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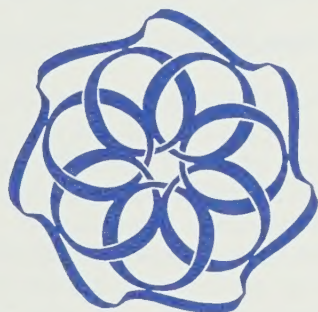






**AGNES BENIDICKSON  
AWARD DINNER**

Honouring  
**Drs Isabel and Alfred Bader**



Tuesday, October 29, 1996

Westin Hotel, Ottawa

**Presented by the Ottawa Branch of the  
Queen's University Alumni Association**

## **The Agnes Benidickson Award**

In presenting this award, the Ottawa Branch pays tribute to Agnes Benidickson, a champion of Queen's University and the Ottawa Branch. Over the years in her many roles, as a student, as a trustee, as Chancellor and as the Ottawa Branch Honorary President, Agnes has devoted her considerable abilities to the great Queen's family.

Daughter, niece and aunt of Queen's graduates, Agnes was raised in Winnipeg. Following her marriage, she came to Ottawa where her spirited community service has been legendary.

The Ottawa Branch has fortunately been a major beneficiary of the Agnes spirit. As a long-time member of the Branch Executive, Agnes has fostered and supported many Queen's activities. It was therefore fitting that in 1990 the Ottawa Branch paid tribute to its prominent supporter by naming this award in honour of Queen's tenth Chancellor.

## **Drs Isabel and Alfred Bader**

Isabel and Alfred Bader, devoted benefactors and friends of Queen's University.

After graduating from the University of Toronto, Isabel Overton Bader moved to England where she built a career as a teacher, co-founded a school of speech & drama and established a costume museum. Over the years, Isabel has promoted academic excellence and has remained committed to assisting students who are in financial need.

Austrian born, Alfred Bader, came to Queen's in 1941 after being held in a prisoner of war camp outside Montreal. After graduating in chemistry, he founded Aldrich Chemical Company which later became Sigma Aldrich - the world's foremost supplier of high-quality chemicals. Alfred Bader has earned a reputation not only as a business professional and chemist, but also as an in-ternationally renowned art collector, dealer and scholar of the Old Testament.

Isabel and Alfred have worked together advancing their shared ideals. They have made a profound difference, promoting academic excellence, international outreach & education, and sharing their love of 17th Century Dutch Masters.

For their time, goodwill and commitment to Queen's University and Canada, the Ottawa Branch is proud to honour the Baders as the 1996 recipients of the Agnes Benidickson Award.

## **Former Recipients**

1991 Principal David C. Smith    1992 The Hon. Mr. Justice John Matheson  
1993 Dr. John Meisel



## **PROGRAM**

### **Welcome**

*Robert Publicover, Arts'71, MPA'90  
President, Ottawa Alumni Branch*

### **Master of Ceremonies**

*Peter Milliken, Arts'68  
Member of Parliament, Kingston & The Islands*

### **A Special Presentation**

#### **A Toast to Queen's**

*Florence Campell  
Vice-Principal (Advancement), Queen's University*

#### **Grace**

*Al Hyland, Sc'61  
President, Queen's Alumni Association*

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### **A Gaelic Presentation**

#### **Introduction of Isabel & Alfred Bader**

*Anne Alper*

#### **Presentation of the 1996 Agnes Benidickson Award**

*Chancellor Emeritus, Agnes Benidickson &  
Robert Publicover*

#### **Remarks**

*Drs Isabel & Alfred Bader*

#### **Closing**



**The Mission Statement of  
Alumni Association of  
Queen's University**

*To reach out and foster a lifelong association with Queen's; to engage our members in the life and work of the University; and to serve the alumni community in all its diversity.*

**Agnes Benidickson Award Dinner  
Organizing Committee 1996**

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BARRISTER AT LAW

June 18, 1996

Personal

Mr. William C. Leggett  
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Dear Mr. Leggett:

I am in receipt of your letter of June 13th, which purports to reply to my letter to you of May 2nd. I find your response to my concerns completely unsatisfactory, given its bland, studied avoidance of the issues. You seem to have missed the point of my earlier letter entirely.

The article in the Alumni Review which called for the overturning of the binding terms of the "Project Green Tree Fund" did so on the basis of a series of demonstrably (and grossly) false assertions. Surprisingly, you appear to be unconcerned about the propagation of those falsehoods - as long as they serve the purpose, which you apparently endorse wholeheartedly, of openly disregarding the explicit terms established by the Tree Fund's creators. Your observations that "many individuals have responded to the invitation to comment" and that, aside from me, "there has been to date unanimous support for broadening and changing the scope of the terms and conditions of the Project" are as irrelevant as they are inane. In fact, your reference to "the Project" is imprecise. At issue is not a reconstituted Project Green, but the "Project Green Tree Fund," an established capital trust account which is subject to fixed, binding terms - terms which Queen's University agreed to uphold in perpetuity as a condition of the Tree Fund's creation. You now propose to renege on that agreement by violating the established terms.

