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Our time in Nam

By Zoe Meletis, M.Sc.Pl. candidate

Last summer three students from the Department of Geography & Program in Planning, **Angela Palladino, M.A. candidate, James Gray-Donald, M.A. OT0, and I** were given the opportunity to take part in the WASTE ECON Project—a five year collaborative programme administered by the University of Toronto under the direction of Professor Virginia Maclaren, and funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). The project's main goal is to increase knowledge sharing between Canada, Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos with regards to solid waste management.

When we arrived in Vietnam, we all experienced our own versions of culture shock. Everything from crossing the street, to using the washrooms to arranging meetings was a new experience. I was researching micro-credit possibilities for waste pickers, Jamie was conducting environmental education research and Angela was looking into industrial waste management. After having adjusted to and embraced our surroundings, we learned a tremendous amount from our research projects but ultimately gained from the entire experience. We were immersed in a culture completely different from our own, with wonderful smells and sights that we will never forget and could never fully have understood had we only read about them in a book.

Thanks to WASTE ECON and the University's ties with local authorities in Vietnam, we were honoured with invitations to an environmental conference attended by the Princess of Thailand. We also met with municipal officials and experts in various fields.

As a second year planning student, I am currently writing my Current Issues paper, under the supervision of Professor Katharine Rankin. It is a paper that will go to a local client, Toronto-based Gems of Hope, a Non-Governmental Organization involved in the WASTE ECON project. In Vietnam I conducted literature surveys, participated in interviews and attended meetings in Hanoi and Hai Phong. I had the opportunity to speak with sixteen waste pickers and learn about the difficult yet



Zoe Meletis visits a waste purchasing household in Hoi An, Vietnam. Summer 2000.

fascinating lives they lead, providing an invisible yet very valuable service to Hanoi's residents. When the three of us were travelling through Hoi An near the end of our stay, I also had many "Margaret Mead" experiences, stopping my bike on several occasions, to be invited into the homes of waste processors and to chat with them about their livelihoods.

Angela was conducting research for her M.A. thesis, under Professor Maclaren's supervision. She had the challenging task of interviewing representatives from local factories and companies and also had the rare opportunity to go inside local plants, to photograph them and to become intimately acquainted with their waste management practices and policies.

James, now a Ph.D. candidate at OISE/UT, was also collecting data for his M.A. thesis under the supervision of Professor Maclaren. He found many key literature sources in Vietnam that had not been available to him here and also had the opportunity to visit an Eco-village, a National Park and speak with many of those pioneering environmental education in Vietnam.

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Introducing... GeoTrips

By Kyle Knoeck, M.Sc.Pl. 9T7

Forget the lectures. Forget the readings. Forget the charming anecdotes told by your eccentric professor. The best part of studying either geography or planning at the University of Toronto was always the field trip.

This spring, UTAGA hosts two GeoTrips – day trips for geographers and planners in the spirit of the geography class field trip. The trips are a chance to explore the geography of Toronto and Southern Ontario, enjoy the outdoors, and spend a bit of time with other alumni and faculty.

On **Saturday, April 21, Professor Tony Davis** will lead a trip to explore the physical geography of the Niagara Escarpment. Tony will first take the group to Lion's Park, north of Oakville, to check out Sixteen Mile Creek and the late Ordovician Queenston Formation. From there, the group will head further down the road to Mount Nemo, near Milton, to begin a 4 kilometer hike up and along the escarpment. (A note from Tony—you need good walking shoes or hiking boots for this trip!) The trip promises to be interesting and invigorating. Transportation is provided.

For those alumni who prefer to explore the city, on **Saturday, May 12, Professor Gunter Gad** will pound the pavement of the old garment district and Chinatown, leading his tour, "The Changing Faces of Spadina." Gunter will lead the group to discover the gritty details of this legendary,

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Department News

Arrivals

We wish to welcome the following individuals to the department.

Sharon Brown has been hired as "Project Manager" for the WASTE ECON Project. Sharon received her Bachelors degree from U of T in Environmental Science. Most recently she was employed as the Business Officer for the Department of Immunology and previously as a Technical Assistant for the Toronto Remedial Action Plan for the Toronto Waterfront with the Ontario Ministry of Environment and Energy.

Alana Boland joined the department on January 1, 2001 as an Assistant Professor. She will be teaching GGR270Y Introductory Analytical Methods (with Rick DiFrancesco), GGR343H1 Changing Geography of China, GGR439H1 Global Geopolitics, as well as a graduate seminar focused on development and the environment.

Professor Boland received her B.A. in Physics from Reed College, Portland, Oregon in 1987, her M.A. in China Studies from the University of Washington in 1995 and her Ph.D. in Geography from the University of Washington is currently pending.

Broadly speaking her research interests bring together China-based research with urban studies and the political geography of environmental transformation and development. In her current research, she is examining local-level responses to the commercialization of water supply in some of the larger cities of China. More generally, she is interested in the influence of China's recent reforms in urban governance and environmental policy on

the management of resources and provision of public services.

How does she feel about her move to Toronto? "It was a bit of a cold start having arrived in Toronto in late December, but I am really happy with the warm welcome I've received from the faculty, staff and students in the department. I feel very lucky to have joined the U of T and even with the below-zero wind-chill, I think Toronto is a great city."

Emily Gilbert joined the University of Toronto on January 1, 2001. She is cross-appointed between the Canadian Studies Program and the Department of Geography. Her teaching in Geography will be at the graduate level, while her undergraduate teaching is in Canadian Studies where she is currently teaching the two core courses: Canada Today 1 and Canada Today 2. Her courses for the next academic year have not yet been finalized, but she is hoping that in addition to her graduate course in geography, she will be able to offer an undergraduate course on Canadian land and landscape that will be cross-listed with the geography department.

Professor Gilbert received a Bachelor's degree in English Language and Literature and a Master's degree in Geography at York University. Her PhD was undertaken in the Department of Geography at Bristol University, UK. Before coming to the University of Toronto, she held a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) postdoctoral fellowship at Queen's University.

Her research interests in geography were initially in the intersection of geography and literature and the ways that women have written about and related to the city. Her interest in cultural geographies

continued into her doctoral research, but changed course completely: her dissertation examined the iconographies of nineteenth century paper currencies. In other words she looked at how the images on paper money both revealed and concealed prevailing cultural and economic ideologies, and how these images and discourses changed as money became more centralized in the hands of government. Her postdoctoral research drew upon this analysis, but became much more focused on the formation of national currencies and their links to burgeoning national identity, particularly among the former colonies of Australia, South Africa and Canada. Questions relating to nationalism and national identity continue to be at the center of her research as she seeks to broaden her comparisons between Australia and Canada to also include issues relating to land and landscape, culture, multiculturalism, economy and politics.

How does she feel about coming to U of T? "I am delighted to be at U of T for reasons too many to list. I am particularly pleased to be connected with two dynamic programs—Geography and Canadian Studies—and I hope to draw upon and strengthen the links between the two communities, both at U of T and elsewhere."

Departures

Jiri Werner, our technician and general factotum, is retiring after 32 years of service. It will be difficult to replace him and hard to think of him not being around.

Jiri came to Canada from Czechoslovakia in 1966 and two years later joined the department. Although he was trained as a machinist, the demands of his



Professor Alana Boland



Professor Emily Gilbert



Jiri Werner performs one of his many talents!

new job required that he quickly accumulate a range of other skills. In the early days he presided over the South Borden Building and Alan Jopling's flume (first in the Haultain Building and then in Mechanical Engineering). At South Borden he was heavily involved in constructing and customizing equipment and in field experimentation. Since our move to 45 St. George in 1989 his duties have changed. He's been responsible for all of the day-to-day operations of the building, managing the building functions and providing technical support.

