

First St. Jerome's grad Bruce Young named Provincial Court Judge

History was made among St. Jerome's graduates recently when Ontario's Attorney General Ian Scott appointed Bruce Young (BA '66) a judge of the Ontario Provincial Court (Criminal Division).

The appointment was approved by the Provincial Cabinet and announced on March 9, 1987. Following a month of training, Bruce was sworn in on April 6, 1987.

"I was obviously delighted about the appointment," says Bruce who admits he had heard rumours that his name was being considered. "My career has been devoted to the administration of justice and this [appointment] gives me the opportunity to play a new and different role with others concerned with justice."

In this new capacity, Bruce will hear cases which fall under the Criminal Code of Canada. These include assaults, sexual assaults, child abuse, robberies, fraud, theft and drug cases. He will also hear cases involving offences under provincial statutes such as impaired driving, environmental pollution and unsafe working conditions, to name a few.

Upon his graduation from the University of Toronto Law School in 1969, Bruce articulated for a year with the firm of which Mr. Justice Charles Dubbin of the Ontario Court of Appeal was then a partner.

He was called to the bar in March 1971, and joined the Attorney General's Office at Queen's Park.

With the Attorney General, Bruce served as an assistant Crown Attorney for ten years, prosecuting all manner of criminal cases. In 1981 he became counsel in the office of the Director of Crown Attorneys, where he was an advisor to senior officials in the Ministry of the Attorney General. In 1983, Bruce was appointed Deputy Director of Crown Attorneys for Ontario and held that position until being



The Hon. Ian Scott, Attorney General of Ontario, congratulates St. Jerome's grad Bruce Young on the occasion of Bruce's swearing-in ceremony April 6, 1987.

named to the bench. Here he was responsible for the staffing of Crown Attorneys in Ontario who prosecute criminal cases, and he also held various advisory, policy and administrative functions.

Since his swearing-in ceremony, attended by the Attorney General, Bruce's wife Gail, his family, friends, judges and colleagues, Bruce spent a month "training" for this position.

"I went into court with another judge, sat with him and observed how he handled cases. This experience gave me a valuable perspective," says Bruce. "But I also have an extensive background in the courts in which I am now sitting. I will draw on that experience".

And what is required of a judge? "A judge has the obligation to listen patiently. You must keep an open mind and treat witnesses and lawyers with courtesy", he says. "It is my sworn duty to make a decision based on the evidence."

It is for this reason that Bruce has so enjoyed courtroom work. "Since rulings are based on the evidence of law, if parts of the law are on my side, even a J.J. Robinette can't beat me."

As for new restrictions on his life as a result of this appointment, Bruce notes that "judges cannot be seen to be involved in politics of any sort."

"There was a time when judges, prisoners and the insane couldn't vote", he adds, emphasizing with a grin that such people are not synonymous. "That has since changed and judges are allowed to vote."

"I want to be known as a gentleman and a fair judge," says Bruce. "If you are the former you'll be the latter."



His Honour Judge Bruce Young and wife Gail (BA '66).

3-Year Campaign off to a rousing start

The "Campaign for Waterloo", a three-year effort to approach all UW graduates, including St. Jerome's graduates and former residents, was launched in February and is already producing some impressive results.

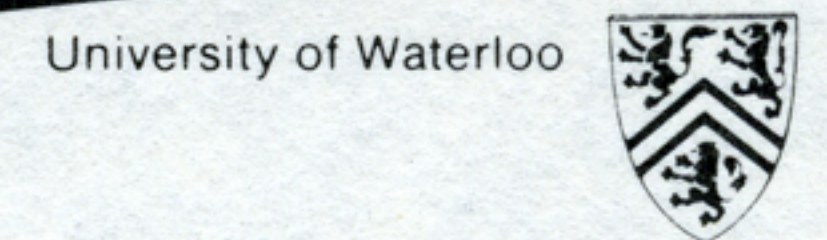
Using an innovative technique of proven effectiveness known as mail/call, graduates of each Faculty and College are being telephoned by specially trained paid student callers. By the time they receive the telephone call, each graduate will have received two letters, one from UW President Doug Wright and the other from Campaign Chair and UW grad Mike Volker, outlining the nature of the campaign and the needs of the various Faculties and Colleges. A glossy brochure accompanies the second letter.

St. Jerome's grads are scheduled to be called in mid-August of this year. By that point, Engineering, HKLS, Science and Arts graduates will all have been called, leaving only graduates of the Colleges, Environmental Studies and Mathematics.

This effort replaces the previous phona-thons which, though successful, reached only a limited number of graduates over a few nights of calling. The new campaign lasts for eighteen months, during which most UW grads will be contacted. Calling takes place four nights per week.

There will be a new twist to this campaign. A new category of "dual allegiance" grads will be canvassed by both the Faculty and the College with which they were associated. For example, a science grad who lived in St. Jerome's Men's Residence falls into this new category and would be given the option of designating his/her gift to one or both units. This category reflects the various influences on one's academic experience at UW.

It All Started Here!



Since not all graduates can be called at once, some will still be approached by mail in the familiar "annual fund" mailing. This new mail/call campaign, however, differs from the annual fund in that it asks for a three year pledge.

The University hopes to raise over \$3 million from its graduates and also increase their participation. So far, early responses show that this will likely happen. Between March 9 and April 2, over 8,000 calls were made, with \$210,000 being pledged by the Engineering faculty, representing a 40% response rate. The average pledge over the three year campaign is \$210.

"We are confident that St. Jerome's graduates will respond favourably," remarks Father Norm Choate. "We know we have a very loyal group of grads."