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“Tatham Remembered” Book Launch and Luncheon

by Dick Baine, M.A. 5T2

For the second time in two years, UTAGA, through the efforts of its History of the Department Committee, has had the honour and pleasure of launching a biography of one of the three founding figures in the establishment and early development of the University of Toronto Geography Department. This time, the greatly revered George Tatham (1907-87) was the subject. In June 2000, UTAGA launched a biography of Donald Putnam by Robert and Marie Sanderson. Some years before that a biography of Griffith Taylor, founding chair of the department, had been authored by Marie Sanderson and published by



The author, John Warkentin, at the Tatham book launch and luncheon.

Carleton University Press. *The Art of Geography: The Life and Teaching of George Tatham*, by John Warkentin, Professor Emeritus of York University and a former student and colleague of Tatham's, completes the trilogy.

Some 80 alumni and friends attended the “Tatham Remembered” luncheon which was held in Old Vic (Victoria University, U of T), on Saturday, May 11. Before the formal program began, guests were given

an opportunity to renew old friendships in an informal “meet and greet” session.

The luncheon and subsequent program were presided over by UTAGA President, Jenny Lass, who warmly welcomed everyone in attendance. The guests then enjoyed an excellent lunch. Following dessert, Jenny introduced the author who, she noted, had generously donated his book to UTAGA and the Department of Geography.

Before he began his presentation on Tatham, John thanked all who had helped him and paid special tribute to Susan Werden, recently retired Administrative Director of UTAGA, whose talent and painstaking work had meant so much to him. John then gave a short talk on the subject of George Tatham emphasizing the exceptionally high regard his students had for him as a teacher, first at Toronto then at York. As part of his presentation, John showed a videotape of interviews he had with Tatham a year or so before Tatham's death. He also played part of an audiotape of Tatham's last lecture at Toronto. For many in the audience it was a moving moment of “deja vu” as they saw and heard Tatham in action once again. For others it was a fascinating introduction to a man they had often heard of and who had meant so much to so many.

Following John's presentation, Dick Baine and Don Kerr, co-chairs of the History of the Department Committee, thanked John and presented him with a gift on behalf of UTAGA and the Department of Geography. Dr. Joe Desloges, chair of the Department of Geography and Program in Planning, thanked John for his splendid contribution to the Department's history. He also thanked the members of the History of the

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Bateman to Receive Alumni Award

The Eighth Annual Awards Presentation for the Department of Geography and Program in Planning is upon us. This year the awards ceremony will be held early in the fall season - the night of October 10. The purpose of the event is to present scholarships and awards from both UTAGA and the Department of Geography and Planning. This year, we are delighted to announce that **Mr. Robert Bateman, B.A.5T4** has been selected to receive the UTAGA Distinguished Alumni Award. The award is given to an alumnus/alumna of the department who has made a significant contribution to the discipline of geography. Mr. Bateman's environmental beliefs have greatly influenced his creativity. He is scheduled to give a talk and visual presentation.

Past recipients of the UTAGA Distinguished Alumni Award include: Richard Ruggles (2001), William G. Dean (2000), and John Warkentin (1999).

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Department News

Announcements

Congratulations to **Miriam Diamond** on her promotion to the rank of full professor.

Michael Bunce received an outstanding teaching award from the University of Toronto at Scarborough. Congratulations!

Jock Galloway received this year's CAG Award for Scholarly Distinction in Geography - handed out in May at the Annual General Meeting for the CAG. Jock was the co-winner of the award, which was shared with Trevor Barnes of UBC. Jock joins a distinguished list of previous U of T geographers (not including alumni) who have won including, Ken Hare, Larry Bourne, Jim Simons, and Jim Lemon.

Prof. Katharine Rankin and Zachary Thomas were recently married. The ceremony was held in the beautiful Adirondak Mountains area. Congratulations!

Hirings

Dr. Sharon Cowling will be joining the department September 1, 2003. Dr. Cowling is finishing a post-doctoral fellowship at the National Centre for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis at the University of California - Santa Barbara. Sharon completed her Ph.D. at Lund University in Sweden, and a M.Sc., Forest Resources Management Diploma, and B.Sc. here at University of Toronto. Sharon's current research interests are in the area of the global carbon cycle, paleoecology, paleoclimatology, biosphere-atmosphere interactions and evolution of terrestrial ecosystems. Sharon will be teaching in the areas of atmosphere-biosphere interactions, human-environment interactions (ENV236Y), and seminars in physical geography.

Dr. Andre Sorenson, an urban geographer and planner, joined the UTSC department in July. Andre is an expert on Japan, and has also worked on projects concerning China and North America. He finished his Ph.D. in 1998 at the London School of Economics, and has held a post-doc and subsequently taught at the University of Tokyo.

We are pleased to welcome **Dr. Kathi Wilson** to the department. Kathi will join the group at the UTM campus as of January 2003 - upon completing her post-doc at McMaster University. Kathi has undertaken graduate studies at McMaster (M.A.) and Queen's (Ph.D.). She brings several new areas of expertise to the department including: the geographies of health care services; therapeutic landscapes and First Nations peoples;

the connections between health and housing; linking gender, culture, and nature, and determinants of health at the neighbourhood level.

Dr. Jason Hackworth joined the department in July. Before coming to U of T, Jason was assistant professor of geography at Florida State University. He completed a Ph.D. at Rutgers University, an M.A. and MEP (planning) at Arizona State, and a B.A. at the University of Cincinnati. His areas of expertise are urban processes, real estate investment, neighbourhood change (social processes and gentrification), and urban-economic restructuring. Jason will be teaching GGR 124, social research methods, housing and housing policy, and seminars in urban geography.

