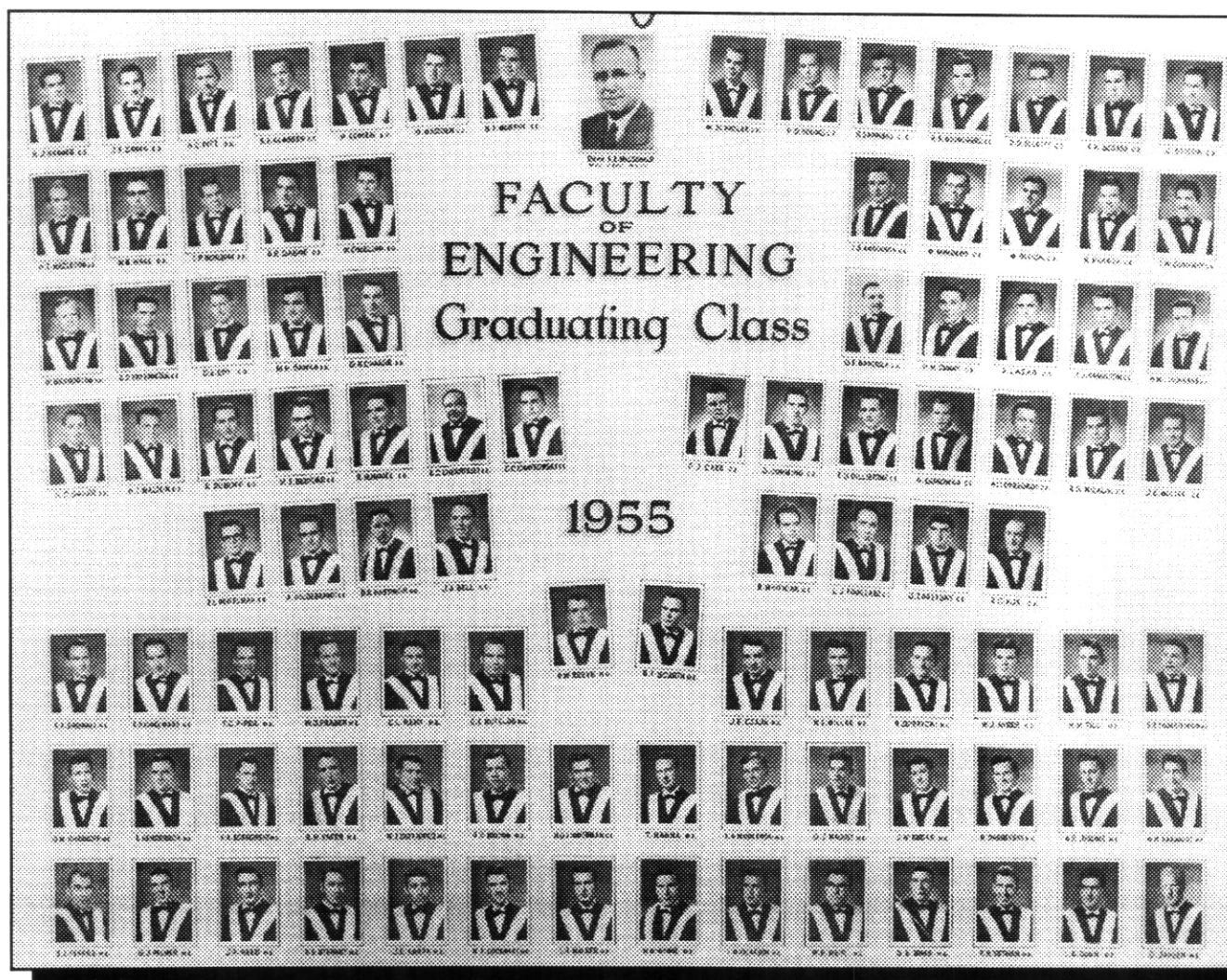




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ENGINEERING CLASS OF '55 45th REUNION 2000



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With good weather, perhaps a bit cool, this was a superlative reunion! From the “Wine and Cheese” on Thursday to the riverboat lunch (which was delicious) and cruise on Friday to the Homecoming Gala Reception and the Banquet on Saturday, it was an enjoyable, nostalgic, humorous and occasionally sad event. It was great to see Professor Ray Chant and his wife. Ray noted that Jack McMath couldn't be here because of health. Dr. Brian McPherson, our Alumni Director, and economics Professor Ruben Bellan and his wife also attended. We were also graced by the attendance of Tom White.

