



Weekly Bulletin for Department & Program Heads

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Richard Pope

Last week we noted the death of Richard Pope, retired professor of anthropology. The following information was provided to Executive of Council at its meeting on Wednesday 23 January:

Born in 1929 in Evanston, IL, Richard Pope was educated at Reed College (BA 1953) and the University of Chicago (MA 1954). He was appointed to the faculty here in 1967 as a member of the anthropology committee of the social sciences division in the Faculty of Arts and Science, as it was then known. Dick Pope found the Regina liberal arts model congenial, with its strong emphasis on interdisciplinarity, and wrote about aspects of his Regina experience in an essay published in the collection *Historicizing Canadian Anthropology*, edited by Harrison and Darnell and published two years ago by UBC Press. In his latter years at this University, according to a colleague who wrote to me yesterday, Professor Pope took up residence in Tyvan, SK. Despite poor eyesight, especially in low light, he continued to drive back and forth, his eye condition sometimes making trips rather longer than they otherwise might have been, and contributing to several notable events in the parking lot outside the Ad-Hum Building. He later moved to Gabriola Island, where he died last weekend.

Colleagues who are interested in reading the essay Dick Pope wrote for the Harrison and Darnell volume are welcome to borrow a copy from this office.

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### **Budget**

The Faculty's presentation to the central Budget Committee will take place this afternoon. Copies of the final budget submission have been delivered to department and program heads as well as members of the Faculty's Budget Advisory Committee. Rose-Marie and I are reviewing specific requests made by heads for capital expenditures and 08-09 sessional stipend allocations. I hope to be able to grant some capital requests using fall-in, and a letter regarding sessional allocations will be sent to you within the next few weeks.

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Upcoming forum item at DE – do we really need prerequisites?

Is there a case to be made for abandoning the whole system of prerequisites? Does the readiness with which heads sign forms waiving a prerequisite, or permitting students to take courses out of the usual sequence, mean that prerequisites are not really serving their intended purpose? Would students not be served just as well by a list of recommended rather than required preparatory courses? If you have any thoughts on the matter, please direct them to Rick.

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### **Dean's Research Awards**

Please remind members of your departments of the upcoming deadline for the Dean's Research Awards (31 January). Applications should be submitted via the on-line form on the Dean's Office website. Please direct anyone with questions to get in touch with Lynn Wells or Kara Vincent.

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### **Teaching while on sabbatical**

Article 16.7.3.2 of the *Collective Agreement* speaks to the question of teaching courses while on sabbatical. As sabbaticals are granted for the purpose of freeing members from teaching and administrative responsibilities so that they can focus on their research and professional development (Art. 16.7), permission to teach while on sabbatical will be granted only for compelling reasons.

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### **Tickets available**

We have purchased a table at the Cougar Athletics Fundraising Dinner (Thursday 3 April at Queensbury Centre). 8 tickets are available for students of the Faculty of Arts.

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### **Talk about humanities research this afternoon**

Please try to make it out to the HRI panel discussion, "The Culture of Research: Retooling the Humanities," *today at 4:00 p.m.* in the Campion Auditorium. *Dr Dan Coleman*, an alumnus of our English department and current CRC at McMaster will be the speaker, with responses from *Nick Ruddick* and *Lynn Wells*.

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### **Woodrow Lloyd Lecture**

The 2008 Woodrow Lecture, "Weathering the Warming Climate," will be delivered this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in CL 110. The speaker, *Dr Elaine Wheaton*, is a senior research scientist with the Saskatchewan Research Council.

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### **Important recruitment dates: reminder**

Candidate interviews and campus visits are well under way and will continue into early February. Our target dates are:

- **Friday 8 February or earlier:** Committee chairs recommend preferred candidate to Dean and (with prior permission from candidates) conduct telephone reference checks
- **11-13 February:** Dean discusses candidates with Vice-President (Academic)
- **By 13 February:** Committee chairs prepare Recruitment Report and forward it to Dean's Office
- **13-15 February:** Dean contacts candidates and negotiates offers of employment

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