

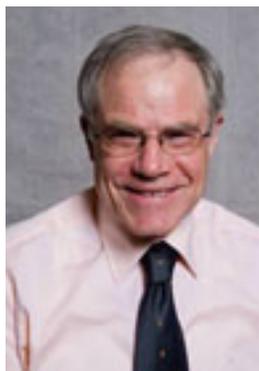


## Notice of Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Day

Wednesday, May 2nd, 2012, 1:30pm  
Room 179, main floor, west wing  
University College, University of Toronto

- 1:30pm Business Meeting
- 2:00pm Guest Speaker: Professor Bruce Kidd, Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education and Health, University of Toronto
- 2:45pm Presentation of Volunteer Recognition Pins
- 3:00pm Reception, Croft Chapter House

### Bruce Kidd to speak at SAA Annual Meeting



I would be most surprised if any in our age range has never heard of Bruce Kidd or his accomplishments. We at the University of Toronto are particularly proud of him as an alumnus (Bachelor of Arts, Political Economy 1965), lecturer, Professor, former Dean of the Faculty of Physical Education and Health, and now as the Interim Warden of Hart House, a facility in which he trained as a young athlete. He still serves also as a Professor of Kinesiology and Physical Education.

Bruce teaches and has written extensively about the history and political economy of Canadian and international sport and physical activity. He has authored or edited ten books and hundreds of articles, papers, lectures, plays and film and radio scripts. *The Struggle for Canadian Sport* (UofT Press, 1996), which recaptures the efforts of sport leaders in Canada in the period between the First and Second World Wars, won the Book Prize of the North American Society for Sport History in 1997. His most recent book, co-edited with Russell Field, is *Forty Years of Sport and Social Change, 1968-2008: 'To Remember is To Resist'* (Routledge 2010).

Most of us remember him as one of Canada's most respected runners. He was Commonwealth champion in the 6 miles at the games in Perth, Australia in 1962. He was elected Canada's Male Athlete of the year by the Canadian Press in 1961 and 1962. Bruce still holds the record for 5,000 metres 49 years after he set it. He participated in the Olympic Games as an athlete (1964), as a journalist (1976), contributor to the arts and culture programs (1976 and 1988) and accredited social scientist (1988 and 2000). He is an honorary member of the Canadian Olympic Committee.

I have my own small, personal memory of Bruce. When I was a student at East York Collegiate Institute, I would see him running on the track of our stadium!

Recently, Bruce has turned his attention to international development through sport. He was one of the founders of Commonwealth Games Canada's International Development through Sport Program, which conducts programs of broadly based development in 22 African and Caribbean Commonwealth countries, and served as the program's volunteer chair for many years. He initiated UofT's partnership with the Universities of Namibia and Zambia to strengthen teacher preparation in physical education to enhance preventive education about HIV/AIDS. In 2007, he was commissioned by the International Working Group on Sport for Development and Peace to prepare literature reviews on sport for development and peace, coordinating a team of UofT faculty and graduate students, and that project has shaped the policies of the United Nations.

Bruce is a Member of Canada's Sports Hall of Fame, the Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame both as an athlete and a builder and the University of Toronto Sports Hall of Fame. In 2005, he was awarded the Canadian Olympic Order, and in 2006, he was given a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Commonwealth Sports Awards Foundation.

In 2004, Bruce Kidd was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada.

His topics at the Annual Meeting will include the Pan American games (he is closely involved with the organizers), and physical activity for seniors.

*Maureen Somerville, Events Chair*

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## Senior Alumni Volunteer Opportunities

One of our objectives is “to provide opportunities for senior alumni to serve the University.” We hope you will try one of these opportunities. Contact Emma Duncan at our office: (416) 978-0544, or email [senior.alumni@utoronto.ca](mailto:senior.alumni@utoronto.ca) for more information.

### Volunteers needed for Academic Retiree Centre

The Academic Retiree Centre (ARC) is in need of reliable, responsible volunteers to take on a 3.5-hour weekly shift at the Centre’s reception desk, and work on the Senior College Encyclopedia of the History of UofT using a provided computer. Volunteers must be familiar with the Internet, searching for information, and the use of email. Other duties include greeting visitors and answering inquiries.

The ARC is located at 256 McCaul, just south of College St. The hours are 9:00am to 4:30pm. It is open to retired professors, librarians, and senior administrators of UofT.

Contact Mary Vohryzek, co-chair of the SAA volunteers: 416-966-8751 or [mwvohryzek@gmail.com](mailto:mwvohryzek@gmail.com).

