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Assistant Professor Al Binnington, OVC ‘72, centre, teaches neurosurgery.

Graduate students learn research surgery techniques in OVC’s Surgical Research Unit operating room.

"... our research spreads over to all animals — including man"

by OVC staff

Humans and animals have many similar medical problems. Some of these can be corrected by current surgical techniques, however, many are still under investigation and further research is being conducted in an effort to find a solution.

In the Surgical Research Unit at the Ontario Veterinary College, researchers are tackling animal health problems and at the same time considering what application this knowledge may have for human medicine. They’re also working in cooperation with researchers in human medicine on strictly human medical problems.

The Surgical Research Unit was established at the University almost two years ago, with the generous assistance of a $100,000 grant from the Wellcome Trust of London, England. “The grant”, says Prof. James Archibald, OVC ‘49, clinical studies
"... our research spreads over to all animals —

including man"

Dr. James Archibald, OVC '49, chairman of OVC's department of clinical studies, gives a pre-operative lecture.

Dr. Geoff Fernie, from West Park Hospital, Weston, assists Dr. Al Binnington, OVC '72, to place transcutaneous implants.

The operating room clock is the focus of many a student's hurried glance.

Dr. Harry Downie, OVC '48, chairman of OVC's department of biomedical sciences, and Dr. James Archibald, OVC '49.

chairman, "supplied such equipment as a cardiac bypass unit, anaesthetic machines, electronic monitoring equipment, blood gas analysis instruments, all needed for the work we're doing."

During the routine operation of the teaching hospital, many medical and surgical problems are dealt with daily. Occasionally a problem arises for which there is no known treatment or for which a better method of treatment is desirable. With the Surgical Research Unit an integral part of OVC, the facilities are now available to permit further study of these problems.

The majority of surgical procedures are developed on animals before being applied to man, and for this reason an exchange of information, procedures and personnel has developed over the years between the OVC, hospitals and medical research institutions. For example, our researchers are working with personnel from the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto on surgical procedures for a non-surgical disease. The disease, diabetes mellitus, can be controlled through the administration of insulin, but this method of treatment is far from perfect. The routine of daily injections of insulin is hard to regulate if changes in exercise or diet occur, and situations arise where a person does not always have his or her insulin handy at the
right time.

The answer may lie in the development of an "artificial pancreas", something the Toronto researchers have been working on for some time. The "artificial pancreas" is really an insulin infusion pump, which is approximately the size of a hockey puck, and is implanted subcutaneously in the body. The role of the Surgical Research Unit involves perfecting the technique of implantation of the pump and monitoring its output over long periods of time.

Two dogs are presently residing in the Clinical Studies small animals wards, each supporting one of these pumps, and a third dog has two different types of pumps surgically implanted in its body.

Another cooperative project which involved the Hospital for Sick Children was concerned with the surgical repair of congenital defects in newborn children. One particular defect involved a narrowed aorta, which restricts the flow of blood from the heart to the body.

Researchers at OVC created a narrowed aorta in a sheep fetus and when this animal was born, it provided a model for the condition as it exists in human infants. The medical researchers in Toronto were then able to work towards developing a safe and effective surgical method of repairing this defect.

Dr. Geoff Fernie of the Amputee Research Centre at West Park Hospital, Weston, is presently working with OVC researchers on the development of a method of attachment for artificial limbs. These limbs would be attached directly to the bone of the stump, with ingrowth and adherence of the soft tissue to the prosthesis stem. This transcutaneous prosthesis, when perfected, would provide a permanent, trouble-free and very aesthetic attachment of an artificial limb and would be a great improvement over the present cumbersome attachment methods.

Presently a series of new research projects is being initiated by researchers in Clinical Studies in cooperation with Dr. Bob Pilliar of the Ontario Research Foundation. This work is concerned with the use of porous metal coatings for the attachment of prostheses to bone, and the development of a method for the removal and replacement of these prostheses once ingrowth has occurred. Further works by this group will study the effect a porous coating will have on the stress protection effect due to the use of metal bone plates for repair of fractures.

Another project presently under way in the Surgical Research Unit is a study on the stresses and strains on the limb bones in dogs. A number of dogs are fitted with telemetry equipment and as they move the forces on their bone are recorded. It is hoped to determine, from the mechanical point of view, the best method of repairing fractured bones in dogs.