Dr. Paul Hess joins our department after completing his Ph.D. in the Department of Urban Design and Planning at the University of Washington. His research has focused on pedestrians, networks and corridors, peculiar forms of connectivity. Paul will be teaching in the Urban Design Program, Planning and Geography.

Dr. Sarah Wakefield will be joining the department in July 2003. She is currently a post-doctoral fellow with the Department of Public Health Services at the University of Toronto and completed her Ph.D. this year in Geography at McMaster University. Her research deals with the determinants of concern and action around environmental issues, particularly as they affect health. Sarah will be teaching in the environment programs including impact assessment.

Dr. Deborah McGregor has joined the department. Deborah completed her Ph.D. at the Faculty of Forestry at U of T after obtaining her M.E.S. at York and B.Sc. at U of T. For the past two years Deborah has worked with Environment Canada - Ontario Region, as Head of Aboriginal Policy and Intergovernmental Coordination. Her research interests focus on environmental and resource management in the Aboriginal context in Canada. More specifically; traditional ecological knowledge (TEK), indigenous environmental philosophy, self government, forest management, sustainable development and environmental health issues. Deborah will also be teaching in the Aboriginal Studies Program focusing on Aboriginal environmental education and knowledge issues.

Dr. Myrna Simpson (Salloum) will be joining the UTSC department. Myrna recently completed a post-doc at Ohio State University before obtaining her Ph.D. and B.Sc.

from the University of Alberta. Her research interests revolve around the fate and reactions of organic contaminants in terrestrial and aquatic environments. Specific interests include sorption to soil and sedimentary organic matter, probing contaminant domains with nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy, and contaminant levels in environmental systems. Myrna will be teaching courses in the areas of environmental chemistry and soil chemistry.

Amanda Patterson has joined the department as the Chair's Assistant. Amanda comes to us from the Department of Physical Therapy here at U of T where she had several major administrative responsibilities in working with the Chair, Business Officer, and Office Manager. Also, Amanda just completed her Honours B.A. degree here at U of T with a double major in Criminology and Sociology and a minor in Psychology.

Susan Calanza has joined the department as Undergraduate Counsellor. Susan has extensive experience working in the U of T environment; she has previously worked as Project Administrator in Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, and as undergraduate student advisor in Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Amanda Greener has joined us as Geography's new Office Assistant in the main office. Amanda comes to us from the Graduate Collaborative Program of Ethnic, Immigration, and Pluralism Studies where she is completing a term as Program Administrator. Amanda completed a degree in Sociology at York University and was recently enrolled in the their MA Sociology program.

Finally, **Jill Rooksby** has joined us taking on duties associated with *GEOPLAN*, special departmental/UTAGA events and Departmental alumni affairs. Jill graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in 2000 with a B.A. in English and has extensive experience in event promotion, newsletter editing and production, and working with volunteer groups.

CAG

Michael Bunce

One of the highlights of the year was the annual conference of the Canadian Association of Geographers which took place at the UofT between May 29 and June 1 as part of the Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities. The meetings were co-hosted by the Uof T, Ryerson and York geography departments. Michael Bunce and Robert Lewis represented the department as paper session organizers, assisted by many faculty and graduate student volunteers. The meeting attracted almost 500 registrants, probably a record for CAG meetings. There were 115 paper sessions involving over 400 papers, plus workshops and plenary sessions, field trips and social events, including an excellent Chinese banquet. Judging from the comments of participants the conference was a great success; academically, socially, meteorologically (the sun shone everyday) and financially (we hope!). Even Sidney Smith Hall worked well as the venue for the sessions. Thanks are due to Joe Desloges for financial as well as staff support, to Donna Jaynes for her help from the front office and to everyone else who assisted in one way or another.

Message from the Chair

by Joe Desloges

UTAGA, PAC and the department hosted two wonderful events this past spring: the Planning Alumni Spring Social in April and the Tatham book launch and luncheon in May. Both events were very well attended by alumni, friends, invited guests, faculty and students. I would like to thank Michael Skelly and the Planning Alumni Committee for all their hard work on the April event. This was an opportunity to showcase the strong and important ties that UofT planners have to the community and the profession and to highlight career opportunities. In May, the George Tatham biography was officially published. The book is the work of Dr. John Warkentin, distinguished U of T alumnist and Geographer. The lunch reception was a wonderful opportunity for me to meet with alumni and friends and to learn more about the career and contributions of Dr. George Tatham. Our great thanks to John, the History of the Department Project and all those who organized and attended.

Both spring events were used to launch two new scholarships, one in each geography and planning. I am pleased to report that there were some very substantial contributions made to both scholarships and I would like to thank the generous donors. Development of these scholarships continues at full pace between now and the end of the year with the hope of achieving our goals to attract university and OGS matching contributions (see page 14).

From May 28th to June 2nd, the departments of Geography from Toronto, York, and Ryerson hosted the 51st annual general meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers. It was a great opportunity to learn of continuing and emerging ideas in our discipline and to visit with friends, colleagues and alumni. By all accounts the event ran smoothly thanks to Drs. Michael Bunce, Robert Lewis, Mary Truelove (Ryerson), and Don Freeman (York), and the many students, staff and faculty who helped organize a number of special events.

Finally, I want to extend my personal thanks to Susan Werden who has been so much involved with many geography and planning affairs here in the department over the last decade. Many have known Susan mainly as editor of *GEOPLAN* and through UTAGA communications, but Susan has been involved in almost every aspect of alumni affairs over the years including working with the UTAGA executive. On behalf of the department, I want to thank Susan and wish her all the best in her new endeavours.

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Graduate Program Announcements

Congratulations to the following graduate students for successfully completing their degree requirements for convocation in April 2002.

