



STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM CAREER WEEK

OAC CAREER WEEK WAS kicked off Jan. 17 by an OACAA-hosted event held in the OVC Lifetime Learning Centre. The evening focused on international career opportunities, and the Ontario Institute of Agrologists (OIA) helped organize speakers to talk about their international experiences.

Doug Yungblut, B.Sc.(Agr.) '72, PhD '79 and P.Ag., spoke about his international consulting and volunteer experiences. OIA executive director Carol Tyler, B.Sc.(Agr.) '00 and P.Ag., shared advice on how students can take advantage of international opportunities. Sunday Oghiakhe, P.Ag., spoke about the importance of networking at conferences to gain international exposure. He also said that working abroad often leads to such great experiences that it's difficult to return to Canada!

Bev Gilbert, co-ordinator of education and job search planning in U of G's Student Life and Career Services, outlined resources available to assist students looking for international job opportunities.

Aggies have 'cool jobs'

WE ASKED ALUMNI EARLIER THIS year to tell us about their "cool careers." The response was amazing, and we thank all those who sent us their story. In this issue, we present the first of these great stories; more will follow in future issues. It's exciting to see the range of careers aggies find themselves in — doing anything and everything, in all parts of the world. With an OAC degree, anything is possible!

GARY MARTIN, B.SC.(AGR.) '94, AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

"For the last eight years, I've been an **Auditor** for Revenue Canada, Canada Customs and Revenue Agency, now the **Canada Revenue Agency**. Of course, I've still got ties to the farm, having bought 50 acres from my dad."

RAE GERMAN, BSA '63, AGRICULTURAL MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, AND M.SC. '66

"After a career in different engineering, manufacturing and management positions, I now find myself a **Project Manager** for the **Jimmy Carter Habitat for Humanity** program. In one week this June, 20 houses will be built by 700 volunteers in Benton Harbor, Mich."



Turn to page 4 to see how Carol Maier, B.Sc.(Agr.) '90, mixes business with bugs!

PAUL NICHOL, B.SC.(AGR.) '86, RURAL DEVELOPMENT

"I am the **Economic Development Manager** for the **Huron Business Development Corporation** in Seaforth, Ont., and I think I have a really cool job. I came out of university when rural Canada was on the brink of taking charge of its own future through programs such as the Rural Secretariat and Community Futures. I feel lucky that I have been able to use my skills within my chosen field of rural economic development."

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From the Dean

RELEVANT, WELL-ROUNDED educational programs, experiential learning, international travel opportunities, award-winning faculty and leading-edge research — these are the things that help give our graduates the tools they need for success, whether they choose non-traditional careers or a more conventional path.

As most of you are no doubt aware, the public university system across Ontario faces huge challenges, the result of years of chronic underfunding. The University of Guelph — and, more specifically, OAC — is no exception. But despite the very real challenges, we must continue to move forward, finding innovative solutions and delivering on our promise to provide world-class education for tomorrow's leaders.

That's why I'm pleased to announce the official launch of OAC's new funding opportunity — the OAC Teaching Trust.

Designed to enrich the student experience and ensure continued excellence in educational programming, the Teaching Trust supports a variety of activities across



OAC's four communities of interest — agriculture, food, environment and rural communities — at campuses in Guelph, Alfred, Kemptville and Ridgeway.

This new endowed fund will be used to enhance hands-on learning through teaching and field labs, and will support efforts to expand and reposition our programs to

meet emerging needs in a rapidly changing world. It will promote and recognize excellence in teaching and support the course-related travel and field trips that will ensure OAC students gain the experience they need to become innovative thinkers with a broad international perspective.

OAC's long tradition of providing leadership across the life sciences in Canada and around the world will continue. That's why we have designated the Teaching Trust as a priority, focusing on the future despite current short-term challenges.

On a related note, I'd like to express my thanks to the OAC Alumni Foundation for its ongoing support. Your early contribution to the Teaching Trust has brought two distinguished international visitors to the Guelph campus, initiated a field course for Land Resource Science and supported student participation in the Youth Leadership Conference. Your help and generosity are much appreciated.

— Craig J. Pearson, M.Sc. '71
OAC Dean

TODAY'S STUDENTS, TOMORROW'S ALUMNI



At the Aggie Goodtimes Banquet, Clay Switzer, BSA '51 and MSA '53, presented the SFOAC President's Award to Heather Anderson.