For nearly 30 years he has organized the twice-daily observations at the university's weather station. The station, presently located on the east side of Trinity College and in the Admissions and Awards Building at 315 Bloor St. (the former headquarters of the Canadian Meteorological Service) boasts the longest continuous climate record in Canada. In 1990, during the 150-year celebrations of the Service, Jiri was featured in *The Canadian Geographic* and on the first day cover of the commemorative stamp.

Jiri and Barbara, his wife of 32 years, have big travel plans. First, there's a six month tour of North and Central America in their beloved Westphalia, then they plan to ship the vehicle to Europe for a couple of years. They'll leave behind Mark 29, a U of T graduate in Criminology and a police officer with the Halton Region force, and Michael, 21, now in his third year of the U of T Commerce programme.

Jiri will be best remembered for his willingness, good humour, and attention to detail. Over his years here he has helped thousands of undergraduates and hundreds of graduate students. He's been a fixture at U of T Days and many other departmental and university occasions. He's been a good friend and a reliable colleague. Thanks, Jiri. We'll miss you.

Prepared by Professor Tony Davis

News Bits

Congratulations to **Professor Jing Chen** for recently receiving a Premier's Research Excellence Award for his research "Spatial distribution of carbon sources and sinks using satellite measurements" as well as a newly announced Canada Foundation for Climate and Atmospheric Sciences grant to look at improved techniques for measuring terrestrial carbon balance.

Professor Joe Desloges is currently serving as President of the Canadian Geomorphology Research Group.

This summer the U of T publicity office published a press release about the urban contaminants research being done by **Professor Miriam Diamond** and her laboratory regarding contaminants in cities. CBC picked up the story with

Message from the Chair

This spring marks the 50th anniversary of the Canadian Association of Geographers. The annual general meeting of the CAG will be held in Montreal from May 29 to June 3 and fittingly is at McGill, the home of the Association. The CAG has made very strong efforts over the years promoting and supporting the discipline. For current students and faculty of the Department, the CAG represents a national and international voice in the affairs of geography. Many of our alumni have been, and continue to be, active members. The meeting this year should be well attended and an excellent opportunity to catch up on the latest in research, mingle with colleagues and meet with old friends. More details can be found at

<http://www.uwindsor.ca/cag/cagindex.html>

The department is busy with several searches this spring in physical geography, GIS, urban social geography and the environment. In addition we were pleased to learn that two Canada Research Chairs have been allocated to the department in the areas of urban systems and climate change. We look forward to all the exciting new interests these hirings will bring.

The fall awards ceremony in November was a great event to honour our graduating class and present our award winners. I want to thank everyone who attended, especially our distinguished donors of awards and scholarships. Your encouragement and support is greatly appreciated. In recognition of this support, the University has extended its 1:1 match for all contributions made to existing graduate awards. As well, a new opportunity for establishing graduate awards was approved and is modeled on the success of the Ontario Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology campaign. A generous gift of \$50,000 will be matched by the University for an endowment which is then combined with the expanded Ontario Graduate Scholarship program to provide a continuing annual award of \$15,000 to deserving graduate students. In effect, the gift is matched 5:1. The awards will be named jointly with the donor and the Ontario Government. The program is in effect until December 31, 2001. For additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

As always, we are pleased to hear from alumni and friends.

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interviews for their radio morning news programs in 11 cities from Charlottetown to Vancouver, an interview on *CBC Newsworld*, and an action scene of Miriam washing windows followed by an interview on the morning show of *CBC Newsworld*. The news item also appeared in the January/February 2001 edition of *Canadian Geographic Magazine*.

Professor Meric Gertler and Professor David Wolfe (Political Science) have been awarded a five-year research grant of \$2.5 million under the Major Collaborative Research Initiatives program of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. See "A SSHRC Grant of note" on page 6 for details

Visiting the department for the fall semester was **Allan Jacobs**, professor and former chair of the Department of City and Regional Planning at the University of California at Berkeley, where he teaches urban design. He is the author of several books that are classics in the urban planning field: *Great Streets*, *Looking at Cities*, and *Making City Planning Work*. Allan is Professor Elizabeth Macdonald's husband and while here, the two collaborated on an urban design study of Queen Street, Toronto. He also presented

lectures to several classes, including JGI 346 and PLA 1564 and participated in jury reviews of student work in PLA 1502.

Several U of T students, including **Jennifer Lea, M.Sc. candidate** in geography, were invited to participate in a television program for a Shanghai TV station. The program entitled, "Year 2001 Across the Pacific Ocean—Dialogue Between Shanghai and Toronto in the New Century" was taped in two locations simultaneously: at the CN Tower in Toronto, and the Pearl Tower in Shanghai, China. The theme of the show was New Year's greetings across the Pacific, and the students participated in a brief dialogue with their counterparts in Shanghai.

Professor Emeritus Jim Lemon presented a talk entitled, "Nature's Limits on Technological Change, Social Organization and Energy Resources" last November at a meeting of scholars at the University's Institute for Environmental Studies. "The prosperity achieved in the developed world is the result of the benefits of fossil fuels and that once depleted, will end our free ride of the past two and a half centuries."

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News Bits

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Geographical study of Early Southeastern Pennsylvania by **Professor Emeritus Jim Lemon** is being re-published by The Johns Hopkins Press. The book was first published in 1972 and in that year was the winner of the American Historical Association's Beveridge Prize for the best book in American History. The new volume will contain a new preface and is expected out later this year.

Professor Virginia Maclaren is currently involved in several large research projects. She is a Co-investigator for the EnviReform Project, a project which deals with international trade and the environment. She helped to organize the First Annual EnviReform Conference, held last November, at which she presented "Trade Related Indicators and Community Reporting in Canada". In addition, Professor Maclaren is the Director of the WASTE ECON Project (see "Our time in Nam" on page 1 for additional details) as well as Co-Director for the SEMGIS Project, a large soil erosion management project in China using GIS, and Principal Investigator in "Vital Signs" a multi-university project aimed at developing a set of standardized indicators to measure the socio-economic and environmental well being of the Greater Toronto Area. See the next issue of *GEOPLAN* for news about SEMGIS and Vital Signs.

The department has been pleased this past year to host a prominent visiting scholar, **Dr. Chae, Mie-Oak**, who is a Research Fellow in the Land Research Division of the Korea Research Institute for Human Settlements in Seoul, Korea. Dr. Chae is here primarily to explore methods in and approaches to land evaluation and suitability analysis in Canada and in Ontario. Dr. Chae has also been an active participant in the daily life of the department, including attending many course seminars and lectures by visiting scholars. She will be returning to her institute in Korea at the end of March.

Tarmo Rimmel, Ph.D. candidate and Kritine Sitwell were married on November 25, 2000. Congratulations!

Professor Vince Robinson recently presented "From land use change to intelligent geographic information systems" as an invited lecturer at the University of Wyoming, Department of Geography and Recreation. He also had several articles published last year, including two in volume 113 of the *International Journal of Fuzzy Sets and Systems*.

Thanks! We wish to thank the following individuals for being sessional instructors during the 2000-2001 academic year:

Mark Arnold
Carolyn Crook
Andrew Davidson
Christopher De Sousa
Randy Dirszowski
Ricardo Gomez-Insausti
John Farrow
Mitchell Goldhar
Piotr Gozdyra
Chuck Hostovsky
William Jenkins
Yael Levitte
Claude Marchand
Stan Makuch
Christopher Morgan
Norma Rantisi
Steven Rowe
Beth Savan
Enid Slack
Jamie Smith
Judith Stamp
Stephen Swales
Carlos Teixeira
Peter Van Loan

Undergraduate Program News

"Advanced Field Methods" GGR 490H1S, the department's bi-annual field camp course in the Rockies is being offered this year. Students or alumni interested in joining **Professors Tony Davis** and **Joe Desloges** for two-weeks of physical geography in an incredible setting, should contact the Professor Davis at davis@geog.utoronto.ca or 416-978-3375.

