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King of the sod growers

with a kingdom of 5000 green acres

Bill Campbell, OAC ’55, has a big lawn – a really big lawn and, twice a week during the growing season, he mows it – all 5000 acres of it – because, as President of the Fairlawn Sod Nursery, he’s North America’s sod king.

“You know,” he said with a twinkle in his eye, “if we could get away with it and plant sword grass seed along with the bluegrass seed we’d have it made. When the wind blew we’d have a self-mowing lawn.”

A wiry, energetic 43-year-old, and a self-confessed workaholic, he’s built Fairlawn from a 50-acre operation to a 5000-acre kingdom in just under 20 years.

It didn’t just happen – he’s risen to the top of the heap in the sod business by sheer Scots tenacity and careful planning.

Following his graduation in ’55, he stayed on at the University to obtain an MSA degree in ’57; joined the faculty of the Department of Land Resource Science, and in 1958, together with a partner, seeded 50 acres of grass near Brantford, at Lynden where Fairlawn’s head office is located.

Bill credits his rise to good business management, and to that end he spent five years taking night courses at McMaster University and obtained his MBA degree.

A conversation with Bill is studded with names that would look right in place over the stable door. “Let’s list ‘em,” he says. “There’s Baron or Nugget or Fylking or Sydsport,” but when he hits Glade you guess he’s talking shop and about the very base of his business – grass seed. They’re all recent Kentucky bluegrass varieties.

Fairlawn’s green acres are not all at Lynden. As Bill points out, “sod is a heavy product with consequent high transportation costs, so the ideal site for a nursery is within 60 miles of its market.” The Company’s 10 branches are located near Windsor and Kitchener; east and west of Brantford; close to Ottawa; in Quebec, and in Ohio.

For those who may think that sod farming is strictly a spring-summer-fall operation followed by a long lazy lying-in-the-southern-sun vacation – it just isn’t so. (cont’d)

At the wheel of one of Fairlawn’s fleet of 35 powerful gang mowers is Bill’s 15-year-old son, David. He’s a full-time employee at the Lynden sod nursery during his summer vacations.
King of the sod growers (cont’d)

In the period between the last fall shipment and the first in the spring, Fairlawn’s maintenance shops are noisy beehives of activity as harvesting equipment is torn down, gang mower blades are dismantled and the blades sharpened, hydraulic systems are overhauled, and countless items of repair are completed. Sod growers are “unusual farmers” according to Bill. “Most crops are sown and mature during the summer season. Not so sod. Depending upon the weather, the average turnover time between crops is from two to two and a half years.”

As past president of the Nursery Sod Growers Association of Ontario and president of the Canadian Sod Growers Association, Bill has often been called upon to defend sod growers regarding charges that sod growing operations will eventually strip the topsoil off good agricultural land.

Like any good businessman and conservationist would be, Bill is concerned. “It’s an unproven charge. Admittedly, with every piece of sod we lift we remove about half an inch of soil which would amount to about a foot in 50 years, but we also leave below it an input of root fibres. In the interests of conservation and good management we follow Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food guidelines and we plough between crops to bring up a little subsoil, mix in the root fibres and maintain topsoil quality. So we’re subtracting, we’re adding, and any measurable loss of volume or quality has yet to be proven.”

Reacting to references to market threats from artificial turf Bill answered with a broad grin. “No contest. You may not have to cut an artificial lawn but you sure would have to vacuum it. Grass is self-cleaning, substitutes get dirty and grungy in no time at all. In my understanding many users of pseudo grass have reversed course and have gone back to the real stuff.”

A cool, calm and competent solver of problems, Bill is still faced with one he can’t readily solve.

His licence plate reads SOD-002. Another sod grower beat him to 001 and he feels – tongue in cheek – he should have it as truly befitting the president of the number one business in the industry. Ed. □
Bring the Outside Inside

by Mary Dickieson

With the outdoor harvest of garden vegetables just completed, many of us still have that yen for home-grown garden goodies, so why not get busy and plant an indoor garden for winter? I'm saving a place for a couple of tomato plants and a cucumber vine. I want herbs to spice the Christmas turkey, some chives for the boiled potatoes, and I'm planning to wow the family with a just-picked salad.

Some of you will be skeptical, but those of you who have patience and imagination will, I hope, be planning a windowsill garden of your own. There are many good books available on indoor gardening and don't forget to take advantage of the horticultural expertise right here at your old alma mater. Most horticulturists will advise you to stick with leafy vegetables which generally require less light and cooler temperatures than do fruit-bearing vegetables.

A sunny kitchen window, preferably facing south, is the ideal place to set up a living salad bar. I'm told that Boston head lettuce is the best choice for indoors because it will form heads in six to nine weeks. Sow the seed in a four-inch pot and pull out and discard the weaker plants rather than bother with transplanting. Lettuce needs lots of water and frequent fertilizer applications. Crowding the pots will help to conserve moisture. So will sitting them on a bed of wet sand or gravel.

Make sure all of your plants have adequate drainage, and start off with a good soil mixture. One recommended formula calls for three-quarters of a cubic foot of shredded peat moss, an equal amount of vermiculite, half a cup of ground limestone, half a cup of 5-10-5 fertilizer and a quarter of a cup of 20 per cent superphosphate. All of these ingredients are available at your nearest nursery or garden centre.

If you want carrots in your salad bar, try a short or baby variety and plant each "bunch" in a five to seven-inch pot so the roots won't touch bottom. They'll mature in about two and a half months. Radishes, five seedlings to a four-inch pot, will reach one inch in diameter in six weeks. Be sure to start new seedlings every couple of weeks so you'll have a continuous supply. You might also try onions and spinach. Parsley and chives are a must for a living salad bar and they'll get you started on the herb garden.

Herbs grow well on almost any window sill providing moderate light. You can even take the door off a kitchen cupboard and turn it into an herb garden by installing a fluorescent light fixture. Choose herbs you'll use in cooking, but stick to low-growing varieties with a maximum height of about 12 inches. Most can be grown from seed, but you may be better satisfied if you purchase healthy seedlings. Some good ones to try are savory, sage, borago, marjoram, oregano, rosemary, watercress and mint. Periodic trimming for cooking purposes will keep most of these in good shape, but you can also harvest the leaves and either dry them or freeze for later use.

