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A newsletter for alumni and friends



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You Are Invited...

On Thursday April 14, 2005, the Department will host its annual Planning Alumni Social in the Great Hall at Hart House. We are looking forward to an extraordinary event which will include a feature address by Mr. Michael Lewis, Project Director of Boston's Big Dig, Massachusetts Turnpike Authority. See pages 6 and 11 for details.

On Saturday April 30, 2005, the Department will host a luncheon to honour the 70th Anniversary of the Department and its founder, Dr. Griffith Taylor (see page 9 for details). At this event we will establish the Griffith Taylor Scholarship. I would like to extend a warm invitation to alumni and friends to join us for these ceremonies.

Joe Desloges, Chair

Griffith Taylor (1880-1963) *Founder Of University Of Toronto Geography*

By Marie Sanderson and Dick Baine

Griffith Taylor spent his early years in Sydney, Australia. He studied science at the University of Sydney and met the man who played an important role in his career, Professor (later Sir) Edgeworth David. It was David's lectures in physiography that inspired Taylor to his life-work, since David's interpretation of physiography illustrated the intimate connection between human affairs, climate and geology. He also learned from David the methods of successful lecturing. He stated "How many famous scientists have I known who failed in two major respects. They could not remember the low intelligence of the student body and they *would* mumble."

Taylor was a student at Cambridge University in 1908-9 when the English nation was possessed with polar fever and Robert Falcon Scott

was organizing his second Antarctic expedition. Since the North Pole had been claimed by the Americans, Peary and Cook, the British, and especially the Royal Geographical Society under Sir Clements Markham, insisted that the South Pole be discovered by an Englishman. The British Antarctic Expedition of 1910-12, organized by Scott, was a serious scientific expedition as well as an attempt to be the first at the South Pole.

Hundreds of applications for places in the expedition were received, Grif's among them. He was pleased to be accepted as chief geologist and

have as colleagues his Cambridge friends Frank Debenham (later to become director of the Scott Polar Research Institute in Cambridge), Grif's future brother-in-law Raymond (later Sir Raymond) Priestley and Charles (later Sir Charles) Wright, a Canadian physicist, who was also to become Grif's brother-in-law.

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Many books continue to be written about the expedition, but the most moving was the one written by Scott himself and published after his death. Who can forget the tragic story of Scott, Wilson, Bowers, Oates and Evans, who hauled their sledges 500 miles to the pole only to find that the Norwegian Amundsen had been there a month previously. Scott's words penned at the pole were unforgettable: "Great God! This is an awful place and trouble enough to have laboured to it without the reward of priority." And after that came the tragic attempt to return to base camp: Evans' and Oates' deaths and finally the deaths of Scott, Wilson and Bowers just a few miles short of One-Ton Depot.

Taylor was chosen by Scott to be the leader of a four-month long Western Geological Party, which produced amazing three-dimensional diagrams of the coastal mountains, attaining levels of accuracy not surpassed until the advent of aerial photography. He also became familiar with Scott, as did all the members of the expedition during the long months of winter darkness spent at Hut Point before the attempt on the pole. Scott organized a series of lectures, and Grif lectured on his favourite subject, physiography. Scott was most impressed. "Taylor's intellect," he wrote, "is omnivorous and versatile. His mind is unceasingly active, his grasp wide."

After his Antarctic experience, Taylor returned to Australia, founding the Department of Geography at the University of Sydney. His lectures and articles on the Australian environment clearly illustrated the arid nature of the interior of Australia. They also sparked a controversy in the Australian press, since the government of the day was actively encouraging settlement in the interior. The result was that Taylor's books were banned in Western Australia, and the prime minister of Australia called Grif's interpretation "infamous lies." Partly because of the controversy, in 1928 Taylor decided to leave Australia

and take a position at the University of Chicago where he remained for seven years.

