

The Very First Food Laureate

Anita Stewart, an expert on food and Canadian cuisine, will serve as the University of Guelph's honorary food ambassador, providing advocacy and leadership and promoting initiatives.

As Food Laureate, Anita Stewart will promote the University of Guelph's (U of G) culinary contributions to Canada by refining the food inventory, developing public awareness campaigns, organizing events and strengthening connections between producers and consumers. During her two-year appointment, Anita will report jointly to the deans of OAC and the College of Management Economics (CME).

"This historic appointment is a significant step towards strengthening U of G's reputation as 'Canada's food university,'" says president Alastair Summerlee. "We are known internationally as the place for food research, teaching and technology, but our contributions to the culinary life of Canada need to be more widely touted."

Anita has an impressive résumé. She founded Cuisine Canada to promote the growth and study of Canadian food culture. Anita was the first Canadian to earn a master of arts in gastronomy; has authored or co-authored 14 books on Canadian foods and wines that include many U of G examples; and appears regularly on CBC Radio. Besides consulting on Ontario's culinary tourism strategy, she has worked frequently with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, and the Canadian Tourism Commission and Ontario Ministry of Tourism. Anita also created Food Day Canada, a national event that evolved from her World's Longest Barbecue in 2003 intended to support Canadian farmers after that year's BSE crisis. In 2012, she was appointed to the Order of Canada.

A longtime friend and supporter of the University, Anita helped U of G celebrate its own food history by creating a food inventory and preparing a special menu for the 125th anniversary of OAC in 1999. She also helped U of G launch the Good Food Innovation Awards in 2010 to recognize restaurants showing culinary creativity with local ingredients. The College of Management and Economics (CME) awarded her an honorary degree in 2011.

In accepting the honorary Food Laureate appointment, Anita says: "My goal is to continue to explore how U of G has set our national and international tables with both talent and ingredients. And while I'm at it, I intend to recognize some very real culinary heroes whom all of Canada can celebrate." ■



▲ Anita Stewart

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Message from the Dean

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For many, the fall season is a time for wrapping up before the snow falls and the year ends. For OAC, fall is a time for beginnings and excitement. In fall, thousands of students make their way back onto our campuses to learn, explore, and research. With them comes a fresh burst of enthusiasm. I hold that same enthusiasm for all the wonderful things OAC students, faculty, staff, and stakeholders are accomplishing, researching and contributing. We have certainly had a fall season full of announcements and accomplishments.

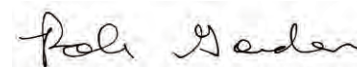
We welcomed new faces to campus. The University of Guelph appointed its first Food Laureate. Anita Stewart, an expert on food and Canadian cuisine, will jointly serve OAC and the College of Management Economics as the University's honorary food ambassador, providing advocacy and leadership and promoting initiatives. We also welcomed three new faculty and three new staff members to OAC.

New investments were made in teaching and research. The Bioproducts Discovery and Development Centre (BDDC) received \$2 million from the federal government to expand its facility and research. The TD Bank Group gifted \$750,000 to create the TD Agricultural Policy Research Fund which will support research and debate on rural economic development and agriculture, and outreach activities.

Students continue to achieve in various ways.

A 3rd year Landscape Architecture student, Justine DeMelis, won the IIDEX Multidisciplinary Student Charette Award at Canada's National Design and Architecture Exhibition and Conference (IIDEX Canada). Gerry Ryan was selected as the recipient of the inaugural J.D. Webster Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Environmental Sciences.

It is with enthusiasm that I share this fall issue of *FACE >forward* with you. The stories mentioned above, and many more, are featured within its pages. Welcome students, congratulations faculty, and thank you to our donors. ■



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Innovative Ideas and Teamwork Pay Off

By Maggie McCormick

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Landscape Architecture student wins the IIDEX Multidisciplinary Student Charette Award

A 3rd year University of Guelph Landscape Architecture student recently competed at Canada's National Design and Architecture Exhibition and Conference (IIDEX Canada). On September 20th Justine DeMelis' team took home the IIDEX Multidisciplinary Student Charette Award. For the competition, multidisciplinary teams of three students were given a matter of hours to propose a solution to a realistic design problem.

To make up her team, Justine was matched with two other students; Heather Schaefer and Nitika Oberoi, both Interior Design students at Conestoga College. This team composition created extra challenges for the team. Most teams were composed of an architecture student, a landscape architecture student, and an interior design student. Justine's team however, consisting of herself and two interior design students, had to overcome the lack of expertise in areas such as building code. Despite the extra hurdle, the team created the winning design. Their winning idea proposed a design solution to residential buildings within the Ontario Place, meeting certain criteria and incorporating examples from the show floor. Each winning team member earned a cash prize for their school.

