

Associate Deans appointed: a new face for OAC's leadership team

Following a search process this past summer, OAC dean Rob Gordon recently announced the appointment of three new associate deans who have now joined the college's senior administrative team. The appointments, which took effect in September 2009, are for five-year terms.

Rene Van Acker, former chair of OAC's department of Plant Agriculture, has been appointed to the newly established position of associate dean (external relations). In this role, Dr. Van Acker will be responsible for issues relating to alumni and development activities, communications, outreach, endowments and student awards on all four OAC campuses. He will provide leadership for the promotion, communication, coordination and development of OAC's outreach and extension activities. David Wolyn, an OAC faculty member since 1988 and associate chair of Plant Agriculture since 2003, has been appointed to the role of acting chair for the department. The formal search for a new chair will be launched in the coming months.

Jonathan Schmidt, faculty member in the School of Environmental Sciences, has been appointed to the position of associate dean (academic). Dr. Schmidt assumes responsibility for all aspects related to diploma and undergraduate programs including student advising, program development and budget oversight on campuses at Guelph, Alfred, Kemptville and Ridgetown. He will coordinate OAC's academic governance process and lead the development of innovative delivery mechanisms for both traditional and non-traditional education programs.

Beverley Hale, professor in the School of Environmental Sciences, has been appointed to the position of associate dean (research & innovation). Dr. Hale will be responsible for issues relating to graduate programs within OAC, including oversight of various OAC research and graduate programs. She will provide leadership in the coordination of research and business planning activities, the development of research support programs, and liaison with client organizations and industries to build business development and training opportunities. ■



▲ (From left) Bev Hale, Rob Gordon, Jonathan Schmidt, Rene Van Acker



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It's my pleasure to welcome you back for the beginning of what promises to be a very exciting year for the entire OAC family, across all of our campuses. As you are no doubt aware, there have been many changes over the last few months and I'm very excited about the new leadership we have been able to establish to provide support for our academic programs, our research and service responsibilities over the next few years. You'll find more details in this issue of *FACE >forward*.

Many thanks to those of you who took the time to attend our second annual OAC Welcome Back Barbecue. It's a tremendous opportunity for faculty, staff and students to get together, see old friends, and meet new colleagues. One of the challenges we face as a college is that we're spread over four campuses, and even at Guelph, are physically separated across a number of buildings. It's important that we continue to find ways to connect and re-connect and help the newest members of the OAC family learn more about what we're all about.

I was especially pleased to welcome representatives of the OAC Alumni Association and Foundation to this year's event. These groups are an integral part of the college, providing invaluable support for our teaching and research

programs. This has never been more important than it is now, as we find new ways to explore the opportunities in front of us to emphasize the unique and essential role that OAC plays in supporting agriculture, the environment, food and communities here in Ontario and internationally.

Special thanks to the Association and Foundation for the leadership you provide in supporting the faculty awards that were presented this year at the barbecue. The awards provide us with a great opportunity to showcase the excellence of the world-class faculty within OAC as teachers, mentors, researchers and extension specialists. My congratulations to Al Sullivan, Milena Corredig, Ernesto Guzman and Jim Mahone, recipients of this year's awards.

Finally, my thanks to all of you for your continued efforts and support. You each play a role in the success of the college, and your efforts are much appreciated.

Best wishes for a great academic year.

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New School advances teaching and research in environmental sciences

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“Beginnings are times of great potential,” said Jonathan Newman, who in August was appointed director of OAC’s new School of Environmental Sciences (SES), established through the merger of Land Resource Science and Environmental Biology.

Newman, a U of G faculty member since 2004 and chair of Environmental Biology since April 2008, will be instrumental in the development of an inclusive vision for the diverse interdisciplinary group encompassed by SES, which integrates physical and life sciences to address environmental issues in agricultural, forest and aquatic ecosystems.

“I am excited to be working with the exceptional faculty, staff and students in the new School,” Newman said. “Together we will create an environment in which teaching, learning and scholarship flourish.”

Major opportunities at the forefront include creating a pedagogically strong, intellectually rigorous undergraduate curriculum; mounting a course work masters degree in environmental science; and melding physical and life sciences to lead new and vital research amid regional and global environmental change.

“Jonathan will stimulate innovation in research and curriculum development, facilitating the advancement of SES at both the national and international levels,” said OAC dean Rob Gordon.

