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In the December 4 edition of the *Toronto Star*, Professor Miriam Smith of Political Studies, is quoted in the article "Murder scarred their world," written to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the Montreal Massacre. Prof. Smith was among the contributors to a Carleton University student newspaper, which published a memorial issue in 1990. This *Toronto Star* article examines the contributors' thoughts on violence against women "then and now".



The October 24 edition of *Le Devoir* ran an article "Le Canada tarde à se défendre contre les OGM" based on a report co-authored by Professor Peter Andrée of the Environmental and Resources Studies program. The report reviews the government's response to the 58 critical recommendations of the Royal Society of Canada's Expert Panel on the Future of Food Biotechnology.

University opens doors to Native lodgings

By Lynn Gehl
The opening of a new academic space for a series of lodgings and guest projects marked the grand opening of Trent University's new building, University of the North.

In the November 2004 edition of *Anishinabek News*, Trent graduate student Lynn Gehl wrote about the opening, and the many attributes, of Peter Gzowski College and the First Peoples House of Learning. The publication features a photo of the Enweying Building along with a photo of Spiderwomen Theater – the trio whose performance officially opened the First Peoples House of Learning performance space in October.

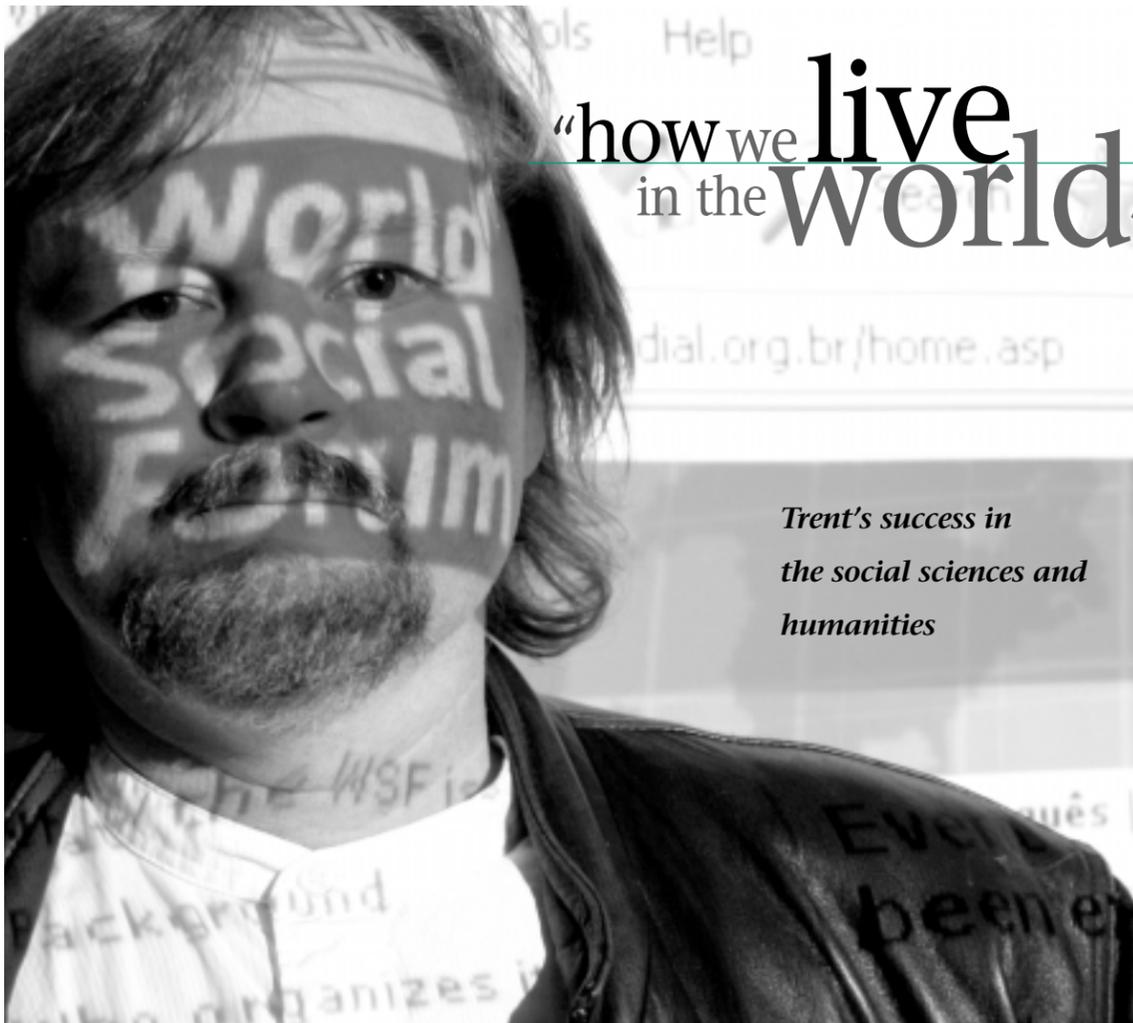
The article "Tops in Ontario" in November's issue of *Canadian Business* magazine notes Peterborough as a centre for new business investment and mentions Trent University in relation to the Greater Peterborough Region DNA Cluster. ©

