

Senior Alumni News

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Since our last Newsletter, we have received a very complimentary letter from Rivi Frankle, the Assistant Vice-president Alumni and Development of our University. She thanks the Senior Alumni "for all the wonderful work that you do for the university." In particular she refers to the many volunteers that provide assistance in many areas, the Margaret Higgins Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Arpin piano concert. Rivi concludes her letter with the following: "Volunteers are an important and vital part of this university and the commitment and dedication of the Senior Alumni Association is greatly appreciated." There is however, an ebb and flow in the availability of volunteer projects, so we are presently seeking new fields of service. If you have indicated that you are willing to be a volunteer and have not yet received a call, please be patient, the next call may be for you.

I am delighted to report to you that contributions of \$61,663 have been made to the Margaret Higgins Memorial Fund. Of that total, \$50,000 (our original goal) is invested in the Margaret Higgins Memorial Ontario Graduate Scholarship in the Humanities and Social Sciences. This amount will be matched by the university and the Government of Ontario to provide an annual scholarship of \$15,000 to support the work of graduate students with the first such award to be available next fall.

The remaining \$11,663, together with any further contributions that may be received will be used to establish a second fund, which matched by the U. of T. will provide at least \$1,000 in support of graduate students each year in perpetuity.

Heartfelt thanks to all of you who have contributed to the fund in Margaret's memory.

The John Arpin concert was completely sold out and we congratulate Doug Philp on this very pleasurable event.

Our fall season of Canadian Perspectives is in full swing and we thank those who year after year provide our alumni and their friends with interesting and topical lectures.

My thanks to you all!

John Corkill

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NOTICES

HELPFUL SENIORS NEEDED to staff an information desk at the Koffler Student Centre. Light work helping students by answering basic questions. Information provided. Work load can vary from steady at the beginning of the school year to quite light at other times. The objective is to free full-time professional staff so they can provide the special counselling to students that they are trained for. Call Don Burwash at 416 482 8181.

HELP THE UNIVERSITY in other ways, by tracing addresses and phone numbers of alumni, helping in libraries, and other projects. Leave your name and phone number on the Senior Alumni phone at 416 978 0544.

FREE COMPUTER for deserving senior. Please call Ilmar Talvila at 416 231 1752 for details.

FOUND a pair of sunglasses at a Canadian Perspectives lecture. Call the Senior Alumni at 416 978 0544.

COMPUTER COURSES The Senior Alumni computer courses have been suspended for the time being. We will give notice when they are about to restart.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE ARCHIVES

Barry Wilding, UC, Judy McEvel, professional archivist, Peg McKelvey, Annita Wilson, Ilmar Talvila, John Corkill and Doug Philp have been appointed to a committee to manage the UC Archives.

The archives are located in an extremely crowded room. Over time, boxes have been literally dumped in the room. There is no controlling index or catalogue. Recently the room has been cleaned and sorted to some extent; so that volunteers can organize and catalogue the assorted material with professional guidance. As space is very limited, only one or two can work at once.

Another project being considered is an oral history of the college. People who have made major contributions to UC will be interviewed.

EVENTS:

As chair of the John Arpin Piano Concert held on Sunday, September 16th in the Vic College Chapel, I would like to express how very pleased I was with the success of the event. A special thanks to all who helped. John was his usual best and gave a masterful performance. See picture of John and admirer below. The feedback I received from the audience was very gratifying — some even requesting another concert next year.

I received a very nice letter from Mary Catherine Birgeneau on September 18th, thanking us for inviting her and President Robert to the concert. They both enjoyed the opportunity to meet John and Mary Jane and many senior alumni — and to enjoy two hours of sheer musical pleasure — it was a pleasant respite from the horrific happenings of September 11th.

I have some other events in mind, but would like to hear from you, our members, about your suggestions. I encourage you to please send those ideas to me, Doug Philp, c/o Senior Alumni Association, Dept. of Alumni and Development, 21 King's College Circle, University of Toronto M5S 3J3. Let's keep the momentum going!

Doug Philp

John Arpin
and
Alexandra
Little at
concert on
September
16.



ARBOR AWARD

Congratulation to Bev Coburn, our Vice President, and the Person that sees that the several Canadian Perspective Lecture Series are co-ordinated and run smoothly. Bev was presented with an Arbor Award On September 13, 2001.



