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Last June a proposal of the Zoology Landscape Committee was brought forward to the Arboretum Committee with the concept of creating a naturalistic landscape around the Ramsay Wright Zoological Laboratories. Details of the project were outlined including the positive environmental impact, the concern for safety, etc. At that time, approval was given to proceed with the south east corner of the building. However, no budget was provided.

Since then a great deal of work has gone into this project by members of our department on our own and in collaboration with the University Grounds Department and School of Landscape Architecture. Some of the highlights of this work include a plant rescue from Altona Forest last September where a number of plants were obtained. For U. of T. Day in October, we had a tree planting ceremony and since then we have been working with the Landscape Architecture class to help us create a design and the drawing and three dimensional model being presented.

We are now at the stage where we would like to put the design in place. However, we cannot do this without financial backing. We have applied to two organizations for funding - Tree Canada for \$500.00 and The Evergreen Foundation, School Naturalization Project for \$500.00. To date we have not heard from either of these organizations. We have also received \$750.00 in donations. A listing of our expenses has been attached. We estimate that the labour and materials for this project should cost \$15,000.

We are excited and optimistic about this project in many ways. We look forward to having an environment surrounding our building that we can enjoy and feel comfortable with philosophically. As it is intended for the entire community to enjoy, we also hope that it will encourage others to recognize and adopt the concepts incorporated in this type of landscaping. With this in mind, we ask that you approve of this project and recommend the financial support necessary to make it a success.

Zoology Landscape Committee

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