The cooperative effort between the veterinary and human medical researchers is not confined to individual research projects. Professor Archibald serves as a consultant to the Hospital for Sick Children and Dr. Walter Zingg, of Sick Children's lectures at OVC.

What's in the future for the Surgical Research Unit? As far as the type of research to be carried out is concerned, the sky's the limit, but tight budgets in all sectors of the economy have led to shortages of funds to conduct many of the research programs that have been proposed. At the present time funding comes mainly from the University's own research budget, and the federal Medical Research Council through the hospitals and other agencies.

"There's a lack of financial support for surgical research anywhere", says Professor Archibald. "We, at OVC, are particularly hampered because our programs are assumed to deal strictly with animal problems.

"It's true that much of our research involves dogs and pigs, but in the final analysis our research spreads over to all animals - including man."
Further Information

A detailed brochure outlining all activities and costs is available. For a copy of this brochure, mail the coupon or call the Office of Continuing Education, University of Guelph, 519-824-4120, Ext. 3956.

When?

Family Summer Campus '77 will take place from July 11 to July 29. Families may register in the program for one, two or three weeks - a different set of courses is available each week.

Accommodation?

A total room and board package in modern residence facilities is available. On-campus living is part of the Family Summer Campus experience.

Cost?

Program fees cover all activities listed (course registration and evening activities). Adults - $60/week, Youths - $30/week (Accommodation costs separate, depending on the arrangements required).

Youth Program

In fact three separate programs: for preschoolers (3-5 years), juniors (6-10 years), and teens (11-15 years).

Evening Program

Opening evening orientation session; family barbecue and Monte Carlo night; a live theatre performance; an art exhibition; optional tours of campus and the Guelph area; a fitness clinic; campus activities with other families or spend an evening in the library.

Week 1

Farming Today
Indoor Plants
Drawing and Painting
Conversational French (weeks 1, 2 and 3)
Choices - Planning for Creative Retirement
Workshop for The Amateur Actor

Week 2

Crops and Beef Production
Beekeeping
Landscaping the Residential Property
Coping with Change
Music Workshop - Recorder
Freelance Writing

Week 3

The Business of Farming
Home Gardening
Design of Plant Materials
Music Appreciation
Outdoor Education
Audio-Visual Course for Teachers

Please send me a Family Summer Campus '77 brochure.

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Fifty years ago, the campus participated in the festivities associated with the City of Guelph's 100th birthday. This year, the University will participate in the city's 150th celebration. Underlying the festivities and formalities will be mutual respect and cooperation which have been so carefully nurtured, over 103 years of being neighbours.

**GOOD NEIGHBOURS**

by Mary Cocivera

When the board walk linking the campus with the city was completed in 1880, some 53 years after the city was founded on April 23, 1827, an official celebration at the city limits on Forbes Avenue commemorated this engineering feat. From this first link has grown a strong and healthy relationship between the University and the community. Indeed, the interface is so harmonious that "Joe Citizen" takes it for granted, while officials consider its maintenance a top priority item.

In 1924, when the Ontario Agricultural College celebrated its semi-centennial, the Guelph Evening Mercury pointed out that "only a mile and half separated town and college, but in the early years, they were practically isolated, the one from the other. Now, what with modern innovations, and the development of College Heights as a splendidly located city suburb, they are as one." The streetcar was the "modern innovation" which joined the two.

Since then, of course, the city has surrounded the campus, buses have replaced street cars, and city and campus have become even more integrated.

**Old Timers Remember...**

Depending on who is reminiscing, city/campus relationships were strained, cooperative, or non-existent over the years. Verne Millwright, a Guelph native and long-time Mercury reporter, speaks nostalgically of the old days when church groups,

Farmers' excursion party visiting OAC's experimental plots. Circa 1900.
organizations, and sports teams depended on the OAC students. With Saturday morning classes and iron-clad attendance rules, the students stayed on campus from September until Christmas except for a day off at Thanksgiving, if they were lucky. On weekends, the students looked to Guelph for entertainment.

