

# Senior Alumni News

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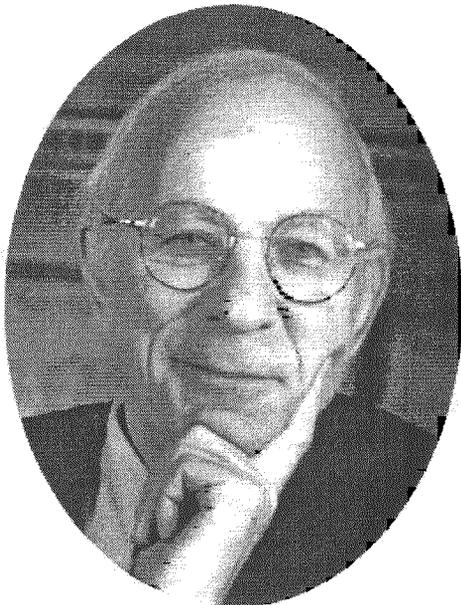
# Prof. Martin Friedland

tell us more about why we should

## Celebrate our University's 175 years

1:30, Thursday afternoon, May 9, 2002.

The Media Room, UC



Dr. Friedland, University Professor and an Officer of the Order of Canada, has just completed his latest book, "The University of Toronto: A History," which tells the story of the U of T from its origins as King's College in 1827 to the present. He tells how personalities, events and ideas interacted to build this great university. There is more about Prof. Friedland on page 3.

The afternoon will start at 1:30 p.m. with a short Annual General Meeting followed by Dr. Friedland's talk about 2:00 p.m. After his talk we will recognize our volunteers. We will finish with afternoon Tea in the Croft Chapter House at 3:00 p.m.

### **VOLUNTEERING BRINGS BENEFITS**

President John Corkill reminds us that, while we have frequently talked about Senior Alumni Volunteer projects here and at our lectures, we need to stress the importance of "giving back" to the University to thank it for its contributions to our business and social lives. "I know that, after forty years away, I returned to the U. of T. and through volunteer activities I have found a real sense of fulfilment, satisfaction and contribution."

To help you consider if any of our volunteer activities are "for you," we have included, on page 2, of this Newsletter brief project descriptions noting their time commitments and other requirements together with the names and phone numbers of persons to contact. If you would like to be a volunteer and see an interesting project, please call the contact or our office (416) 978-0544.

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## **DESCRIPTIONS OF SENIOR ALUMNI VOLUNTEER PROJECTS**

**Mailings** Project Leaders: Grace Merson (416) 447-6764  
and Mary Rowe (416) 923-7813

Volunteers are required to assist with mailings at a variety of locations on campus including Victoria College, the Faculty of Architecture, and the Faculty of Engineering. These are occasional projects that usually occur between October to April. The project leader would call the volunteer, probably one week or 10 days in advance to ask the volunteer if he or she is able to come in for several hours on a particular morning or afternoon. The volunteer is generally able to sit during the duration of the shift, although some standing and carrying around of envelopes and supplies may be necessary. This type of work requires patience, good vision and manual dexterity, neatness and attention to detail. This project may be appropriate for a volunteer who is willing to come in occasionally, but who does not want to commit to a regular schedule of shifts.

### **Koffler Information Desk**

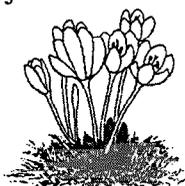
Project Leader: Don Burwash (416) 978-0544

Volunteers are required to staff an information desk at the Koffler student Centre (corner of St. George and College.) This project takes place between September to April, and work load can vary from steady at the beginning of the school year to quite light at other times. The volunteer helps students by answering basic questions, usually pertaining to the location of the various services and offices situated in the Student Centre. Orientation is provided. Shifts are four hours in duration, and the volunteer is seated throughout the shift. Volunteers usually commit to a regular schedule of shifts, i.e., one shift per week, or another arrangement if convenient. The objective of this project is to free up full-time professional staff so they can provide the special counselling that they are trained for.

### **Faculty of Nursing**

Project Leader: Bev Coburn (416) 481-7974.

