahl and her colleague, Tracey Raney (Ryerson University), published their article "Minding Their Policy Cues? Group Identities and Canadian Foreign Policy Attitudes," in the fall edition of *International Journal*. In addition, in 2010-11, Professor Berdahl made presentations at the Canadian Political Science Association

meetings (with Dr. Raney), at the Prairie Political Science Association meetings (with Dr. Bonita Beatty, Native Studies), and at the Civic Engagement and the Legacy of Duff Roblin Conference.

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council has awarded a \$69,975 one-year grant to a group of eight political scientists to do a telephone survey of voters immediately following provincial elections in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, and Newfoundland in the fall of 2011. As co-investigators on this grant, **Loleen Berdahl** and **David McGrane** will be constructing the Saskatchewan survey. The survey will ask voters questions about policy issues, leaders, political parties, local candidates, media coverage, and their reasons for voting or not voting.



Bohdan Kordan published two articles during the past few months. The first is entitled "Wish You Were Here," published in *Queen's Quarterly*, Vol. 117, No. 4 (Winter, 2010), 544-553. The second was published under the pseudonym Timothy Andrew and is entitled "Memory and Meaning in the Lion City," *Nashwaak Review*, Vol.24/25, No.1 (Summer/Fall 2010), 129-137.

Jason Zorba announced that his manuscript *Diefenbaker and Latin America: The Pursuit of Canadian Autonomy* was accepted for publication by Cambridge Scholars Publications. It will be released in a few months.



Also, Jason and his wife Eleni Aravanitis-Zorbas announced the February 2 birth of their third child, Matteo Diamandi Zorbas. (see the photo on p. 16)

Ron Wheeler was a participant at the 2011 meeting of the Prairie Defence and Security Consortium held at the Centre for Defence and Security Studies at the University of Manitoba on February 25, 2011. The session, sponsored by the Centre and funded by the Department of National Defense, was on the subject "Turkey at the Crossroads."

Roy Romanow delivered the keynote address in the Launch of the Canadian index of WellBeing (CIW) at the University of Waterloo on April 7, 2011. He also spoke at the memorial Service for Allan Blakeney in Regina on May 7.



Neil Hibbert presented a paper entitled "Particularizing Obligation" at the Annual Conference of the Canadian Political Association at Wilfred Laurier University on May 18.

Hans Michelmann presented a paper on "Quebec's Constituent Diplomacy in Comparative Perspective" in Montreal on March 16 at the 2011 International Studies Association Convention.



3. Special Events

EGYPT IN CRISIS

On February 3, the Department held a panel discussion on the political events that were taking place in Northern. The panel was entitled “Egypt in Crisis.” Bill Rafoss was the organizer and Hans Michelmann was the moderator. Two graduate students and two faculty members were on the panel. The graduate students, both of whom had personal experience relating to Egypt, were Dalal Daoud and Sarah Shoker. The faculty members were Jeffrey Steeves and Ron Wheeler. Because of the attention this political situation was receiving in the media, there was a large turnout for the event.

THE CANADIAN FEDERAL ELECTION

On May 4, the day following the federal election, a panel of political scientists from the Department and St Thomas More College gave analyses of the results of the election. The panel was addressed to 30 students in Political Studies and to members of the media who were invited to the event.



Left to right, Loleen Berdahl, David McGrane, Neil Hibbert, and Charles Smith. Photograph by Gord Waldner. Thanks to the Saskatoon Star for permission to use this photograph.

4. Federal Election Pool



Charles Smith, Assistant Professor of Political Studies at STM, organized a pool for predictions concerning the outcome of the 2011 federal elections – both numbers of seats and percentages of votes for each party. The following is his report on the elections and the pool.

“The 2011 federal election will certainly be remembered for its transformation of Canada's political system. For the first time since 1988, the federal Conservative party won a majority government breaking through in southern Ontario. Equally surprising was the monumental growth of the federal NDP in the province of Quebec, a previous wasteland for Canada's social democratic party. Finally, the federal

Liberal party, long heralded as Canada's "natural governing party" fell to third place, losing support across the country.