"Skating to live music in Guelph was so popular that you had to line up to get into the rinks," claims Alf Hales, OAC '34. OAC students joined church choirs and young people's organizations, though Florence Partridge, Mac '26, remembers that it was the OAC men not the Mac women, who joined these town organizations. With a ratio of roughly three men to each woman on campus, the women didn't have to join. George Raithby, OAC '22, contends that the "unfavourable odds on campus just made the game more interesting."

"Sure there was contact between the campus and the city – the OAC boys married Guelph girls right and left," say Greta (Crowe) Shutt, Mac '13. "They were lively boys." She should know, she married one and was for many years a faculty wife.

Students from the college boarded in Guelph homes throughout the years, depending on how much residence accommodation was available on the campus. These personal contacts brought many Guelph families into the sphere of college activities. Harold Koch, who has lived in the same house on Waterloo Avenue since 1903, remembers many students, including some from overseas, who boarded in his family's home. He and his friends often rode the streetcar to the campus to join in the festivities. Riding that street car involved some risk, for the students delighted in greasing the tracks, rocking it back and forth, and generally making the ride hair-raising.

Students often took their celebrations through the streets of Guelph. Pre-game parades through town stirred up spirit and brought townspeople to the football games.

Student parades and spirited pranks did not please everyone. George Raithby said the merchants took a dim view of students' custom of "throwing a little paint around the town." He suspects many townspeople viewed the students as "hoodlums."

Farm and Home Week
The Annual Farm and Home weeks or "June excursions" were the highlight of OAC's extension programs for Ontario farmers. Thousands of farmers from as far away as Ottawa came to the Royal City by train, rode the streetcar up the hill, and toured the model farm. Free sandwiches also attracted a number of hungry boys from Guelph. Alf Hales remembers these excursions as a tremendous boost to commerce in Guelph.

Not all Guelph residents welcomed the daily influx of 3,000 to 10,000 farmers. Greta Shutt recalls the visitors as a "pretty rough bunch. We used to say the fellow would take his girl to William's ice cream parlor and buy himself a 10¢ cone." This rift between city folks and farmers was confirmed by Alf Hales, whose family lived in College Heights near the campus. He didn't like going to the downtown YMCA because the city boys called him a hick or a hayseed because he lived in the "country". George Raithby says he felt that the "city" people looked down on agriculture and remained aloof from the college which represented agriculture.

Growth Brings Need
The present scenario for town/gown cooperation is entirely different. The city's population approaches 70,000 and has a good industrial base, with the University its largest employer. The University has a student population of more than 10,000 and now the campus is within the city limits. The need for harmony and cooperation is obvious.

Today, the town/gown relationship is more formalized. City council and the University administration are concerned about maintaining a close cooperative relationship and open communication channels.

Personal contacts between OAC students and townspeople were once an important part of town/campus interaction. Today, the students tend to be citizens of the University community, rather than the city. Even students who live in rooms and apartments in Guelph gravitate to the campus for pubs, dances, concerts, lectures, plays, exhibits, and clubs.

Liaison Committee
Guelph mayor Norm Jary explains that close city/University relations are so important that
a liaison committee was established at the very highest administrative levels. The committee is called together when specific problems arise.

Since the campus now lies within the city limits, planning, roads, sewers, water supply and other "nitty-gritty" concerns are mutual. City and University engineers regularly consult on these issues.

Recreation
Recreation facilities and programs are enriched because of University/city cooperation. Len Gaudette, Guelph's Director of Parks and Arenas, explains that the city and the University have a formal working agreement for sharing the outdoor fields, Memorial Gardens and Alumni Stadium. The city's busy time is during the summer, when the University is quiet, so the arrangement works well for both. University faculty are frequently consulted about planning city recreation facilities and programs. Mr. Gaudette predicts even greater cooperation in the future as the recreation dollar shrinks and the demand for recreation grows.

Culture
Guelph's internationally acclaimed Spring Festival celebrates its 10th anniversary this year. Originally launched with support from the University, the Festival offers two superb weeks of musical performances each May. Professor Murdo MacKinnon, President of the Festival, notes that the Festival has now built up its own momentum and depends not on official University support, but the expertise of individuals from the city and the University.

