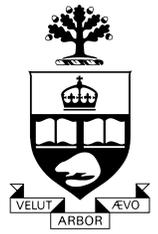


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GeoTrips for alumni benefit students

By Susan Werden, B.A. 8T8

The University of Toronto Association of Geography Alumni (UTAGA) was so pleased by the response to its new initiative, *GeoTrips—day trips for geographers and planners*, that it has scheduled two more trips for this fall. Organized in the spirit of the class field trip, these outings are designed to provide alumni and friends with an opportunity to explore and learn about the geography of Toronto and its surrounding area. The trips are also used to raise funds, in an effort to support 'fieldwork' by our students.

Two trips were held this past spring.

In April, Professor Tony Davis led a group on an exploration of the Niagara Escarpment, while in May, Professor Gunter Gad and his group pounded the pavement of Toronto's old garment district and Chinatown on his tour "The Changing Faces of Spadina". By all accounts



Niagara Escarpment GeoTrip participants (Left to right): Alex Peat, Gefen Bar-On, Joe Guzzi, Catherine Cieply, Tony Davis, Jane Macijauskas, Russell Mathew, Penny Henry, Bronwyn Krog and Paul Taylor. Photo by Kyle Knoeck.

both groups had a great time.

This fall UTAGA will host "**Biking the Old Belt Line**" on Saturday October 20, 2001 with Professor Emeritus Joe Whitney, Professor Tom McIlwraith and Professor Nick Eyles and back by popular demand "**The Changing Faces of Spadina**" on Saturday October 27, 2001 with Professor Gunter Gad.

The **Belt Line** was the first commuter railway built in the early 1890s connecting downtown Toronto with what was then the wild and largely uninhabited uplands of Forest Hill and Rosedale. The idea was that the line would open up this whole area to rapid residential and industrial development. Unfortunately, for reasons that will be discussed during the trip, the venture failed after two years of operation.

The legacy of the railway is the present-day Belt Line Trail starting at the Allen Expressway and running near Chaplin Crescent, through the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, down the Moore Park Ravine, past the Don Valley Brickworks and up to Park Drive. To reach the trail, participants will proceed up St. George to Winston Churchill Park, across St. Clair to Cedarvale Ravine and then just a few blocks north of Eglinton. This is a 17 km bike trip, which will last three to four hours.

The **Spadina area**, between Front and College, is one of the most diverse and

complex urban districts in Toronto. Buildings from the early days of the city's history and the latest condo towers equipped with fibre-optic cable are equally represented. Most of Spadina has gone through several cycles of urban development

and redevelopment and through different cycles of economic change. Early foundries, wedged between mansions and workers' cottages, have given way to printing plants and garment lofts, and these in turn have been displaced by new kinds of offices of multi-media firms and financial software producers. The social history of Spadina is equally complex. Protestant churches have given way to synagogues, synagogues to Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches, and some of these to Taoist temples and Dragon Cities. Web designers mingle with suburban teenage shoppers, and artists with fish merchants. Street life, although encouraged by the City, has become so intensive that it has given rise to opponents. The one-day field trip, or call it an

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New scholarships thanks to generous donors

By Susan Werden, B.A. 8T8

Graduate students in the Department of Geography & Program in Planning and undergraduate geography students at the University of Toronto at Mississauga (UTM/Erindale) will soon be benefiting from scholarships recently established through the generosity of two donors: **The Neptis Foundation** and **Mr. Ted van der Veen, B.Sc. 7T2**.

The Neptis Foundation has provided the funds necessary to establish "**The Neptis Foundation / Ontario Graduate Scholarship in Geography**", an award created as part of the provincial government's Ontario Graduate Scholars (OGS) matching program (see "Investing in Great Minds", page 17 for additional details). This scholarship will provide a \$15,000 annual award in perpetuity to outstanding graduate geography and planning students in the department. The first award will be made in 2001-02.

When asked about the motivation for funding this award, Tony Coombes, Executive Director of Neptis related the Foundation's decision to the success of "The GTA Portrait Project: Assembling the Big Picture", which the Foundation funded in 1999-2000 (see Editor's Notes #1 below). "The project was magnificently done. We were very pleased with the quality of project management and research, as well as the work done by the cartography office. Since

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Department News

Arrivals

We wish to welcome the following individuals to the department.

Gefen Bar-On has been hired as Undergraduate Counsellor for a one-year contract, while Hala Ali is on leave. Gefen received her bachelors degree from the University of Victoria in History and English and her M.A. in English from U of T. She will be starting to work part-time on her Ph.D. in English at York in the fall.

Donald Boyes joined the department on July 1, 2001 as a GIS Lecturer. He will be teaching the department's undergraduate Geographic Information courses GGR 272H, 273H and 373H, co-teaching GGR 462H "Geographic Information Systems" with Professor Jing Chen as well as co-teaching "GIS Project Management Applications" in the Masters of Spatial Analysis Program, with Professor Ken Jones, B.A. 6T9 of Ryerson. He is also responsible for directing the development of GIS teaching and laboratory components for undergraduate and graduate programs in geography, planning and urban design.

Don received his B.Sc. in physical geography from Queens University and his M.Sc. and Ph.D. in geographic information systems, remote sensing and geomorphology from the University of Western Ontario. While working on his Ph.D. he spent 18 months working in Inuvik, Northwest Territories doing GIS consulting and other research for aboriginal groups, in addition to two field seasons of data collection on the Mackenzie River delta for his dissertation.

Since completing his Ph.D. in 1999 he has run his own consulting firm, Map



Donald Boyes.

Insight and recently completed a sessional teaching position in Ryerson University's Applied Digital Geography and GIS Certificate program.

How does Don feel about coming to U of T? "I'm really happy to be here. Everyone has been very welcoming. I'm looking forward to a great first year."

Editor's Note: Don's first couple of months at U of T were not only filled with adjustments to a new work environment and preparations for teaching his first set of courses, but also with wedding preparations. On August 11th he married Olivia Nugent, a fellow geographer from Western who currently works for Pollution Probe in Toronto. Congratulations Don and Olivia!

Mr. Mircea Pilaf has been hired as the department's new Engineering Technologist, replacing Jiri Werner who, as was reported in the last issue of *GEOPLAN*, retired on June 30th after 32 years of service with the department. Mircea completed a mechanical engineering degree in Timisoara, Romania in 1986 and later received electronics certification. In Romania, he worked in industry and for the Board of Education in Baia Mare, where he directed and coordinated mainly high school students in shops and laboratories. This later work included extensive design, testing, and calibration of equipment; working closely with students; and coordination of Health and Safety. He immigrated to Canada a year ago with his wife Mirela and son, Adrian.

Ms. Laura Taylor who has been a stipend instructor with the department for the past several years, most recently teaching JGI 346H1F "The Urban Planning Process" during the summer session, has joined the department as a Ph.D. student, with **Professor Michael Bunce** as her supervisor.

Departures

Professor Elizabeth Macdonald has left the department to accept a position in urban design at the Planning Program at the University of British Columbia starting this fall. Elizabeth joined the department in 1999 as an Assistant Professor and along with department colleagues, began developing and implementing the Master in Urban Design Studies program. She came to us with a Master's in Landscape Architecture and a Ph.D. in urban design from the Department of City and Regional Planning at the University of California at Berkeley. We wish her well in her new position.

News Bits

Congratulations to **Ranu Basu**, Ph.D. candidate (**Professor John Miron Supervisor**) for receiving the Best Student Paper Award from the Ethnic Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers at their 2001 Annual Meetings in New York City. Her paper was entitled, "A Flyvbjergian Perspective of Social Capital Formation in Schools: Experiences of Recent Immigrants in Toronto".

Professor Brian Branfiren presented an invited talk "Mercury cycling in the boreal forest: insights from models, experiments and isotopes" at the Workshop on the Fate, Transport and Transformation of Mercury in Aquatic and Terrestrial Environments organized by the US Environmental Protection Agency in West Palm Beach, Florida, May 8-10, 2001. This meeting was intended to provide the latest scientific information about mercury in the environment to public and private policy makers and regulators, and was held in Florida because of the profound mercury contamination problems in the Everglades.

At the 50th annual conference of the **Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG)** in Montreal, the GIS Study Group of the CAG was formed with strong participation from present and past U of T graduate students. **Professor Ferko Csillag** was named planning committee chair to organize GIS Day at the 2002 CAG, which will be held in Toronto. The Canadian Consortium of GIScience/Le consortium Canadien de la science de l'information géospatiale was also formed in Montreal joining geographers, cartographers and map librarians.

Professor Ferko Csillag recently received funding from the GEOIDE (Geomatics for Informed Decisions) Network of Centres of Excellence. His research group is involved in two projects within the network: "Multidimensional landscape pattern indices" and "Deriving three-dimensional forest structure by lidar". Professor Csillag and two of his PhD students, **Tarmo Rimmel** and **Scott Mitchell**, participated at an international workshop on "Spatial Pattern Analysis" organized by the GEOIDE in Quebec City, May 10-15, 2001, and they were joined by **Kent Todd**, MSc student at the Digital Earth conference in Fredricton, June 22-25, 2001.

Jane Davie from our Cartography Office recently took a trip to Australia, where in addition to enjoying the sites she had a chance to visit with our former Chief Cartographer, **Geoff Matthews** and speak with **Professor Emeritus Alan Jopling**

who are both well and enjoying retirement "down under".

The window-washing research project of **Professor Miriam Diamond** was the subject of an article in the Toronto Section of the *National Post* on Thursday April 5, 2001, entitled "U of T professor's cruddy little study" by City columnist Joe Fiorito. The window-washing project is being used to determine how much airborne pollution collects on fixed, hard substances in the urban environment—such as windows.

Professor Richard DiFrancesco is currently on research leave until January 1, 2002.

Effective July 1, 2001, **Professor Gunter Gad** was promoted to the rank of Full Professor. Professor Gad is continuing in his position of Graduate Coordinator for another year. Congratulations Gunter!