GEOGRAPHY

David Ian Ashby, M.Sc. thesis

Addressing the Problem of Incompatible Zoning Systems. The Spatio-temporal Analysis of Health Service Utilization in Small Areas of Inner City Toronto

Supervisor: C. Amrhein

Jennifer Anne Lea, M.Sc.

Soil Conservation and Amelioration Using Hippophae Ramnoids L.

Supervisor: A. Davis

Kenton Wayne Todd, M.Sc.

Characterization of the Feasibility and Accuracy of Determining Forest Structural Parameters Using LIDAR in an Experimental Maple Stand in the Turkey Lakes Watershed

Supervisor: F. Csillag

Kevin James Weaver, M.Sc. thesis

Spatial Bias in Landscape Ecological Simulations: A Case Study of Accounting for Spatial Dependence in a Raster-Based Stochastic Model Using a Region Approach

Supervisor: A. Perera/F. Csillag

PLANNING

Nathaniel Djanmah Aguda, M.Sc.Pl.

Securing Their Future: Improving Adolescents Access to Reproductive Health Care in Accra, Ghana

Supervisor: S. Ruddick

Gail Alexis Alleyne, M.Sc.Pl.

Developing Indicators for Sustainable Urban Land-Use: Recommendations for the Hamilton Land-Use in Urban Areas Taskforce

Supervisor: V. Maclaren

Leah Mary Alice Andrews, M.Sc.Pl.

Planning in Housing Design for an Ageing Population

Supervisor: K. Goonewardena

Girard Henry Beudin, M.Sc.Pl.

Evaluation Guidelines for Tax Increment-Based Financing Applications Intended for Brownfield Remediation and Redevelopment Projects in Hamilton, Ontario

Supervisor: A. Daniere

Antoine Jean Cecil Belaieff, M.Sc.Pl.

The Role of Surface Parking Lots in Toronto's Downtown Core - An Examination of the Past, Present, and Possible Future of Surface Parking

Supervisor: M. Gertler

Andrew Michael Bjorn, M.Sc.Pl.

Incorporating Life-Cycle Assessment into Voluntary Environmental Initiatives in Ontario

Supervisor: V. Maclaren

Mark Robert Ciavarro, M.Sc.Pl.

GO Transit: Oakville Station Parking - Economic Feasibility and Options

Supervisor: E. Miller (Civil Eng.)

Shawn Davis Collins Fujiki, M.Sc.Pl.

Paying the Price: The Financial Consequences of Ontario's Planning Process

Supervisor: L. Bourne

Meaghan Kathryn Friel, M.Sc.Pl.

Commercial Power Centres in the GTA: Implications for Commercial Policy

Supervisor: K. Jones

Jonathan Gouveia, M.Sc.Pl.

Our Future Together - A Community Based Revitalisation Plan for St. Clair West

Supervisor: K. Rankin

Andrew Richard Lang Hope, M.Sc.Pl.

Improving Transit Governance in the Golden Horseshoe Region

Supervisor: R. DiFrancesco

Rachel Lee Houde, M.Sc.Pl.

Pricing Public Transit: A Model Based Evaluation

Supervisor: E. Miller (Civil Eng.)

Ursula Locher, M.Sc.Pl.

Public Art for the Public: Public Art as a Participatory, Empowering and Political Planning Tool in Toronto

Supervisor: K. Goonewardena

Kyle Kaoru MacIntyre, M.Sc. Pl.

Local Governments and their Biotechnology Clusters

Supervisor: M. Gertler

Nupur Malaviya, M.Sc.Pl.

On the Road to a More Ecological Industrial System: The Role of Waste Exchanges in Ho Chi Minh City

Supervisor: V. Maclaren

Jason Thomas Mercer, M.Sc.Pl.

The Economic Impacts and Labour Force Implications of Large Capital Projects in the GTA

Supervisor: R. DiFrancesco

Laurie Dawn Payne, M.Sc.Pl.

A Collaborative Process for Implementing the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign in the City of Buffalo

Supervisor: B. Savan

Sherri Lynne Rendek, M.Sc.Pl.

Cool Toronto: Taking a New Approach Towards Reducing Toronto's Urban Heat Island

Supervisor: D. Harvey

Sarah Isadora Robin, M.Sc.Pl.

Supporting Community-Based Economic Development: Micro-Lending in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside

Supervisor: K. Rankin

Tatsuya Michael Sone, M.Sc. Pl.

The Integration of Land-Use and Alternative Transportation Policies in the City of Barrie

Supervisor: E. Miller (Civil Eng.)

Carly Diana Steinman, M.Sc.Pl.

In the Path of Bulldozers: Attempting to Regulate Rental Housing Demolition in the City of Toronto

Supervisor: D. Hulchanski (Social Work)

Sarah Katherine Weinstock, M.Sc.Pl.

Diversity and Planning Education: A Canadian Perspective

Supervisor: K. Rankin

Alastair Gordon Wishart, M.Sc.Pl.

An Evaluation of Office Location Decisions by Dot-com Companies in the Greater Toronto Area

Supervisor: G. Gad

All the best in your future endeavours!

Alumni Bulletin Board

Thanks to those of you who have sent in news for this section of *GEOPLAN*. It is always wonderful to hear from our alumni to learn about what is happening in their lives and to be able to share this information in these pages. I hope to hear from many of you in the coming months. Please help keep these pages filled! News should be sent to the UTAGA Office (see page 9).

Penny Henry, B.A. 6T9

Editor, Alumni Bulletin Board

Judy Dezell, M.Sc. Pl. 9T4, left MMAH in November 2001 to work on capital funding for municipalities trying to comply with the new drinking water protection regulations. She is now working in Guelph with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs as a Project Analyst, Rural Secretariat.