It is patently absurd for you to cite the views of those responding to the Review article as if they are in any way meaningful. Of course people will support changing the terms of a fund which has been mischaracterized as egregiously as the Tree Fund was in the Review article. What did you expect? By error or by design, Ms. Perkins set up a 'straw man' and people responded accordingly. Who wouldn't be in favor of amending the terms of a trust fund if the expendable monies earned by that fund were, through sloppy drafting of the fund's terms, unavailable for any use whatsoever? But, contrary to the Review article's assertion, that is NOT true of the Tree Fund, as you would have noticed if you had read my letter more carefully. Similarly, Ms. Perkins doubtlessly got many alumni "on side" by asserting that the Tree Fund restricted monies which were donated by alumni for other or broader purpose. That assertion could only have the effect of inflaming alumni sentiments

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and producing, as if on cue, the chorus of assent you point to with such weighty importance. The trouble is that the assertion is utterly untrue.

The "unanimous support" you cite as authority is meaningless for two distinct reasons. First and foremost, it is meaningless because it was, either by incompetence or by a conscious desire to mislead on the part of the Review article's author, generated by a series of patently false premises. Secondly, it is meaningless because it is not open to anyone - not Ms. Perkins, not you, and not even alumni generally - to overturn the Tree Fund's binding terms. The Project Green Tree Fund was bequested to Queen's University on condition that its terms be honored in perpetuity. The University Administration and the AMS approved of those terms and of that condition. As long as the Tree Fund is operating according to its creators' design (i.e. generating interest monies to cover the purchase cost of new trees), it is not legally or ethically proper for the University to overturn the Tree Fund's terms. Neither the University nor alumni-at-large have the right to substitute their opinion for the clearly expressed judgement of the Tree Fund's creators - a judgement which was formally accepted by the University in 1980. It is irrelevant that you, or any other assemblage of individuals, want to use the money for other purposes, like shrubs or flowers. If you try to convert the Tree Fund to your own purposes, you will be wrongfully subverting the Tree Fund, contravening the explicit terms governing its creation and operation, disregarding the clearly expressed wishes of its creators, and, in effect, perpetrating a theft. If you do so on the "strength" of Ms. Perkins' fallacious mischaracterization of the Tree Fund, you will also be perpetrating a fraud. The Tree Fund was not created to be "an effective response to the limited resources of the Physical Plant" department, as you suggest. Trees are expensive, and there will always be a need for new trees as long as Queen's has a campus. That is what the Tree Fund exists to provide. Other needs should be met through other measures. If shrubs and flowers are a current planting priority on campus, then you should pay for them through the "Alumni Memorial Landscaping Account" - a wholly separate account from the "Project Green Tree Fund" and one which is not subject to the Tree Fund's stringent terms.

I am appalled that you would support the unnecessary and improper overturning of the binding terms of a trust fund - terms which were explicitly embraced by the University Administration as perpetual and irrevocable. I am even more appalled that you would persist in that insupportable course of action after being apprised by me of the facts. Either you did not read my letter, or you did not understand it, or you simply do not care. Whichever may be the case, your expression of "thanks" for my "commitment and loyalty" rings hollow to my ears. If you persist in the improper plan to overturn the Tree Fund's mandatory terms, and if you further aggravate that wrongful course of action by fraudulently "justifying" it on the basis of a grossly fallacious article in the Review, you will be saying that the "commitment and loyalty" of alumni actually mean nothing to you or to Queen's. You will be saying that the explicitly

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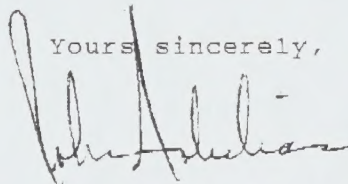


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stated wishes of donors mean nothing to you, even when said wishes were formally accepted by your predecessors, and that agreements made today can and will be brushed aside on a whim tomorrow. If you choose to send such a message, the consequence will be that neither I, nor any member of my family, nor, if I can help it, any of my clients will ever donate or bequest one red cent to Queen's University. I can assure you that in such an eventuality that commitment, at least, will be irrevocably observed in perpetuity.

I urge you to reconsider your irresponsible course of action and not make a mockery of the work my colleagues and I did in creating the Tree Fund. Otherwise, please be advised that I hereby request to be apprised of whatever rights I may have as an alumni (and as the effective "donor" of the trust fund), to contest, grieve, or appeal the matter through University administrative procedures or University Senate hearings.

Yours sincerely,



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The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry should be supported by a valid receipt or invoice. This ensures that the financial statements are reliable and can be audited without issue.

Furthermore, it is noted that the accounting system should be updated regularly to reflect any changes in the business's operations. This includes recording new assets, liabilities, and income. Consistent updates are crucial for providing a clear picture of the company's financial health at any given time.

In addition, the document highlights the need for transparency in financial reporting. All stakeholders, including investors and creditors, have a right to know the true financial position of the organization. Therefore, it is essential to disclose all relevant information, including any potential risks or uncertainties.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_