LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Our U of T campuses ...

are buzzing during the day with the sounds of students giggling, chatting, walking between buildings, singing along to their iPods and mumbling into their cellphones. But the campus at night — and I can only speak from experience about St. George — is also hopping, although most of us who return to the comfort of our abodes are too far away to notice.

Campus at night has a different, special feel to it. It's as if the buildings have shrugged off their work-a-day attire and clothed themselves in party duds, ready to frolic.

The blanket of darkness gives the paths and walkways a mellow feel, but it's misleading. The sidewalks

are speckled with people on their way to and fro, ants in the university anthill, each full of eager purpose. They're heading off to night classes, to the library, to an athletic facility, lab or studio or to one of the many lectures, plays or concerts taking place. They're grabbing a quick hot dog from a vendor or sipping a cup of coffee as they bend over textbooks and notes.

Step inside any classroom building and you're certain to find pockets of learners, both degree candidates and members of the workforce determinedly adding to their

credentials. Hart House is humming with activity, an oasis of light in a dusky world, as club members enjoy their myriad pursuits. The Athletic Centre is rife with energetic bodies working off some of the stresses pent up during a day of lectures.

Maybe it's the darkness, maybe it's an illusion, but it feels magical, as if everyone is part of the same tableau, bound by the thread of community.

Stay late some evening and absorb some of the magic yourselves.

Cheers,

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FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

Professors Chul Park and Yu Sun and Professor Emeritus Charles Ward of mechanical and industrial engineering have been honoured by the Canadian Society for Mechanical Engineering (CSME) for their achievements in this field. Park was awarded the Robert W. Angus Medal for outstanding contributions to the management and practice of engineering. Sun was elevated to fellow of the society for excellence in mechanical engineering. Ward received the Jules Stachiewicz Medal for outstanding contributions to heat transfer in Canada. CSME is a society that brings together all mechanical engineering personnel and engineers in other disciplines with interest in mechanical engineering.

FACULTY OF ARTS & SCIENCE Professor Emeritus Donald (Digger)

Gorman of geology was inducted into the Canadian Mining Hall of Fame Jan. 15 in recognition of his lifetime of service to the industry. Gorman was cited as an advocate for his science and the mineral industry in his teaching and presentations to amateur mineral clubs, schools and professional groups across Ontario and the northeastern United States. The hall was conceived by Maurice Brown, retired editor and publisher of The Northern Miner, as a way to recognize and honour the legendary mine finders and builders of the Canadian industry. Established in 1988, the hall currently has more than 120 members.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE

The late John Bradley of anesthesia has recently been honoured posthumously by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada with the 2009 Duncan Graham Award. The award is one of the most notable and outstanding awards that the college can bestow on an individual and recognizes outstanding lifelong contributions to medical education.

AWARDS & HONOURS

The award will be accepted by Bradley's sister, Phyllis Todd, at the college's annual meeting being held later this year.

Professor Glenn Regehr of surgery has been selected to receive the 2008 Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Evaluation of Clinical Competence by the Medical Council of Canada's selection committee. The award is an internationally peer-reviewed award given to individuals who have made a significant and vital contribution in the field of assessment and evaluation of clinical and professional competence in the health professions.

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Professor Shafique Virani of historical studies and the Centre for the Study of Religion at the St. George campus is the recipient of the Farabi International Award, Iran's highest prize in the humanities, for his book The Ismailis in the Middle Ages: A History of Survival, a Search for Salvation. The prize recognizes "scholarly work in the humanities and Islamic culture" and was presented to Virani Dec. 27 in Tehran by the country's president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

Theatre Erindale productions have made the *OAR* Top 10 2008 as chosen by the editorial board of the *Ontario Arts Review*. The review covered 200-plus dramatic and musical events. This is the fourth consecutive year that Theatre Erindale productions have made the list. "This showplace of UTM's theatre arts faculty gave us the greatest selection challenge ... we thorougly enjoyed every presentation. However, two were exceptional standouts," the Jan. 7 article states. The two were *That Summer*, directed by Patrick Young, and Elmer Rice's *A New Life*.

FACULTY OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH

Liz Hoffman, director of athletics since 1994, has been named 2009 president of the Golf Association of Ontario. Hoffman was named president at the annual general meeting of the members Jan. 24 at Thornhill Golf and Country Club. For over three decades, Hoffman has been an influential leader in Canadian sport — as an elite athlete, successful coach and widely respected administrator.

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Two chemists awarded Sloan Fellowships

BY PAUL FRAUMENI

U of T chemistry professors

receive grants of \$50,000 and are free to pursue whatever lines of inquiry are of most detection and cell-based assays.

"Congratulations to
Professors Dong and Wheeler.

And on behalf of the Univer-

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