Donna Jeynes, who has served as the receptionist for the department's front office for the past 11 years was given a Special Service Award by the Faculty of Arts & Science at a reception held in March, 2001. The award recognizes outstanding service of long standing to the Faculty and was presented by Dean Carl Amrhein. At the presentation Dean Amrhein very aptly described Donna as "an unfailingly good natured, helpful, enthusiastic, efficient and dedicated member of geography, one who takes genuine interest in the students, faculty and staff that make up the department. She has a knack for making everyone feel special, for always delivering personalized service and for making time for whoever and whatever crosses her very busy desk." Congratulations Donna—you are most deserving of this special award!

Professor Robert Lewis has been appointed Associate Graduate Coordinator for the department

Professor Virginia Maclaren has served as Research Coordinator for "Vital Signs" a new indicator project developed for the Toronto Community Foundation. The project was used to identify a number of credible measures of quality of life in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) in an effort to promote discussion, citizen engagement



Donna Jeynes receives a Special Service Award from Dean Carl Amrhein.

Message from the Chair

We begin the 2001/02 academic year on several positive notes and are looking forward to another busy year. The department continues with its search for faculty in four areas: urban, physical, urban design and environmental. Following provincial government announcements regarding the double cohort of high school graduates in 2003, there has been renewed discussion about growth at U of T particularly on the east and west campuses. If these plans are approved we expect further opportunities for hiring faculty over the next few years. This autumn we undergo an Ontario Council of Graduate Studies review of our geography graduate programs, host our annual awards ceremony (Nov. 16) and will sponsor another Geography Open House on U of T Discovery Day (Oct. 13).

The 50th anniversary of the Canadian Association of Geographers was celebrated in Montreal at the annual conference this past May. The well-organized and attended conference included a special tribute to past presidents, a list that impressively includes 16 of our own alumni and/or faculty. Both the academic and social aspects of the conference were a great success. From May 28 - 31, 2002 the CAG meets here in Toronto along with the Social Science and Humanities Congress. The CAG meeting is being hosted by the Departments of Geography from York, Ryerson and U of T (see page 4). There will be more details this coming spring. Alumni and friends of the department are welcomed to take advantage of the event and come and visit us next May.

I want to express my appreciation to UTAGA for undertaking the alumni career survey and to the many alumni who responded. Your post-graduate experiences provide invaluable insight to students contemplating careers in geography and planning. I continued to be amazed at the breadth and importance of positions undertaken by our graduates. Finally, on behalf of the department, I want to say thank you to everyone who has contributed to our scholarships and other programs over the past year.

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and change on issues of importance in the GTA.

Professor Aidan McQuillan is on research leave until July 1, 2002.

Professor Katharine Rankin has received a three-year grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council for her project, "Gender Politics of Institutions: A Comparative Case Study of Microfinance." The project involves comparative research on the gender politics of development institutions in Nepal and Vietnam. It will investigate the institutional context for implementing gender policy at three spatial scales in the development process: supranational and national agencies setting the macro-regulatory context, the organizations implementing development projects, and the beneficiary groups through which organizations distribute their services. Geography doctoral student **Yogendra B. Shakya** will work as a research assistant for the project and will be developing a dissertation proposal for a related study on the politics of development this fall.

Three **new undergraduate courses** and two **new graduate courses** are being offered in the department this year. In the undergraduate program, "The Canadian Wilderness" JUG 320H1S a joint geography-Canadian Studies program course and "Geography of Language" GGR 368H1F have been added to the offerings, while "Global Political Geography",

formerly GGR 239 has become GGR 439H1S. In the graduate program GGR 1402H "Environment and Development" and GGR 1714H "Cultural and Critical Geographies" will be offered for the first time, pending approval from the School of Graduate Studies. For a full listing of courses offered by the department visit www.geog.utoronto.ca

M.Sc. candidate **Maggie Young** won the best overall student oral presentation award at the Canadian Geophysical Union meeting in Ottawa, Ontario, May 15-17, 2001. Her talk entitled "Hydrological controls on mercury transport and cycling in a southern Ontario forested wetland" presented results from her ongoing research with her supervisor, **Professor Brian Branfireun**.

Thanks. We wish to thank the following individuals for being stipend instructors for us during the 2001 Summer Session:

Marc Arnold
Kirsty Duncan
Ghazi Falah
Peter Gozdyra
Chuck Hostovsky
Terence Lee
Joe Leydon
Lubomyr Luciuk
Stephen Swales
Laura Taylor
Carlos Teixeira

Department Hosts Next Year's CAG Meeting

The Department of Geography, in conjunction with the departments at York and Ryerson, will be hosting the 2002 Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers, May 29 to June 1. The meeting will take place on the St. George Campus as part of the Congress of the Social Science and Humanities. Professor Michael Bunce is the U of T department's representative on the organizing committee and is responsible for programme co-ordination. Professor Robert Lewis is co-ordinating special sessions. However, the success of the meetings will depend on the work of many other volunteers - faculty, students and alumni - so if you can help please contact Michael Bunce at bunce@utsc.utoronto.ca

The Economic Atlas of Mississauga Project

By Richard Tychansky, Hon B.Sc. 9T9

The Hitachi Survey Research Centre proved to be the perfect electronic classroom for the launch of the Economic Atlas of Mississauga Project on May 10, 2001. Under the guidance of instructor Richard Tychansky, 23 second-year University of Toronto at Mississauga geography students studied the spatial and temporal dynamics of industry growth within the City of Mississauga between 1990 and 2000. Students researched the diversity and prosperity of over 16 different industry sectors based on the 1980 Standard Industrial Classification Codes used by the City of Mississauga's Economic Development Office. Industries such as: pharmaceutical and medicine, financial, aerospace, construction, property management, clothing, food, communications and industrial electronics manufacturing provided key hallmarks in exploring the visual dimensions of the cartographic essays presented. The City of Mississauga's Mary Jo Hollands-Hurst was presented with an Atlas containing the results of the project.

Not only was economic development and its importance to the City highlighted throughout the research project, but also the cultural diversity of the City. Students using census data were able to create statements on the strength of visible minorities and ethnic diversity throughout the City. The project helps to align the City with meeting the objectives set out in its strategic plan for growth, not only in terms of the diversity of its communities, but by visualizing data for a new economy.

Special guests for the event included Rose Chojnacki from Hitachi (Canadian

Ltd, Mary Jo Hollands-Hurst, Deborah Taylor and Angela Dietrich all representing the City of Mississauga, John Simpson, Director of Research Hitachi Survey Research Centre, Pardeep Nagra, UTM Diversity Officer and faculty members from the Department of Geography: Ferko Csillag, Department of Geography Associate Chair, Scott Munro, and Tom McIlwraith.

Gridlock Conference

Transportation has become a significant issue for the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). Delays in the movement of people and goods and services within the region and the province, as well as across the Canada-United States border, are increasing as Ontario's population, commercial activities and trade volumes grow—these delays are commonly referred to as “gridlock”.

One initiative aimed at finding innovative and realistic strategies for dealing with gridlock, was a recent conference sponsored by **Professor Carl Amrhein**, Professor of Geography and Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science and the Simcoe Chapter of Lambda Alpha International, a land economics society. *Gridlock – A Deterrent to Economic Growth: Solutions for Tomorrow*, held on March 1st, 2001 at the University of Toronto, was a conference designed to pool the knowledge and creative thinking of politicians, civil servants, academics and representatives from the private sector in an effort to find solutions to gridlock in the GTA.

Professor Claude Marchand, Ph.D. 7T9 and Susan Werden, B.A. 8T8, in consultation with Dean Amrhein, Virginia A. Solomon, DTRP 6T5, Past-President Lambda Alpha International, Simcoe Chapter, Ian J. Lord, President Lambda Alpha International, Simcoe Chapter and the Lambda Alpha executive, were responsible for the organization of the conference which attracted over 60



Journalist David Crane at the Plenary Session for the Gridlock Conference.

participants, including four keynote speakers: The Honourable David Collenette, Federal Minister of Transport; the Honourable Chris Hodgson, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs; Dr. John McCallum, former Chief Economist of the Royal Bank and now MP for Markham; and William Thorsell, former Editor-in-Chief of *The Globe and Mail* and now CEO of Royal Ontario Museum; and three journalists: David Crane, Royson James and Jennifer Lewington, who chaired Think-tank and Plenary Sessions.

The conference, which was in the planning stage for seven months, received financial contributions from the Faculty of Arts & Science, University of Toronto, Lambda Alpha International, Simcoe Chapter, Bombardier Transportation, The Neptis Foundation, the Greater Toronto Airports Authority, and others. It also produced a *Compendium of Policy Reports* and *Conference Proceedings*, which highlight the recommendations put forward by conference participants.

Conference participants identified the formation of a Greater Toronto Transportation Authority as key to integrating the different transportation systems and channelling creative funding strategies. It was stressed that the mandate of the authority should be clear, limited in scope and focussed only on current and future transportation situations. It was felt that a broader mandate would detract from the viability and efficiency of the authority. The authority would achieve accountability and efficiency by being directed by both political and non-political leaders.

The *Conference Proceedings* are available from Dr. Claude Marchand at marchand@geog.utoronto.ca

Griffith Taylor Stamp

The late **Professor Emeritus Griffith Taylor**, who formed the Department of Geography at U of T in 1935 and served as its first head until his retirement in 1951, was featured this year on a postage stamp as part of a special series issued by Australia Post. “Australians in the Antarctic 1901-2001” commemorates Australia's history in the Antarctic over the last century and marks 100 years since the first Australian wintered in the Antarctic. Each of the series 20 stamps is printed with descriptive text on the back. The text from the Taylor stamp reads as follows:

“TAYLOR AND DEBENHAM - Australian geologists Griffith Taylor and Frank Debenham were members of Robert Scott's 1910-13 expedition, his last. These two geologists became internationally renowned for their geographic and Antarctic research. Taylor's major achievements were geologic mapping and

exploration. He eventually founded the chair of geography at the University of Toronto. Debenham was severely wounded in World War I, and was, with Raymond Priestly, responsible for the establishment of the Scott Polar Research Institute in Cambridge and was the first Director of the Institute."

