Looking Back at a Year of Growth and Celebration

• The University of Toronto marks its 175th anniversary. To celebrate this landmark year, the university hosts a series of anniversary events highlighting the accomplishments that have made U of T one of Canada’s most important cultural and scientific institutions. Events include the launch of Martin Friedland’s *The University of Toronto: A History*, a Homecoming weekend, international symposia and community movie nights.

• In June, the University of Toronto at Scarborough (UTSC) breaks ground for its first new academic building in 30 years – the Academic Resource Centre (ARC). The ARC will feature library services, teaching and learning space, multimedia production facilities, a 500-seat computerized lecture and performance theatre, and a digital library.

• New College begins construction of its new residence in February. Scheduled for completion in 2003, the nine-storey, dormitory-style residence will house 277 students and will include a multi-purpose theatre, study space and academic and student offices.

• Construction of the new Woodsworth College residence begins in July. Scheduled to open in 2004, the residence will provide accommodation for 360 undergraduate students, plus classrooms and ground-level retail space.

• Trinity College celebrates its 150th anniversary with a host of special events: a gala kick-off with the Governor General in attendance, a concert of 19th-century music and a Victorian Christmas in Strachan Hall, which provides an opportunity for faculty, staff and alumni to don period ball gowns and tails.

• University of Toronto at Mississauga (UTM) undergoes major capital expansion with construction beginning on a new residence complex to accommodate 192 undergraduate students. The building is scheduled to open in September 2003.

• University College (UC) moves forward with its plan to construct a new residence to accommodate up to 300 students. Project architect Zeidler Grinnell Partnership presents its design proposal to the UC College Council and students societies, where it receives unanimous approval.

• The University of St. Michael’s College celebrates its 150th anniversary, starting with the official opening of a new residence. Accommodating 180 students, the Sorbara Hall Student Residence is architecturally modeled on the oldest building at the university, St. Basil’s Church/Clover Hill. In September, more than 700 alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends enjoy a sensational anniversary gala. Celebrations draw to a close in October with a liturgical celebration and birthday cake.

Looking Back at Arts and Culture

• Hart House debaters take top honours at the National Debating Championship and the North American Championship. In December, 108 schools from more than 30 countries come to U of T for the World Universities Debating Championship.

• Members of the Faculty of Arts and Science capture two Governor General’s Literary Awards for 2001: George Elliott Clarke for poetry and Thomas Homer-Dixon for non-fiction.
• The Eric Arthur Gallery at the Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design officially opens in November.

• A $250,000 gift from Michael Koerner, double matched by the university, establishes the Michael and Sonja Koerner Distinguished Visitor in Composition at the Faculty of Music. Combined with the Roger D. Moore Distinguished Visitor in Composition fund, this gift represents unparalleled support for bringing both Canadian and international composers to the faculty.

• The Justina M. Barnicke Gallery at Hart House features The Feldberg Collection: Self-Portraits from 1920s Berlin. It is the first time that these works have been seen outside of Berlin, and only their second showing since 1923. The exhibition receives critical acclaim.

• Chancellor Henry N. R. Jackman donates $15 million for the endowment of professorships, symposia, lectures and distinguished visitors in the humanities and social sciences. A double match from the university triples the gift to $45 million, the largest Canadian gift to these fields of study.

• The U of T Library introduces a new public access catalogue and information management system that provides web-based access to the database of 6.3 million catalogue records and supports over 4.6 million transactions annually. Users can review and renew current loans, place holds on books, and view enriched information for many recent books, including images of book covers, reviews, tables of contents and author biographies.

• Preston Manning is named the first Dean’s Distinguished Visitor in Political Science and Canadian Studies at the Faculty of Arts and Science.

• Berlin architect Daniel Libeskind is named the inaugural holder of the Frank Gehry International Visiting Chair in Architectural Design. Libeskind, who taught at the Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design in the 1970s, is the author of the new design for the Royal Ontario Museum, among other famous works.

