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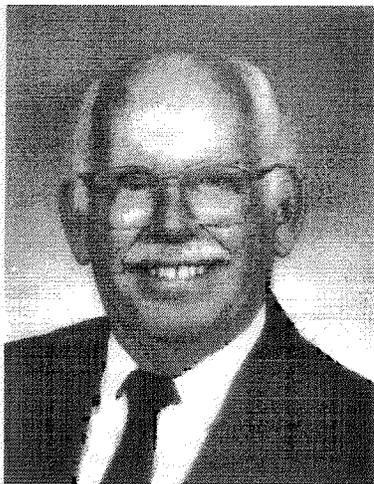
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



In this issue of the Newsletter there are several items to which I wish to draw your attention at this time.

First, there is the question of fees. With the changes at the admission level of students to University the number of students is increasing substantially starting this year with

a huge increase next year. The "double cohort" is creating an unprecedented demand for lecture rooms. You are already aware of the difficulties we have had with finding suitable space for our Canadian Perspectives Lecture Series. These problems will continue. We have been assured that, although we won't know the location of our lectures much in advance, there will at the end be rooms available to us.

The other side of the coin is that the University is now charging us rent for the use of the lecture rooms. With this new cost and the continuing increases in our other expenses, we have had to increase our fees to \$37 from \$30 for the Spring Series of 5 lectures and to \$60 from \$50 for the next Fall Series of 9 lectures.

Also in this Newsletter is a description of a number of possible special events. Depending upon your response, such an event may be organized for next spring.

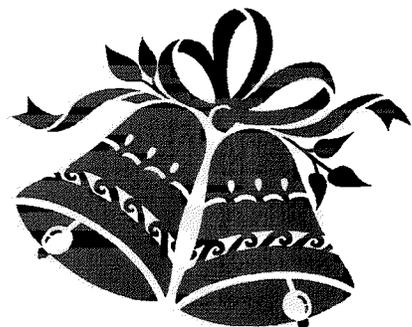
Lastly, I wish to add my congratulations to June Pemberton for her Arbor Award. June is one of our most devoted volunteers. Her speciality is making "preservation containers" for the more precious books contained in the University archives.

Best wishes to all.

John Corkill

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EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

The fall series of lectures are almost over and another winter season lies ahead. Hopefully, it will not be too severe! Looking ahead — we have had to increase fees for our lectures as noted in President John Corkill's report, because we no longer have the luxury of free room space. With the influx of students caused by the "double cohort", space requirements are taxed to the limit and because of that we have to pay for the lecture facilities.

For personal reasons, Ilmar Talvila will not be teaching the computer course for seniors. This was a very interesting course where seniors could experience Microsoft Windows and use the mouse to try various software programs and gain experience with the Internet, e-mail and the world wide web. However, Ilmar would be able to assist anyone in our membership who has the qualifications to present this course. If you are this person, please call Ilmar at (416) 231-1752.

Let me add my congratulations to June Pemberton for receiving an Arbor Award on September 12th for her great volunteer work at the University of Toronto. It's early but have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



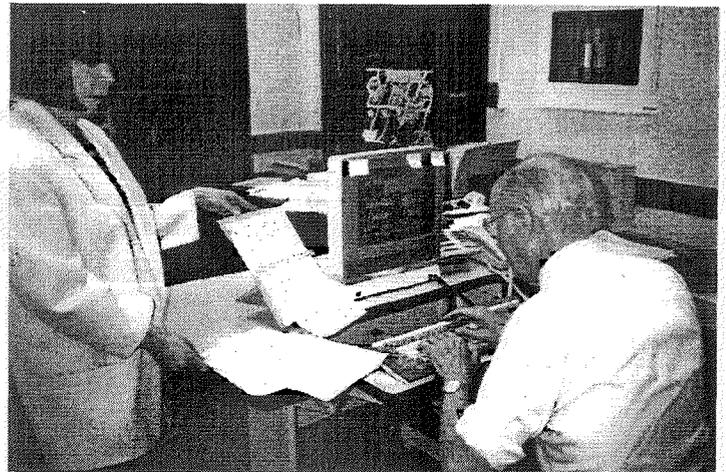
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SOLDIERS' TOWER COMMITTEE RAISING FUNDS FOR TOWER IMPROVEMENTS

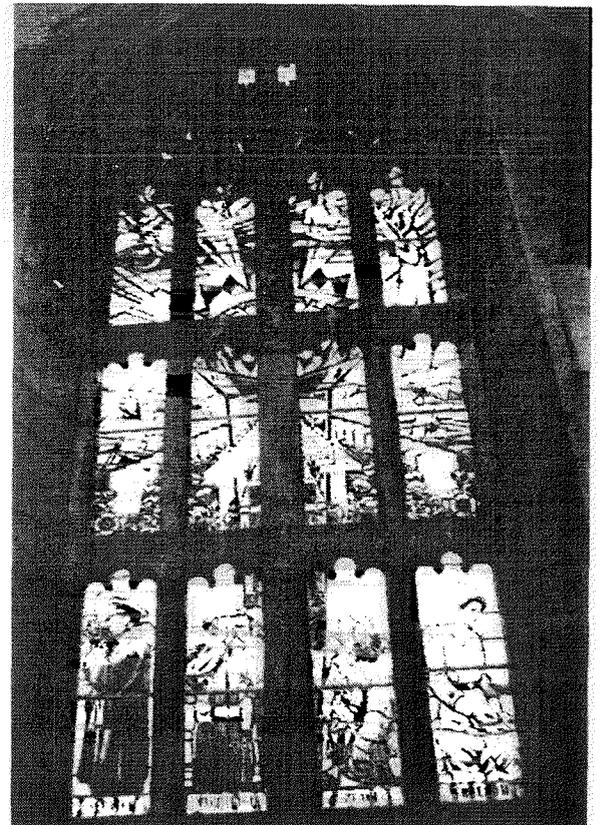
Seven years ago the Committee commissioned the great stained glass window in The Memorial Room of Soldiers' Tower, which was dedicated November 6, 1995. It was designed and installed by The Russell C. Goodman Stained Glass Studios, of Parry Sound. Its symbolism is based largely on John McCrae's "In Flanders' Fields." They now plan to have stained glass installed in the windows along the staircase leading the Memorial Room along with some other improvements and have started a campaign to raise the funds. As the first stained glass window uses Officer figures the new windows will feature other ranks.

