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Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Imagine being challenged as a student to engage constructively in dealing with current issues related to life on this planet, such as exploring possible ways of recovering damaged coral reefs or mangrove forests. Throughout his career at Trent, Professor Michael Berrill has set these sorts of goals for his students, in courses like Marine Ecology in the 21st Century. He has guided his students to think critically and creatively in the application of their knowledge of biology, and many of them have gone on to make a difference in society.

Since he arrived at Trent in 1968, Michael Berrill has taught students in courses ranging from Evolution and Introductory Biology to Animal Behaviour and Marine Ecology. He has mentored many students in their honours theses or graduate studies, and has carried out research on questions of importance to conservation biology, most recently around amphibian declines and the challenges of marine ecosystems.

On the occasion of his retirement, and in recognition of the important role Michael has played at Trent University, the Department of Biology has initiated the **Michael Berrill Scholarship in Conservation Biology**, which will be awarded to an outstanding student who has demonstrated a commitment to conservation issues. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 to create an endowed fund that will provide a \$1,000 annual scholarship. We hope you will join us in paying tribute to Michael's accomplishments by pledging your support for this scholarship.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Kapron
Chair, Department of Biology

Neil Emery
Director, Environmental and Life
Sciences Graduate Program

PS: All donations will receive a full tax receipt. Please send your gift today in support of Michael's retirement (on May 29, 2009). Donations may be made using the enclosed pledge form or online at: www.trentu.ca/givingtotrent/donate.php