Guelph now has a remarkable cultural program, partly because the Spring Festival has helped create audiences. Guelph has two professional theatre companies (founded by graduates of the University of Guelph Department of Drama), many choirs, three subscription concert series, numerous church organ recitals, and crafts and art shows, not to mention the varied cultural menu on the campus, to which the community is invited.

Social Services
"University people are our strongest asset in terms of volunteers," says Morris Twist, Director of the Community Service Council. This organization relies on volunteers to maintain a community information bureau and to carry out social planning studies. For example, University people have participated in a recreation land study, housing study and the task force on public transportation. Mr. Twist says that the role of the CSC is to take the data collected by experts and present them to politicians for policy decisions. Several students have also worked as volunteers at the CSC.

The student HELP organization places student volunteers in community organizations, such as senior citizen's homes, day care centres, and social service organizations. In this way, students become involved in the community beyond the campus.

Non-Credit Education
Last year more than 10,200 people attended non-credit courses and seminars at the University, an estimated half of them from the immediate area. "We have one of the highest participation rates of adult education programs in Canada," explains Professor Mark Waldron, Director of Continuing Education. "But I would like to see the University become even more involved in the community. As far as I'm concerned the boundaries of the campus are the boundaries of the province, the country." Communication plays a role in knowing what people want. A city resident sits on the University Senate committee for continuing education which must approve all non-credit courses. Organizations in Guelph involved in adult education meet occasionally to keep informed and avoid duplication.

Chamber of Commerce
The University of Guelph, as the largest employer in Guelph, is entitled to 12 representatives on the Guelph Chamber of Commerce. Such involvement creates excellent communications between industry, the city, and the University. "This harmony between city and University cannot help but benefit the entire community," says Mike Henry, General Manager of the Chamber of Commerce.

The City of Guelph and the University of Guelph have forged a symbiotic relationship - each needs the other. Both city and University recognize that town/gown harmony is vital to the health of the entire community.
Sue, OVC '79, cannot remember when she didn't want to be a veterinarian. She's spent summers working on farms and for veterinarians. She trains dogs and rides horses. Everything in her life reflects a zest for life, love of animals and respect for the great outdoors.

"In my first year at Guelph, I isolated myself and studied all the time. My marks were not that great, so I started doing extracurricular things—playing French horn in the orchestra, riding, cross country skiing, playing volleyball and square dancing. My marks went up. I've been enjoying myself ever since."

"I usually go home on weekends. It really gives me a boost. My mother was more excited about my acceptance to OVC than I was. My parents give me a lot of support."

Sue expects to combine a veterinary practice with her many outside interests. "It's all a matter of being organized. The more there is to do, the more I can do. At first I wanted to be a vet. Now I want to be a good vet. That will take years."

Unlike many B.A. students, John has clear-cut goals. He plans to teach wood shop. After earning a B.A. in History and English at Guelph, he will take a college course in woodworking or carpentry, and then attend teacher's college. He feels the combination of academic subjects plus the woodworking skills will enhance his flexibility as a teacher and improve his salary.

"I like working with my hands. I have worked at different jobs since I was 14 so I have a pretty good idea of what I like. I've worked in construction, factories, a feed mill and for a veterinarian."

"If I don't like teaching, I figure I'll never be too old to learn something else."

John is surprised how similar his university experience is to his father's experience on campus. "My dad and I are quite a bit alike. He understands the pressure I feel now with my studies."

At Convocation last spring, Faye, OAC '76, won so many awards and fellowships she could hardly keep track of them all. The awards recognized not only academic achievement, but involvement in extracurricular activities. She is now pursuing a M.Sc. degree in food science, supported by a National Research Council fellowship.

Why food science? "I'm a chemist at heart, with an interest in nutrition. I checked the course list in food science before coming to Guelph. Its emphasis on chemistry and science suited me." Research in an industry or government laboratory will most certainly be her career choice.

Her enthusiasm for the field is evident from her summer jobs. She's worked in food research laboratories and last summer worked at N.R.C. in Ottawa in its technical information service.

"I haven't had to decide yet whether I would combine marriage and a career. I know I always want to pursue my career, even if it's only part-time if and when I have young children. I'd want to keep my foot in the field just to stay abreast."