The roots of the department of Land Resource Science are embedded in the early days of OAC: the first soil analysis was done in 1884. Environmental Biology was formed in 1971 as one of several academic units in the college. The concept of a merger has been explored on several occasions over the past 15 years.

The partnership resulting in the emergence of SES is a strong fit with the university’s priorities on land, food and environment. ■



▲ **Jonathan Newman commences a five-year term as director of SES.**

New partnership increases outreach to potential students

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Students across Ontario will soon have more opportunities to learn about the great prospects that a post-secondary education in agriculture and agri-food provides thanks to OAC alumni and friends.



▲ **Tammy Fischer, president of the executive committee of the Student Federation of OAC, accepts a cheque from Bruce McCorkindale, a representative of the OAC Class of '53.**

On June 22, Rob Gordon announced a new strategic partnership designed to enhance student recruitment into OAC programs. Partners include Monsanto Canada, who will provide \$100,000 for recruitment and awareness efforts, as well as the OAC Class of '53, who have raised almost \$64,000 to date for promotion and outreach to potential students.

Demand for graduates trained in agricultural science disciplines continues to increase as the industry works to provide solutions for global challenges such as a safe and secure food supply, environmental protection, diminishing resources and sustainable communities. At the same time, enrollment in post-secondary agriculture programs across North America has declined in recent years, resulting in challenges for existing and emerging human resource needs.

With the support of partners, OAC will develop new initiatives to promote the benefits of college programs, creating capacity for current students to become actively engaged in the recruitment function as a component of their leadership training, and coordinating opportunities with other organizations to create broader awareness of the many career opportunities open to OAC graduates in the areas of food, agriculture, the environment and rural communities. ■

Science Olympics spark students' interest in science and U of G

About 100 faculty, staff and students from the College of Physical and Engineering Science, the College of Biological Science and OAC volunteered to launch U of G's first-ever Science Olympics held May 28.

Almost 500 high school students converged on the Guelph campus to apply their knowledge and creativity to solving problems and to learn how fun and exciting science and technology can be.

Teams of students from 19 high schools competed for junior and senior prizes in contests involving biology, physical sciences, nanoscience and agricultural sciences. Teachers also competed in a multiple-choice test on the day's topics for prizes such as lab equipment for their classrooms and free registration for an environmental camp for students. ■



▲ **Students honed their engineering skills by building catapults and testing their design in the Science Atrium.**

Summer Convocation 2009

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Academic achievement, leadership and distinguished service were celebrated at U of G's summer convocation. More than 640 degrees, diplomas and certificates were conferred upon OAC students at ceremonies held at Guelph, Ridgetown, Alfred and Kemptville during May and June.

At the Guelph campus, 243 undergraduate students were granted degrees in Bachelor of Science (Agriculture), Bachelor of Science (Environmental Sciences), Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Commerce, and Bachelor of Landscape Architecture. At the graduate level, 56 Masters and 17 PhD degrees were presented. Eighteen students received associate diplomas in turfgrass management.

The Forster Medal, U of G's top convocation award for graduate students, was bestowed to PhD graduand Jennifer Ball of the Rural Studies program (Environmental Design and Rural Development). Named for the late Donald Forster, a former president of U of G, the award recognizes academic achievement, motivation, leadership and citizenship.

Lisa Lee Anne Jones, a diploma student in the horticulture program at Ridgetown, received this year's Governor General's Bronze Medal, awarded annually to the OAC diploma student with the highest academic standing.

At Ridgetown's ceremony on May 29, 151 diplomas and certificates were presented to students in agriculture, environmental management, horticulture, veterinary technology and veterinary medical office administration.

Fifty-five French-language students at Campus d'Alfred earned diplomas and certificates for programs in agriculture; food, nutrition & risk management; veterinary technology (in partnership with Collège Boréal); accounting and food service.

At Kemptville, 67 associate diplomas were granted to students in agriculture and horticulture; nine students received the co-op apprenticeship diploma in agriculture and heavy equipment. Fifty-seven students earned certificates in industrial welding, diesel equipment mechanics and equine management. ■



▲ **Forster Medal recipient Jennifer Ball is pictured with her graduate advisor, Professor Wayne Caldwell, and President Alastair Summerlee. Ball hopes to continue her research on the role of spirituality in women's peace-building in Uganda.**

Research NEWS



▲ Rich Moccia

New AVP Research (agri-food and partnerships) announced

Rich Moccia, a professor in the department of Animal and Poultry Science with 22 years of experience within the OMAFRA agreement, has been appointed as U of G's new associate vice-president research (agri-food and partnerships). His five-year term began September 1.