Stan Griffin, B.A. 7T2, has been named President and CEO of the Insurance Bureau of Canada effective June 5, 2002. After a Master of Arts in Social Science from the University of Chicago in 1973, Stan joined the IBC and has held several senior positions since 1975 including Vice President of the Ontario region; President and CEO of Facility Association where he connected with regulatory bodies and oversaw the operations of the association; and most recently, Executive Vice President of regional operations overseeing offices in Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Edmonton and Vancouver. Following the September 11 terrorist attacks, he chaired a special task force of insurer and reinsurer representatives to develop a short-term response to the potential shortage of terrorism catastrophe re-insurance which involved numerous discussions with the federal government. Stan is also a Director of the Ontario Safety League and has been a member of several industry and government committees dealing with insurance, road safety and related issues.

Reid Henry, M.Sc.Pl. 0T1, is Project Coordinator with the South Riverdale Revitalization Project in Toronto.

Marlene Cooney Jackson, B.A. 9T0, completed her degree part-time at night while working for Loblaws as an Executive Assistant during the day. Upon graduation she joined Ontario Hydro doing clerical work in Construction Re-Hab Engineering and found that she did not enjoy working for a Crown Corporation or as a clerk. She did find that she enjoyed computers and worked in the private sector for ten years developing those skills. Three years as a PC/LAN analyst at Confederation Trust followed by 3 ½ years at PriceWaterhouseCoopers in their IT department were combined with about 5 years of teaching computers in the evenings for the North York Board of Education. Then, following some contract work, she joined an Internet start-up company (DWL) filling numerous roles including Programmer, Application Designer, Project Manager and Director of Professional Services and helped build the company from 1 employee to 365+ in just over four years. When the bubble burst, Marlene was asked to join the Royal Bank (RBC Global Services) as Director, eBusiness Solutions. Although her current position with RBC takes her all over the world, she still lives in Toronto and loves it. In 1995, she married a man from the Midland-Penetang area and managed to convince him and his two sons to move from "the north" to the city. They now care for four children aged 17, 14, 8 and 6 and a dog named Jake. Marlene and her husband share a love of technology and he is the General Manager of On-Line Delivery for CIBC. The family keeps its connection to the north as members of the Craighleith Ski Club and kayaking at and around the cottage in Muskoka. When in town, she boxes with the Toronto Newsgirls Boxing Club.

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Geography and Planning Websites

by Fenton Chin, B.A. 9T4

(1) <http://www.globisdata.ca/members/tor-body.html>. Whenever you start your day, it's important to know the weather and traffic conditions. This site provides a map of traffic for Toronto, which refreshes itself every 10 minutes.

(2) <http://www.ccme.ca>. Good leadership is essential for putting geographical knowledge to practice. So, log on here, the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment, to find out what our country's leaders are doing, province by province.

(3) <http://garnet.acns.fsu.edu/~phensel/geog.html>. This site, devoted to political geography and run by Paul Hensel, contains links to various topics, even fun and games. Who knows? This may lead to a better understanding of differences among countries and better co-operation.

(4) <http://www.oceansatlas.org>. This site, first released on World Environment Day, June 2002, is the United Nations' compilation of all water bodies in the world. Oceans are essential; they regulate the climate, serve as habitat for many species, etc. A really important resource, indeed!

(5) <http://www.theweathernetwork.com>. Speaking of climate, the weather is an important factor that one needs to know everyday. Up-to-date weather forecasts are available in major cities around the world at the click of a mouse. This is a good site to visit for budding meteorologists too.

(6) <http://www.iamat.org>. Feeling under the weather? This is the home page of the International Association of Medical Assistance to Travellers. In case you may be wondering, this is not simply another one of many on-line tourist boards, in spite of its name. Remember the Nobel Prizewinning international organization called "Doctors without Borders"? Well, IAMAT is similar; it is a non-profit organization, with 500 physicians, that provides medical aid to its member travellers in any of its 150 locations around the globe. Registration and membership in IAMAT is free for any traveller. And, as we know, geographers, like doctors, have no borders. Incidentally, for the past few years, the Geography Department has offered the senior undergraduate course "Medical Geography".

(7) <http://www.terrafly.com>. For a bird's eye view (or a view from the cockpit or passenger seats of an aeroplane) of land - albeit just the United States - take a look at this site. For those interested in air photo interpretation and/or cartography, you'll find simulated flights over much of the American terrain.

(8) <http://noosphere.princeton.edu>. Well, we've heard of e-travel, virtual travel, and teleconferencing. How about something a little more metaphysical? Princeton University is currently working on a "Global Consciousness Project", with energy-sensitive, brainwave-measuring instruments placed around the world to detect common patterns. Data have already been recorded following September 11, and more are expected for World Youth Day 2002 in Toronto during July.

(9) <http://www.spaceweather.com>. Mass space travel may become a reality in the near future. But for now, it's important to recognize that while the earth's climate affects everything - agriculture, transportation, commerce, etc. - cosmic activity influences our planet's weather in ways that are difficult to overlook (for example, high/low tides, aurorae borealis/northern lights and the resulting interference with telecommunications). This is an interesting site with details of geo-solar interaction.

(10) <http://www.webspawner.com/users/geofenton>. Finally, here's an incredibly simple (and hence, most user-friendly) site created this year by yours truly. It's a collection of links to other useful and interesting geographical sites, updated frequently with local and regional news.

Planning Bite #5

by Professor Emeritus John Dakin

We can express a central aim of the urban planning function in a free enterprise society as in part: Productively reconciling the public interest with the thrust of private capital looking for profit. The logic of this definition is that for most physical development only private capital can raise the quantity of money necessary, and can absorb the risk.