The Undergraduate Program at the St. George Campus has undergone a series of course changes for the 2001-2002 academic year.

After an eight-year hiatus GGR 100Y1Y "Introduction to Physical Geography" taught by **Professor Tony Davis** is returning to the course calendar and JGG 150Y1, the joint Geology-Geography course "The Earth Sciences" which had replaced GGR 100Y will not be offered.

New to the offerings will be: GGR 216H1S, "Global Cities" by **Professor Kanishka Goonewardena**; GGR 335H1F, "Business and Environmental Change" by **Professor Rodney White**; GGR 338H1S, "Environmental Problems in Developing Countries" by **Professor Amrita Daniere**; and GGR 368H1F, "Geography of Language" by a professor from Linguistics yet to be arranged.

Other changes include: two courses which have not been taught for some time and have been renamed and returned to the offerings: GGR 307H1S, "Soil and Water:

Landscape Processes" by **Professor Miriam Diamond** and GGR 333H1S, "Energy Supply and Use" by **Professor Danny Harvey**; GGR 439H1S, formerly GGR 239H, "Global Political Geography" and a course which has not been a regular offering for some time, GGR 343H1F "The Changing Geography of China" both by **Professor Alana Boland**.

Cartography News

By **Byron Moldofsky, B.A. 7T4**
Manager, Cartography Office

GIS Lab renovations almost completed

As reported in the fall, renovations to the Cartography Office and the computer and GIS labs occurred over last summer. Fall semester GIS and mapping courses were held in the new GIS Lab (Room 620). The upgraded computer and network facilities enabled students to use new and more powerful GIS and Graphics software in these courses, to more efficiently and effectively explore geographic analysis and mapping. The labs were also used for project work by students in the new Masters of Spatial Analysis program. A computer data projector and screen are now being installed to enhance teaching capabilities in the labs and final ventilation upgrades will be completed this spring.

Mapping Projects

Maps for a number of books, atlases and posters have been produced over the last few months, including:

Historical Atlas of East Central Europe, 2nd edition, by P.R. Magocsi. A revised version of this popular historical work by U of T's Chair of Ukrainian Studies is expected later this year. Revisions to the original 52 full colour maps done by manual methods are being supplemented by 18 new computerized maps to extend coverage into the post-Soviet era.

Historical Geography of North America, 2nd edition, edited by Thomas F. McIlwraith and Edward K. Muller. Revision and re-design of many of the approximately 100 black and white maps in the first edition, under the direction of U of T Geography Professor Tom McIlwraith. Forthcoming in 2001.

Canadian Pollutant Releases and Transfers NPRI data 1998 - Poster map, for the Canadian Institute for Environmental Law and Policy. Another 2nd edition, updating this map to the 1998 data on pollutants by individual facilities, has just been released by Environment Canada's National Pollutant Release Inventory program.

Internet Mapping Projects

In addition to the ongoing *Historical Atlas of Canada Online Learning Project* (<http://mercator.geog.utoronto.ca>) a number of projects are being developed

with other groups at U of T to utilize interactive mapping over the internet.

In conjunction with the U of T Map and Data Library, we are working on the **Greater Toronto Area Digital Mapping Project**. This will provide an interactive on-line map index to current and historical maps and geographic data for the GTA in U of T's collections.

A separate collaboration is underway with the **Records of Early English Drama (REED) Project** to show the results of their research on performance troupes in medieval and early modern England in a geographic context, and publish interactive maps of these data on their web site.

More information on these projects (including web addresses) in future reports.

News from GGAPSS

By **Rob Penfold, Ph.D. candidate, GGAPSS President**

We are currently in the process of re-writing the Graduate Geography and Planning Student Society (GGAPSS) constitution to reflect the changes in committees and responsibilities of executive members.

We had a great Christmas party at the Bedford Ballroom, which several faculty members attended including the chair, which we all appreciated.

The new graduate computer lab is up and running smoothly and these new facilities are greatly appreciated. We look forward to the arrival of the new "high end" machines, which will be used primarily for urban design and spatial analysis.

GGAPSS is selling T-shirts and stainless steel coffee mugs which say "Geography and Planning @ U of T" on them. See the photo below. The T-shirts are forest green with yellow lettering. Mugs are silver with black lettering. T-shirts and mugs are \$20 each or \$35 for both (taxes and shipping extra). Contact ggapss@hotmail.com or Zoe Meletis at 416-978-3375 to order yours.



Zoe Meletis, M.Sc.Pl. candidate and Molly Davidson-Welling, M.A. candidate model the GGAPSS T-shirt and mug, now on sale. See News from GGAPSS above.

News from TUGS

By **Tabatha Soltay, current fourth year undergraduate, TUGS President**

After a few years of hibernation, the Toronto Undergraduate Geographical Society (TUGS) is alive, with a very dedicated group of undergraduates working to make this a very productive first year back. Following a few initial meetings, and a little rewording of the constitution, we now have an executive of eight people and support from both Arts & Science Students Union and the department. We have a newly renovated office in the basement of Sidney Smith, SS613, where we hold meetings and have office hours, so that geography students have somewhere to study or socialise.

Events to date have been great; two social events were much appreciated by all who attended (credit to our social co-ordinator, Amy Cooper, and our advertising specialist, Helen Kelly) and in February, we started the first in what has been dubbed the "Geolunches". Seper Mansoub, our academic co-ordinator, has put much time and effort into the launch of what we hope will become a series of informal lunch meetings with either professors, graduate students or alumni working in geography related fields. (Quick plug: If you have some really interesting information on job opportunities or experiences related to geography and you would be willing to come in to speak with us, please let us know! Contact tugs@geog.utoronto.ca or leave a message at 416-978-3375.) Professor Davis will be our first speaker in what has stimulated much interest among the student body so far. Seper also plans on organising a careers day before the end of term.

For all those of you who would like to see what we are up to, one of our Vice-Presidents, Daniel Stevens, is very computer literate and TUGS now has an official web site with information on events, the executive and lists of past exams in our "library". Visit: www.tugsonline.cjb.net

Grad students to conferences

By **Yael Levitte, M.Sc.Pl. 9T8, Ph.D. candidate and Jennifer Hall, M.A. 9T8, Ph.D. candidate**

Academic conferences are a vital component of graduate school education and present students with exciting opportunities for intellectual advancement. At these meetings, which draw scholars internationally from geography and related disciplines, students have the opportunity to present their research, meet others working in their fields, network with prospective employers, and even interview for jobs.

Students have been active and committed to both organizing and participating in conferences from Jerusalem to Yellowknife. In the past year alone they presented at the following conferences: Regional Science Association (Chicago), Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (Atlanta), the Biannual Jerusalem Conference in Canadian Studies, Urban affairs association (Detroit), Canadian Association of Geographers (St. Catherines), Canadian Regional Science Association (Toronto), Sixth Circumpolar Symposium on Remote Sensing of Polar Environments (Yellowknife), Society of American Archeologists (New Orleans) and the 2000 Conference on Great Lakes Research (Cornwall).

The Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, will take place February 28 to March 3 in New York City. Fourteen graduate students will present papers at this conference, and many more are expected to attend.