### Robarts Library Tours

Robarts Library is looking for senior volunteers interested in becoming tour guides. The tours, which begin in September, are primarily to acquaint first-year and international students with UofT’s system. Volunteers must be comfortable spending one or two hours walking through the library and speaking to groups of up to 20 students about once a week. Training is provided and a bonus is a complimentary UofT library card which now has borrowing privileges! Contact Ihor Prociuk at: [ihor.prociuk@utoronto.ca](mailto:ihor.prociuk@utoronto.ca) or (416) 535-1478.

### Academic Resource Centre

The UofT Academic Resource Centre is looking for volunteers to help its reception area so that it can be open for use from 9:00am to 5:00pm, five days a week (Monday to Friday). Volunteer responsibilities may include greeting visitors, answering questions, making coffee or tea and other related duties in support of the Centre. If you are interested, please contact Emma Duncan at the SAA office at the above phone number or email address.

### Brain Imaging Research

The Movement Disorder Unit at the Toronto Western Hospital is looking for healthy volunteers for brain imaging research. This study involves magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and positron emission tomography (PET). This research will help to advance understanding of cognitive impairment in Parkinson’s disease. Eligible volunteers must be between 55 and 80 years old, have no history or indication of neurological or psychiatric illness, have no metal implants or a cardiac pacemaker and meet the results of a screening process. For more information, call (416) 535-8501 (ext. 7395) or email [leigh.christopher2@gmail.com](mailto:leigh.christopher2@gmail.com).



## Events

### UTAA Annual General Meeting

**Saturday, June 2, 2012, 2-4 p.m. Convocation Hall,  
31 King’s College Circle**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** Dr. Samantha Nutt



Dr. Nutt is founder of War Child Canada, an international humanitarian organization, and author of *Damned Nations*, a bracing account of her work in some of the world’s most devastated regions.

She will be signing copies of her book following the AGM. For more information on War Child Canada go to [www.warchild.ca](http://www.warchild.ca)

**Join us for a FREE BBQ (11:30am - 2:00pm) on the front campus right before the AGM.**

Meet UofT president, Professor David Naylor.

Sponsored by your UTAA. **All alumni are welcome.**

The AGM agenda will be available at [alumni.utoronto.ca/utaa](http://alumni.utoronto.ca/utaa) as of May 19, 2012.

**Space is limited. RSVP today at:  
[alumni.utoronto.ca/utaa](http://alumni.utoronto.ca/utaa) or 1-888-738-8876**

### UofT Spring Reunion: May 30 – June 2, 2012

If you graduated in a year ending in 2 or 7, this is your go-to website for all events hosted by your college, faculty, department and UofT-wide events organized by the University:

<http://springreunion.utoronto.ca/>

Spring Reunion events will be confirmed soon. Subscribe to updates and get notified when new events open for registration.

<http://springreunion.utoronto.ca/subscribe>

## There’s still time to register for SAA theatre trips!



The SAA has organized two exciting theater trips this year. The trip to see Shakespeare’s *Much Ado About Nothing* at the Stratford Festival Theatre is set for **Monday, May 14** (registration deadline is April 13).

New this year is a trip to the Shaw Festival Theatre in Niagara-on-the-Lake to see

*Present Laughter* by Noel Coward on **Thursday, October 4** (registration deadline is Sept. 4).

More information and registration forms will be available at the Canadian Perspectives lectures or contact Emma Duncan in our office at 416 978-0544 and ask her to mail you a registration form.



## President's Corner



This is my final greeting to you from the "President's Corner". It does not seem very long ago since I became your new president, but time marches on and on May 2nd at the Annual Meeting (AGM), Wendy Talfourd-Jones will become the new president. I would like you to remember that date and plan to attend.

Before we look too far ahead, I think it is good to take a look back and reflect on the events that have transpired during my presidency. On a personal level, I have thoroughly enjoyed spending time on campus, watching students on their way to classes, hearing them discuss issues of the day and seeing them

hurrying to write exams, when the mood becomes more sombre. Finally, I have watched them process across the campus lawn towards Convocation Hall to receive their degrees on that most important day of their lives. This time on campus has helped me to remember my time as a student, and I have tried, in these reports, to rekindle those wonderful feelings of the joy of learning and the sense of accomplishment that we all enjoyed so many years ago.