The electoral results were equally surprising to many of us in Political Studies. In our electoral pool few of us thought that the Conservatives would win a majority government, nor did we see the extent of the Liberal collapse. In our defence, none of the country's pollsters, political pundits or political parties themselves were able to predict the seismic shifts that occurred on May 2, 2011.

With that in mind, we congratulate Professor Greg Poelzer as the only one to correctly predict the Conservative majority. Almost all of the participants correctly predicted that the Conservatives would win the most seats, but we were all surprised by the collapse of Liberal support. In Saskatchewan, we were all correct that the Conservatives would win the most seats, but were overly optimistic that the NDP would be able to win in a few ridings in and around Saskatoon and Regina.

Thanks to all who participated, it was great fun. I think we have proven the old mantra regarding political scientists and electoral predictions: "Don't ask me what will happen, just ask me what has happened and I'll explain why it was inevitable." It looks like I have a long summer ahead of me reworking my lecture notes to explain the inevitability of the 2011 federal election!"

5. Guests of the Department

Since our last issue, the Department has had a number of guests who gave special seminars or lectures for students and faculty.

The first was **Dwight Newman**, a Professor of Law at the University of Saskatchewan, who gave a seminar entitled "The Emerging Duty to Consult Doctrine in International Law." The seminar was on November 26, 2010 and was held in the Ward Library. Professor Newman is the author of numerous articles on Aboriginal law, constitutional law, and international law, and his new book *The Duty to Consult: New Relations with Aboriginal Peoples* will be published by Purich Publishing very soon.

A second guest was **Amos Guiora**, Professor Law at the SJ Quinney College of Law at the University of Utah. He has written and lectured extensively on issues of terrorism, armed conflict and self-defence under international law. He has published such works as *Fundamentals of Counterterrorism* (Aspen, 2008) and *Constitutional Limits on Coercive Interrogation* (Oxford University Press, 2008). He also served for 19 years in the Israel Defense Forces Judge Advocate General's Corps, where he was, among other positions, Commander of the Israeli Defense Forces School of Military Law.

A third guest was **Zachariah Kay**, who delivered lectures in both our International Relations and American Foreign Policy classes on March 8. Professor Kay is now retired but once taught at several universities across Canada, including the University of Regina (which, at the time, was the Regina campus of the University of Saskatchewan). At one time he was also on the

Executive of the Canadian Political Science Association. His lectures for us addressed subjects covered in his recent book, *The Diplomacy of Impartiality Canada and Israel 1958-1968* (Wilfrid Laurier Press, 2010).

6. Report from the Graduate Chair

The following is a report on our Graduate Program by the Graduate Chair **Hans Michelmann**:

A. Program completions

Since last fall's Newsletter, four students have defended their thesis, Carl Hydomako, Rozalia Kasleder, James Moore and Emily Neuls. Carl wrote his thesis on "Saskatchewan's Perspective on the Ratification of the Kyoto Protocol: Sources of Conflict in Canadian Federalism" (supervisor H. Michelmann); Rozalia on "Semi-Authoritarianism: A Case Study of Ethiopia" (supervisor Jeffrey Steeves); and Emmy on Decision Making by China and the United States in the United Nations Security Council: The Darfurian Challenge to State Sovereignty" (supervisor Ron Wheeler). As held true for those of the cohort convocating in fall 2010, these thesis topics give evidence of the broad range of student and faculty interests that contribute to making the Department an intellectually stimulating environment.

As this is being written, thesis defences for two other students are being arranged, and a number of other theses are far enough along so that they will be defended in the coming months.

The Department, because of the strong record of graduate student completion, was again awarded a generous amount of University funding to financially support its incoming graduate students in the 2011-2012 academic year.

Presently 27 students are registered in the Political Studies MA program.