Stamps are available from the Australian Philatelic Bureau, PO Box 4000, FERN TREE GULLY, Vic 3156, Australia or http://www.2.auspost.com.au/stamps/index.asp?link_id=2.393

SEMGIS II comes to a close

By Professor Rodney White

The GIS-based Soil Erosion Management Project in northern China was the successor to an earlier project (1988-1992) which produced a prototype soil erosion management model under the direction of Professors Joe Whitney and Shiu Luk of the Department of Geography. Both projects have been funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) through the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC). Our partners in China are the Institute of Geography of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the Bureau of Soil and Water Conservation of the Ih Ju League of Inner Mongolia, and the Ministry of Water Conservancy of Shanxi Province. The objective of the project was to produce a practical model that would be of operational value at the county level and which would illustrate the physical and economic outcomes from various soil erosion management strategies. The inclusion of more women in the development of these strategies was a important element of the work.

Project activities included visits to Canada by our Chinese colleagues and a series of workshops and field trips in China. The most recent of these workshops took place in Taiyuan, Shanxi Province, in April of 2001. It featured a set of presentations on the SEMGIS model by the project team members and presentations from other invited guests from the worldwide soil erosion management community. We are planning to publish the results from this workshop and to hold a final training workshop in Beijing this year.

This project was administered by the Institute for Environmental Studies (IES) at the University of Toronto and had an interdisciplinary team which included members of IES, the Department of Geography (St. George: Tony Davis, Virginia Maclaren, Rodney White, Joe Whitney; Mississauga: Ferko Csillag, Scott Mitchell), the Faculty of Forestry (Vic Timmer, Yuanxin Teng), and Earth Sciences at Mississauga (Barbara Murck).

Message from the Director in Planning

This has been another hectic, but, on balance, highly productive year for the Planning Program. In addition to the usual challenges posed by repetitive cycles of administrative reform, for which universities are renowned, we collectively launched two new degree programs: the new specialization in urban design within the existing planning program; and, in parallel, the new Masters of Urban Design Studies (MUDS) degree. In both cases the intention was to share resources with the Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design (FALD) and their own urban design initiative. As expected, student numbers in the first year were modest, but both launches were successful.

Among other administrative exercises during the course of the year, two stand out as particularly significant. First, the Planning program underwent its periodic review by the Ontario Council of Graduate Studies (OCGS), capped with a site visit in June by two senior academic planners who were appointed as appraisers. The visitors reviewed stacks of reports and current issues papers, and met with faculty, staff and students, as well as representatives of PAC (Planning Alumni Committee) and the University administration. The reports of the two appraisers arrived last week, and I am pleased to inform you that their evaluation of the program, its faculty and courses, and its students, is very positive. I would personally like to thank everyone who contributed to the review.

Second, the University has launched a major revision to its system of allocating funding for graduate students. The purpose is to standardize and ultimately enhance the support available to students. Although it is too early to describe the new funding model in detail, or to assess its implications for Planning, we have spent an enormous amount of time trying to fashion a new system that would be of most value to the program and our students. The discussions will continue in the forthcoming academic year. The next Newsletter will outline the system in more detail.

Also on student funding, we have been especially fortunate in receiving a major donation for graduate student support in the department from the Neptis Foundation. This generous donation, when matched five-to-one by the Province and the University, will create an endowment sufficient to generate an annual fellowship of \$15,000 in perpetuity. Our special thanks to the good people at Neptis. We hope to add to the number of endowed fellowships over the coming academic year (see page 17).

On a sad note, a major loss to our faculty complement was the departure of Dr. Elizabeth Macdonald in April. For personal reasons, Elizabeth decided to return to the west coast. In her short time with us, Elizabeth had made a major contribution to our teaching and research agenda in planning and urban design, as well as to the social atmosphere in the Department. She will be missed; and we wish her well.

Finally, what continues to impress those of us who teach in the program is the high quality and enthusiasm of the incoming students. We are indeed fortunate in attracting an impressive cohort of students who add substantially to our research agenda, to our ability to contribute to the wider community, and to the pleasures of teaching.

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GeoTrips

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expedition, explores the intricate mosaic of life, work and buildings along Spadina. This is a walking tour, which will last approximately six hours, including a break for lunch.

In lieu of charging a participation fee for GeoTrips, UTAGA suggests interested participants make a \$25 donation to the Graduate Anne McMaster Grant Fund—a fund used to provide financial assistance to graduate students to defray the costs of fieldwork and professional-experience courses. Because this is an endowed graduate fund the University will match all donations, thereby doubling their impact. As a result, participating in a GeoTrip is a great way to spend a day, while at the same

time supporting our students.

All alumni of the Department are welcome, along with friends, spouses, and partners. Space on each trip is limited. To reserve a space return the form on page 19 as soon as possible, or contact the UTAGA Office, see page 20.



Gunter Gad leads the Spadina GeoTrip.

Graduate Program Announcements

Congratulations to the following graduate students for successfully completing their degree requirements for convocation in January or June 2001. (Note: The * denotes students who completed the Environmental Collaborative Masters degree and in the case of M.Sc.Pl. graduates, the paper cited is their Current Issues Paper.)

Deborah Babulal, M.Sc.Pl. *Can New Urbanism Provide an Important Source of Affordable Accessory Housing?* J. Miron, Supervisor.

Jackeline Barragan, M.Sc.Pl. *Hispanic Immigrant Women in Toronto Labour Market.* K. Rankin, Supervisor.

Melissa Danielle Bedford, M.A.* *Investigating Community Indicator Reporting in the City of Toronto.* V. Maclaren, Supervisor.

Yvonne E. Bialowas, M.Sc.Pl. *Regulatory and Investment Risks of Emission Trading: An analysis for Toromont Energy Ltd.* J. Farrow, Supervisor.

Hejsa Christensen, M.A.* *Clearing a Common Ground: WTO International Trade Regulations and Sustainable Forest Management.* J. Malcolm, Supervisor.

Mary-Anne Ciampini, M.A.* *The Use and Effectiveness of Voluntary Environmental Initiatives - A Case Study of the Canadian Automotive Industry.* S. Labatt, Supervisor.

Melissa Helen Clements, M.Sc.Pl. *Turning Rooms Into Homes: An Analysis of the Toronto Housing Company's Involvement in the Rooming House Sector.* L. Bourne, Supervisor.

Deborah Emily Cowen, M.Sc.Pl. *Chaos in the 'Compromise': The North York Model of Public Recreation.* S. Ruddick, Supervisor.

Carolyn Crook, Ph.D. *Biodiversity Prospecting Agreements: Evaluating their Economic and Conservation Benefits in Costa Rica and Peru.* V. Maclaren, Supervisor.

Carl Drouin, Ph.D. *The Rise of New Forms of Work in Large Canadian Urban Areas (1971-1996).* L. Bourne, Supervisor.

Sabina FooFat, M.Sc.Pl. *Affordable Housing in Golden (A study of the changing housing market in conjunction with the development of a major ski resort).* A. Daniere, Supervisor.

Christian Adam Giles, M.Sc.Pl. *Transit First: Building Transit Supportive Structures in York Region.* R. DiFrancesco, Supervisor.

Rebecca Nina Handcock, Ph.D. *Spatio-temporal Analysis of Net Primary Production Across Ontario Using an Ecoregionalization.* F. Csillag, Supervisor.

Jason Haremza, M.Sc.Pl. *A New Parkway for a New Buffalo: Redesigning Route 5 to Unite the City with its Harbor.* E. Macdonald, Supervisor.

Ellis Alastair Hazel, M.Sc.Pl. *Achieving National Physical Development Through Vulnerability Reduction: An Assessment of the Housing Sector in St. Kitts.* R. White, Supervisor.

Reid Henry, M.Sc.Pl. *Building Common Wealth in Riverdale - A Strategic Action Plan.* K. Rankin, Supervisor.

Mark Andrew Hummer, M.A. *Liturgical Orientation: A Case Study in Southwestern Ontario Religious Landscapes – Rural Churches and Graveyards 1860-1900.* T. McIlwraith, Supervisor.

Ruwan Jayasinghe, M.Sc.* *Bismuth Tissue Levels: A First Step in Addressing the Environmental Consequence of Using Bismuth Shotshells.* W. Gough, Supervisor.

William Jenkins, Ph.D. *Social and Geographical Mobility among the Irish in Canada and the United States: A Comparative Study of Toronto, Ontario, and Buffalo, New York, 1880-1910.* A. McQuillan, Supervisor.

Nikolaus Josef Kuhn, Ph.D. *The Effect of Rainstorm Sequence on Soil Erodibility.* R. Bryan, Supervisor.

Ho Pang Lau, M.Sc. *Impacts of Climate Change and Climate Variability on Prairie Wheat Yield.* W. Gough, Supervisor.

Yosseph Leibovitz, Ph.D. *Associative Governance? The Political Economy of Institutional Change in Two Ontario City-Regions.* L. Bourne, Supervisor.

Carrie Lillyman, M.Sc. *The Quantification of Mobile Source Contributions to Fine Particulate Matter in the Greater Toronto Area.* W. Gough, Supervisor.

Catherina Lisiak, M.Sc.Pl. *Conservation Incentives Required for Historic Preservation in Gastown.* E. Relph, Supervisor.

Karen Elizabeth Macleod, M.A. *Under Seige: Native Reserve Relocation in Upper Canada, 1830-1860.* A. McQuillan, Supervisor.

Kate McGee, M.Sc.Pl. *Public Private Partnerships: The Missing Link Needed to Expedite Infrastructure Projects in Toronto.* J. Britton, Supervisor.

Heather Elizabeth McLean, M.Sc.Pl. *Green Spaces: New Opportunities for Community Gardens in the City of Toronto.* K. Rankin, Supervisor.

