

I hope everyone had a good summer. Although summer seemed to pass too quickly, I will welcome the less humid air that autumn will bring.

At the start of a new academic year, RAQ members can look forward to a new round of familiar activities. I'm

happy to announce

Each volunteer gets a package of 20 to 25 applications and is asked to rank the top five, and name the next five. Each application is ranked by at least two readers. Reading these applications shows the calibre of the outstanding students Queen's continues to attract. When you receive the e-mail soliciting volunteers, please consider volunteering.

Agnes Herzberg has assembled her usual sterling list of Monday Morning Forum speakers for the Fall term. I hope to see many of you at these informative (always) and provocative (often) sessions. If you mislay the printed notice that is mailed out, you can always find details of upcoming events in the Events section of our Web site (<http://www.queensu.ca/retirees>).

Elsewhere in Canada

In May I attended the 8th Annual Conference of the College and University Retiree Associations of Canada (CURAC), hosted by the retiree associations of York University (York has two associations!) and Seneca College. As always, pensions were discussed. Harry Arthurs, commissioner of the Ontario Expert Commission on Pensions discussed his report and its recommendation that university pension plans be amalgamated under common management. Hrvoje Lakota of Mercer (Canada) Ltd. noted the difficulty (but not impossibility) of amalgamating so many diverse plans. Amalgamation was not mentioned in the Ontario Government's recent announcements of "temporary pension solvency relief" for universities, but our Pension and Benefits Committee will continue to monitor the situation.

Other sessions at the York Conference stressed the importance of keeping active and involved (in acade-

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Tour of Phase I, Queen's Centre

A group of about 30 RAQ members participated in a tour of Phase I of the Queen's Centre on the morning of Monday 31 July. We gathered in the atrium of the Athletics and Recreational Centre and were met by our tour guides, Bob Polegato, project manager, Physical Plant Services, and Herb Steacy, associate director, Facilities and Business Development, Athletics and Recreation.

Herb gave us a very informative tour of the Athletics and Recreational Centre including gyms, pool, locker rooms, and fitness areas. Bob then led us on a walk-about to the School of Kinesiology and Health Studies and on to Goodes Hall where he told us about the construction of Phase II of the Business School which has just started, and then to the University Club for lunch via Tindall Field and the Union Street Parking Garage.

We were grateful to both Bob

and Herb for a most interesting morning. We hope to tour the new Health Sciences building at approximately the same time next year. cherrilyn yalin

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