

+VG Restoration at Ontario Veterinary College Funded by Class of '57 Alumni



OVC Distinguished Alumnus Award winner Dr. Gavin Hamilton OVC '52, left, and Dr. Conrad Van Dijk OVC '67, winner of the OVC Alumni Volunteer Award.

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The U of G campus was alive with activity over the weekend as hundreds of alumni — many of them from OVC — returned to Guelph for Alumni Weekend 2012.

OVC highlights included the 150th anniversary celebration dinner, alumni awards, the unveiling of the newly renovated main entrance to the OVC main building, and special recognition for U of G president Alastair Summerlee.

Creelman Hall was packed to capacity Friday with about 350 OVC alumni, family and friends who gathered to get reacquainted with old friends and make new ones at the OVC 150 celebration dinner. OVC Distinguished Alumnus Award winner Dr. Gavin Hamilton OVC '52, left, and Dr. Conrad Van Dijk OVC '67, winner of the OVC Alumni Volunteer Award.

On Saturday, the OVC Alumni Association honoured the contributions of three outstanding alumni at the association's annual general meeting. Dr. Gavin Hamilton OVC '52 received the Distinguished Alumnus Award; Dr. Conrad Van Dijk OVC '67 received the Alumni Volunteer Award; and Dr. Darren Wood DVSc 2000, a faculty member in the Department of Pathobiology, received the Young Alumnus Award.

The OVC AA also paid tribute to Dr. Alastair Summerlee, U of G's president and vice-chancellor. Summerlee was named an honorary alumnus for his contributions to OVC and the University, the veterinary profession, and for his humanitarian work

in developing countries. The College also thanked members of the Class of '57 for their efforts in funding the restoration of the main entrance to the OVC main building. A plaque was unveiled at the top of the staircase in recognition of their contribution.

The renovation project included repairs to the front steps and the stonework surrounding the exterior door; new tile to co-ordinate with the brick interior; painted walls and crown moulding; restrained wood and doors; new interior and exterior handrails; upgraded lighting, including back-lighting for the stained glass feature as well as refurbished exterior lights.

It also incorporated barrier-free elements including anti-slip tile and warning strips in contrasting colour and texture to aid recognition of upcoming steps, and handrails designed for easier grasping.



Members of OVC '57 reunited at the main entrance following the OVC Alumni Association annual general meeting on Saturday. Their class donated the funds to support the restoration of the front steps and vestibule area as an anniversary gift to the College.

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