Tomatoes and cucumbers are a little trickier to grow than salad greens and herbs, but if successful, they're certainly worth the trouble. Try a miniature variety of tomato, one six-inch plant to a 10 or 12-inch pot. Anything from a five gallon plastic bucket to an old milk pail will do if you can provide drainage holes. The tomato plant will need all the sunlight you can give it. When blooms appear, give it the odd shake to help pollination. You won't get a bumper crop. In fact, many horticultural experts say this tomato endeavour is a waste of time unless you're willing to go to the expense and trouble of providing supplemental lighting and humidity control. Try it just for the challenge. A well-staked and pruned tomato plant sitting inside the patio doors can be very attractive.

A cucumber vine is also an attractive plant. It adapts well to a hanging basket, but requires frequent watering. And if you want it to set fruit, you'll have to help it along. There are commercial products like Blossom-Set which you simply sprinkle on the blooms.

General rules of care for these vegetable plants are the same as for most of your other house plants. Avoid drafts and sudden changes in temperature. At night you might want to draw the curtains between the salad bar and the window. Give your plants a bit of fresh air each day by opening a window in the next room for a few minutes. They'll even appreciate a weekly shower in the kitchen sink until they become too cumbersome. When you water them, soak the pots well and let them drain before returning to the window.

You can get the kids involved in your winter gardening venture by asking them to check their oranges and grapefruits for the plumpest seeds. These should germinate in a warm dark place if you wash them and soak in cool water for a day or two before planting. Also try lemons, dates, peaches and avocados. Fresh coffee beans will also germinate at warm temperatures and produce a dark green plant with glossy foliage and white flowers.

All of these plants are suggestions for a windowsill garden. If you decide to invest in fluorescent grow lamps you can expect them all to do better, with the advantage of being able to move the garden to the basement, attic or a heated garage. You're really lucky if you've got a heated sun porch or a small greenhouse because you can afford to be much more exotic. Eggplant, squash, peppers and broccoli could be added to your garden, as well as celery and even strawberries. Most of us can't be quite so elaborate, but there's nothing stopping us from filling the kitchen window with a pot of lettuce and two or three favourite herbs.
We've been conditioned into thinking retirement means a dropping out from the main stream of life. Militant retirees, gerontologists and youthful octogenarians are beginning to change this fallacious and counterproductive attitude.

Retirement can be a beginning—a new approach to life. Retirees can take advantage of the freedom to do and say as they please, without professional constraints or rigid routines. They can rechannel their sometimes considerable energies into new areas of challenge and pursuit.

The retired years can account for up to one-third of a life span and we're finally beginning to realize that these years can be marked by independence, productivity, personal growth, learning, social interactions and enjoyment. More than one and a half million Canadians are now over 65. By the turn of the century, the over-65's will account for about 12 per cent of the population.

One of the biggest problems with retirement is the lack of expectations regarding the retirement role. A student or a working person has a clear idea of what is expected of him. When he progresses into retirement, the expectations are less clear-cut and tend to be negative—leaving work, dropping out of professional organizations, spending more time at home, and getting more involved with non-work related organizations. People who've had busy, structured, achievement-oriented lives for 40-odd years can have problems coping.

Planning for a creative retirement—a week-long course offered during Family Summer Campus at Guelph—was designed to help preretirees plan for, and adjust to, this potentially stressful period in their lives.

The coordinator, Brenda Elias, a graduate student in Family Studies with a special interest in gerontology, feels people should start in their forties to plan for their retirement. "Retirement," she explains, "is merely one of the many predictable times of crisis in life, along with marriage, a first job or having children." Knowing it will take some adjustment can be the first step to an enjoyable retirement.

The course dealt with major areas of concern to retirees, including nutrition, financial arrangements, psychological adjustment, leisure time, housing alternatives, and changing lifestyles. University of Guelph faculty, a graduate student and a counsellor from Seneca College developed the course and taught it for the first time this summer.

"The emphasis here is on quality, not survival," says Norah Groen, a marital and family counsellor who is completing a Ph.D. degree in gerontology and is particularly interested in changing marital relations at retirement. "People who came to the Family Summer Campus course are already thinking about retirement and have made some plans. They've got things pretty well together." The course helped them identify alternatives and common problem areas.

Two major concerns among the students who took the course were financial planning and wise use of leisure time. This is fairly typical according to Norah Groen. "People are afraid of the unknown." "Preretired men with comfortable incomes worry that inflation will eat away their pensions. They wonder if they can adjust to a lower income. "A few years into retirement these issues are resolved," she says.

"Another unknown is health," Norah indicates. Retirees worry that poor health will force them to sacrifice their independence and they'll become burdens on their children.

The prospect of empty, unstructured days also causes anxiety among preretirees. Professor Louise Colley, Department of Sociology, describes a balance between challenging and relaxing things to do. "We find we cannot stand to do relaxing things all the time. During the working years work often spills over into free time, minimizing the time spent on relaxing activities. In retirement, we need to seek a new balance."

One thing that really irritated me when I retired in '63," mused Jim Baker, OAC '28, "was people asking me what I planned to do. I made no definite plans. I just wanted to relax."

Jim and his wife, Georgina, Queen's '32, moved to Guelph in 1973, to within a stone's throw of learning opportunities on campus, figured in their decision. They take as many as three courses each term, on subjects as diverse as nutrition, horticulture. One memorable experience was the only senior citizens enrolled, Jim and Georgina served as resource people.

Between courses, they garden and travel. Last year they hit Norway, England and Scotland and this year they explored Northern Ontario.

Does Jim have time to relax? "I'm 'way behind. I don't have time to do all the things I want to do."
For many skilled or professional people, retirement brings opportunities for further research, study, part-time jobs, consulting and renewed social contacts. The problem for these people often is not how to fill time, but how to use the time wisely.