INTERNATIONALISM WAS THE theme for this year's Career Week hosted by the Student Federation of OAC. Each day, OAC clubs presented speakers and panels for students. The Animal Science Society provided about 15 speakers for a round-table discussion with students about job opportunities.

The turf diploma class also hosted speakers so students could learn about the international appeal of their diploma.

Career Week concluded with the Aggie Goodtimes Banquet held at the Country Heritage Park in Milton. Among the numerous attendees were U of G president Alastair Summerlee and OAC dean Craig Pearson. Peter Hannam, BSA '62, the 2004 H.R. MacMillan Laureate in Agriculture, was the guest speaker.

— Heather Anderson
SFOAC President 2004/2005

LET US HEAR FROM YOU

IN THE FALL 2005 ISSUE of the *OAC Alumni News*, we'll be featuring the role OAC plays internationally. We'll be talking to students who come from abroad to study at Guelph, profiling research projects that OAC faculty and grad students are conducting around the world, examining the many opportunities OAC students have to study at other institutions, and interviewing alumni working in careers abroad. If you have a story idea, please send it to me at kdaynard@sympatico.ca.

We always welcome your comments and suggestions for story ideas. Please help us make your alumni newsletter the best it can be.

Karen Daynard,
B.Sc. (Agr.) '94 and M.Sc. '97
OAC Alumni News Editor

Giants of the past remembered

IN 1999, THE CLASS OF '33 began the Rural History Biography Series to record the contributions of outstanding OAC faculty members. Three biographies have already been published, and the fourth will be launched June 25 during Alumni Weekend. All alumni are invited to visit the library to view the series at 10:30 a.m.

The men featured in the series are dedicated educators whose character and values moulded their interaction with students and contributed to the development of "aggie spirit."

Charles Ambrose Zavitz (1863-1942) entered the diploma program in 1884 and was in the first class to graduate with the University of Toronto's BSA degree in 1888. Employed at OAC, Zavitz became professor and head of the Department of Field Husbandry.

He was a pioneer of scientific agriculture. In crop breeding and field husbandry practices, he replaced casual observation with controlled scientific experimentation methods. He introduced co-operative research by locating experimental plots on farms and promoted collaborative research between OAC and scientists in research

institutions around the world. Zavitz was at the forefront of technology transfer through field days, extension addresses, publications and seed distribution. Though best known for the development of improved varieties of barley, soybeans, potatoes and alfalfa, he helped improve many other crops.

Orlando John Stevenson (1869-1950) sought to raise students' awareness of cultural matters, awaken authentic learning and encourage the exercise of critical judgment. He introduced students to literature, poetry, music, painting and sculpture. Courses in literature appreciation, writing skills and public speaking combined to provide OAC students with a broad cultural education. For his classes and for student life outside the classroom, Stevenson brought Canadian authors, poets, musicians, sculptors, artists and travelling art exhibits to the OAC campus. During his time at the college (1916-1939), OAC had as vibrant a cultural life as any campus in Canada. Who can doubt that its alumni were empowered by that experience?

Albert Wesley "Jack" Baker (1891-1974) had a 67-year association with OAC, beginning as a student in 1907 and ending as the

honorary chair of OAC's centennial celebrations in 1974. He joined the faculty of the Department of Entomology and Zoology at graduation in 1911 and retired as head in 1955.

During the First World War, Baker established and commanded a naval training unit on campus and helped set up similar units at other universities across Canada. He was also deeply committed to the promotion of health, character and enjoyment through athletics. He coached OAC's basketball teams for 25 years and held executive positions in many amateur sports organizations.

W.R. Graham (1875-1958) graduated from OAC into a faculty position in North America's first poultry department, established in 1894. He became head of the department in 1899 and served in that post for 41 years. Graham's research and influence helped modernize poultry production into specialized meat- and egg-producing industries.

The rural history biographies were written by Laura Quirk and Rosemary Wagner, and Lynn Campbell co-ordinated the project. To purchase a copy, call Campbell at 519-824-4120, Ext. 53627.

OACAA WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS!



IT'S BEEN ALMOST a year since OAC Alumni Association members voted unanimously to adopt an open membership model. On behalf of the association, I'm pleased to welcome our newest members — grads from all OAC's graduate and undergraduate degree and diploma programs across all four campuses, who now automatically enjoy the benefits of membership in the OACAA.

