GRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEE; An Update

Supporting graduate students in history across Canada and encouraging their participation in the Canadian Historical Association are the main goals of the Graduate Student Committee. The GSC has been highly active in 2000-2001 -we now have student representatives in twenty-one history departments across Canada with at least one in every province except Prince Edward Island (check our website to see who your local rep is: www.homestead.com/grad). Some of the projects the GSC has worked on this year include a membership drive to promote graduate student involvement in the CHA, with flyers and posters mailed out to all the history departments. Lesley Erickson at the University of Calgary has been doing a great job in updating our Teaching Assistant training booklet which we hope to have available at the upcoming CHA conference at l'Université de Laval. Kimberly Berry, Co-Chair of the GSC, attended the annual CHA Council meeting on behalf of the GSC and, among other issues, pushed for a student position on the Council. Wade Henry at UBC, the GSC web site manager, is looking into integrating the GSC website with the CHA's own site this year. Melanie Buddle at the University of Victoria is the

student representative on the Committee for Women's history and is exploring the possibility of dual-membership for graduate students in the CHA's sub-committees. Finally, the GSC has been keeping in contact with the National Library over the recent debate on the sale of graduate theses on contentville.com. The future of this program is still unknown, but information will be posted to the GSC website as soon as a decision is reached on how to best distribute graduate theses in Canada.

We are also looking for student representatives in several departments across Canada -- if you are a history grad student and interesting in volunteering, email Dominique Clément at: civilliberties@nf.sympatico.ca. For all those students attending the Congress this year, don't forget that the GSC holds its annual meeting at the CHA conference -- keep an eye out for us!

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