B. Other accomplishments of graduate students in the program include:

Tara Longmire, who completed her coursework in the 2009-2010 academic year, has just returned from three months as the 2011 U of S/CNU Graduate Intern at the Ramon Hnatyshyn Canadian Studies Centre, Chernivtsi National University. She reports:

As the Graduate Intern at the Hnatyshyn Centre for Canadian Studies, I lectured once a week in a course for third year students on the topic of Canadian Politics and Governance. I was tasked with designing the course and preparing each lecture. I also promoted discussion about Canadian politics within the class, and encouraged students to share their own experiences and observations regarding political life in Ukraine. I evaluated students through examinations, essays, and class participation in weekly current events presentations/discussions. I also assisted with other tasks at the Centre, which included editing the English translations of publications produced at the Centre. I also worked on expanding and updating the Centre's website. This included expanding

the sections on information resources and online research tools for students and visitors to the Centre.

The exchange program with the Hnatyshyn Centre for Canadian Studies, which at the University of Saskatchewan is administered by Professor Bohdan Kordan at the Prairie Centre for the Study of Ukrainian Heritage (PCUH) at St. Thomas More College, will in future years provide Political Studies graduate students with an exciting opportunity to teach abroad and to experience life in a country with which Saskatchewan has historic ties that reach back well into the late nineteenth century.

Dustin Munroe was awarded a University of Saskatchewan Student Travel Award to attend the annual Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference at the Wilfrid Laurier University.

Sarah Shoker was awarded the Dick and David Edney Masters Scholarship for International Understanding through the Humanities and Fine Arts in the 2010-2011 competition.

C. Next academic year's cohort

Students in the incoming cohort have interests as diverse as those of their predecessors, ranging from international terrorism, to Aboriginal politics to intergovernmental relations to political thought. We received applications from Saskatchewan, Alberta and other Canadian provinces as well as from such countries as India, Pakistan, China, Nigeria, Ghana, and Ukraine. We are still receiving applications and it appears that the cohort for 2011-2012 will number some ten students.

7. News from Graduates in International Studies



Nicole Wegner conferred her degree (BA Honours in International Studies) in October of 2005. She travelled throughout Pacifica and returned to Canada in the fall of 2006 to start her MA in Political Science at McMaster University, which she completed in one year. From 2007-2011, Nicole has been completing her doctorate in Political Science and working as a teaching assistant in many courses, such as "Global Politics", "Canadian Politics", "Weapons and War", and "Democratization and Human Rights."

Nicole wrote comprehensive exams in International Studies, Global Political Economy, and Canadian politics, and has presented at numerous conferences throughout North America. Her research interests include critical security studies, feminist and post-colonial research, and Canadian foreign policy. Since 2009, Nicole has served as an external researcher for the York Centre for International Security Studies (YCISS), and since 2010 has been an acting editor of *Bridges: Conversations in Global Politics* (an online peer review journal founded at McMaster University). Nicole's doctoral research is entitled: "Canada's (Inter)national 'Imag-inings': Narratives from the War in Afghanistan," and uses qualitative

research methods to explore how Canada's role in Afghanistan has been promoted to Canadians over the last ten years.

Angela Jansen received her BA Honours degree in International Studies in June of 2010. She is currently undertaking graduate studies at the London School of Economics and Political Science. She sent the following email to Professor Don Story on January 27:

When I returned home for the holidays, I decided to visit the Political Studies Department, hoping I might run in to familiar faces. I was so happy to find Professor Story sitting in his office, working away. Professor Story was the first professor to advise me, in my third year of my undergraduate, that I should pursue graduate studies, and I have appreciated his support so much throughout the years.

However, when he asked me if the University of Saskatchewan had prepared me for The London School of Economics, I had to honestly admit that in many ways, it hadn't. But I don't know if anything could have prepared me for LSE. I am the youngest in my class; many of my peers already have years of experience volunteering in Africa, working for international organizations, governments, and even Obama himself. My professors are experts, often the best in their fields. The campus is in the bustling center of London, a city of 8 million people, and it takes me an hour to get to school each day.