Moccia, who has served as interim AVP Research since May 2007, is credited with playing a leadership role in negotiating a new partnership between the university and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) in 2008. The partnership is recognized for returning more than \$1.15 billion a year to the Ontario economy.

For months, Moccia discussed effective management and desired outcomes with the campus community and OMAFRA. Under the new agreement, the province is investing \$300 million over five years (the first half of a new 10-year contract).

Moccia will continue to oversee the OMAFRA partnership, which involves U of G in managing research and education programs in agri-food, environmental sustainability, and animal and human health, including at the three regional campuses at Alfred, Ridgetown and Kemptville. ■

Strategic research networks aim to enhance life for Canadians

Two national strategic research networks each funded by \$5-million grants over five years from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) are accelerating knowledge and training in areas that strongly enhance Canada's environment and economy. Officially announced on September 24 by Gary Goodyear, minister of science and technology, both networks are led by faculty in OAC's School of Environmental Sciences (SES).

The Bioconversion Network will help Canada make the transition from a petroleum-based economy to a biobased one. It is striving to be the leading Canadian research and development network in lignocellulosic biomass conversion to new fuel, chemical and energy products. Under scientific directors Hung Lee (SES) and Jack Saddler (dean of forestry at UBC), the network brings together 12 academic researchers from five universities, as well as industry and government partners. The network's challenge is to overcome various scientific and technical barriers preventing

the conversion of Canada's vast quantities of forest waste residues into fuel and chemicals. Other priorities include improving process efficiency and lowering production costs.

Targeting healthy ecosystems, CANPOLIN (Canadian Pollination Initiative) is addressing the growing problem of pollinator decline in agricultural and natural ecosystems in Canada. Peter Kevan, recently retired professor of SES, serves as principal investigator of the network, which connects 44 researchers at 26 institutions in the fields of entomology, ecology, plant reproductive biology, genomics, prediction and economics. Together with government and industry affiliates, they will examine a full scope of themes from pollinator health and conservation to gene flow in plants, the impact of climate change, economics, and future management needs.

With the establishment of these latest networks, OAC now leads three NSERC Strategic Research Networks in Canada. ■

Program Directors appointed for production systems research

Research Program Co-Directors for the Production Systems theme area supported through the OMAFRA-U of G agreement have been announced.

Kees De Lange, a faculty member who has specialized in swine nutrition in the department of Animal and Poultry Science since 1994 and has served as pork research co-ordinator at the U of G from 2002 to 2009, will lead the livestock component.

Mary Ruth McDonald, a faculty member in Plant Agriculture whose research focuses on integrated crop management and crop protection for vegetables, will be responsible for the plant component.

For further details, visit the Agri-Food and Partnerships website at:

<http://www.uoguelph.ca/research/omafra/> . ■

Poultry Welfare Centre opens

Welfare experts from OAC's department of Animal and Poultry Science and U of G's Campbell Centre for the Study of Animal Welfare will lead a new virtual centre for Canadian scientists in poultry behaviour and welfare.

The centre is a joint initiative of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC), the Poultry Industry Council and the Canadian Poultry Research Council. Under the partnership agreement, Stephanie Torrey, an AAFC research scientist with expertise in abnormal and social behaviour, sickness behaviour, transportation, housing and routine management procedures, has been assigned to Animal and Poultry Science. Torrey will also support graduate teaching and training and enhance communication and collaboration among Canadian animal welfare experts.

Tina Widowski, animal and poultry science professor and director of the Campbell Centre, said the new centre and Torrey's appointment are the first steps in a plan to establish Guelph as the national leader in the field. ■

Leeson selected as new HQP Program Coordinator

Steve Leeson, a faculty member for more than 30 years in Animal and Poultry Science and department chair for five years, has been selected as the coordinator for the HQP (Highly Qualified Personnel) Stipend Program. The program is a new component within the OMAFRA/U of G partnership, and is intended to provide training and development opportunities to enhance the market-readiness of graduates.

Students enrolled in the HQP program will be provided with opportunities such as special workshops and training sessions on topical issues as well as mentoring and job-shadowing with public-sector or industry sponsors.

