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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Much of the year's activity comprised external relations -- those with the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, the IPSA, and especially with la Société québécoise de Science politique and the Social Science Federation of Canada.

SSHRCC was in a state of limbo for a time. New programs were being suggested and changes to old ones indicated and all the while funding cuts of different sorts seemed to threaten what little scholarly stability there had been. Dire threats as to the future insignificant place of the learned societies were heard constantly. We waited with bated breath to see who would succeed to the presidency.

After Dr. William Taylor took over the job this spring most of the preliminary signs began to look reasonably favourable. The SSHRCC has also heeded our representations (and those of other academic groups) and improved rather than cut the funding for the highly-valued Aid to Scholarly Publications Program. The very expensive and, to some, potentially wasteful Release Time program has been suspended pending further study. More than these steps we could not ask at this early stage.

Now if we can only persuade the Council not to start changing instructions and programs before they have even tried them out

at least once, we may get somewhere. The Park Report, by the way, (which was about High Tech Publishing Foolishness) seems headed for appropriate oblivion or at least considerable revisions. This action must owe something significant to the considerable body of evidence and persuasive arguments that the CJPS/RCSP editorial team was able to present about the truly impressive ways in which they have held down our printing costs while all about us, everybody else is paying rapidly escalating sums to get their journals published. (The editorial team's assessment of the Park Report will be printed in the next issue of the Bulletin.)

The Social Science Federation has been an up and down experience for political scientists. We were able to squash what looked like a highly discriminatory constitutional revision proposal. Temporarily, at least, your Secretary-Treasurer and president were also able to put paid to a new funding proposal that would have cost the CPSA an important part of the institutional support fund that the SSFC administers for the SSHRCC. We should also note that the Federation is now seeking a new executive director.

Much time was spent by Caroline Andrew, Vince Wilson, Joan Pond, and the writer in trying to straighten out our previously troubled affairs with la Société. For our francophone colleagues the burden of the work was borne by Edouard Cloutier and Raymond Hudon. They made much easier the task of trying to arrive at a new agreement which would confine itself to the barebones practicalities of doing our joint business peaceably and harmoniously. Whether the few remaining differences will be considered important enough by their board to preclude an agreement with us remained at the time of writing to be revealed late in May. The matter should be resolved at our Vancouver meetings.

During the year Caroline Andrew and Vince Wilson especially were heavily engaged in trying to find a new home for the CPSA office in Ottawa. After some years as a guest, and a not always appropriately grateful guest, of Carleton University, we are on the move. Our destination should be settled with some certainty by the time you read this. The same two individuals together with Jean-Guy Finn constituted a special committee to study the finances of the Association. They could

find very little fat on which to save money, primarily because our secretariat has been doing a very great deal with slight resources for some years now.

Among the Finance Committee's suggestions which the Executive has adopted was a venture into micro-computerland. Here we hope to do more than simply save money on word processing and such like. A major task to be attempted is building up a membership record and classification system. We have constant calls on the secretariat for membership breakdowns according to a variety of classification criteria but especially by disciplinary and research interests. Eventually, if we can manage it, we might be able to accomplish two further objectives. The first would be getting to the stage where it is both practical and money-saving to maintain our own membership maintenance functions. That is a highly complex task which we, and most other large associations, have to buy professionally at what looks to the uninitiated as a staggering price, but it is one which has to be paid by groups in our circumstances. The second objective is to get into the position where we can issue membership fee

receipts automatically to those who can use them for tax purposes. As it is now, we cannot pay the asking price in the membership maintenance service we buy and we issue such receipts manually only on request to those for whom the cancelled cheque constitutes inadequate evidence. (District Taxation Offices seem to vary in their views of these things.) Our able Administrator, meanwhile, has joined those of us who have been boning up on the pleasures, delights, and possible frustrations of the office world built on microchips.

Among those discovering a new series of delights is Allan Tupper of the University of Alberta. After being suddenly dragooned into the task of getting out the first 1983 issue of the Bulletin as a one-off effort, he has been persuaded and appointed by the Executive Committee to be Editor of our Bulletin. Despite the so-called information society, most of us seem to lack any good sense either of what the Association and its officers are up to or what the central funding agencies are doing to, and occasionally for, us, or what others are doing around the country. If this newsletter is to be what the Executive and the members keep saying it should be, Allan will

need all the help you can give him. Send him items in care of the CPSA office. Meantime we are very grateful he has agreed to take on this considerable task.

No President can carry on the CPSA office without the help of others. In this respect I want to acknowledge particularly the help and encouragement of my very good friend and colleague Vince Wilson. He took over as Secretary-Treasurer at a very difficult time and has helped guide through some fairly rough times. Nearly always it has been without the proper understanding, support, and appreciation of the dimensions of the tasks undertaken or the performance of the office. His two years in the job have been difficult ones, and particularly latterly in having to put up with a sometimes rude, too outspoken and disrespectful president. For his assistance, strong moral principles, and above all his friendship, I am more appreciative than he will ever realize.

My predecessors have said much, often, and with enormous justification, about the contribution that Joan Pond makes to execution of their task. Without that experience, knowledge, and good sense, the presidential office would be impossible. Largely

unseen but nevertheless also much appreciated is the good humour and work in the office of Shelley Berezins and Rachel Desjardins. Janine Brodie has added more than she probably knows to the work of the Executive Committee and Denis Stairs, well, what is one, who is about to become one, to say about a past president? Denis would probably respond 'the less the better.' Maybe he's right, as usual, so I will restrain myself and say simply that I doubt any CPSA president has been as blessed with the strength and confidence that Denis has added to the enterprise. Thank you very much, everybody; I hope you will do as much for Caroline Andrew as she takes over the office.