We look forward to your input and urge you to stay involved with OAC as you move towards the next phase of your career. Join a committee, work with oth-

er alumni on a project, come out to some of our activities, or do all three! Become part of the growing OAC network.

OACAA UPDATE

THE TASK FORCE RESPONSIBLE for implementing the association's strategic plan continues to work through issues identified as potential avenues for fostering lifelong supportive connections among alumni, the college, the University of Guelph and Ontario's agri-food industry.

We're working with academic program reps, students and grads to investigate new ways of staying in touch and providing support. We're building bridges, forging links and developing options for addressing ongoing challenges.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE ...

IT'S BEEN AN EXCITING YEAR, with many milestones achieved and many events celebrated. I'm confident that the future will hold even more, but we need your continued support and assistance. Get involved. Stay involved. Take advantage of all the OACAA has to offer. The alumni link can last a lifetime.

I'd like to express my thanks to Craig Pearson and the personnel in the OAC dean's office for their ongoing support and guidance to the association and to me as its president over the past year. You've been instrumental in our success and make us proud to be part of the future of OAC.

— D.E. "Ted" Young, ADA '65
OACAA President

Aggies who have cool careers prove anything



Carol Maier and Emma, the Mexican Redleg tarantula.

MIXING BUSINESS WITH BUGS

CAROL MAIER LOVES BUSINESS and bugs. The 1990 entomology graduate-turned-entrepreneur opened the Victoria Bug Zoo (www.bugzoo.bc.ca) in British Columbia in 1997, and business seems to be the only thing that isn't crawling.

The zoo features insects, spiders and other terrestrial arthropods from around the world — a leafcutter ant colony from Trinidad, orchid mantids from Malaysia, Mexican tarantulas and fluorescent desert scorpions, to name a few. To ensure a memorable experience, Maier provides one-on-one time with visitors and allows them to handle various creatures such as giant African millipedes.

Maier says she hopes to help dispel the myths and fears about these “misunderstood” organisms. She credits her upbringing in rural Alberta, her love of travelling and her U of G degree for her current success. “My Guelph education helped to provide me with the ‘hard skills’ and credibility to be able to call myself an entomologist. My travelling and informal education helped me to keep an open mind and to think outside the box.”

She says she always knew she wasn't meant for a traditional career, part of the reason behind her decision to study apiculture and entomology. “I've always had an entrepreneurial spirit and have been open to new adventures and ideas. I spent seven years after graduation experimenting and getting hands-on experience with running

a business. Not all of my original ideas were financially feasible, but when the idea of developing a bug zoo started to gel, I knew I had a winner. At that point, it was just a matter of a lot of hard work and dedication.”

And hard work it still is. Maier compares her operation to that of a livestock farmer. “I love so much about what I do, but it is a big commitment and there is a lot of responsibility and long hours. I do not go home at night and forget about everything and just relax.”

Finally, Maier offers these words of advice to other entrepreneurial-minded graduates. “Do the required research to be prepared. Believing in one's idea and committing oneself to it are absolutely necessary.”

If the idea of opening a bug zoo is appealing, Maier is looking to franchise. There's just one condition — you have to LOVE BUGS!

CHUCK JACOBS, B.SC.(AGR.) '79 AND M.SC. '86, ADULT AND EXTENSION EDUCATION

“I'VE PARLAYED MY LEADERSHIP training into a management training business. Since 1994, I have been **President of Priority Management** in Sudbury, a training and development company helping professionals in northern Ontario improve performance, productivity and profits. My technical skills were learned dur-

ing my studies at Guelph, while my public-speaking abilities can be credited to calling for square dance sets at College Royal.”

TODD HINKS, B.SC.(AGR.) '91, HORTICULTURE

“I HAVE A GREAT JOB. I became a qualified teacher in 1998 and am now the **Head of Special Education** at **Moir Secondary School** in Belleville, Ont. This has been an exceptional journey for me, and I would never have guessed that my life would have taken the path it has. If I have any advice to current OAC students, it is to take opportunities as they present themselves to you. You never know where they will lead.

MOOING FOR THE CAMERA



Vicki Fletcher

WHEN VICKI FLETCHER, ADA '91, tells people she takes pictures of cows for a living, they usually think it's the beginning of a good joke. While a sense of humour is most definitely required for this job, as well as a healthy dose of patience, Fletcher is telling the truth — she is a livestock photographer.

