

WAINWRIGHT MEMORIAL FUND

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The Wainwright Fund now possesses a capital amount of approximately \$2,200,000 and generates yearly revenues of approximately \$130,000. It is administered by the Wainwright Fund Committee of the Faculty of Law, composed for the year 1992- 93 of M. Cantin Cumyn (Secretary), P.-A. Crépeau, P. Glenn (Chair), A. de Mestral and Y.-M. Morissette (Dean). Administration of the Fund is in conformity with the conditions set out in the Will of the late Arnold Wainwright, which directed that revenues be distributed in the form of scholarships and prizes as well as grants to favour teaching and research in Civil Law.

At the beginning of the year 1992-93 the Wainwright Committee concluded a major review of its Granting Policy and of the criteria used for Civil Law Research Grants. Documents summarizing these policies were circulated to members of the Law Faculty. It may be recalled that decisions concerning Research Grants are now made three times in each academic year, following application deadlines of September 15, December 15 and March 15. The next due date for research funds is September 15.

A major preoccupation of the Wainwright Committee in the year 1992-93 was library funding. The Committee has allocated funds in the past for collection development but these funds were never fully spent. Following consultation with Patricia Young, Law Area Librarian, a new system of library reporting to the Committee was established, which will allow both library staff and the Wainwright Committee to monitor spending of Wainwright funds in areas of interest to the civil law. In the year 1992-93 all previous funds transferred to the law library were spent and the first computer read-outs of spending were received from the central University Library administration. There remain some problems with the central University information system, but it is hoped that more detailed information may be provided in the future and that Wainwright funding will substantially improve our civil law holdings.

The Committee also commissioned a study of the physical condition of the Wainwright Collection by a librarian specializing in restoration. The results of the study were depressing. The Wainwright Collection has suffered severe deterioration and is in need of major expenditures for purposes of stabilisation, restoration and environmental improvement. Discussions are now under way with the Quebec Bibliothèque Nationale as to possible means of collaboration. An amount of approximately \$5000 per year will be spent in the next few years to stabilize and restore the most badly damaged volumes. The cost of completely restoring the collection would be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The Wainwright Committee also undertook the coordination of visitors in the cadre of the France-Quebec Exchange programme. The visitor for 1993-94 will be Professor Genevieve Viney of the University of Paris.

In the year 1992-93 \$108,676 was available for distribution (\$26,000 in expenses from 1991-92 being carried forward). Grants made in the year 1992-93 included \$26,000 for

Wainwright undergraduate scholarships; \$10,000 for Wainwright graduate scholarships; \$20,000 for the Wainwright Research Fellow; \$1,500 for the Legal Theory Workshop; \$2,000 for the Wainwright Conservation Survey; and a total of \$30,500 in research and publication grants to a total of 10 members of the Faculty. Total expenditures were in the order of \$90,000. The balance of available funding was committed but not spent by the recipients and will be re-capitalized.

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H.P. Glenn, Chair