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Graduate Program Announcements

Congratulations to the following graduate students for successfully completing their degree requirements for convocation in November 2000. (Note: The * denotes students who completed the Environmental Collaborative Masters degree.)

Godwin Arku, M.A. *Collaboration with Industry: The Case of Small Electronics Establishments in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA)*. J. Britton, Supervisor.

Igal Charney, Ph.D. *The Conditions for Capital Investment in the Real Estate Sector: The Case of Office Development in Toronto*. G. Gad, Supervisor.

Bart Devries, M.A. *Conceptualizing Community: The Structure of Dutch Protestant Identity in Ontario*. S. Ruddick, Supervisor.

Deborah Lynn Forester, M.A.* *Water Quality in the Credit River 1964-1998*. L. Grima, Supervisor.

James Peterson Gray-Donald, M.A.* *The Potential for Education to Improve Solid Waste Management in Vietnam: A Focus on Hanoi*. V. Maclaren, Supervisor.

Reza Hosseinian, M.Sc. *The Status of Total Column Ozone Concentration over North America*. W. Gough, Supervisor.

Joanne Lynch, M.Sc.Pl. *The International Medical Graduate program: An evaluation of the means of access for foreign-trained physicians seeking an Ontario medical license*. S. Ruddick, Supervisor.

Eliot Hugh MacDonald, M.A. *Bank Mergers and Acquisitions: GIS Based Methodologies for Gauging the Impact of Canadian Competition Laws*. C. Amrhein, Supervisor.

Sandra Lynn Poaps, M.Sc. *Palaeoethnobotanical Analysis of the Norse Period Midden at Quoynegrew, Orkney, Scotland: Local Production or Importation of Economic Taxa*. A. Davis, Supervisor.

Pamela Jean Robinson, Ph.D. *Canadian Municipal Response to Climate Change*. R. White, Supervisor.

Yogendra Bahadur Shakya, M.A. *The Cultural Politics of Space, Social Structure and Social Change: Contest and Transformation of Newar Guthis in Nepal*. K. Rankin, Supervisor.

Paul Andrew Steenhof, M.Sc.* *The Climate Science and Insurance Communities and the Climate Change Issue: Risk Identification, Communication and Mitigation of Climatic Extremes*. W. Gough, Supervisor.

Gabor Zsigovics, M.Sc. *Derivation of Biophysical Variables from Fine Resolution Imagery for Co-processing with Socio-economic Data in an Urban Area*. F. Csillag, Supervisor.

A SSHRC grant of note

By Professor Meric Gertler

Meric Gertler, Professor of Geography and Goldring Chair in Canadian Studies, and Professor David Wolfe (Political Science) have been awarded a research grant of \$2.5 million under the Major Collaborative Research Initiatives program of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. The five-year grant will allow a team of scholars across the country to investigate the emergence and evolution of economic clusters in five different regions of Canada. The multidisciplinary research team will draw from fields as diverse as geography, political science, economics, industrial relations, management studies, engineering, and education, and includes **Professor John Britton** of Geography and **Professor Betsy Donald (M.Sc.Pl. 9T4, Ph.D. 9T9)** of the Department of Geography at Queen's University.

The new project builds on the structure established nearly three years ago, when Wolfe and Gertler received support from

SSHRC, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council and the National Research Council to create the Innovation Systems Research Network (ISRN). The new funds will enable network members to conduct comparative research on cluster development using a common conceptual and empirical framework. The work will focus on the role that geographical clustering of firms and supportive institutions (such as universities, research laboratories, technology transfer and training centers, and other public and industry organizations) plays in fostering the transition to more knowledge-intensive forms of production. However, reflecting the nature of Canada's economy, the studies will investigate this process across a wide range of economic sectors including both newer, more science-based activities (biomedical, photonics, telecommunications equipment, multimedia) and mature or 'traditional' industries (automotive, steel, wood products, food and beverage). Similarly, the case-study regions will include Canada's largest metropolitan areas (Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, Ottawa, Calgary, Kitchener-Waterloo, Halifax) as well as non-metropolitan and rural regions (such as BC's Okanagan region, Cape Breton in Nova Scotia, Portneuf in Quebec).

While the project seeks to make important new contributions to the scholarly literature on innovation and regional economic change, it also maintains the strong policy focus of the ISRN. To reinforce this linkage to the policymaking community, the research team has secured the co-operation and financial commitment of major public sector partners, including Statistics Canada, the National Research Council, the Ontario Ministry of Energy, Science and Technology, and a variety of other provincial, regional and local agencies. The project will also be advised by a group of internationally recognized scholars from around the world.

Our time in Nam

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We all had an unforgettable experience learning the ropes of researching abroad, and combining the various sources we were privileged enough to gain access to. We also came to love cycling in the masses, eating jello with the locals and flip-flopping around what we came to consider our neighbourhood, in the Old Quarter of Hanoi. We had a great time in Nam, living and learning something new everyday. We are jealous of those heading over to conduct their research in Vietnam this summer and we wish them all the best.

Scheduled participants for the summer of 2001:

Nupur Malaviya, M.Sc.Pl. candidate, will be going to Ho Chi Minh City to investigate the potential for establishing eco-industrial parks. Her client for this research will be the Ontario Centre for Environmental Technology Advancement, one of the Canadian partners in WASTE ECON.

Kate Swanson, PhD candidate, will be working in Hanoi, conducting preliminary research on child waste pickers.

Yogendra Shakya, PhD candidate, will research micro-finance opportunities for plastic waste processors in Hanoi and Hai Phong.

Editor's Note: Student researchers participating in the WASTE ECON program are given travel grants and administrative support in setting up their projects. Each student works with one of seven Vietnamese partners in WASTE ECON. Last year, in addition to funding the three graduate students from Geography and Planning, WASTE ECON funded a medical student from Community Health to study the health risks faced by waste pickers and an eight-month internship for an undergraduate student from the Scarborough International Development Studies program. The WASTE ECON project is currently nearing the end of its first year.

Off to England

By Professor Tony Davis

This July the University of Toronto inaugurates another of its international summer programs; this one with the University of Sussex, at Brighton, England.

Three courses will be offered. One of these, GGR245, "The Changing English Landscape", will be taught by **Professor Tony Davis** and **Professor Robert Lewis**. The course, part historical geography and part environmental history, will focus on the transformation of the English landscape since Roman times. It is specifically designed for Sussex and will provide students with an unusual combination of lectures, seminars and fieldwork.

The University is located northeast of Brighton on the flanks of the South Downs. These chalk uplands, their woods, hedgerows, and field systems are accessible by foot from the university. It is equidistant between Brighton, a town created by the railway and royal patronage, and Lewes, the county town with a much longer lineage.

Both instructors might be described as "local" boys. Robert grew up in Gosport, near Portsmouth. Tony comes from Canterbury, in nearby Kent.

Editor's Note: This program is being offered through Woodsworth College. U of T students and alumni are eligible to participate. For information please contact summer.program@utoronto.ca or 416-978-8713.



Professor Robert Lewis (left) and Professor Tony Davis with the poster for their new course.

A trip down memory lane



Left to right. Front: Houston Sanderson, Paul Dingwall, Bruce MacDougall, Alan Jopling, Jaap Van der Eyk, Ian Owens. Back: Roger Pitblado, Barry Goodison, Peter Duckworth, Geoff McDonald, unknown, unknown, Jiri Werner, unknown.

Planning Bite #2

By Professor Emeritus John Dakin

One trouble with the integrity of the biosphere or 'the environment' as the core value for planning is its illusory remoteness from everyday affairs. Ozone hole over Antarctica? The human population of southern Chile is now told to keep out of the sun or risk melanoma. A similar hole above the arctic is likely within 15 years. Global warming also seems remote. Recent information shows it accelerating.

