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AMENDMENTS TO CALENDAR

Friday, January 20	No early dismissal
Wednesday, May 17	3A day, not 3B
Wednesday, May 24	3B day, not 3A

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

1. All student absences and lates should be reported to the school. If your child is ill, please contact the school that morning by calling our Safe Arrivals/Telephone Line 416-978-2505 before 8.30am. After 8.30am please call 416-978-3212 ext: 0.
2. Please do not send your child to school if he/she is not feeling well, especially in the winter months when people are more susceptible to colds and flu.
3. Although every student has a lock and a locker, valuable items are often left in classrooms or in hallways. We encourage students to leave valuables at home. The School will make every attempt to recover these items but students must also take responsibility by keeping these valuables with them, at all times, or in a locked locker. If a student must bring large sums of money to school, we request that it be brought to the main office for safe-keeping.
4. Prior to a school dance, students are not supervised between 5pm to the start of the dance at 7pm, unless they are involved in a school-sanctioned activity. For students who go home after school, parents should drop their child off at the Huron entrance as the front and back doors to the school will be locked.
5. On Friday, December 2, a Lit Event, the Lip Sync, is scheduled from 4pm until approximately 5:45pm. We are looking into offering an additional activity from 5:45pm until the dance starts. Your child will be provided with more details early in the week of November 28.

Should you have any further questions regarding these issues, contact your child's VP:

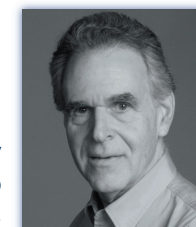
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear UTS Parents, Students, & Staff:

Welcome to the Autumn 2005 Newsletter.

I thought I would take this opportunity to share with you the speech I gave to the audience at our recent Open House, October 22nd, 2005.



Ron Mintz
Principal

This year, the Open House hosted an exceptional number of visitors to the Schools and was by far the most successful in recent memory, another example of a number of outstanding events that have taken place thus far in the 2005/2006 school year.

Please read on.
Best wishes,
Ron

WHY I LOVE THIS SCHOOL

Although it might appear that I've been at UTS since its inception in 1910, I'm really a relative latecomer to this magnificent school.

I began my romance with UTS in 1998, we separated for a while in 2001, and then were re-united just last year in September 2004. Stranger still, I've only been its principal for less than four months! So, what's love got to do with it?

Well, I'll need to go back in time in order to explain my infatuation with an institution devoted exclusively to the liberal education of academically-able students.

My career prior to finding UTS encompassed thirty years blissfully embedded in the education of public school students, in a number of secondary and elementary schools, and included the full gambit of levels, from slow-learner to gifted. This was as a teacher, counsellor, vice-principal and principal. I've even enjoyed the privilege of being the founding principal of a brand new, ultra modern secondary school. And I've loved all of those experiences.

Yet there's just something extremely special about UTS.

It's about working with students who not only relish learning, but also thrive on the acquisition of knowledge in the pursuit of excellence.

It's about working with students who are unique. Kids who shine. Kids who stand out, but who are not alone, that is, not here.

I must admit that there's a certain arrogance surrounding the students of UTS. It's an honest arrogance. It comes from years estranged at the top of the class, and then finally discovering the milieu that's meant for you. It's competitive but not crude, it's absorbing but not debilitating, it's refreshing and exhilarating, and although hard, it's also tremendously satisfying. It's a thrill to be in the midst of minds that like to think, but are not like-minded.

The similarities provide the drive, yet the differences provoke the style. Arrogance? Perhaps. More I think it is what evolves when in an environment as unique as UTS.

UTS kids are committed to their studies, their school culture, their music and art, athletics and their peers – and to their exceptional teachers. And all of that consumes a very full day. UTS kids go to bed fulfilled.

So, will you love this school too?

You will if you thrive on learning. If you love to read, if you think math and science are cool. If you believe that Latin isn't dead, or, at least, ought not to be. If you contemplate history as though it were happening and if you thirst for involvement, commitment and the energetic exercising of your mind, then seriously think UTS.

UTS is a great school, an extremely unique one. It's not the only good school, nor is it the only choice you ought to consider. But it is a school that I love and I'm extremely proud to admit that I am the principal of the University of Toronto Schools and I'm enjoying every single minute of it.

COUCHICING WEEKEND 2005

On September 17th, the F1 and S6 students departed from UTS to take part in the annual "Couchiching" weekend.

This exciting trip, which was the perfect chance for the S6 students to welcome the F1 students into their respective houses, surpassed all expectations. Despite the last minute change in venue, the new F1 members of Althouse, Cody, Crawford and Lewis demonstrated tremendous spirit and enthusiasm throughout the weekend, while participating in energetic and dynamic activities.



Teaching the Althouse cheer!

Some highlights of the weekend included: House Soccer, Capture the Flag, Skit Night, a Dance, and stories and music by a Campfire. The weekend was a great success, much of which can be attributed to the hard work and enthusiasm of the staff and senior students; however one cannot forget the strong sense of spirit brought by the whole F1 grade. Great fun was had by all, and another generation of excited, keen students has entered UTS to carry on the school's dynamic traditions.

*School Captains
Cynthia Smithers & Julie Hwang*

On behalf of UTS' F1 and S6 students, Mme Carole Bernicchia-Freeman and Mr. Andrew Wilson (Staff Advisors for Couchiching 2005) wish to thank the following people who contributed to the success of this year's Couchiching Weekend:

The School Captains (Cynthia Smithers and Julie Hwang); the School Prefects and all the members of the House Executive (S5 & S6); the staff supervisors (Mr. James Campbell, Ms. Sarah Cescon, Mr. David Chew, Mr. David Cope, Ms. Julie Stoyka and Ms. Nicola Townend); Ms. Sabina Pampor, Ms. Maria Luy and Ms. Mina Bhayani; Mrs. Helen McWhirter and Ms. Kristine Maitland; Ms. Dorothy Davis, Mr. Philip Marsh, Mr. Ron Mintz and Mr. Rick Parsons; the UTS Parents' Association for their financial assistance; and of course all of our F1 and S6 students!

Mme Carole Bernicchia-Freeman & Mr. Andrew Wilson

MARINELLI EXCHANGE

From October 5 – 18th, UTS welcomed 19 students and two teachers, Ms. G. Gerardi and Mrs. R. Toniolo from Liceo 'G. Marinelli' of Udine, Italy, following UTS' own visit to Udine in March 2005.

Since 2000, UTS has been involved with Liceo 'G. Marinelli', in the Dynamics of Borderland Regions Exchange and Research Project, an international collaborative endeavour designed to explore commonalities and build understanding between regions, as well as develop an appreciation of interethnic relations in other parts of the world.

Each student was hosted by their UTS partners whom they had hosted last March in Italy and by the Baskin, Noormohamed, Opolsky and Smithers families, as well as three faculty members; Mr. Mackle, Mme. Recurt and Ms. Tiley.