Scott heaved a huge sigh of relief this December when he received acceptance to OVC. For the first two years of university, he studied in a B.Sc program.

Whether to have a private practice or work in government will depend on the job situation when he graduates (would you believe in 1981?). Scott has explored the options open to D. V. M. graduates and knows what he is getting into. He has talked to practising vets; worked on farms during the summer, talked to the admissions officials at OVC and spent some time in his cousin's small animal practice.

Since Scott lives right across the street from OVC, coming to university involved few surprises. He'd toyed with the idea of attending another university, so he could live away from home for a couple of years. Guelph appealed to him because it was cheaper and he felt that going here initially would help him get into OVC. It seems he was right. ☐

(See back page for student identification)
Alumni fund drives involve many, many people and shoulder high among them, is a quiet but forceful group – those determined Class Agents. It's they who know the person behind the name and maintain that essential "keeping in touch" process without which old friends would scatter and become lost as far as the University is concerned.

Those who accept the role are usually warm and sociable people, for whom keeping in touch is a pleasure. They accept the financial aspects of the job with equally good grace. Some have personal memories of the campus going back to the '20's. Classes were small then. Fellow graduates were also friends. They've seen them grow up and grow old. Some have been lost on the way. Other Class Agents represent the post-1965 period with its huge classes whose members have not yet achieved their full giving potential – but will. Old or young, the most important asset which the Class Agents draw upon is a legacy of loyalty which, if anything, grows with time.
There are 189 Class Agents, far too many even to mention them all by name, but the few whom we interviewed gave a good cross-sectional picture of the rest.

Norm Synnott of Barrie, Class of OAC '23, of whom there are some 40 still living; He's known them for more than 50 years. "We were never a rich group," he says. "We were the post-war generation which took the brunt of the depression — but we pull our weight. When we were asked to raise $2500 for the Arboretum, we came through with $3000. I don't think that's too bad. Even some of the widows contributed."

Herb Schneider of Kitchener, OAC '48; He cheerfully accepts the job as part of the responsibilities which go with being Class President — a five-year appointment. Herb, who was chairman of the 1970 Alma Mater Fund, is also a man of forthright opinions. "Personally I don't know where education is going. Graduates today get their degrees and then go away and meditate. I sometimes think the country is suffering from over-education."

Mrs. Ruth (Barnes) Regan, Mac '31, of Peterborough; Her 100 or more classmates are spread all over the world from Vancouver to Rhodesia. The problems of keeping in touch are immense. The last reunion in 1976 brought 22 of them together at the home of Dr. Mabel Sanderson, Mac '31, in Guelph.

Larry Demaray of Guelph, OAC '25; Larry has been Class Secretary since 1946. He was President of the first College Royal in his graduation year and looks back to the days when streetcars ran on Gordon Street onto the campus and a party of husky young student farmers could, by developing a good rhythmic "bounce" at the back of the car, shake it off its tracks.

Ron Darling of Stayner, OVC '60; He was Class President, a position which includes that of Class Agent. Forty one students graduated in 1960 and Dr. Darling keeps in touch with them in Australia, Malaysia, Hawaii and the U.K. He wonders if the camaraderie which goes with being a member of a small group is possible amongst the thousands who came later. On the day we spoke with him, Dr. Darling had operated on a cow which was owned by Gordon Coukell, OAC '61, and his wife Marion (Rumble), Mac '60. Ron was still glowing with that Alma Mater "family" feeling.

Wayne Clark of Oshawa, Well. '68, on the other hand represents one of the new wave Class Agents. His combined class of Arts and Sciences numbers nearly 250. They're scattered all over the world. A significant number of the women are married and have become difficult to trace. Wayne works with the knowledge that he cannot hope to know all of his fellow graduates. "The three-semester system and the multiplicity of options keeps us apart to an important extent even while we're still students. There were people I started with whom I had lost track of long before I graduated — and others who were friends at the end whom I had not known in my earlier years. Today I have to look for them in England, Australia, the Middle East as well as all over Canada. Any real intimacy of contact is impossible."