As planners we can help reduce this remoteness for the public and ourselves. It is a matter of how we think and respond emotionally. We need to make a better effort to put other planning concerns into the context of the core value. A juxtaposing, such as the following could be fruitful:

Core value: integrity of biosphere	feels remote
Compared item: transportation	seen as specific, immediate, practical, urgent

Why does one feel remote and the other urgent? This juxtaposing stimulates the flow of ideas and challenges existing emotional responses.

For example: What does 'transportation' mean? We think of the physical movement of goods and people, consuming vast amounts of energy and creating pollution: the world oil supply to peak in about two years, oil consumption (not to mention natural gas) increases 1.8% per annum, smog in our cities is common, there is a recognized need to reduce greenhouse gases. True, we do respond, but often bizarrely, further fudging the problem—trading pollution quotas (failed Hague conference) or making off the cuff political trumpeting of how much, by when, this or that country is going to reduce emissions (Kyoto).

But 'transportation' also means the movement of information, including money. This kind of transportation involves a relatively low consumption of energy, little or no direct pollution, and the substitution of information flow for physical movement – all very positive for the core value, and it is happening now, with wide implications for allocation of land uses, and fighting the negatives of present physical transportation preferences.

Weighing our negative and positive reactions toward 'transportation' could reduce the remoteness of the integrity of the biosphere and might induce some shame about the fudging.

Bringing remote concerns into present urgency could help develop a new vision, and re-energize what philosophy of planning may still be snoozing in the discipline. Vision and re-energizing are vital now for planning's survival.

Other professions are challenging the bureaucratic power which planners have over change in cities and regions...but that is for another *Bite*.

Editor's note: Professor Emeritus Dakin retired as Chairman of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning in 1972. He welcomes comments and suggestions from readers. Please contact him through the UTAGA Office (see page 20).

A trip down memory lane

The photo left is the first of what I am hoping will become a regular feature of *GEOPLAN*. This picture was taken outside the South Borden Building in the late 1960s. Thanks to Peter Duckworth, B.A. 6T6, M.A. 6T8, Ph.D. 7T5 we have been able to identify most of the individuals in the photo, but as you can see from the caption a few names are missing. If you can help identify the remaining people, please contact us. Also, if you have any photos from your days in geography or planning, which you would be willing to have us share on "A trip down memory lane", send them in. Please contact the UTAGA Office (see page 20) with information and/or photos. Thanks! Susan Werden, Editor

More than just a few awards...

By Susan Werden, B.A. 8T8

The **Sixth Annual Awards Presentation and Graduation Reception for the Department of Geography and Program in Planning**, which was held on November 10, 2000, was more than an opportunity to present a few awards, it was an event designed to recognize the department's graduating class of the past academic year, and to honour special achievements and contributions by current students, graduating students, alumni and special friends.

Co-hosted by the department and the University of Toronto Association of Geography Alumni (UTAGA), this event attracts over 100 guests and has become a highlight of the departmental and UTAGA social calendar. This year a total of 23 awards were presented to 31 individuals and 200 students from the class of 1999-2000 were honoured.

Awards presented at this event are provided from a number of sources. Thirteen are funded through endowments that were created by alumni and friends of the department, seven of which have been created since UTAGA was established in 1993. Many of these awards have received contributions from the University and/or the Province of Ontario. Eight awards were created by UTAGA and are funded through the Friends of Geography Fund. These awards include UTAGA's Distinguished Alumnus/a, Honorary President Award and Outstanding Service Awards—awards which recognize special contributions and achievements by alumni and friends, as well as five awards for student achievement.

The **UTAGA Distinguished Alumnus** award was presented to **Professor Emeritus William G. Dean, B.A. 4T9, M.A. 5T0, LL.D. 9T7**. Professor Dean was cited for his "many years of extraordinary dedication in the definition, creation, and execution of a new form of scholarly activity: the large-scale-research atlas". As Director of the *Historical Atlas of Canada*, his contributions were "extensive and in many ways immeasurable" to a project which is an "outstanding example of national, bilingual, multidisciplinary social science that contributes significantly to our understanding of Canada as a country with an exciting, dynamic and unique history."

Professor Larry S. Bourne was selected to be the **UTAGA Honorary President**. Professor Bourne joined the department in 1966. He has written and taught extensively and has held numerous administrative positions, most recently as Director of the Program in Planning. He was cited as "a strong voice in the department, encouraging excellence and scholarship, while at the same time remaining accessible to students...and a very strong supporter of alumni activities".

Outstanding Service Awards were presented to **Pamela Blais, M.Sc.Pl. 8T4, Roger Clarke, B.A. 7T1, Thelma Gee, M.Sc.Pl. 9T0, Tom Heslip and Susan Werden, B.A. 8T8**.

Nominations of candidates for these three awards for 2001 are currently being sought and are due by May 31, 2001. For further information contact the UTAGA Office, see page 20.

New in 2000 were the Government of Ontario/William G. Dean Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology which was presented to **Tarmo Rimmel** and the Government of Ontario/ESRI Canada Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology which was presented to **Anita Zelic**. A full list of award winners can be found on page 9.

Endowments allow awards to be provided into perpetuity, because it is the interest, which is earned on the fund that is used to make the payout for the award. It is fitting that at this time when we recognize those individuals who have earned these various awards, that we also thank our donors to our various funds—as it is donations which enable these funds to exist and to grow. A full list of our donors in 2000 can be found on page 11.

Several new awards are expected in 2001. The first Donald

F. Putnam Graduate Scholarship, which was created in conjunction with the publication of *Down to Earth* (see page 16), will be presented, as will a new series of awards to recognize achievement by undergraduate students. Created by UTAGA and funded through the Friends of Geography Fund, the "Outstanding Performance Awards" will be given each year to the most outstanding student in GGR 220, GGR 233, GGR 240, GGR 201/203/205/206 and GGR 391. It is hoped that these new awards will encourage excellence and enhance relations between the students, the department, and UTAGA.



This page. Top: Professor Joe Desloges presents Professor Emeritus Bill Dean with a gift. Bottom: Professor Larry Bourne addresses the Awards Night audience.

Page 9. Top: Professor Tony Davis presents to Heather Frost. Middle: Professor Gunter Gad (left) and Adam Weaver. Bottom: Enjoying "the spread" at Awards Night 2000.

See page 10 for additional photos.



2000 Award Winners

Undergraduate

Alpar Undergraduate Scholarship
Katharine Myrans & Kevin Thomas

Edward Blake Scholarship in Geography/Geology
Nicole Simms

Canadian Association of Geographers Award
Heather Frost

Donald Putnam Scholarship
Judith Barros

Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award
Sarah Starkweather

Ben Shindman Scholarship in Geography
James Staveley

Sidney and Lucille Silver Scholarship
Lucy Hargreaves

Undergraduate Griffith Taylor Memorial Award
Heather Frost

Undergraduate Computer Applications Award
Anna Espinoza

Graduate

Alpar Graduate Scholarship
Chris Houser

Geography Toronto Award
Marcy Burchfield, Denise Moylan & Anumaya Phatate

**Government of Ontario / William G. Dean
Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology**
Tarmo Rimmel

**Government of Ontario / ESRI Canada
Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology**
Anita Zelic

Joseph A. May Scholarship
Jenny Hall & Adam Weaver

Graduate Griffith Taylor Memorial Award
Chris De Sousa

Planning Program

Benjamin Sonshine Urban Planning Award
Jonathan Gouveia & Alastair Wishart

Alan Tonks Planning Scholarship
Christian Giles, Chris Nazar & Reid Henry

Peter R. Walker Planning Scholarship
Reid Henry

Ian D. Macpherson Award
Anumaya Phatate

**Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP)
Award for Academic Excellence**
Helen Collins

Award winners 2000



Photos of some of the department's award winners in 2000, taken at Awards Night. See page 8-9 for additional event details.