Zoe Angela Meletis, M.Sc.Pl. *Connecting Credit and Recycling: An Exploration of the Feasibility of Extending Credit to Women Workers in the Vietnamese Informal Waste Economy.* K. Rankin, Supervisor.

Lisa Mychajluk, M.Sc.Pl. *Managing Waste Electronic and Electrical Equipment in Ontario: Considerations for the Development of a Province-Wide Management Strategy.* V. Maclaren, Supervisor.

Chris Nazar, M.Sc.Pl. *Financing a Rebuilt Gardiner Expressway for Toronto: An Analysis of the Options and their Impact.* E. Miller, Supervisor.

David O'Hara, M.Sc.Pl. *Reintegrating St. James Town: Urban Design and Open Space Improvement Strategies.* E. Relph, Supervisor.

Kevin Joseph Pal, M.A.* *Assessing Community Vulnerability to Flood Hazard in Ontario: A Case Study Approach.* D. Etkin, Supervisor.

Angela Lynn Palladino, M.A.* *Industrial Waste Management in Hanoi, Vietnam: Case Study of the Thuong Dinh Industrial Zone.* V. Maclaren, Supervisor.

Julie Poncelet, M.Sc.Pl. *YouthScapes: Planning and Design Alternatives for Toronto Youth.* E. Macdonald, Supervisor.

Angela Laura Stea, M.Sc.Pl. *Green Building Policy: Strategies for Residential Developments.* E. Relph, Supervisor.

Karen Sun, M.Sc.Pl. *Niagara Escarpment Plan Review: Estate Wineries.* M. Bunce, Supervisor.

Mark Treskon, M.Sc.Pl. *Balancing Change with the Community: Intensification Projects along the Sheppard Subway Corridor.* L. Bourne, Supervisor.

Joshua Rabindra Van Loon, M.Sc.Pl. *Improving Energy Efficiency of the Existing Toronto Housing Stock.* R. White, Supervisor.

Jing Yeo, M.Sc.Pl. *Strategies for the Sustainability of Toronto's New Media Industry.* J. Britton, Supervisor.

Borderlands: A graduate field trip to Buffalo

By Jason Haremza, M.Sc.Pl. 0T1

Among the many reasons I chose to attend the University of Toronto, fostering a true sense of a cross-border community was one of them. Growing up near Buffalo, New York, I have been coming to Toronto for as long as I can remember. Torontonians it seems, occasionally come to Buffalo too. We watch each other's TV stations (my rudimentary French came from watching Sesame Street on CBC), listen to each other's radio stations, and pretend to know a lot about each other's cities. But in fact we don't. Buffalonians think that Toronto is Yonge Street, the Eaton Centre, and perhaps the area around SkyDome. Torontonians think that Buffalo is nothing but industrial wasteland, dreary suburbs viewed from the expressway, and, thanks to Irv Weinstein, "fires in Tonawanda." I came to Toronto to prove that both of these widely held beliefs are wrong.

I got my chance this past spring, when I introduced several geography and planning graduate students and professors to my beloved hometown. Thanks to the support of the Subterranean Seminar Committee and Professor Gunter Gad, we were able to rent a bus and spend a day in Buffalo. We arrived at 10 a.m. at Buffalo City Hall, an art deco masterpiece that was completed in 1931. It was a beautifully clear, sunny, spring day and we were rewarded with fantastic views from the 28th floor observation deck. It was the perfect place to start a tour of Buffalo, as from there I was able to convey to the group what kind of a place Buffalo truly was. From its beginnings just after the American Revolution, to its explosive 19th century growth as a result of the Erie Canal, railroads, and electricity from Niagara Falls, to its industrial decline and attempts at recovery, we got a sense of the city from the top of City Hall and a brief walk through downtown afterwards.

After lunch we met with Mark Goldman, a noted local author, professor, and entrepreneur, who gave us a humorous, down-to-

earth, and at times sadly poignant talk about the problems and issues facing Buffalo. For the visitors from Toronto, it came as a shock to find out just how difficult it is to run a profitable business in downtown Buffalo (and this explained why there is virtually no retail activity downtown) and the de-valued state of real estate.

The next stop was the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library, where we heard a more formal lecture from two planners from Erie County, Ken Swanekamp and Mike Krasner, M.Sc.Pl. 7T7. Mike is an alumnus of the U of T planning program and he regaled us with his accounts of living in Toronto. Joining them were Kathryn Stilwell and Hal Morse, the executive director of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council, the approximate equivalent of the Greater Toronto Services Board. They all gave tremendous insights into the official planning context of Buffalo and Western New York.

After this, we re-boarded the bus for a tour of the former industrial areas of South Buffalo. We continued south along the Lake Erie shore into the suburbs and I recounted the problem of suburban sprawl in a metro region that is losing population. We continued back into the city, through some of the area's most economically devastated neighbourhoods on Buffalo's east side. The highlight of the trip was our stop at the abandoned New York Central Railroad Terminal. Another art deco masterpiece, this massive station was completed in 1929. By the 1970s, Amtrak left it in favour of a suburban location, and the huge building, complete with a nineteen story skyscraper, has been victim to vandals and neglect ever since. This, more than anything else, symbolized for the group Buffalo's one-time position of power and wealth and its subsequent economic decline.

Back downtown, the group split up for some free time. I led a contingent via Buffalo's light rail transit system, to the Parkside Neighbourhood. This much-loved Victorian neighbourhood was

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Buffalo City Hall.

Graduation Breakfast

The department held its first ever graduation breakfast on June 12, 2001. This special event was held in honour of the department's masters and doctoral students who convoked in June and provided an opportunity for graduands and their families to meet faculty, instructors and staff from the department in an casual setting. A good number were in attendance. Thanks is extended to Professor Amrita Daniere and Donna Jeynes for organizing what is hoped will become an annual event.

Right: Donna Jeynes and Peter Van Loan, M.Sc.Pl. 9T3.

Far right top (l-r): Frank Donnelley, Julie Poncelet, Karen Sun, Jason Haremza, Deborah Cowen and Mark Treskon.

Far right bottom (l-r): Professor Katherine Rankin, Mark Treskon, Jason Haremza and Professor Amrita Daniere.



Focus on....research

Climate change research

the current work of Professor Jing Chen

by Susan Werden, B.A. 8T8

Climate change research by Professor Jing Chen has been in full swing and fast-forward at U of T's Department of Geography since he joined the department in July 2000. Work is currently underway on a series of ecosystem research projects that involve using remote sensing and terrestrial biogeochemical cycle models to study the terrestrial carbon cycle and associated climate change. Professor Chen's work has been successful in achieving international recognition and in obtaining external funding.

In addition to Professor Chen's numerous refereed papers published or accepted for publication since his arrival at U of T, his recent article, "Spatial Distribution of Terrestrial Carbon Sources and Sinks Based on Remote Sensing"¹ is attracting particular attention. The study uses ecosystem models that assimilate remote sensing images, gridded climate and soil data, forest inventory and GIS-based fire scar maps to produce a series of maps, which show the annual spatial distribution of carbon sources and sinks in Canada's forests from 1901 to 1995. This article has been selected for a plenary presentation in the Sixth International Carbon Dioxide Conference to be held in Japan in October of this year. The international scientific community has taken notice of Professor Chen's research and has invited him to serve as one of ten members of the scientific committee of the conference. This is a significant honour as this is a conference that will be attended by leading scientists in climate change research from around the world.

Atmospheric carbon is one of the "greenhouse gases" widely regarded to be responsible for global warming. An area is considered to be a carbon "sink" when it absorbs more carbon than it produces, and a carbon "source" when it produces more carbon than it absorbs. In general, forests act as carbon sinks, because plants absorb carbon as they grow, but as can be seen in Figure 1; this is not always the case. Many factors affect carbon absorption or production in a forest. These include, among other things, species and age of trees, rainfall, time of year and fire.

The Chen¹ project is first-of-its-kind research and is significant because it provides spatial distributions of carbon sources and sinks through long-term simulations. The results also have potential implications for Canada's policy of climate change and greenhouse gas emission control—which was part of the 1997 Kyoto Agreement on climate change. Figure 1 is one of the maps produced by the Professor Chen's group at U of T and the Canada Centre for Remote Sensing, with contributions from several other institutions, including Canadian Forest Service at Edmonton, Meteorological Service of Canada at Saskatoon and Toronto, University of British Columbia and Queen's University.

The methodology and technology used by Chen¹ will soon be adapted to a new large research project in China, which has been accepted to receive funding from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) (*final approval is pending in September 2001*) and for which Professor Chen will serve as the Principal Investigator. "Confronting Global Warming: Enhancing

China's Capacity for Carbon Sequestration" is a collaborative project which will involve researchers from the University of Toronto (currently: Jing Chen, Danny Harvey, Virginia Maclaren and Rodney White, Geography/Institute for Environmental Studies; Terry Blake, Forestry), Natural Resources Canada and Environment Canada, as well as approximately 30 researchers from seven universities/research institutes in China.

The CIDA project is a three-year \$2.25 million undertaking, which will share Canadian expertise and technology in the area of terrestrial carbon cycle monitoring and modelling in order to assist China with the development of more effective land-use and afforestation planning and policies in an effort to reduce the potential for climatic change as a result of increased carbon production. Changes in land use practises in China as a result of afforestation projects in some areas and strong economic development in other areas have had an impact on these areas' carbon "sequestration" levels (i.e. an area's ability to retain carbon). Because of a lack of appropriate technology to engage in carbon cycle modelling, China has been unable to make land use decisions which will maximize carbon sequestration. Without the proper precautions, it is anticipated that land use changes which significantly reduce carbon sequestration will exacerbate global climate change.

Professor Chen immigrated to Canada from China in 1989. He feels very positive about being able to help China develop its science and technology through the CIDA Project. "Canadians are really helping people in

China. CIDA projects are well received and appreciated. We have no shortage of senior researchers wanting to participate. It makes me very happy to be able to help China, because it is where I was born, raised, received my undergraduate education and first research position, but I also know this kind of project is good for Canada. Not only will the project employ Canadian researchers, but the export of Canadian technology is part of the project as well, and this Canadian technology provides Canadian jobs. So you can see this project is good for both of my countries, China and Canada."