A retirement course cannot provide definite answers because the adjustments are too personal. This summer course stressed that planning gives retirees more choices. Archie and Betty Smith from Kitchener, the youngest students in the course, will not face the situation until the 1990’s. "The course made me sit down and really think about the kind of life I want to lead after retirement and start planning for it now," said Betty. "We’re lucky – we took the course now while we still have time to plan and make arrangements for retirement. I’m glad we took the course together – we learned one or two things about each other."

Knowing that others were concerned about retirement helped Harry Attack, 62. "While the course answered some questions, it left things pretty much up to the individual to make decisions. It cleared my thinking about several problems of retirement." He’s opposed to forced retirement at 65 and hopes to prolong his working years.

Several retirees from the Guelph area described how they planned for their retirements and how these plans worked out. Their message, loud and clear, was that financial planning before retirement leads to tremendous peace of mind. With money matters settled, retirees have freedom.

Even preretirees who feel they’ve everything planned may not be prepared psychologically. Professor Richard Lonetto, Department of Psychology, urged the students to evaluate their lives thus far in terms of creativity and personal development. His approach to ageing spanned the entire lifetime and demonstrated that the final one-third of a lifetime can present tremendous opportunities for personal growth.

Gerontology is becoming an active research field, with input from psychologists, social workers, sociologists, architects, medical doctors, nutritionists, clothing designers, interior designers and town planners. The over-65’s are no longer the forgotten generation. There is a growing awareness that senior citizens have special problems, needs and capabilities, and numerous opportunities for personal fulfilment.

One particular concern to the organizers of this course is that it doesn’t reach those people who really need some encouragement and guidance on planning for retirement. Professor Colley hopes to organize similar courses throughout the community. "So many people are shy or reluctant about coming to a university course," she explains. "Many of them need just the slightest bit of encouragement to make positive planning steps. We need a bridge between people and these opportunities for learning and community involvement." Norah Groen would like to see preretirement courses offered by employers to employees in their fifties. "The issue, of course is whether the employer is responsible for the psychological well-being of employees after they leave," she points out. "Educating for retirement," she continues, "is as vital as educating for marriage and childbirth."

Mass media is the obvious way to bring retirement education to the largest number of people. To this end, Professor Jim Murray, Associate Director of Continuing Education, hopes to put a retirement course on video tape for distribution over the cable network. He also plans to offer a retirement planning course regularly through the Continuing Education program.

The whole aim of these courses is to help people accept ageing in all its dimensions. Through such programs, preretirees can better assess their limitations and identify alternatives. They start to take an active rather than a passive approach in structuring their own lives. There can be choices. □

During rest periods, pensioner and full-time researcher Regina Waern literally devours books at the rate of six to eight a week.

After raising five children, helping run the family farm, and teaching high school science for years, Regina Waern, OAC ’35, has embarked on a fresh challenge – a Ph.D. program in chemistry at the University.

At 68, with life’s responsibilities behind her, Regina is using her pension income to indulge herself by doing something she’s always wanted to do – scientific research. She’s studying genetic modifications in plants caused by the herbicide 2,4-D.

"I had a nervous breakdown after my husband’s death. It has been frightful adjusting, but it helps to do something useful." Her family and friends are not the least bit surprised at Regina’s endeavours. "They’re used to me – I’ve always been very curious."

After presenting a major research seminar in August, Regina and one of her 11 grandchildren set out for a two week camping trip to New Brunswick. "My research is so interesting I could do it all year, but I think the break did me some good. □
Exercise doesn't kill but the lack of it does

by Mary Cocivera

Peter Anderson, Well '68, exercises at noon hour. He swims, runs and lifts weights.

The pursuit of fitness was once considered the exclusive domain of young jocks, eccentrics and health fanatics.

Times have changed.

Businessmen have forsaken three-martini lunches for torturous workouts at the YMCA or a couple of miles on the track.

Women, who once considered housework adequate exercise, have taken up running, swimming, modern dancing and fitness classes. Public swimming pools have set aside time for the scores of swimmers who religiously swim their daily laps, and running clubs sponsor weekend races for fun and fitness. Cyclists vie for equal space in the morning rush hour.

These are startling developments for a society that has evolved around the many-horsepowered automobile.

The fitness movement is gaining momentum and if not winning converts from among the sedentary, is at least earning their recognition and respect.

Fitness zealots claim running, cycling, swimming and other sustained exercises cure ulcers, high blood pressure, varicose veins, constipation, and prevent heart attacks.

Doctors, however, do not have conclusive evidence to support these fervent claims—despite three decades of research. Regular sustained exercise of sufficient intensity does
Some urbanites have adopted a lifestyle that naturally leads to fitness. Cynthia (Allison) MacLeod, Mac ’56, pedals an aged bicycle everywhere as much to conserve fuel as her dislike of driving. Cynthia also hikes and cross-country skis with Patsy (Elgie) Hamilton, Mac ’55. Patsy sweats the once or twice weekly outings make her feel better all around. “It’s one of the most enjoyable things I do.”

Bruce Forster, Well ’70, is 30 pounds lighter today than he was three years ago when he started swimming daily. He swims at least a mile and often two miles a day. “If I don’t swim, I get irritable and do a lot of finger tapping,” he remarks. “After a swim and sauna, I can return to my office refreshed, relaxed and better able to concentrate. I’m more productive.”

Bruce could hardly swim eight lengths with several recovery periods when he started. Now he swims an average of a mile and a half daily.

A noon fitness class on campus is a “tremendous tension release” for Mei-fei Elrick, CSS MA ’70. “Even if I can hardly drag myself over to the gym for the class, I always feel better afterwards.”

For Mei-fei, attending the noon fitness class doesn’t take self discipline because she just accepts it as part of her day. Her husband, Dave, OAC ’53, a professor with Land Resource Science, looks forward to the noon exercise and running sessions. “The workout really breaks up my day.”

Joanne Thauvette, FACS ’75, runs three miles or swims 50 laps each day in Toronto. The exercise revives her. “I sometimes wonder why I do it, but when I’m finished I always feel so good.”