In his new role, Leeson will work closely with the U of G research program directors who oversee the OMAFRA/U of G research themes, the corresponding OMAFRA director-champions and others within the U of G and OMAFRA communities to build and implement the HQP program. ■



▲ Steve Leeson

Research NEWS

OAC welcomes ninth Canada Research Chair



^ Christian Blodau

The sustainability of Canada's northern wetlands, lakes and freshwater reservoirs is a research priority for Dr. Christian Blodau who joined OAC as a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Environmental Geology and Biogeochemistry, effective September 1.

Based in the School of Environmental Sciences, Blodau is conducting research that will contribute to the understanding of element cycling, in particular carbon, nutrients and toxic trace elements, in these aquatic ecosystems under conditions of climate and land use change.

Recognized as an exceptional emerging researcher, Blodau recently headed the Research Station for Chemical Limnology as senior

lecturer at the University of Bayreuth, Germany. In this position, he published some 50 papers in international peer-reviewed journals, secured more than one million euros in research funding from both German and European research agencies, and received several invitations to present his research at international conferences.

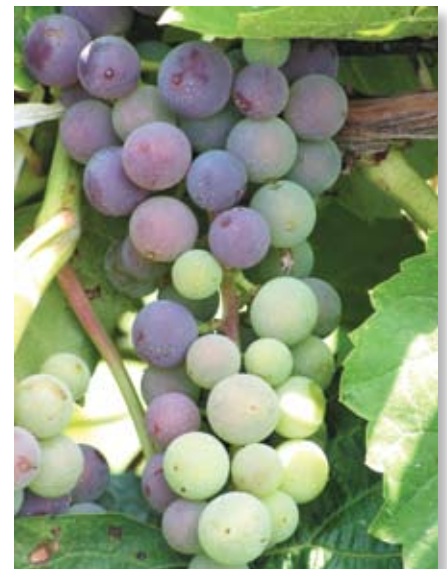
Blodau's appointment brings to nine the number of Canada Research Chairs hosted by OAC. The Canada Research Chair (CRC) program was established in 2000 by the Government of Canada to enable Canadian universities to achieve the highest levels of research excellence in the global, knowledge-based economy. ■

U of G and Vineland sign research partnership agreement

A new research partnership agreement between the University of Guelph and the Vineland Research and Innovation Centre (VRIC), is utilizing the latest technologies to improve products, quality and choice in the multi-million dollar agri-food industry.

The agreement will yield new ideas and products for Canada's grape growers and winemakers, fruit producers and professional landscapers, build on research collaborations involving faculty in Plant Agriculture, and allow Guelph scientists to explore new research initiatives at Vineland in three main fields: consumer insights and product innovation, applied genomics and horticultural production systems.

Under the new agreement, VRIC receives about \$1.75 million per year through the existing U of G/OMAFRA partnership agreement for agri-food research, teaching and laboratory services. The Vineland centre, which was established in 2006, has received funding from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. Both levels of government are continuing to fund Vineland research over a five-year period. ■



^ The research station at Vineland has existed for more than 100 years: at least 150 new varieties of fruits, vegetables and ornamental plants have been developed there.

Calendar of EVENTS - Fall 2009

SEPTEMBER

10	Classes commence
12	Plant Sale, The Arboretum, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
15-17	Canada's Outdoor Farm Show – Woodstock
16	OAC Public Lecture – Kenneth R. Farrell Distinguished Public Policy Lectureship
20	Wall-Custance Memorial Forest Dedication Service – Arboretum
22	OAC Community BBQ
22-26	International Plowing Match – Earleton
24	United Way Kickoff
24-29	Sustainability Week
26	Homecoming
25-27	Ontario Universities Fair – Toronto

OCTOBER

1	Agrologist in Residence Public Lecture
12	Thanksgiving
14	OAC Job Fair – Peter Clark Hall, Guelph Campus

NOVEMBER

5	Journée des conseillers en orientation – Campus d'Alfred
6	Fall Open House – Kemptville Campus
7	Fall Convocation, War Memorial Hall
8	Fall Preview Day – Guelph Campus
6-15	Royal Agricultural Winter Fair – Toronto
12-14	Science Teachers Association of Ontario Annual Conference – Toronto
15	Science & Engineering Sunday – Guelph Campus
17	Soirée Portes ouvertes – Campus d'Alfred
19-20	Red Carpet Days – Ridgetown Campus
26	Fall OAC Awards Reception – Guelph Campus

DECEMBER

3	Classes conclude
7-18	Examinations

University closes for Winter Holidays until January 4, 2010

Arboretum NEWS



Effective Fall 2009, information on the workshops and events at The Arboretum will be available through a monthly e-newsletter. Seasonal programs distributed by mail in previous years have been discontinued.

