

Senior Alumni News

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Welcome back to Canadian Perspective Lectures, or if you are coming for the first time, I hope you enjoy the lectures and feel free to participate in the question periods. These lectures are sponsored by the Senior Alumni of U of T but are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

The Senior Alumni is a small constituency of about 550 people from many faculties who were originally under the auspices of UTAA but have always been self-supporting. In recent years we have had no liaison to UTAA and therefore make our donations as Senior Alumni of University of Toronto.

The Division of University Advancement has engaged Dan White as a consultant to survey the relations between alumni and administration of University of Toronto. Mr. White was the director of Alumni Affairs at Princeton for 25 years and is now a principal in eAdvancement, a consortium of individual consultants experienced in Alumni relations.

Your executive discussed our ideas about Senior Alumni relations with the University and these ideas were discussed with Dan White in a meeting with the chair of Soldiers' Tower committee and me. The executive offered to meet as a group with Mr. White if his schedule permits.

In general our recommendation was that UTAA be restored to its previous role of a supporting organization for all alumni groups. In this role there would be a direct liaison with every constituency and dissemination of information about UTAA's activities and finances. If you have ideas that you would like to share with Mr. White please call Barbara Dick at 416-946-7680 or email at barbara.dick@utoronto.ca as she will be facilitating his work and schedule. The Senior Alumni has a wealth of experience and a membership that can give leadership in alumni affairs.

Bev Coburn

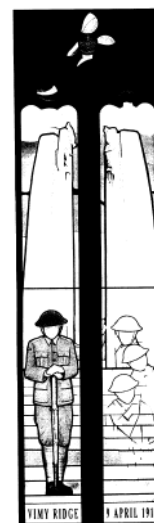
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INVITATION TO NOV 11 SERVICE

Your presence is requested at the annual "Service of Remembrance" at Soldiers' Tower, Hart House Circle, to be held this year on Friday November 11 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Please join with us in remembering the men and women that this university has lost in the two world wars and other conflicts.

The service beginning at 10:30 a.m. will include the singing of traditional hymns, readings, laying of wreaths, The Last Post, The Lament, Reveille, and the Royal and National Anthems. After the service, a reception will be held in the Great Hall of Hart House. You will also have an opportunity to visit the Memorial Room in Soldiers' Tower and view the new stained glass windows dedicated in May, as well as medals and other mementoes.

The carillon will play both before and after the service.



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SENIOR ALUMNI VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AND OTHER NOTICES

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 (maximum) 20 students. A plus is a complimentary U. of T. library card. Training provided.

Koffler Information Desk: Volunteers staff an information desk at the Koffler Student Centre (St. George and College) answering basic questions, about the location of services and offices. Orientation is provided.

Soldiers' Tower Names: The names of the 1181 U of T men and women lost during the Wars of the 20th century are inscribed on the walls of Soldiers' Tower. We would like to help the Soldiers' Tower Committee by putting these names into an electronic list. People also ask for information about those lost. Some information and pictures are in old yearbooks, but there is additional material in the U of T archives, that requires research. We are looking for volunteers to research and compile such information. This requires someone who is computer literate enough to work with the Archives data base.

Mailings: Occasionally volunteers are needed to help with mailings at various locations. Volunteers are called a week or more in advance to check availability and inform them about time and location. A good project for those who would like to participate, but who don't want a regular shift.

If you would like to try one of the above projects or require further information, please call Kathy Parks at the Senior Alumni Office, phone 416-978-0544 or e-mail senior.alumni@utoronto.ca

The Department of Psychology at the University of Toronto still needs volunteers for paper based and computerized tasks (no previous computer experience is necessary). These are intended to answer questions about how we age. To volunteer, you must have graduated from high school, speak English as a first language, and provide your own transportation to the St. George campus. Participants will be paid \$10 per hour. Please call Kay Karrys (416) 463 4810 for details.