The 2005 Borderlands group

KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

December 2	Lit Event ~ 4pm	April 6	Parent/Teacher Interviews
December 16	Holiday Concert and Art Show	April 20	New Parents Orientation
December 22 - January 3 (inclusive)	Christmas Break	April 27	University Information Night
January 2 - January 11	Costa Rica Trip	May 5 – May 7	Classics Conference
January 4	First Day of Classes	May 8 - May 13	Arts Week
January 26	Course Information Night ~ 7pm	June 2	House Island Day
February 6 - February 8	Wanakita Leadership Trip	June 5 – June 6	Exam Preparation
February 14	House Fun Day	June 7 – June 16	Exams
February 23 - February 25	Senior Play at G.I.T.	June 19	Exam Review
March 4 -March 13	Loire Valley Trip		

should any of the above dates change, parents, students and teachers will be notified

SCHOOL CLOSURES / EARLY DISMISSALS

Thursday, December 8	Dismissal at 12.30pm ~ Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday, December 9	Dismissal at 2.45pm ~ Preparation for Entrance Exam
Wednesday, December 21	Dismissal at 12.30pm ~ Last Day of Class before Holidays
Friday, February 10	Mid-Term Holiday
March 13-24 (inclusive)	March Break
Thursday, April 6	Dismissal at 12.30pm ~ Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday, April 14	Good Friday
Monday, April 17	Easter Monday
Monday, June 19	Dismissal at 2pm ~ Last Day of Class before Summer Holidays
Monday, May 22	Victoria Day

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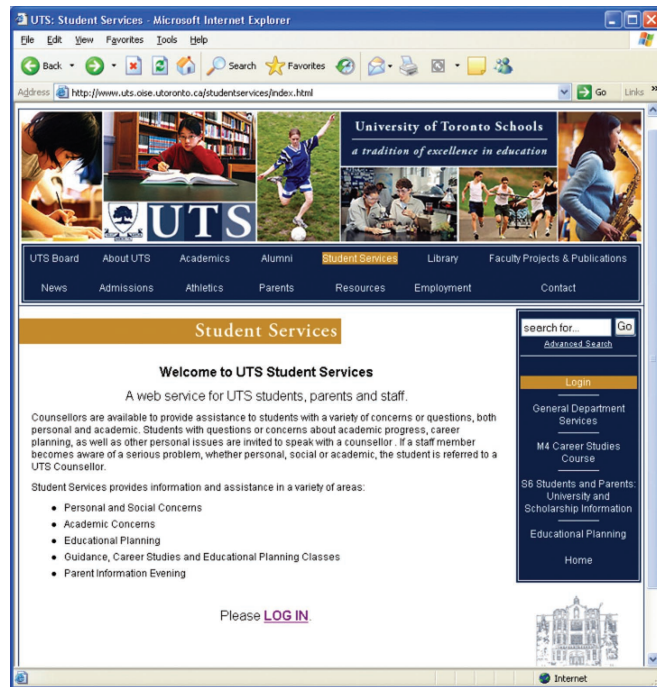
OPEN HOUSE 2005

Announcing! The Student Services web-site is now available!

Here you will find up-to-date information on University and Career Planning for UTS students, parents and staff, as well as how to contact your child's counsellor and order a transcript.

Suggestions for other items that you feel would be helpful to include would be appreciated.

Many thanks to Jai Pandey of the UTS IT Department for creating the site. Go to <http://www.uts.utoronto.ca/studentservices/index.html> and log in: username: parent password: utsparent

**REMINDER!**

For F1 to S5 Parents:
Course Information Night
Thursday, January 26
7:00 p.m.
UTS Auditorium

Student Services Counsellors will discuss what you need to know to assist your child with the Course Selection Process each year in UTS as well as beyond.

Hope to see you there!

The focus of this visit was to become acquainted with the history and reality of the Italian and, particularly, the Friulian immigration story in Canada.



Udine Students arrive at UTS

The students met and interviewed a great number of people who have come to Canada from Friuli, or have had parents or grandparents who did so, among them being Ms Luciana Benzi, Director of Art Dialogue Gallery, Commissioner Julian Fantino, Commissioner of Security for Ontario, the Hon. Sandra Pupatello, Ontario Minister of Community and Social Services and Mr. Donald Ziraldo, President and co-founder of Inniskillin Wines.

In addition to these esteemed members of the Friulian Canadian community, just as significant were meetings with a number of residents of Friuli Terrace, as well as the three generations of the Bellomo family. Through all of these meetings, the students were able to hear first hand their perspectives on their own immigration story.

The students, under the guidance of Dr. Elizabeth Buchanan, also visited the neighbourhoods of Little Italy, Chinatown, Little India and Greektown, to study the urban setting of the immigrant experience in our city.

Two articles appeared in the Toronto Italian language daily, Il Corriere Canadese, detailing the research project and UTS' support of the endeavour, one of which can be downloaded at this web link :

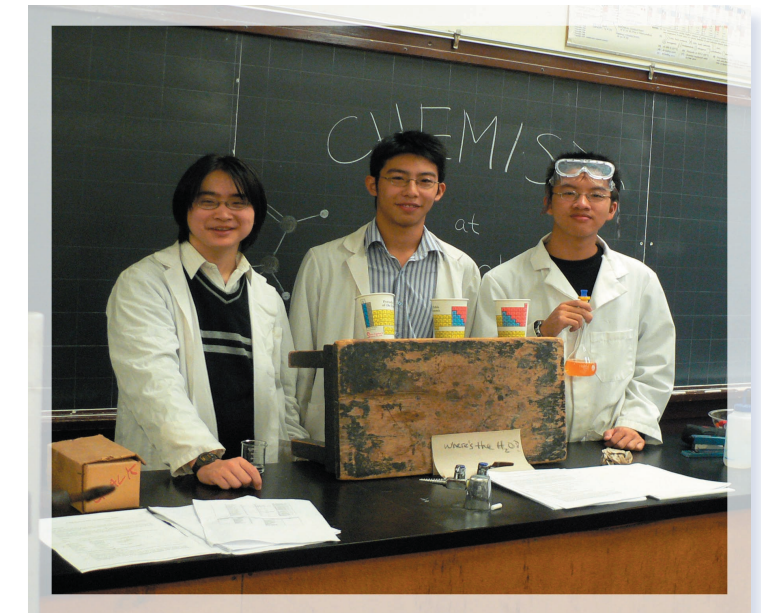
<http://www.corriere.com/viewstory.php?storyid=44812>

Mr. Eugene Di Sante

On Saturday, October 22nd, UTS hosted its annual Open House and all feedback indicated it was the best ever! Over 2,000 visitors toured the school attending both student and parent presentations, observing experiments, solving math puzzles and chatting with UTS staff and students. Many also took a stab at a sample entrance test. Over 100 student volunteers and over 20 parents joined the UTS staff to make this event a resounding success.