Taylor first visited the University of Toronto shortly after arriving in Chicago. In 1929, he was invited by Harold Innis, an economist at University of Toronto, to speak to the Royal Canadian Institute. In 1931, Innis wrote Taylor, asking him if he would consider coming to Toronto to inaugurate a department of geography. "Your appointment would solve all problems, giving us a strong department to start out. Geography would be enormously advanced in Canada." Geographers in Canada thus owe a large debt of gratitude to Innis. He was very interested in geography and convinced that Toronto should have a department of geography and that Taylor was the man to inaugurate it. His appointment finally occurred in 1935.

At Toronto, Taylor's status as an Australian geographer in North America changed to one of the most eminent international geographers of his time. In 1941, he was elected president of the Association of American Geographers, one of the few non-Americans to have been so honoured. Grif also found the time to write and travel while lecturing to the large classes in introductory geography at Toronto. *Environment Race and Migration* was published in 1937, *Our Evolving Civilization* appeared in 1946, *Urban Geography* in 1949, and *Geography in the Twentieth Century* in 1951. He saw most of Canada before writing his regional geography text, *Canada*, traveling by train across the continent and by steamer down the Mackenzie River as far as Tuktoyaktuk.

His students in Toronto carried the gospel of the 'new geography' throughout Canada. Wreford Watson and Lloyd Reeds founded the department at McMaster, Dick Ruggles at Queen's and Bill Wonders at Alberta. The first Ph.D. in geography awarded in Canada in

1943 was to a Chinese student of Grif's, Chun-fen Lee, who later became vice-president of Shanghai's prestigious East China Normal University.

As his students, we all stood a little in awe of Grif as a professor, and we realized that we were fortunate to be in his classes. His lectures were intensely stimulating, whether we agreed with what he was saying or not. Beneath the gruff exterior, there was a very kind human being. He invited many of us to his lovely home in Forest Hill Village and used his influence to obtain graduate scholarships and jobs for us.

A short time ago UTAGA wrote to a number of graduates of the 40s and 50s as part of its research into the history of the department. The single most frequent recollection of Taylor was how he 'turned on' to geography many of the students who took his first year introductory course. Many remember him striding into the large lecture hall of the Economics Building on Bloor St., tattered gown flying (yes, they wore academic gowns to lectures then), taking his place on the raised platform at the front, talking to some 300 "young Can-aye-dians" about man and the environment and why they should appreciate the wealth and potential of "Canader".

Why should Taylor be remembered and honoured? It is because he was a pioneer, willing to battle for what he believed to be the role of geography in the university, in education in general, and in national and world affairs. Because of his infectious enthusiasm for geography, he communicated his love of the subject to his students.

The special UTAGA event planned for April 30 will honour Taylor's memory and raise money for the Griffith Taylor scholarship (see page 9).

Awards Night 2004

By Fenton Chin, 9T4

The Geography Department and UTAGA carried on the annual tradition of honouring its distinguished scholars and alumni for the 10th time last year. This event took place at “Old Vic” (Alumni Hall, Victoria College) on November 9, 2004. The Department awarded 35 undergraduate and graduate students with prizes for their academic achievements, and UTAGA recognized eight individuals.

UTAGA’s Outstanding Service Awards were presented to six people. **Gunter Gad**, a retiring professor, was given this award in appreciation of his many years of research, teaching and administering in the Department, as well as his contributions to UTAGA. **Dick Baine**, one of the founding members of UTAGA, still generously donates his time and expertise in helping our alumni association. He truly epitomizes geography in every way, and was a well-deserving recipient of this award. **Jane Macijauskas**, UTAGA’s current vice-president, has been an active volunteer in the Department and alumni association, and was rewarded for her contributions. **Loretta Ryan**, **Antony Lorius** and **Andrew Brown**, also received these awards. They are dedicated leaders of UTAGA’s Planning Alumni Committee and tireless supporters of its social events.