Lord Holford, the eminent UK planner, made this starkly clear at the official opening of the center of Corby new town: Here are the plans and the public services – the buildings can come only from private initiative. John Nash, in the early 1800s, created the first Regent St., London, in the same way.

Given the history of Western societies, this is not a bad definition. But, in face of massive new charges as facts to be respected, some long-held values are now losing appeal.

Change in values will force planners to rethink the relationships between policies as well as policies themselves – and existing reconciliations between them. Fundamental research is therefore urgently necessary. The problem resembles that of species diversity in relation to a total system.

Specific problem: Where do we make the cut between freedom from governmental over-regulation and socio-economic justice for the public at large? If the freedom of entrepreneurs is too much restricted, development is thwarted, and the public goes short of housing, office space, etc. If the public interest is not properly served we get excessive private wealth, poverty, and public penury. But there is always the old chestnut: just where does the public interest lie?

Finding where to make the cut is much more difficult in times when values are changing very rapidly – as now. This situation requires careful basic research into value questions and their interactions. We also have to examine the culture of planning to see how it will have to change. Even more difficult: we have to look into the likely causes of future changes in values. Where do the big pushes for change come from?

Here is one very major source of value change just coming into general public view:

Demographic change Most Western countries have aging populations (the ‘boomers’) in which the proportion of elderly is rising. Their birthrates are below replacement. This fact will force value change in many areas of the culture and society. And some changes will come very fast – long before we are ready for them politically. Many societies are already facing planning-related change, e.g. in housing, public and private transportation, in city cores, medical services, education, availability of capital, shortage of skilled labour, but also for very lowly work, intake of immigrants (in a competitive situation). Many of these factors lead to tax evasion,

black markets and unethical business, weakening the revenue bases and the power of the individual nation-state to control its own destiny.

There are other powerful sources of value change. Some will be cited in Bite #6. Without first probing at this level of analysis research will lack logical direction. The growth of the profession’s future usefulness to society has, I think, to start from here, as does the future education of the profession. Old rubrics are being supplanted: most professional groups have to face major change.

The opinions expressed in this article are those of the author.

Department Benefits from Software Donation

by Don Boyes, Faculty Member

The Department of Geography recently received a generous donation of image analysis software from Spatial Geo-Link Limited, of Markham, Ontario. The department now has 30 licenses for ERDAS Imagine Professional (including the Vector and Virtual GIS modules), which have a total commercial value of more than \$720,000. Tony Sani, president of Spatial Geo-Link Limited, and a former graduate student in the department, approached the geography department and offered to make the donation, which will be maintained for three years.

The new ERDAS software is an excellent complement to the ESRI GIS software the department uses through the ESRI campus-wide site license. ERDAS is the leading provider of remote sensing image analysis software and ESRI is the leading provider of GIS software. The two companies work closely with each other to ensure software interoperability.

The large number of seats means that the software can be used on every computer in the undergraduate GIS lab, as well as on several faculty computers for research purposes. In fact, the ERDAS software has already been installed in the lab, and will be incorporated into GIS courses taught by Don Boyes, GIS Lecturer, and introduced in Professor Jing Chen’s senior undergraduate remote sensing course. Students will now benefit from working with professional level, industry-standard software for remote sensing as well as GIS.

UTAGA Learning Project Lectures and Trips - a Success!

by Jane Macijauskas

This spring was marked by an exciting expansion of UTAGA's activities. The Alumni Association ventured forth with the UTAGA Learning Project, which included four lectures and four field trips, for U of T Geography and Planning graduates, their families and friends. The events were a wonderful success, raising funds for both of the new geography and planning graduate scholarships, and reintroducing alumni to the love of learning. Alumni and friends returned to the lecture hall to discover the story of China's Sorrow; the perils of flora and fauna in New Zealand; the link between geographic locations and health services; and the personal experiences of a doctor from Medecins sans Frontieres. GeoTrip participants enjoyed meandering walks on Ward and Algonquin Islands, viewing the planting of a traditional African garden at the Toronto Zoo, exploring the mysterious corners of Kensington and hiking the beltline. Alumni were transported back to their student days – the excitement of discovery, but without the homework.

UTAGA's executive looks forward to your participation at future Learning Project events and would like to thank the following individuals for making these lectures and trips possible:

The Department:	Joe Desloges
ULP Co-chairs:	Jane Macijauskas Penny Henry
Lecturers:	Professor Emeritus Joe Whitney Professor Tony Davis Dr. Rick Glazier Dr. A. Omar
Trip Leaders:	Paul Harpley Professor Gunter Gad Bill Freeman Professor Emeritus Joe Whitney Professor Tony Davis Professor Jim Lemon
Organizers:	Jaqueline Peers Marja Gates Joe Guzzi Joe Whitney Jane Macijauskas Susan Werden Ken Jones Jenny Lass

Geography is What Geographers Do

by Roger Clarke, B.A. 7T1

Over the past three articles that I have scribed for the *GEOPLAN* Department of Geography and Planning, I have promoted ideas for students and maybe even faculty to generate research topics and studies on one of my favorite topics, family history research. This type of research is a key component to both historical geography and social geography in understanding how our country, province, and local areas were founded, settled, and developed into the municipalities that we know today. Strangely, I have had little response to the articles despite the challenges offered. Is anyone out there?