Justine says the competition is a great opportunity to network with other students in the field, including the architecture and interior design students, who may not always understand the role landscape architects play. As Justine describes it,

"We research the land and the way people move through the land, and then propose design solutions that promote environmental integrity as well as cater to the users – animals and humans."

Justine comes from the community of Stouffville, 10 minutes north of Markham, Ontario, and her route from home to the University of Guelph was not a straightforward one. After taking a year between graduation and university to work, Justine enrolled at York University in a business degree. Unsure that business was right for her, Justine says she had the perfect chance to re-evaluate what she wanted to do when professionals at York went on strike. Justine chose to transfer to the University of Guelph's Landscape Architecture program where she could combine her creativity and appreciation for the environment.

The School of Environmental Design and Rural Development, OAC, and U of G are all happy Justine decided to make the switch. Now in her 3rd year of the program Justine is an active member in her school community. She has become involved with the Landscape Architecture Student Society (LASS) and is a part of the Ontario Association of Landscape Architects social committee, helping to integrate students and professionals in the industry. ■



Justine DeMelis, third from the left, and her teammates accept the IIDEX Multidisciplinary Student Charette Award.

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Governor General's Bronze Medal Goes to Kemptville Student

By Susan Bubak via atGuelph

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Allison Dykxhoorn ^

The Governor General's Academic Medal was created in 1873 to encourage academic excellence across the nation. Over the years, they have become the most prestigious awards that students in Canadian schools can receive.

Receiving the Governor General's bronze medal for top marks in an OAC diploma program came as a surprise to Allison Dykxhoorn, a student in the equine program at Kemptville Campus. "I knew my marks were really good," she says, "but I had no idea I had the highest mark, so I was pretty happy."

Even though she graduated with a 92.6 percent average, she still managed to balance her academic and social life. "I just studied really hard," says Allison, adding that she found it easier to study a little bit every day instead of cramming the night before an exam. "I found that I could still have fun with my friends if I just got my homework done right away. I was the person who did it when I got home after school every night so that I could spend time with my friends after."

In her spare time, she volunteered with College Royal and rode in the horse show. "That was my first horse show ever, so that was a pretty big moment." She also leased a horse on weekends and worked at a barn. Although she grew up on a dairy farm in Tobermory, Ontario, she fell in love with horses after spending a year in Australia working with horses on a farm. This September, she began the equine production and breeding program at Olds College in Olds, Alberta. ■

Inaugural J.D. Webster Fellowship Awarded

By Jonathan Newman



Jonathan Newman, ^
Director of
the School of
Environmental
Sciences, and
Gerry Ryan.

The School of Environmental Sciences is pleased to announce Geraldine (Gerry) Ryan as the recipient of the inaugural J.D. Webster Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Environmental Sciences.

Established in honour of the late Earle J.D. Webster, the Webster Post-Doctoral Fellowship was created to fund ground-breaking environmental science research toward making a better planet. Webster attended OAC in 1927, and later went on to distinguish himself as an elementary school educator and author. He showed lifelong interest in both geology and forestry.

Applicants were considered on the basis of demonstrated research excellence in subject areas related to environmental sciences, with preference to research in natural resource management. One Webster Post-Doctoral Fellowship is awarded each year. Recipients receive a \$50,000 stipend and spend a year working on their research in the lab of a Faculty Member in the School of Environmental Sciences.

Gerry has already published four peer reviewed journal articles and a book chapter. Gerry's application: "Will increasing atmospheric carbon dioxide alter the invasiveness of non-native bio-fuel grasses?" was judged to be the best from a strong international field of applicants. On receiving the award, Gerry says, "I am very happy and honoured to receive this award, and the opportunity it will provide me to continue to advance my career goals." She took up her fellowship in September. ■

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OAC Weeds Team sweeps competition

By Clarence Swanton

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▲ **Back Row (left to right):** Darren Robinson, Jenna MacDougall, Kevin Robson, Michael Russell, Adam Parker, Michael Vanhie, Chris Budd, Joshua Burrows, Dennis Cooper, Ryan Kennes
Third row (left to right): Taylor Jeffery, Duncan Ferguson, Laura Ford, Holly Byker, Clarence Swanton, Ken Mackenzie
Second row (left to right): Lydia Harrison, Joanna Follings, Allison Friesen, Emily den Haan, Annemarie Van Wely, Jessica Gal
Front Row: Andrew Reid, Matt Groen

