



Senior Alumni News

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SENIOR ALUMNI OFF TO SEE KING LEAR

On this May 24, as in the past two springs, when we enjoyed most agreeable journeys to Stratford to see "The Tempest" and "Coriolanus," we will be hosting a trip to see "King Lear." Mary Morton Tours is the organizer. An application and further details are on page 3.

"King Lear" may be one of the most touching plays for seniors to see. Often actors feel they are not old enough to play the role until they are almost beyond taking on the task. It revolves around an aging king, who decides to divide his realm among his three daughters before he dies, and to spend time with each one in turn. The youngest daughter, Cordelia, who does love her father more than the other two, refuses to openly declare her love for her father, whereas her two sisters, Goneril and Regan, enthusiastically and insincerely heap the old man with their love. He banishes Cordelia, divides the country in two, and spends the rest of the play learning how grievous his decision has been. It is one of Shakespeare's classic tragedies of a man brought down by his own pride.

This play has wonderful characters for talented actors to play - Lear himself, played this year by Brian Bedford - the fool, played by Bernard Hopkins, and Edmund, often called Edmund the Bastard, played by Dion Johnstone. Cordelia, Regan and Goneril are being played by Sara Topham, Wendy Robie and Wenna Shaw.

There is some cruelty and bloodshed in the play, but also the magnificent mad scenes of Lear, where the old king and the Fool are stranded on a heath in a storm.



Mary Morton always includes a delicious lunch en route to Stratford, and provides an escort and a professional driver for the tour. The lunch this year is to be at the Keystone Alley, a highly recommended Stratford restaurant. The two pickup areas are on Carlton near Yonge, and the Islington subway station.

The Canadian Perspectives organizers are trying to organize lectures connected to the play for the spring series. Please consider joining us for this excursion that is rapidly becoming a tradition! The application and further details are on Page 3.

Maureen Somerville

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SENIOR ALUMNI VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

One of our objectives is “to provide opportunities for senior alumni to serve the University,” so we offer University departments (faculties, groups) the chance to ask us for volunteers. We also inform Senior Alumni where they may be useful by posting such opportunities on this page. We hope you will try one these undertakings. For further information, please call Kathy Parks at the Senior Alumni Office, phone 416-978-0544 or e-mail senior.alumni@utoronto.ca or the contacts listed below.

The Faculty of Dentistry, Department of Periodontology needs volunteers to perform the following duties:

1. For the Graduate Periodontal Clinic two times per year for assistance with chart auditing. This involves reviewing charts to ensure that the paper work and charting is complete.
2. For the Oral Reconstruction Clinic once every week to review dental implant charts to ensure they are up to date and complete.
3. To help establish a digital picture library: the collection and cataloguing of digital intraoral photographs taken by the graduate residents. Requires basic knowledge in the use of computers and Microsoft programs.
4. To establish a digital library of journal articles. This requires collecting, scanning and reformatting journal articles. Requires basic knowledge in the use of computers and Microsoft programs.
5. Interested volunteers are needed to participate as subjects for periodontal research. Participation will depend on exclusion and inclusion criteria of the specific research project.

For more information please contact:

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Robarts Library Tours: We need seniors interested in becoming tour guides at Robarts Library. They must be comfortable spending one or two hours walking through the library and speaking to groups of up to 20 students. A bonus is a complimentary U. of T. library card. Training is provided.

The Department of Psychology at the University of Toronto still needs volunteers. Are you age 50 to 85 and interested in participating in studies of learning and thinking as people age? Participants will be paid \$12 for a one-hour study. You must have graduated from high school, speak English as a first language, and provide your own transportation to U of T, St. George Campus. Call (416) 978-0905 or e-mail adultpool@psych.utoronto.ca

The Soldiers' Tower Committee is looking for people who would help keep the Tower open. This would appeal to those who like meeting people and who believe that it is important to remember the sacrifices of those who served in the two world wars and other engagements. Normally this would involve one afternoon a month. Training will be provided.

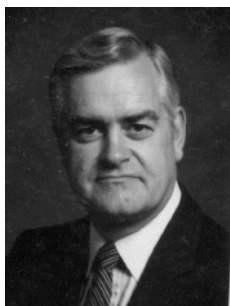
The Soldiers' Tower Committee. Roll of Service:

Help is still needed to scan material from the U of T Roll of Service and to send this to the Canadian Virtual War Memorial web site, run by the Department of Veterans' Affairs. This project requires access to a computer and scanner and ability (or willingness to learn how) to use a scanner.

The Dept. of Sociology requires volunteers for occasional alumni events which take place several times a year, usually in the early evening, at Croft Chapter House or the Sociology offices (Spadina and Bloor.) The volunteer would greet people at the door and sign them in. It is a friendly environment, which often provides the opportunity to partake of refreshments and hear interesting presentations on social issues. This project would appeal to people-oriented persons who are able to stand for an hour or so, who are comfortable going out at night, and who are interested in sociology.

