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FEATURED WINEGARD SPEAKER: Dr. Olive Dickason

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The United Nations' General Assembly declared 1993 the International Year of the World's Indigenous Peoples. Conscious of the need to improve the economic, social and cultural circumstances of the world's indigenous peoples, the UN decided in 1994 to devote the remainder of the decade to strengthening international cooperation to find solutions to problems faced by indigenous peoples. It is therefore appropriate that this year the University of Guelph's first Visiting Winegard Professor is Dr. Olive Dickason.

Dr. Dickason - Professor Emeritus from the University of Alberta, politician, historian, Supreme Court legal challenger and Order of Canada recipient - will be giving a public lecture on Thursday, October 24th at 2:00pm in UC 103. Titled "The Role and Importance of Treaties for Amerindian Societies," the speech will be followed by a public reception in the University Club, located on the 5th floor of the UC. Dr. Dickason, author of *The Myth of the Savage* and *Canada's First Nations: A History of Founding Peoples from Earliest Times* will be at the university for the week of October 21-25, speaking in various classes and meeting with undergraduate and graduate students in the College of Social Science and the College of Arts.

Each year the Winegard professorship, named after the former president of the University and funded by alumni, rotates among the University colleges. This year departments from the College of Social Science have had the opportunity to invite five distinguished scholars to visit the University and address the unifying theme "Social Science and Public Policy in a Restructuring Society." The 1996/97 Winegard Visiting Professors are: Dr. Olive Dickason (anthropology and sociology), Bob Ray (political studies), Dr. Warran Moran (geography) and Dr. Julian Barling (psychology). Former Ontario Premier Bob Ray, will give the next public lecture. He will be visiting the University during the week of January 20-25th, 1997.