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DONATIONS TO THE NORMAN E. McCOLLUM TURFGRASS DIPLOMA ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP WELCOMED

fter 37 years of teaching and research, Norman McCollum of the Guelph Turfgrass Institute (GTI) will be retiring in January 2006. Although Norman will no longer be involved in the day-to-day operations of the institute, his passion for his profession will continue with the establishment of the Norman E. McCollum Turfgrass Diploma Entrance Scholarship Award.

Norman retires as Superintendent of Research for the GTI. He graduated in 1966 with an Associate Diploma in Agriculture from the Ontario Agricultural College, University of Guelph, and then graduated from the Niagara Parks Commission School of Horticulture, magna cum laude.

Norman began his career as a Turfgrass Research Technician with Dr. Jack L. Eggens in 1969 with the University of Guelph. One of Norman's chief professional accomplishments was in helping to establish the Turf Managers' Short Course offered through University of Guelph's Opening Learning Department. During his 35 years of teaching the course, over 2,000 individuals have benefited from Norman's expertise and guidance.

Norman has also been recognized for his support of students throughout the years by being named honorary class president for 10 diploma classes - OAC 79A, 80A, 81A, 83A, 85A, 87A, 93A, 95A, 97A and 2000A. Norman can also add scores of awards and recognition to his long list of accomplishments including those from the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, Ontario Ministry of Transportation and Municipal Engineers Association, the Ontario Golf Superintendents Association and the International Turfgrass Society.

In celebration of Norman's lifetime achievements, donations to the Norman E. McCollum Turfgrass Diploma Entrance Scholarship are welcomed.

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