The following is a summary of news of our classmates made up from the forms received, word of mouth, rumors and whatever could be dug up. We have tried to reach everyone. Hope we didn't miss anyone or anything!

Jim and Edith Anderson – Still located in Regina and working in Edmonton. Edith busy with the grandchildren.

Bill and Bev Ayres - Bill and Bev came in from Pinawa - retired in 92 - winters in Mesa AZ and summers at Pinawa and Falcon Lake - now has two knee replacements and says he is going Bionic! - still golfing and looking after grandchildren for relaxation.

Robert and Nancy Bagnall - In from Mallorytown ON - will also be enjoying their 37th wedding anniversary in September with children Karen and Geoffrey - branched into retirement in 88 - spends more time each season at their property in the St Lawrence Valley and still enjoys snow skiing, ice skating and boating to keep healthy.

Arnold Baker – was unable to attend from Canmore AB.

Gord Bandola – Gord was unable to make the trip from Calgary.

Merv Bedford - Couldn't attend but sent a very nice letter from Belleville ON. Our condolences on the loss of your wife in March Merv. He just finished a lengthy western tour and looked up some of the “residence” group: had lunch with **Rudy Hummel** in Saskatoon who is retired but back on contract in the Nuclear Medicine Dept at University Hospital; visited **George Chernoff** at Brentwood Care Nursing Home in Calgary - his attitude is “up-beat”, describes his stay there as temporary - he is in a wheelchair and has difficulty with co-ordination and had to give up the violin about a year ago; **Arnold Baker** and his wife live in Camrose leading a very active life - just returned from 10 days back-packing in the Rockies; **Don Eby** and his wife live near Belleville so Merv sees them often - they are involved in square dancing but couldn't make it to the reunion this year. (Thanks for the pictures from your tour Merv; they were displayed at the Wine & Cheese.)

John Bell – John retired in 1991 and still lives in Winnipeg. John and wife Mary spend their winters in Mesa AZ and summers at West Hawk Lake. John is still swimming in Masters competition and active in amateur radio as VE4OL. Mary and John finally became grandparents in 1998. They call themselves the bionic couple now - John a hip in 1995 and Mary a knee in 1999. 3 children live in the Kenora area and a son works with the BC government in Vancouver. John was a member of the reunion organizing committee and assembled these class notes.

Don Campbell – No reply received.

Pat Carr – Unable to attend from Victoria. Retired from B.C. Ministry of Transportation & Highways (MOTH).

Glenn Charge - Retired in Nov 93 after 23 years with Ontario Hydro (purchasing) - moved from Richmond Hill ON to Duncan on Vancouver Island in Aug 98. He and Katie Booth attended the reunion. Glenn keeps fit with curling masters (pretty good) in winter and golfing (not so good) in summer. He has lots of hills to walk for more exercise and says that luckily his bike has 2 flat tires so he doesn't have to ride it.

Orest Chaykowsky - "Chick" attended from Hopewell NJ - says he is a grandfather for the 3rd time last December - unfortunately lost his wife Ingrid of 38 years to cancer 18 months ago. Our condolences to you Chick - glad to hear you are keeping so busy flying to Europe before your "knees, back and joints" give out!

George Chernoff - Unable to come from Calgary. (See also Bedford.)

Ron Cinq-Mars - Ron and Gladys attended from Scarborough. He is doing a little consulting and curls and golfs at the Scarborough Golf Club - also works during the summer at their cottage on Limerick Lake and goes to Florida for a month in the winter - states he also keeps busy with "family stuff" what with 6 grandchildren.