Looking at the broad picture, I have learned to appreciate the many different constituencies which make up the university community. The goal of all of these administrative bodies and associations is to enhance the learning experience of students. Our Senior Alumni Association is part of that community. It is amazing to realize that our volunteers can be found all across the campus, at the Faculties of Dentistry and Nursing, the School of Engineering, Robarts Library, and at Soldiers' Tower and Spring Reunion.

Turning to our own association, we encourage alumni who are seniors to come back to university and become engaged in continuing to learn by participating in our Canadian Perspectives Lecture Series. We now run a series each spring, fall and winter. Each one seems to be better than the last. It has been a great opportunity for me to meet so many of you each week. Both the Monday and Wednesday series conclude at the end of April. We have a large number of registrants.

On May 2nd, we hold our AGM. Once again, I encourage you to attend the AGM for a short meeting. Our guest speaker will be Bruce Kidd. Following the meeting, we will enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the beautiful Croft Chapter House.

In closing, I thank each one of you for your support and encouragement. It has been a privilege to be involved with the university and this association in a deep and meaningful way. I wish you all a pleasant spring and summer and good health for years to come.

*Gerry Devlin, President*

## SAA scholarship winners for 2011-2012

The SAA offers several scholarships to deserving students. This year, the winner of the **Peter John Hare Memorial Scholarship in Environment** in the Faculty of Arts and Science is **Miss Eleni Taye**.

The **Margaret Higgins Memorial / OGS in the Humanities and Social Sciences** in the Faculty of Arts and Science was awarded to **Marisa Young**. Marisa is currently in her third year of a PhD program in the Department of Sociology at the University of Toronto. She completed her Masters in Sociology at the University of Calgary in 2007. Her research concerns the work family interface and the mental health consequences associated with combining various work and family roles.

## Dedicated SAA volunteers recognized at Annual Meeting

The SAA has many dedicated members who have been volunteering for a number of years. At our Annual Meeting we recognize their commitment and dedication by presenting 1- and 5-year pins and a 10-year UofT portfolio.

### 1-year pins

**Howard Cappell** - Started in the fall 2011 at the Centre for International Experience, helping improve the English conversation skills of international students and professors.

**Gina Clark** - Has volunteered at the Nursing exams, held once a year in December for the nursing students at George Brown College.

**Linda Fischer** - Assistant Treasurer, Senior Alumni Association board.

**Dagmar Falkenberg** - Volunteers at the Canadian Perspectives Lectures.

**Geoff Fridd** - Started in the fall 2011 at the Centre for International Experience, helping improve the English conversation skills of international students and professors.

**Jean Orpwood** - A valued member of the SAA executive, she has also taken part in the Nursing exams, held once a year in December for the nursing students at George Brown College; helped at the Spring Reunion, and is one of the co-chairs of the Canadian Perspectives Lectures.

**Shirley Pentland** - Has volunteered at the Nursing exams, held once a year in December for the nursing students at George Brown College.

### 5-year pins

**Julia Antinoff** - Has volunteered for a number of years at the Centre for International Experience, helping improve the English conversation skills of international students and professors; has also helped at the Spring Reunion.

**Richard Coulsland** - Volunteers at the Soldiers Tower Memorial Room Museum handing out programs and providing information to audience members at the carillon recitals.

**Mary Harris** - Has volunteered at the Nursing exams, held once a year in December for the nursing students at George Brown College.

**Murray Snively** - Volunteers at the Soldiers Tower Memorial Room Museum, including their Doors Open event.

**Kathlene Willing** - Has volunteered at the Spring Reunion Stress-Free Lectures and, in the past, at the Soldiers Tower Archival Research project.

### 10 year present - U of T Portfolio

**Fran Barr** - Volunteers at the Nursing exams, held once a year in December for the nursing students at George Brown College.

**Theresa Bishop** - Volunteers at Spring Reunion and Robarts Library tours.

**Jean Cline** - Volunteers at the Nursing exams, held once a year in December for the nursing students at George Brown College.

## Corporate and Foundation Relations at UofT

### The Pillar Sponsorship Program

For those of our members who graduated before the 1990s, the University of Toronto was a very different institution than it is today. One of the many changes that has occurred is the growth of the department of Advancement which helps with the financial needs and objectives of the university. Recently, the SAA became familiar with one of the divisions of Advancement, **Corporate and Foundation Relations**, and a very important and innovative program created by them called **The Pillar Sponsorship Program**. This initiative does not support academic programs, but instead supports student and alumni run activities and events which enhance and improve the university campus experience for UofT students and alumni.