My sincere thanks to the following groups of people for their continued support:

- The Student Outreach Coordinators
- The Student Ambassador Council
- All student volunteers
- The UTS Parent Association
- The F1 parents
- The staff and administration



Xin Feng, Andrew Wang and Christopher Yau

Looking forward to October 2006!

*Ms. Dorothy Davis
Vice-Principal*

GRADUATION AND PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY

The Graduation Ceremony is always a special event and November 5th, 2005 was no exception.

Nearly every 2005 graduate returned to UTS to participate in the ceremonies. A good number of the 2005 graduates traveled from as far away as British Columbia, the UK and the US to catch up with fellow students and teachers and to celebrate and reflect on their time at UTS.

The formal dinner at the Faculty Club, hosted by the UTS Alumni Association, welcomed the 2005 grads to the UTS Alumni community. It was in fact a rite of passage that saw each member of the class of 2005 say farewell to the school as a student. The prize-giving commenced at 7.30pm, a highlight of which included Anthony Chiu's world premiere of his own composition "Leavetakings".

The major award winners of the evening included:

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| Xiaodi Wu | Governor-General's Medal |
| Kevin Philipupillai | Nesbitt Silver Medal |
| Siva Vijenthira | Nesbitt Gold Medal |
| Layusa Isa-Odidi | W.B. MacMurray Award |

Multiple prize and scholarship winners included:

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| Deep Guha | Beverley Matthews Award for Distinction
W.L. Lougheed Prize in Mathematics
Dr. T. M. Porter Scholarship in Science |
| Nikate Singh | Beverley Matthews Award for Distinction
Jared Vining McCutcheon Memorial Scholarship
Jane G. McElheran Annual Prize for Musical Performance |
| Siva Vijenthira | Nesbitt Gold Medal
UTS Valedictorian Award
Dr. Marvin L. Kwitko Scholarship in English |
| Xiaodi Wu | Governor-General's Medal
Beverley Matthews Award for Distinction
Beverley Matthews Prize in Physics
UTS Parents Association Mathematics Prize |

A sincere thank you to the UTSPA, S6 students and the S6 parents, who worked tirelessly throughout the day to make it such a special occasion for the class of 2005.

For a list of Graduate 2005 prize winners and University Scholarships, visit: www.uts.utoronto.ca/academics/scholarshipsandawards.html



L to R Siva Vijenthira, Layusa Isa-Odidi, Kevin Philipupillai and Xiaodi Wu



THE UTS LIBRARY & INFORMATION CENTRE... CONT'D

To try and provide a sense of direction in handling this, teachers were invited to attend a workshop on their PD day, October 25th.



Hard at work!

Over half the staff had a brief exposure to the catalogue, databases useful for secondary school students and the my.library tool for organizing their personal subject-orientated research.

As time and opportunity permits we hope these teachers will also inspire their students to become familiar with the power of this knowledge.

Not only is the Library Information Centre a pleasant space for research but also for hosting special events.

The participants in the Remembrance Day assembly on November 11th used the Library Information Centre to gather together after the formal part of the day. As well, a conference of secondary school newspaper editors organized by our Cuspidor staff on November 25th was held in the Library Information Centre.

The key to a smoothly running Library is the personnel who work behind the scenes. We are very fortunate to benefit from the expertise of our library technician, Maria Ripley, who is the cornerstone of our library operations.

Carole Zamroutian, our library assistant, has been invaluable in helping to get the library running smoothly at the beginning of the year and Gail Doehler, our interim director, has been able to encourage both staff and students to make full use of this facility.

In the new year, we will welcome Susie Choi, our new permanent teacher-librarian who will continue this tradition of support for both staff and students.

"Libraries are not made; they grow" ~ and the UTS Library Information Centre continues to do so.

UTS Library Staff

MESSAGE FROM THE SOC'S

Hear ye! Hear ye!

Come all to bask in the SOC's' recent endeavours at UTS! For those of you who are wondering, "SOC" is not a typo and must not be confused with the protective coating of a certain skeletal extremity.

Instead, here at UTS, a SOC has a different role that than of a Student Outreach Coordinator. Now, you may still be as confused as you were at the beginning of this article even after this informative introduction. No worries. You'll be seeing a lot more of the SOC's later this year. Created over ten years ago, the position of Student Outreach Coordinator was instilled to alleviate the consequences of the withdrawal of government funding. With established liaisons with alumni, parents, students, and the outside community, the SOC's ensured that UTS remained accessible to all students regardless of their financial, cultural or religious backgrounds.

Today, the position has flourished into a role of coordinating school-wide events, bringing awareness to pertinent social concerns of modern society, supporting academic success of students within our community, and allowing UTS to reach the community through charity events. But enough with the talk – let's move on to the happenings!

First, the October 22nd UTS Open House was an overwhelming success as the hundreds of enthusiastic prospective students flooded the school. With attendance at a record high, one can only predict that UTS is headed for an even brighter future.

Moreover, our student body has shown its generous and compassionate virtues with the Mentoring and In-School Tutoring Programs, both well under way. Dozens of students have ventured to local elementary schools every week in order to mentor younger students while many others have decided to help their peers via the UTS tutoring program.

And it isn't just the students lending a hand, it's the teachers too! The SOC's have had tremendous help from the selfless UTS faculty, with special thanks to our staff advisors Mme Carole Bernicchia-Freeman and Ms. Dorothy Davis, and also Mr. James Campbell for his involvement in the Social Issues Council.

With this encouraging start, we can't wait to tackle our next projects. Keep an eye out for our upcoming awareness week and United Way fundraising extravaganza!

Your Student Outreach Coordinators, Rachel Johnston (S5), Brian Lee (S6), Nicholas Moy (S6), Farah Pabani (S6)

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day gave the students, the teachers and the support staff, the opportunity to honour the Alumni that served in the two world wars.

The spirit of volunteerism that the veterans displayed during the Wars, is a spirit we try to emulate here at the Schools, and a spirit that is deserving of tribute and reflection.

This year the service captured the very essence of that spirit.

Guest Speaker, John Fox (Class of '43) reflected not only on his own service during the Second World War, but he especially acknowledged his father, Hugh Fox, who served in the First World War. Hugh Fox was among the first pupils at UTS, beginning at the school in its inaugural year of 1910, and was also a member of the Canadian Hockey Team who brought home the gold medal in the 1924 Olympics.

The highlights of the service were undoubtedly the performances by the Music department. They keep raising the bench mark annually and this year was no exception.

Most memorable was the theme from Schindler's List performed by the Senior Chamber Strings, with a breathless solo by Aaron Schwebel, leaving all the Alumni and attendees inspired.