John Britton, a well-known and well-respected faculty member, was the year’s recipient of the Honorary President Award. During his long tenure at Toronto, he served as Department Chair, recruited outstanding faculty members and created undergraduate and graduate programs. Many of the Department’s graduates, who have pursued successful careers in many fields, can attribute their success to his mentoring and advising.

The Distinguished Alumnus award was given to **Eric Sheppard**, currently a professor at the University of Minnesota. Having passionately studied urban and economic geography as a student at the University of Toronto, he has become an outstanding leader in research and teaching.

Many more alumni of this university deserve similar recognition. Please submit your nominations for 2005 to the Department no later than April 30, 2005 (*see page 5*).



Tony Davis and Dawn Davidson



Don May and Renee Gomes



Fenton Chin and Eric Sheppard



Matthew Hanson and Robert Lewis

Photographs by Kristina Baliunas

2004 Award Winners

UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS

Alpar Undergraduate Scholarship

Ryan Hackett

Josephina Rekers

Canadian Association of Geographers Award

Christine Hollander

Outstanding Performance Awards

GGR 201/203/205/206: Aisling Brady

GGR 220: Emily Anderson

GGR 233: Rachel Van Sligtenhorst

GGR 240: John Peter Grant

GGR 391: Anna Gunz

Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award

Josephina Rekers

Donald Putnam Scholarship

Sean Ellery

Ben Shindman Scholarship in Geography

Roza Tchoukaleyska

The Edward Blake Scholarship in Earth Science

Craig Andrew Case

Undergraduate Griffith Taylor Memorial Award

Dawn Davidson

Rebecca Crump

Undergraduate Computer Applications Award

Anna Gunz

The Undergraduate Geography Toronto Award

Michael Stasyna

The Sidney and Lucille Silver Scholarship

Shelley McCabe

GRADUATE AWARDS

Alpar Graduate Scholarship

Daniel Rosen

Geography Toronto Award

Matthew Hanson

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

Stephane Lelasseux

ESRI Canada / Government of Ontario

Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology

Tanzina Mohsin

Joseph A. May Scholarship

Glenna Harris

Laura Taylor

The Donald F. Putnam / George Tatham / Ontario

Graduate Scholarship in Geography

Tarmo Remmel

Griffith Taylor Memorial Graduate Award

Christopher Houser

Alan Walks

The Neptis Foundation / Ontario Graduate Scholarship in

Geography and Planning

Valentine Cadieux

Chris Eckley

J. Michael Tomczak /

Ontario Graduate Scholarship in Geography

Jennifer Ridgley

PLANNING PROGRAM AWARDS

Benjamin Sonshine Urban Planning Award

Susan Mintz

Alan Tonks Planning Scholarship

Uttara Chauhan

Yi Jin Woo

Peter R. Walker Planning Scholarship

Melissa Tapper

Ian D. Macpherson Award

Brent Gilmour

Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP)

Award for Academic Excellence

Renee Gomes

Edie Yolles Award in Urban Planning

Amy-Lynn Hall

Edward Sorbara / Urban Development Institute of Toronto /

Ontario Graduate Scholarship in Geography and Planning

Kate Parizeau

CUCS Urban Planning Research Award

Jeff Cantos

Lori Tesolin

University of Toronto Planning Alumni /

Ontario Graduate Scholarship

Annely Zonena



Jane Macijauskas and Dick Baine

UTAGA AWARDS 2005 - NOMINATION FORM

DEADLINE: April 30, 2005

Name of Nominee: _____

Name(s) of Nominator(s): _____

Award: _____

Please explain how the nominee meets the award criteria and attach any supporting documents that you believe will help the selection committee (use additional pages if needed).

NOMINATION PROCEDURE:

Complete a separate form for each person nominated. Return the form(s) to: UTAGA Recognition Committee, c/o Department of Geography & Program in Planning, Room 5047, 100 St. George Street, Toronto, ON M5S 3G3; or send your nomination by email to utaga@geog.utoronto.ca. Nominations from faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends will be accepted. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Kim Graham, UTAGA Special Events Co-ordinator, using the above e-mail address.