Harry Cochrane - Harry and Sheila attended from East Kildonan. Harry reported that he retired in 1995 but worked a few days a week until 1996 when he retired completely from engineering. He could be found in his woodworking shop and, most Saturdays during the summer, peddling his wares at the St Norbert Farmers Market. He built family trees from information on the Internet and complained that he had no spare time, but did find time for the organizing committee. He was looking forward to chairing our 50th reunion. Unfortunately, Harry passed away suddenly on December 26, 2000. We will miss him.

Harvey Cohen - Had a nice chat with Harvey on the phone - he is well but very busy with everything including family - says hello to everyone but was unable to come (JB).

Gordon Cumming - Gordon and Marion came from Burnaby where they have resided since 1986 but had to leave before the festivities due to a problem back home. He retired in 1985 after working 5 years in Saudi Arabia - also worked for N. Pelman, Louis Buyer Home and Hospital, Worsman Dewar Gout Center. Sorry we didn't get to see you Gord.

H. M. 'Mac' Curry - Mac and Gwendolyn hail from West Hill ON and attended the festivities - they have three children - Mac retired in 1983 and is still unemployed. Was attending high school and elementary school reunions the prior week.

Ed Czaja - Ed sent a nice note but couldn't attend due to a conflict with the 50th reunion of the Royal Military College. After graduating he joined Shell Canada in the Exploration and Production Department - after 37 years and 27 moves all over North America he took mandatory retirement for senior executives at age 60 - married to Jean McMaster for 44 years with two children and now three grandchildren - they have vacationed on Lake of The Woods for 44 years and now spend 4 to 5 months there every summer.

Hy Dashevsky - Hy and Esther were out of town but he came back for the Wine and Cheese. His cold kept him away for the rest of the reunion. Hy retired four years ago from his consulting practice and is still retired.

Ted Dillstone - Ted couldn't attend, also due to the 50th reunion at RMC which is rather special as the survivors will be inaugurated into "The Old Brigade" - now retired in Campbell River - as an old Manitoban he states "the largest single group of Manitobans, about half a million, live in greater Winnipeg, the next largest group reside on Vancouver Island, followed by Brandon, Thompson and Portage la Prairie" - main hobby is his music collection of over 4000 songs on sheet music, song books, hymnals, vinyl records, tapes and CD's - will be in Wpg sometime next year.

Reuben Duboff - Called Reuben in Seattle and talked to his wife Cathy - apparently he is fine but cannot attend this year. (JB)

Wrally Dutkiewicz - No reply received.

Alf Dyregrov - Alf and Reenie attended from Winnipeg. His combined family of 6 children and 6 grandchildren keep him very busy. Summers are enjoyed at Falcon Lake, winters at Mt. Agassiz skiing and, scuba diving in Cozumel. Retirement is not in the foreseeable future - he is still active as a geotechnical consultant and as a committee member for the APEGM. Reenie is still president of the Mt.

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Agassiz Ski Club and chairperson of the annual "Over the Hill Down Hill Race". Besides being a volunteer canvasser for most medical foundations, she is zone chairman for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Alf was a member of the reunion organizing committee, providing nametags & mailing.

Donald Eby - Don and Wendy couldn't make the reunion due to illness in Wendy's family. Don reports that they are fine and things are pretty routine with him - busy with the house and lawn and square dancing with the other "old timers" - he is looking forward to seeing the reports and pictures from the reunion. (See also, Merv Bedford.)

Don Elliott - Don was one of the main coordinators for this reunion, a job well done to say the least! Don says he was married in Sept 59 to Beverly (deceased in '87) and has 3 children and 5 grandchildren in the Winnipeg area. After graduation he spent 15 years in the private sector in Winnipeg, Vancouver and Seattle, then 19 years in the Manitoba Department of Industry. He retired in 1988 to become self employed and says he has "finally found the way to make the million dollars indicated in the 55 Brown and Gold".

