



Brian MacLean

## Former inmate honored

A 31-year-old Saskatoon man, who has spent half his adult life in prison and is now on parole, was awarded the President's Medal today at the University of Saskatchewan's annual fall convocation.

Brian Douglas MacLean received the medal for being the most distinguished graduate receiving a first degree. He was also awarded a university prize for being the most distinguished arts graduate in the College of Arts and Science.

MacLean received a bachelor of arts degree with high honors in sociology.

He took university courses between 1976 and 1980, while an inmate at the Saskatchewan Penitentiary in Prince Albert and briefly at Stony Mountain

penitentiary in Manitoba. This year, he finished the requirements for the degree attending the Saskatoon campus full-time.

MacLean is now working full-time towards a masters degree, in sociology and eventually hopes to do postgraduate work in Sweden, the university said in a news release.

He is a teaching assistant and works part-time as a social worker. He has also worked as a research assistant in the university's department of sociology.

While an inmate in Prince Albert, he was vice-chairman of the inmates committee. One of the duties of the committee is to promote communications with the penitentiary administration.

During MacLean's time in office, 25 recommendations were made for improved conditions and most were accepted and implemented.

At Stony Mountain, he was public relations officer and a member of the board of directors of CONVERSE, an organization of people interested in or involved with the criminal justice system.

A publication called Social Control in Canadian Prisons, written by MacLean, will appear in a book Contradictions in Canadian Society, edited by John Fry, a sociology professor at the university.

Along with MacLean, five other students were honored as outstanding graduates at the convocation Saturday.

They were: David Twist, of Prince Albert, for most distinguished science graduate in the College of

Arts and Science; Robert Heinrichs, of Saskatoon, leading graduate in the College of Commerce; Patricia Lapointe, of Saskatoon, for the College of Education; Patricia Smith, of Saskatoon, in the College of Home Economics and Michael Thiesson, of Saskatoon, in the College of Physical Education.

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