The 2012 Northeastern Weed Science Competition was a huge success for OAC students

On Tuesday, July 24th, the U of G OAC Weeds Team participated in the Northeast Weed Science Collegiate Contest hosted by Rutgers University located in the state of New Jersey. Three graduate and three undergraduate teams from OAC competed in the competition. The purpose of this contest is to provide students with an educational experience that tests their applied agronomic skills in the disciplines of crop protection and agronomy. A total of 63 students participated, representing eight different schools. The OAC Weeds Team was the only Canadian team. The universities represented were Pennsylvania State, Ohio State, Virginia Tech, North Carolina State, and the Universities of Tennessee, Cornell, Kentucky, and Guelph.

This year the three U of G undergraduate teams swept the awards, placing first, second and third. The first place team consisted of Adam Parker, Ryan Kennes, Dennis Cooper and Jenna MacDougall. Members of the team that placed second overall were, Chris Budd, Michael Russel, and Duncan Ferguson. The third place team members were Lydia Harrison, Annemarie Van Wely, Emily den Haan, and Joshua Burrows.

Individual undergraduate performance awards were given to Adam Parker, Ryan Kennes and Michael Russell who placed first, second and third respectively, in overall undergraduate performance. The remaining students from the undergraduate and graduate teams also competed well and placed competitively within their categories. ■

A Tribute to Beth Livingstone

By Peter Pauls

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Beth Livingstone, executive assistant to the chair of plant agriculture at the University of Guelph, served with compassion, grace and excellence

The news of Beth's death from a heart attack on Saturday, Sept 29th 2012 came as a shock.

For many, Beth was the first person they encountered when they came to the department and the last person they spoke to, as they finished their stay with us. I can't think of better entrance and exit experiences. Beth was always welcoming, kind and patient; a wonderful ambassador for the department, college and university.

On a day-to-day basis her door was wide open and she welcomed constant interruption of her work by people looking for help on a wide range of things.

I knew Beth for many years in various capacities. For a while, when faculty all wrote by hand and secretaries converted their scribbling into professional looking letters, notes and manuscripts, she did secretarial work for me. My memories of working with Beth during the early years were all positive. She always managed to fit my last-minute work in, and did it with a wry sense of humour and a cheerful attitude.

In the last two years Beth has usually been the first one to greet me in the morning, with a sunny hello and an inquiry about how things were going. For many people that is a routine patter, but with Beth I believed she was interested and cared about the answer.

As an assistant to the chair she was incredibly efficient, articulate, organized and diplomatic. She was patient with last-minute arrangements, had faculty and staff policies at her fingertips and connections throughout the University. Beth had amazing powers of concentration to get her work done in spite of the many times she was called on to help someone coming to her door.

I wouldn't want to give the impression that Beth's legacy is that she was organized and efficient; she was so much more. For many she epitomized a caring attitude in the Department. Beth was often involved in making sure that personal achievements were celebrated and challenges were noticed and supported. There will be much we need to do to fill the gap her passing has left.

In science we seek truth in nature. But there are many truths in the world. In Beth we had a true heart of the Department. ■



▲ Beth Livingstone

Prof Receives Grant to Help India 'Go Green'

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Learning how small businesses in India can earn more green and go greener is the dual purpose of a three-year, \$200,000 research award to a University of Guelph professor.



▲ **Professor Nonita Yap in Bhubaneswar, Orissa, India during her time consulting with Indian institutions on the scope of the research project.**

School of Environmental Design and Rural Development professor, Nonita Yap, will work with Indian colleagues to study factors that promote and hinder the spread of cleaner production technologies among micro and small enterprises in eastern India.

She hopes her study will ultimately help improve livelihoods and environment in India.

"Poverty reduction and environmental sustainability are among the two most pressing global problems challenging development researchers and practitioners," she says. Cleaner production technologies will improve not just environmental health but worker health, she adds. "These innovations are about reducing if not preventing the generation of waste. What leaves the facility as waste begins within the facility as an occupational hazard."

Her goals are to document economic and environmental benefits of cleaner production, improve policy-making to support innovation among smaller businesses, and discourage policy instruments and business practices and networks that often stifle innovation.

The research team will look at four sectors – foundries, brick-makers, tanneries and food processors – in West Bengal and Orissa states. Orissa is among India's least developed regions, with low literacy rates. Under the project, U of G grad students and Indian researchers will interview companies, business groups, government agencies and non-governmental organizations (NGO).