Luc Fouillard - Luc and Lucille live in Winnipeg and attended the reunion - Luc retired in 1992 and both are still enjoying life. Spends time on golf course with grandchildren and works out at Rcfit Centre to make his bypass work.

Wayne Fraser - Unable to attend. Retired one and a half years after 35 years at H.A. Simons Consulting Engineers in Vancouver. Enjoying sailing, golfing & yard work.

Tom Godfrey - Tom and Florence were in from Calgary - says he is "practising retirement to the limit". They now have 9 grandchildren aged 4 to 14 years. They sold their home of 33 years 5 years ago and are now in a condo. They spend time at their cabin in BC and travel to see daughters at Slave Lake and Wetaskawin and other family in Manitoba. Florence does a lot of sewing and quilting and Tom says he does as much woodworking and renovations as time permits and has a garage in process at the cabin - they are quite healthy for which they are grateful.

Joe Gurowka - Joe and Lois were in from Mississauga - Joe is still working and doing a lot of curling and is a Canadian Masters Curling Champion 1999-2000.

Jim Hamilton - "JJ" and Sharee were in from Calgary - JJ has been self-employed since 1983 in a wide variety of consulting and research activities. The research activities related back to work on energy conservation and foundations for structures in cold climates in which he was involved during 25 years with the Division of Building Research, NRC Canada. Most recently he has been engaged to carry out forensic geotechnical investigations for many luxury homes suffering severe foundation distress. Jim and Sharee have been blessed with good health, four great children and four wonderful grandchildren (numbers 5 and 6 on the way).

Terry Hanna - Terry is still in Monroe WI. Said he could not attend this time but is looking forward to the 50th. Retired in 96, he also married Mary Ann in 96 - has two sons and five grandchildren. his health is good but his hearing is so-so. Thank you for the extra support for the reunion committee Terry!

Doug Hastings - No reply received.

Ross Henderson - Ross lives in Winnipeg but could not attend; however he did send some very interesting information. After graduation in 55 Ross earned an MBA at Harvard in 57 and a Ph.D. in Business at U of Western Ontario in 75. He married Jeanette Kirk in 53 and they have three sons, Scott, Craig and Eric. Ross was the principal of Ross Henderson Insurance, Winnipeg 1950-66, an analyst with US Steel Co Cleveland 1958-60, president of Damascus Steel Products Ltd. Wpg 1960-65, assistant GM Dosco Steel Products Ltd. Montreal 1965-68, professor Business Administration U of M 1968 - 93, senior scholar 1993. Ross made an around the world trip in 23 days starting in March 2000.

Walt Hryhorijiw - Was not able to come - apparently his wife is sick.

Rudy Hummel - Sent a short note to say he and Betty won't be able to make it this time and hopes the reunion is a great success. (See also Bedford.)

Gerry Jansen - Gerry and Anne came in from N Vancouver. Gerry took early retirement from BC Hydro in 1988 and then worked part-time for Willis Energy Services Ltd. until 1995 - then devoted himself to golf, travel and family activities. They have 4 children, 7 granddaughters, and one grandson. Anne and Gerry have travelled to Europe, the Orient, Mexico, Hawaii and many locations in the US and Canada and enjoy their time-share in Whistler with the family.

Ted Jerome - Ted and Lorraine are in Winnipeg and attended again this year - they have three children - Ted retired from Manitoba Hydro.

John Karpa – No reply received.

Ken Kramer - Ken sent a note from Toronto stating that it was unlikely he could attend the reunion this time.

Ron Lazar - did not attend due to health problems. He and Rhona have five children. (Rhona passed away recently.)

William Lockhart – No reply received.

Gerry Maguet - Gerry dropped us a line (from Winnipeg) to say that he and Eva could not attend this reunion as he will be out of the country.

Clyde McBain – Was unable to attend as he left for South America September 21st. Spends most of his time at the lake in summers and hangs around the foundry in the winter.

William Miller – Unable to attend. Retired from Westinghouse in 1988.

