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## LE MOT DU DIRECTEUR / FROM THE EDITOR

This issue of the *Bulletin* includes, as usual, our regular columns on Graduate Studies, Research, Profiles and the Practice of Political Science. To Don Blake, Jean Crête and our other contributors, a special thanks for taking the time to write pieces for the *Bulletin*.

Ce numéro contient également des contributions spéciales sous la forme d'un commentaire et d'un profil d'activités du département de science politique de l'Université de Calgary qui agit comme département hôte en science politique dans le cadre des Sociétés savantes de cette année. Je remercie très sincèrement le professeur Roger Gibbins pour sa réponse généreuse à notre invitation. Merci également à Lary Woods pour un commentaire des plus touchants.

This is again the time where annual reports concerning CPSA affairs are tabled. You will find these in the following pages in addition to our regular information columns on various activities related to our discipline and to the on-going work in our departments. I would like again to express my appreciation to the chairpersons who have taken the time to send us very useful information.

En terminant, je tiens à remercier **Marie-Pierre Ashby** pour son travail, toujours excellent, de préparation de ce *Bulletin*. Merci également à **Claude Goulet** et **Jean-François Fortin** pour leur travail apprécié de compilation de l'information et de présentation de certaines chroniques. Comme toujours, ce *Bulletin* ne serait pas possible dans sa forme actuelle sans leur aide précieuse.

Gordon Mace

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FROM THE PRESIDENT /  
LE MOT DE LA PRÉSIDENTE

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Sylvia Bashevkin

As a veteran of CPSA activities once explained, the pleasure of working in the Association is the pleasure derived from working with so many good people. This year we have been particularly fortunate to have good people plus the administrative foundation established by Joan Pond, who dedicated much of her time prior to retirement to ensuring that the Association would continue after that retirement. And so it has!

As Executive Secretary, Michelle Hopkins has served as the key person in this transition. She has kept the stream of business meeting agendas, minutes, revisions to the Directory, and committee reports flowing, and has served as the crucial connection person for so many Association activities. Michelle deserves our collective thanks for this ongoing contribution.

The overseeing of Secretariat activities has been done with outstanding commitment by our Secretary-Treasurer, Gary O'Brien. Gary has introduced budgetary planning practices to the Association, as well as job descriptions and salary scales for staff members. In his quiet, understated way, he has helped to ensure a level of organizational competence that will see us into the future. The contributions of Tim Howard (as our finance consultant) have been essential to this process, especially in assisting the Financial Planning Committee comprised of Doug Brown (chair), Chantal Maillé and Gary. Warmest thanks to everyone who has worked with Gary to keep the CPSA budget well-balanced in these tough times.

As Director of the Parliamentary Internship Programme, François Houle has shouldered an enormous burden this year. Few of us appreciate the time and effort entailed in the PIP position, from selecting internship candidates and organizing their orientation and travel, to raising the considerable sums necessary to sustain the programme. François has done a superb job of attracting strong applicants, working with Parliament and ensuring a base of financial support. Together with Jon Armstrong in the PIP office, François has brought new strengths to a federal internship programme we can all be proud of.

At the Ontario Legislative Internship Programme, Graham White is stepping down at the end of his second term as Director. Under Graham's leadership, OLIP has maintained the firm support of a variety of provincial governments and legislative speakers, which is no small feat. The Programme has continued to attract strong applicants and enthusiastic private sponsors, one of whom has helped to publish a book-length collection of interns' essays (see Graham for order forms). Our sincere thanks to Graham for his years of commitment and service, and our best wishes to Robert Williams who will be assuming the OLIP Directorship.

This has been a busy year for John McMenemy, Administrative Editor of *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, who organized orientation sessions for the new editorial teams and oversaw some important cost-saving measures on behalf of the Association. As all of us who have worked on the *Journal* know, John often saves editors from themselves. His efforts continue to benefit all of us. Our thanks to John and to the editors who work so diligently on the articles and reviews: Richard Vernon, Sid Noel and Kathy Brock on the English-language side,

and Guy Laforest and François Rocher on the French-language side.

One of the highlights of each year is the February meeting of departmental chairs. This year we met at the University of Toronto, and had a stimulating series of panels related to university and departmental administration. New teaching directions, faculty research initiatives and recruitment of new colleagues were leading topics of discussion. My warmest thanks to each of the Toronto faculty members who participated in these sessions, and particular thanks to Dean Marsha A. Chandler and Chair Robert O. Matthews for their generous support. Also at the University of Toronto, I want to thank Hyla Levy for her assistance with the fall board meeting, the chairs' meeting and the constant flow of CPSA business across her desk.

No president can manage without a committed Board of Directors, and I have been fortunate to share business meetings with an innovative and energetic Board. Together we have tried to rationalize the travel grants process, increase Association membership, broaden participation in panels at the Learned's and generally make the CPSA a welcoming group for diverse political scientists. My warmest thanks to Board members for their willingness to serve the Association, particularly to Kathryn Harrison for her work as representative of the members-at-large on the executive.

As Past President, Vince Wilson has continued to offer a wealth of ideas and experience, especially to the Parliamentary Internship Programme. I thank Vince on behalf of all of us for his success in administratively integrating PIP with the CPSA, a difficult task which we now take for granted. After many, many years of active involvement in the Association, I wish Vince all the best in his well-deserved retirement from the Executive.

Incoming president David Smith has already contributed a great deal to political science in Canada and has much to look forward to. David knows the Association membership well as editor of the Directory, and has been active in the Social Science Federation of Canada as well as the CPSA. I have appreciated David's advice and cooperation over this year, and will assist however he sees fit next year.

