

# NEWS RELEASE

## Wilfrid Laurier University



### **Canadian university awards Texas couple honorary degrees** *Robert and Myrna Schlegel honored with Doctor of Law degrees*

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WATERLOO, Ontario – A leading Canadian university has awarded a Texas couple one of the highest honors a university can bestow. Bob and Myrna Schlegel, owners of Pavestone Company and founders of the Schlegel Horizons Foundation, received honorary Doctor of Law degrees from Wilfrid Laurier University.

The degrees were bestowed in recognition of a remarkable story of entrepreneurship, family teamwork and community involvement. During their 26-year marriage, the Schlegels have built a life that combined business success and philanthropic endeavors.

"The University community is extremely pleased to be able to recognize two people who have accomplished so much, and given so much to others," explained Robert Rosehart, president and vice-chancellor of Wilfrid Laurier University. "By example they demonstrate what can be achieved when we combine a drive to succeed with care for the community."

Bob Schlegel was raised on a farm in the New Hamburg area of Ontario, west of Toronto, and graduated from Waterloo Lutheran University (later renamed Wilfrid Laurier University) with a degree in Economics in 1972. He earned his Chartered Accountant's designation (equivalent to P.A. in the U.S) while working at Peat Marwick Mitchell (now KPMG) and then started the accounting firm of Schlegel, Moore and Robertson in Kitchener, Ontario.

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Myrna (Horst) Schlegel grew up in Baden, Ontario. She graduated from Toronto General Hospital as a Registered Nurse, and from specialized health and administration programs at Southern Methodist University (SMU) and the University of Texas. She married Bob in 1972 in the Keffer Memorial Chapel on the Laurier campus.

The Schlegels operated two retirement nursing centers in Ontario. They later moved to Texas and started one small retirement center, which grew into a company with 2,200 beds in 13 facilities. The company was sold a few years ago, providing the funds to set up the Schlegel Horizons Foundation, a philanthropic organization that supports education, health care and the arts. Myrna Schlegel chairs the Foundation, serves as this year's president of the Alzheimer's Women's Association for Research and Education (AWARE) and holds various positions on several community boards and organizations.

Bob Schlegel, meanwhile, co-founded Pavestone Co. in Dallas in 1980. The manufacturer of interlocking stones and concrete landscape products is the largest in the U.S. and now has 11 factories and distributes its product through 30 states. He was named Ernst & Young's manufacturing entrepreneur of the year in the southwestern United States.

Bob and Myrna are both active in the Young Presidents Organization. Myrna is a member of the West Texas Chapter and Bob is president of the Lone Star Dallas Chapter.

The Schlegels donated \$2-million to Laurier this year. The donation will fund 50 per cent of the cost of a new research and education center, to be called The Schlegel Center for Entrepreneurial Studies. They have also made significant donations to SMU and Trinity Christian Academy.

Convocation was held in Waterloo on October 25.

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## NEW NATIONAL CENTRE COACH NAMED FOR SWIMMING

(Ottawa, December 10, 1998) - Bud McAllister, coach of 1988 Olympic Games triple gold medallist Janet Evans, has been named director of swimming and head coach of the *Kitchener-Waterloo National Swimming Centre at Wilfrid Laurier University (K-WNSC)* in Kitchener-Waterloo.

Originally from Grand Rapids, Michigan, McAllister has spent most of his 20-year coaching career in California, including coaching positions in Mission Viejo, in Coronado and in Fullerton, California. Twice named the American Swim Coaches Association Coach of the Year, McAllister has been the head coach of the Golden West Swim Club in Huntington Beach, California since 1993.

At the 1988 Seoul Olympics, McAllister led American swimming superstar Janet Evans to gold medals in the 800m freestyle, the 400m individual medley, as well as a gold medal and world record in the 400m freestyle. In total, Evans set six individual world records during her swimming career with McAllister and was named World Swimmer of the Year in 1987 and 1988.

Other world-ranked swimmers who have seen success with McAllister include 1991 and 1993 Pan Pacific gold medallist Kristine Quance, 1987 Pan American gold medallist Julie Martin, American 1500m freestyle champion Alexis Larsen, 1996 Olympian and Japanese national record holder Suzu Chiba, and 1988 Canadian Olympic team member Darren Ward.

"The Canadian swimming community is extremely pleased to be hiring a coach of such high calibre," says Bill McFarlane, President of Swimming/Natation Canada. "Bud brings international gold medal experience to the Canadian swimming program, having had excellent success in endurance freestyle and individual medley swimming. We're looking forward to the impact that he will have on swimming in Ontario and Canada."

Nationally-recognized coach Dean Boles, who is head coach of both the Region of Waterloo Swim Club and the Wilfrid Laurier University Golden Hawks, has been named the associate coach of the K-WNSC. McAllister and Boles will join forces and work together towards producing world-level high performance swimmers. This will include the design of training programs and competitive strategies, and liaison with the centre's support programs such as sport science, sport medicine, and athlete services.

McAllister is preparing for his transfer to Canada with a targeted start date of January 15, 1999. Once in position, he will report to Swimming Canada's coach of high performance services, Dave Johnson.

McAllister will bring his wife Terri, originally from Timmins, Ontario and son, Kyle to the Kitchener-Waterloo area.

The K-WNSC and its director of swimming/head coach position were created and funded through a partnership between Swimming/Natation Canada, Swim Ontario, the Region of Waterloo Swim Club, the cities of Kitchener and Waterloo, Wilfrid Laurier University and the University of Waterloo.

Swimming/Natation Canada (SNC) currently operates four national swimming centres across the country -- in Victoria, Vancouver, Calgary, and Kitchener-Waterloo. A fifth, which is operating in principle and soon-to-be officially open, is located in Winnipeg.

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