Needless to say, it is more intimidating and overwhelming than anything I have experienced before, and the hardest thing I have ever done in my life. But the LSE is the most incredible place. I vehemently believe that it is the best university in the world, better than Oxbridge and its Ivy League counterparts in so many ways. This time last year I never could have pictured myself as being a part of such an amazing community, but I am. So maybe the U of S gave me much more than I realized – the realization that with hard work, ambition and people who believe in you, you can do anything. A special thanks to Don Story, Ron Wheeler, Bohdan Kordan and Jason Zorbas, for writing so many reference letters for me last winter. Your support has been invaluable.

8. Political Studies Graduate Students Association

The Political Studies Graduate Students Association is planning a summer BBQ as well as a welcoming event for new graduate students entering the MA program in the fall.



From left to right are Dalal Daoud, Dustin Munroe, Heather Jordan, Petra Vychadilova, Travis Lingenfelter, Tanya Andrusieczko, Bonnie Cherewyk, Stephanie Thompson, Fahimeh Behrang and Giustino Garcea. Missing from the photograph is Kwaku Mawuena.

9. Political Studies and Public Administration Students Society (PASS)

The Political Studies and Public Administration Students' Society held its graduation banquet on April 1. The banquet was attended by graduating students, families and friends of the graduates, and faculty in the Department of Political Studies.

The guest speaker at the banquet was **Joceline Schriemer**, the MLA for Saskatoon Sutherland. She shared with the audience her thoughts on some of the policies of the Saskatchewan Party and the Government of Saskatchewan.



10. International Studies Students Association (ISSA)

The International Studies Students Association held its annual graduation banquet on April 2. The banquet was held at Amigos. It was very well attended by graduating students and faculty who teach in the International Studies Program.



11. Special Feature: Political Studies Graduate Student Elected to City Council

On February 9, **Mairin Loewen**, an MA student in Political Studies, became the youngest member of City Council by winning a by-election for the seat vacated by Bob Pringle in Ward 7. Mairin grew up in Ward 7, attending Hugh Cairns, John Lake, and Aden Bowman Collegiate.

Mairin received a BA degree in Political Science from Carleton University and, in 2009, entered the MA Program in Political Science at the University of Saskatchewan. Her thesis topic concerns the political beliefs of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. Presumably this research didn't aid her in her campaign for municipal office!



Mairin wrote the following for our newsletter:

It's been about three months since I was elected to City Council in Ward 7 in Saskatoon. Though it's still early in my term, I've been enjoying my new job immensely. It's been difficult to stay focused on the completion of my thesis –

though Council is technically a part time job, it is easy to spend full time hours doing it. Much of the constituency-based work is dependent on weather (drainage problems, snow clearance, potholes, etc.) and it's difficult to predict exactly when the busy times will occur. And not surprisingly, the learning curve is steep!

It's already clear that the infrastructure deficit will be a defining theme in Saskatoon's immediate future. It will be one of our biggest challenges to maintain and improve on existing civic assets at a time of such significant growth: keeping roads and alleys up to par to as we simultaneously focus on building out new neighbourhoods, and doing so within the fiscal limits of the City. I'm looking forward to the years ahead, and I encourage my fellow students to become involved in civic matters during this pivotal time for Saskatoon.

12. In Memoriam

ALLAN BLAKENEY



Allan Blakeney was 10th Premier of Saskatchewan from 1971 to 1982. He passed away on April 16 of this year. A memorial service was held for him in Regina that was attended by Premier Brad Wall and former premiers Roy Romanow, Lorne Calvert and Grant Devine, along with past premiers from other provinces. Federal NDP leader Jack Layton and former leader Ed Broadbent also attended the memorial.

Roy Romanow was a member of Blakeney's cabinet and later the twelfth premier of Saskatchewan. He is currently Senior Fellow in Public Policy in our Department. He provided us with the following eulogy, excerpted from his remarks at the service for Allan Blakeney in Regina:

No summation can do justice to Allan Blakeney's life so richly lived and so full of accomplishment both in and out of politics. Allan's contributions to Saskatchewan and Canada are immense and varied.