The project includes Indian partners at the Xavier Institute of Management in Orissa, the Gujarat Institute of Development Research, the Centre for Community Development, the Energy and Resources Institute, and an NGO called CTxGreEn. The grant comes from the partnership development program of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, including funding from Canada's Economic Action Plan for academic-industry research partnerships. ■

Leaving to Make Change Around the World

By Maggie McCormick

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The University of Guelph is leading the way with a knowledge-sharing initiative, Leave for Change, and OAC staff are taking part.

The Leave for Change programs sees University of Guelph staff travel to developing nations, on short assignments, sharing their knowledge and skills with resident professionals and development programs. Three OAC regional campus staff visited developing countries where they put their respective skills to work. Patti Goodman, Susan Kelner, and Nicole Tessier, participated this year.



▲ Susan Kelner, Program Coordinator at Ridgetown Campus, with her colleagues at the Ghana Literacy House



▲ Patti Goodman, Program Manager at Kemptville Campus, on her bike in Hai Phong.

Patti Goodman, Program Manager at Kemptville Campus, visited Hai Phong Community College in Vietnam in October where she worked to improve the needs assessment processes within the college.

One of Patti's tasks was to make a presentation to 140 teachers on best practices in Canada in needs assessments. Patti biked to work every day through the busy roads of Hai Phong and took the opportunity to meet the students of the college and learn about their curriculum.

Susan Kelner, Program Coordinator at Ridgetown Campus, helped develop adult curriculum in Accra, Ghana in July and August. On her blog she shared, "I am amazed at how quickly I can feel at home. Entering a new environment, I tread lightly. However, I am soon at ease with friendly welcomes and in recognizing familiar work challenges in adult education." During her three-week assignment, Susan learned much about Ghana's formal and non-formal education systems, and the challenges faced by educators.

Nicole Tessier, Supervisor, Student and Conference Services, Communications and Alumni Relations at Alfred Campus, is currently in Burkina Faso. She is working with the l'Association Solidarité et Entraide mutuelle au Sahel (SEMUS), as a journalism advisor. The organization works with the most disadvantaged in communities and to reduce the incidence of HIV/AIDS. On her blog, Nicole speaks about the poverty she sees, reflecting "I work in an organization that seems like a vital organ, not only for the village of Yako, but also for the entire region of Passore and the country" (translation).

The University of Guelph was one of the first universities in Canada to participate in Leave for Change, which is offered in partnership by World University Service of Canada (WUSC) and the Centre for International Studies and Co-operation (CECI). ■

OAC Welcomes New Faculty

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Ying (Jessica) Cao recently joined the Dept. of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (FARE) as an Assistant Professor. Jessica works extensively on behavioral analysis of individual decision-making involving risk and uncertainty. Using experimental and survey methods, Jessica's research primarily addresses issues of belief, judgment, information processing and the interaction with decision behaviors. The concentration of her research falls in the areas of Economic Development, Consumer Behavior and Marketing, Food Policy, Production and Business Decisions. She comes to OAC from Cornell University where she earned her Ph. D.

Dr. Brandon Gilroyed was recently hired as an Assistant Professor at Ridgetown Campus. He will be teaching courses in the BBRM degree program at Ridgetown Campus beginning in January 2013. His research is interdisciplinary in nature, focusing on renewable energy production from agricultural byproducts and wastes using anaerobic digestion technology. Using a combination of engineering principles, analytical chemistry, microbiology, and molecular biology, his research focuses on understanding the mechanisms of microbial conversion of substrates into renewable energy. Brandon most recently completed a NSERC Postdoctoral Fellowship at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Lethbridge Research Station.

Dr. Alexandra Harlander-Matauschek will be joining the faculty in Animal & Poultry Science and the Canadian Poultry Welfare Centre January 1st, 2013. She is very enthusiastic to take up research at U of G, focusing on housing systems for pullets and laying hens with respect to improvement in the design of laying hen housing systems. Dr. Harlander is internationally recognized as a leading poultry welfare expert and is a European Veterinary Specialist in Welfare Science, Ethics and Law. In past years, she has developed and carried out an impressive research program focusing on feather pecking and feather eating in laying hens. Her research approaches have been novel and original. Most recently, from 2004 to 2010, she was a lecturer and research associate in behavioural physiology in the Department of Small Animal Breeding and Poultry Science at the University of Hohenheim in Germany. ■

Welcoming New Staff

Karen Nelson Hamilton has filled the position of OAC Liaison Officer. Karen is a graduate of the University of Guelph and OAC with a B.A. Geography and M.Sc. Rural Planning and Development in the School of Environmental Design and Rural Development (SEDRD). Karen will continue to develop and implement events for secondary school students and teachers that showcase the range of subjects and opportunities the OAC has to offer in the areas of food science, agricultural science, business, horticulture and landscape architecture. This outreach is made possible through contributions from the OAC Class of '53, the Grand River Agricultural Society, OAC Alumni Foundation, Monsanto and the Agri-Food and Rural Link KTT program under the OMAFRA-U of G partnership.