Mervyn Mindess - Merv and Deanna Schroeder attended from Maple Grove MN - still loves working as senior project engineer at STS Consultants Ltd. - devotes spare time to travelling, golf (badly) and to three grandchildren.

Jack Moore – Unable to attend for health reasons but sent his best wishes.

Roy Nizalik - Almost made it here from Calgary - we believe family matters detained him.

Ian Norquay – No reply received.

Irvin Olafson did not attend from Gimli.

Mike Olynyk - Dropped a note from Calgary to say he couldn't make the reunion.

Walter Omelian – No reply received.

Gordon Palmer – now retired in Sarnia, was unable to attend.

Ken Peaker – from Islington ON could not recall seeing a notice of the reunion but was interested. (Didn't make it.) Said he was still working and then qualified that with "well, I am still getting paid".

Trevor Piper - Couldn't get in from Calgary but said he retired from Atcor (an oil and gas producing company) in 1996 - has two daughters, Karla a nurse and Tracy who is in computers.

Arthur Pitt – Unable to attend due to health problems.

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Bob Reed - Also from Calgary but was unable to make it - he and wife Barbara have 4 children and 14 grandchildren - he is retired but still ministering as much as possible - they love living outside of the city limits in a Lutheran retirement village.

Robert Reeve – No reply received.

Ben Reitelman - He and Evelyn attended from St Laurent PQ - they were married in 1957 and have one son, two daughters and six grandchildren (4b, 2g) - semi-retired from family businesses - Ben and Evelyn are very active in tennis and with the grandkids and do some travelling.

John Rudan - John and Doreen attended from Ithaca NY. He retired from Cornell University in Jan 97 and now is travelling, working around the house and garden and managing his income properties. He has several writing projects underway concerning the history of computing at Cornell, translating his father's biographical writing and writing his own story. Two unmarried children live in Ithaca and his younger son and family live in Reading, England providing a travel opportunity to see the grandchildren.

Carl Rufelds – Couldn't make it to the reunion. Carl was with the federal government in various countries around the world (Lebanon, Thailand, Italy, Guatemala, China, USA); recent positions included Consul General. Retired in 1993 and subsequently spent some time as Diplomat in Residence at the University of New Brunswick. His current interests include fly-fishing, volunteer work, and bridge. Carl & Helen are both keeping well and living happily in Fredericton N.B.; they have 2 children and 4 grandchildren.

Robert Sandberg - talked to him on the phone - says he is a 57 grad?? But may come. Didn't.

Mike Schioler - Mike and Phyllis attended from Winnipeg - Mike is retired and he and Phyllis have five children & 13 grandchildren. They spend lots of time at the cottage at Victoria Beach. Mike was a member of the organizing committee and our most able (and honest) treasurer.

Richard Scarth - Dick and Jilian couldn't make it this year but sent us an informative letter. After graduation, Dick worked as a field geologist for California Standard in the Yukon. In Oct 56 he went to Birmingham England and in 1970 the family moved to Ottawa. Then it was off to New Zealand in 1975 for two years, thence to Vancouver where he retired in '91. Regrets not attending as the reunion coincides with a long planned cycle trip to Denmark and Scotland to search for "roots".

Ross Scrase - Ross and Joan (Home Ec 55) attended from Brandon. He retired in 96 after 39 years with Manitoba Department of Highways & Transportation. They have two girls and one boy. Their first grandchild, Sarah, was born June 30/00.

Grant Sims - Grant retired in 1998, after 31 years as professor in engineering at U of M. He is still doing some research at U of M - has 4 children and 3 grandchildren - has had some interesting trips to Africa in recent years to visit a son who is working there - Grant was part of the organizing committee.

Brian Stewart – No reply received.

Chris Stieda - attended from Victoria - retired in 95 as research manager at Forintek Canada Corp. After retirement, he and wife Agnes (married in 55) spent a year in Italy then moved from Vancouver to Victoria. They have 5 children, all married, and 9 grandchildren ranging from 14 mo to 13 yrs. Chris's career primarily was in research into numerous aspects of the design of timber structures. Now they enjoy gardening, music, lectures and their 9 grandchildren on two continents. They are grateful they still have the health and energy to enjoy retirement.