To be added to the distribution list for the newsletter, forward your name and email address to arbor@uoguelph.ca with "subscribe to newsletter" in the subject line. The newsletter is also available at: <http://www.uoguelph.ca/arboretum/>

In other Arboretum news, Professor Gard Otis, faculty member with OAC's School of Environmental Sciences, has been appointed to the role of acting director, effective from September 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010. The appointment is the result of the temporary study leave of Professor Alan Watson, who has served as director of the facility since 1992. ■

Congratulations!

- > Animal and Poultry Science graduate students captured numerous awards this summer. In competitions hosted by the Canadian Society of Animal Science, PhD student **Mike Steele** had the top grad student presentation, and MSc student **Julie Kim** had the third-place poster. At the North American regional meeting of the International Society for Applied Ethology, MSc student **Kristi Bovey** won top prize in the poster competition, and PhD student **Jennifer Brown** received an honourable mention.
- > **Godfrey Chu** (Plant Agriculture) was presented the U of G Community Service Award at the community breakfast on September 8. Chu, a research technician, was recognized for his work with immigrants and helping them make the transition to a new country.
- > **Milena Corredig** (Food Science) was announced as the 2009 recipient of the OAC Alumni Distinguished Researcher Award at the OAC community barbecue on September 22. This annual award recognizes outstanding research accomplishments by OAC faculty members. Corredig joined the Food Science department in 2001, has received numerous research awards, including Canada Research Chair (Tier II) in Food Nanostructures, and NSERC-Industry Research Chair in Dairy Technology.
- > **Rob Corry** (Environmental Design and Rural Development) has been named representative for Region 5 (seven U.S. states and Ontario) for the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture.
- > Food Science graduate students **Brittany Huschka** and **Falguni Chauhan** received first prize at a national competition promoting the use of pulse seeds in food recipes. The MSc students were awarded \$2500 for creating an Indian-inspired, spicy, gluten-free muffin. The event took place July 15 during the Canadian Special Crops Association Conference in Winnipeg.
- > **Sean Fox** (Arboretum) was presented the 2009 Susanne Sprowl Community Service Award by the United Steelworkers Local 4120 at the U of G community breakfast on September 8. Fox, assistant manager of the Arboretum and horticulturist, was honoured for his significant contributions towards the betterment of the university, his community spirit and volunteerism.
- > **Ernesto Guzman** (School of Environmental Sciences) received the OAC Alumni Distinguished Extension Award at the OAC community barbecue on September 22. This annual award recognizes effective extension efforts used outside the classroom by OAC faculty members. Through his work in research and extension on honeybees, Guzman has made a large and very beneficial contribution to Ontario's beekeeping industry.
- > **Helen Hambly Odame** (Environmental Design and Rural Development) joined the international steering committee for the European Union-Africa, Caribbean and Pacific Annual Seminar on the Role of Media in Agricultural and Rural Development, October 12-16, 2009.
- > **Javaid Iqbal** (Plant Agriculture) received the U of G Innovative Leadership Recognition Award at the community breakfast on September 8. As a lab technician, Iqbal is credited with helping new researchers better manage the business side of running their labs and designing software that allows researchers to record data more efficiently and cut their work time in half.
- > **Peter Kevan** (recently retired from the School of Environmental Sciences) has been elected to the Royal Society of Canada, considered Canada's senior academic honour. Kevan was recognized for his extensive pioneering ecological, zoological and botanical contributions and for being a world leader in pollinator conservation. He will be inducted at a Nov. 28 ceremony in Ottawa.

Congratulations!