Tara Collins has joined the OAC team as the Alumni Advancement Manager – OAC. Tara is a University of Guelph graduate and brings with her a diverse background of skills and experience. She has been the Alumni Advancement Manager for OVC since April 2011, focusing on alumni engagement, class projects, volunteer initiatives, events and personal fundraising within OVC. Tara is a bilingual French Canadian. Prior to coming to U of G, Tara was a Program Manager with Free the Children where she developed and implemented new processes for events and fundraising initiatives.

Stephanie Craig is the new Communications Manager for the OAC Dean's Office. Stephanie comes to the OAC from 4-H Ontario where she was the Senior Manager of Communications. Stephanie spent four years at 4-H enhancing internal and external communications with a special focus on web communications, alumni engagement, and creative approaches. Stephanie is a Ryerson graduate with a Bachelor of Design in Fashion Communications, who grew up on a dairy farm outside of Arthur, Ontario. She comes from a family full of OAC graduates. ■

Bioproducts Centre Receives \$2 Million

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The Bioproducts Discovery and Development Centre (BDDC) received expansion funds from the federal government

On November 16th, Diane Finley, minister of human resources and skills development and regional minister for southwestern Ontario, announced the \$2 million federal funding on behalf of Gary Goodyear, minister of state.

The funding from the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario) will be used to purchase equipment and to expand the centre. BDDC scientists turn plant materials into resins, polymers and tough fibres to make biobased plastics and bioproducts. BDDC researchers study ways to use soy, wheat, corn and other crops to make everything from car parts and furniture to fuel. They also investigate new crops for use in composite materials. They hope plant-based materials will help reduce our dependency on petroleum-based products.

The BDDC, which opened in October 2008, is directed by Amar Mohanty, a professor in U of G's Department of Plant Agriculture and School of Engineering and holder of the Premier's Research Chair in Biomaterials and Transportation. "Bioproducts are the wave of the future," Mohanty says. "We sincerely thank FedDev Ontario for this timely contribution that will accelerate the creation of innovative green biomaterials-based solutions to create a sustainable competitive advantage for businesses in our province and beyond in the fast-growing bioeconomy."

Rob Gordon, OAC dean, says the BDDC supports an important and evolving role for agriculture. "It's a catalyst for innovative green products that will ultimately enhance the value of Ontario's agriculture sector. It also provides a training environment that will help to further position Ontario as a global leader in bioproducts."

U of G president Alastair Summerlee adds: "This is an investment in the future. It will allow us to expand and enhance the BDDC, where scientists from across the disciplines are working together on viable solutions to some of today's most pressing problems. They are finding new uses for agricultural products, creating green alternatives and making Canada a world leader in the field." ■



▲ From left to right: OAC Dean, Rob Gordon; Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development, Diane Finley; Acting Associate Vice-President of Research (Research Services), John Livernois; Premier's Research Chair in Biomaterials and Transportation, Amar Mohanty; and Professor Manju Misra.

TD Bank Group Makes a Large Contribution to OAC

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\$750,000 gift will promote economic research and inform agri-food policy

The University of Guelph received a \$750,000 gift on September 25th from TD Bank Group to create the TD Agricultural Policy Research Fund. The gift will support economic research and analysis on new farm policies, especially those affecting the health and prosperity of the agri-food sector and rural communities.

The TD fund, to be managed by OAC, will support research and debate on rural economic development and agriculture, and outreach activities in the Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics and in other campus departments.

The goal is to ensure timely, credible and independent policy analysis of important issues, and to inform policy and regulations in agri-food and other areas such as energy, environment and health, says OAC dean Rob Gordon. "There is no denying the social and economic importance of food and agriculture in Ontario," said Gordon.



^ U of G president Alastair Summerlee thanks Frank McKenna, deputy chair of TD Bank Group.

