

# Rejoining good ol' Class of '23

John Colter recalls making \$90 a month

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Among the 25 University of Toronto (U. of T.) engineers celebrating their diamond anniversary of graduation Saturday was a Georgetown man.

John Colter, 85, accompanied by his son Ross, attended the 60th anniversary reunion at U. of T.'s Hart House.

"I don't think we'll ever have another one," Mr. Colter said. "We're all over 80 now and we drop off fast."

The main speaker was a graduate from Costa Rica. Most of the others in attendance were from the Toronto area, he said.

Back in 1923, the school of engineering had its largest, till then, number of graduates. John Colter was among the 399 men and one woman receiving their diploma. He gradu-

ated as an electrical engineer.

Over half of them were returned soldiers, Mr. Colter said, with the average age 25 years old.

The sole woman graduate went through for architecture following her engineering degree and it wasn't until 1927 that another woman engineer was graduated, he said. Mr. Colter's classmate died last year.

The son of a Lambden County farmer, he decided early on that he wasn't going to follow his father's footsteps.

"I didn't like farming and I didn't mind saying so," Mr. Colter said.

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Knowing a draftsman, he decided to study drafting. Writing to the university, Mr. Colter asked if they offered a draftsmanship course. They wrote back that drafting was



John Colter was known as that I wasn't going back on the farm," Mr. Colter said.

able to put himself through two years of university. His family put him through the last two years.

Out of his \$500 a year army pay, Mr. Colter paid his university fees - which were about \$15 a year - his meals, room, clothes, washing and the occasional show.

It cost too much to board on campus, so Mr. Colter found himself a room for \$3 a week. Buying a meal booklet of 21 meals for \$5, he feasted on three-course meals at a Chinese restaurant, doing without breakfast to stretch out the meal tickets.

When he finally graduated, Mr. Colter found himself forced to take on a job as an apprentice.

"It was hard to get a job - just about as hard as it is today," he said. "The only job I could get was

an apprenticeship and I had to take it or starve to death. There were no handouts in those days. If you didn't work, you didn't eat."

For two years, Mr. Colter worked at Hamilton's Westinghouse for \$90 a month.

"Nobody would work for that now," he said. "There was no union then, but workers never got fired or laid off. You weren't well paid, but you had a job for life. When your department got down, you were just shifted to somewhere else."

Mr. Colter then worked a temporary job at the University of Toronto for a year until he got his first full-time job as an engineer with Canadian National Telegraphs. Now the company is called CNCP.

For 37 years, Mr. Colter worked in the engineering

department. The first engineer, to be hired, the department grew by leaps and bounds until there were 100 engineers when he retired in 1963 at the age of 65. Since then, the department has shrunk to about 15, Mr. Colter said.

During his years with the company, he did design work for the telephone machines. Never earning more than \$1,000 a month, Mr. Colter said he got paid in satisfaction, enjoying his work immensely.

Mr. Colter's collection of T-squares, the indispensable tool of the engineer, was sold, but he still got one hanging in the garage, and, on his right baby finger, he still wears his iron engineering band.

If the reunions are over, there's still the annual Christmas card from a classmate in Burlington to look forward to.

## Organization, hard work key to exam success

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Sorry kids, the teachers all concur there are no easy tricks to acing exams.

It's the organization, sweat and brain power that do it.

As the end of another school year approaches, to the delight of hundreds of restless young minds, so too do the miseries of exam time.

That final week of wrapping up high school courses is truly a test of self discipline.

Who wants to study when it's sunny and warm and green outside? Who wants to constrain their natural impulse to stretch and laze and hear the birds chirp?

It's not easy to be a student in spring or summer when the distractions beckoning beyond the classroom window are plentiful.

What do the teachers have to say about exams to help make it easier to swallow this well-accepted conclusion to a term of study?

university exams," Ms. Campbell laughed. "I couldn't get through three hours without some kind of nourishment."

Food is very important.

**TED ENGELS**

and students should eat breakfast before a morning exam to get their blood-sugar level up, she said.

Exams at Georgetown District High School and Acton High School begin the week of June 17 and end June 24. All grades, as of last year, have to write them. Their success or failure affects their final course mark, by, at most, 30 per cent.

GDHS math and computer sciences teacher Ted Engels said he used to take exams very seriously when he was a student, preparing for

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them six weeks in advance.

"I used to write math formulas over and over and I carried cards with the formulas on them," he said. "That way I could run them over in my mind."

The worst thing students can do is to try to cram for an exam the night before. "You just can't do it," Mr. Engels said.

He recommended getting lots of sleep a couple of nights before an exam, so students are in good physical shape.

"I think the good students study equally as hard as I did when I was a student," Mr. Engels said.

Acton High English teacher Geoff Sansom

said he stresses basic terms with his Grade 10 and 12 students.

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"Although I'm not telling them exactly what's on the exam, they have a good idea," Mr. Sansom said. "I want to see if they can get their thoughts together and organized to write something reasonably cohesive."

The Grade 12 students need to be aware of the patterns in literature so they can compare one work with another, he said.

"I have no tricks for studying English, but I knew tricks for studying biology," Mr. Sansom recalled. He said he would remember long lists of names by making a word from the first letter of each name on the

list. "English exams don't really lend themselves for that," he said.

Mr. Sansom also suggested studying with a group of fellow students.

"I found the best thing I could do if it was a subject I wasn't confident about, was to study with a group of people," he said. "We'd spend the evening thinking up possible questions that could be on the exam and coming up with answers together."

Sometimes if you're working by yourself you have a single point of view and there might be something you missed in class and somebody else will remind you that that was an important fact or idea, Mr. Sansom said.

Computer sciences teacher John Moore ad-

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