• The wooden cross that has been part of the World Youth Day conferences since 1985 touches down in June at the quadrangle and future site of the 150th anniversary garden at St. Michael’s College. The cross continues from the Newman Parish on a day-long journey to chaplaincy sites.

• The Honourable Lloyd Axworthy delivers the sixth annual Victoria University Keith Davey Lecture in March in the Isabel Bader Theatre on the Victoria campus. His address, “Liberals at the Border: We stand on guard for whom?” examines Canada’s relationship with the U.S. in the aftermath of the events of September 11, 2001.

• Vivek Krishnamurthy, Innis College alumnus, is one of 11 Canadian students to win a 2002 Rhodes scholarship to the University of Oxford.

• A donation by the late Grace Buller and the Ontario Library Association helps the Faculty of Information Studies establish the first Aboriginal graduate student scholarship in information management.

• In October, New College holds the inaugural Marion and Ross Woodman Speakers Series featuring Marion and Ross Woodman, Anthony Stevens and G. Richard Smith. The speakers series is established to further comparative and cross-disciplinary discussion of the human experience in the spirit of analytical psychologist Carl Jung’s research.

• Library users now have access to more than 20,000 licensed electronic resources. These electronic books, journals and other resources allow students and faculty to work when and where they want.

• For the first time in its 80-year history, Hart House Theatre is integrated with Hart House cultural programming under one administration, producing its first season in 16 years. An all-star cast of alumni perform in “Been Staged,” a benefit to secure the future of Hart House Theatre.
Looking Back at Health

• The Faculty of Pharmacy is renamed the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy in honour of Dan’s gifts of nearly $15 million to U of T.

• The Faculty of Medicine receives a $5 million gift from Terrence Donnelly in support of the Centre for Cellular and Biomolecular Research. Ground is broken in September for the new centre, which will bring together researchers in the sciences, medicine, pharmacy and engineering.

• Under the co-direction of Cary Galler and Peter Birek, the Periodontal Plastics Research Unit is established at the Faculty of Dentistry. The unit will develop the emerging area of periodontology (the study and treatment of the gums).

• Alan Bernstein – pioneer in genomics, president of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and professor of medical genetics and microbiology – is appointed to the Order of Canada.

• Researchers in the Faculty of Medicine discover a vaccine that may help prevent and treat the disabling memory loss and cognitive impairment of Alzheimer’s disease.

Looking Back at Science and Technology

• The Centre for Applied Bioscience and Biotechnology, a specialized research facility to study DNA chemistry, opens on the Mississauga campus in October.

• The Faculty of Dentistry is named a principal participant in three Canadian Institutes of Health Research Training Programs, focusing on intradisciplinary research in the areas of fundamental science, clinical investigation, population studies and health services.

• Researchers at U of T, the Hospital for Sick Children and the Amgen Institute find a genetic link to pain relief. Their research opens up a new and promising approach to pain management.

UTM alumna Claire Carver-Dias reigns supreme at the Commonwealth Games, taking the individual gold medal in synchronized swimming. Carver-Dias and UTM undergrad Fanny Létourneau also pick up the duet gold medal. In 2000, Carver-Dias and Létourneau won bronze at the Sydney Olympics, along with team members and UTM undergrads Erin Chan and Catherine Garceau.

• A $5 million gift from pharmaceutical company Apotex to the Faculty of Pharmacy establishes the Apotex Resource Centre and the Apotex Multi-Media Classroom, designed to produce Canada’s next generation of leaders in pharmacy research and professional practice.

• The Faculty of Nursing offers the first online master of nursing – the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program.

This is the first of its kind in Canada and the first online degree program at the university.

• The Bahen Centre for Information Technology opens in October, the first new building in more than a decade for the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering. The state-of-the-art facility is the university’s focal point for world-class teaching and research in information technology.