Her interest in what eventually became her career started while helping a livestock photographer on her family's dairy farm in Pembroke, Ont. She then trained under photographer Patty Jones until 2002, when she struck out on her own with Vicki Fletcher Photography.

A typical day always begins with a fuel-up of Tim Hortons coffee! Upon arrival at the client's farm, she finds the ideal location

ng is possible

for the photo shoot, based largely on background and lighting. Just like models being made up, the cattle are then prepared for the camera. It takes six patient helpers to prepare a cow. They hold the cow's halter, position its feet and tail, and make noise to grab the cow's attention — to get it to say "cheese," so to speak. Fletcher is the director, shouting instructions from behind the camera. The work is enjoyable and sometimes frustrating, depending on the cow's behaviour.

After the photo shoot is over, it's back to the office to prepare the photos for printing.

Fletcher enjoys the people she gets to work with and likes travelling throughout Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes. She says the contacts and great friends she made during her years at Guelph have been critical to her success. Many of them are now clients, and pretty much anywhere her job takes her, there's another aggie offering a place to stay.

ANDREW MACK, B.SC.(ENV.) '98



Andrew Mack

"I'M A RESTORATION ECOLOGIST with the **Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority**. Basically, my job has two parts: restore natural habitat and improve surface water quality. Our goal is to improve the natural environment for fish and wildlife. We also do stewardship work with farmers, which includes building grassed waterways, buffer strips and fences and improving drainage systems. It's a rewarding job because I get to see improvements on the farm and get to work with numerous community groups."

MIKE BOOTH, B.SC.(AGR.) '67, MICROBIOLOGY

"I DO HAVE A COOL JOB. I am **Vice-president and Master Blender** for **Hiram Walker and Sons Ltd.** in Windsor, Ont.

My job involves a lot of travel. As master blender for Kahlua, I frequently visit Mexico, where this internationally renowned coffee liqueur is manufactured. I visit coffee plantations around Vera Cruz and rum distilleries in the sugar cane-growing areas of Mexico. I also have responsibility for Malibu Coconut Rum, which takes me to Barbados and other islands of the Caribbean.

As master blender for Lamb's Rums, I spend time in that great rum-drinking province of Newfoundland, where Lamb's Palm Breeze Rum outsells all of the other spirits, including whiskies, rums, vodkas, gins and liqueurs.

And as master blender for Canadian Club and Wiser's Canadian whiskies, I do not need to venture far from home, but have the pleasure of nosing and tasting these fine products every day.

This would probably be the dream job of every university graduate in Canada, if they only knew that it existed. We have a large contingent of Guelph graduates here at Hiram Walker in Windsor. All are in high-level technical or supply chain roles. So when our Guelph students and alumni consume these great spirits, they can rest assured that their Guelph colleagues are looking after their best interests."

FROM RIDGETOWN TO SWIMMING WITH THE DOLPHINS

ORIGINALLY FROM Newfoundland, Roma (Osmond) Hayward received a B.Sc. degree in biology from Memorial University in 1995. Her love of animals then drew her to the veterinary technology program at Ridgetown College. She graduated in 1997.

In 2000, Hayward headed south and took a position as a trainer of marine animals at Dolphin Quest in Bermuda. She is currently director of animal management and is responsible for a staff of eight dolphin trainers, performing on-site laboratory tests and supervising the behavioural

training and management of eight Atlantic Bottlenose dolphins. She is also involved in public relations and conducts in-water interactive programs.

"I still remember one of the first days on the job," says Hayward. "I was swimming underwater as the dolphins approached, and



Roma Hayward

they swam so close, I could reach out and touch them. Listening to their clicks and whistles as they swam peacefully made me really thankful for this great and wonderful opportunity."

One highlight of her career has been watching a calf being born. "It was so awesome! Caliban swam right up to me and allowed me to stroke her during her delivery. It was great to have a front-row seat to what you normally see on the Discovery Channel."

Hayward is happy with her decision to move to Bermuda. "I used to miss being in Canada, but my husband is here and I have a great job, so life is good," she says. "For some people, it is a big step to move to a different province, let alone another country. Sometimes it just comes down to following a dream. It makes all the hard work and sacrifices worthwhile."

LANDSCAPING ALASKA

WHEN HE CAME TO U OF G, Christopher Mertl, ASLA and BLA '90, had no idea that his career would lead him to Juneau, Alaska.

His interests in horticulture, art and geography brought him to Guelph and, in particular, to the course "Introduction to Design," where he realized that landscape

architecture was his niche. He became passionate about the landscape, the needs of people to develop the land and the desire to balance the two with creative design.

