

FACS Digs In!

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the long-awaited addition to the College of Family and Consumer Studies (FACS) building at the University of Guelph took place June 18 during Alumni Weekend. Participants at the 3 p.m. ceremony included University President Mordechai Rozanski, outgoing FACS Dean Richard Barham and incoming Dean Michael Nightingale.

The three-story addition will be built on the north end of Macdonald Stewart Hall, home of the School of Hotel and Food Administration. It represents the first phase of a plan to improve and increase teaching and research space and consolidate the College in one building complex.

The need for additional space to house classrooms and laboratories has made the FACS addition a priority project for some time. With the exception of Macdonald Stewart Hall, built in 1975, the college's buildings have undergone only minor renovations since 1953.

This information was provided by External Communications at the University of Guelph.



Donna Russett (right), President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO), and Marg Harris, President Elect of FWIO, presented Richard Barham, former Dean of the College of Family and Consumer Studies, with a \$25,000 cheque. This is the first half of the FWIO donation to the new building complex that will house the College in the future. The money was promised from the FWIO 75th Anniversary Project and the balance will be given to the University of Guelph upon completion of the building.

Photo courtesy of Mary Dickieson, University of Guelph.

Workshop '95

By Glenna Smith

"Marketing the Women's Institute" is the theme of the fifth in the series of leadership development workshops offered by the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO). Workshop '95 will be held from January 17 to 19, 1995, at the Crieff Hills Community and Conference Centre in Puslinch Township south of Guelph.

New members are invited to participate and each Area has the opportunity to send two. So, if you are a new member within the last two or three years, have never attended this workshop series, and are interested in learning and sharing, contact your Area Executive.

All other members, please watch for details; workshop participants will be bringing this information back to you. One of the requirements for attending the "Train the Trainer" Workshop Series is that delegates organize at least one workshop per Subdivision, and we recommend one per District.

And remember, this would make an excellent addition to your District Annual Agenda!

Glenna Smith is the Program Co-ordinator for the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario.

Branching Out in Hastings East

By Ruth Switzer and Sheila Wales



One evening last March a group of women met at the home of Marie Meeks in Marlbank, Ontario, to discuss the possibility of forming a Women's Institute group. They unanimously agreed to form the Marlbank Women's Institute that same evening, with Mary Lou Norton, FWIO Board Director from Subdivision 5, installing the officers. Eleven members enjoyed the distinction of being charter members.

Except for the local Church programs, there were no other local groups or organizations available to the women of Marlbank. So they were anxious to form a Branch.

They immediately planned programs for the upcoming months: in April one of their members gave a workshop on silk scarf dyeing; in May they were instructed in flower arranging; and, in June members toured the Maple Dale Cheese Factory. The Branch held their first craft sale as a fundraiser in July.



The charter members of the Marlbank Women's Institute, from left to right in the front row, are Ruth Switzer (Secretary), Loretta Fraser (Treasurer), Marie Meeks (Program Co-ordinator) and Lois Hodgins (Vice President). From left to right in the back row are Alta Vance, Linda Busby (PRO), Maureen Haycock, Theresa Horrigan, Margaret McGrath, Mary McGrath (Tweedsmuir History Curator), Sheila Wales (President).

This fall, the Marlbank WI will consider the following areas when planning their programs: Family and Consumer Affairs, Citizenship and Legislation, and Educational and Cultural Activities. They also hope to continue their work gathering information on the history of the community of Marlbank.

When asked what they expected to get out of the Women's Institute, members responded:

- meet new people and get involved in the community;
- gain more knowledge;
- bring more programs into the community for children of all ages;
- have the opportunity to voice my opinion and be heard;
- and, make new friends and meet our neighbours.

Ruth Switzer is the Secretary and Sheila Wales is the President of the Marlbank Women's Institute.