

# U of G partners with pet food giant



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From left, Dr. Brent Matthew of pet food company Royal Canin, U of G president Allistar Summerlee and Xavier Unkovic, CEO of Royal Canin, pose with Cinder yesterday after the school received a \$3-million commitment from Royal Canin to support independent research and scholarships at the Ontario Veterinary College.

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**GUELPH** — Scraps from the dining table just don't cut it as pet food anymore.

Advanced research at the Ontario Veterinary College is searching for new ways to improve animal health through the science of nutrition. Officials are confident a multimillion-dollar partnership with a major manufacturer and supplier of dog and cat foods will speed that research forward.

U of G President Alastair Summerlee and Royal Canin Canada Company CEO Xavier Unkovic, inked a \$3-million agreement yesterday that will see the establishment of the Royal Canin Veterinary Diet Endowed Chair in Canine and Feline Clinical Nutrition.

Royal Canin, which produces a range of specialized dog and cat foods, is in the process of opening a new

Canadian processing facility in Puslinch, south of Guelph.

The funds will support independent research and graduate scholarships at OVC.

"It is a superb example of a partnership between the university sector and the private sector," Summerlee said, adding the endowed chair will be the first of its kind at the institution, but not the last. "It is blazing a trail, I hope, for announcements of chairs in teaching and research right across the university in areas of strategic interest to us."

Unkovic said dogs and cats are Royal Canin's passion.

"We believe that pets are members of our family," he said at a news conference at OVC yesterday. "In today's world, nutrition is playing a huge role when it comes to improving the health of cats and dogs."

The partnership, Unkovic said, represents a "dramatic commitment" by

the company to the veterinary profession and clinical nutrition in Canada.

Royal Canin was one of a number of companies subject to major pet food recalls one year ago. The recalls were related to a range of products contaminated with melamine linked to tainted rice and wheat gluten produced in China and used in the products.

Kerry Lissemore, OVC associate dean, academic affairs, said the endowment will ensure student veterinarians graduate with leading-edge knowledge of nutrition that can be passed on to their clients. As well, it will generate an expert source of canine and feline nutritional advice for specialist clinicians and graduate students.

"One of the fundamental missions of a university is the generation of new knowledge," Lissemore said, adding new research will keep OVC "at the forefront of companion animal research."

## Man must keep away from ex to stay free: Judge

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**GUELPH** — A former Guelph man was warned yesterday to stay away from a former girlfriend if he wants to remain free.

"The law is between you and she and her family," Justice Robert Weseloh told 27-year-old Scott Moseley. "If you bother her again you're going to jail."

Moseley, who has since moved to Toronto, was found guilty of criminally harassing his ex-girlfriend, 23-year-old Tessa White of Guelph.

The woman testified she and Moseley began dating in April 2004 and dated on and off for about two years, during which they also briefly lived together three times.

White told court whenever she threatened to leave Moseley the man said he would release incriminating videos of her and kill himself. The woman told court she finally "couldn't take it anymore" in April 2006 and broke off the relationship for good.

Court heard after that time Moseley frequently showed up wherever the woman was, followed her on occasion and left notes and flowers at her parents' house, where she was staying.

White said someone also set up a website using her name, which contained photos and derogatory comments about her, though she conceded she does not know who established the site.

Moseley was arrested in the fall of 2006.

The self-employed computer technician represented himself at the trial.

He had what appeared to be a wrapped bunch of flowers on the counsel table with him, but did not enter the flowers as evidence.

During cross-examination, Moseley continually referred to himself in the third person and had to be corrected several times by Weseloh on courtroom procedure.

In arguing he should not be found guilty, Moseley noted White "continually came back to the relationship," which raised the issue of "when the relationship is on and when it's not."

Weseloh conceded the relationship was "complicated" and had an "on-and-off aspect" to it. But the judge said it was clear from the evidence White wanted nothing to do with the man after April 2006 "however that was not accepted by Scott Moseley."

The judge described Moseley's conduct as "a repeated pattern of behaviour" that would cause White to be concerned for her safety.

Moseley was granted a conditional discharge and put on probation for 18 months, during which he must get counselling and have no contact with White or her family.



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Forbes Truck Wash Ltd. owner Kevin Forbes cleans graffiti off the walls at Willow Road Public School last night.

## Graffiti marks school



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The Juvenile Kingz tag popped up on a few buildings in the Willow Road area over the weekend, including The Sheldale Centre, above.

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**GUELPH** — Police are investigating after three similar incidents of graffiti were found spray painted on local buildings.

The words "Juvenile Kingz" were found on the windows of a portable at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic High School yesterday, said vice-principal Frank Cecchetto.

Four other school door windows were sprayed with the initials "JK" with a crown atop the words, he said.

"We haven't had anything like this in a long time," Cecchetto said.

Willow Road Public School and the Sheldale Centre on Willow Road were also targeted with graffiti. Both properties had the same letters spray painted on the walls.

Guelph Police spokesperson Sergeant Cate Welsh said they are asking the public if they have information about the group using the name "Juvenile Kingz" or if

they have information leading to the culprits.

The buildings were spray painted sometime over the weekend, Welsh said, adding it's not believed an organized gang was responsible because "organized gangs don't normally put their names on their work."

Lorna Schwartztruber, program director of Onward Willow Better Beginnings, Better Futures said she hadn't heard of any group using the name "Juvenile Kingz" and also isn't aware of any gang activity in the neighbourhood.

"My guess would be that it's angry kids that use tag lines from a gang," she said. "Who knows whether they are actually a gang."

Anyone with information about "Juvenile Kingz" or the spray-painting incident is asked to call the Guelph Police Property Unit at 519-824-1212, ext. 344 or provide anonymous information with Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

## Teens breeze to engineering win

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**GUELPH** — A team of two Waterloo high school students engineered a victory yesterday at a wind-energy design competition, knocking the wind out of 32 competing groups from secondary schools across Ontario with their powerful yet minimalist three-blade balsa wood turbine.

Where some competing designs fell apart in wind tunnel testing and others generated low power, St. David Catholic Secondary School students Chris Giebat and Brandon Ces came out

on top with a score of 91.5 out of a possible 100.

"The strength of the blade was very important; also the (low) profile," Giebat said, referring to the capacity of the sleek blades to withstand spinning as they harnessed the wind at the University of Guelph engineering school's second annual competition. He revealed a second design key: a thin tip.

"It spins faster," Giebat said, adding the design boasted a high gear ratio of 10:1, which at 2.158 watts, helped produce the most power of any team yesterday.

There were plenty of alterna-

tive designs, like rotating scoops that looked like water wheels. But competitor Eric Frey noted the top scorers tended to have three-blade turbines like that of his team, tPower from Waterloo's Bluevale Collegiate Institute, which scored in the top 10.

"That's the way to go," Frey said as he watched the contest on a big screen in the engineering school's large theatre. Teams were graded primarily on power output, but also on explanations of their designs and answers to questions from a panel of judges.

U of G environmental engineer Warren Stiver began the competi-

tion last year to get high school students to tackle science challenges and "consider engineering as a career."

Engineering school recruiter Jason Tyszka added the teens of today are the engineers of the future. "We're trying to keep them interested in the sciences and the maths," he said.

Skyrocketing gasoline prices are a timely example of why Canadian society must operate more efficiently, the two high school students reasoned.

"I think people are going to look at more efficient things . . . resources like wind," Ces said.