Please consider joining in this Soldiers' Tower Committee endeavour. Call the Annual Fund 416 978 2173 for information.

FLASHBACK



For many years, the late Gordon Romans, one of Senior Alumni's founding members, spent one or more days each week updating the Medical Research Data Bank. He took research reports and coded the information in away that would help Doctors and researchers quickly find appropriate reports. His background at Connaught Laboratories gave him the understanding of the keywords to make a valuable contribution.



JUNE PEMBERTON GETS AN ARBOR AWARD

June Pemberton is seen here amongst others who were awarded an Arbor Award in September at 93 Highland Avenue.

Her citation states: "June Pemberton is a reliable and inspiring figure in the alumni life of the university. A long-time volunteer with the Senior Alumni Association, June has lent her energy and enthusiasm to mailings for the architecture and engineering faculties. A 1950 graduate of art and archaeology, June is involved with the archives at Victoria University, carefully preserving antique books for future generations of students, faculty and researchers. She is also well known for her insightful tours of the John P. Robarts Research Library."

**EVENTS**

Members will receive a questionnaire at their lectures asking them to indicate their preference for events they might consider attending. Please review and return to your lecture Chair no later than December 2. You may also mail, fax or e-mail to the Senior Alumni office.

The following events are being considered:

- Acquaint yourself with Toronto - City bus tour
- Isabel Bader Theatre Tour
- Visit to Hart House Farm
- Boat tour - Toronto harbour
- Tour of Elgin and Wintergarden theatres
- Tour of St. Michael's Art Collection
- Walking tour of campus architecture and trees with Ilmar Talvila
- Tour of Redpath sugar museum

If you have a suggestion, please indicate on the form.

We don't have to have events at any particular time but feel it is another way of contributing to our education and enjoyment. Thank you for your support, it is much appreciated.

Doug Philp



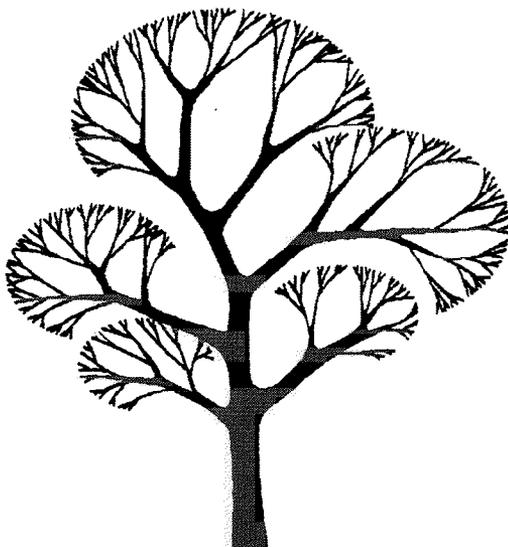
VOLUNTEERS STILL DESPERATELY NEEDED FOR SOME SENIOR ALUMNI PROJECTS

Koffler Information Desk

Project Leader: Don Burwash - contact through Senior Alumni Office (416) 978-0544. This project is desperately short of volunteers to staff the information desk at the Koffler student Centre (corner of St. George and College.) Volunteers help students by answering basic questions about the location of the various services and offices in the Student Centre. Shifts are normally four hours and the volunteer is seated. Volunteers usually commit to one shift per week. The objective is to free up full-time professional staff so they can provide special counselling to students. Anyone interested please call the above number. Don't put it off.

Robarts Library - Tours.

Project Leaders: Katharine Brown (416) 932-3534 and John Corkill (416) 626-7716. Volunteers lead one-hour afternoon walking tours of the library every weekday during September and at less frequent intervals during the rest of the school year. This project suits a volunteer who enjoys talking to groups of students and who feels comfortable walking around the library for an hour. Volunteers can commit to as many or few shifts as they want.



SENIOR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

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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Join us for an exciting future!

"VOLUNTEERS FOR PYJAMA PARTY AND FREE LUNCH"

The Faculty of Nursing needs people to act as patients for the practical examinations of their students' assessment skills. The patients are given a simple script and will always be accompanied by the examining teacher when with a student.

Coffee, lunch and rest breaks will be provided. We need volunteers on both Wednesday, December 11 and Thursday, December 12 for one shift only from 8:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m.

The Faculty of Nursing is at 50 St. George Street on the corner of St. George and Russell on the west side, one block north of College Street. The Examination Room is in the basement. Please call Bev Coburn at (416) 481-7974 if you can participate.