Immediately above and going clockwise. (All are groups described left to right).

- Bill Dean and Tarmo Rimmel.*
- John Kitchen and Anita Zelic.*
- Peter Walker and Anumaya Phatate.*
- Alan Tonks, Chris Nazar,*
- Christian Giles and Reid Henry.*
- Jenny Hall.*
- Katherine Myrans.*
- Anna Espinoza.*



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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 May 5 and September 22, while the Advanced Workshop will be held on November 10 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.

Networking Opportunity for Planners

Get in on the action....before it's too late!

By Catherine Cieply, B.Sc. 9T1, M.Sc.Pl. 9T3 & Michael Skelly, B.A. 9T1, M.Sc.Pl. 9T3

Now widely recognized as a major planning industry event, UTAGA's Planning Alumni Committee is pleased to present the **5th Annual Friends of Planning Spring Social on Thursday, April 26th, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**, in the **Debates Room of Hart House**. Over 200 professionals who practice in the public, private, academic and not-for-profit sectors are expected to attend this annual cocktail party. The event is enjoying immense popularity and is not to be missed!

Mr. David Johnson, recently appointed **Chair of the Ontario Municipal Board** will be the featured speaker. In addition to his current position, Mr. Johnson has also served as Minister of Education and Mayor of East York.

In lieu of an admission fee, a \$35 donation to the Friends of Planning Fund is suggested. The Friends of Planning Fund is dedicated to enriching and improving the learning experiences and quality of life of graduate students in Planning at the University of Toronto.

Space for this special event is limited so please RSVP by April 23, 2001 using the form on page 19. For further information, please contact utaga@geog.utoronto.ca or the Department of Geography at 416-978-3375.

As always, colleagues, associates and friends of alumni are welcome and encouraged to attend. Corporate donors to the Friends of Planning Fund are also welcomed.

use, and his alert enquiry into what other relevant disciplines do.

The significance of his research was the conviction that urban transportation matters can be studied scientifically. He was early on at the leading edge of modifying Newtonian gravity formulae to study traffic behaviour. This was the time of the Metro Toronto computer transportation model (something British engineers, for example, had not yet reached — I remember a discussion with a distinguished UK transport engineer.) Ron was therefore able to present to planning students hard material for integration with other requirements of urban planning.

His intellectual approach was therefore in line with what appeared on the academic side of several professions after the war: a new spirit of relying on rational enquiry in contrast to heavy dependence on experience and tradition. It was an exciting time in planning, and Ron made a very valuable contribution. He is a great loss to scholarly research, education, and professional life in Canada.

We offer condolences to his family and friends.

Prepared by Professor Emeritus John Dakin

Opportunities abound in Historical Geographical Research

By Roger Clarke, B.A. 7T1

This is a third in a series of articles about how geographers can assist themselves and others in the historical and geographical community by taking advantages of opportunities for research and analysis.

What caught my eye recently was an article by Don Eastman, an Internet journalist and family history researcher on <http://www.Ancestry.com>. Don was reviewing a number of new data sets on CD Rom that are being released in ever-increasing numbers in the United States. One of these sets was a set of CD ROMS that provided listings by year and faculty of all students attending Princeton University from the 1880's to the 1920's. This is apparently the first of a number of data sets to be released on the populations of higher learning institutions in the US.

Let me take a pause here and illustrate the reasons for all this data development and publishing. Family history research, often called genealogy, has gone beyond the development family trees and lists of past and current relatives. It has become the study of people's lives, hopes and dreams; their life styles; their passions, occupations, hobbies; what made them laugh or what made them cry. In essence what made them human and different and in many ways how it reflects upon us, their descendants.

Some family history organizations and researchers are now taking this even further by studying and preserving DNA of relatives and ancestors as part of studies on family traits, diseases and tendencies. Watch for this aspect of family history to grow rapidly in this decade. For example, a small company in New Hampshire will preserve your DNA in a vial for approximately \$100.00 US to be used in the future for health and medical studies.

Part of the family history researcher's investigation into our ancestor's lifestyles, is of course the records that they left in schools, universities and hospitals. These records often provide some of the intimate details of life in that age and of course for particular individuals. These records are often more available than vital statistic records controlled by the state or province.

I often think that someone in my family will one day go to Hart House, roll out the honour rolls on the landing to the second floor and see that I was in the House Committee in 1971/72 and wonder what my role and interests were through that participation.

While paying due regard to the rules of privacy and generally

Obituary

Ronald Grant Rice, DTRP 6T6

Planning students and staff of the 1960s and 1970s will be sad to hear of the death last August of Ronald Grant Rice, in Montreal, where he was professor of Transportation Engineering at McGill.

Born in Welland, Ontario in 1940, he earned his B.A.Sc., DTRP and Ph.D. at the University of Toronto and his SM in MIT. He specialized in urban transportation and engineering, later doing research and teaching at U of T, UBC, and McGill. He also had very extensive professional experience in North America and overseas.

We remember him for his strong grasp of his subject, the liveliness of his lectures, and especially for his reaching out to what urban planners try to do in relating transportation to land

applying the 100 year rule (the 100 year rule is one that the province and many other countries use in the release of information on individuals so that in all probability the individual is not still alive when certain personal information such as census or vital records are put in the public domain), there are potential research opportunities for students and others on the turn of the century demographics of the university and colleges.

Many genealogists attempting to track and plot the course of events of their relatives would look upon such information favourably in assisting in their research.

An interesting email crossed my desk recently. It was from an individual in Ireland that would do personal research for individuals seeking information on their Irish roots. The individual stated that once he was supplied with some basic information on the family and the parish that they lived in, he would search out any church and census records and make copies, take photos of family homes, towns and areas and then provide a list of all the information that he has collected for 100 Irish pounds. Material would be supplied upon payment of fee plus costs of duplication. A videotape of the area could be made with additional information gathered for 200 pounds. If his task is unsuccessful, then there is no charge for his time and energy.

Many of our American neighbours have extensive Canadian roots and an approach similar to this one for US and Australian researchers would be a valuable resource and service for family researchers who are unable to travel the distances.

You can contact me at Roger.Clarke@Utoronto.ca

Cool Websites for Geographers and Planners

By Fenton Chin, B.A. 9T4

(1) <http://www.opc.on.ca/ohcc>. This is the Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition, a non-profit organization. Its objective is the promotion of social, economic and environmental well being for individuals, community groups and local governments. The OHCC encourages participation among people from all walks of life in achieving this goal. Becoming a member of this organization is easy; the OHCC can be reached at the above website address. Its newsletter, "Update", as well as other publications, can be mailed to you upon request, and/or you can subscribe to its e-mail bulletin. Why not get involved?

(2) <http://www.amo.on.ca>. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario ("AMO") is just that: a site for the urban Ontarian, which describes everything about cities, their issues, their partnerships, etc., throughout the province.

(3) <http://www.cleanair.web.ca>. Another site devoted to Ontario, and this time for environmentalists. It's the Ontario Clean Air Alliance. The Alliance's message, as its name suggests, is simple: keep our air clean and breathable. This is critical, particularly for this year, as Ontario's electricity production industry has become open to competition. Log on to this site, and follow regularly updated links to information about alternative sources of energy, waste reduction, as well as government and privately run programs.