Conductor Ron Royer should be very proud of the work he did for this service.

Claudio Engli, new to the staff this year, should also be proud as the choir had one of their more memorable performances to date.

As a teacher at the University of Toronto Schools, this day is always a highlight for me.

I am continually amazed at the stories the veterans recount at the annual event's lunch and wish to thank all involved in making it such a memorable day, particularly our Alumni guests who, simply through their attendance, teach us about not only about their unfailing dedication to the school, but most importantly, to their fellow veterans.

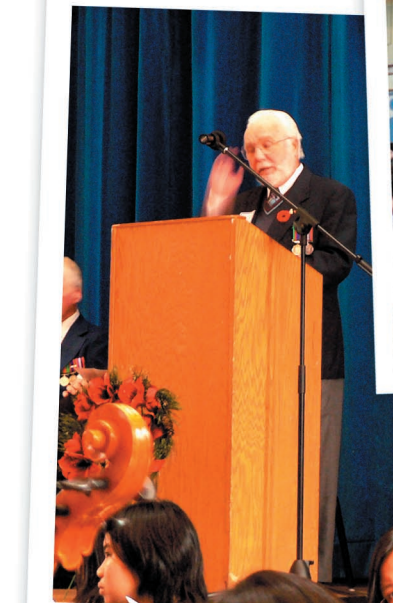
Mr. Vince Dannetta



Aaron Schwebel (S6)



Alumni Veterans



Clare Morrison, Class of '44



Moment of Silence



UTS Choir

CLASSICS SOCIETY

The 2005-06 UTS Classics Society Executive consisting of Ma'ayan Anafi (SVI), Patrick Kaifosh (SVI), Ariel Baker-Gibbs (SV), Brenda Chiang (SV), Clara Cosco (SV) and Ryan Bradley (MIV), along with Mr. Timmins and I, have spent more than five hours in intense deliberations to select 45 participants who will represent UTS at the XXXVIII Ontario Student Classics Conference.

The conference is being held at Brock University, in St. Catharines, from May 4th to May 7th, 2006.

This year, the Society has received 97 applications (!!) and selecting only 45 participants has proven once again to be an arduous and challenging task. However, more challenges await!

Having been recently informed by conference organizers that all participating school contingents may have to be reduced to 40, to allow for an ever-growing number of delegates; the task of the executive has proven even more difficult. The list of participating students was published on Wednesday, November 22nd, 2005 and the Society also held its first bake sale this week, a huge success.

The 105 different conference competitions in Academic, Athletic and Creative events will start in the early morning of Thursday May 4th and conclude on the Saturday evening, May 7th, with the prize giving ceremony.

UTS teams have been attending the Conference since May 1993.

In May of 1996, the UTS team placed first overall among 23 participating schools and has maintained this place for the past ten years.

Quite an achievement and a formidable challenge for all involved in the May Conference to defend the record!

Students from the host school (Elmwood) select a motto to serve as the theme for some of the creative events at the Conference.

This year, inspired by Horaces Ode 30, Bk III, the motto is "De his factis in perpetuum dicant - Let them speak of these deeds forever".

Even with the competition several months away, the deeds of the Society Executive and all the students willing to participate, is already worthy of conversation.

Together we look forward to the Conference!

*Mr. Eugene Di Sante
OSCC UTS Coordinator*

TEACHING AT UTS...

Perspectives from the student teacher...

From October 24th – November 18th 2005, three student teachers, Robert Cameron, Sarah Kavanagh and Scott Pearce learnt what it takes to teach, under the expert guidance of Ana Pereira-Castillo. All three heralded from the OISE French and International Languages Pre-Service Program where they are currently completing their post graduate studies.

These are their contemplations of the experience...

Upon receiving the news that our first teaching practicum would be at UTS, we all agreed that we felt a mixture of great excitement along with a little apprehension.

Sarah: "I was excited because I knew that I would have the opportunity to work with the crème de la crème of Toronto's students and teachers, teaching students who take their school work very seriously and at the same time, slightly apprehensive because of the school's high standards. I knew that my placement would require a lot of hard work and dedication, more so than in the average school".

TEACHERS OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM...

It's no secret that the teachers at UTS are among the best in the province and indeed, the country. Below are two examples of how they have contributed recently to their profession and passions beyond the walls of UTS.

Ron Royer **Music**

Besides teaching at UTS, music teacher Ronald Royer is serving as composer-in-residence for Orchestras Mississauga, supported by a residency grant from the Canada Council for the Arts.

As well, for the 250th anniversary of the birth of Mozart in 2006, Mr. Royer has been commissioned by a group of five orchestras, with performances in three countries, to compose "Travels with Mozart: Variations on a Theme from the Magic Flute" for chamber orchestra.

The five orchestras are: Jyväskylä Sinfonia (Finland), Patrick Gallois, conductor; Peterborough Symphony Orchestra, Michael Newnham, conductor; Scarborough Philharmonic, John Barnum, conductor; International Symphony Orchestra of Sarnia/Port Huron (Canada/U.S.A.), Jerome Summers, conductor; and Toronto Sinfonietta, Matthew Jaskiewicz, conductor.

Elizabeth Straszynski **Biology**

At the Plant Canada conference in Edmonton in June 2005, Biology teacher Ms. Elizabeth Straszynski presented two papers. The first outlined opportunities for teachers to incorporate plant based activities into their own programs and the second, an outline of a class exercise devised to develop experimental design and scientific writing skills in high school students.

Plant Canada's mission is to organize and sponsor regular, effective scientific meetings and workshops under a national umbrella for plant science and related disciplines in Canada.

THE UTS LIBRARY & INFORMATION CENTRE

The Library Information Centre has been a vibrant hive of activity since the beginning of the 2005/2006 school year; a warm, inviting space designed to encourage reading and research at all levels.

F1 students were the first group to benefit from the services once receiving their Robarts Library cards, being introduced to the physical space and the library's operations through a series of classes in the second half of September.

Putting the library information centre to immediate research use with the encouragement of their Geography and History teachers, the students made good use of the print resources available to them as well as the note taking resource sheets which help to organize their study, and, of course, the electronic resources tailored specifically to their topic.

Over 15 classes were spent helping students research on two topics from the two subjects alone.

Collaboration between the teacher-librarian and the subject teacher is essential for making the most of the available resources for students and staff. To date, successful partnerships have been established with the Biology, French, Music and Art departments as well as the Social Sciences. The Library Information Centre staff is looking forward to working with staff in other subject areas.

For those many of you who attended the UTS Open House on October 22nd and included a visit to the Library Information Centre, you will already know what a powerful tool the students have at their disposal.



Students researching online

Now that the UTS Library is running an automated system, students are connected through the Robarts Library to the entire U of T campus and its resources. The amount of information available is rather overwhelming.