Well here goes the **fourth article in the series** and this one is based on the recent release of the complete Census for Canada for 1881 by The Church of the Latter Day Saints (LDS), or the "Mormons" in April 2002. This Census includes details on over 4 million rural and urban residents of Canada in April of 1881. From a sociological and historical perspective, this phase 1 release of information (available from the LDS Distribution Centre -Canadian Desk for \$11.00 US funds on 4 CD Rom's) provides a research tool of the social and geographic structure of Canada some 14 years after Confederation. According to the LDS:

"The census records enumerate individuals, grouped within households and institutions, for the Provinces of British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, and Quebec, and the Northwest Territories. (The Northwest Territories in 1881 contained the current provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan and parts of historical Manitoba, Quebec, and Ontario, plus the Territory of Yukon and the western part of the Territory of Nunavut.)" (LDS Web Site, updated: March 11, 2002).

Phase I of the 1881 Canadian Census Project was conducted at the Institute of Canadian Studies, University of Ottawa, and was directed by Lisa Dillon and Chad Gaffield, Director of the Institute of Canadian Studies. **Phase II** of the 1881 Canadian Census Project, hosted by the Département de Démographie, Université de Montréal, will conduct additional cleaning and refinement of the database to produce a version of the data suitable for social science research."

(<http://prdh3.demo.umontreal.ca/dillon/1881/1881.html>).

While family history research is my personal interest, the reason for this discussion is to promote the partnerships that Universities, students and other academic communities can cooperate with organizations to further geographic and historical research across this country. The 1881 Census project was an effective partnership between the University of Ottawa, Minnesota Population Center (MPC), University of Minnesota, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints incorporating many of the geographic disciplines including mapping, GIS, sociological and historical studies, demographics, land use allocations, spatial referencing etc..

The new millennium brings many challenges and many opportunities to the Department of Geography and Planning and more
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Another Successful U of T Planning Alumni Event

by Michael Skelly

On Thursday April 18, over 200 alumni, planning professionals, faculty and students mixed and mingled at the sixth annual University of Toronto Friends of Planning Spring Social held at Hart House on the main downtown campus. The Spring Social is now one of the planning events that is not to be missed. The event was a great success by all accounts, helping to establish a new scholarship for U of T planning students and raising a record amount of donations for the Friends of Planning Fund. The Fund is dedicating to enriching and improving the learning experience of students in the Planning Program through helping to send students to conferences, funding research projects and bringing in prominent guest lecturers among other initiatives.

Judy Sgro, Member of Parliament for York West and Chair of the Prime Minister's Task Force on Urban Issues, gave a thought provoking talk on the challenges facing Canada's large urban regions. The interim findings of the Task Force were released this past spring.

Members of the Planning Alumni Committee for 2001-2002 were: Michael Skelly (Chair), Andrew Brown, Catherine Cieply, Jason Ferrigan, Thelma Gee, Joe Guzzi, Stephen Lue, Antony Lorius, Nancy Mudrinic, Loretta Ryan, Peter Thome, Tony Volpenesta, Professor Larry Bourne, and Susan Warden.

Planning for the 2003 Spring Social has already begun. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Michael Skelly at mskelly@netcom.ca.



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Speaker Judy Sgro speaks to guests about the challenges facing Canada's urban regions

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*Top: What the Spring Social is all about
Middle: Jenny Lass and Jane Macijauskas
Bottom: Dean Carl Amrhein, Joe Desloges, and Judy Sgro*





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Obituaries

ANTHONY BLACKBOURNE, PH.D. 1938-2002

Anthony Blackbourne, Professor of Geography at Nipissing University, passed away suddenly on April 7, 2002. Born in London, England on June 6, 1938, he obtained a B.Sc. (Econ) from the London School of Economics in 1959, followed by an M.A. at the University of Georgia in 1961, and a Ph.D. in Geography from the University of Toronto in 1968. He taught Geography at the University of Windsor from 1963 to 1983, when he left to become President of Nipissing University College, North Bay. From 1990 until the time of his death he was Professor of Geography at Nipissing University. In June of 2002 he was awarded posthumously an Honorary Doctorate by Nipissing University. Tony is survived by his wife Senta, and three daughters, Barbara, Veronica and Karen. Throughout his career, he was well respected for his compassion, loyalty and attention to scholarship. He published more than forty articles and professional papers, and presented many times at learned conferences worldwide. With such a full schedule he still found time to assume an active leadership role in his community, particularly in the Ontario Trails Council and in the Discovery Routes Partnership. Tony was also a Director of the Nipissing East Community Opportunities organization. His contributions were many and he took each new challenge with a verve and drive that won him much respect by all who knew him.

Submitted by Robert G. Putnam

JOHN THOMPSON, M.Sc.Pl. 1948-2002

We are saddened to report the passing of John Michael Thompson, M.Sc.Pl. (1988). John passed suddenly in Montreal on January 2, 2002 at the age of 54. A graduate of the planning program, John's main interests were in cities and transportation. He worked extensively as a designer and engineer at Northern Electric and later for the TTC. At the TTC he was a lead estimator on several projects such as the Downsview subway terminus, and the Spadina streetcar line and subway interchange. John was passionate and profusely knowledgeable about rapid transit systems, particularly the TTC and railways. As a pro-active member of his community, John was involved with PARA (Palmerston Area Residents Association), Transport 2000, and served as a volunteer at Mt. Sinai Hospital and on the board of Ostomy Toronto. He will be remembered as a warm, cheerful, and caring person who was eager to give his time and resources to help others in his community.

Submitted by David Thompson

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Marlene recently received her Project Management Professional accreditation from the Project Management Institute and is planning to do an MBA once the younger children are a little older.