"This will help better connect Canada's leading agricultural university and its students more closely to the agricultural policy issues and the industry," Gordon says. "The fund will also help bring continuity and collaboration to the analysis of policy issues and expand on the existing collaboration with OMAFRA."

TD Bank has also supported student bursaries and awards, infrastructure and other investments in capital campaigns at U of G since 1968. The new gift will be distributed over 10 years. ■



^ Frank McKenna, deputy chair of TD Bank Group, and Rob Gordon, OAC Dean joke during the presentation.

Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Donates to Kemptville Campus

The Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Association has committed to donating \$50,000 to Kemptville campus improvements

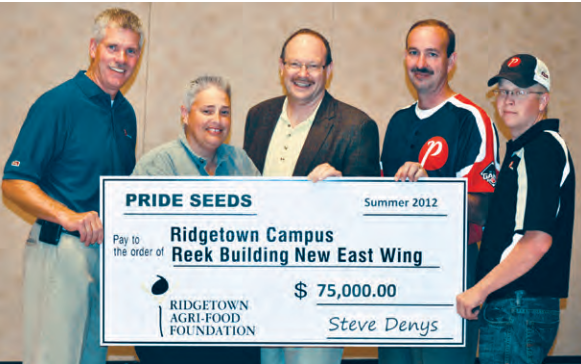
In November the Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Association (OVSGA) voted to donate \$50,000 to ongoing infrastructure improvements at the Kemptville Campus of OAC. The OVSGA sees the campus as an important influence in sustaining and enhancing farming in eastern Ontario.

The decision was made after Campus Director Dr. Claude Naud attended an association meeting and described his ongoing efforts to spruce up the campus. Naud believes the campus must modernize in order to build and maintain enrolment. He talked about new programming involving food processing, alternative energy, and opportunities provided by climate change. Naud's goal is to create a more professional look with projects such as an \$800,000 cafeteria upgrade and revamping the main public meeting rooms in the W.B. George Centre. One of the rooms is being transformed into the Eastern Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame displaying certificates of regional residents honoured in the central Hall of Fame in Milton. ■

PRIDE Seeds Donates to Ridgetown Campus

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\$75,000 goes to the W.R. Reek Student Service and Alumni Centre project



▲ Left to Right: Grant Craven, Northeast Production Manager, Kelly Atkinson, VP Finance & Admin, Ken McEwan, Ridgetown College, Stephen Denys, VP Sales & Marketing, Kevin Grainger, PRIDE Seeds.

On August 27th PRIDE Seeds announced a \$75,000 donation to the W.R. Reek Student Service and Alumni Centre project at the Ridgetown Campus, of the Ontario Agriculture College. Interim Campus Director, Ken McEwan, and Manager, Communications, Liz Meidlinger accepted the donation on behalf of the project committee.

"We are proud to sponsor the Reek Building initiative given that it supports two overall goals within our organization," emphasizes Stephen Denys, Vice President Sales & Marketing with PRIDE Seeds. "The first goal being to support efforts aimed at creating a larger and skilled work force in agriculture and the second to support our local community." Over the next few years there will be an unprecedented number of opportunities in agriculture says Stephen. "The University of Guelph and the Ridgetown Campus play an important role in ensuring we have the skills we need in agriculture to help feed the world."

The PRIDE Seeds operation is based in the Chatham-Kent area and many PRIDE Seeds employees have attended the Ridgetown campus for their diploma or training courses. "The value this campus brings to the community both locally and for agriculture community in general is significant. As a result it is imperative that the business community that benefits from this campus supports initiatives aimed at making it a stronger institution," adds Stephen. ■

OAC in Review

By Andrea Karpala

OAC in Review Digitization Project enables OAC grads from 1939-1946 to view archived issues online.

Social media makes it possible for us to go back in time and relive past events through photos and videos with the click of a button. Reliving the social events of yesteryear is not always an easy task, but for the OAC and the MacDonald Institute (Mac) grads from 1939-1946, a Library digital collections initiative; the OAC Review Digitization Project, will let them do just that.

The OAC Review is a student-run magazine that was published from 1889-1961 with eight issues published per academic year. The OAC Review was truly the "Facebook" of its time and was filled with articles, news items, life announcements, advertisements, and photos that provide a glimpse into what campus life was like in the past. In total, approximately 670 issues were published and to date, all issues from 1939-1946 have been digitized. Check it out at bit.ly/OACreview ■

The Rare Corpse Plant

By Maggie McCormick

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The Plant Agriculture Department used a rare bloom to raise money for the University of Guelph's United Way Campaign.