After graduation, Mertl worked in Toronto for two years, but life in the big city wasn't for him, so he took a job with the forest service in southeast Alaska. "My partner and I would load two weeks' worth of gear into a float plane and be dropped off in the middle of nowhere. We would cruise around Alaska in our 16-foot inflatable skiff to catalogue, map and photograph the forest and how old timber harvest areas were regenerating. We looked at areas slated for future harvest and made recommendations on how to reduce the visual impact of the proposed timber cuts."

In 1994, he headed back to Juneau, the state capital. A community of 30,000 people, it is inaccessible by road due to the ocean, mountains and an icefield. Mertl successfully convinced the state's oldest architecture firm, Jensen Yorba Lott Inc., that they were not truly a multidisciplinary firm unless they had a landscape architect on staff!

He loves the diversity of his job. "Some mornings I get up very early to catch a float plane to a neighbouring community. Other days I am on a boat or helicopter looking at a piece of property with potential for a lodge. I also have plenty of days in front of a drawing board and even more in front of a computer."

Mertl is one of four Guelph landscape architecture grads working in Alaska. They get together and reminisce about the old days at the Bullring and all-nighters in the studio. Says Mertl: "It is obvious that an education at Guelph prepares you not only for Ontario or Canada but also for the world, including rugged Alaska."

TAKE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR

OUTSIDE, IT'S A GREY FALL DAY. But indoors, it's still green, thanks to a bit of U of G technology transplanted to the new University of Guelph-Humber Building in Toronto.

That eye-catching "plant wall" extending from top to bottom at one end of the four-storey building's atrium will provide lush relief year-round. Beyond esthetics, the biofilter will help clean and freshen the air in the building and is expected to help reduce the school's air-conditioning bill.

So says Alan Darlington, B.Sc.(Agr.) '83

and PhD '90, a horticulture graduate and president of Air Quality Solutions Ltd. of Guelph. Using seed technology developed at the University, his four-year-old company designed and now maintains the 150-square-metre wall with its roughly 1,000 individual plants.

To form the new "green machine," plants were rooted into blocks of a synthetic medium mounted on a metal support frame. From a pool filled with lava rock at the base of the wall, water is pumped upward to percolate back down through the material and carry nutrients to the plant roots. Nearest the ceiling skylights are such species as geraniums, hibiscus, fuchsia and ivies. Closer to the floor grow more shade-tolerant plants such as spider plants and philodendrons.

Research at U of G has shown that the system can remove half of the benzene and



Students enjoy the G-H plant wall.

toluene in the air during a single pass and up to 90 per cent of the formaldehyde. These substances are known to contribute to "sick building syndrome," a problem that contributes to employee absenteeism in office buildings around the world. Working with researchers in OAC's Department of Environmental Biology and the College of Social and Applied Human Sciences, Darlington plans to test the plant wall's impact on occupants' well-being.

He loves the job and credits the networks he developed at U of G for his success. "I find this area extremely exciting. I never know what tomorrow will bring. The only negative aspect of my work is the long hours, but that's something I share with most small-business owners."

He reminds new graduates of the saying: "I'm a lucky guy, but the harder I work, the luckier I am," and encourages everyone

to "expect the unexpected" and "not let opportunities pass by."

COOL CAREERS START AT COLLÈGE D'ALFRED

AT COLLÈGE D'ALFRED, diploma grads in food, nutrition and risk management are well prepared for careers as supervisors in commercial food services and quality control positions. Recent grads include a purchasing agent for the Costco warehouse in Toronto, a microbiology lab technician at Saputo in Montreal, a quality controller at Delta Daily Foods in Rigaud, Que., a Canadian Food Inspection Agency inspector at the Port of Montreal, and a commercial manager for a canned vegetable company in Thailand.

In the associate diploma in agriculture program, students can choose to specialize in dairy, organic agriculture, international development, animal or crop production, or herbs and aromatic plant production.

Great careers held by alumni include agricultural education program co-ordinator at the Canadian Agriculture Museum in Ottawa, exotic mushroom producer in New Brunswick, director of economic development in Whitehorse, cold press sunflower seed oil producer in western Quebec, micro-brewery owner in Quebec and organic production extension worker in British Columbia. On the international scene, Alfred alumni include the co-ordinator of an agricultural training program in New Guinea, a technical adviser and facilitator for a reforestation project in Haiti, and a technician at a fruit tree nursery in Ghana.