Allan's greatness – as a political leader – was to combine principle and pragmatism in a way that ennobled both strengthened by a deep respect for history, context and facts.

I will confine my remarks to his leadership years in government.

First, there was Blakeney, the Cabinet Minister in the Douglas and Lloyd governments, from 1960 to 1964.

When Allan Blakeney was elected for the first time in 1960, Douglas put him into the cabinet as Minister of Education, where he took over from Woodrow Lloyd. He was also shot into the major policy issue then facing the government.

The government had announced its' intention to implement universal medical care insurance, and the 1960 provincial election became a heated referendum on medicare. The College of Physicians and Surgeons (of Saskatchewan) vigorously fought the government on medicare, every step of the way.

During a 23-day doctors' strike, Allen Blakeney was the government's voice, meeting every day with the media that had descended on Saskatchewan from around the world to report on this momentous event.

The Saskatoon Agreement finally brought the strike to an end. As Minister of Health, he then set out to making medicare a reality. History shows that he did a magnificent job, one for which this country owes him an enormous debt.

Second, there was Allan Blakeney the Premier from 1971 to 1982. His was one the most active, creative, and inspiring governments of that era in Canada. Here are just a few of the accomplishments: the Land Bank and the Farm Ownership Act, establishment of the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission, one of the first in Canada, creation of provincial Legal Aid program, the first of its kind in Canada, and a universal drug plan, among many other initiatives. All this was accomplished through principled leadership and good fiscal stewardship – budgets that were balanced for 12 years in a row!

Third, there is Allan Blakeney, the modern day Father of Confederation. Allan worked all evening in early November, 1981, to gain the approval of 9 of the 10 Premiers to the patriation of our Constitution, resulting in an entrenched Charter of Rights and a new, strengthened Section 92A, protecting provincial jurisdiction over natural resources. In this, he worked mightily with other outstanding leaders of the time who are with us today: Bill Davis of Ontario, Peter Lougheed of Alberta, and Ed Broadbent, the leader of the federal New Democratic Party.

For Allan Blakeney, public service and government were the vehicles by which humanity expresses its solidarity and builds a more humane, just, and connected society.

Following his mentorship and his example, an entire generation of leaders has gone on to excel in the fields of business, politics and public service. And his imprint endures on every major public policy and nation-building issue from the 1950's through today. Allan Blakeney was a truly great Canadian!

FRED BARNARD



Professor Frederick Mechner Barnard taught political philosophy at the Regina and Saskatoon campuses of the University of Saskatchewan. In 1970, he joined the Department of Political Science at the University of Western Ontario, where he was Professor Emeritus at the time of his death on February 22, 2011.

Professor Emeritus Jene Porter of our department, provided us with the following eulogy:

In his 91st year and with another manuscript at a publisher, Frederick M. Barnard died at his home on the Bruce Peninsula, February 22, 2011. He had a remarkable life. With a mixture of adolescent bravado and sheer luck, the young Zionist who was fortunately fluent in German was able to get forged documents and escape Prague after a brush with Eichmann and after singing anti-Nazi songs on the train that took him to the coast.

As with so many other refugees, Britain provided a new life. After a stint in the army, Fred undertook academic studies and eventually received a Ph.D. from Oxford. While in Britain he taught at a Grammar School in Leicester and at the University of Salford before emigrating to Canada. He taught at the University of Regina for a brief while and then at the University of Saskatchewan. He joined the University of Western Ontario in 1970, retiring in 1986.

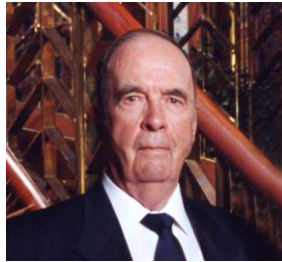
Liberty, community, and political culture were topics personally compelling to Fred, and they are woven throughout his many papers, articles, and books. These topics intersect the disciplines of intellectual history, political sociology, and political philosophy. His writings, as a consequence, include such thinkers as Christian Thomasius, Vico, Herder, and Rousseau, and include contemporary topics on socialism, pluralism, myths, and epistemology. He was the author of many books and articles on these subjects. These writings were all done using one of his many fountain pens and then typing the manuscript on a Remington manual typewriter.