This program was set up twelve years ago by **Kyle Winters**, Executive Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations, and **Rivi Frankle**, then Assistant Vice-President (Alumni and Stakeholder Relations), to provide funds to support student and alumni co-curricular events and projects. Previously, student groups had gone around the university asking for small dollar amounts to support their projects, and consequently were often in direct conflict with each other for support of their own events. The Pillar program was set up as a clearing house – an organizer and mentor – for financial support of these various co-curricular activities. The program has been very successful in obtaining a large pool of resources, both monetary and material, from corporations who are willing to support a particular value or theme each one shares with UofT.

There are three key themes under the Pillar Sponsorship Program: **Great Teams**, sponsored by MBNA; **Great Communities**, sponsored by Manulife; and **Excellence**, sponsored by TD Insurance. Each has certain criteria which must be met in proposals submitted to **Darryl Chow**, Director of Corporate Relations, who annually sends out calls for submissions from student groups and university divisions. Funds are then allocated on the merit of each proposal. The goal is to be as flexible as possible. The positive result has seen fewer student groups searching for supportive monies, more successful, engaging events, and enhanced student and alumni involvement and satisfaction. Over the past twelve years, over 3.6 million dollars have been distributed to 360-400 different student and alumni undertakings. Proof of the success of the Pillar Sponsorship Program is that the concept has been duplicated in several Canadian and American universities.

Great Teams is defined broadly and in the past has supported groups like the debating teams, the solar car team and intra-mural sports teams; Great Communities involves community service and volunteerism; Excellence embraces students who represent the university at a high level in pursuit of co-curricular accomplishments. The Program is not gender specific and encompasses diversity in ethnic, cultural and same-gender events and activities. Activities have included mentorship programs, golf tournaments and homecoming events. Some proposals receive repeat Pillar sponsorships in subsequent years since they merit continuing support, such as the Hart House theatre group.

Although the sponsor is recognized at events they support, there is no flaunting of corporate logos or hard-sell promotion – and there is no tax benefit. The sponsor assists in the delivery of the activity and in return, for instance, if there is a gatefold advertisement in the UofT Magazine or an event program, the sponsor's involvement is highlighted and recognized. The sponsor is also made aware of how many students and alumni see and/or attend the events.

One outstanding event held under the Great Communities was a Pillar sponsored trip to Kenya in 2010 to build a schoolhouse for the local community. Manulife not only sent their Vice-President as a volunteer but also provided building materials. Other university volunteers were CFR's Executive Director, Kyle Winters, Barbara Dick, Assistant Vice-President, Alumni Relations and Wendy Cecil, Chancellor of Victoria College and Chair of UofT's President Circle, who joined other UofT alumni (some of whom were in their 60s and 70s), in a rewarding humanitarian building project.

The Pillar Sponsorship Program is another gem in the university's outreach initiatives to its alumni and student population. UofT's Corporate and Foundation Relations has found a brilliant way to manage very traditional sponsorship activity in a very untraditional and progressive way.

*Wendy Talfourd-Jones, Co-Editor*

## Do we have your email address?



Currently we communicate with our membership mainly through our newsletter. However, in situations where we have to contact everyone on short notice (for example, if there is an unanticipated change in our Canadian Perspectives lectures or if there is an immediate or urgent need for volunteers), a notice sent out by regular postal services just isn't fast enough. That's why we'd like to have your email address on file.

## Our email policy

The SAA email policy is simple: ***We will not share your email address with anyone outside of the SAA. Period.*** We will only contact you on matters relating to the SAA, events that may be of interest to our membership or volunteer opportunities.

There are no plans to discontinue mailing our newsletter but we can also make it available via email. Those of you on the technological cutting edge will even be able to download and read it on your tablet or ebook reader.

## Send us your email

Send your email to our administrative assistant, Emma Duncan so she can add your email to our database. You can reach Emma at: [senior.alumni@utoronto.ca](mailto:senior.alumni@utoronto.ca) or 416 978-0544.

*Ihor Prociuk, Editor*

## Wanted: Assistant Secretary

The Senior Alumni Association is seeking a retired or semi-retired senior to join the SAA Executive as Assistant Secretary. We have ten executive meetings during the year from September to early June, and a general membership meeting near the beginning of May. Duties are light and are mostly as a back-up to our Secretary, Bev Coburn. If you are interested in this position and wish more information, please call Emma Duncan at our office (416) 978-0544 or email [senior.alumni@utoronto.ca](mailto:senior.alumni@utoronto.ca). Emma or Bev will contact you.

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