ON THE SPORTING FIELD... CONT'D

The winter forecast...

All Winter sport tryouts have ended and teams are now planning for the start of their seasons, if it has not already begun.

The Winter sport teams and coaches are as follows:

Boys Senior Basketball	Mr. Robert Mackle, Mr. Darnel Leader
Boys Junior Basketball	Mr. James Campbell, Mr. Hank Clarke
Boys Foundation Basketball	Mr. Michael Nasso, Ms. Louise Harris
Girls Foundation Basketball	Mr. Ed Szeto, Ms. Virginia Ki
Badminton	Ms. Kate Tiley
Curling	Ms. Julie Stoyka
Ice Hockey	Mr. Jeff Kennedy, Mr. Gary Brandt, Mr. Doug Poon, Ms. Ana Shapiro
Swimming	Ms. Sarah Cescon, Ms. Jennifer Pitt-Lainsbury, Mr. Shawn Brooks
Boys Foundation Volleyball	Mr. Anand Mahadevan, Mr. Melvin Lowe, Mr. Dan Colangelo
Girls Foundation Volleyball	Ms. Jim Lemoire, Mr. Melvin Lowe, Mr. Dan Colangelo
Girls Junior Volleyball	Ms. Sue Thompson
Girls Senior Volleyball	Ms. Jill McDowell
Wrestling	Mr. Mitch Chuvalo, Ms. Catherine Chorney

Basketball

In Boys Basketball, both the Junior and Seniors will start their seasons in December. Joining the coaching staff are Robert Mackle of the UTS Geography Department, Darnel Leader, a former standout basketball, soccer and rugby player and the 2003/2004 Ron Wakelin Award winner for the UTS male athlete of the year and Hank Clarke, a former standout University basketball and football player and the last Canadian Interuniversity Boxing Champion. Hank, a retired Head of the Health and Physical Education Department in the TDSB has coached Senior Boys Basketball for over twenty-five years and recently was an assistant coach for the George Brown College Girls Basketball team.

Badminton

The Badminton team's goal is to defend its provincial gold medals from last season. Maggie Siu, last year's provincial gold medallist in doubles and Karen Au Yeung, a provincial participant last year, bring valued leadership and experience to this year's line-up.

Hockey

The hockey season has begun with victories over Northern Secondary School B ~ 6 to 2 ~ and Central Technical School ~ 7 to 2. Led by the captains Peter Georgas and Cameron Rowlands, the team has so far proved fast, aggressive and strong both in attack and defence. This year's coaching staff includes Doug Poon, a former standout UTS hockey and soccer player, Gary Brandt (Riley Brandt's father) who has coached several hockey teams and is a former Queens University hockey player; and Ana Shapiro, a UTS Alum and former McGill University hockey player. The team looks forward to their season and can't wait to avenge last year's loss to the Alumni team.

Volleyball

The Girls Volleyball teams, coached by Jill McDowell (Senior) and Sue Thompson (Junior) are aiming to continue the successes of last season with the Senior Girls team advancing to the provincial championships (OFSAA). All indications are the team will do even better this season.

Wrestling

Wrestling enters its second season at UTS. Coaches Chuvalo and Chorney are very excited about the potential of this year's team. In it's inaugural season, UTS placed six wrestlers in the Provincial Championship tournaments and this year, tryout numbers indicate a growing number of UTS students interested in the sport. The UTS Alumni have very generously donated a Wrestling Mat to the 2005 team, enabling UTS to host some tournaments and practices.

House Intramurals

The House Volleyball league has been a huge success. Led by this year's Athletic Representatives - Jonathan Gregory, Christy Chak, Bobby Leung and Rick Jreaz; registrations and participation levels are strong. Student fan support has been overwhelming, if only we had bleachers! The next intramural house activity will be House Basketball.

The Bigger, Faster, Stronger Club, led by Mr. Chuvalo, starts in early December. Mr. Chuvalo was instrumental in acquiring some additional strength and conditioning machines to increase the functionality of the Ridley Fitness Centre.

On behalf of the entire athletic department, I would like to thank all students, coaches and parents of the past and upcoming seasons, for their continued interest and support, and wish all participants the best of luck this season.

*Mr. Jeff Kennedy
Athletic Director*

Any doubts we felt in the beginning quickly vanished when we met our associate teachers. We knew instantly that we were in good hands, and would be able to excel at learning the craft of teaching and giving our students the best in-class experience possible.

Scott: "Sarah and I couldn't have asked for a better mentor than our associate teacher, Ana Pereira-Castillo. Her approach to language teaching combines a mastery of Spanish grammar and lexicon with a sincere passion for teaching Hispanic culture. With Ana's encouragement, I learned to infuse my lessons with music and anecdotes from my time spent living and working in Latin America. In one class, I shared slides, stories, and video clips from my work as a human rights observer in one of Colombia's conflict zones. In another class, I used my beaten-up guitar to teach pronunciation and new vocabulary through Mexican mariachi songs."

Robert: "I had the great fortune of having two incredibly dedicated and motivated associate teachers, Kate Tiley and Brigitte Amiot, who were not only there to answer any questions, but also displayed a lot of energy and enthusiasm in the classroom. They provided the students with a variety of materials during French classes to engage them and encouraged me to try many new things. One of my favorite moments was when I had to review the subjunctive with my grade 12 French class and had the students role-play situations having them French verb mood. Not only did they hone their ability to use it, they displayed a lot of motivation and creativity in the process."

We were all impressed by the French and Spanish students at UTS, for they were always very conscientious and enthusiastic and very curious to know more about us and find out our background. Bearing our students' high level of ability in mind, we strove further and even harder to make sure our lessons were well-prepared and filled with activities that would promote student learning and participation.

Scott: "The greatest lesson that I learned from UTS was that students, and particularly gifted students, need to be given creative freedom. Some of my best classes were those in which I trusted the students and gave them room to work on their own. In one memorable lesson, I challenged a second-year Spanish class to write a short poem in fifteen minutes. I wasn't sure whether this exercise would work given that they still had a fairly limited vocabulary, but it turned out to be a resounding success. The students were so enthusiastic that we held an impromptu poetry contest, in which the two finalists had to create improvised spoken-word poems!"

We all walked away with a greater understanding of what it is to not only be a teacher, but to be part of a dedicated, hard-working and enthusiastic team, making the most of our students' learning experience and learning a lot from those we taught.

Sarah speaks for the entire group when she says: "It was a pleasure to work at UTS; my experience was an extremely positive one and I hope that our paths will cross again."

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Scott Pearce

"I was excited because I knew that I would have the opportunity to work with the crème de la crème of Toronto's students and teachers..."
Sarah Kavanagh

*Robert Cameron, Sarah Kavanagh
and Scott Pearce*

UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS

This year the Undergrad Awards ceremony took place on the evening of October 6th, 2005. The timing of the evening event allowed most parents to attend and share a proud moment. Award winners, their parents, guests and school staff, gathered in the Auditorium for the annual awards assembly and reception, hosted by the UTSPA. The smiles expressed in this selection of photos, is a clear indication that the evening was a huge success.