Edwin R. Black

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

My letter to you this spring will be short and to the point. Last year at this time your association reported that it was facing a financial crisis. The year was a tight one indeed, with a few periods of alarm but at this time I am happy to inform you that due to increased fee levels and stringent management measures at the Secretary-Treasurer's office we have been able to improve our financial

situation somewhat. We are certainly not "out of the woods" as yet, and your association has been trying its utmost to trim all expenses to a minimum. The CPSA Board of Directors, you will recall, last year created a Finance Committee which was given the task of scrutinizing all aspects of CPSA finances. This committee comprising the President-Elect, one member of the Board, and the Secretary-Treasurer met on three separate occasions during last winter and examined each area of CPSA's income and expenditures. While it was extremely difficult to devise expenditure cuts on an already "bare bones" budget, nevertheless certain financial adjustment measures will be recommended to the Board this spring in the hope that these might further improve our financial picture for 1983-84.

This year the SSFC using funds provided by the SSHRCC, gave your association a grant to undertake our "State of the Art" seminar in February. Queen's University at Kingston and the Royal Military College were cohosts of this event which brought together most of the chairpersons of political science departments across the nation. A large portion of the funding was utilized by my office to bring to

Kingston representatives of our smaller departments who otherwise might have found it impossible to attend such a gathering in these hard financial times. Our President will report to you about the proceedings of the seminar, but as Secretary-Treasurer I wish to assure you that the funds were well spent. Also our cohosts did an excellent job of accommodating their out-of-town guests.

In its continuing efforts to represent the interests of political science in Canada your Board, after a wide-ranging discussion in February about the future of the discipline, submitted a brief to the SSHRCC about our major concerns and future trends in the social sciences in Canada. A copy of our brief is included in this bulletin for our members' perusal.

I have served the association for two years as Secretary-Treasurer. Earlier this year I tendered my resignation to the president, to take effect immediately after the Learned's this year. Many of my academic pursuits had to be placed on the backburner during this period of my tenure and I now return to some of these pressing interests. I have enjoyed the experience and have learnt a great deal from

it. My sincere thanks to our administrative support staff who make a daily, valuable, but unsung contribution to the health of this organization. I wish to thank them all for giving me such valuable administrative support. To all of you in the discipline thanks for affording me the opportunity to serve.

V. Seymour Wilson
Secretary-Treasurer

REPORT OF THE
CO-EDITORS OF THE
CANADIAN JOURNAL OF
POLITICAL SCIENCE/LA
REVUE CANADIENNE
DE SCIENCE
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The number of manuscripts submitted to the Journal/Revue last year was 95 - an increase of 12 over the previous year. Of those 95, 81 were in English and 14 in French. In 1981, the figures were 75 and 8 respectively. Volume XV (1982) had a total of 884 pages, of which 460 were English-language and 113 French-language articles, notes, comments/replies and field analyses. The remaining pages were devoted to book reviews, notices, advertisements and the annual index. The average turnaround time (English-language

manuscripts only) was 45.9 days, which was a marked improvement over the 1981 figure of 65.6 days. We were blessed with having no postal strike in 1982, as in the previous year; even so, we were well served by our 138 assessors who generally returned their comments within the three week period we suggest in our covering letter.

Tables I, II, III and IV summarize the facts relating to the French and English manuscripts received and published during 1982.

Effective March 1983, the editors have instituted a policy of shorter abstracts (100 words maximum) for pieces accepted for publication. For the first time since the CJPS/Rcsp began publishing in 1968, abstracts will be printed in both French and English and Notes will join Articles in having abstracts published. An English-language "Style Guide" has been completed for prospective authors; it is available on request.

The editors thank the authors, assessors and editorial Advisory Board for their contributions to the Journal/Revue, and the membership and the Board of the CPSA for their continued support of the CJPS/Rcsp. The financial assistance of the

SSHRC is gratefully acknowledged. The editors, authors and readers owe an enormous debt to John McMenemy, our Managing Editor, and to the staff of Wilfrid Laurier University Press. To Marj Jamieson, secretary in the Saskatoon office and to the CPSA Aminsitrator, Joan Pond, and her staff, our special thanks.

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Jean Crete (Universite Laval)
Duff Spafford (University of Saskatchewan)

(Note: see tables I-IV as appended)

COMPTE-RENDU DES
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Le nombre de manuscrits soumis à la Revue/Journal était de 95 l'an dernier, ce qui représente une augmentation de 12 par rapport à l'année précédente. De ces 95 manuscrits, 81 étaient écrits en anglais et 14 en français. En 1981, leurs nombres respectifs étaient de 75 et 8. Le volume XV (1982) comprenait un total de 884 pages, dont 460

pages d'articles, de notes, de commentaires/réponses et d'analyses en langue anglaise et 113 en langue française. Le reste était consacré à des critiques de livres, à des avis, à de la publicité et au répertoire annuel. La période moyenne de retour des manuscrits (ceux de langue anglaise seulement) a été de 45.9 jours, ce qui représente une grande amélioration par rapport à la moyenne de 65.6 jours en 1981. Contrairement à l'année précédente, nous avons bénéficié de l'absence de grève des postes en 1982. Néanmoins, il reste que notre tâche a été facilitée par nos 138 évaluateurs, qui nous ont généralement retourné leurs commentaires dans les limites de la période de trois semaines recommandée dans notre lettre d'envoi.

Les tableaux, I, II, III, et IV résument les informations concernant les manuscrits anglais et français reçus et publiés en 1982.

Les rédacteurs ont institué une politique visant à réduire les précis (un maximum de 100 pages) des documents acceptés pour fins de publication. Pour la première fois depuis les débuts de la Rcsp/CJPS en 1968, les précis seront imprimés à la