A Festschrift was published in his honour in 1986, entitled *Unity, Plurality, and Politics* (Porter and Vernon). One contributor to the Festschrift used the phrase "uncanny sensitivity to the portents of ideas," and it is an apt description of Fred's thinking. He had a supple mind plus an innocent passion for thought that characterized all his conversations. In the winter of 1967, I interviewed for a position at the University of Saskatchewan. I do not now remember how the

subject came up, but Fred and I discussed Max Weber. Our views differed, but it led to a conversation that we continued while he was at the University and after he departed: sometimes in person, sometimes by letter, sometimes by phone, and always within my mind. He has been my companion in thought for most of my adult life. In addition to his passion for thought, he was a person of enormous personal warmth and a true friend. When we would meet, he would kiss me; when we departed, he wept. This is not common among us males!

If Plato is to be believed--and he should be--there is an Isle of the Blessed where thought survives and where there is conversation among friends. I look forward to it. God bless the man.

WILLIAM BEATTY



Thanks to Mr. Tom Beatty and also to Adele Sorodan of the Park Funeral Chapel for the use of this photo

William Beatty entered the MA program in Political Studies in 1993. He received his degree in 1994 at the age of 71, becoming the most senior graduate student the Department has ever had (before or since). He passed away at the age of 87 on December 16, 2010.

Ron Wheeler wrote the following eulogy:

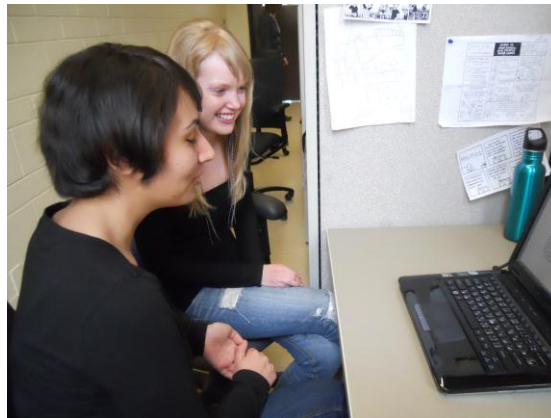
Bill Beatty was an amazing student. I was his graduate supervisor. I have seldom had such an easy job. Bill had a passion for the study of politics. He entered our MA program in 1993 at the age of 70. He already had a degree in chemical engineering (received in 1951), and had retired from a career that included years in the Department of Regional Economic Expansion. As a retiree, he decided to pursue his interest in politics, just for fun. What a novel idea! I hope all our graduate students are motivated by interest, but it was different for Bill. His career was behind him. He was motivated *only* by interest.

Bill wrote an MA thesis on "Economic Sanctions and Their Impact on the 1990's." It was a good thesis, capably defended. However, unlike most Masters theses, parts of his were written with tongue in cheek. The study of politics was fun for him. He took my class on Theories of International Relations and, at one point, said with a chuckle, "I am amazed that such foolishness can pass for theory!" His frequent ant trademark chuckle not only showed how much he enjoyed the study of politics, but it often captured reality better than volumes of theory.

It was a joy to have Bill as a student.

13. Candid Photos

Graduate Students at Work



Fahimeh Behrang (front) and Bonnie Cherewyk (back)

Undergraduate Students at Play

(Political Studies 462 Students Playing *Diplomacy*)



Left to right: Brent Baranieski, Laine Goertz, William Lane, Sean Boots, Gina Trapp, Alex Balogun

Future Student in Thought



Matteo Diamandi Zorbas, born to Jason Zorbas and his wife Eleni Aravanitis-Zorbas on February 2nd

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