Bev graduated from the Faculty of Nursing in 1954 and taught with that Faculty from 1959 to 1966. She has been President of the Nursing Alumni Association, a member of the College of Electors, the Memorial Scholarship Committee and the Academic Affairs Committee. After retirement she joined the Senior Alumni where she is one of those that "make a difference."

CANADIAN PERSPECTIVE LECTURES

Our spring series of Canadian Perspectives Lectures Series are all to be held at 1 p.m. in the afternoon. This has not been done by choice, but because this was when the university had rooms available for us at times we would want to come to lectures. Some other options were around the supper hour or on Fridays.

When the applications for the Fall Series 2002 are circulated you will have a choice of day and time. Monday 1 to 3 pm, Tuesday 1 to 3 pm, Wednesday 10 to 12 am, and Thursday 10 to 12, am. The location will not be announced until your program is sent to you. U of T space management will give what rooms are available, room 179 University College, which has been our home for many years, being our first choice.

If rooms are not available on campus, Bloor Street United Church at the corner of Huron and Bloor has offered us space on the ground floor with all conveniences except a power point projection system. Our Alma Mater donates space to us and gives Senior Alumni priority for rooms after the formal student classes.

Bev Coburn

Bev Coburn

FLASH BACK

Here we see two people who made significant contributions to Senior Alumni in the early days, talking over coffee at the 1987 Annual Meeting.

Before becoming a vital member of the Senior Alumni, Bob Burton (on the left) had a long and significant career. He was Chief Traffic Engineer for the City of Toronto for many years, where among his many accomplishments was the development of this City's traffic control computer. He was also a veteran of both world wars. Bob died in 1997 at the age of 101.

Annita Wilson (on the right) was our chief contact with UC where she helped us get rooms for our activities. She also organized much of the catering for annual meetings and Canadian Perspectives. She is still active with our UC Archives Project.



EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK:

Now that we have closed up the cabin after a wonderful summer and autumn, cooler weather is prevailing and it's time to get back to the fall business of Senior Alumni. I was delighted with the success of the John Arpin Piano Concert on Sunday, September 16th in the Vic Chapel - See Events on Page 2.

Congratulations to Bev Coburn upon receiving an Arbor Award for her outstanding volunteer service to the University of Toronto. The presentation took place at the President's home on September 13th.

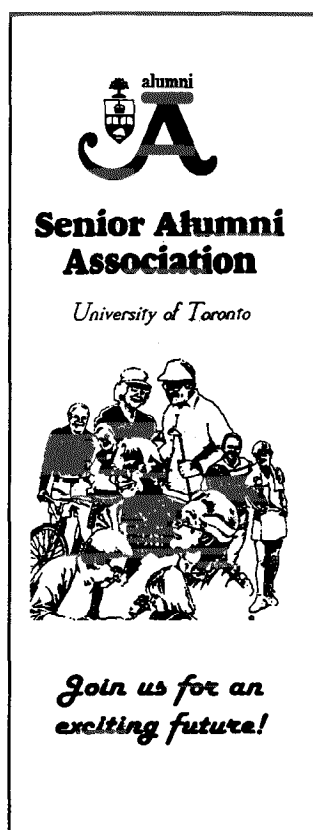
How very gratifying to see that the fund-raising target for the Margaret Higgins Memorial Fund has gone "over the top" and the first recipient of the annual \$15,000 scholarship will be honoured next year.

Congratulations to Rivi Frankle on her recent promotion to Assistant Vice President, Alumni and Development. Rivi, and her dedicated team offer support to senior alumni in so many ways and in turn appreciate the volunteer work and commitment Senior Alumni provides to the University of Toronto. In these troubled times it's a pleasure to be able to report some good news.

The Canadian Perspectives Fall Lecture Series are successfully underway and there is room for additional people in the Tuesday Series at the Ramsay-Wright Building. Those on our waiting list may wish to take advantage of this opportunity.

That's all for now.

Doug Philp

The Senior Alumni brochure

To learn more about Senior Alumni activities and programs pick up the phone and call 416-978-0544 and a friendly Senior Alumni member will be happy to send you a copy of this brochure and answer any of your questions. You could also write to us at:

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