FOUNDATION and MIDDLE YEARS

Josh Alman.....	UTSPA Prize for Mathematics
Amir Safavi Ardebili.....	John and Margaret Withrow Music Scholarships Program Distinction Award – Strings
Sima Atri.....	Dorothy Thomson Memorial Scholarship
Riley Brandt.....	Alumni 50th Anniversary Fund Scholarship
Jake Brockman.....	Joe Stulac Award
Andrew Campana.....	Barbara Fonseca Award In English Language and Literature
Laurie Charpentier.....	Scarow Memorial Prize in English
Brenda Chiang.....	Global Star Award for M Level Mathematics
Maria Cusimano.....	Donald G. Cossar Scholarship for Best Overall Performance
Salvator Cusimano.....	Alumni 50th Anniversary Fund Scholarship
Vanessa Deverell.....	Beverly Matthews Award for Distinction
Tamra Dolny.....	Gint Berius Memorial Award in Science
Melanie Dorval.....	John and Margaret Withrow Music Scholarships Program Distinction Award – Winds
Kalyna Franko.....	Alumni 50th Anniversary Fund Scholarship
Amanda Giang.....	Beverly Matthews Award for Distinction
Peter Goshalak.....	UTS Alumni War Memorial Scholarship
Stephanie Guo.....	Ellison Tseng Art Award
Inga Isupov.....	Harry C. Maynard Award in Classics
	Beverly Matthews Award for Distinction
Iris Karry.....	B.C. Taylor Memorial Award
Young Kim.....	John and Margaret Withrow Music Scholarships Program Distinction Award – Strings
Samir Kulkarni.....	Alumni 50th Anniversary Fund Scholarship
Jason Kwok.....	Beverly Matthews Award for Distinction
Sashi Lankage.....	Michael Pincus Award in Mathematics
Claire Leewing.....	Walter Bark Memorial Award
Samuel Levy.....	John and Margaret Withrow Music Scholarships Program Distinction Award – Winds
Lujia Lin.....	UTSPA Scholarship Award for Distinction
Mikhaela Meznaric.....	Don Fawcett Award
Taisuke Nakano Scott.....	Class of 1953 Scholarship in Mathematics
Sarah Penturn.....	Barbara Fonseca Award In English Language and Literature
Hanna Retallack.....	Dr. T.M. Porter Memorial Scholarship
Morgan Ring.....	W.G. Warden Award
	Maurice Cody Prize in History
Rameez Sewani.....	Dr. T.M. Porter Memorial Scholarship
Marc Shi.....	Harold & Waldo Smith Junior Essay Award
	Scarow Memorial Prize in English
Maggie Siu.....	UTSPA Scholarship Award for Distinction
Sinye Tang.....	Dorothy Thomson Memorial Scholarship
	Beverly Matthews Award for Distinction
Dhiviya Tharmaratnam.....	John and Margaret Withrow Music Scholarships Program Distinction Award – Strings
Cecillia Wong.....	Beverly Matthews Award for Distinction
Radovan Vasic.....	Michael Pincus Award in Mathematics
Abi Vijenthira.....	UTS Alumni War Memorial Scholarship
Nicola Yang.....	Dr. T.M. Porter Memorial Scholarship
Keara Yim.....	UTSPA Scholarship for Distinction
Stephanie Young.....	Joe Stulac Award
Josie Xu.....	UTS Alumni War Memorial Scholarship
	B.C. Taylor Memorial Award
Julia Zisser.....	John and Margaret Withrow Music Scholarships Program Distinction Award – Winds
Jeremy Zung.....	John and Margaret Withrow Music Scholarships Program Distinction Award – Strings
	Dr. T.M. Porter Memorial Scholarship



Alexandra Lalonde & Aliya Nurmohamed



Mrs. Levy and Samuel Levy

ON THE SPORTING FIELD...

Fall Highlights

All Fall UTS Sports Teams, with the exception of the Senior Girls Basketball team, completed their seasons and fared very well in season play.

Congratulations to the following teams and their staff coaches:

F1/2 Boys Soccer	Dr. Paul Harkison
F1/2 Girls Soccer	Mr. Ed Szeto
Tennis	Ms. Mary Hall, Mr. Adam Brown
Field Hockey	Mr. Mitch Chuvalo, Mr. Peter D'Cruz
Girls Varsity Basketball	Ms. Catherine Chorney, Ms. Virginia Ki
Boys Varsity Volleyball	Mr. David Cope, Mr. Melvin Lowe,
	Mr. Dan Colangelo, Ms. Claire Leewing
	Mr. Jeff Kennedy
Golf	Mr. Jeff Kennedy, Mr. Mitch Chuvalo,
Cross Country	Mr. Ed Szeto
	Mr. Vince Dannelta
Boys Senior Soccer	

Soccer

The F1/2 Boys Soccer team and the F1/2 Girls Soccer team both advanced to the finals of their respective Toronto District South Regional Tournament finals at Trinity Field, University of Toronto. Their successes ensure the soccer program at UTS will be strong for the next several years.



Boys Varsity Soccer Team with coach Vince Dannelta

The Boy's Varsity Soccer team had a record of one win, five loses and one tie a record that belies the effort that these boys put into every game. We will be young next year as we loose Jonathan Gregory, a starter since M3, and Michael Wan another starter for the past two years. Michael must be mentioned as he personified the indomitable spirit of the team, supported by stellar goalkeeping performances throughout the season by Alex Collins (S6).

I would like to thank all the players for a memorable year. I will treasure my association with them on and off the field for the remainder of my career.

Mr. Vince Dannelta

Basketball

In Fall High School action, the Girls Senior Basketball team, coached by Ms. Catherine Chorney, a former University of Toronto and University of Ottawa basketball player, advanced to the City of Toronto Semi-finals playoffs for Single A/Double AA schools. While unsuccessful in this match on November 21st against George Vanier, the team is to be congratulated on their fantastic effort.

Tennis

The Tennis team was undefeated throughout the season losing only in the city finals. Many of the team members will return next year, ensuring future success.

Field Hockey

The Girls Hockey team season progressed steadily, only narrowly missing advancement to the city finals. All girls performed really well throughout the season and the playoffs.

Cross Country

In Cross Country action, the Bantam Boys team of Benoit Cyrenne, Alex Poutianen, Aly Kassam and Andy Lee placed in the top six at the City Finals and advanced to the Metros. In addition, Stephanie Young placed fifth in the City Finals and also advanced to the Metros.