POLITICS. GENDER. CITIZENSHIP. Culture. Personal experience. Context. Imagination. Understanding. What would our lives be without these concepts and the discussions they inspire?

"The world would be unimaginable – and I mean this literally – without the frameworks of thought and perspectives bestowed to us by the legions of researchers in the social sciences and humanities," says Dr. Winnie Lem, professor of International Development Studies at Trent University. Prof. Lem is one of several Trent researchers successful in attracting grants from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) this year. In total, Trent University was the recipient of close to half a million dollars in SSHRC funding in 2004 alone, contributing to Trent's place as "Research University of the Year" for the second year in a row.

This is the funding that fuels the scrupulous research behind academic papers, conferences and books, many of which might appear to remain in the academic arena but, in fact, shape everything from government policy and worldwide media commentary to dinner table discussions in the homes of average Canadians. Be they the topics of headline news or enduring metaphysical questions, these are subjects close to the heart and the intellect, and often close to the bone as well. Inquiries in the social sciences and humanities make up a significant portion of the research activities at all universities, and especially at Trent.

The research of Prof. Lem provides an apt example. Her work focuses on Franco-Chinese transmigrants – migrants from east and south-east Asia and how they make a living in Europe. With a focus on citizenship, national and transnational relations as they apply to Chinese immigrants in Europe, Prof. Lem sees her work connecting to debates the world over. "In the context of Europe and the efforts that are being made to create borderless countries within the European Union, vigorous debates exist over the



Trent's success in
the social sciences and
humanities

Dr. Mark Neufeld

kinds of policies that should be in place over admitting or excluding migrants," she says. "The research is directly connected to the many debates that are taking place over immigration both in civil society and in the circles of government."

Another Trent professor whose work is connecting with global political issues is Political Science professor Dr. Mark Neufeld. His research investigates whether the

globalization movement provoked more questions than answers.

And questioning is at the heart of the matter. Especially for Dr. Julia Harrison, Anthropology professor and chair of Women's Studies at Trent University. Her current research sees her posing a lot of questions – and doing a lot of listening – as she gathers qualitative data on the meaning of the Ontario cottage experience. "At

will have been informed by the work of Prof. Harrison.

Present and future implications always have connections to the past and, in two separate research projects, the medieval past is playing a large role. A member of the History department at Trent, Dr. Fiona Harris-Stoertz is looking at pregnancy and childbirth in the high Middle Ages, a subject which touches the

hot button topics of the medicalization of pregnancy, breastfeeding, abortion, and birth control. English professor Dr. Joanne Findon's medieval focus puts her in touch with the sometimes controversial biblical figure of Mary Magdalene. Prof. Findon's research zeros in on a late medieval play where the pivotal role of Mary Magdalene reflects issues around women's speech

and popular medieval romance.