Judging Criteria:

- 1. UTAGA Distinguished Alumnus Award:** This award is given to an alumnus of the Department and its programs, who has had a career of exceptional distinction and brought honour to the Department.
- 2. UTAGA Honorary President Award.** This award is given to an individual who has made an exceptional contribution to the Department or its programs and its alumni.
- 3. Outstanding Service Award.** This award is presented annually to up to five individuals who have made outstanding voluntary contributions to the Department, its programs, its students or its alumni. Nominees may be alumni or friends, but NOT students currently enrolled in the department.
- 4. Geography Toronto (GT) Awards (Graduate and Undergraduate).** These awards are presented to students who have made outstanding contributions to the Department of Geography & Program in Planning. Note: Only students graduating during the same year that these prizes are awarded are eligible. In 2005, nominees must receive their degrees during either the Spring (June) or Fall (November) Convocation ceremonies. Award winners are individuals who have been extensively involved in extra-curricular activities targeted at fellow geography/planning students, while at the same time achieving above average academic grades. There can be more than one recipient for these awards.

Big Ideas . . . Big Plans . . . Big Dig!

The 2005 Friends of Planning Spring Social

*By Corwin Cambray, M.Sc.Pl. 9T7, Mimi Ng, B.A. 9T3, M.Sc.Pl. 9T7,
Vivienne Skoberne, B.A. 9T3, M.Sc.Pl. 9T7*



Building on the success of previous years, the 2005 Friends of Planning Spring Social promises an evening of great food, networking with fellow alumni and planning colleagues and an opportunity to learn more about Boston's 'Big Dig' Project!

Presented by UTAGA's Planning Alumni Committee, the Spring Social will be held on Thursday April 14th, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Great Hall, Hart House. Mix and mingle with over 300 public, private, academic and not-for-profit professionals who are expected to attend this year's exciting event.

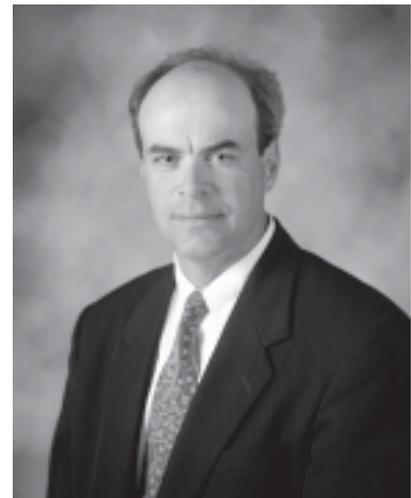
This year's featured speaker is **Michael Lewis**, Project Director of Boston's 'Big Dig', Massachusetts Turnpike Authority. Come out and hear Mr. Lewis speak about the Central Artery/Tunnel Project, better known as the 'Big Dig' - the largest, most complex, and technologically challenging highway project ever attempted in American history. The project will dramatically reduce traffic congestion and improve mobility in one of America's oldest and most congested major cities, improve the environment, and lay the groundwork for continued reinvestment and growth in Boston and the surrounding area.

About the Speaker

An eleven-year veteran of the Central Artery/Tunnel Project, Mr. Lewis was named Project Director in December 2000. Prior to his appointment as Project Director, he served as Deputy Project Director for Design and Engineering. Mr. Lewis is a civil engineer who was educated at McGill University in Montreal and the University of Vermont.

The Spring Social is planned as part of the UTAGA Learning Project. In lieu of an admission fee, a minimum \$45 donation to the University of Toronto Planning Alumni Graduate Scholarship is suggested. For additional information about the scholarship please see page 11.