Benoit Cyrenne, following a very successful foundations career in Cross Country, placed third in the Metros (2nd Individual) and advanced to the Provincial Championships (OFSAA) in Kingston where he finished a respectable 70th out of a field of over 150 runners in the Bantam Boys Category.

GRATULATION!

The German department is proud to announce that a large number of students from the 2004/2005 senior German course chose to take the "Zentrale Deutschprüfung" again last year.

UTS is one of few Ontario high schools permitted to conduct the ZDP for students in their final year of German. This exam is designed and administered by the Central Administration for German Schools Abroad in Cologne, and serves as an international standard of German language proficiency recognized by academic institutions around the world.

Students passing the ZDP have typically had between 800 and 1000 hours of German language instruction. The UTS students who have passed this exam after just a 3-year German program (about 330 hours of instruction) should therefore be particularly proud of their achievement. The certificates were awarded at Graduation 2005 and at the November 23rd Assembly. All have been signed and stamped by the German Consulate as well as school principal, Ron Mintz.

The following class of 2005 graduating students were successful:

Juli Kraeva
Tyler King
Jamie Ross
Anahita Safavi-Naini

The following S5 students (2004/2005) were successful:

Will Beattie
Radu Craioveanu
Catherine Davis
Adam Dickinson
Kelvin Fong
Christine Joannou
Patrick Kaifosh
Uros Kalabic
Shereen Ladha
Brian Lee
Bernice Tong
Leslie Yun

Congratulations to all of you!

Frau Townend

DEMODOCUS PRIZE

Once again this year, all FI Romance of Antiquities students were involved in the **Demodocus Prize annual competition**.

This Prize is named after the fictional bard in Homer's *Odyssey*, Bk. VIII, and allows the students to compete for the title of "Best Bard" as they recite from memory the 20 - 25 lines that they have selected from one of the twenty-four books of the Ancient Greek epic.

Finalists were chosen in every class in early November.

These were: **Nida Noorani (FIA), Tasha Stansbury (FIB), Lucy Yi (FIC), Adam Robarts (FID) and Rachel Park (FIE)**.



Back L to R Mme Bernicchia Freeman, Mr. Timmins, Dr. McCarthy, Mr. Roy, Mr. DiSante FRONT L to R Lucy Li, Rachel Perk, Nida Noormni, Adam Robarts & Taohor Stansbury

On November 18th, these five students provided the judges with a very challenging task in having to select one overall winner.

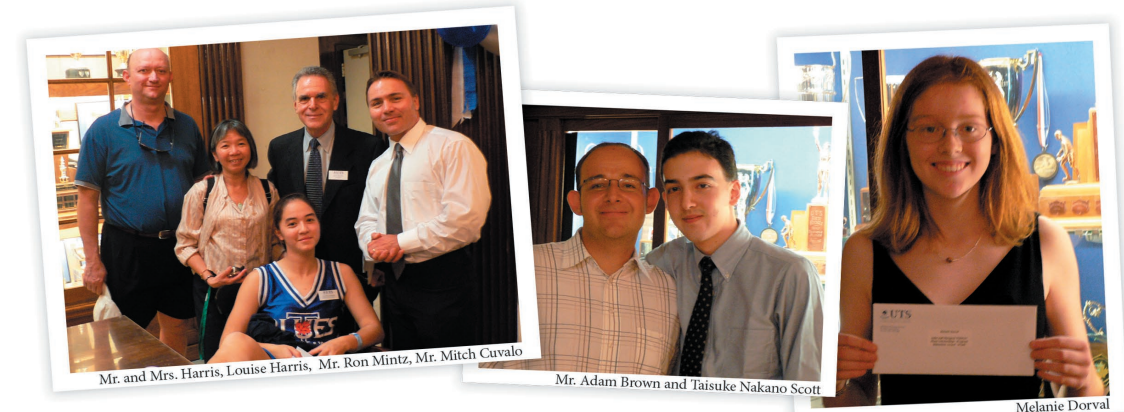
Room 203 was filled to capacity with an attentive and supportive audience, completely enthralled by the skillful and engaging interpretations of these gifted storytellers.

Mme. Bernicchia-Freeman, Mr. Sujit Roy (UTS '99), Mr. Timmins, Dr. McCarthy and I, finally decided to grant the best bard sceptre ex aequo to Adam and Nida!!

All discovered that memorising is an empowering endeavour rendered much more pleasurable when one is delighted by the fine effort of gifted interpreters of this classic work.

Congratulations to all the participants, particularly the finalists, and a great thank you to the judges.

Mr. Eugene Di Sante



Mr. and Mrs. Harris, Louise Harris, Mr. Ron Mintz, Mr. Mitch Cavallo

Mr. Adam Brown and Taisuke Nakano Scott

Melanie Dorval

SENIOR YEARS

Michael Abramovich.....	Allan Crawford Prize in Chemistry & Physics
Karen Au Yeung.....	Senior Reg. N. Boxer Scholarship
Jaclyn Chiang.....	Dr. T.M. Porter Scholarship in Science
	UTS Parents Association Scholarship for Distinction
Alex Collins.....	National Merit Scholarship Program
Emily Du.....	George Warwick Noble Award
Kent Huynh.....	UTSPA Prize for Mathematics
	Dr. T.M. Porter Scholarship in Mathematics
Christine Joannou.....	Beverly Matthews Award for Prefect & Dr. T.M. Porter Award for Prefect
	Smith Book Award
	Michael Areff Award
Katherine Joyce.....	Beverly Matthews Award for Prefect & Dr. T.M. Porter Award for Prefect
	John and Margaret Withrow Music Scholarships Program Distinction Award – Winds
	UTS Parents Association Prize for Contribution to Social and Environmental Issues.
Peter Georgas.....	Beverly Matthews Award for Prefect & Dr. T.M. Porter Award for Prefect
Jonathan Gregory.....	Dr. T.M. Porter Scholarship in Science
	UTS Parents Association Scholarship for Distinction
Daniel Gurin.....	National Merit Scholarship Program
Louise Harris.....	Beverly Matthews Award for Prefect & Dr. T.M. Porter Award for Prefect
Julie Hwang.....	Beverly Matthews Award for Deputy School Captain & Dr. T.M. Porter Award for Deputy School Captain
	Alice Ada Zimmerman Memorial Award
Patrick Kaifosh.....	Rensselaer Medal
	Beverly Matthews Award for Distinction
	Henry Job Crawford Scholarship in Classics
Alexandra Lalonde.....	Senior 5 Award
Marisa Leon-Carlyle.....	National Merit Scholarship Program
Joseph Liu.....	UTS Alumni War Memorial Scholarship
Jennifer Luong.....	J.G. Workman Prize in Mathematics
Katherine Magyarody.....	Joseph L. Gill Memorial Award
Nina McCurdy.....	UTSPA Award in Special French
Nicholas Moy.....	W.B. Gray Memorial Prize
Asher Nehring.....	Program Distinction Award
Aliya Nurmohamed.....	Senior 5 Award
Farah Pabani.....	Alumni 50th Anniversary Fund Scholarship
	Erskine Eaton Memorial Scholarship in Modern Languages
Carolyn Poutiainen.....	Harold & Waldo Smith Senior Essay Award
Victoria Pang.....	National Merit Scholarship Program
Cynthia Smithers.....	Beverly Matthews Award for School Captain & Dr. T.M. Porter Award for School Captain
	Alice Ada Zimmerman Memorial Award



Mrs. Shi and Marc Shi

Julie Hwang, Mme Carole Bernicchia-Freeman, Cynthia Smithers

Sashi Lankage and Cecilia Wong

OUR LEADERS OF THE FUTURE...

