

# SENIOR ALUMNI NEWS

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*You are cordially invited to attend*

*The Senior Alumni Association  
Annual Meeting/Recognition Day*

*Thursday, May 12, 1994*

*at 1:30 p.m. in the Media Room (179), University College*

*Guest Speaker: Chancellor ROSE WOLFE*

*Followed by afternoon tea in the Croft Chapter House*

Amendments to the Constitution of the Senior Alumni Association will be presented at this meeting  
(Copies of the revised constitution are available from Lorraine Gillis, 978-2368)

## SENIOR ALUMNI TO WELCOME CHANCELLOR

The Senior Alumni Association is honoured to have Rose Wolfe, Chancellor of the University, address the Annual Meeting/Recognition Day 1994. Mrs. Wolfe is a graduate of the Faculty of Social Work at U of T. For many years she has taken a leading role in a variety of volunteer associations; as a result she has been awarded the Order of Ontario as well as the Award of Merit of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews. As Chancellor, Mrs. Wolfe has many responsibilities, such as serving on Governing Council and chairing the Honourary Degrees Committee. Her talk will include her reflections on serving as Chancellor and the importance of volunteerism in today's society.

During the Recognition Day portion of the meeting, University staff who sponsor volunteer projects, along with ATU (Alumni Talent Unlimited) volunteer coordinators, will be awarded a token of appreciation for their leadership and dedication.

Afternoon tea and coffee will be provided by en Ville caterers. Come and sample their famous chocolate dip strawberries and assorted miniature tea pastries.

## COVER-UP AT THE CROFT

From time to time, the Senior Alumni makes a grant to upgrade some needed element in the U of T. A recent donation of \$7,500 will help spruce up the chairs in the Croft Chapter House. As the Senior Alumni Association has used the facilities of University College for some years, financial assistance was offered to re-upholster the chairs. With luck they'll be ready for the annual meeting, May 12.

## THE SENIOR ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP IN GERONTOLOGY

The Abernethy Scholarship was awarded this year to Kaye Nancy Francis, which delighted all the senior volunteers who have been associated with Kaye in her capacity as extern co-ordinator at the Career Centre in Koffler. Many of Kaye's coworkers, as well as the seniors, had no idea that Kaye, who already has her BSc at U of T, was taking night courses at Woodsworth toward her graduate diploma in Gerontology. The Abernethy Scholarship was established in memory of the SA founder and first president, Wilson Abernethy.

## SENIORS ESTABLISH MEMORIAL FUND

Five members of the Association were remembered recently when the Senior Alumni Association established a Memorial Fund: Harold Aggett, Mary Carter, Rev. Robert Scollard, Wilfred Whalley and Jim Whytock. Started at \$1,000, the Fund welcomes donations from friends and relatives of deceased members who wish to honour them in this manner. The fund will be used for special projects that present themselves from time to time.

## SENIORS TO TACKLE UNMET NEEDS

A group known as Friends of Ontario Universities aims to assist in preparing ways to educate MPPs on Ontario's stake in a strong system of higher education.

After a constructive presentation by Mike Garvey, Chairman of the organization, Senior Alumni decided to join the Friends and to make a donation of \$2,500 to help this cause. The results of successive cuts in government funding are everywhere apparent. These include such essentials as the repair of seeping walls and ceilings, the updating of electrical systems that have long ago exceeded their anticipated capacity, and heating systems that were never built to meet the demands of today.

## PERSON TO PERSON HELP

Taking notes for a deaf student -- reading background information to a blind student -- helping a student with cerebral palsy take a class in creative writing -- these are assignments that Eva Sclater, Connie Gray, Dorelle Cameron and Kay Karrys particularly enjoy. Sometimes they involve one or two mornings or afternoons a week, sometimes it's a one-occasion commitment. Such a satisfying volunteer contribution to university life!

## TRACING IS NOT KID'S STUFF

You have to be a bit of a Sherlock Holmes to work with Bob Saunders' tracing groups. Graduates are always changing data and addresses in today's mobile society. Many fail to tell the University so they can be notified of celebrations and campaigns. Three different tracing groups work different mornings at the Department of Alumni and Development, 21 King's College Circle. New volunteers are always welcome regularly or occasionally. Phone Bob Saunders, 489-1479. The Verification project began

in 1979 to update the data on some 200,000 graduates. It took four years and showed that more than 20 percent of graduates had lost contact with the university because of outdated information. The final phase of the Verification process is now known as Tracing.

## REPORT FROM CHINA

Senior Alumni helped fund Nancy O'Connor's trip to China for a conference sponsored by Adult Education in North America. There were 300 representatives from around the world. As delegate for the Academy for Lifelong Learning, Nancy reported at the Senior Alumni February executive meeting. Nancy noted the emphasis at the conference was more on technical training than on intellectual stimulation for seniors. "There's a big change in Chinese life since my time there working for the Canadian Government", Nancy observed, "especially in cities like Beijing".

## SENIOR TALENT BANK CONNECTION

Pat Varley, executive director of the Senior Talent Bank Association of Ontario described the relationship between her Board and Senior Alumni at the January ATU meeting. She listened to reports on current activities and answered questions about STBAO, of which ATU is a founding member. Pat's area of concentration includes adult education and organizational change. She assisted the Metro Police Force in preparing a training manual on how to combat elder abuse.

## CIRCLE JUNE 28 ON YOUR CALENDAR

You are invited to attend the University of Toronto Alumni Association annual general meeting at 6 p.m. in the Great Hall, Hart House, followed by a barbecue in the quadrangle. Paul Beeston, President and CEO of the World Championship Toronto Blue Jays will be the guest speaker.

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