We would like to take this opportunity to give special thanks to this year's platinum sponsors, including: Aird & Berlis LLP; Bousfields Inc.; Cassels Brock Lawyers; Davies Howe Partners; Hemson Consulting Ltd.; Fasken Martineau; Lea Consulting; and Wittington Properties Limited. The Planning Alumni Committee also wishes to thank the Ontario Professional Planners Institute and the Faculty of Arts and Science for their promotional support of the event. For information about other sponsorship opportunities for this year, please contact Antony Lorus at 416-593-5090 x34 or alorius@hemson.com.



We are anticipating significant interest in this year's event Big Ideas. . .Big Plans. . .Big Dig. As a result, the event location has moved from the Debates Room to the Great Hall at Hart House. We want you to be a part of this event. Please RSVP by April 5, 2005 using the form on page 11. For more information, please contact utaga@geog.utoronto.ca or call 416-971-2658.

Bring your colleagues! Bring your associates! Bring friends of alumni! They are all welcome and encouraged to attend this important social event.

Cool Websites for Geographers & Planners

By Fenton Chin 9T4

Planning Bite #9

By John Dakin

1. <http://www.new7wonders.com>. We know the seven wonders of the world, right? From now until next year, you can surf this site and look at other wonders on our planet, then vote for seven new ones.
2. <http://www.relibrary.com>. Check out all the literature you wish on the topic of real estate with this online library. Note: this focuses mainly on American real estate, but it's a useful reference nevertheless. Remember, the three most important things in real estate are: location, location and location.
3. <http://www.travel-library.com>. Here's another handy library for researching your next vacation destination (or perhaps checking out potential sites for your new home).
4. <http://www.wordswithoutborders.org>. Speaking of libraries and literacy, *Words Without Borders* is an international organization and electronic journal aimed at promoting literature worldwide. It's similar to the well-known *Doctors Without Borders* and *Lawyers Without Borders* groups. Geographers truly have no boundaries!
5. <http://www.alertnet.org>. This is a rapid news and emergency information distribution service, alerting people to where humanitarian aid is needed. This includes places where natural disasters occur, such as the catastrophic tsunami in Southeast Asia in late December 2005.
6. <http://www.earthquakes.com>. This name speaks for itself. It's designed for Americans, but it's useful for non-Americans too. It focuses on earthquakes and related geological and geographic information in the United States.
7. <http://www.tsunami.org>. This is another site with a self-explanatory name. Its focus is on the Pacific Ocean. The site has useful information about emergency preparedness and disaster recovery.
8. <http://www.new-utopia.com>. "New Utopia" believe it or not, is the proposed name of a new country in the making. This may just be a joke, or even the plan of a daydreamer, but it's a site worth visiting, if only for entertainment.
9. <http://www.thebanmappingproject.com>. While the Geography Department recently completed the Historical Atlas of Canada Project, anyone who's interested in a voyage to Egypt may like to observe the mapping project of an ancient, distant land.
10. <http://www.gpsinformation.net>. At first glance, this looks like a very boring site, presented on a text-based browser. However, it contains a lot of links to many useful sites dealing with GPS (Global Positioning Systems).

The recent award of the Nobel Prize for Peace offers an example of 'thinking about thinking.'

Criticism has been made that the recipient's life-focus had been on the human-made environment of societies, institutions and physical infrastructures, but not on peace specifically. The defence made by the committee for the Peace Award was that peace can be achieved only if the conditions of human life are first made tolerable.

It's futile to concentrate on peace if the life-condition of human beings are insufferable. Focus on mitigating oppressive physical, economic, work-life and social conditions. Only then does peace become a realistically achievable goal. The recipient of the Prize was assessed as having done the necessary 'thinking about thinking' to justify the Prize.

Among the contemporary efforts that pass for thinking, many examples of failure to order the dependencies of goals merit analysis. Take the Muslim in Durban (Bite #6) applying to double his residential floor space as he was taking a second wife. The planning authorities' refusal to grant permission was entirely legal. But it was insufficient because the planners (all Westerners) had not thought about planning for a society of three different cultures, each having its own marriage tradition. The sociological and legal depth of thinking used in making the plan had been too shallow. This kind of approach can lead only to further demands on governments, planners and other elements of the social systems.