Princess Margaret Hospital is looking for healthy men between 50 & 90 to participate in a study looking at quality of life and memory. They wish to compare the quality of life, physical and mental function of healthy men against those receiving treatment for cancer. A small honorarium will be provided. For more information about this important study, which will aid in the fight against cancer, please contact Henriette Breunis at 416-946-4501 ext. 3926.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



I do hope all our members had a very happy and healthy holiday season! We had our annual executive Christmas party on December 7th at University College following our last business meeting for 2006. We welcomed in the season with several invited guests. Usually, at this get-together we sing a number of Christmas carols accompa-

nied by a pianist. This year, Malcolm McGrath, a very accomplished pianist/organist, one of our guests, had offered to play for us, on the piano that is always in the room. How very disappointed we were, on entering the room, to find the piano missing - out for repairs. We had to cancel our singing program (I think we heard cheers from down the hall). We sat down, chatted, enjoyed the good company and some refreshments. As they say, better luck next year!

Our fall series of lectures were, once again, very successful. We find it necessary, however, to revert to three series in the spring instead of four. The Tuesday group formerly at Ramsay Wright building will be joining with the other Tuesday group, chaired by Bev Coburn. With the passing of Howard Pentland, lecture series chair and co-coordinator, and with Barry Laibovitz's desire to step down for personal reasons, we had to make this change. Barry, however, has offered to help Bev with her Tuesday group.

We owe Bev special thanks for once again taking over full responsibility as coordinator for all three lecture series.

I'm pleased to announce that Kay Karrys has accepted the position as the new chair of our volunteer program, ably assisted by Grace Merton. We are also pleased that June Pemberton is now the new chair of Membership, taking over from recently retired Bob Saunders. We love to keep our people busy!

On November 10th, my wife, Jackie, Peter Hare and I volunteered at the Remembrance Day ceremonies at Soldiers' Tower to honour those from U of T who gave their lives in the two great wars and Korea. As always, it is a very moving experience. We were impressed to see so many young students with their classes and teachers visiting the Tower. Many of them took time to write thank you messages to those who made the ultimate sacrifice and to the troops currently serving in Afghanistan. Our future appears to be in very good hands.

May all our members have a happy, healthy and prosperous 2007. I look forward to seeing you all again in the Spring - enjoying the spring lecture series.

Doug Philp
Doug Philp

COMING EVENTS

Chamber Music Empire Trio - Hart House, Jan, 28 2:00 Free.

New Music Festival - Walter Hall - Jan. 30 - Feb. 1

Afternoon Recitals in Walter Hall - Feb. 8, Mar. 15, Apr. 26-1:30. Phone Women's Musical Club for information and tickets - 416-923-7052

Senior Alumni Annual General Meeting will be on May 3, 2007. Speaker Dr. Ilse Treurnicht, CEO of the MaRS Discovery District.

May 24, Theatre Visit to Stratford to see "King Lear". We have organized a bus trip to Stratford with Mary Morton Tours to see King Lear on Thursday May 24, 2:00 pm. The cost is \$ 129.00 per person. Departures are 9:30 am from Coffee Zone, Days Inn Hotel, 30 Carlton St. or 9:50 am from Islington subway station, east side of Islington Avenue. Lunch will be at the Keystone Alley in Stratford with two choices (see form). Return is about 7:30 pm.

To register for this event please complete the form below and mail or deliver it to:

Senior Alumni Association
21 King's College Circle
University of Toronto M5S3J3
Mark the envelope : Stratford Tour.

Stratford Theatre Visit

King Lear on Thursday May 24, 2:00 pm.

Name:.....

Address:.....

Telephone No.:

Meal Choice: Turkey piccata or Salmon.....

A cheque for \$ 129.00 / person, made out to Mary Morton Tours, is attached.

THE ARCHIVES OF UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

For some time, Judith McErvil, Ilmar Talvila, June Pemberton and John Corkill have been attempting to organize an assemblage of historic paraphernalia located in an extremely untidy room in the North-east section of University College. It appears that for some years the "Archives" was the room to which unneeded but conceivably archival material was dumped. They have been diligently attempting to bring some order to the chaos.

This is not to say that the room does not contain some treasures of the early life of the College. In the picture collection, there are photos of the actual construction of U.C., and other paintings and prints from the earliest years, including views from the top of the tower of Toronto as it looked in 1856-59 (a huddle of cottages punctuated by church spires). Also included is the Programme of the U.C. Conversazione of February 14, 1890, the night of the fire that destroyed much of the original building. There are pictures of the aftermath of the fire and the restoration of the building. Convocation Hall, which occupied the north end of the east wing, was never reconstructed as a new building took over its function. Nevertheless from the outside, the revised structure faithfully reproduces the original.

There are pictures of the "truly heroic" Varsity Football Team of 1870, and the graduating class of 1883 in Mental and Moral Science in Civil Polity. McCaul's pond, along Taddle Creek is available in pictorial form along with many fascinating treasures.



Judith directs activities while searching for items of particular interest. Ilmar files clippings, pamphlets and brochures under 62 categories and is establishing and classifying 50 document boxes to store journals and newspapers. John has been sorting and categorizing photographs of graduation classes, committees and club groupings, as well as the the numerous ar-

chitectural plans and drawings of University College. June has been constructing acid-free preservation boxes for the U.C Archives book collection, and assisting in the sorting and classifying of memorabilia.

While the work is time-consuming and seemingly without end, the volunteers expect to make a positive contribution to preserving the history of University College.



Judith McErvil and Ilmar Talvila at work.

John Corkill

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