The L.C. Campbell Cognitive Neurology

Research Unit at Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre is conducting research on various types of dementia, such as Alzheimer's Disease. They are looking for healthy volunteers between the ages of 50 and 90 willing to undergo paper and pencil tests as well as brain imaging to serve as normal controls for comparison purposes. All information is confidential and parking costs are covered. For more information, contact Isabel Lam at 416-480-6100 x2317 or email Isabel.Lam@sw.ca.

Lecture and Tour of the Trinity College Art Collection and Chapel. Sunday, Nov. 13

Dennis Reid, chief curator, Art Gallery of Ontario, and Gerald Robinson, architect & liturgical consultant. \$25/person. Proceeds to the Trinity College Art Conservation Fund. Lecture, Seeley Hall, 3 p.m., followed by tours and wine and cheese reception. Registration is required in advance: (416) 978-2651; or alumni@trinity.utoronto.ca

COMING EVENTS AT THE U OF T ARTS CENTRE

There are two exhibitions now at the Art Centre:

"The Art of Structural Design: A Swiss Legacy," was assembled by the art students of Princeton University under the direction of Dr. Arthur Billington. This event showcases the design of Wilhelm Ritter, Christian Menn, Robert Maillert and Othmar Ammann.

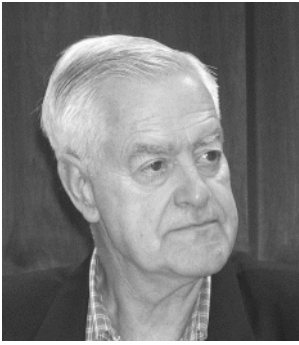
"Through Tangled Brush and Dewy Brake" features the works of the "Group of Seven" and their contemporaries. Both exhibitions are open week days, Tues. - Fri. 12.00-5.00 p.m. and Sat. 12.00-4.00 p.m. and will run until Jan. 2006.

October 22, at 430 p.m. Dr. Stelle Panayotova of the Fitzwilliam Museum will give the Hutchison Lecture. Two Concerts will be held: Tuesday, November 8, 12.00 noon and Friday, November 18, at 7.30 p.m.

The "Twelve Trees 2005 Exhibition," a popular annual event previously held at the Gardner Museum, will be held at U of T Art Centre from Nov. 22 to Dec. 10; in partnership with the Gardiner Museum.

On December 8, The Art Centre re-introduces the Malcove Exhibition.

For more information please call 416 978 1838.

EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

I'm still at the cottage where we enjoyed a beautiful summer and a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. I hope you too had an enjoyable Thanksgiving. It's hard to believe that it's approaching winter time again. It seems that summer went by very quickly this year.

The lecture series are underway and Howard Pentland, thankfully, was able to find space on campus. Whew! We feel it is very important for our lectures to be held at the university.

Congratulations to Ron McQueen, who heads up our Wednesday lecture group, on receiving a well-deserved Arbor Award on September 12th at the home of the University President.

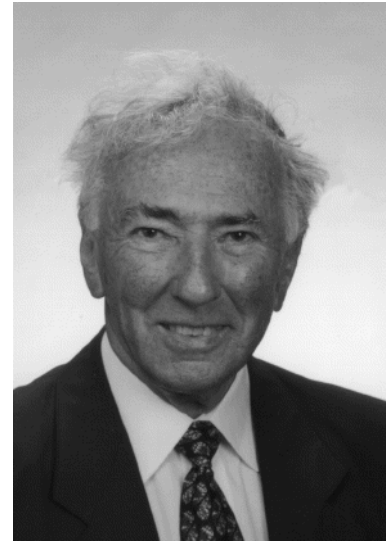
On October 1st, Dr. David Naylor officially took over the reins as our 15th president at the University of Toronto. We wish him every success in his new position.

I would be remiss if I didn't congratulate Senior Alumni President Bev Coburn for her President's message in our September 2005 newsletter. I'm sure you would agree with her. If you missed that article, pick up a copy from our office. It's well worth reading. Senior Alumni Association (SAA) publishes a newsletter four times a year - February, April, September and November. We like to think that we provide interesting and informative information, articles, and news about volunteer projects for our members.