An example of failure to think 'deeper' in the urban core context is this. It seems a good idea to encourage high density residential minimum floor space condo development so that office workers can live near their work, thus reducing public and private costs of long commutes.

This means, at the very beginning of thinking about a problem, a necessary safeguard against the mistake of arriving at a too 'shallow' answer will be to search for the deepest levels of enquiry. No matter if one goes too deep, a solution of reasonable durability can be reached at a shallower level to everybody's satisfaction. Of course, the deeper answer may not suit the politics, as every practicing planner well knows.

But there is another dimension to 'thinking about thinking.' Instead of 'shallow-deep' one can move 'sideways' (laterally). For this, try looking at the electronic spatial transfer of money, data, imagery, and the highly sophisticated development of credit.

John A. Crosby 1921-2003

By John Warkentin, with help from Cathy Crosby



Geography students of the 1950s will fondly remember John Crosby, an irrepressible, irreverent, sentimental, egalitarian, quintessential American. He taught cartography and other undergraduate courses in the Department of Geography from 1953 to 1956. Born in Chicago, John was a son of the manse. A fine singer, he was a student and soprano at the Choir School of

the Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York City. As an undergraduate, John studied geology at the University of Chicago. Swimming and diving ranked with his love for singing, and at Chicago John earned two letters on the university diving team. He graduated in 1943, and after war service did graduate work in geography at the University of Washington under the U.S. GI-Bill, and received his Ph.D in 1959.

In geography departments after World War II, skill in drawing accurate, well designed maps was considered fundamental in a proper geographical education. At Toronto, John was responsible primarily for teaching cartography, succeeding Lillian Wonders who had moved to Alberta with her husband William C. Wonders. But John also taught regional and topical courses. During his World War II service John had been a Topographic Draftsman and Bombsight Mechanic, and though his Ph.D thesis at Washington was in economic geography, his primary geographic interest was in cartography. A highly artistic map maker, John was particularly intrigued by devising relief effectively on small-scale maps, but his main interest was always in the classroom, and he taught the basics of cartography with boisterous enthusiasm.

Life was good in Toronto, and decades after he left the city for California he still cherished his memories of the city and the department. While in Toronto he continued to sing, attended concerts, and regularly used the Hart House pool. Raising a growing family (two of his four children were born in Toronto) on the slender salary of those years posed problems.

Laughter and the unexpected followed John. One noon hour while taking a break from the department, then located on Bloor Street, we came upon a splendid car parked at the curb where the Colonnade is now located. John longed to have a fine car. On the windshield he quickly stuck a note

with his name and phone number, complimented the owner on his good taste, and suggested if he wanted to sell to please get in touch. A month or so later John added to his budget problems when he acquired a 1947 twelve cylinder Lincoln Continental.

John left Toronto when he was offered the opportunity to help establish a geography department at Fresno State College in California. He stayed there until he retired in 1991. The Lincoln went with the family, and his daughter Catherine wrote after his death, on the 'car episode': "My memory of it was the little rubber blade fan that was under the dashboard and aimed at the driver. I suppose this passed for air conditioning, but in Fresno was effective only as entertainment – we could stick our fingers in the blades and not get hurt! We were easily amused at that age."

Outdoor activities remained important to John. And he always moved quickly on matters that were important to him. Within an hour of receiving word from Fresno State that he had achieved tenure, he signed the contract for a fine swimming pool with a diving board five metres long to be installed in his backyard.

John had the gift of friendship. A man of romance, passion and generous spirit, he wrote candid, emotional, vivid, Christmas newsletters, full of both charitable and uncharitable thoughts and opinions. Warmly received and highly regarded by his friends, a couple are still with me. Catherine wrote, "Of course, to us they were simply unbearably embarrassing." These letters, plus occasional phone calls, meant that his Canadian friends felt he had never left.