David's term begins during what promises to be a sparkling conference in Calgary, thanks to the dedication of Programme Committee chair Lynda Erickson and her hard-working section heads. Members of the 1994 Programme Committee have worked with Lynda to develop a wide array of scholarly panels, round tables and a plenary session, as well as social events designed to complement the academic sessions. Many thanks to Lynda and everyone who has worked on the 1994 Programme. The President's Dinner in Calgary will feature the awarding of the first Macpherson prize for the best book in political theory, generously supported by the University of Toronto Press, and the second Smiley prize for the best book in Canadian politics, generously supported by McGraw-Hill Ryerson. I wish to thank these publishers and the members of the prize juries for their willingness to serve: Jane Jenson, Tom Lewis and Duff Spafford on the Macpherson jury, and Don Blake, Donald Savoie and Sharon Sutherland on the Smiley jury.

Finally, no president's report could reach CPSA members unless we had a *Bulletin*, and Gordon Mace has made the *Bulletin* a joy to read. Your efforts, Gordon, bring us together as a professional community — and we are very grateful.

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**GRADUATE PROGRAMMES /  
LES ÉTUDES SUPÉRIEURES**

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**GRADUATE STUDY IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AT  
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

The Department of Political Science offers Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy programmes in a number of substantive fields, including Canadian politics, international relations, comparative politics, political theory, public policy and political behaviour. It stresses mastery of relevant theories and in some cases quantitative research methodologies. It is concerned with providing graduate students with strong foundations for academic research and teaching (if that is their wish), but it also regards training in the discipline as valuable for many pursuits. The Department seeks to accommodate the intellectual interests of all students within the constraints of the courses offered and the expertise of the faculty.

Most graduates of the Ph.D. program hold academic appointments in Canada, the United States and elsewhere. Others have found employment with government departments and agencies as well as in the private sector. M.A. graduates who do not go on to doctoral work have a more diverse career pattern which includes college teaching, government employment, work for interest groups and political parties, and journalism.

**The M.A. Programme**

M.A. students take 6 four-month seminars during the 8 month term starting in September, and then write a thesis of a maximum of 100 pages, completing the programme within 12 months of entry. Part-time M.A. studies are also permitted. By University regulation, only those having first-class or "A" standing in the equivalent of 12 UBC course credits (on the average 12 semester hours) in senior undergraduate political science courses (i.e., 3rd and/or 4th year level) are eligible for admission. As a general rule, the Department will not accept students with an overall average of less than 75% (B+) in their final two years or who have fewer than 30 credits (on the average 30 semester hours) of senior political science courses.

**The Ph.D. Programme**

As a general rule, the Department requires that applicants to the Ph.D. programme have an undergraduate concentration in political science and an M.A. in Political Science. Criteria for admission include outstanding previous performance, research interests compatible with the Department's offerings, and strong letters of reference indicating a high likelihood that the student will be able to contribute to the discipline. Ph.D. students take 6 four-month seminars starting in September, comprehensive examinations in two fields in October of the second year, and then proceed to the dissertation, which should take about two years to complete. Part-time Ph.D. studies are not permitted.

**Areas of teaching and research**

The UBC Political Science Department is a major centre for the study of Canadian politics. Eleven members of the Department are actively engaged in research touching on Canadian themes and a number are recognized as the country's leading experts in their field of interest. At present the National Election Study is centred in the Department.

The University is also one of North America's leading centres for Asian studies, having excellent library resources and strong Asian offerings in a number of disciplines and an Institute for Asian Research which brings together researchers from across disciplines within the University and around the world. The Department has specialists for each major Asian country or region. The Department has especially close connections with the journal *Pacific Affairs*, which is published on campus. The Faculty offer seminars on political development, cleavages and integration, Asian political systems, and theoretical approaches to political comparison.

The Department has special interests and expertise in the area of international security studies. Jointly with the UBC Institute of International Relations, the Department is awarded yearly grants by the Department of National Defence as a centre of expertise under its Military and Strategic Studies Programme.

The Department also promotes research and teaching in political theory, public policy, research methodologies and comparative politics outside Asia including Russia, Europe, the United States, and Australia.

**Graduate seminars**

Graduate seminar offerings differ somewhat from year to year, but have recently included :

- The Constitution and Legal Processes
- Charter of Rights and Freedoms
- Voting and Public Opinion
- Canadian Political Parties
- Quantitative Techniques
- Comparative Public Policy
- Theories of International Relations
- Theory and Practice of Arms Control and Disarmament
- East-West Security Relations
- National Security Policy
- Comparative Politics Theory : Corporatism, Dependency, Integration
- Cleavages and Integration : Ethnic Conflict and Accommodation
- Political Development
- Analytical Political Theory and the Concept of Rights

**The Faculty**

**Donald Blake** (Ph.D, Yale) Department Head. Is well known for his work on Canadian electoral behaviour, including *Two Political Worlds* which analyses the political behaviour of British Columbians. He is co-author of *Grassroots Politicians: Party Activists in British Columbia*. He is working on the relationship between public/private sector employment and political behaviour and public attitudes on environmental issues.

**Alan Cairns** (D.Phil, Oxford) is one of the country's leading students of Canadian federalism and the constitution. A former President of the Canadian Political Science Association he has held distinguished professorships at Edinburgh and Harvard, and was recently one of the research directors of the Macdonald Royal Commission. Currently, he is working on ethnic politics, the Charter, and constitutional reform.

**R. Kenneth Carty** (Ph.D, Queen's) teaches courses on Canadian and Comparative Western politics. His most recent book is *Canadian Political Parties in the Constituencies*. Currently his research interests include the changing character of party organization and political leadership in Canada and a comparative study of the impact of differing electoral systems.