• Professor and geophysicist Jerry Mitrovica of the physics department wins the National Research Council’s 2001 Steacie Prize, Canada’s most prestigious science award.

• Work begins on the Communication, Culture and Information Technology building at UTM. The centre, slated to open in mid-2004, will be home to UTM’s newest joint program with Sheridan College in human communications.

• A new method is developed by researchers at the Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering for growing specialized cells from embryonic stem cells. The discovery could provide large numbers of cells for research and clinical purposes.

• A microsatellite developed by the U of T Institute for Aerospace Studies gives researchers a low-cost and unique glimpse of the stars. The satellite weighs only 60 kilograms and is the size of a suitcase.
The Knowledge Media Design Institute (KMDI) launches a collaborative program that allows graduate students from a variety of faculties to design, evaluate and use new media tools. KMDI was established in the School of Graduate Studies in 1998 as a focus for members of the university community interested in the cross-disciplinary field of knowledge media design.

The Canadian Institute for Advanced Research selects the top 20 scientific researchers in the country under the age of 40 – eight of them are U of T scientists.

The Faculty of Forestry joins forces with the geography department, U of T’s Institute for Environmental Studies and university partners in China to study the role of forests in managing carbon build up in China’s environment. The project will increase China’s capacity to monitor the role of forests in the “carbon cycle.”

Looking Back at Global Competitiveness

Corus Entertainment pledges $2 million to fund a chair in communications strategy at the Joseph L. Rotman School of Management. The chairholder will investigate trends towards convergence in the Canadian media.

The School of Continuing Studies, which registered 16,000 students in the 2001-02 academic year at its downtown Toronto, Oakville and Markham sites, prepares to offer courses in other communities outside Toronto.

Three U of T scholars from the Faculty of Arts and Science – Edward Chamberlin of English, Victor Ivrii of mathematics and Thomas Pangle of political science – capture Killam fellowships, one of Canada’s most distinguished research awards.

Four U of T alumni and a current student lead Canada to an Olympic gold medal in women’s hockey in Salt Lake City, Utah: alumni Lori Dupuis, Vicky Sunohara, Karen Hughes and David Jamieson (goal-tending coach), and student Jayna Hefford.

The Wall Street Journal ranks the Joseph L. Rotman School of Management among the top 50 MBA programs in the world. Business Week ranks the school fifth among 10 international schools in the top tier, and the Financial Times of London also moves the Rotman School from the 46th position to 31st in its world rankings.

U of T hosts the largest gathering of scholars in the social sciences and humanities in North America as the Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities is held May 25 to June 1.

Looking Back at Social Issues

The Centre of Excellence for Child Welfare is established at the Faculty of Social Work by Health Canada in recognition of the faculty’s leadership in child welfare research and education. One of five centres for children’s well-being in Canada, the unit promotes research into child abuse and neglect, and co-ordinates child welfare knowledge and expertise. Research will focus on initiatives that support effective treatment and prevention services for children and youth.

OISE/UT receives a $616,000 grant from the Canada Foundation for Innovation. Combined with matching funds from the Ontario Innovation Trust and support from other partners, the grant helps develop a laboratory network for innovation and technology in education.

Faculty of Law professor Michael Trebilcock is named one of Maclean’s magazine’s 50 most influential Canadians. The article describes him as a “pioneer in a multidisciplinary field, law and economics, [whose] texts are shaping legal debate in the courts.”

The J. Robert S. Prichard and Ann E. Wilson Chair in Law and Public Policy is established at the Faculty of Law. Supporters are Gerry Schwartz and Heather Reisman; the law firms of Cassels Brock & Blackwell, Heenan Blaikie, and Torys; the Bank of Nova Scotia; and W. Edmund Clark, the Honourable David R. Peterson and Brent Belzberg.

A donation from HSBC Bank Canada helps to fund the Steps to University Programme, part of the university’s Transitional Year Programme. Steps to University seeks to increase access to post-secondary education for non-traditional students.