This fall we hope to talk about some of the volunteer projects at the lectures and, hopefully, sign up volunteers from these discussions. It is our intent to hand out our newsletter at the lectures to ensure that you receive a copy.

The latest issue of the U of T magazine reported that the University of Toronto Alumni Association (UTAA) is holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Chestnut Street student residence on November 22, 2005. U. Of T. President, Dr. David Naylor will be the guest speaker. It will be interesting to hear what UTAA has been doing on our behalf during the past year. There has been a radical change in its format. As U. of T. Alumni you are welcome to attend.

That's all for now! Doug Philp

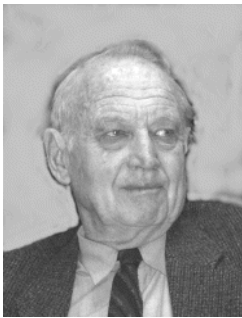
RON MCQUEEN AWARDED AN ARBOR AWARD

Many of you know Ron as Chair of the Wednesday series. Six years ago, when U of T's Senior Alumni Association needed a leader to plan a new series of Canadian Perspective Lectures, Ron McQueen stepped up to the challenge. As chair, this 1948 Victoria College grad increased enrolment in the lecture series. As we use most of the proceeds from Canadian Perspective to fund student scholarships, his efforts have benefited both seniors and students. He also volunteered on Victoria's Homecoming Committee.

FLASH BACK

There have been many interesting projects that involved Senior Alumni over the years. Here we see Harold Aggett helping at a job fair at University College in 1986.

CANADIAN PERSPECTIVES



The chairs of the Canadian Perspectives Lecture Series are often asked this question: "How do you select your lecturers and topics for the Series?"

We begin by asking the participants in the lecture groups for their suggestions of names of professors and topics for future lectures. Then the chairs review these suggestions, keeping in mind that they try to have a spectrum of academic disciplines for each Series, i.e. arts and sciences, as well as professional faculties. We consult the University of Toronto Directory which includes the names of all the professors of the university. We may check with the Head of the department or faculty requesting the name of a professor who is a specialist in a certain area of study. We explain that the Canadian Perspectives Lecture Series is sponsored by the Senior Alumni of the University of Toronto. We have been pleased by the positive response we have received from the various departments and faculties.

The professor is contacted and the topic of the lecture is discussed, and the place and date for the future lecture is arranged. The Senior Alumni Association administrative assistant Kathy Parks follows-up by sending a confirmation letter to the lecturer. This process takes time and hard work.

We are grateful to the very dedicated chairs of our four Canadian Perspectives lecture groups. They are as follows:

Monday Group: Lloyd Beckley, George Mann
& Bill Kerrigan
Tuesday Group: Beverly Coburn
& Patricia Hanna
Tuesday Group: Barry Laibovitz
& Howard Pentland
Wednesday Group Ron McQueen
& Penny McLeod
Administrative Assistant: Kathy Parks.

Thank you too, to our participants who offer their suggestions for future lectures and who really begin the process of how we select our lecturers and topics for the Canadian Perspectives Lecture Series.

Howard Pentland

REQUEST FOR MILITARY ARTIFACTS

The Soldiers' Tower Committee of the UTAA is looking for military artifacts (not weapons) that will augment the existing collection in the Memorial Room Museum and honour the memory of U of T veterans (both men and women). While the collection already includes service medals and some regimental pictures, specific decorations and honours would be especially welcome. Small pieces for countertop display are preferred, but some larger items will be considered.

The Soldiers' Tower artifact committee requests your understanding that there are limits to what can be accepted. Display space is very limited, so the way in which your item will augment the collection is a major consideration. Income tax receipts from the University will be provided, subject to Canada Revenue Agency and university policy for gifts of this nature. Valuable items would require a professional evaluation.

If you have such an item that you would consider donating, please send a photo and a description of your artifact and its significance to the memory of the university's veterans. Please reply to: The Soldiers' Tower Committee, University of Toronto Alumni Association, J. Robert S. Prichard Alumni House, 21 King's College Circle, Toronto, ON M5S 3J3. Telephone: 416-978-0544
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