



To the Head of the Class

At its annual awards ceremony Oct. 25, the U of G Faculty Association presented Distinguished Professor Awards to Profs. Dawn Cornelio, Languages and Literatures; Joan Flaherty, Hospitality and Tourism Management; Andrew Peregrine, Pathobiology; Chris Whitfield, Molecular and Cellular Biology; Karen Landman, Environmental Design and Rural Development; and William Tam, Chemistry. Special Merit Awards went to Prof. Linda Mahood, History, and John Walton, Animal and Poultry Science. The Award for Excellence in Service to Faculty and Librarians went to Prof. Bill Woodward, Human Health and Nutritional Sciences. In addition, Profs. Ed Carter, Mathematics and Statistics, and Thom Herrmann, Psychology, received the CAUT Dedicated Service Award. Pictured in front, from left, are Woodward, Flaherty, Landman and Mahood. At back are Tam, Whitfield, Peregrine and Walton.

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Guelph Goes to the Royal!

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UOF G IS A KEY PLAYER at this year's Royal Agricultural Winter Fair with interactive displays and talks on innovative research covering a broad range of topics, including growing plants in outer space, building cars out of bio-materials and combatting disease through healthy food.

The annual fall fair, which runs until Nov. 11 at Exhibition Place in Toronto, is billed as the largest indoor event combining agricultural, horticultural, canine and equestrian exhibits.

The event attracts more than 350,000 people and is a great opportunity for U of G to showcase its innovative research and broad expertise, says Rob McLaughlin, chair and president of the fair's board.

"The University of Guelph is involved in almost every aspect of this fair," says McLaughlin, who was sec-

onded from his U of G position as associate vice-president (research) agri-food and partnerships to devote full attention to the fair.

"I'm delighted at how many different angles and how many different people from Guelph are getting engaged in this event."

In the Agriculture Innovation and Education Area, the University has a number of hands-on demonstrations to show how agriculture provides solutions to societal issues surrounding energy, transportation, food, health and climate change.

Prof. Mike Dixon, chair of the Department of Environmental Biology and director of the Controlled Environment Systems Research Facility, is showcasing the latest in controlled-atmosphere technology. He has a greenhouse display depicting his cutting-edge research aimed at growing plants in space and is pro-

viding information on his award-winning Tomatosphere project sponsored by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. On Nov. 9, Dixon and Canadian astronaut Bob Thirsk will give a presentation on Tomatosphere at 12:30 p.m. in the Iams Super Dog show ring.

The fair also features a hands-on exhibit designed by Prof. Hugh Earl, Plant Agriculture, demonstrating how plants use light to fix carbon dioxide, an important part of life-support systems in space.

"The education and training opportunities that come from this combination of space science and agriculture are unlimited," says Dixon. "When it comes to driving technical innovation in the agriculture sector, there is nothing more powerful than the challenge of life support in space."

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U of G Named Top Research University

Two national surveys rank Guelph No. 1 again

ONCE AGAIN, U of G has been ranked Canada's No. 1 comprehensive research university in two surveys released Oct. 25 by an independent national consulting firm.

Guelph was named "Research University of the Year" in an annual ranking published by Research Infosource Inc. It's the fourth time the University of Guelph has earned the top spot.

The rankings are based on total sponsored research income, faculty research intensity, total publications, publication intensity in leading journals and publication impact. The report divides Canada's top research universities into three categories: medical/doctoral, comprehensive (research universities without a medical school) and undergraduate.

In the comprehensive category, U of G received an overall score of 83.6. The University of Waterloo ranked second with 78.9, and the University of Victoria was third with 68.8.

Research Infosource also published its annual "Top 50 Research Universities" list, which ranks Canadian universities based solely on sponsored research income from both government and non-government sources.

In that survey, U of G was the top comprehensive university for the sixth year in a row, with research income in excess of \$149 million, an 18.9-per-cent increase over the previous year.

Compared with Canadian universities in all three categories, Guelph ranks 12th.

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Student Food Drive Sets Another Record

UOF G STUDENTS have set a new national record by collecting more than 35,000 pounds of food items for the Guelph Food Bank as part of Meal Exchange's annual "Trick or Eat" event.

About 1,300 students dressed up in costumes Halloween evening and knocked on doors collecting non-perishable food items.

The food collected is worth more than \$70,000 in donations, and volunteers also raised \$1,900 in online donations.

"We couldn't be more proud of

University of Guelph students and their efforts," says Leisha Zamecnik, Meal Exchange communications and program manager. "The fact that they repeatedly beat national records never ceases to amaze us. More than anything, it shows the incredible capacity of youth to truly make a difference in their communities."

U of G students have taken part in the "Trick or Eat" initiative since 2002. They also set a national record last year, collecting more than 30,000 pounds of food.

Gryphons Bound for Yates Cup

THE FOOTBALL GRYPHONS are headed to the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) finals this weekend after defeating Wilfrid Laurier University 38 to 31 in the semi-finals Saturday.

The Gryphons will play for the 100th Yates Cup against the University of Western Ontario Nov. 10 at 1 p.m. at U of G's Alumni Stadium. It's the Guelph team's first trip to the

OUA finals since 1996.

Also last weekend, Guelph's women's field hockey team won the silver medal at the Canadian Inter-university Sport (CIS) championships in Toronto. The Gryphons lost in overtime to the University of Toronto.

In addition, the women's rugby team captured bronze in CIS championships in London.