John's heart gave out October 4, 2003. He is survived by four children from an early marriage, five grandchildren, and his second wife Myrtle "Sandy" Oak.



John loved sketching people, and attaching wicked captions. This quick sketch of himself was done just before he came to Toronto with his first wife Betty, valiantly trying to survive financially as a grad student.



70th Anniversary Luncheon April 30, 2005 and Launch of the Griffith Taylor Scholarship

Hart House, Music Room, 2nd Floor, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Please RSVP by April 11, 2005

11 a.m.-Noon: Mix and Mingle Cash Bar

Noon-3 p.m.: Luncheon

Special Speaker: Joe Whitney, former Chair of the Department

There will be an exhibit of Taylor's books and the special poster on Taylor's life prepared by UTAGA.

Cost of the event is \$100 and includes lunch, and a copy of the Taylor Poster.

A charitable receipt for \$60 for income tax purposes will be issued by the University.

Registration/Pledge Form

ADDRESS INFORMATION (please print clearly)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov.: _____ Country: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ (res.) _____ (bus.) _____ Fax: _____

- I wish to attend the 70th Anniversary luncheon April 30, 2005
I would like to make an additional donation of \$_____ to the Taylor Scholarship Fund
I will not be able to attend but would like to make a contribution of \$_____ to the Taylor Scholarship Fund
Cheque/money order enclosed (payable to the University of Toronto) in the amount of \$_____.
Please charge my credit card \$_____ upon receipt of this form.
Mastercard Visa AMEX Card # _____ / _____ / _____
Expiry date ____/____/____

Name on Card: _____ Cardholder's signature: _____

(Please sign for validation)

Please return completed forms to: Department of Geography, University of Toronto, 5th floor, 100 St. George Street, Toronto, ON, M5S 3G3 or fax to 416-946-3886. For further information about donation options please contact Kim Graham 416-971-2658. Thank you! To attend the Anniversary luncheon this form MUST be returned by April 11, 2005.

Massey Medal Winner, Larry Bourne



Dr. Larry Bourne is described by his peers as Canada's "premier urban geographer." Indeed, over more than 30 years as a professor of geography and planning at the University of Toronto, he has contributed greatly to the emerging field of urban geography, both in academia and in the realm of policy-making.

His comparative and collaborative research is also lauded for its excellence. He played a key role in the establishment and success of the University's Centre for Urban and Community Studies, which has provided a research base for Canadian and international scholars.

The Massey Medal recognizes outstanding achievement in the exploration and development of description of Canada's geography. Dr. Bourne's research is relevant and instrumental in showing how geography is vital to understanding many fundamental urban issues. And by successfully bridging the worlds of theory and practice, he has taken this wisdom one step further.

Christian Michel Dufournaud 1949-2005

By Joe Whitney

Christian obtained his Ph.D from the University of Toronto in 1980 with a dissertation on the coordination of water resources and problems of cooperation among the riparian countries of the Mekong River Basin in Southeast Asia. Following this, he took up an appointment in Geography at the University of Waterloo, specializing in quantitative methods and environmental/economic interactions.

During his career, Christian developed a wide interest in environmental/economic problems of developing countries and published work on this topic.

At the time of his death in February of this year, Christian was on leave from the University of Waterloo working at the United Arab Emirates University where he was Associate Dean in the Government, Policy and Urban Studies Unit in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Christian will be remembered for his rigorous scholarship, sense of fun and outspokenness. We extend our deepest sympathy to Christian's wife, Dolly and his three children, Catherine, Daniel and Victor.

Departmental News

New Appointments

Mr. Paul Bedford, former chief planner for the City of Toronto, has been appointed as Adjunct Professor.