When Joanne visits her family farm, she and a sister sometimes run around the “block” - a distance of five miles. The standard reaction is “Where are you going in such a hurry?”

Five years of noon hours at the “Y” have helped Peter Anderson, Well ’68, a Guelph lawyer, feel healthier. “After running and weight lifting I go back to the office feeling more relaxed for the afternoon.”

Doug Hoffman, OAC ’46, concedes that running a couple of miles is never easy, but it’s a lot easier today than it was when he started going to the noon-hour cardiovascular club on campus. Today he carries 20 pounds less around the track. Doug offers encouragement to fitness neophytes. “Things are better now than they were 12 years ago. People like myself are crazy enough to do this sort of thing.”

Heather Stubbert, CSS ’75, feels running is especially hard for women because they probably haven’t done anything like it before. “You run 50, walk 50. Before you know it, you break a mile, then two miles. It’s such an accomplishment.”

Good advice
Exercise for at least ten minutes daily for the first few months, then at least 20 minutes daily as you get more fit.
Include a warm-up and cool-down period in every exercise session to allow your body to adjust to the stress of the exercise and recover from it afterwards.
Wait at least two hours after eating.
Go easy in extremely hot or humid weather.
Exercise at least three and preferably five or six times a week.

Find a group if you need encouragement, guidance or a boost to self discipline. Group encouragement and a trained leader help make the exercise more interesting.
Ignore unsympathetic caustic comments from friends, family and neighbours. They may snicker behind closed shades about your puffing, sweating and teeth-gritting, but when they see the phenomenal change in you, they may invest in a pair of Adidas running shoes or a Speedo swim suit and become a convert.

Start today!
“Exercise doesn’t kill,” warns John Powell, “but the lack of it does. So many people say it’s too late now. Well, it may be too late tomorrow because tomorrow they may be gone - from lack of exercise.”
They met in their first English class of the University’s spring semester in May 1970. Brigitte Geisler eyed Mike James up and down.

“He was very very weird looking”, she recalled, “and extremely thin”. He was 24, just over six feet tall and weighed all of 140 pounds.

“She impressed me very much” he remembered, “She was calm, serious minded and expressed a very obvious depth of feeling.” She was 18, brown-eyed and pretty.

Seven months later they were married.

Seven years later they put out their shingle, one shingle – they started practising law as partners in the law firm of Whiston, James on Yarmouth Street in Guelph.

Not bad for a couple who hadn’t finished high school – she by choice to take advantage of the University’s semester system and start in May instead of September; he by command that resulted in an abrupt departure from Downsview. “I was kicked out – so I went to work.”

But that’s not when the Geisler-James story started - let’s back up a bit to 1946 to the first move of the fickle finger of fate that made it all happen – the move that brought one-year-old Mike to Toronto from England’s Walton-on-Thames.

The finger moved again in 1953 and two-year-old Brigitte crossed the ocean from Germany’s Dachau to live in Ontario’s Holland Marsh area. The meeting in the 1970 English class was the finger’s final move – and it rested.

They graduated, each with a B.A., in 1972, he from the University’s College of Social Science, she from the College of Arts.

Between high school and university, Mike turned his hand to many occupations. “I sold cars for a while, drove an ambulance, worked in a bank, spent a year in England where I became a barman for a bit, ran out of money, came home to Canada, joined a trust company’s computer department and spent some time with a law firm and with an employer who was a trustee in bankruptcy matters.”

The two latter experiences spurred his ambition to be a lawyer and his actions as a mature student to obtain his B.A. “I planned to go on to law school after graduation from Guelph.”

It was different with Brigitte. “I never really had a specific endeavour. The only endeavour I had came after graduation – I wasn’t going to be out-educated, and as long as Mike was going to school I was going to go to school because I wasn’t going to support a husband getting an education beyond mine.

I contemplated upon law very early on – many years ago – and then it seemed like a good idea because at the very least if one didn’t want to practise it was a saleable degree.”

They packed their bags, left their apartment on Arthur Street in Guelph, headed for law school at Toronto’s York University and settled there for three years – “living on campus just 200 feet from the law school’s doors.”

They graduated with LL.B. degrees in 1975, and one year of articling followed. For the first time in five years Brigitte and Mike were not working together.

“We’d already contemplated setting up our own firm so we decided to split up and gain the benefits of two different experiences,” explained Mike, “two different backgrounds to draw from as far as firm management is concerned.”

Mike attached himself to a law firm in Toronto, while Brigitte joined the Crown Attorney’s Office in Whitby.
Off to a good start prosecuting in traffic court, Brigitte won her first two cases against defending lawyers. "My record went downhill steadily afterwards - I lost some cases where the accused persons cried - it's a new tactic, I recommend it to everybody." With the year of articling behind them they came together again to complete a six-month bar admission course administered by the Law Society of Upper Canada, were called to the bar March 29, 1977 and hung out their shingle on March 30.

The costs to get where they are? Mike outlined them.

"Well student loans continued right through to the bar admission course and, for both of us, total in excess of $10,000.

Of course, you have to bear in mind that we also received more in the way of grants and bits and pieces of other financial support. I received a bursary through the University of Guelph and an entrance scholarship at Osgoode Hall which were very useful.

If assistance such as this wasn't available," he continued, "there's no way that the two of us could have completed university because, essentially, we've spent nearly seven years - if you include the year of articling - without having to work outside. Being able to concentrate on our studies fully for that period of time - and I don't know of any other jurisdiction in the world, frankly, where you can do that."

Expenses didn't cease with the end of the education - came the three-way purchase of practising premises in 1976 with lawyer Stanley Whiston, CSS '71, the third partner in the firm.

The old house they chose on Yarmouth Street "was in a sorry state."

"The existing foundations are dated at about 1862, and there are foundations below them that are older than that. We think it must have been a tradesmen's shop of some kind and either the building sunk or the road came up because there are windows and door frames below ground level," explained Mike.

"We're not only experts in the law," added Brigitte, "but also experts in renovation - wall papering, painting, making drapes, insulating, plumbing, wiring, demolition, partition construction - you name it, we've done it." They moved in in December 1976.