Wayne Clark's experience is an indicator both of the problems and the importance of future Class Agents. By the end of this century, Guelph Alumni will number some 75,000, a significant intellectual — and financial — body, every member of which will be able to trace his or her roots back to a common critical experience at the University. When we look at Norm Synnott's and Larry Demaray's fifty-year history it becomes apparent that these roots are infinitely worth while maintaining and strengthening. The Department of Alumni Affairs and Development is working to make this so, and with the continued cooperation of those all-important Class Agents — will succeed.

'76 AMF over the top

Campaign Chairman Alex Ross, Arts '69, reports that the 1976 Alma Mater Fund has exceeded its objective of $170,000. At press time the fund had received 3,929 gifts, amounting to $177,902.

The new record in annual support surpasses the previous high achieved by the 1974 fund by some $13,000.

Significant factors contributing to this success were the excellent results received in the Mac/FACS 75th Anniversary Campaign, the generosity of campus faculty and professional staff, the high rate of Century Club new and renewal membership subscriptions, and the support of new and regular donors.

Chairman Ross pointed out that graduates of class years 1967 to 1975 had almost doubled the support of previous years.

The Alma Mater Fund Advisory Council, whose membership is composed of members of the alumni associations and chaired by Ewart Carberry, OAC '44, is charged with the responsibility of allocating the proceeds.

A full report of the 1976 Alma Mater Fund will be contained in the next issue of the Guelph Alumnus.
campus highlights

New members on Board

Board Chairman Kenneth Murray, OAC '50 has announced the appointment to the University's Board of Governors of George H. Dixon, OAC '38, and Jack D. Pemberton. Both are appointed for a three year term.

Executive vice-president of Canada Packers Ltd. of Toronto, Mr. Dickson, has been with Canada Packers since his graduation from OAC.

He started on the mail desk, but was soon promoted to manager of the provision department, then to general provisions manager responsible for Canada Packers' pork operations in Canada and abroad.

In 1956, Mr. Dickson was appointed a director of the company and director of marketing. Three years later he was appointed assistant general manager and in 1960 assumed the duties of general manager. Mr. Dickson has held his present position of executive vice-president since 1962.

A native of Westburn, Manitoba, Mr. Dickson, spent his early years in that prairie community and developed the ambition to find a career in the livestock industry.

Mr. Dickson is a member of the Agricultural Institute of Canada and has been active in the OAC Alumni Association, serving as its president in 1951.

Mr. Pemberton is president of C. A. Pemberton and Co. Ltd. of Toronto, a food processing equipment manufacturing and marketing firm.

A Toronto native and an Islington, Ontario, resident he joined the firm in 1946 following service in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

In addition to his business activities, Mr. Pemberton is vice-president of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, a director of the National Equestrian Federation of Canada and a member of the Metropolitan Toronto Board of Trade.

An avid golfer and skier, Mr. Pemberton is also interested in horses and collects horse-drawn vehicles. His collection includes vehicles dating to 1760.

He has been a long time exhibitor at the Royal in the horses and carriage classes.

alumni news

Appointment

Neil C. Darrach, OAC '42, has been elected president and chief executive officer of Continental Canada Company of Canada. He joined Continental in 1947.

Following his start as manager, research department, Montreal, he became quality control supervisor in 1950, assistant plant manager in 1951, and plant manager in 1952. He was appointed general manager of manufacturing (metal) in 1956. He was made vice-president and general manager (metal) in 1964, and executive vice-president of the company in 1970.

He married Doris Marguerite German, OAC '42, in 1942 and they have one son, Peter and three daughters, Nancy, Jane, Kelly, and Susan.

An ardent golfer and talented artist Neil and Doris reside at Stonefield Farm, near Moffat, Ontario.

He was campaign chairman of the 1974 Alma Mater Fund.

1977 Alumni Tour

Autumn in England, August 20 to September 3 - 15 days while the leaves of brown come tumbling down.

London, Oxford, Stratford, Derby, Coventry, through Hereford and the Wye Valley, Bristol, Salisbury and Stone Henge, Reading, with the final five days to do London or take optional tours.

Except for London, accommodation will be in university residences.

If you're interested write to the Alumni Office, University Centre, University of Guelph, Ontario, N1G2W1.

Watch for complete details in the next Guelph Alumnus.

Help from news media

Working for his M.D. in parasitology, Department of Zoology graduate student Rick Cawthorn, CBS '73, is studying the lifestyle and biology of a nematode parasite found in the air sac of the chicken.