Paul Juniper, B.A. 7T6, has been elected President of the Human Resources Professionals Association of Ontario for 2002-2003. This not-for-profit association is dedicated to providing leadership and enhancing the contribution of the human resources management profession and, with more than 11,000 members across Ontario, sets and enforces professional standards, identifies best workplace practices and promotes the profession. It is the only accreditation body in Ontario for the professional designation of Certified Human Resources Professional (CHRP). A longtime member of the association, Paul has been a member of the Board of Directors for four years, including two as Vice-President, Professional Standards. He is also a member of the Society for Human Resources Management in the U.S. where he recently earned his Senior Professional in Human Resources designation. Paul is enjoying being principal of HR Matters offering strategic consulting services in recruitment and other areas of human resources management, and finds that he has time to do the volunteer work he wants to do. In fact, he has frequently offered TUGS the opportunity to have him talk to current students about resumes, interviews, networking and job searching.

Beverly Kueper, M.A. 9T5 is with the Ontario Market Analysis Centre of the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation in Toronto.

Roy Nicol, M.A. 9T6 has been employed since 1998 as a typesetter at HarperCollins Publishers in Toronto. Roy has recently returned from Belgium for the press approval of a colour book called "A Day in the Life of the Maple Leafs".

Matthew Ng, B.A., 2T1 is with Securities Industry Services of IBM Global Services in Toronto.

Edwin Ongly, 6T5, has been busy since his (early) retirement from Environment Canada consulting on water quality management for several governments and international agencies in Latin America, Eastern Europe and Asia. Currently, he is advising the Mekong River Commission on water quality programs and will shortly begin a project on transjurisdictional water management in China with the Asian Development Bank.

Glenn Tarver, B.A., 6T5, taught Geography from 1966 to 1978 in a variety of Scarborough high schools and continued in the same jurisdiction as vice-principal from 1978-1989 and principal from 1989 to 1998. He is now happily retired and serving as vice-president of Rugby Ontario with responsibilities for youth rugby and provincial junior representative teams.

Robin Walker, Hon. B.A. 0T1, left for Korea in April of 2002 to teach English for a year as the first teacher at the brand new "Western English School" located in the southern most peninsula in the small town of Yosu.

Let us know what your doing!

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Department Committee, the guests for attending and, indeed, all who had donated so generously to the financing of the book and the George Tatham/Geography Alumni Graduate Scholarship.

This very enjoyable event was brought to a conclusion by Jenny Lass who gave special thanks to the sponsors that made the project and the distribution of the book free of charge possible: The Department of Geography and Program in Planning, The U of T Faculty of Arts and Science, and the U of T Alumni Association.



Author John Warkentin (seated) signs copies of the Tatham biography for faculty, friends, and alumni.

Thanks Susan!

by Jenny Lass

After close to a decade of working with UTAGA and the Department, Susan Werden has left to pursue other avenues. Throughout her years of dedicated service, Susan helped implement yearly events,

such as the PAC Friends of Planning Spring Social, and UTAGA's UofT Day display and Awards Night. She also played a pivotal role in the organization and development of essential initiatives, including *GEOPLAN*, the recent graduate survey, the UTAGA listserv, the History of the Department Project and the UTAGA Learning Project. More importantly, she helped alumni to stay connected with not only the Department, but also each other. Susan was always there for us with an encouraging word, heartfelt advice and



a shoulder to lean on. Her enthusiasm, creativity and accountability were fundamental to UTAGA's success as one of the most active alumni groups at UofT and we wish Susan all the best in her new endeavours.

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particular to the students who face the demands of a new approach to academic study and delivery. The above illustrates on a larger scale what can be done when a set of expertise and skills are grouped, focused and applied to a particular goal. Phase II of the Census project will include the US 1880 Census (LDS) and the 1881 UK Census (LDS). Part of that exercise involves the development of a North American data base through the "North Atlantic Population Project" (<http://www.pop.umn.edu/napp/index.html>), which will:

provide a remarkable resource for the study of international migration, urbanization, industrialization and the fertility transition. It will allow the comparative investigation of a wide range of topics in social and demographic history, such as the employment of women and children, domestic service, boarding and lodging, marriage patterns, living arrangements of the aged and of children, industrial and occupational structure, life-course transitions to adulthood, the household economy, and internal migration. For each of these topics, the database will provide information on the interrelationships among variables that cannot be obtained from any other source.

(http://www.pop.umn.edu/napp/proposal_p2.html).

There are opportunities for students, teachers, educators and institutions to "tap" into these resources and provide the services and the research skills required to accomplish these goals and projects. The skills that are needed include a background in geographic and historical studies, the ability to do thorough research, analysis, statistical analysis, work in a team environment, good communication skills and excellent writing skills. Developing these skills are essential for a good academic career and a necessity for a challenging business career.

Look over the horizon, identify the challenge, seize the opportunity and most important enjoy what you do.

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Odds and Ends

Your memory lane photo on page 3 of the Spring 2002 *GEOPLAN* lists the women third-from-the-right as "Unknown". Although the image is quite small I can say with near certainty that it is my mother, Janet Braide, nee Harbron. My mother did not complete her MA in Geography, but did complete an MFA at Concordia in the 1970's and became a respected art historian and author. She died in 1986. I shared her love of geography and did my M.A. in geography at U of T, graduating in 1985. My uncle John Harbron tells me he knew and remembers just about everyone in that photo and that it was a very close-knit group. My mother used to tell me about the wonderful field trips that she did at that time.

Thank you for including this delightful photo.

Mary Jane Braide

Toronto, ON.

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Field Camp – Twenty Years at Sutton

Professor Tony Davis

This year will mark our twentieth visit to Sutton in the eastern Townships. The Quebec connection began when Willie Smith* tapped into financial support from the Ontario-Quebec Exchange Program, an initiative to foster interprovincial educational contacts. We benefitted from this scheme until it was dropped two years ago.

