

WAINWRIGHT MEMORIAL FUND

Annual Report 1994-1995

The Wainwright Fund Committee of the Faculty of Law, composed of M. Boodman (Secretary in 2nd term), J.E.C. Brierley, M. Cantin Cumyn (Chair), D. Stevens (Secretary, 1st term) and S. Toope (*ex officio*), met six times in the academic year 1994-95 in order to administer a budget of \$137,886.15 arising out of a legacy made by the late Arnold Wainwright to promote the study and development of the Civil Law. The administration of the fund is governed by the guidelines established by the Committee in accordance with the terms of the will.

The France-Quebec exchange programme under which Professor Georges Rouhette of the Université de l'Auvergne visited the Faculty last autumn has unfortunately been suspended by the Quebec Government. The planned visit of Professor Bruno Oppetit in September, has therefore been cancelled. However, there is a possibility for a revival of the exchange programme in the future. The Committee was able to seize on the interest expressed by Professor Philippe Jestaz of the Institut Universitaire de France to visit a Canadian university and invited this eminent jurist to come to our Faculty. Professor Jestaz will be in residence in early Autumn and has accepted to deliver a Wainwright Lecture, on October 12, which he has entitled « La parenté ».

The long-standing issue of reporting on the use of the Wainwright grants to the Law Library to sustain its non-Canadian Civil Law Collection has found a solution which satisfies the Committee's main concerns. Patricia Young, Law Area Librarian, has devised a reporting system based on Notis acquisitions computer printouts. It is run by the Law Library and provides the Committee with the titles, authors, series, cost of the books ordered or purchased with the Wainwright grant. The process of acquisition was hindered however by difficulties encountered by the Library with its main supplier of French materials. It led to the standing orders not being filled and also affected the continuation of the French Theses Collection project supported by the Wainwright Fund. No further action was taken in relation to the Committee's other joint project with the Library for the restoration of the Wainwright Collection.

On the recommendation of Associate Dean R. Jukier, the Committee has agreed to eliminate the difference in the amounts of the scholarships given to undergraduate students between the three first years and the last year of the National Program. All scholarships will be for the amount of \$4,000 in the future.

Beside the regular annual expenditures for scholarships, workshops, the Library civil law collection, the McGill Law Journal, the Committee was able to allocate approximately \$74,000 to support the research projects of nine members of the Faculty as well as the Dictionary project of the Center of Private and Comparative Law. The Committee has reviewed the Criteria for research grants established in 1993 which was circulated to Faculty members at that time. It is now required that grant recipients acknowledge the Wainwright research funding in the publication resulting from it as well as reimburse the Fund if any royalties or other pecuniary

benefit are received from the funded project. Colleagues may obtain upon request to the undersigned, the Statement of Granting Policy and the Criteria for Civil Law Research grants of the Wainwright Memorial Fund.

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Chair
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