In addition to his CIDA project, this year Professor Chen has received research grant funding from the Ontario Premier's Research Excellence Award, the Canadian Foundation for Climate and Atmosphere Sciences, the Natural Science and Engineering Research Council, the Canadian Forest Service, and the Canada Centre for Remote Sensing. These grants are valued at over \$800,000 per year for the next three to five years.

Currently assisting with Professor Chen's research are: visiting scientists and post-doctoral fellows Weimin Ju, Jianjun Pan, Baozhen Chen, Jinxun Liu, Mingzhen Chen, and Xiaoyong Chen, graduate students Anita Zelic and Yongqing Zhang, and Research assistant Youying Peng. Professor Chen is actively looking for M.Sc. and Ph.D. student candidates and postdoctoral fellows to join his exciting research. He can be contacted at chenj@geog.utoronto.ca.

With all this research going on, one thing is certain, Professor

Figure 1: Carbon Source and Sink Distribution in Canada's Forests
Net Biome Productivity
1985-1994 Average



Chen is one U of T geography professor who will be very busy over the next few years. For additional information about Professor Chen's research please visit: www.geog.utoronto.ca

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Planning Bite #3

By Professor Emeritus John Dakin

This is a key "Bite" because it offers an image for advancing our thinking about ourselves in the biosphere, and illustrating this with emerging planning areas needing attention.

A universal global industrial culture, or "overculture", is modifying the protective ozone layer, the composition of the atmosphere, the polar icecaps, ocean levels and the cultivability of land.

This means that the integrity of the biosphere can be ensured only by mustering the collective effort of all humanity, despite the growing loss of impetus in this direction and the onslaught of contrary policies. But equally, our collective life can be maintained only by ensuring the biosphere contains certain levels of quality air, water and land. Both entities, the biosphere and our collective life, have to be protected, but it is humans who have to do it.

An image of this reciprocal responsibility is the binary star in which two bodies revolve around each other, each captive of, but essential support for the other. Not a perfect analogy, but useful for certain kinds of enquiry.

The overculture is condensing into a 'new kind of capital', distinct from the nation-state seat of government: New York, Toronto, Buenos Aires, the Dusseldorf area, Milan Johannesburg, Hong Kong, Sydney, Bombay. Their power rests on excellence in economic, intellectual and organizational skills, and their ability to create value. Some nation-state capitals – London, Paris, Brussels – do double duty.

Using the electronic technologies, some of these nuclei are already forming into global-scale networks; for example, blending the stock exchanges of Frankfurt-Brussels-Paris, and shortly New York and Toronto, as part of a 10-member network. In time it is possible that these networks or groupings will become what some planners refer to as "swathes"—groupings of cities or districts with common interests using negotiated treaties. An example of a currently suggested swathe is in Mid-Europe: Milan – Helsinki. Such entities will likely become crucial in generating new strategies for meeting our obligations to the biosphere. The planning of these entities will be very important.

For the discipline of planning, these two concepts (i.e. the new kind of capital and swathes) indicate a need for the analysis of the new context for protest and action. We could start by looking for components of this context.

When we say "ensuring the integrity of the biosphere should be the core value" we now must imagine the binary idea of the inescapable interdependence of the biosphere and our collective selves. We can no longer, in an unselfaware way, objectify "the environment" as though we are hovering somewhere up in outer space—useful as that stance has been as a beginning. We have to recognize ourselves as a hugely dynamic, but at present maverick, element of the whole.

Grasping this larger view, or failing to do so, will make the difference between planning being a vital contribution toward shaping the new worldview, or being marginalized to a Byzantine ritualism of thought and action.

In Bite #4 I shall offer some study areas of the binary image.



GEOGRAPHY OPEN HOUSE U of T Discovery Day

**Saturday, October 13, 2001 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
45 St. George Street, TORONTO**

A day for all to discover why the University of Toronto is a great place to study geography and planning!

HIGHLIGHTS

Get mapped. An interactive GIS program.

The Historical Atlas of Canada Online Learning Project.

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Physical Geography Labs.

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U of T Geographers Know No Bounds.

Undergraduate and graduate program information.

The **Geography Open House** is hosted by the University of Toronto Department of Geography & Program in Planning and the University of Toronto Association of Geography Alumni. It is held in conjunction with U of T Discovery Day, the University of Toronto's annual open house.

Admission is free and you can visit the campus any time between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday October 13, 2001.

For more information:
call 416-978-8638 or email utaga@geog.utoronto.ca.

All are welcome!

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laid out by Frederick Law Olmsted in conjunction with his Buffalo Parks System and features three of Buffalo's four Frank Lloyd Wright houses. We were viewing the most significant house, the Darwin Martin House, built in 1904 in Wright's early Prairie Style, when a woman noticed our group. Specifically our intrepid Minnesotan, Jenny Hall. Jenny explained to the woman, who turned out to be Margaret Stehlik, director of the Martin House volunteers, where we were from. Mrs. Stehlik invited us into the George Barton House, another Wright house that is part of the Darwin Martin estate, for a personal tour. This chance to view the interior of a Frank Lloyd Wright house up close and personal made quite an impression. Mrs. Stehlik's generous invitation also showed why Buffalo is called "the city of good neighbours."

We all met downtown for dinner at the Pearl Street Grill and Brewery, a local micro-brewery in an historic 1870s warehouse. Despite everyone's gradually emerging sunburns, we all agreed it was a fantastic trip, much to my surprise and delight. I truly had fun putting together the trip and leading friends and colleagues to my city. If the extremely positive outcome of this trip is any indication, I hope to make this trip to Buffalo an annual event. Toronto and Buffalo are too close and share too much to remain such strangers to each other, most especially for planners and geographers.

UTAGA Alumni News

Message from UTAGA's President

I am honoured to be serving as president of UTAGA. I hope to live up to the work of Ken Jones, who led the committee from 1994 to 2000, and I look forward to continuing in his footsteps.

Carrying on in the tradition of excellence that has preceded me, I aim to continue expanding UTAGA's activities. The main growth initiatives involve student outreach, so that both current and incoming students can benefit from alumni guidance in terms of educational and career path choices, and providing further opportunities for alumni to connect with each other, the department and UTAGA.

I encourage you to contribute to UTAGA, whether that is by updating us on your recent accomplishments, attending our Executive meetings, or volunteering for one of our events or upcoming student outreach programs. Thank you for your continuing support and we look forward to hearing from you!

Jenny Lass, Hon. B.A. 9T7, M.A. 9T8

Alumni Career Initiatives

UTAGA's Careers Committee has become very active. A significant project has just been completed and several new initiatives are currently under development.

In what is anticipated will become an annual undertaking, this past spring the committee conducted its first "**Recent Alumni Careers Survey**". The project, which was supported by the Department of Geography & Program in Planning, the University of Toronto Alumni Association and the Faculty of Arts and Science, involved mailing 501 surveys to undergraduate and graduate geography and planning alumni who graduated two years or five years ago.

The response rate for the survey was 18%. The results of the survey have been posted on the UTAGA web page www.geog.utoronto.ca/webutaga/ and are available by contacting the UTAGA Office (see page 20). The following are a few of the highlights from the report:

- 59% of respondents with Bachelor degrees have undertaken additional university or non-university training (eg. Certificate or skills courses) since graduating
- 39% of respondents are presently employed by the government, 10% are employed by consulting firms and 9% have remained students
- 81% of respondents are earning over \$35,000

It is hoped that the results of this survey will help current and future geography student with their career planning and will also provide invaluable feedback to the department for program development purposes. At this time we wish to thank all those who took the time to participate.

UTAGA also has plans to work closely with the department and the Toronto Undergraduate Geographical Society (TUGS) on two other careers initiatives: a **TUGS/UTAGA Career Information Day** for students and a compilation of **Alumni Career Profiles**. The profiles project will build upon the results of UTAGA's first alumni careers survey and will also involve undertaking person interviews. It is anticipated that profiles will be used in the publication of a brochure, creation of a display and/or publication on the UTAGA web page.

Alumni interested in participating in any of these initiatives

or who wish to join UTAGA's Careers Committee should contact the UTAGA Office (see page 20).

Annual General Meeting

UTAGA will be hosting its Ninth Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, October 30th at 6p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to review the association's accomplishments of the past year and to prioritize objectives for the coming year. At this year's meeting the association will also be voting on a revised constitution. Copies of the revised UTAGA Constitution will be sent out upon request. Individuals wishing to attend the meeting should RSVP to the UTAGA Office (see page 20). A free pizza supper will be provided.

Awards Night

On **Friday, November 16, 2001**, from 6:30 to 8:30 UTAGA and the department will co-host the "Seventh Annual Awards Presentation and Graduation Reception for the Department of Geography and Program in Planning. The purpose of the event is to honour the department's graduating class and to present various scholarships and awards to students and alumni.

Among the numerous awards presented by UTAGA are three which deserve special mention: the UTAGA Distinguished Alumni Award, the UTAGA Honorary President Award and the Outstanding Service Award.

The **UTAGA Distinguished Alumni Award** is given to alumni of the department and its programs, who have led a career of exceptional distinction and brought honour to the department. This year the award will be given to **Richard Ruggles, B.A. 4T5**.

The **UTAGA Honorary President Award** is given to an individual who has made exceptional contributions to the development of the Department of Geography or its programs, and its alumni. This year UTAGA will be honouring our Past-President, **Ken Jones, B.A. 6T9** with this award.

The **Outstanding Service Award** is presented annually to individuals who have made outstanding voluntary contributions to the Department of Geography, its programs, its students or its alumni. This year UTAGA will be honouring **Catherine Cieply, B.Sc. 9T1, M.Sc.Pl. 9T3, Fenton Chin, B.A. 9T4, Joseph Guzzi, M.Sc.Pl. 9T3 and Jacqueline Peers, B.A. 7T2**.