Baldwin Thorsteinson – No reply received.

Herb Till - Herb and Karen attended from Hudson WI. Herb retired from 3M Co 4½ years ago and loves it. They have been wintering in Kenya, Mexico, Guatemala, Arizona and last year in Sarasota FL. Herb

does some international consulting but is winding down. He plays lots of golf and boats on their lake which is at the front door.

Dick Vopni – Unable to attend from West Vancouver.

Ralph Vryenhoek - Received a note from Ralph saying he couldn't attend.

Leonard Walker – was in Winnipeg in May, reports that he is still working, and was unable to attend.

Bob Wall – No reply received.

Herb Walton - Herb attended from Burlington ON - he and Ann (of 43 years) have twin sons and seven grandchildren - retired in 92 from Ontario Hydro as Sr. Operations Manager Central Region - did some travelling in the first few years after retirement, then taught boating and navigation with the Canadian Power Squadron for 5 years. He has been President of Banff School of Advanced Management Alumni for the past 14 years. Herb went back to work in the fall of 99 for 3 months - says he was a little rusty but surprisingly it came back.

Les Wasilewski - received a note from Les saying he couldn't attend.

Walter Weir – Couldn't make it to the reunion. Walt worked for the Andrew Corporation, microwave antenna makers, and was their chief engineer, retiring half time in 1989 and full time in 1992. He has five children and 7 grandchildren. Current interests include lots of gliding and computer programming. Walt and Barb are both keeping well and are living in Burkton, southern Ontario.

Walter Wynne – Unable to attend.

Ed Yates – No reply received.

John Yellowlees - Jack and Joyce attended from Winnipeg - he retired in 1993 and now splits their time between the lake and Winnipeg - Jack was a member of the organizing committee.

Ralph Yetman - Received a note from Ralph in Kelowna. He and Beth were not be able to attend.

Fred Young - Fred and Jeannie Mackay attended from Winnipeg and Brandon. Fred's wife Catherine died in 97, our condolences Fred. They have 3 sons and 4 grandkids. Fred retired in 95 and says he is now very busy flying R/C planes and playing golf with friend Jeannie in Brandon and other small towns - he is also very active with the grandkids, reunions and retirements etc - Fred was one of the leading members of the organizing committee.

Ron Youngberg - Ron advised us that he would not be able to make the reunion and hopes that all goes well and we have a great party.

Joseph P Zanyk - Joe attended from Sarnia and is president of J P Zanyk & Associates Inc - he enjoys the 'energy consulting' field.

Oscar Zaretsky – No reply received.

Garry Zimmerman – Unable to attend. Retired 10 years ago from Sask. Power.

Nick Zubrycki - Nick dropped a line that he was unable to attend this time from Burlington. In 1996 he took early retirement from the Ontario Development Corporation in the position of technical consultant. He is married with three daughters and one granddaughter, all on the West Coast - enjoys retirement lifestyle with gardening, golf and travel - says hello to everyone and to have a great time at the reunion.

Address Unknown - Can Anyone Help?

Lawrence **Dunn**, Roland **Gagne**, Don **Hadden**, Torry **Hazelton**, Abram **Hildebrandt**, Robert **Klassen**, Ray **Overstreet**, Erich **Valstyn**.

Deceased Fellow Graduates

To honor our lost fellow graduates Grant Sims called for a moment of silence during the Wine and Cheese get together on Thursday. Following is a list of those 14 grads:

Morris **Block**, Ken **Borkowsky**, Ronald **Brown**, John **Driscoll**, Barry **Ferries**, Reginald **Fox**, William **Karakuc**, Angus **MacLeod**, Alphone **Morin**, Barry **Murphy**, Clint **Reid**, Stephen **Sapinski**, Michael **Sawka**, Budd **Whiticar**. With regret we now add to this list Harry **Cochrane**.