We've shifted lodgings through the years. For a long time it was Le Refuge, close to "downtown" Sutton. Proprietor and cook, Patrice Falluel, did his best to produce French cuisine for what he often thought (and declared!) was an unappreciative crowd. For the last few years we have stayed at La Paimpolaise, a small hotel next to the main ski lodge at Mount Sutton. The location is ideal for fieldwork, but removed from the fleshpots of Sutton (wherever they are!).

Most of the field camp is spent on Round Top, at nearly 1000 m the highest bump in the Sutton Range, the northern extension of the Green Mountains of Vermont. Getting to the top is a priority for Day 3. In all of our years at Sutton, we have failed to make the top only once (lousy weather). Only one student in about 400 has failed to scale the dizzying heights. It is well worth the effort though. The views are spectacular – south down the Green Mountains to Mt. Mansfield, west across Lake Champlain

to Whiteface and the Adirondacks, and east to Mt. Washington in the White Mountains. I've logged at least 50 ascents over the years.

The climbs have not been without incident. Black bear are few (we've seen only one) and the eastern mountain lion reported in the area, have failed to show, but the trail offers its own difficulties. Last year, the instructors were part of a dramatic mountain rescue of a local woman with a broken leg. The rescue, by the Cowansville Emergency Response Unit, involved several firemen scaling Round Top in full gear and a four hour evacuation by stretcher, ATV and ambulance.

As always, the main focus of field camp are the group projects. Over the years these have fallen into three main categories – geomorphological investigations of the East Branch of the Sutton River (wimps!), vegetation mapping and analysis (including those intrepid folks climbing daily to the summit), and studies of local variations in soil characteristics. It never gets stale. We seem to find new projects or new directions every year. For example, the 1998 ice storm cut a swath of damage across the middle slopes resulting in a suite of projects since then that have focused on the patterns of ice damage and recovery.

**Willie Smith is currently the Director of the School of Geography and Environmental Science at the University of Auckland.*

The 2000 Crew

Left to right front row: Katie MacDonald, Tuutalik Boychuk, Janette Lo, Jennifer Lea (TA), , Martin Gombay.

Back row: Tony Davis, Tali Bonkowski, Kate Buckeridge, Joe Desloges, Trevor Taylor, Michael Blake, Sarah Pickering.

Photographer: Katarina Loukas



George Tatham and Planning Alumni Scholarships

As we announced last spring, the department continues to highlight the opportunity for contributing to two new scholarships awards for geography and planning. The University recognizes the need for enhancing financial support in the humanities and social sciences. To address this need, the University has entered into an innovative partnership with the Government of Ontario to encourage donors to endow graduate fellowships in these disciplines. The Ontario Graduate Scholars program will greatly increase funds available for graduate student aid, and will thus enable U of T to attract the very best young scholars internationally from across various disciplines. As President Birgeneau has noted, the quality of graduate students is important in attracting top faculty to the University. Graduate students and their research make major contributions to Canada's competitiveness in the knowledge economy, and to the University's position as one of the world's top research universities.

Graduate students who have maintained at least an A- average over their past two years of study can qualify for the provincial government's Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) awards, which are allocated across the sciences, the humanities and the social sciences. The province's decision, effective May 2001, to increase both the number and value of OGS awards available has resulted in the University's decision to develop a new endowed matching program to build on OGS.

Under the OGS expansion, the Faculty of Arts and Science was designated over 300 awards, of which up to 16 have been allocated to the Department of Geography & Program in Planning. Each award is valued at \$15,000 per year. The province is committed to providing \$10,000 per award. The University is now inviting donors, through the provision of the remaining \$5,000, to help trigger this government match. Donors are essential 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. **Here is how the program works in the humanities and social sciences:**

- A donor's or group of donors' \$50,000 endowment is matched 1:1 by U of T;
- This combined endowment of \$100,000 generates \$5,000 per year;
- The \$5,000 payout is then matched 2:1 through OGS, creating the \$15,000 annual award;
- The net effect is a 5:1 match on the payout from the original donation.

Two new awards for geography & planning

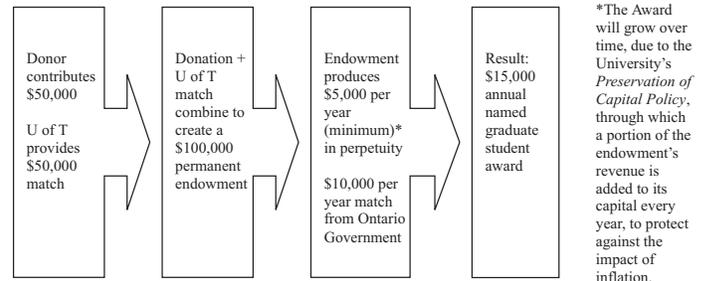
UTAGA's Learning Project initiative was established to provide our alumni and friends with an opportunity to participate in a wide range of educational and social activities and at the same time raise funds for two newly established scholarships: "The George Tatham / Geography Alumni Graduate Scholarship" and "The University of Toronto Planning Alumni Graduate Scholarship". If the goal of \$50,000 in donations and pledges in each of these funds is attained then they will become OGS awards. If the goal is not reached the awards will remain as regular scholarships administered through the department.

Please note: while the form on page 15 only includes the names of the two new scholarships, UTAGA recognizes that alumni may still wish to contribute to one of the department's other charitable funds. A list is provided in the box below. If you wish to donate to one of these funds, please indicate the fund name and number in the space provided on the form on page 15.

For additional information about OGS awards and other

Ontario Graduate Scholarships at the University of Toronto Humanities & Social Sciences

5:1 matching from the Ontario Government and U of T



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George Tatham / Geography Alumni Graduate Scholarship (56-7778)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
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Left to Right: Len Swatridge, Judy?, Lynn McNeil, Don?, John Reid, Eva?

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