Graduates and award winners will be mailed invitations. Anyone else wishing to attend this event may do so provided they RSVP Donna Jeynes at 416-978-3375 or jeynes@geog.utoronto.ca by November 9, 2001.

GIS Workshops

UTAGA continues to offer Introductory Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Workshops and for the first time is offering an Advanced GIS Workshop as a continuation to the Introductory Workshop.

The purpose of the Introductory Workshops is to provide the uninitiated with an opportunity to be introduced to the basic principles of GIS and to gain some experience using the MapInfo software. Previous experience in GIS or MapInfo is not required. The Advanced Workshop will build upon the experience of the Introductory Workshop to give participants more hands-on experience with the technology.

Workshops are kept small with a maximum of 12 registrants per session. A significant portion of the time is used for hands-on practice.

The Introductory Workshop will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on November 17, 2001 and March 2, 2002, while the Advanced Workshop will be held on May 11, 2002 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.. All workshops are tentatively scheduled, subject to sufficient registration. Additional dates can be added if sufficient

demand exists.

Registration fees for the Introductory Workshops are \$85 for alumni without corporate funding and \$110 for alumni with corporate funding or non-alumni, while registration fees for the Advanced Workshop are \$125 for alumni without corporate support and \$150 for alumni with corporate funding or non-alumni. Lunch, light refreshments and course handouts are included. Advance registration is required. Please contact the UTAGA Office (see page 20) or visit www.geog.utoronto.ca/webutaga/ to obtain a registration form.

Open House

Alumni, friends and their families are invited to attend **The Geography Open House** and **U of T Discovery Day** on **Saturday October 13, 2001 from 10 a.m. to 3p.m.** at the U of T St. George Campus in Toronto.

The **Geography Open House** will be located in the Physical Geography Building, 45 St. George Street. The event will feature numerous interactive displays and demonstrations that highlight the diverse nature of the discipline and the department at U of T. Information about undergraduate and graduate programs will be provided. If you, or someone you know is considering doing an undergraduate or graduate degree in geography or planning, it's a great day to visit. There will be lots to see, do and learn!

U of T Discovery Day is the university's annual open house. It's an event designed to provide prospective students, alumni and the community an opportunity to explore the campus and to discover (or re-discover) all that U of T has to offer. Throughout the campus, various colleges, faculties and departments will be hosting a wide-range of activities for all to enjoy. St. George Street will be closed to traffic from Harbord St. to Russell St. to provide a focal area for information booths. Campus and residence tours will be provided and the homecoming football game between the Varsity Blues and the Guelph Gryphons will be held at 2 p.m. in Varsity Stadium.

It's a great day to explore a great university! Admission is free. All are welcome!

Planning Alumni Committee (PAC)

This past April UTAGA's Planning Alumni Committee (PAC) held its fifth annual "Spring Social". The event was well attended by alumni, faculty, students and friends (see "Our Fifth Anniversary" on page 15). Recently PAC started planning for its 2002 event. The committee is being chaired by Michael Skelly, B.A. 9T1, M.Sc.Pl. 9T3 and while many of the committee's previous members have returned, new members are also welcome. Alumni wishing to join this committee should contact Michael Skelly at mskelly@hemson.com or 416-593-5090, ext.16.

Tatham Biography

UTAGA's History of the Department Committee continues to be busy. Currently in the works is a biography of Professor George Tatham, one of the department's first and most highly regarded professors. The book, *George Tatham - Teacher: Geography As Art* is being written by John H. Warkentin, M.A. 5T4 Ph.D. 6T1 and should be launched in early spring. Contact the UTAGA Office (see page 20) for additional information.

Down to Earth copies still available

Copies of *Down to Earth: A Biography of Geographer Donald Fulton Putnam*, by Robert G. Putnam, B.A. 5T9 and Marie Sanderson, B.A. 4T4 are still available. The book, which was launched last June, was a millennium project of UTAGA and the department and has thus far helped to create an endowment valued at over \$50,000. The endowment will be used to provide the

"Donald F. Putnam Graduate Scholarship" in perpetuity. The books are being distributed free-of-charge, however recipients are asked to consider making a donation to the scholarship fund. Books can be ordered using the form found on page 19.

Thanks

At this time we wish to extend our thanks to the following alumni, students, staff and faculty who served on the UTAGA Executive or one of UTAGA's many committees in the past year.

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John Warkentin, M.A. 5T4 Ph.D. 6T1
Susan Werden, B.A. 8T8
Joe Whitney



Professor Larry Bourne and Ranu Basu, Ph.D. candidate at the Geography Open House, October 2000

Order of Canada for John Warkentin

By Dick Baine, M.A. 5T2

It gives us great pleasure to announce that Dr. John Warkentin, M.A. 5T4 Ph.D. 6T1, Professor Emeritus, York University, has been appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada in recognition of his “national service and merit of high degree”.

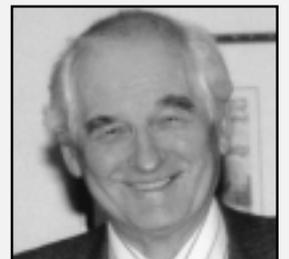
The Order of Canada is part of Canada’s national honours system. It recognizes outstanding achievement and lifetime contributions by people in all sectors of Canadian society. John’s splendid career as a scholar, teacher, author, editor, and administrator in the discipline of geography is fittingly recognized.

Born in Lowe Farm, Manitoba, John received his B.Sc. in geology from the University of Manitoba in 1948 and his M.A. and Ph.D. in geography from the University of Toronto in 1954 and 1961.

John’s major field of interest has been historical geography with a strong emphasis on Canada. In addition to his many articles in various publications, he has written, co-authored, and edited several books and monographs, among them *Canada: A Geographical Interpretation*, (editor), the centennial volume of the Canadian Association of Geographers (1968), and *Canada: A Regional Geography* (1997). John was co-ordinating editor for the monumental three-volume *Historical Atlas of Canada* Project (1987, 1990, 1993). John is also author of a book to be published in the spring of 2002 on George Tatham. This work will complete a trilogy on the original three members of the University of Toronto Geography Department: Griffith Taylor, Donald Putnam, and George Tatham.

In recognition of his scholarship John received the prestigious “Award for Scholarly Distinction” from the Canadian Association of Geographers in 1975. In 1987 he was awarded the degree of Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Brandon. In 1999 he received the University of Toronto Association of Geography Alumni (UTAGA) Distinguished Alumnus Award.

John’s contributions in the field of geographic education have not been limited to post-secondary levels. As an editor, consultant, and advisor in curriculum design and as a speaker he has been of remarkable assistance to the elementary and secondary school community across Canada.



Congratulations John!

John Warkentin.

Planning alumni meet in Ottawa

By Catherine Cieply, B.Sc. 9T1, M.Sc.Pl. 9T3

The Canadian Institute of Planners and the Ontario Professional Planners Institute held a very successful joint planning conference in Ottawa July 8-11, 2001, with the theme "2001: A Spatial Odyssey". The conference was attended by over 700 delegates, including many U of T geography and planning alumni who participated either on session panels or "behind the scenes". Professors Meric Gertler and Virginia Maclaren also participated in the conference.

One highlight of the conference's social programme was the opportunity for alumni from geography and planning schools across the country to get together with their former classmates and share some memories of days gone by. U of T alumni met up at "The Brig Pub" in the Byward Market pedestrian precinct. Recalling classmates, catching up on people's current activities, many of which involve very interesting projects in exotic locales, and finding out about the experiences of our more recent graduates were the main conversation themes. Here's to another great Alumni event!

Spring Reunion Meet-the-Authors Book Fair

Geography Alumni were well represented at the Faculty of Arts and Science Spring Reunion Meet-the-Author Book Fair held on Saturday June 2, 2001 in the Great Hall of Hart House. Signing copies of their books were: Mark Fram, M.A. 8T2 *East/West: a guide to where people live in downtown Toronto*; William Jenkins, Ph.D. 0T1 *Tipp co-op Origin and development*; Marie Sanderson, B.A. 4T4 *Down to Earth: A Biography of Geographer Donald Fulton Putnam*; and Leonard Wise, B.A. 6T4 *Toronto Street Names*.

Alumni who publish a book this year and who wish to participate in the 2002 book fair should contact Danielle Perigo, Alumni Affairs Officer, Faculty of Arts and Science at 416-978-1194 or dperigo@artsci.utoronto.ca.

Cool Web Sites for Geographers and Planners

By: Fenton Chin, B.A. 9T4

(1) <http://vv.carleton.ca/~plee2/Cangeo>. This is Woodroffe High School's web page, which provides learning tips for Canadian geography students, as well as lesson preparation and evaluation tools for teachers of geography. A very useful resource.

(2) <http://faculty.acu.edu/~armstrongl/geography/geog.htm>. For more advanced scholars, Lewis Armstrong maintains this site of *electronic* geography resources (that is, it can be accessed via the internet only), which is owned by Abilene Christian University, of Texas. Abilene C.U. calls it the "Geography Web Ring," and, of course, it is open to Texans and non-Texans alike, of any faith. It provides links to many other good sites, including GPS, online geography skills and knowledge tests, careers in geography, as well as virtual tours and field trips

(3) <http://people.morehead-st.edu/fs/t.pitts/credits.htm>. Speaking of combining the spiritual with the secular, students of Moorhead State University have produced this web page, devoted to the geography of religion. It's quite an uncommon mix, indeed, and as such, makes it an interesting site to visit...and everyone knows that geographers are multi-talented!

(4) <http://www.cybergeography.org/atlas/census.html>. For another unique perspective on both the spatial and the electronic, check out how connected the world really is, through the internet, and try mapping locations that way.