Senior alumni volunteers act as patients during the nursing students' exams in health assessment. Volunteers play the part in pyjamas and a bathrobe, usually for a 4-hour shift. In the past, assessment testing was done once a year in December, but scheduling may change next year due to expected increased enrolment. Both men and women have participated in this project.



### **Robarts Library - Tours.**

Project Leader: Katharine Brown (416) 932-3534.

A walking tour of one-hour duration takes place at 1:10 p.m. According to the following schedule:

- · Every weekday during September
- · Every Tuesday from October through December
- · As requested by University and high school groups throughout the year, except tours do not take place over the summer period.

Training and orientation is provided, and usually takes place on one of two dates in August. This project suits a volunteer who enjoys speaking before a student group, and who feels comfortable with the physical demands of walking around the library for an hour. Volunteers can commit to as many or few shifts as they want.

### **U.C. and Victoria College Archives**

Project Leader: Ilmar Talvila (416) 231-1752.

At University College, activities take place every Monday, 1 to 3 p.m. Volunteers can commit to as many shifts per month as they wish. Training is provided. Volunteers help identify, organize, restore and preserve historic documents. The volunteer is generally able to sit during the duration of the shift, although some standing, carrying and lifting of a few documents may be necessary. This project suits a volunteer with good vision and manual dexterity, patience, neatness and attention to detail. The project at Victoria College is similar, except that much of the activity is using the computer to check and enter records.

### **U. of T. Libraries - Questionnaires**

Project Leader: John Corkill (416) 626-7716

Volunteers are sometimes requested to distribute questionnaires to students regarding their usage of the library system. This project takes place approximately once a year, over a one-week period. Each volunteer would be asked to commit to one 2 to 3 hour shift. This project requires a volunteer who feels comfortable approaching people, and who is able to stand throughout the 2 to 3 hour period. This project may be appropriate for a volunteer who is willing to come in occasionally, but who does not want to commit to a regular schedule of shifts.

### **U. of T. Art Centre**

Project Leader: John Corkill (416) 626-7716

This is a new project with procedures yet to be fully defined. For guides, specific periods of 2 ½ hour duration between Tuesdays - Fridays. Special events upon request. This project involves relating to those who visit the Art Centre, being able to sit and enjoy the exhibits and acquiring some information for discussion with visitors.

**PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT**



As the date of our Annual General Meeting nears, I would like to reflect briefly upon the activities of your Senior Alumni Association for the past year. My reflections are a "thank you" to those who have made the past year so successful.

First, my thanks to Bev Coburn, who together with the "Chairs" of the various

lecture series, have created and administered our Canadian Perspectives Lecture Series. Attendance has expanded by 100 people and a fourth series of lectures has been started at the St. George Campus. Clearly Bev and her group of stalwarts are doing "something right".

My thanks to the project leaders of our various volunteer activities. This group includes Grace Merson, Mary Rowe, Don Burwash, Bev Coburn (again), Katharine Brown, Ilmar Talvila, June Pemberton, Bob Saunders, Helen Rutherford and others. This year we have started new projects at the Archives of Victoria and University College, and the U. of T. Art Centre. We are also considering other prospects. I believe our project leaders would subscribe to my view that one "gets by giving."

My thanks also to all the other members of your Committee who, each in his or her own way, contribute to the success of your association. I want to particularly thank Doug Philp for his outstanding contribution related to the John Arpin concert. What will Doug do next?

All the activity could not have taken place without the able and thoughtful contribution of Kathy Parks, our administrative assistant. Not only does Kathy professionally respond to our ever expanding administrative needs, she anticipates or originates the things which we need to do. Thanks, Kathy.

Last fall, Valerie Brook and Bev Coburn received Arbor Awards for "meaningful volunteer involvement" in their University. Valerie, a member of our Canadian Perspectives Series, was cited for her many volunteer activities at Victoria including major responsibility for the design that allowed for a waterfall at the Lester B. Pearson Garden for Peace and Understanding.

Bev Coburn was recognized for her leadership role in Canadian Perspectives, her contribution to the Academic Board of the Governing Council and other volunteer work.

Special thanks also to our Past President, Ilmar Talvila, whose work has made the road smooth and easy.

Finally, thanks to those who contributed over \$60,000 to the Margaret Higgins Memorial Scholarship Fund which started with an original contribution by your Association of \$10,000.