At Collège d'Alfred, our proudest moments are when alumni visit and speak to students about the road they have taken, the life experiences and challenges they have faced and the great careers they have chosen.

— Diane Lefebvre,

Collège d'Alfred Alumni Office

HELP US HELP YOU

THE OACAA NEEDS YOUR help as we evaluate our programs, services and communication methods. Please take five minutes to complete a survey on our website at www.oac.uguelph.ca/alumni. We want to know what you're thinking.

Remembering their contributions

STAN YOUNG, BSA '49



Stan Young

ONTARIO AGRICULTURE lost one of its most respected and best-loved members with the sudden death of W. Stanley Young on Dec. 30, 2004.

Prof. Young graduated from OAC in 1949. After earning a PhD from Cornell University in 1959, he returned to Guelph, where he became the co-ordinator of extension, a position he held until his retirement in 1992. He was also director of the associate diploma in agriculture program from 1974 to 1979. The field study tours he organized for “dippers” — nicknamed “Stanley Tours” — were always well done.

He was also a leader in his own OAC class. The clock on Johnston Hall, the water

garden by the Rutherford Conservatory, the restored portico on Johnston Green and important new scholarships are all part of the '49ers and Prof. Young's legacy. He also sought to contribute through Alumni-in-Action and was committed to helping that group organize and catalogue the McLaughlin Library's Rural Heritage Collection.

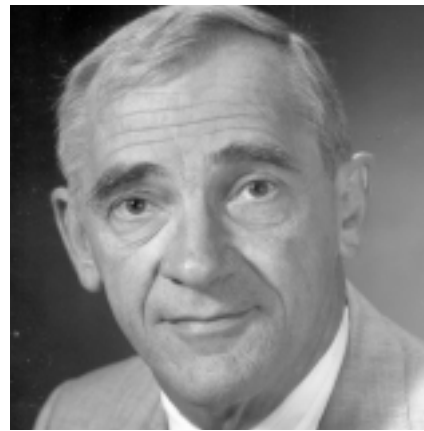
Shortly before his death, he made an initial contribution to an endowment to support an annual scholarship for a student in agricultural communications. As a tribute, his friends and associates are completing the endowment. OAC alumni who would like to contribute to the Stan Young Memorial Fund are invited to contact Paulette Samson, director of OAC Development, at 519-824-4120, Ext. 53768, or psamson@uoguelph.ca.

JACK TANNER, BSA '57

AGRICULTURE LOST A GOOD friend Nov. 21, 2004, when Prof. Jack Tanner died after a lengthy illness. A graduate of OAC '57, he completed his M.Sc. at Guelph before going to Iowa State to complete a PhD. He returned to OAC as a faculty member in the Department of Crop Science. Under his leadership, the department developed internationally recognized strength in crop physiology. An outstanding teacher, he received the OAC Distinguished Teaching Award. He taught 18 different courses, supervised 43 graduate students and acted

as honorary president of six OAC classes.

Prof. Tanner played a major role in developing the OAC minor in international agriculture. He was the first faculty member to be seconded to the University of Ghana on the Guelph-Ghana Project, where he was team leader for two years. His international experience led to many consulting assignments in developing countries.



Jack Tanner

He chaired the Department of Crop Science for 12 years and oversaw the development of strong research initiatives in soybeans, white beans and peanuts. He also chaired the Ontario government's Task Force on the Long-Term Future of the Ontario Wine and Grape Industry from 1984 to 1986.

HONOURING ACHIEVEMENT

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS AND FACULTY from OAC's four campuses were recognized in November in a ceremony held at Guelph. Thanks to the generous support of individual alumni and agri-food industry donors, almost \$500,000 in awards and scholarships was presented.

New this year was the Canadian Agri-Marketing Association (Ontario) Scholarship, awarded to a student who demonstrates both academic achievement and an interest in agri-marketing. Sarah Smith was the first recipient.

Awards for diplomas in agriculture and horticulture were presented to students from all OAC campuses: Guelph, Alfred, Kemptville and Ridgeway.

Many of the award sponsors attended the awards event, allowing OAC and the students to say thank you.