If a literary work can tell us much about the morals and values of a certain time and place,

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Dr. Winnie Lem



Dr. Suzanne Bailey



Dr. Julia Harrison



Dr. Fiona Harris-Stoertz

"so-called 'anti-globalization movement' is transforming itself into a less ad-hoc, more organized political force for change." A hot topic, indeed. Having taught a full term on globalization in his first-year Introduction to Politics course, Prof. Neufeld found that discussions of the anti-

the broadest level, I am prompted to try to understand why one cottager would emphatically say to me, 'my cottage is everything,'" she says. Far into the future, what people come to understand about the nature of the cottage experience and its emotional context in 20th and 21st century Canada

leading by example

Second-year student named National Aboriginal Role Model

AS THE ONLY STUDENT in his high-school graduating class who continued on to university, Robby Qammaniq, of Arctic Bay, Nunavut, hoped he would be a role model. Little did he know it would take on an official capacity.

Mr. Qammaniq, a second-year biology and anthropology student, was selected as one of this year's 12 national Aboriginal role models, in a program hosted by the National Aboriginal Health Organization and funded by Health Canada. Mr. Qammaniq was nominated for the position by Arctic Bay's Youth Consulting, a non-profit organization with which he volunteered.

As a role model, Mr. Qammaniq will visit Aboriginal communities to tell his story in the hopes of encouraging and inspiring other Aboriginal youth. His main message, he says, encourages youth to pursue post-secondary education. As recently as the summer, Mr. Qammaniq spoke to grade seven to 12 students from Arctic Bay.

"I hope I inspired some to go to university," says Mr. Qammaniq, adding that he believes staying in school offers opportunities that may not exist in some Aboriginal communities.

"I had to move on in life," he says of his own decision to attend university. "If I had stayed (in Arctic Bay) there were no jobs, and college there is limited."

But that doesn't mean he won't be going back. Mr. Qammaniq is working toward becoming a medical doctor, and intends to serve the Inuit, traveling throughout the territory. Enrolled in Trent's Bachelor of Science program, his goal is to overcome the communication barriers that exist in current health care. Mr. Qammaniq, fluent in Inuktitut, says he has never encountered a doctor who could speak the language. He aspires to become one of the first Inuk doctors. As a student, Mr. Qammaniq was employed at the Arctic Bay health centre and based his career choice on the many positive experiences had working with nurses and the patients there.

"I want to help people stay healthy and help children not be afraid to go to the health centre," says Mr. Qammaniq, who is the eldest of seven children, of which he is the only son.

In the meantime, Mr. Qammaniq is busy with his studies and his fellow students. He also sings in the St. John's Anglican Church choir.



Robby Qammaniq

And speaking of role models, Mr. Qammaniq credits much of his success to date to his parents, who he says helped to make him

a strong individual who could "stand up" on his own. ☺

To read more about the role model program, visit www.naho.ca

Social Sciences and Humanities Research *continued from page 1.*



Dr. Joanne Findon

Dr. Suzanne Bailey of the department of English is wondering what other secrets can be unlocked, in this case, through the poetry of nineteenth century poet Robert Browning. She is interested in exploring what the poet's later career can tell us about aging and the final stages of the creative artist's career.



Dr. Lynne Davis

Language and culture are defining attributes of the human experience and if anyone knows this, it's Dr. Lynne Davis of Trent's Native Studies department. As principal investigator on the Alliances Project, she is looking at the relationships of Aboriginal peoples to social movement organizations. With an interest in social justice, women, labour,

environmental groups and Aboriginal self-determination, the three-year study "will examine what works well in relationships, what tensions exist and how they are negotiated, and what lessons people have learned from entering into coalitions and alliances," says Prof. Davis. "As the principal investigator, it is my responsibility to ensure that what people have shared is disseminated widely to others who can learn from their experiences."