Plant Agriculture has put its own spin on this year's United Way campaign at the U of G. The department, which pledged to raise \$21,500 of the University's \$550,000 goal, combined a rare botanical experience with supporting a good cause.

In September Plant Agriculture's Titan Arum plant was getting ready to bloom. Also known as the Corpse Flower for its unique (and not so appealing) perfume, the Titan Arum is one of the world's largest flowers, and its blooming is a rare and brief occurrence. In fact it has only happened twice before in Canada. As the unfolding of the flower grew nearer Plant Agriculture decided to use the spectacle as a chance to gather more support for the United Way. Participants predicted a date and time they believed the flower would unfold for a chance to win a cash prize. On October 9th the big event began and Bovey's tropical greenhouse opened its doors to give the public a chance to peak at the flower, dubbed "Gryph".

Plant Agriculture has been running other events to raise funds for the United Way, such as a "Dance Dare" contest, inspired by the Ellen Degeneres Show, involving university figures such as the Gryph mascot, President Alistair Summerlee, and many familiar faces from the Plant Agriculture department. The dance dare video can be seen at <http://bit.ly/Rzmenx> ■

▲ The Corpse Plant, post pollination, thankfully smelled more of rotting cabbage than rotting flesh.

FARE Share and FARE Talk

The Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (FARE) reaches out with a new newsletter and podcasts

FARE recently released their premier issue of FARE Share, a biannual newsletter compiled from the Institute for the Advanced Study of Food and Agricultural Policy. The newsletter features articles on policy analysis and insights into food and the agriculture industry in Canada from department faculty and industry leaders. The newsletter can be accessed on the Institute website at www.uoguelph.ca/fare/institute/advanced-study.html

FARE also produces a series of podcasts called "FARE Talk – Podcasts Worth Sharing". The aim of the podcasts is to provide an enduring conversation about contemporary topics relevant to food, agricultural, and resource economics. The podcasts are hosted and produced by FARE professor, Dr. Brady James Deaton, and cover a variety of topics. The most recent post was on assessing agriculture policy and who benefits from agriculture subsidies. As Brady explains, "FARE Talk introduces listeners to cutting edge research addressing contemporary issues of importance. I want to provide listeners with a research based news outlet that is distinctly different from many contemporary media approaches oriented towards the 'sound-bite'." Visit www.uoguelph.ca/fare/FARE-talk/index.html to stream the podcasts. ■



▲ The premier issue of FARE Share.



^ **University of Guelph Team. Front row (left to right): Christopher Bartels; Robyn Walsh; Mark Wynands. Back row (left to right): Coach John S. Walton; Wade Deaken.**

- > **Animal and Poultry Science** students, Christopher Bartels, Wade Deaken, Robyn Walsh and Mark Wynands, with coach John Walton took home a 1st place award at the North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge® in March. NAIDC is a two-day competition of teams representing North American universities' dairy science programs. The competition is designed to incorporate higher learning with practical application, and inspire and empower tomorrow's dairy leaders. Guelph animal science students have placed in the top three for the seven consecutive years.
- > In May **School of Environmental Sciences** professor, Claudia Wagner-Riddle, was named this year's recipient of the Guelph YWCA Woman of Distinction Award for Science and Technology.
- > **Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics** professor, John Cranfield, was named President of the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society (CAES) at the annual meeting held in June. This appointment is for a 1-year term.
- > **School of Environmental Sciences** Professor Madhur Anand was honoured in June with the 2012 Female Professional of the Year Award from the Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce (ICCC). Anand is the holder of the Canada Research Chair in Global Ecological Change in the School of Environmental Sciences, and she studies the effects of climate change on ecosystems.
- > A recent study by **Department of Animal and Poultry Science** researchers is the first to experimentally demonstrate signs of boredom in captive animals. Rebecca Meagher, a postdoctoral researcher and the study's lead author, found that animals in confined empty spaces avidly seek stimulation, which is consistent with boredom. The study has received great media attention with Prof. Georgia Mason, who holds the Canada Research Chair in Animal Welfare in the Department of Animal and Poultry Science, being featured on CBC's Quirks & Quarks to talk about the study.
- > Three graduate students from the **School of Environmental Sciences** have each been awarded Graduate Student Scholarships from the Canadian Phytopathological Society at their annual meeting in June. Sarah Healy, Linda Jewell and Mihaela Stanescu, graduate students with Dr. Tom Hsiang, Professor in the School of Environmental Sciences, took home all the awards offered this year. The scholarships include monetary awards for their degrees and student membership in the Canadian Phytopathological Society.
- > Donald Mercer, Associate Professor in the **Department of Food Science**, was inducted as a Fellow of the International Academy of Food Science and Technology at the 16th World Congress of Food Science and Technology held in Brazil in August.
- > **Kemptville campus** was featured on CTV Ottawa Morning Live on October 16th. Sarah Freemark spent the morning and toured the campus. Video clips, courtesy of CTV, are available at www.kemptvillec.uoguelph.ca
- > On November 13th the late Dr. Gary Ablett was inducted into the Kent Agriculture Hall of Fame. Induction Service. Gary was the first head director of the **University of Guelph Ridgetown campus**. Other campus inductees already in the Hall of Fame include; the late Dr. William Reek, the late Professor Steckley, and the late Rudy H. Brown.
- ▼ **From left to right: Ken McEwan (Interim Ridgetown Campus Director), Jane Ablett (widow of the late Gary Ablett), Bryan Stirling (Soybean Research Technician), Dennis Fischer (Soybean Research Technician), and Ken Stevenson (Member of the Hall of Fame Committee).**