(4) <http://www.ontarioslivinglegacy.com>. A look at this province from a nature-lover's perspective. While there is no "direct" geography here, there are many breathtaking photographs of natural landscapes and wilderness, with some facts. Available in both French and English. Designed to promote awareness of Ontario's limited and fragile ecosystem, and what to do to preserve it. It's certainly worth checking out.

(5) <http://geonames.nrcan.gc.ca>. Here's a federal, rather than a provincial web page, also available in both official languages, called "Geomatics Canada". It's all about names of cities, rivers, and other geographical features throughout the country. A very useful resource indeed.


(6) <http://www.transparency.de>. As many of us know by now, Canada has been consistently ranked, by the United Nations, as one of the best countries in which to live for the past few years. One of the reasons for this is that we, as Canadians, are a people of integrity! Transparency International, a non-profit group, provides a human geography aspect to the comparison of standards of living, by ranking countries according their levels of corruption among its citizens and government officials...strange but true. Incidentally, Transparency ranked Canada as the least corrupt nation.

(7) http://www.travel.state.gov/travel_warnings.html. When travelling, locally, overseas, or anywhere, it's important to know about other risks, apart from possible encounters with corrupt people. These include epidemics, bad weather, and so on. This website, while designed to provide safety tips for Americans who travel to foreign places, can be useful to anyone, as long as he/she can read English.

(8) <http://www.earthweek.com>. It's also good to know what's happening to the earth itself, even when not travelling. This site serves as a diary for our planet, containing regularly updated records of major natural events (such as volcano eruptions), wherever they occur, every week. It also provides a link to international newspapers that publish these data, as well as a "classroom companion" that enables schoolteachers to use this information to complement their lessons.

(9) <http://www.iom.int>. This site is devoted to the study of migration.

(10) <http://www.geojobsources.com>. Here's a good place for geography graduates to look for a career, as long they don't mind having to migrate south of the border if they're successful in landing a job (this is an American-built web page, which appears to advertise jobs located only in the United States).



Spring
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2001

Faculty of Arts & Science
"Meet the Authors" Book Fair

Saturday, June 2, 2001
10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Great Hall, Hart House

Are you a published author?

**Have you/will you have published a book
between January 2000 and May 2001?**

*Would you like the opportunity to showcase your work with
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UTAGA News

Spring Reunion

This year the University hosts its annual Spring Reunion Festivities **June 1-3**. Alumni from years ending in a "1" or "6", i.e. the classes of 4T1, 4T6, 5T1...9T1, 9T6 etc. are being honoured. A variety of activities are planned. For additional information call 416-978-4238 or visit: www.utoronto.ca/alumniandfriends.html

Geography and Planning alumni who wish to organize a get together with classmates from their year can contact the UTAGA Office (see page 20) and we will be pleased to assist you.

Open House

Do you know someone who is considering attending U of T in the next few years? Do you want a good reason to return to your old haunts on campus? We have the perfect solution—U of T Discovery Day, **Saturday, October 13, 2001**. It's the University's annual open house and you're invited! What's even better is that UTAGA and the department will once again be co-hosting the Geography Open House on that day. So mark your calendar and plan to attend! See the next issue of *GEOPLAN* for more details or contact the UTAGA Office (see page 20).



Visiting the Geography Open House, October 14, 2000.

Awards Night

The Seventh Annual Awards Presentation and Graduation Reception for the Department of Geography and Program in Planning is scheduled for **Friday, November 16, 2001**. At it the department's 2000-2001 graduating class will be honoured and awards will be presented to students, alumni and friends. Nominations for UTAGA's Distinguished Alumnus, Honorary President, Outstanding Service and Geography Toronto Awards are currently being sought and are due May 31, 2001. For information about award criteria or award nomination procedures, please contact the UTAGA Office (see page 20). See page 8 for information about last year's event.

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" into 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.

History of the Department Project

By Dick Baine, M.A. 5T2

Since its formation in the early years of UTAGA, the History of the Department Committee has been remarkably active and productive.

Considerable documentary material about the department from its establishment under Griffith Taylor in 1935 provided the committee with a valuable account of the period up to the 1950s. Of special interest and importance for that period was Marie Sanderson's book *Griffith Taylor: Antarctic Scientist and Pioneer Geographer*.

Armed with such an encouraging start, the committee then turned its attention to the 1950s and early 1960s. An invitation to graduates of those years to write to the committee with their reminiscences produced a wealth of material that shed a good deal of light on the department—its faculty and curriculum—for that period. In the spring of 2000, Marie Sanderson and co-author Robert Putnam completed *Down to Earth: A Biography of Geographer Donald Fulton Putnam* and the Putnam Years Reunion, on June 17, 2000 was the setting for the book's launch. Putnam was a distinguished scholar and author whose seminal work was *The Physiography of Southern Ontario* co-authored with Lyman Chapman. He taught in the department from 1938 until his passing in 1977. His biography, a joint publication of the Department of Geography and UTAGA makes a distinguished contribution to UTAGA's history project.

A third person prominent in the early years of the department was George Tatham. Taylor, Putnam, and Tatham formed, in effect, a departmental triumvirate. Tatham was an exceptionally popular teacher whose special field was the history of geographical thought. The History of the Department Committee has taken preliminary steps in the preparation of a Tatham biography. John Warkentin, M.A. 5T4, Ph.D. 6T1 who knew Tatham well and taught with him at York University, has taken the research lead in this venture and is currently going through Tatham's papers at York where Tatham, after leaving U of T in 1960, taught for the remainder of his career. Tatham died in 1987 in his 80th year.

Jock Galloway, who jointed the department in 1964, has joined the committee and has an interest in writing the department's history for the period immediately after Donald Putnam resigned as Chair—the early to late 1960s.

The History of the Department Committee now consists of Dick Baine, Jock Galloway, Don Kerr, Marie Sanderson, and John Warkentin. Anne McMaster, departmental business officer from the 1960s until her retirement in 1994, has kindly agreed to assist the committee in its work.

GeoTrips

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fascinating, and ever-changing street.

In lieu of charging a participation fee, UTAGA is suggesting donations be made to one of the endowed graduate scholarships or grants listed on page 18. A donation of \$35.00 is suggested for the Niagara Escarpment GeoTrip and \$25.00 for the Spadina Avenue GeoTrip. Donations will be matched by the University, thereby doubling their impact. So coming on a GeoTrip is both a great way to spend a Saturday and to support 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 use the form on page 19 or contact the UTAGA Office (see page 20).

Missing Alumni: Installment #4

Thanks to those of you who took the time to review the list of “missing alumni” in the last issue of *GEOPLAN*. We did manage to find at least a dozen people and are very grateful to have been able to do so.

The following list contains the names of some of the people for whom we no longer have valid addresses. Please review it 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**.

