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As the UTAA celebrates its 100th birthday, we raise our bat to 100 alumni who made their mark on the 20th century

If we may bow in the direction of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and imagine for the moment that the 20th century really did belong to Canada, then we might add (with only modest exaggeration) that it also belonged to the University of Toronto.

A prodigious number of the men and women who advanced our nation over the past 100 years are U of T alumni. You'll meet just some of them in our list of 100 alumni who had an impact on the 20th century, which we have compiled to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the University of Toronto Alumni Association. The list is by no means exhaustive; indeed, so many alumni have earned the right to be included that it was a real challenge to stop at a mere 100 names. You won't find such well-known alumni as Paul Martin or Atom Egoyan. Instead, you'll meet some less familiar graduates, like Dr. Marion Hilliard, a pioneer in women's medicine, or Wilbur Franks, whose work prefigured the spacesuit.

The early grads who helped shape the future of law, politics and the sciences include Augusta Stowe Gullen, the first woman to graduate from medical school in Canada, economist (later prime minister) William Lyon Mackenzie King and Frederick Banting, discoverer of insulin. Later, U of T alumni helped establish Canada as a leader among nations. When told he had won the 1957 Nobel Peace Prize, Lester B. Pearson could only mutter, "Gosh," a testament that in the '50s, we were still a small, self-conscious country. Yet Canada flourished in the post-war period. Just as Banting and Charles Best had established Canadians as pre-eminent doers, Pearson, along with grads such as Escott Reid, established us as great thinkers. Artists such as William Hutt and Margaret Atwood cemented our reputation as great creators.

All of our 100 graduates made their mark on Canada, even the world, but first they made their mark at U of T. We think you'll find, as U of T alumni, that you are in great company.

GREAT ALUMNI: Top row: Margaret Atwood, Frederick Banting, Roberta Bondar, Lester B. Pearson, Teresa Stratas. Bottom: Barbara Frum, Edward Greenspan, Stephen Leacock, William Hutt, Charles Best. Above: Northrop Frye, Ocrishyatska.

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CRUSADERS

THE UNIVERSITY OF Toronto has a history of advocating social progress and tolerance. As far back as the 1860s, during the American Civil War, the university insisted upon admitting a person of colour to the Literary and Scientific Society – despite the protests of students from the American South then on campus. The following alumni exemplify the positive roles individuals can play in their chosen communities.

WHEN CAROLINE Macdonald (1874-1931) decided to enter the math and physics department of U of T, she demonstrated her determination to go places others thought she shouldn't. In her second

year she entered an essay contest sponsored by the political economics department and shocked the other contestants, all male, by winning. She earned her bachelor's degree from University College in 1901, but turned down an offer to do graduate work in physics.



Caroline Macdonald

Macdonald went on to establish the Young Women's Christian Association in Japan and initiated prison reform in that country. She was the first woman awarded an honorary doctorate by U of T, in 1925.

IT WAS PERHAPS during his days as a political science student that the Rev. Bill Phipps (BA 1962 Victoria), moderator of the United Church of Canada, first found his calling. Phipps later took part in civil rights marches in Chicago during the '60s and eventually decided against his planned career as a lawyer.

ROBERT RUMBALL (BA 1952 Victoria) is executive director of the Bob Rumball Centre for the Deaf in Toronto and has worked for years to improve conditions for deaf people in Canada. Rumball was a halfback for the Varsity Blues football team and later played for the Toronto Argonauts and Ottawa Rough Riders.



Robert Rumball

political experience. Today, the coalition she heads is credited with creating an effective lobby for better gun-control laws in Canada.

A CHAMPION OF THE underdog, Anne Golden (BA 1962 UC, PhD 1970) has demonstrated her ability to deal with divisive public issues. During the late '90s, the chair of the United Way of Greater Toronto headed the Greater Toronto Area Task Force and the mayor's task force on homelessness.



Wendy Cukier

SINCE 1992, Toronto lawyer Julian Falconer (BA 1984 Innis) has appeared at inquests into the deaths of four schizophrenic men. His efforts have publicized the needs of mentally ill people and prompted coroners' juries to recommend safeguards for them.

ANIMAL MAGNETISM

TWO UNUSUAL GRADS HAVE been driven by their love of the natural world to work towards building a healthier planet. When social worker Kerry Bowman (MSW 1987, PhD 1997) isn't examining the links between health and culture in Toronto, he works with the African Gorilla/Chimpanzee Protection Project to save

primates in central Africa. Two decades before Bowman stepped onto campus, Monte Hummel (BA 1969 Victoria, MA 1970, MSc Forestry 1979) became energized by the fledgling environmental movement on campus and helped to found Pollution Probe in 1969. He is now president of World Wildlife Fund Canada.

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