- > Ex Rico 23 Navy Bean and Dry Bean Program named **Seed of the Year** at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in early November. Since the Ex Rico 23 navy bean cultivar was registered in Canada in 1980 the University of Guelph has been involved in testing, registering and maintaining the seed of Ex Rico 23 in Canada, since the country of origin is Columbia. The Seed of the Year competition was designed by University of Guelph and SeCan, with support from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.
- > The new **OAC** website has been released. Head to <http://www.uoguelph.ca/oac/> to check out the new look and to keep up-to-date with OAC events and news. Site content is still being updated, developed and optimized to best serve prospective and current students, staff, and the OAC community. Updates are being made daily.
- > The University of Guelph is engaged in a \$200 million fundraising campaign called **The BetterPlanet Project** (BPP). OAC has already raised almost \$23 million dollars since the start of the campaign and aims to raise at least \$15 million more before the campaign wraps up in 2014.
- > The W. Garfield Weston Foundation is making a major contribution to support the future of the world's food supply with the establishment of The Rebanks Family Chair in Pollinator Conservation position in the **School of Environmental Sciences** is currently being interviewed for with hopes of being announced by the end of 2012. The endowed Chair is a Canadian first and has been made possible with a \$3 million gift.
- > Kim Hooey, a fourth year **Bachelor of Science in Agriculture** student, received a GROWMARK, Inc. scholarship at GROWMARK's Annual General Meeting in Chicago with other recipients from across North America.
- > Lydia Harrison, a fourth year degree in **Honours Agriculture** student, was the winner of this year's Canadian Young Speakers for Agriculture (CYSA) senior competition at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. Lydia spoke about farmers' greatest opportunity: the next generation. Her speech illustrated how engaging with and investing in the next generation of farmers helps provide those young people with the means to succeed.
- > The Canadian Weed Science Society (CWSS-SCM) awarded **Ridgetown Campus** professor, Dr. Peter Sikkema, with the highest honour the society can grant to one of its members. Peter received the Fellow Award at the 2012 annual meeting held in Manitoba in November.



▲ **Kim Hooey, fourth year Honours Agricultural Science major.**



Upcoming

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Ice Cream Technology Course

North America's oldest, continuously offered ice cream technology course is taking place December 3-7. Held since 1914, the annual Ice Cream Technology Course is the only one of its kind in Canada and registration is limited. This intensive week-long course provides participants with knowledge of the ingredients, processing and quality features of ice cream. The sessions examine the technical points of ice cream manufacturing, with an emphasis on the quality of the finished product. For more information visit <http://bit.ly/RIHj8L>

OAC Leadership Conference

You are invited to "Ignite Your Future"! This two day conference features guest speakers and workshops. The registration cost is \$15 if you register before January 23rd. All students who register on or after January 23rd will be charged \$25 per person. This includes all speakers, activities and meals (including a banquet dinner on Saturday night). Travel grants for regional campus students are also available to eligible students. Visit www.oacleadership.uoguelph.ca for more information and registration details.

OAC Alumni Events

The OAC Alumni Association Bonspiel is set to take place on March 23 and on May 16 the OAC Alumni Association and Alumni Foundation will be hosting combined AGMs. Planning for Alumni Weekend 2013 events, on June 14 & 15, have also begun. If you are interested in any of the above please contact **Tara Collins** at **519.824.4120 x56842** or tcolli02@uoguelph.ca.