(5) <http://pps.org>. New York's "Project for Public Spaces" is a non-profit organization, which was founded in 1975. Its mission is the utilization of public spaces for building and maintaining of communities, which is achieved through transportation planning, parks, plazas, markets, and so on. So far PPS worked on more than 1000 projects in the United States and elsewhere, with a proven track record of success. This site is worth checking out, and would be of particular interest to urban planners.

(6) <http://www.nrtee-trnee.ca>. For both physical and human geographers, the National Round Table on the Environment and Economy's bilingual site is the place to go. Canada is a world leader in setting standards for environment assessments that support sustainability; it does this by establishing and continually revising indicators that are used to measure this growth. Look out for the release of the Canadian Information System on the Environment (CISE) in the near future.

(7) <http://www.scorecard.org/pollutionwatch>. Attention, environmentalists: you can now measure and monitor pollution activity in your location, wherever you are in Canada. On this site, simply enter your postal code, or click on the map provided on the home page, that is closest to your area, and you'll receive all the information you need to know about what's going on in your part of the country.

(8) <http://www.gis.com>. This is another American site, but it contains a great deal of up-to-date information on geographic information systems, including local and international GIS events

(9) <http://www.exit.ca>. Do you wish to leave the country and show the world your true Canadian colours? Here's a relatively new travel site that boasts many of the best services and features of your traditional and online travel agency.

(10) <http://www.worldwatch.org> Finally, here's a site which emphasizes the whole planet. Read and listen to news from around the world, find out what's happening, what's important, and how you can get involved to help.

Our Fifth Anniversary

By **Thelma Gee, M.Sc.Pl. 9T0**

It was the Fifth anniversary of the Planning Alumni Committee's "Friends of Planning Spring Social", and what an evening it was. Held in the Debates Room at Hart House, over 170 faculty, alumni, students, practitioners and friends from the planning community attended the evening of good food and good talk. This year's event was highlighted by a presentation from David Johnson, Chair of the Ontario Municipal Board, Assessment Review Board and the Board of Negotiation.

The event not only afforded attendees with a chance to network and socialize, but just as important, money was raised for the Friends of Planning Fund—a fund dedicated to enriching and improving the learning experience and quality of life of graduate students in the University of Toronto's Planning Program. Thanks are extended to individual supporters and corporate donors, namely: Aird & Berlis; Bousfield, Dale-Harris, Cutler & Smith Inc.; Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP; Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP; Hemson Consulting Ltd.; IBI Group; Lea Consulting Ltd.; MacNaughton Hermson Britton Clarkson Planning Ltd.; Ontario Professional Planners Institute; PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP; Urban Development Institute; Urban Intelligence Inc.; Urban Strategies Inc.; and Wittington Properties Ltd.

Each year, PAC takes the best from previous events when planning for the next. Given the tremendous success of this year's get together, we expect that the next event will be even more fun!

Editor's Note: Alumni interested in assisting with the 2002 event should contact Michael Skelly at mskelly@hemson.com or 416-593-5090, ext.16.



Above:
Lorna Kwong Hahn, DTRP 6T4 and Marcia Cuthbert, DTRP 6T4.

Right (top to bottom, left to right):
David Johnson.

Gordon Kumagai, M.Sc.Pl. 7T0 and Thelma Gee, M.Sc.Pl. 9T0.
David Stonehouse, M.Sc.Pl. 9T8 and Greg Cardwell, B.A. 9T4,
M.Sc.Pl. 9T6.

Joanne Lynch, M.Sc.Pl. 0T0, Tim Haldenby, M.Sc.Pl. 9T9, Dylan
Aster, B.A. 9T6, M.Sc.Pl. 9T8 and Helen Collins, M.Sc.Pl. 0T0.

Introducing...the UTAGA ListServ

By Susan Werden, B.A. 8T8

For the past several years UTAGA has been actively collecting email addresses for publication here in *GEOPLAN*, for publication on our homepage www.geog.utoronto.ca/webutaga/ or just for communication purposes. We have found that email has been a terrific tool for gathering alumni news for the Alumni Bulletin Board and for sharing news about upcoming events such as our new GeoTrips.

Now UTAGA has decided to go one step further. In addition to the existing listings, UTAGA has also established a **UTAGA ListServ**—an email listing service to communicate with our alumni and friends. The UTAGA ListServ will send out short messages **no more than once a month** to announce special events and activities which we feel might be of interest to alumni—for example social events, GeoTrips, GIS Workshops, lecture series, reunions, etc.

Alumni who wish to have their email address published here in *GEOPLAN* and/or on the UTAGA homepage or who wish to join the UTAGA Listserv should contact utaga@geog.utoronto.ca

Missing Alumni Instalment #5

Thanks to those of you who took the time to review our previous lists of “Missing Alumni” we are always delighted to get reconnected with our alumni.

The following lists contain more names of people for whom we no longer have valid addresses. Please review the list and let us know if you can help us locate any of these “missing alumni”. Please contact the UTAGA Office (see page 20) with any information.

Note: maiden names are in **bold italics**.

Palyi, Leslie G., DTRP 1963
Papagiannis, Constantine, B.A. 1986
Pareek, Ritu, Hon. B.Sc. 1996s
Parent, Shaun P., B.Sc. 1989
Parry, Alan O., M.A. 1983
Parvianen, Sami Mikael, B.Sc.3 1995F
Pataki, Erika, B.A. 1997s
Patterson, Nancy, B.Sc. 78 M.Sc. 85
Patterson, David, B.A. 1976
Pavic, Filipa, B.A. 1996s
Paylor, W. Todd, B.Sc. 1990
Pearce, Richard M., B.Sc. 1988
Pearsall, Donna L., B.A. 1988
Pearson, Stephen P., B.Sc. 1982
Pelaia, Sebastian, B.A. 1976
Pemberton, **Schwets** Christine., B.Sc. 88
Penn, Rebecca Ann, Hon. B.A. 1999S
Penney, Randall A., M.Sc. 1979
Permanand-Schwartz, Allana Veda, Hon. B.Sc. 1999s
Perry, John, B.A. 1968 M.Sc.Pl. 1970
Peternell, Eric Wolfgang, B.A.4 1997s
Peto, Kenneth L., M.Sc.Pl. 1975
Philipupillai, Rajan J.X., M.Sc.Pl. 1989
Phillips, Susan Cathleen, B.A. 1996f
Phillips, Susan E., M.A. 1975
Philpot, Mary E., B.A. 1973
Pineau, Donald R., M.Sc.Pl. 1974
Pizzolato, **Tarnawsky** Olga, B.Sc. 1983
Poirier, Mark E.J., M.Sc.Pl. 1975
Polovich, Lori A., B.A. 1978
Pongracz-Curtius, Beatrice, B.A. 1987
Popovich, Curtis D., B.A. 1988
Porteous, B. Jean, M.Sc.Pl. 1977
Pratt, Bruce W., B.A. 1982
Price, Donald G., DTRP 1964
Price, Theresa, B.A. 1992
Prior, Leonard L., M.A. 1956
Pritchard, Matthew, B.A. 1987
Pritchard-Lauzon, **Pritchard** Kelli, B.A.85
Prosser, David G., B.A. 1976
Pun, Che Leung, M.Sc.Pl. 1975
Puxley, Peter H.L., M.Sc.Pl. 1969
Quach, Ton Dieu, B.A. 1994
Quimet, **Lewis** Barbara J., B.A. 1978
Quinn, Harold A., B.A. 1989
Quraishi, Shakil A., DTRP 1964
Rajballie, Ganga, B.A. 1963
Ralley, Allan A., B.A. 1949
Ralston, **Wittmann** Sarah J., B.A. 1991
Ramnasibsingh, Nisha, B.Sc. 1994
Ramsay, Shayne A., M.Sc.Pl. 1986

New scholarships thanks to generous donors

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many student researchers were involved in the project we felt that supporting this scholarship was a natural extension for our organization.”

Fond memories and great respect for one of this department’s most highly regarded faculty members, the late Dr. Donald Putnam, motivated alumnus Ted van der Veen, B.Sc. 7T2 to provide the funds necessary to establish the “**Donald Putnam Scholarship at Erindale (UTM)**”. This scholarship will be awarded annually, starting this year, to two outstanding full-time students, one 3rd year and one 4th year, in geography at UTM. Each award is currently valued at \$1,000. However, Mr. van der Veen plans to continue to build the endowment through additional contributions to a potential maximum of one year’s tuition per award.

“Dr. Putnam was a tremendous mentor. I felt very privileged to have been able to take many of his courses while I was a student at Erindale and to have him supervise my honours thesis. By creating this award I wanted to honour Dr. Putnam and to support undergraduate students who are serious about geography,” explained Mr. van der Veen who recently retired after 30 years of teaching geography and technical courses with the Scarborough Board of Education.

The “Donald Putnam Scholarship at Erindale (UTM)” is the third U of T scholarship created in honour of Dr. Putnam. The first “Donald Putnam Scholarship” was created at the time of Dr. Putnam’s retirement and is for Woodsworth College students, while the second, the “Donald F. Putnam Graduate Scholarship” was created in conjunction with the publication of *Down to Earth: A Biography of Geographer Donald Fulton Putnam* (see Editor’s Notes #2 below), and is for graduate students.

Why are scholarships such as the Neptis /OGS and the new Putnam Scholarship at Erindale so appreciated? Professor Ferko Csillag, Associate Chair for Geography at Erindale sums it up nicely, “It is very important for any program to be able to encourage academic and personal excellence, as well as to support individual students. That is what scholarships do and that is why these scholarships are so very important.”

On behalf of the department and our future student scholarship recipients, we wish to thank The Neptis Foundation and Mr. Theodore van der Veen, for their very generous gifts!

Those interested in making a substantial gift for a scholarship or bursary should contact Monica Lin, Development Officer at 416-946-5616. The university will provide gift-planning assistance and guidance. Terms and conditions can be flexible.