His research is funded by an operating National Research Council grant to Zoology Department Professor Dr. Roy C. Anderson.

Thanks to a short newspaper report on his activities Rick now has a greater number of friends and a steady supply of crow carcasses.

"Once the word was out regarding my need the established crow hunters in Essex County came to my rescue and now I'm making a weekly pickup run."

Crows from all over Ontario migrate to Essex County every winter where they feed in the corn fields.

On campus Rick has seven live crows whose duties are to demonstrate the basic principle of the life cycle of the roundworm parasite he is studying.

Rick hand-reared his seven subjects and in the beginning mothered his chicks with 10-minute feedings 12 hours a day. "Some turkey starter, a blender, an eye dropper, lots of patience and tender loving care."

Following the northern migration, Rick is expecting a spring and summer shortage of carcasses but if hunters are still willing to hold them for him, he's prepared to pick up minimum bags of six or seven within a 100 mile radius of the University.

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We’d like to know!

This issue of the Guelph Alumnus has been mailed to nearly 33,000 people—and the mailing list is steadily growing larger.

With that many on the receiving end we expect a few problems with address changes—and we get them.

However lately we’ve experienced another problem. We’ve received several letters indicating that there has been considerable delay between our mailing date and the delivery date.

So naturally, we’re concerned and curious—and only you can satisfy our curiosity and confirm or deny our cause for concern.

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Dear Mr. Wing:

I was pleased to see that you had chosen the giant cat picture for the Alumni calendar. Closer examination of the picture revealed that credit for the work was given to the Institute of Computer Science. In fact, the cat was the work of in-course students from the Department of Computing and Information Science. I assume the platitude somewhere along the lines of “in the spirit of our times”.

Whatever became of those strong letters to the editor; those dire threats to “come up there with a horsewhip”, or the kindlier communications that started with “Regarding your last issue, I agree/disagree/heartily support/deny/was shocked/never read such rubbish/condone/laughed/cried/was reminded/enjoyed/would like to correct” – etc. etc. etc.

I suppose I could assume the platitudinous no-news-is-good-news attitude but that would do little for my understanding of your reactions to the contents of this publication.

Hooray! This month I received two letters, and that’s enough to initiate a “Letters to the Editor” section—I’ve done just that in an attempt to start the ball rolling.

Maybe next month I’ll hear from YOU.

Derek J. Wing – your Editor

Yours very truly,

Paul A. Tessier, OAC ’55
Ministry of Natural Resources, Elk Lake, Ont.

Hang on to that thumbtack Paul, you’ll need it again next year. Ed.

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Key to p. 10:

Can you Match The Pairs?  
Sue Beacock  
Scott McEwen  
Faye Russel  
John Haskell  
Theresa Dowling

The University's display at last fall's Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto was designed around the theme of genetic research.

Diametrically opposed in size, the two major attractions were diminutive chicks hatching on the spot and a ponderous Cattalo tipping the scales at 1800 pounds.

The result of a crossbreeding project of nearly four years, conducted by Dr. Parvathi Basrur of OVC's Department of Biomedical Sciences, the Cattalo is the offspring of a Hereford cow and a buffalo. Similar to other crossbreeds, the Cattalo has inherited a mind of its own and at times can be very stubborn. It strongly resented entering and leaving the transportation unit that delivered it to the fair but once comfortably settled in its snug display quarters assumed a docile role and gave no trouble at all.

People with an understanding of cattle know that your ordinary cow will usually present its tail to the wind while a buffalo stands with its head to the wind. One question often asked at the fair queried the wind stance of the Cattalo with the proffered humorous suggestion that maybe the beast stood sideways. Dr. Basrur informed us that this isn't so. Like its buffalo forebear it faces the wind.

Cattalo on show

Calmingly sharing the Cattalo's quarters at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto are, left to right: Dr. Neal Stoekopf, OAC '57, director of the associate diploma course in agriculture; Pat (Down) Davenport, BA '73, tour coordinator with the Department of Information; Mike Jenkinson, OAC '83, assistant to the Dean, OAC; and Rosemary Clark, Mac '59, assistant director, alumni programs.