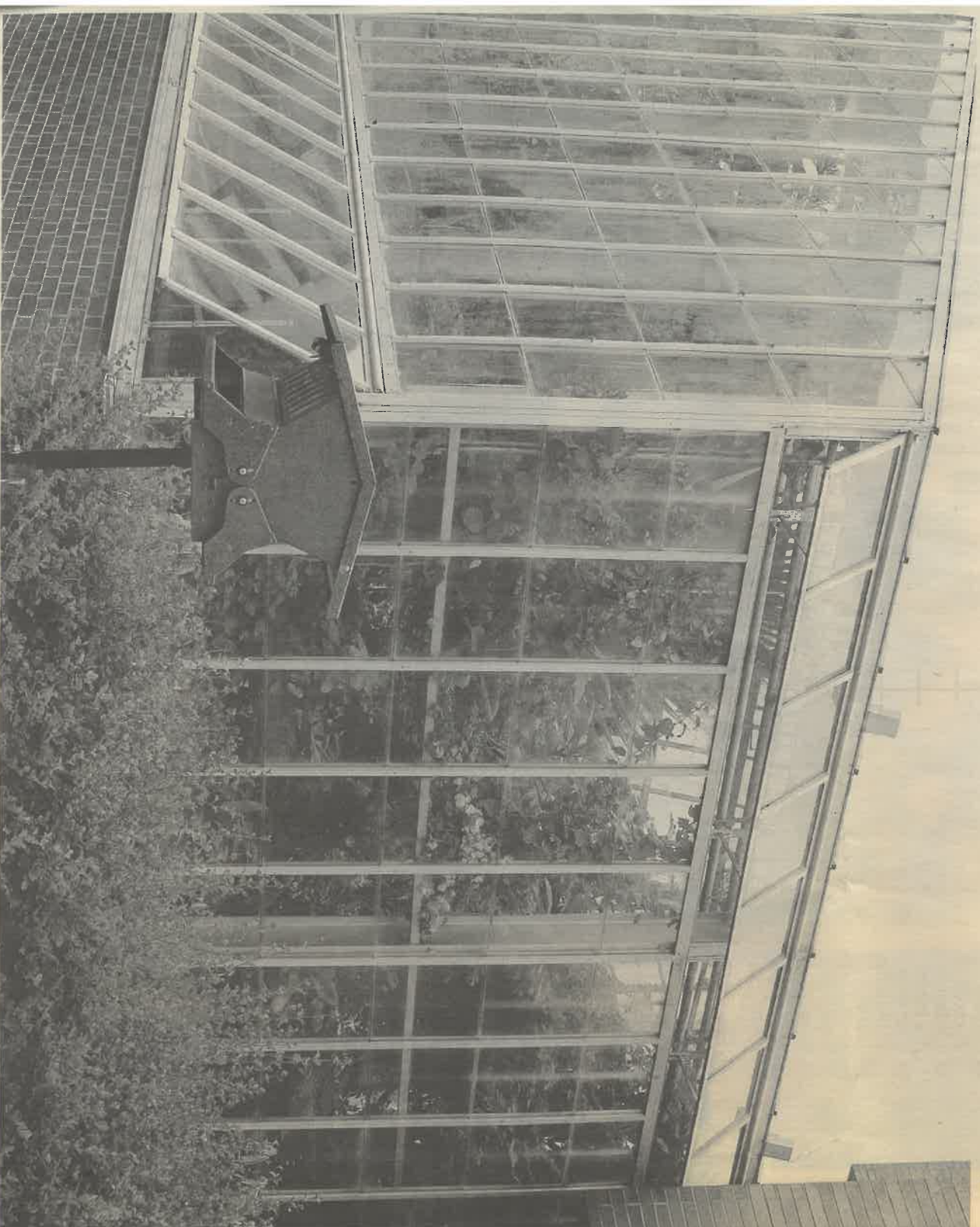


FIVE WORTH THE DRIVE

SOME CAMPUUS JOYS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT

Join the thousands heading back to campus this week — but forget early morning lectures, all-night essays, nerve-racking exams or costly tuition. *Peter Johansen* found these credit-worthy campus exhibits, and reached most of them the way students do. By public transit.



NESSBITT GREENHOUSES, CARLETON UNIVERSITY

Carleton's two display greenhouses are widely known for their annual butterfly exhibit, this year beginning Oct. 3. But if it's plants you're after, beat the rush: visit sooner. The publicly accessible space, part of the country's premier university

greenhouse undertaking, displays such exotic species as the towering floss silk tree. Exotic varieties hail from far-flung places: the West Indies, Africa, Korea and Brazil.

They range from tiny duckweed to the large sun and sand hibiscus, native to Australia. You might learn that fruits are categorized according to how the

plant's ovaries ripen and read posters of scientific studies about things like root suberin load.

The greenhouses were even the scene of a murder — fortunately in the 2003 feature film *Posers*.

Hours: Weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Extra credit: The university's two-story art gallery, located in the St. Patrick's Building, show-

cases cutting-edge Canadian art. It is to reopen Sept. 25 with an exhibit honouring murdered and missing aboriginal women.

Getting there: The campus, located at Bronson and Sunnyside avenues, is served by OC Transpo routes 4, 7, 107, 111 and the O-Train. The greenhouse is at the corner of University Drive and Raven Road.