INTRODUCING OURSELVES

THE OAC ALUMNI FOUNDATION raises and invests endowment funds to equip OAC in developing strong leaders in food, environment, rural communities and agriculture. Our vision: Leadership talent that drives a prosperous, sustainable and leading-edge agri-food system in Ontario. Our mission: To assist OAC's development of Ontario's agri-food leaders through fundraising endowments. Our members: Our membership consists primarily of past OAC deans, past presidents of the OAC Alumni Association and other alumni leaders (up to three per year) approved annually by the existing members.

If you would like to discuss establishing an endowment, please contact the OAC Alumni and Development Office at 519-824-4120, Ext. 53768.

COMING EVENTS...

May 25 — OAC Public Lecture, "Fifty Kilograms of Every Car From Agriculture: Is It Possible?" with Gord Surgeoner, B.Sc.(Agr.) '71 and M.Sc. '73, president of Ontario Agri-Food Technologies, and Peter Frise, a professor at the University of Windsor and AUTO21 NCE program leader and CEO, 5:30 p.m., OVC Lifetime Learning Centre 1714. For more information, contact Brenda Cassidy, OAC communications co-ordinator, Ext. 56832, bcassidy@uoguelph.ca.

June 25 — OACAA annual general meeting at Alumni Weekend, 9 a.m., Macdonald Hall 149.

June 25 to 27 — Alumni Weekend. Key events include the President's Luncheon, Alumni Dinner, campus tours, pubs, Sunday ecumenical service and farewell brunch. If you are celebrating an anniversary year, watch for your Alumni Weekend brochure in the mail. For information about reunions, contact Carla Bradshaw at Ext. 56657.

OAC CLASS REUNIONS TO DATE:

OAC '33

OAC '45: Contact Al Aboud or Aubrey Hagar.

OAC '50: Heinz Braun, Don Jeffrey or Glenn Peister.

OAC '55: M.G. "Moe" Freeman or Don Grieve.

OAC '55A: John Robson.

OAC '60: Robbie Keith.

OAC '65: Terry Daynard.

OAC '75: Martha Collins or Mike Nuttall.

OAC '75A: Contact Jeff Stager, Dave Besley or Gord Taylor.

OAC '85: Drew Orosz or Rudy Diemer.

June 26 — The Moveable Feast, a special event

to benefit the OAC Teaching Trust, noon to 3 p.m. at the Good Earth Cooking School in Beamsville, Ont. Guests will meet some of Niagara's talented and colourful personalities while sampling delicious food and enjoying a little music to "jazz" up the festivities. Reservations are required, tickets \$100 per person. Contact: 800-308-5124 or 905-563-7856, e-mail info@goodearthcooking.com, www.goodearthcooking.com.

July 15 to 17 — OAC '80 will celebrate its 25th reunion in the Niagara region. Check out the Class of 1980 bulletin board on the online community at www.olcnetwork.net/uoguelph, or contact Mary Lynn McPherson for details.

Aug. 19 to 21 — OAC '70 will celebrate its 35th reunion at the Nottawasaga Inn, Alliston. Contact John Core.

Aug. 19 — Westag Alumni Golf Tournament at the Ridgetown Golf Club. Contact Janet Nauta at 519-674-1504 or roots@ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca.

Aug. 20 — Westag Alumni Barbecue and alumni association annual meeting at Ridgetown College. Contact Janet Nauta.

Aug. 27 and 28 — Kemptville College Alumni Weekend. Contact Ellen Mooney at 613-258-8336 or emooney@kemptvillec.uoguelph.ca.

Sept. 9 — OACAA annual golf tournament in Guelph. Contact Carla Bradshaw at cbradsha@oac.uoguelph.ca.

Oct. 1 — U of G Homecoming.

Call the University of Guelph at 519-824-4120; contact alumni officer Carla Bradshaw at Ext. 56657 or cbradsha@uoguelph.ca.

DIPLOMA GRADS DROP THE PUCK



OAC ALUMNI RETURNED to campus Feb. 19 for the annual Norm McCollum Diploma Hockey Tournament. Thirteen teams participated, with '04A making its first appear-

ance. The tournament has two divisions: recent and not-so-recent graduates. The winner of the "A" Flight division Blair Graham Memorial Trophy was '99A, with '94A taking the H.W. Caldwell Trophy in the "B" Flight division. The weekend provides a great opportunity for everyone to reunite with friends, have fun and play hockey. Anyone wishing to join the tournament next year should contact Jack Bakker, '79A, at 519-837-0132 or Fiore Zenone, '94A, at 519-647-9807.

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