Mar, Hung Yee, B.A. 1983
 Marich, Aleksa, B.Sc. 1975
 Markert, **Walters** Susan, B.A. 1989
 Markesteyn, Sharon H., M.Sc.Pl. 1991
 Markowitz, David J., M.A. 1974
 Marsden, Wm. John, B.A. 1987
 Marshall, Elizabeth A., B.A. 1985
 Marshall, John D., DTRP 1964
 Marshall, Iain, B.A. 1984
 Marshall, Ian C., B.A. 1983
 Martin, David Brown, B.A. 1987
 Martin, Franklin, DTRP 66 M.Sc.Pl. 72
 Martin, Kerry S., B.A. 1994
 Martin, Lisa A., B.A. 1988
 Martin, Paul Francis, Hon. B.Sc. 1999
 Martin, Peter Guy, B.Sc. 1983

Martin-Marcus, Nancy, M.Sc.Pl. 1972
 Martino, Stephen, B.A. 1973
 Martino, Vito, B.A. 1979
 Martins, Bento, B.A. 1978
 Mascioli, Paolo, B.A. 1987
 Mason, Charles A., B.A. 1977
 Matsuba, Brenda I., B.Sc. 1986
 Maunder, Nancy A., B.A. 1987
 Mavalwala, Cyrus, B.Sc. 1993
 Max, Jordan, B.A. 1985, M.Sc.Pl. 1987
 May, Lynne M., M.A. 1974
 Mayeye, David T.R., M.Sc.Pl. 1975
 Mays, Andrew D., B.Sc. 1992
 McAulay, **Murnaghan** Ann, B.A. 1972
 McBride, Norine J., B.A. 79 M.A. 85
 McCarthy, Kevin R., B.A. 1972
 McGuire, Paul F., B.A. 1975
 McKay, Ian B., B.A. 1986
 McKinnon, Robert W., M.Sc.Pl. 1974
 McLean, Joan A., B.A. 1970
 McMullen, Alexandra C., B.A. 1993
 McNicol, Sharon L., B.A. 1969
 McPhee, L. Ross, M.Sc.Pl. 1972
 McQueen, David A., B.A. 1975
 McQuillin, Jill E., B.A. 1986
 McRae, James D., B.A. 1973
 Meadows, George, M.Sc.Pl. 1992
 Melamed-Turkish, **Melamed** Miriam L., B.A. 1976
 Mellen, Frances N., Ph.D. 1974
 Mendes, Jose A., B.A. 1993
 Mendoza, Marion, B.A. 1991
 Menger, Gary L., M.A. 1983
 Merz, Wolfgang H., M.Sc. 1990
 Mihalcin, Edward, B.A. 1975
 Mikulic, Tomislav, B.Sc. 1973
 Miles, Ralph G., DTRP 1962
 Miller, Dean A., B.A. 1973
 Miller, **Gourley** Phyllis, M.Sc.Pl. 1975
 Miller, Robert L., B.A. 1975
 Milnes, Sylvia C., B.A. 1974
 Mispel-Beyer, Rainer R., B.Sc. 1972
 Miu, Chun Kit Eric, Hon. B.A. 1996
 Mocellin, Jane S.P., M.A. 1984
 Moffat, Margaret C., B.A. 1983
 Mohamed, Fathiya, B.A. 3 1997
 Mohan, Darryl J., B.A. 1990
 Mok, Felix, B.A. 1998
 Molenda, Andrew S., B.Sc. 1977
 Mong, Wing-Yee Viki, Hon. B.A. 1996
 Moran, Martha E., B.Sc. 1991
 Moreau, **Slater** Barbara A., B.A. 1987
 Morgan Price, Carol Anne, B.A. 1973
 Moroney, Stephen J., B.A. 1976
 Morris, Daniel, M.A. 1981
 Morris, Katarina L., B.A. 1993
 Morrison, Charles A., B.A. 1974
 Morton, Curtis S.H., B.A. 1994
 Morton, Donald S., DTRP 1956
 Mountford, Paul, B.A. 1988
 Moyal, David, B.A. 1988
 Mujungu, Johnson, BA 1998f
 Munro, Kerry J., B.A. 1989
 Nadarajah, Kopalachetty, DTRP 1968
 Nadziejko, Anita, Hon.B.Sc. 1994
 Needham, Kimberly, B.A. 1991
 Neglia, **Golden** Maureen M., B.A. 1988
 Neidhardt, Ulf, B.A. 1972
 Newman, Preston T., B.A. 1989
 Ng, Wing Yin Louise, B.A. 1994
 Ng, Man Yee Helen, B.A. 1982
 Nicolas, **O'Beirne** Breda F., B.A. 1984
 Nielsen, **Zulus** Neris R., B.A. 1977
 Niles, Leroy G.F., B.A. 1977
 Nirenberg, Henry M., B.A. 1980
 Nishibayashi, Motohiko, M.Sc.Pl. 1992
 Nowski, Deborah N., B.A. 1976
 O'Donoghue, Brian, B.A. 72 M.Sc.Pl. 74
 Ohlsson, Cynthia E., B.A. 1988
 Ohri, Ilir A., B.Sc. 1975
 Olsen, Dean L., B.A. 1974
 Omori, Motoi, M.Sc.Pl. 1987
 O'Neill, Christopher R., M.A. 1978
 Onodera, John D., B.A. 1976
 Onufryk, Oleh V.O., B.A. 1973
 Otton, Thomas J., B.A. 1975
 Owen, Marjory R., B.A. 1950
 Pack, Bruce W., B.A. 1974

You can help

By Susan Werden, B.A. 8T8

Over the years our alumni and friends have generously supported an ever-increasing number of initiatives aimed at improving conditions for students in our programs. At this time we would like to extend our thanks to those who donated in 2000 (see list on page 11). It was a banner year for us, with more donations being received than ever before.

At present, the Department of Geography & Program in Planning is encouraging alumni and friends to donate to its many worthy funds, be it a scholarship or grant fund, or a general fund such as the Friends of Geography or Friends of Planning, the choice is yours. See the side box for full descriptions. These funds can make a significant difference to students facing ever-increasing tuition fees and to a department facing increasing demands.

To those interested in our graduate students—you have an opportunity to make a bigger difference. The University has extended its “Matching Program” in which it will match 1:1 every dollar raised for endowed graduate scholarships and grants. Under the program, money can be donated for the current year and/or pledged until 2002. The new OGS campaign (see Chair's message page 3) is also underway.

Alumni and friends of U of T Geography and Planning can and do provide their assistance to the department in many intangible and valuable ways, which are greatly appreciated. But, when considering your charitable donations this year, please consider our initiatives and give what you can.

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

OSOTF Awards

“OSOTF awards” are awards established with the Ontario Student Opportunities Trust Fund (OSOTF), 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.

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

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Alumni and Friends: Outreach and Appeal Spring 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 16).
- YES, I wish to attend the 5th Annual Friends of Planning Spring Social on April 26, 2000. (see page 13)
- YES, I wish to participate in GeoTrips. Trip(s) of choice: _____ (see page 1)

Donations/Pledges

I would like to make a donation/pledge to support Geography/Planning initiatives. I wish to contribute the following amount(s), to the accounts chosen, for the year(s) indicated, using the payment method selected. *As stated in the article on page 18, contributions to **endowed graduate Geography/Planning scholarships and grants** (those denoted here with *) will be doubled in the 1:1 matching program. To be eligible for the matching program, donations must be paid in full by December 31, 2002.*

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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)	\$ _____	
Undergraduate Alpar Grant (56-1191)	\$ _____	
Undergraduate Alpar Scholarship (56-93)	\$ _____	
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Upcoming Events at a glance

Fifth Annual Friends of Planning Spring Social

Presented by UTAGA's Planning Alumni Committee. A great opportunity for planners to network and socialize.

Thursday, April 26, 2001, 6 to 9 p.m. See page 13.

GeoTrips

Field trips for geographers and planners.

**Saturday, April 21 and
Saturday, May 12, 2001.**
See page 1.

UTAGA Introductory & Advanced GIS Workshops

Be introduced to Geographic Information Systems, by taking these one-day courses. **May 5,**

**September 22, and
November 10, 2001. See page 12.**



U of T Discovery Day & Geography Open House

An open house for all to discover what U of T and the Department of Geography have to offer. **Saturday, October 13, 2001, at the St. George Campus. See the Fall 2001 issue of GEOPLAN for details!**

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 pages 8 & 16.

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