Asked if the University of Guelph had prepared them well for later academic pursuits, Mike responded with a quick and definite affirmative. Brigitte paused for a while in thoughtful silence.

"I suppose it did in the sense that I managed to get through law school. It had done its part - I'm not sure that I did mine. I started off with languages, turned to an in-depth program in philosophy and took that exclusively for five semesters. The training I received was adequate but as time went along, because I attempted to do too much at one time, I didn't concentrate as I should have and didn't get out of it what I should have."

During his wife's answer, Mike had been thinking. "You know, I didn't appreciate the University of Guelph until I left it - because I'd not been to a university before. Later university experiences were incredible. I can't think of any area where they were superior to Guelph and that goes especially for the administration, the faculty and the campus here that receives such obvious care and attention - other places were abysmal by comparison. The University of Guelph can also be proud of its involvement with the community."

Brigitte J. Geisler-James (as she likes to be known) and Michael E. James, barristers, solicitors and notaries, have received some surprises since they flung open their office door for business. They figure they've been very well received and have been much busier than they expected. "Considering the fact that there are 50 or so other practising lawyers in town, adding three to the number in one fell swoop caused us some concern so we operate an office in Cambridge and any day of the week one of us works there."

A supportive team, Brigitte, Mike and partner Stanley, will be operating in all the basic areas of a general practice but each will have distinct areas of interest. Mike plans to channel his major activities towards corporate commercial tax and civil cases, while Brigitte will zero in on real estate, estate matters, criminal law and matrimonial matters. "Estate matters" she figures, "are there to try my patience so that's probably good. I don't know if the opportunity will arise for me to specialize in any field. As things go along and you can afford to tell people to go away then you can afford to specialize."

Looking back over the years of study that it took to get them where they are today, Mike and Brigitte came to diverse conclusions. Mike put it simply. "I'm doing exactly what I like to be doing and I'm satisfied - I wonder how many people can say that."

Brigitte gave a wry smile. "I'm here because I wasn't going to be out-educated. It's turned out to be quite interesting and it's even more interesting now with the practice - so I may have gotten fooled into what I'm doing." Ed. ☐
**Annual report**

Financial problems in the operating budget, and the need to improve some of the older teaching and laboratory space were recurring themes raised by President Donald F. Forster in the University's annual report for 1976. At the same time, some new space was added to the University's inventory during the year with financing provided from outside the normal government funding channels.

Enrolment growth during the year was restricted in line with the University's decision to set upper limits on student numbers and place emphasis on the quality of academic programs offered both at the undergraduate and graduate level.

President Forster also noted that one new master's program in Human Kinetics, and two new doctoral programs in Physics and Biophysics, were successfully appraised and enrolled their first students during the year under review. New funding policies for graduate programs, however, have limited each university's funding to approximately the same as that in 1975.

One of the highlights of 1976 was the completion and opening of new facilities for the Departments of Pathology, and Veterinary Microbiology and Immunology, as well as improved library accommodation, in the Ontario Veterinary College. Macdonald Stewart Hall, providing classrooms, offices, and laboratories for the School of Hotel and Food Administration was also completed and opened during the year. Both building projects were completed by funding arranged outside the normal capital funding program of the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, President Forster noted.

In the case of Macdonald Stewart Hall, funding came from the Hospitality Industry Founders' Fund, which was established by the hospitality industry to support the new School when it was established in 1966, and from a naming grant from the Macdonald Stewart Foundation.

The additional facilities for the Ontario Veterinary College, costing $5.8 million, were provided under a special three-way agreement among Agriculture Canada, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, and the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities, in order to enable the University to help meet the increasing need for veterinarians in Canada.

President Forster also noted that an energy conservation program, begun four years earlier, had resulted in significant energy and cost savings to the University. It is estimated that energy use in the year under review was between 15 and 20 per cent lower than would have been the case without the conservation effort.

The University has two dominant problems relating to operating finances according to the report. One is the inadequacy of the present funding formula for the individual universities in the province. The other is that the period of advance information on expected levels of funding is becoming increasingly shorter, and does not permit time for an adequate degree of advance financial planning.

"It is clear that the financial resources available to operate universities in Ontario have not kept pace with the demands imposed on the system by enrolment growth and the impact of inflation," President Forster stated. He went on to point out that in the five years from 1970/71 to 1975/76 the percentage of the provincial budget devoted to university support shrank from 6.65 per cent to 5.07 per cent. It appears that during a period of general growth in the university system, the emphasis has been on meeting the cost of growth, and as a result the costs of inflation have been generally underfunded, the President noted.

"Universities have met this short-fall by severe cost-cutting, and by diverting funds generated by growth to maintain existing service levels," he stated. The emphasis has now moved from full funding of growth in the operating grant formula to marginal funding of growth, and this has reduced the sensitivity of the formula to enrolment change.

Recognition of growth should not be entirely removed from the funding system, however, because some growth capacity must be maintained in the university system in Ontario.

In the areas of agriculture and veterinary medicine particularly, the report points out, Guelph has felt an obligation to admit a certain number of graduate students from developing countries for whom advanced training in these disciplines is especially important. Many of these students are supported by their home governments or by Canadian organizations such as the Canadian International Development Agency.

The University, like other Canadian and American institutions, has encountered difficulty in attracting Canadian graduates into advanced programs in agriculture and veterinary medicine, particularly at the doctoral level. There is a documented need, the report continues, for an increasing number of doctoral graduates in these fields. Given the importance of agriculture in the Canadian economy, this is a matter of grave concern. As a corollary, it is becoming increasingly difficult to find Canadian faculty to staff departments in these fields.

The report showed about 9,500 full time students enrolled at the University in the 1975/76 year, with over 600 graduate students and the remainder in undergraduate programs. Another thousand students were enrolled on a part time basis in studies leading to either a bachelor degree or advanced standing.