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- > **Pamela Laughland**, MSc graduate from Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics, was co-winner of the Outstanding Master's Thesis award presented by the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society (CAES). The prize, awarded at the CAES annual meeting this summer in Toronto, marks the second year in a row that a U of G grad has received the award.
- > **Jim Mahone** (Environmental Design and Rural Development) was presented with the G.P. McRostie award at the OAC community barbecue on September 22. The award, presented by the OAC Alumni Foundation, recognizes the importance of effective advising and mentoring by faculty who play a significant role in the education of OAC students. Mahone, a respected authority on conflict resolution and leadership, was honoured for his active involvement and contributions to the student experience.
- > **Cecelia Paine** (Environmental Design and Rural Development) has been honoured by the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA) with the Schwabenbauer Award in recognition of unselfish and devoted service to the Society at the national level. The award was presented at the August annual meeting of the CSLA.
- > A team of students from the School of Environmental Design and Rural Development emerged as the top team at the Canadian Evaluation Society's national evaluation case competition in Ottawa on June 1. Coached by Professor **Harry Cummings**, the team consists of **Allison Gratz, Sandra Moreau, Karen Nelson** and **Eva Otanke**. Their final presentation outlined a strategy for evaluating a Niagara Region Youth Drug Prevention Program.
- > **Alan Sullivan** (Plant Agriculture) was presented with the OAC Alumni Distinguished Teaching Award at the OAC community barbecue on September 22. Sullivan was recognized for the leadership role he has played in both undergraduate and graduate teaching activities since joining the OAC faculty in 1986. ■

Artful Sendoff

Colleagues in Alumni Affairs and Development and OAC painted the cannon in Branion Plaza to salute Paulette Samson, who for more than 30 years has built a network of extraordinarily strong relationships with alumni, donors and faculty. Samson retired from her position as director of OAC advancement, Alumni Affairs and Development, at the end of August.



Alumni Weekend

“A time for you ... A time for Guelph” Alumni Weekend 2009

OAC kicked off Alumni Weekend 2009 on Friday, June 19 at its Alumni Association Annual General Meeting and Past Presidents' Dinner held at the Arboretum. OAC dean Rob Gordon unveiled a plaque to honour members of the Order of OAC, the alumni and friends of the college who have donated \$100,000 or more for endowment purposes within OAC or the OAC Alumni Foundation.

At other events on June 20, two OAC alumni were among those bestowed Awards of Excellence by the University of Guelph Alumni Association (UGAA).

At the President's Lunch, the Alumnus of Honour Award was presented to retired crop science professor, Dr. Neal C. Stoskopf, BSA '57 and MSA '58. Before retiring in 1994, Stoskopf was a U of G administrator and faculty member for 37 years. His innovative research in wheat breeding has been widely recognized in Canada and abroad, particularly China. In retirement, Stoskopf has worked with the Canadian Executive Service Organization on assignments in China, the Philippines, Bolivia and Bulgaria, teaching sustainable agricultural practices.

At the Alumni Dinner on Saturday evening, Mary Lynn McPherson, BSc(Agr) '80, was presented with the Alumni Volunteer Award. McPherson's volunteer involvement with OAC over the last 20 years has led to various leadership positions in the OAC Alumni Association, the OAC Alumni Foundation and the UGAA. She dedicates time to various community groups, including the Ontario 4-H Foundation, London Chamber of Commerce, Centre for Rural Leadership, Woolwich Community Health-Care Centre, Toastmasters and Strive. ■



▲ **Rob Gordon, OAC dean, and Bruce Christie, chair, OAC Alumni Foundation, along with Order of OAC members Pat and Dennis Mighton, unveil the Order of OAC plaque.**

In Memoriam

> **Professor Donald (Don) Irvine** of Welland (formerly of Guelph) passed away Monday, August 17. Irvine's career at the University of Guelph spanned 30 years from 1956 to 1985. A professor of dairy science with a focus on cheese technology, Irvine was chair of the department of Dairy Science (the precursor of the department of Food Science) from 1957 to 1966. He attended OAC (Class of '42), and upon graduation joined the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, where he served as a First Lieutenant and in front-line positions from 1942 to 1946. After the war, he completed an MSc and PhD at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Irvine consulted and lectured around the world and spent numerous years judging international events, such as the World Cheese Competition, British Empire Cheese Show, Canadian National Exhibition and Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

> **Professor Stewart (Stew) H. Lane** of Guelph passed away Saturday, September 5. Born and raised on a Saskatchewan farm, he achieved a BSA and MSA in Agricultural Economics from the University of Saskatchewan. He accepted a part-time teaching position in OAC's department of Agricultural Economics in 1946. In 1958, he became a full-time faculty member, also responsible for developing the department's fledgling business management program. From 1962 to 1968, he served as chair and guided Agricultural Economics through a period of significant academic and curriculum change, including 1964 when the University of Guelph was established. Throughout his years of research, teaching and extension, Lane's experiences and knowledge of people in the dairy and other agricultural industries made him an invaluable asset. Lane retired in 1983, at which time the Stewart Lane Commemorative Fund was established as a tribute to his outstanding 37 years of service to the University of Guelph. ■