

## **Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program 2006 Interns**

**Michel Carpentier** was born in Arborfield and raised on a farm near Zenon Park. In 2004, Michel obtained a Bachelor of Arts Honours degree in political studies, with a minor in history, from the University of Saskatchewan. He is currently completing his Master of Arts degree in political studies at the same university.

While at the University of Saskatchewan, Michel has held several positions with the Arts and Science Students' Union, including the position of president during the 2003-04 academic year. He has served as a student representative on the University Council and several College committees, such as the Arts and Science Dean's Search Committee. He has been a member-at-large on the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union Academic Affairs Committee.

In high school and university, Michel has participated in many sports activities, including baseball, volleyball, soccer, football, curling, inner-tube water polo, and inner-tube basketball. He currently is a member of the Gopher men's rugby team in Saskatoon.

Michel has been involved in the national air cadet program since the age of 12. He achieved the rank of Warrant Officer First Class. To stay involved with the program, he became a member of the Canadian Forces Cadet Instructors' Cadre in 1999. While attending the University of Saskatchewan, he served as a staff member for No. 107 Spitfire Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron in Saskatoon. In 2002, he achieved the rank of Lieutenant.

**Haley Gagnon** was raised in Vermillion (Alberta) and in Turtleford and North Battleford (Saskatchewan). She is a proud member of the Red River Métis community in both Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Haley has been actively associated with the Canadian military. She has served as music director, military trainer, and primary caregiver for young participants (aged 12 to 18 years) for three summers at the Vernon Army Cadet Summer Training Centre (Department of National Defense) in British Columbia. During the summer of 2005, Haley completed her basic training as a member of the Canadian Army Primary Reserve. She is currently a member of the 16<sup>th</sup> Service Battalion of the Canadian Armed Forces, based in Saskatoon.

Haley is in her third year of studies at the University of Saskatchewan. She is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Aboriginal Public Administration. Haley is an executive member of the Public Administration Students' Society and a founding member of the Aboriginal Public Administration Students' Society. She has been a member of the student liaison committee which is supporting the development of programs for the University of the Arctic.

**Justin Leifso** was raised on a farm near Crane Valley, Saskatchewan, and subsequently in Moose Jaw, where he attended Central Collegiate and graduated in 2000. He is currently studying at the University of Regina where he is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree in political science, with a minor in leadership.

While at the University of Regina, Justin's academic record has earned him recognition over several terms on the Dean of Arts' Honours List. He has also achieved membership in the Golden Key International Honours Society, which recognizes students with academic records in the top 15% for their faculty.

In the fall of 2005, Justin will take part in the University of Regina's Undergraduate Semester Program in Leadership and Dialogue. This interdisciplinary program focuses on social and environmental issues

Justin has been prominently involved in non-profit organizations and festivals in Moose Jaw. For two summers (in 2002 and 2003), he served as festival assistant for "Motif", the annual multicultural festival sponsored by the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council. In 2004, he became the assistant festival organizer for the Festival of Words. His responsibilities included promotion, event management, volunteer coordination, solicitation of in-kind goods and services, and miscellaneous office duties. He performed this role again in 2005, and subsequently has joined the Festival's board of directors.

**Stewart Low** received his early education in Rouleau, Saskatchewan. His family subsequently moved to Regina, where he graduated from Martin Collegiate.

As a high school student, Stewart was a member of Saskatchewan's provincial field hockey team from 1995 to 1998. He also served a stint on the junior national team. Following high school graduation, he moved to Saskatoon to work as a coach/program director for the Saskatchewan Field Hockey Association.

Stewart graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in 2005, with a Bachelor of Arts Honours degree. His major was in international studies and his minor was political studies. He has been a member of the Golden Key International Honour Society.

Stewart has served as a member at large for the International Studies Students' Association at the University of Saskatchewan. With his interest in field hockey, he has held several positions as an executive board member of the Saskatchewan Field Hockey Association.

Stewart is currently employed at Staples Business Depot in Saskatoon, as well as the Saskatchewan Teachers Federation. In the latter position, he has been involved with the operation and organization of the Federation's resource centre.