Editor’s Notes:

#1. “The GTA Portrait Project: Assembling the Big Picture” was an interdisciplinary investigation into growth and change in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) which produced a series of six reports. It was led by Principal Investigator **Professor Larry Bourne**, Director, Program in Planning, with Co-Investigators **Dr. Pamela Blais, M.Sc.Pl. 8T4**, Metropole Consultants; **Professor Meric Gertler**, U of T Geography & Planning; **Professor Eric Miller**, U of T Civil Engineering; **Professor Amer Shalaby**, Ryerson University, Engineering; **Dr. Enid Slack**, Enid Slack Consulting Inc.; **Professor Rob Wright**, U of T Landscape Architecture; and **Mr. Byron Moldofsky, B.A. 7T4**, Cartographic Supervisor. **Lorne Cappe** of City of Toronto Planning served as project co-ordinator.

The Project consists of the following reports: *People and Places: A Portrait of the Evolving Social Character of the Greater Toronto Area* by Larry Bourne; *The Evolving Physical Condition of the Greater Toronto Area: Space, Form and Change*, by Robert Wright; *Travel in the Greater Toronto Area: Past and Current Behaviour and Relation to Urban Form*, by Eric Miller and Amer Shalaby; *A Region in Transition: The Changing Structure of*

Toronto’s Regional Economy, by Meric Gertler; *Municipal Finance and Governance in the Greater Toronto Area: Can the GTA Meet the Challenges of the 21st Century?* by Enid Slack; and *Inching Toward Sustainability: The Evolving Urban Structures of the GTA*, by Pamela Blais.

These reports are available at the Urban Affairs Library in Toronto as well as various government and university libraries. Copies are available at cost from neptis@neptis.org.

#2. Copies of *Down to Earth: A Biography of Geographer Donald Fulton Putnam* are still available. Use the form on page 19 to obtain yours!

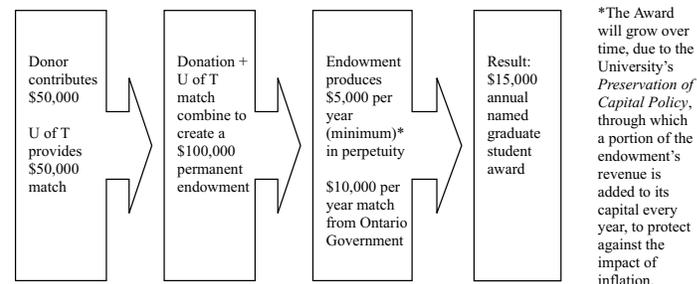
Investing in Great Minds

5:1 matching gifts program makes it easier than ever

Throughout the Campaign for the University of Toronto, matching gift programs have proven to be enormously successful, encouraging individuals and corporations to invest in key University initiatives. Earlier this year the University announced perhaps the most advantageous matching program yet: an opportunity for donors to leverage the value of their gift on a **5:1 basis** while contributing to one of the Department of Geography’s most crucial priorities: graduate student support.

The provincial government’s Ontario Graduate Scholars (OGS) program will greatly increase funds available for graduate student aid, and thus enhance the Department of Geography’s ability to attract the very best young scholars from across Canada and internationally.

The chart below illustrates how the program works. Each OGS is valued at \$15,000 annually. A donation of \$50,000 will be matched by the University to create a \$100,000 endowment. This endowment will generate \$5,000 annually, protected against inflation. The \$5,000 payout will then be double matched with \$10,000 from the province’s OGS program to create the \$15,000 award. Donors are critical to the success of this program, and the partnership of donor, government and U of T represents a remarkable opportunity for donors to leverage the value of their commitments to graduate student support.



Each OGS can be forever named for the donor. The Department of Geography & Program in Planning was allocated 10 OGS awards, and we are determined to secure funding for as many of these as possible. The special matching program is in effect for gifts and pledges made by December 31, 2002 and paid in full by December 31, 2004.

For further information on this program please contact:

Monica Lin, Development Officer, Office of Advancement
100 St. George Street, Toronto, Ontario M5S 3G3
Tel: 416-946-5616

Many ways to help

By Susan Werden

As can be seen on the side box of this page, the Department of Geography and Program in Planning has many funds to which charitable contributions can be made.

These various awards and funds can make a tremendous difference to the lives of students in our department especially in light of ever-increasing tuition fees and to the department as it faces increasing demands.

The University continues to provide matching funds for donations to endowed graduate scholarships and grants. Under the program money can be donated this year and/or pledged until 2002 and will receive 1:1 matching.

We encourage our alumni and friends to give as generously as possible and wish to thank those who have already done so this year.

Donations and pledges can be made using the form on page 19.

Tax receipts will be provided for all donations.

OSOTF Awards

“OSOTF awards” are awards established with the Ontario Student Opportunities Trust Fund, the matching program under which both the University and the Province matched dollars donated for student assistance. There are two major conditions for all OSOTF awards: recipients must be residents of Ontario and must demonstrate financial need, according to the provincial guidelines. For the purpose of OSOTF awards, an Ontario resident is either a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada who has an Ontario mailing address at the time the award is made.

Memory Lane



In each issue we will endeavour to include a photo, which we hope will spark fond memories. Here we have (left to right) Jock Galloway, Don Kerr and Cecil Houston at the Putnam Years Reunion, June 2000.

Geography & Planning Charitable Funds

The Alpar Grants (Undergraduate² & Graduate^{1,2})

Established in honour of the late Zehra Alpar, the Department's student advisor from the 1960s to her retirement in 1994. These awards are presented to outstanding students with financial need who have made significant progress in completing their degrees.

The Alpar Scholarship (Undergraduate & Graduate¹)

Established in honour of the late Zehra Alpar, these awards are presented to outstanding students who have made significant progress in completing their degrees.

The Joseph A. May Scholarship²

Created in honour of the late Professor Joe May, this award is given to an outstanding graduate student who has approached the study of one or more of the following fields from a qualitative rather than quantitative perspective: history and philosophy of geographic thought, historical geography, social and cultural geography and the geography of Canada.

The GGAPSS Bursary^{1,2}

The Graduate Geography and Planning Student Society (GGAPSS) created this bursary in 1997. It is intended to help graduate students through financial troubles that arise during the school year.

The Anne McMaster Grants (Undergraduate and Graduate¹)

Established in honour of Anne McMaster in 1994 on her retirement after 27 years of outstanding service to the department, as business officer., these grants are to help students in financial need to defray costs of fieldwork, the acquisition of data for research, and the expense of professional-experience courses.

The Donald F. Putnam Graduate Scholarship

Created in honour of the late Professor Donald F. Putnam, this scholarship will be awarded annually to graduate students, concentrating in physical and environmental geography, with outstanding achievements entering or continuing in a research-oriented degree program.

The Alan Tonks Planning Scholarships

Established in honour of Alan Tonks, upon his retirement as Chairman of Metropolitan Toronto, these scholarships are awarded to up to four students entering the second year of the Planning Program. Awards are made on the basis of academic merit to students concentrating their studies in the areas of urban planning, urban transportation and urban infrastructure. Under exceptional circumstances, an award may be made to an incoming first year student. Financial need may also be considered.

The Peter R. Walker Planning Scholarship²

Created through the efforts of the Planning Alumni Committee of UTAGA and named in honour of Peter R. Walker in recognition of his generous financial contribution to the funding of this award, this award is granted to one or more exceptional students upon entering the second year of the M.Sc.Pl. program. Recipients are individuals with financial need who have made significant contributions to planning practice through applied work and thus exemplify the best qualities of an “all-round planner”.

The Friends of Geography Fund

This fund has played a key role in several areas of student and alumni support including infrastructure upgrades to electronic classrooms and renovations to graduate study and office space. The flexibility of the fund has meant it can be used to attract significant additional resources from both inside and outside the university. It has also been used to fund a variety of alumni activities including UTAGA's student and alumni awards and the production of this newsletter.

The Friends of Planning Fund

Created in recognition of the distinct needs of students enrolled in the Planning Program, this fund will be used to improve the quality of life in the department for planning students, to foster liaison and good relations between the program and the Ontario Professional Planners Institute, as well as between the program and its alumni.

¹ Award is available to graduate geography and planning students

² “OSOTF” Award

University of Toronto Department of Geography & Program in Planning

Alumni and Friends: Outreach and Appeal Fall 2001



Please send a free copy of *Down to Earth: A Biography of Geographer Donald Fulton Putnam*, to the address below (see *Down to Earth*, page 1).

YES, I wish to participate in GeoTrips. Trip(s) of choice: _____ (see page 1)

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*Graduate Alpar Scholarship (56-6666)	\$ _____	\$ _____
*Joe May Scholarship (56-296)	\$ _____	\$ _____
*GGAPSS Bursary (56-4691)	\$ _____	\$ _____
*Graduate Anne McMaster Grant (56-6663)	\$ _____	\$ _____
*Donald F. Putnam Graduate Scholarship (56-6671)	\$ _____	\$ _____
*Alan Tonks Planning Scholarships (56-4782)	\$ _____	\$ _____
*Peter R. Walker Planning Scholarship (56-1410)	\$ _____	\$ _____
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Undergraduate Alpar Scholarship (56-93)	\$ _____	
Undergraduate Anne McMaster Grant (56-6661)	\$ _____	
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Upcoming Events at a glance

GeoTrips

Field trips for geographers and planners. **Saturday, October 20 and Saturday, October 27, 2001.** See page 1.



UTAGA Introductory & Advanced GIS Workshops

Be introduced to Geographic Information Systems, by taking these one-day courses.

November 17, 2001, March 2, 2002 and May 11, 2002. See page 10.

Geography Open House & U of T Discovery Day

An open house for all to discover what U of T and the Department of Geography & Program in Planning have to offer.

Saturday, October 13, 2001, at the St. George Campus. See page 11.

UTAGA Annual General Meeting

The association's ninth AGM is set for **Tuesday October 30, 2001** at 6 p.m. all geography and planning alumni are welcome. See page 10

Awards Night 2001

The Seventh Annual Awards Presentation and Graduation

Reception—An event to honour the department's class of 2001 and to present numerous awards. **Friday, November 16, 2001.**

See page 10.

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