**New art centre**

Macdonald Consolidated School, a turn-of-the-century Guelph school, is to be preserved and converted to a new use as the Macdonald Stewart Community Art Centre. The announcement was made at a press conference attended by representatives of the project's four sponsors, Douglas Hogarth, Chairman of the Wellington County Board of Education; Norman Jary, Mayor of Guelph; the late Grant McLellan, Warden of Wellington County; and Donald Forster, President of the University. Also present was John Fisher, representing the Macdonald Stewart Foundation, who announced the approval of a $300,000 naming grant toward the cost of renovating the building.

Macdonald Consolidated School is located on a two and a half acre site at the corner of Gordon Street and College Avenue, just north of War Memorial Hall, which makes the proposed community art centre easily accessible to the general public and to the University. When renovated the proposed centre will become a focal point for community art programs fostered by local groups, and will provide a home for the University's 800-piece Canadian Art Collection. That collection is presently valued at close to one million dollars and is growing at a rate of about 60 new works annually. These acquisitions are mainly the gifts of alumni and friends with purchases made through the Alma Mater Fund. (See Guelph Alumnus Spring 1977 issue for story on...
exhibitions of art, crafts and design available environment for the best travelling Art Centre we will be able to provide a full Centre will also provide the proper space and program of exhibitions and related events for the benefit of our students and the community at large," says Judy.

It will also preserve our cultural heritage to have the Wellington County Board of Education provide an historic building and site for this purpose. The history of Macdonald Consolidated School began some 75 years ago when Sir William Macdonald gave the School to six rural school sections in the County. It became the first consolidated school in the province. Interest in preserving the school was expressed to Director of Alumni Affairs and Development, John Babcock, OAC '54, by David Macdonald Stewart, President of the Macdonald Stewart Foundation, when he visited the campus three years ago. The Foundation's gift will continue Sir William's tradition.

Application for the remaining capital funds has been made to Wintario, the Ontario Heritage Foundation, the Ministry of Culture and recreation, and National Museums of Canada. The art centre will also be eligible for federal and provincial grants for program costs.

It is proposed the art centre be organized as a non-profit corporation with charitable status. Such a corporation could be established by a private member's bill to be submitted to the Ontario Legislature.

Members of the Corporation's governing board would be drawn from or nominated by the four sponsors. The Wellington County Board of Education have agreed in principle to grant the use of the property to the proposed corporation on a long-term nominal lease. The University will assume responsibility for providing the professional and program support staff who will look after the day-to-day operation of the Centre. The University will also be largely responsible for the planning and supervision of the renovation work, with appropriate input from the other sponsors; and provide other services, such as bookkeeping, security, and grounds service.

The City of Guelph will underwrite certain operating costs of the Centre and the Corporation of the County of Wellington will provide an annual program grant.

Appointments

G. D. Killam
J. H. Mason
R. E. A. Mason
J. R. Ogilvie

Professor G. D. Killam has been appointed chairman of the Department of English, succeeding Professor Elizabeth Waterston. Prof. Killam took his B.A. in English at the University of British Columbia and his Ph.D. in English at the University of London. He has taught in Africa at Fourah Bay College in Sierra Leone and at the Universities of Obadan, Lagos and Dar Es Salam. In Canada, he has taught at the Universities of Alberta and York (where he was founding Master of Bethune College) and Acadia where he was Professor of English and Dean of Arts. Prof. Killam's special interest is in modern writing in English from Africa and he has published books and articles on the subject.

John H. Mason has been named Director of Administrative Services for the University. John has been assistant director of Physical Resources responsible for auxiliary operations since 1965. The appointment took effect July 15. He succeeds Charles C. Ferguson who was named Vice-President, Administration, in January of this year.

Reporting to Mr. Ferguson, John is responsible for a range of support functions which include purchasing, food services, mail and telephone service including the switchboard, duplicating service, the records centre, parking, laundry and property management.

For the past 12 years, John has been responsible for the centralized control and operation of the University's housekeeping, grounds, safety/security, and administrative functions within Physical Resources. Prior to his appointment at the University, John served as administrative staff assistant to the plant manager, Canadian Kodak Company Limited, Toronto.

Richard E. A. Mason joined the Institute of Computer Science in August as director and adjunct professor in the Department of Computing and Information Science. Prof. Mason comes to the University from IBM Canada Ltd., where he was manager of Advanced Application Development for the A/FE (American/Far East).

He received his B.Sc in chemical engineering from Queen's University, Kingston, in 1959 and his Ph.D. in chemical engineering from Imperial College, University of London, England, in 1962. The new director has served on a number of government committees. He is immediate past chairman of the National Research Council's Computing and Information Science Grant Selection Committee and was a member of the NRC Associate Committee on Automatic Control from 1966 to 1968. Prof. Mason has been a visiting lecturer at the University of Toronto's Department of Industrial Engineering and he has participated in graduate work at Toronto.

Editor-in-Chief of INFOR (Canadian Journal of Operational Research and Information Processing) since 1974, Prof. Mason is also a member of the IFIPS (International Federation of Information Processing Societies) Congress '77 organizing committee.

John R. Ogilvie, OAC MSA '60, has been appointed professor and director of the School of Engineering effective June 1, 1977. Raised on a farm in the Ottawa region at Cyrville, Ontario, Professor Ogilvie attended high school in Ottawa and obtained his B.Sc. (Agr.) degree from McGill University (Macdonald College) in 1954, his M.SA from OAC in 1960, and his Ph.D. from Purdue University in 1971.

He was particularly active in curriculum design at McGill University and, in 1973, received the Canadian Sheet Steel Building Institute award for excellence in teaching and research.

He worked for the Ontario Department of Agriculture as an agricultural engineering extension specialist from 1956 to 1960 and 1961 to 1963. In 1960-61, he was general manager of Keele Building and Services, Weston, Ontario. He joined the staff of the Department of Agricultural Engineering, Faculty of Agriculture, McGill University, (Macdonald College), in 1963 and was made chairman of the department in 1971.

He is a member of the Canadian Society of Engineering, the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario, the Order of Agronomes of Quebec, and the Order of Engineers of Quebec. □
Sculpture on display

Weighing several tons, 70 pieces of welded steel sculpture by former Guelph resident Andreas Drenters are on display now through October 26 in the Arts Building.

