

TIMOTHY BAKER

Timothy Baker recently earned a B.A. High Honours with a major in International Studies from the University of Saskatchewan. He was on the Dean's List in 2000, and received the CKCK TV citizenship award in 1996. His future goal is to obtain a Degree in Law. He is currently traveling in Europe before beginning his legislative internship. Mr. Baker has a working knowledge of written and oral French. His previous employment includes work for Statistics Canada that provided insight into the concerns of Saskatchewan citizens, as well as research for a professor, market research company, and human resources work. Mr. Baker credits his education with developing his ability to think critically and communicate effectively. He looks forward to applying his understanding of world issues to provincial politics. He states, "The current Saskatchewan political scene is in a unique position . . . I believe my abilities as a writer, communicator and problem solver, complemented by my work ethic will enable me to serve my appointed MLA." Mr. Baker's involvement with community activities includes coaching the Regina Balfour Redmen football team offensive line.

MARIA KURYLO

Marian Kurylo is a recent graduate from the University of Saskatchewan where she obtained a Master of Arts in Political Studies, after completion of a BA – Double Honours in Political Studies and French. Her academic training focused on several topics including Canadian federal politics, public administration, international development, economic issues and the political aspects of language. Her MA thesis, "Canada's Commissioner of Official Languages: The Unexplored Concept of the Officer of Parliament", considered the COL from the perspective of the machinery of government. She is fluent in French and has conversational ability in German, all enhanced by her travels and a variety of work experiences in Europe. She works as a census representative with Statistics Canada and served as the Assistant to the director of the Association Jeunesse Fransaskoise (AJF). Her work with the AJF included the organization of the French Youth Parliament held at the Legislative Assembly and all arrangements for a two-week youth exchange program. She writes that her work with the fransaskois population showed her the struggle and perseverance of a minority group to preserve its culture and language, and allowed her to observe how such a group interacts with the government. Ms. Kurylo notes that as an intern she can "offer a number of skills such as a knowledge of both Official Languages, a strong understanding of the political process, experience in writing, research, and organizational skills and a capacity for analytical thought."

WENDY MOELLENBECK

Wendy Moellenbeck is currently working on her BA Honours in Political Studies. She was on the Dean's List in 1999-2000, and has received several other scholarships and awards since 1997. Ms. Moellenbeck works for the Centre for Rural Studies and Enrichment at St. Peter's College in Muenster, dealing with all aspects of rural life and problems faced by rural people. In January 2000, along with the Centre Director, Professor Diane Martz, Ms. Moellenbeck co-authored *The Family Farm in Question: Compare the Share Revisited*. Later that year she conducted a feasibility study for a Rural Family Support Centre in the Humboldt district, which highlighted for her the challenges that rural families in crisis face in light of their lack of access to services. Her new position on the Board of Directors for Catholic Family Services will make use of this knowledge. Professor Martz highly recommends Ms. Moellenbeck, noting her research and writing skills and stating that "she is a talented young woman and exhibits a level of maturity and ability far beyond her years." Ms. Waiser states "the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program would be invaluable to me in learning more about rural communities. I have a strong interest in provincial politics because of its direct influence on people's lives. I am confident that the experience that I gain from the program will also benefit the members of the Legislative Assembly and the people of this province."

JESSICA WAISER

Jessica Anne Waiser holds a B.A with High Honours in Political Studies and a minor in Women and Gender Studies. She was on the Dean's honour list, and speaks fluent French and Japanese. Ms. Waiser has lived and worked in Japan, where she taught English. Following high school, she participated in a one-year Rotary Exchange Scholarship in Australia. Ms. Waiser has recently been employed as the Sports Night Editor for the Saskatoon Star Phoenix, and also as a research assistant at the University of Saskatchewan. Ms. Waiser states that her work as a note taker at the Canada West Foundation's Conference made more aware of the statistics on youth leaving Saskatchewan and the lack of young people involved with the conference. This experience influenced her decision to apply for the internship program. She firmly believes that "it is important for young people, especially recent university graduates, to be able to stay and work in Saskatchewan and be able to make a contribution to the province." Ms. Waiser's references describe a pleasant, mature person with excellent writing and research skills, combined with an excellent work ethic. In the words of one reference, "Jessica is an intelligent, quality, top-notch individual who is going to be extremely successful in any and all endeavours." Her interests include writing, travel, language, and karaoke. Her volunteer work includes theatre, hot lunch and literacy programs.