On the weekend of November 12th and 13th 2005, 33 UTS students ventured to Montreal to attend the Secondary Schools United Nations Symposium (SSUNS).

The SSUNS is Canada's premier model UN conference for high school students, the objective of which is to educate young people about current international issues through interactive debate in simulated United Nations committees. It draws over 800 participants from across the country and abroad.

The students spent huge numbers of hours in committee sessions every day discussing world issues and foreign policy.

And they were amazing, bringing home 5 delegate awards (and gavels!) and an honourable mention!

Cynthia Smithers (S6), representing Burkina Faso on the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, received the Lester B. Pearson award for peacebuilding.

Allie Lalonde (S5), as the Cabinet Liason on the CIDA Committee, received the Lester B. Pearson award for peacebuilding.

Rebecca Baskin (S5), representing Tanzania on the Security Council, received the Nellie McClung award for advocacy.

Ljiljana Stanic (S5), as a member of the Soviet Politburo, received the Lester B. Pearson award for peacebuilding.

Matt Chou (S5), as a Republican fundraiser on the American Election 2008 Crisis, received an award.

Jenn Luong (S5), representing Poland on the Special Political and Decolonization Committee, received an honourable mention.

Congratulations to everyone who participated!

Mr. Chris Federico

SHAD VALLEY SUCCESS...

This past summer, 22 UTS Students gained entry to the prestigious SHAD Valley Science & Entrepreneurial Experience.

The Shad Valley program is designed to show bright young Canadian students the links between business and science and give them exposure to careers in technology and entrepreneurship. Therefore, acceptance into the program is an achievement in itself, and in addition, eight of the 22 students brought home gold!

Brenda Chiang (S5), Catherine Davis (S6), Anjan Devaraj (S5), Katrina Hui (S5), Ricky Jrearez (S5), Chiara Meneguzzi (S5), Ljiljana Stanic (S5), and Veronica Tsou (S5), as members of gold winning teams, were all honoured at the RBC/SHAD Entrepreneurial Cup on October 27th 2005.

Eleven brand new product ideas around the theme of Health and Wellness were unveiled - "any of which could be the next smash business success."

Bravo to all participants and award winners!

*Mr. Ron Mintz
Principal*

MUSICIANS ON THE NATIONAL AND WORLD STAGE...

Pamela Leung

Playing selections from Bach, Schubert and Beethoven, Pamela Leung (M3) was one of the winners in the World Piano Competition; performing at Carnegie Hall in Manhattan, New York City on October 22, 2005.



Pamela Leung

The World Piano Competition is one of the most prestigious competitions with over 200 pianists from 17 countries participating this year.

The adjudicators were well-known recording artists from various parts of the world and the leading adjudicator was the Rector and president of the Moscow Conservatory, Russia. All winners are invited to perform at the Moscow Conservatory.

Previously, Pamela participated and won in local, provincial, national, and American competitions including the American Guild of Music, the Canadian Music Competition, the Kiwanis Music Festival, and the Newmarket Music Competition.

Aaron Schwebel

At the 2005 National Music Festival in Kamloops B.C. in August of this year, Aaron Schwebel (S6) represented Ontario as one of only nine provincial finalists, and following his performance was awarded national second place overall in strings.



Aaron Schwebel receiving his prize at the National Music Festival

Aaron is also a member of the National Youth Orchestra of Canada and the Toronto Symphony Youth Orchestra.

Well done to Pamela and Aaron.

Mr. Ron Royer

SCIENCE AWARDS ...a snapshot of 2005 success

Chemistry

UTS scored more impressively than ever in both the Avogadro and Chem 13 News Chemistry contests, with 2005 the first time UTS students placed first in both competitions.

Nicholas Moy (S6) wrote a perfect paper in the Senior Contest (Chem 13 News). Patrick Kaifosh (S6) and Charlie Wang (S6) also placed in the 100th percentile, and 12 other students placed in the 95th percentile or higher.

In the Avogadro contest, Abi Vijenthira (S5) and Kent Huynh (S5) tied for the highest score of the contest. They were the only two out of all 5730 students to get 39/40 questions correct. Peter Lu (S5) was also ranked in the 100th percentile and a total of 20 UTS students placed in the 95th percentile or higher.

Biology Essay Winners

On October 26th 2005 at the annual Partners in Research Fundraising Gala, three UTS students were presented with certificates and cash awards (\$250) for their winning essay submission to the Scientific Journal Essay Contest.

Sabrina Tang, now in S5, won the grade 10 award with her essay on Epigenetics "With the Flick of a Switch".

Jaclyn Chiang, now in S6, won the grade 11 award with her essay on Nanotechnology "Small is the New Big".

Will Goldbloom, Graduate and 2005 School Captain, won the grade 12 competition and grand prize with his essay "Education and Animal Rights - A New Compromise".

Congratulations to the prize winning students and to all those who participated.

International Recognition

Anthony Chiu, Class of 2005, was the top ranked biology students at the Canadian Biology Olympiad camp and went on to win a bronze for Canada at the International Competition in Beijing in July, 2005.

This just in...

Chris Yau (S6) and Andrew Wang (S6) have both been invited to attend the National Biology Olympiad Training Camp in April 2006.

Only a dozen students from across Canada receive this invitation. Fantastic effort!

Physics

UTS came first national in the 8-member team competition in the Sit Isaac Newton physics contest with Xiaodi Wu, Class of 2005, had a perfect score of 100% and 13 students standings were in the 90th percentile or higher.

In the 2005 Da Vinci competition, written by 2754 Canadian students across the country, 10 UTS students placed in the 92nd percentile or higher.

*Ms. Meg O'Mahony
Ms. Jennifer Pitt-Lainsbury*

DEBATING

Congratulations to Rameez Sewani (M4) who took 4th place in the junior Division of the Fall Fulford Debate Tournament on 15th October 2005, at St Andrews College.

Sana Mehrani (S5) and Rebecca Baskin (S5) are competing in the Ontario Provincial Debate Championships on November 25th and 26th.

We wish them all the best.