Tour of the Engineering Departments

A special thank you to Dean Douglas Ruth for your reception and tour arrangements. The class of 55 would like to thank the following and their assistants for being there and conducting the tours. Many compliments were made and your efforts are very much appreciated:

Civil Engineering - Dr Brian Stimpson, Associate Dean
 Mechanical Engineering - Dr Balakrishnan, Head Mechanical/Industrial
 Electrical/Computer Engineering - Dr Rob Menzies, Head Electrical/Computer

Hats Off to the Alumni Staff for Their Help Too!

In particular we want to thank Sandra Woloschuk and Jo-Anne Thompson.

50th Reunion – 2005 – HELP Wanted!

The committee members would like it to be known that, while it has been a very rewarding experience organizing another reunion, they wish to share this experience with others. By the time the next reunion takes place, the present committee members will be at least five years older – five years more tired and less capable (if alive at all!). All volunteers welcome. We'll even come to where you are located if you would like to make all of the arrangements! See you all (we hope), in 2005.

By The Way – For Those Who Were Wondering

During the boat cruise we were asked about the naming of the Disraeli Bridge. The Disraeli is named after Mr. Disraeli, Benjamin to his friends, who was NOT a bridge engineer. He was the Earl of Beaconsfield, a statesman and novelist. The freeway got his name because he was Prime Minister of England from 1874 to 1880.

This was not a common practice unless, of course, there were Prime Ministers named Osborne, Slau Rebchuk, Arlington, Maryland, Norwood, Main Street, Redwood and Midtown.

Photo Credits

Pictures at the reunion were taken by Laura Sims, Fred Young, and John Rudan. Thanks for a great job well done!

The Reunion Committee

John Bell, Harry Cochrane, Alf Dyregrov, Don Elliott, Mike Schioler, Grant Sims, Jack Yellowlees, and Fred Young.

ENGINEERING CLASS OF 1955 BURSARY**Introduction**

At the time of our 40th Reunion in 1995, as a project, we solicited funds from classmates for a bursary in the Faculty of Engineering; the bursary would carry the name of our class. As of December 31, 1995 the amount of \$8,573 had been pledged, and there were subsequent pledges of \$710. The money was left to earn interest until at the beginning of September 2000, an amount of approximately \$ 11,400 was available for bursary purposes. This would generate a bursary of about \$ 500 or so, as at the University now, 5% of the capital available is the annual amount of an award. Your Reunion Committee 2000 sought the advice of the University Financial Aid and Awards Office and the Faculty of Engineering Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards Committee as regards where the award would confer the maximum benefit. Based on the advice received, a proposal under the title of "Engineering Class of 1955 Bursary" was made to the Senate of the University with the terms of reference as given below. Grant Sims was named as the contact person from our class. The Senate passed the proposal at its meeting on November 1, 2000 and an award of \$500 was made to a deserving Engineering student in December 2000.

Terms of Reference

On the occasion of the 40th anniversary of graduation from the University of Manitoba, the Engineering Class of 1955 has established a fund to support a bursary for an Engineering student. Each year (starting in the winter of 2000), a bursary valued at the available annual income from the fund (initially \$500) shall be offered to a student who:

- (1) has completed at least one year of full-time study at the University of Manitoba, either in University 1 or in the Faculty of Engineering;
- (2) has achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5;
- (3) is enrolled as a full-time student in the Faculty of Engineering in any department and in any year of the program;
- (4) has demonstrated financial need on the standard University of Manitoba bursary application form

The selection committee shall be the Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards Committee of the Faculty of Engineering.

Request for Further Donations

An amount of \$500 doesn't go very far these days. Funds are available at April 1, 2001 to match our contributions dollar-for-dollar. Hence your Committee encourages you to consider a generous contribution to expand this Bursary Fund; details are in the covering letter sent with this report. **NOTE** that a cheque should be dated **April 1, 2001** or later, but do **deal with it NOW**, as the matching funds are only available for a limited time.