This is Mr. Drenters’ second exhibition on campus. His first was in 1962 at the invitation of the Ontario Agricultural College.

Mr. Drenters’ sculptures were created from pieces salvaged from discarded farm implements and represent his attempt to preserve pioneer craftsmanship.

With the exception of five pieces recently purchased for the University, by the Alma Mater Fund, all sculptures in the display are for sale with prices available from the Curator of Art.

Nasby heads OAAG

Judith M. Nasby, the University’s Curator of Art, was elected President of the Ontario Association of Art Galleries at its Annual Meeting in London, Ontario.

Judy succeeds Mrs. Paddy O’Brien of the London Art Gallery as the chief executive of the Association.

OAAG, as the Association is familiarly known, has, over the past two or three years, become increasingly influential in the Ontario visual arts community through its growing advisory and research activities.

As well as its representation of the public art galleries and arts centres in Ontario, OAAG is involved with government and its agencies at all levels, in a consultative capacity, addressing such vital concerns as conservation, professionalism in care and handling, funding and community relations.

alumni news

OVC author

The Goat and the Tiger - the book

Dr. Derek C. Askey, DVM, OVC ’57 is as abundantly capable with the pen as he is with his veterinarian’s scalpel. Proof of his dexterity is the recent publishing of his first book, a 230-page paperback thriller, The Goat and the Tiger, by Paper Jacks Ltd., 330 Steelcase Road East, Markham, Ontario.

Who is the Tiger? He’s a psychopath, a killer, a torturer – an unknown unstoppable evil force, without love, without pity. And the Tiger’s cunning mind is obsessed with one mad goal. In every terrible way possible he is going to destroy veterinarian Dr. Donald Allan and his loved ones. Life becomes a nightmare, and the Tiger comes closer and closer . . .

Who is the Goat? The fictitious Dr. Allan? After reading the book it’s obvious that it’s really our own Derek Askey, and the setting ricochets between the Askey Animal Hospital in downtown Burlington, Ontario, and the not-so-distant rural Askey home. “One tends to describe oneself in a first book”, agrees Derek, “you have the experience ready to hand and it just comes right out of the end of the pen. I’m learning how not to do that now. In the two books I’ve written since The Goat and the Tiger – they’re not yet titled or published – I’m sure no one would identify me with any of the portrayed characters.”

What led to Derek’s new role as author? “I’ll be damned if I know – no that’s not quite true, we were discussing a rather knotty problem one night – a bunch of us – having to do with basic law, whether to obey a higher principle, a moral principle, rather than the law of the land – which, of course, leads to chaos. What does a person do in a basic situation when the law can’t protect him, his life or his family? Well of course we came to the obvious conclusion – you do what you damn well have to do, depending on the exigencies of the circumstances, and you may have to kill somebody to prove that point – the point being to stay alive.”

Derek started the book in 1967 - in a rather unorthodox manner. “I wrote the end of the book first – and then I just fiddled around – I threw it in a drawer in disgust, forgot about it for a year, dragged it out again, finished it, and then threw it back in the drawer and forgot about it for another five years.”

Any trouble getting it published? Not really.

“Having the thing published was a breeze – it was suspiciously easy. I took part of the handwritten manuscript into McGraw Hill and had it accepted immediately – which is really shocking because the going odds against acceptance are 6,000 to one.”

Derek doesn’t plan to drop his veterinary practise in favour of being a steady selling author. “The odds against making enough money to make it worth while are about 100,000 to one – just a little too high for me.”

That second generation thing

Dear Mr. Wing:
I don’t want to take anything away from the accomplishments of Pat Tucker and his daughter Gwynne who you describe as possibly the first second generation graduation since the University’s founding in 1964. (Guelph Alumnus Summer ’77).

But . . . in the case of my family we did the same thing several years earlier – only in reverse.

I graduated from Wellington College (Hon. BA-History) in 1972 and one year later my mother, Sarah Hayter, completed her General BA after full-time study. We may also have been the first mother and son to pass in the halls on the way to classes. Or the first to both hold the same part-time job at the McLaughlin Library. My wife, JoAnn, also graduated from U. of G. – in 1971.

Best Wishes,
Bryan Hayter, Well., ‘72
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Fergus, Ontario

Dear Sir:
I read with interest – as always – Vol. 10 No. 3, the summer edition of the Guelph Alumnus and noticed on p. 12 what I believe to be an error.

If “second generation graduation” means graduation of father/mother followed by daughter/son from the University, I know of at least one of these occurring previous to that of Mr. Pat Tucker and his daughter, Gwynne.

My Dad, Ivan Kukovica was in the first U. of Guelph graduation class, OAC ’65. Two years later he won his Master’s degree in science from Guelph. He was followed by my sister, Marianne (Kukovica) Warner who got her B.A. (Hons) in 1972. I was right on her heels with a BSc. in 1972 also from Guelph. (It’s those summer semesters and the fact that my Dad was a “mature student” back in the days before mature students were common).

There may well be other such double generation graduations preceding that of Pat/Gwynne Tucker. A record check would be interesting. Yours truly,
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Thanks Bryan and Maria – anyone else? Ed.
University choir tour

Dear Sir:

This letter is to thank the Director of the Alma Mater Fund and all donors to the Fund for their support of the University of Guelph Choir Tour of Germany and Austria in August. Without the $6,000 grant from the Alma Mater Fund, the tour would not have been possible.

The Choir was made up of 36 undergraduates, plus graduates, faculty, and staff, who brought the total to 48. All colleges were represented, so that we had a broad spectrum of university subjects, from music to agriculture and veterinary medicine.

The tour was an even greater success than the 1973 tour of Scotland and the 1975 tour of England. The choir, directed by Fred Stoltzfus and accompanied by Ruth Heidmann-Stoltzfus, reached a very high level in most of the concerts. The response of the German and Austrian audiences, which normally do not applaud concerts given in churches, was quite overwhelming. On one occasion, the applause was sustained for several minutes as the choir filed out of the church. The choir was showered with generous compliments.