Dr. Ron Buliung has been appointed Assistant Professor in Spatial Analysis at UTM starting January 1, 2006.

Effective July 1, 2005:

Professor Rick DiFrancesco has been appointed as Director of the Urban Studies Program at Innis College.

Professor Meric Gertler has accepted the post of Vice-Dean for Graduate Education and Research in the Faculty of Arts and Science.

Upcoming Retirements

On June 30, 2005 the department will see the retirement of no less than six of our distinguished senior colleagues. These include Professors John Britton, Larry Bourne, Rorke Bryan, Jock Galloway, Reiner Jaakson and Tom McIlwraith. Look for more news about this in our next issue of the GeoPlan.

Alumni Bulletin Board

Rick Clow, B.Sc. 7T4 received a 2004 Ontario Volunteer Service Award for his 22 years of service as a member of the Environmental Landscape Management Diploma Program Advisory Committee, and his 11 years of service as its Chair, at the Seneca College of Applied Arts and Technology, King Campus, Ontario. **Bruce Duncan, B.A. 6T3** was recognized by CIP for his outstanding contributions to the planning profession and was inducted into the College of Fellows July, 2004.

Tracy Tang, B.A. 9T9 and Kevin McMaster were married on Oct. 2, 2004. Congratulations!

Jill Wigle, M.Sc.Pl. 9T9, Ph.D candidate under the supervision of Professor Amrita Daniere, recently returned from seven months of fieldwork in Mexico City where she is studying low-income housing. To undertake her fieldwork, Jill was awarded a Doctoral Research Award from the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) in Ottawa. This program supports the field research of Canadian and Developing Country Nationals enrolled in a Canadian university for doctoral research on a topic of relevance to sustainable and equitable development. Additional support for her fieldwork comes from a Sir Val Duncan Travel Grant from the Centre for International Studies at the Munk Centre, University of Toronto. Jill is also the recipient of the 2004-2005 Margaret McWilliams Pre-Doctoral Fellowship from the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW).

University of Toronto
Friends of Planning Spring Social RSVP & Scholarship Appeal
Completed forms should be returned by fax to 416-946-3886 or to the address below.

RSVP

YES, I wish to attend the "Friends of Planning Spring Social" on April 14, 2005.

(Note: RSVPs must be received by April 5, 2005 if you wish to attend.)

My name as it should appear on my name tag: _____

Name of association/employer to appear on my name tag: _____

I intend to bring ____ (#) guests and have attached their names and association on a separate sheet herewith.

Donations/Pledges

In 2002, alumni and friends of the Program in Planning established *The University of Toronto Planning Alumni Graduate Scholarship* to recognize academic excellence on the part of our graduate students. Now, the department is hoping to take advantage of a wonderful matching opportunity by the Government of Ontario that will substantially increase the impact of this award by transforming it into a *U of T Planning Alumni / Ontario Graduate Scholarship*. The resulting endowment will generate a prestigious annual scholarship worth \$15,000 that will be awarded to top scholars. We are appealing to our alumni and friends to assist us in fulfilling our commitment to establish the U of T Planning Alumni / Ontario Graduate Scholarship by helping us to raise the additional \$10,000 needed to trigger the government match. **All pledges must be made by December 31, 2005.**

I wish to support The University of Toronto Planning Alumni Graduate Scholarship

**A minimum \$25 for students, and \$45 for others is suggested.*

University of Toronto Planning Alumni Graduate Scholarship (56-7777) \$ _____

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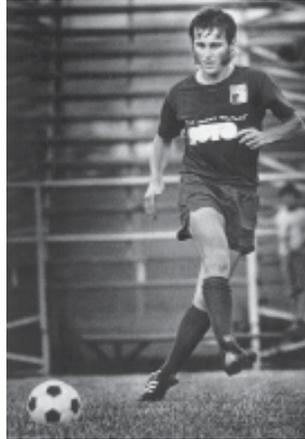
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