



This is your invitation to attend
The Annual Meeting/Recognition Day

of the University of Toronto
SENIOR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Tuesday, May 11, 1993

Lunch will be served in Croft Chapter House at 12:15 p.m. followed at 1 o'clock by the Annual Meeting and Recognition Day Celebration in the University College Media Room (179)

New Features at the Annual Meeting

Most annual meetings are cut and dried. They follow a certain routine year after year and even the reports seem to be based on the one before. The Senior Alumni Annual Meeting will have its similarities to those of former years but there will also be some unexpected events that will make the 1993 edition one-of-a-kind.

The programme will begin with lunch at 12:15 p.m. in the Croft Chapter House. Guests will then move to the Media Room where activities will start about 1 p.m.. Of course some regular features will take place — the clearing of last year's minutes, the appointment of the auditor, etc..

Margaret Higgins, now completing her first year at the President's desk, will bring a fresh approach to the report on the year's work. Treasurer Jane Schoonmaker will review the financial picture. Harold Aggett, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, will present a slate of officers for the coming year.

After the vote the Seniors will turn their attention to the Recognition Day events. Surprise presentations will take place. Since they are in the formative stage, they are still under wraps.

The final phase will feature an address by Gordon Cressy, Vice-President (Development and University Relations). His talk on *The Changing Face of U of T* will disclose an in-depth knowledge of the University today.

More Fun, More Fitness Classes

A third class is being added to the popular Wednesday and Friday exercise classes at U of T's Athletic Centre. Present members have requested a third class Monday mornings, to keep themselves really fit and to accommodate others who wish to register in 2 or 3 classes. Instructor Diane Fine leads the group through exercises set to music, specially geared to older grads. All three groups start September 13 for 13 weeks. Classes fill up quickly and enrolment in all three classes is limited so it's wise to contact Bette Balfour, the coordinator, now at 493-3113.

Great Hall — The Way It Was

Old-timers, who were U of T students in the late thirties and forties, were disappointed to learn of the closure of daily dining in the Hart House Great Hall. The line-ups began at the west end of Hart House, then meandered along the main corridor ending finally at the solidly built chairs in the Great Hall itself. Male students only were admitted at that time. They began the meal with a piping hot bowl of soup. It was served from large tureens placed at each end of the long tables. The boys, seated close to them ladled the tantalizing liquid into bowls and passed them to the newcomers. You had a choice of several entrees — meat, potatoes, a second vegetable and a dazzling dessert. The price for the whole meal was a king-sized thirty-five cents. The long lines disappeared ages ago. Diners dwindled to a trickle, costs continued to climb. The gigantic deficit forced the closure of the Great Hall for daily dining at the end of 1992 but plans are under way to use it for special events such as banquets and festive luncheons.

The Great Hall, however, was not just a dining room. It was the mecca of many social events. Women were not granted membership in Hart House on a regular basis until 1972. Before that, even those who worked there, had to eat elsewhere. You could eat in a drug store over towards Huron Street or at Diana Sweets and Honey Dew on Bloor, a very long walk on a rainy day.

The boys of yesterday may remember the Hart House Glee Club, a male choir directed by Dr. Charles Peaker. It practised in the Music Room and often descended the winding staircase to the Great Hall platform and serenaded the lunchers. Occasionally the young CBC would send over a radio broadcast crew and air the group on its national network. If Warden Bickersteth, a bachelor all his life, came past, Dr. Peaker would cut into the song and the chorus would lustily burst into its special musical ode to the warden — "Here's to the love that lies in women's eyes and lies and lies and lies."

Yes, Great Hall lunches were a wonderful institution. It's sad to see them go.

We'll miss our Helmut

When Helmut Kohl, Chancellor of Germany, took an impromptu stroll around the St. George campus after receiving an honorary degree at U of T in June 1988, he stopped to chat with *our* Helmut Streit, about the famous beer from Bamberg (Helmut Streit's birthplace), among other topics. Our Helmut is easy to talk to, and generous with help, whether it be about Senior Alumni flyers, newsletters, pamphlets, invitations or lecture lists. He will be retiring soon as Production Coordinator of Alumni Printing Services at 21 King's College Circle after almost three decades. The Senior Alumni will say "thank you" to Helmut formally at the May annual meeting.

Helmut and his wife plan more travel when he's done his stint as house-husband. "I came to Canada on my way to see the world," Helmut says. "I liked what I saw so I stayed."

Scarborough's Louise Griffith . . .

was formally thanked for her ten year involvement with the Canadian Perspectives lecture series. At the luncheon meeting last fall, Scarborough's Principal presented Louise appropriately with a copy of "University of Toronto — a Time to Remember" on behalf of the Seniors Group. Originally planned jointly with St. George campus, with the encouragement of Joan Foley, then Scarborough Principal, Louise has seen attendance grow to well over one hundred, plus a waiting list.

A New Kind Of Retirement

Audrey Hozack, who has taken over the chairmanship of the "Preparation for Retirement" series from Allan Upshall, lives a life of retirement that may not be the same as that of ordinary mortals. Since retiring as Assistant Warden, Administration, at Hart House in 1985, she was active in fund-raising for Woodsworth College's new building. She went on to the Museum for Textiles as volunteer acting director. She was curator of the World Touring Exhibition of Kaffe Fassett, the guru of knitting and needlepoint. Audrey is also involved with the Toronto Guild of Spinners and Weavers, does photography for Woodsworth and the Museum for Textiles, is currently chairman of the Royal Ontario Museum volunteer committee, as well as a docent there. Her assignment at ROM during March Break was to help explain, guard and display hatching ducklings in the ornithology department "I did volunteer to do anything," Audrey grins.

The two series of eight seminars in the Fall and Spring for retiring members of the University Staff and faculty, is sponsored by the Centre for Studies of Aging and the Department of Human Resources. Speakers' topics include adjustment to retirement, health, finance, legal matters,

housing, educational opportunities, social services, and the many pleasures that lie ahead when retirement is imminent. "And, yes", Audrey says, "I do tell the groups about Senior Alumni programmes, and how they can use their skills to help university departments".

Chairs 60th Reunion Dinner

Senior Alumni's Gordon Romans is chairman of his Victoria University class dinner to take place June 5 at the Granite Club during Spring Reunion. "Victoria's class of '33 has enjoyed reunions every five years since the very beginning," Romans said, "and if we're still around, we'll do it again five years down the line." Fifty graduates are expected.

You Can Help Memory Research

The Department of Psychology in Sidney Smith Hall is looking for volunteers for their research on how the aging process affects such functions as learning, memory and attention. If you're over 60, healthy, and willing to come in to the University, at your convenience, 3 or 4 times a year for about a two-hour visit, do contact Wendy Armstrong at the lab at 978-3840.

Meet Father Scollard

Father Robert Scollard — Father Bob to other Senior Alumni — has been an active contributor of time, energy and planning to Senior Alumni. He set up the original Chapel tour of the St. George campus for ATU and has been active with the group indexing "The Varsity," for the years 1908 through the 1930s for the Roberts Library archives. For years he was the St. Michael's librarian and archivist.

Recently Father Bob celebrated his diamond jubilee as a Basilian priest. A special mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated to honour him in the college chapel at St. Michael's, followed by a reception and dinner.

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