And so, with Shakespeare, I say to all: "I can no other answer make but thanks and thanks and ever thanks."

John Corkill

**WE SALUTE SAA VOLUNTEERS**

For some years now, we have been presenting pins to our volunteers at our Annual Meeting and Recognition Day Event. All new volunteers are given University of Toronto pins and long term volunteers are presented five or ten year service pins.



We have six new volunteers who will get University of Toronto Pins: Gloria Pearl, Edward Pearl, Eberhard Schwantes, Sybil Geller, Jackie Philp and Betty Carter. (Some have been volunteers for more than one year; we are catching up).



Six volunteers will get Five Year Pins: Jean Anderson, Fran Barr, Mitzie Beale, Peggy Metson, Jane Brock and Ella Morgan.



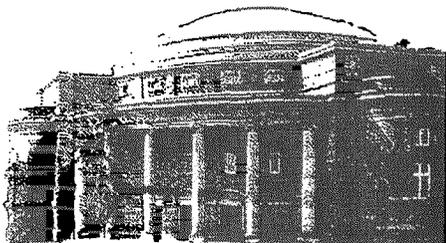
Gloria Buckley and Clara Miller will get Ten Year Pins.

## PROF. MARTIN FRIEDLAND

Martin L. Friedland, University Professor and Professor of Law Emeritus, and former Dean of Law, is the author or editor of 17 books, including *Detention Before Trial*, *Double Jeopardy*, *Access to the Law*, and *The Trials of Israel Lipski* (awarded the Crime Writers of Canada Award for Non-fiction) and of course his latest book, *The University of Toronto: A History*, in which he tells this university's story from its origins in 1827 to the present day. He was made an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1990 and was awarded the Molson Prize in 1995 for "outstanding achievements and exceptional contribution to the enrichment of the cultural life of Canada."

Martin L. Friedland, O.C., Q.C., B.Comm. (Toronto) 1955, LL.B. (Toronto) 1958, Ph.D. (Cambridge) 1967, LL.D. (Cambridge) 1997, called to the Bar of Ontario in 1960 and appointed Queen's Counsel in 1975, is University Professor and James M. Tory Professor of Law Emeritus. Professor Friedland taught at Osgoode Hall Law School until 1965 when he joined the University of Toronto as an Associate Professor. He was promoted to Professor in 1968 and served as Dean from 1972 to 1979. He specializes in Criminal Law. In 1987 he was awarded the University of Toronto Alumni Association's Faculty Award. He is currently a Fellow of Massey College.

Outside the halls of Academia, he served as a full time member of the Law Reform Commission of Canada in Ottawa from 1971 to 1972. He was appointed a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1983 and in 1985 he was awarded the Canadian Association of Law Teachers/Law Reform Commission of Canada Award for Outstanding Contribution to Legal Research and Law Reform. In 1990 he was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada. In 1994 he received the Canadian Bar Association's Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award and the Criminal Lawyers Association's G. Arthur Martin Award, and in 1995 was awarded the Canada Council Molson Prize in the Humanities and Social Sciences for "outstanding achievements and exceptional contribution to the enrichment of the cultural life of Canada."



## EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

In this issue we are focusing on enlisting more volunteers for the many projects now undertaken by senior alumni.

It was 1975 when the late Wilson Abernethy introduced his proposal to bring retired U. of T. graduates back to the university. He was certain that they would make a profound contribution through mentorship and volunteerism. Today, we feel, as he did, that those graduates returning to campus, while volunteering their many skills, are themselves enriched through their renewed contact with the University of Toronto.

Please take a moment to review the projects mentioned on page 2 of this newsletter. If you can help on a regular or part-time basis, please call us at 416-978-0544 and we will put you in touch with the leader of the project.

Do remember to mark May 9th on your calendar — that's the date of our Annual General Meeting. We are very fortunate to have Professor Martin Friedland as our guest speaker. Full details are on the front page of this issue.

That's all for now!

Doug Philp

## TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SENIOR ALUMNI

activities and programs pick up the phone and leave a message at 416-978-0544. We will be happy to send you a copy of our brochure and answer any of your questions. You could also write to us at:

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