

## QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY

# Grad gives alma mater British castle

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KINGSTON, Ont. — A Queen's University graduate has given the institution \$11.84 million to purchase a historic 93-hectare estate in England, the university said Wednesday.

Alfred and Isabel Bader want the Herstmonceux Estate — which used to house the Royal Greenwich Observatory — to be used as an international study centre, said university official Dick Bowman.

"Since the European Economic Community is now a reality, I think Mr. Bader felt it would be

good for the university to be poised to take advantage of the international activities in that part of the world," said Bowman.

Bader, who lives in Milwaukee, got undergraduate engineering and arts degrees as well as his masters in engineering from Queens in the 1940s, Bowman said.

"He has an affection and an enthusiasm for the university, it gave him a special start in life when he was fresh to North America from Europe.

"He's given the university other things. He's an international art collector and has donated paint-

ings as well as significant monies over the past several years."

Bader is the former chair of the board of Sigma-Aldrich Corp., a St. Louis, Mo.-based biochemical and organic products holding company, Bowman said.

The Sussex property, about 100 kilometres south of London, includes a 140-room, 15th-century moated castle.

It also houses about 6,224 square metres of modern office and laboratory facilities.

The university's senate will decide exactly what the estate will be used for within the next few months.



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