Our chartered bus had two Canadian flags, and signs on front and rear stating that this was the Choir of the University of Guelph. So the name of Guelph was well displayed in 10 or more European cities and towns over a period of three weeks.

Among the graduates who came to speak to us were Nancy Taylor, Mac '69, Col. R. J. McPherson OAC '31, lives in Austria, and Heather (Henderson) Humphries, Mac '66, whose husband, Jim Humphries, OAC '67, is on the staff of the Canadian embassy in Vienna. Others came but did not identify themselves.

The tour helped enormously to raise the musical standards of the University and to expand the horizons of our students. It was an ambitious tour, which brought rich rewards.

We would like to express our thanks for the generous support which alumni have given the choir and for the assistance John Babcock and his colleagues in Alumni Affairs and Development have offered, year after year.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Murdo MacKinnon
Professor of English and Tour Manager

It happened on Alumni Weekend

Dear Mr. Wing:

As I expressed to you personally, during Alumni Weekend, I want to again say how much I, the widow of Arthur H. Stevens, OAC '27, appreciate receiving my copy of the Guelph Alumni.

The highlight of the weekend for me was the message Sunday morning delivered by Mr. McBride, OAC '57, during the Church service in Memorial Hall. Would it be possible to print a copy of this message? Please express to Dean Switzer, OAC '51, my wish that you do so. In appreciation.

Mrs. Mabel R. Stevens
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Toronto, Ontario

Thank you for your letter Mabel. The Rev. Murray McBride was good enough to send me a transcript of his message and I can understand why you received such a powerful uplift. However, I'm afraid the message in its entirety is too long to squeeze into the content of this issue, so with Murray's permission, I've lifted out the pertinent portions that I feel convey the thrust of the message.

Today is both Father's Day and Alumni Weekend - a time to think about what pulls people together; about those factors which enable a couple, a family, or alumni to move with a sense of common destination and a shared purpose, all pulling in the same direction at the same time.

Automatically this becomes a fit moment for us to reflect upon the shadow or negative side, to ponder about those forces that drive us apart, into isolation, or into what could be called "marooned living."

I've taken as my text this morning the gospel story of the little rich man Zaccheus - "who sought to see who Jesus was" and who was told by Jesus, as Zaccheus sat perched in the Sycamore tree - "Make haste and come down because we (Jesus and Zaccheus) have things to do together."

One day last summer, on August 10, I ended a 17-day stay in Kenya, East Africa. Both the Zaccheus story and my visit to Kenya concern doing things together. Let me explain.

Many of the streets in the city of Nairobi were renamed at independence. One is called "Harambee Boulevard. "Everywhere we travelled in Kenya we heard about "Harambee." Every speech given by the Kenyan President Jomo Kenyatta was laced with references to "Harambee" and every newspaper had daily reports of efforts being put forward and noble deeds done by "local Harambee Committees."

"Harambee", as it is today in Kenya, means nation building - all pulling together, at the same time in the same direction. The word comes from the early days and out of the ancient Swahili - the first explorers found it used when a cart or wagon stuck in the mud. Everyone would gather around, some pushing, some on ropes pulling and the chant would begin to get everyone pulling together and at the same time and in the same direction. "Harambee! Harambee!"

And so today, when this old man, the 88-year-old President stands before his people he leans forward on his cane and he begins with the call - "Harambee!" and the crowds roar back in response "Harambee! Like an antiphonal chant - "Harambee! Harambee!"

We will all pull together, at the same time, in the same direction - to build our nation.

While Barbara and I were vastly intrigued by this widespread emphasis on pulling together for nation building - an idea that would be of intense value within our own people today, in Canada. I want to talk, on this Alumni Weekend, about Harambee, this pulling together, in more general and broader terms within our own culture, where we find ourselves in what some writers call "the disillusioned '70's."

I recently saw a report which suggested that we can catch a glimpse into the inner motives, hopes and fears of our time and this era by looking at what are now the best selling "how to cope books". If we know where people turn for answers and what guidance whets their appetite - we get an insight into life's questions in our time.

In fact, a plethora of "self-help manuals" repeat over and over the very antithesis of pulling together. They are the precise reverse of Jesus' invitation to the well-to-do Zaccheus. "Get down here quickly, you and I have things to do together."

It would appear in our time, if the self-help booklets that have found favour are any indication, that pulling together, all in one direction at one time is out. "Harambee" is confined to Africa's eastern edge and some very different conclusions are in.

I guess what I really want to say today, is something that you actually already know. That we don't need to learn how to be more independent. Rather I think a person comes to a religious event like this worship to seek out that mysterious dimension that touched the life of Zaccheus on that far away morning and brought him tumbling down to where Jesus was, and laid claim to instincts we may not have the wealth of the rich Zaccheus nor the limited resources of some of the people in Kenya - we're somewhere in between - but when people, modern families, come down and pull all together, in one direction, at one time - some wonderfully transforming energies are released.

And the old man stands flat-footed with his cane propped out in front of him - he peers out at the assembled crowd - and then utters only one word. "Harambee!" And all the people roar it back. "Harambee!"

The Rev. Murray McBride, OAC '57, is vice-chairman of The Farm Credit Corporation in Ottawa and former Liberal M.P. for Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton. Ed.
If the addressee or a son or a daughter who is an alumnum has moved, please notify the Alumni Office, University of Guelph, N1G 2W1, so that this magazine may be forwarded to the proper address.

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$1472
Accommodation for 13 nights in first-class hotels including breakfast and dinner daily. Transportation by air and bus visiting cities such as Dubrovnick, Split, Zagreb, Vienna, Salzburg, and Santorin. Three day cruise during Greek Easter among the beautiful islands of Mykonos, Rhodes, Crete, and Santorin. Breakfasts and most meals included.

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Prices quoted are in Canadian dollars from Toronto on a per person basis for two persons sharing a room. Single supplement will be supplied upon request. Prices are based on fares as at August 1977 quoted by CLARE BURT TRAVEL of Brampton who will be handling the arrangements for the UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION and are subject to change as 1978 rates become available.

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