As Prof. Harrison says, "Life is about what we study in the social sciences and humanities. To improve the world we live in requires an in-depth understanding of how we all live in the world." ☺

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) is an arm's-length federal agency that promotes and supports university-based research and training in the social sciences and humanities. Created by an act of Parliament in 1977, SSHRC is governed by a 22-member Council that reports to Parliament through the Minister of Industry.

Trent named "Research University of the Year" Ranks #1 in primarily undergraduate category for second year in a row

A national survey ranking Canada's innovation leaders has named Trent University Research University of the Year for 2004, ranking Trent number one in comparison with other primarily undergraduate universities nationwide.

The results were released in November from Research Infosource, an independent company which bases its rankings on a combination of factors. Half the points were awarded based on financial indicators: total sponsored research income, research income per full-time faculty position, and research income per full-time graduate student. The other half was based on the number of publications per full-time faculty.

Based on these measures, Trent University remained at the top of the undergraduate category for the second consecutive year.

"This is further evidence that Trent faculty and students continue to do outstanding research," said Dr. James Parker, Associate Vice President of Research at Trent University. "We only lead in our category because we are world class in all disciplines."

Trent University President Bonnie Patterson lauded the faculty who generate so much research activity. "Trent faculty should take a bow for bringing this honour to the University for the second year in a row," said President Patterson. "It is their focus on innovation and their desire to advance knowledge in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences that creates an atmosphere rife with new ideas and discovery here at Trent. One of the benefits is that this activity directly touches Trent students, who contribute to the research process themselves, and the community." ☺

phase one of athletics master plan proceeds

Vision responds to students' needs, builds new partnerships

A MULTI-PHASE PLAN to expand Trent's athletics facilities will serve students, community members and community partners and provide a financially viable solution to upgrade the University's athletics infrastructure.

The first phase of the plan, approved by Trent's Board of Governors in November 2004, builds on the excellent programs and services developed over three decades by founding director of athletics Paul Wilson.

The expansion plan is based on two years of input, research and planning involving students, student clubs and groups, Trent committees, community sport organizations and the community at large.

Most recently, a group of students, staff and community members visited artificial turf stadiums at several Ontario universities as part of the expansion plan research. And in an October 2004 referendum, 87 per cent of the students who voted, supported the expansion of athletic facilities at Trent. They agreed that all full-time undergraduate students will pay \$50 per year to fund the athletics master plan.

"The existing Athletics Complex was built 27 years ago at a time when Trent's student population was approximately 2,000 students," said Bill Byrick, Director of Athletics. "With a current student population in excess of 7,000, there is extensive pressure on all athletic facilities, in particular the playing fields. As our campus has evolved, the greatest growth has taken place on the east bank. One feature of this plan will create new capacity on the east bank to respond to this growth." He stressed that the approved development will have no impact on the nature areas.

The Facilities and Site Development Master Plan focuses on two phases. With the approval of phase one, construction will begin in the spring of 2005 and include the installation of a new artificial turf on the west bank for completion by August 2005. This upgraded field will include new lighting, entrance and fencing, landscaping and a new recreational track. Bleacher seating for 1,000 will be completed for the 2006 season.

The east bank will see the construction of two new natural turf fields and a new softball diamond off of Pioneer Road, that will be ready for use in



Athletics Director Bill Byrick examines an artificial turf sample on the site that will be home to Trent's new stadium.

August 2006. In addition, a new outdoor covered pavilion, the size of a basket ball court, will be constructed to service year-round campus recreation activities, and new outdoor recreation equipment will be purchased. Phase one of the master plan is valued at \$2,161,000 and is supported by the student levy and fund raising. Revenue generation through rental of sports fields as well as developing a reserve fund to cover the replacement of the turf in 15 years.

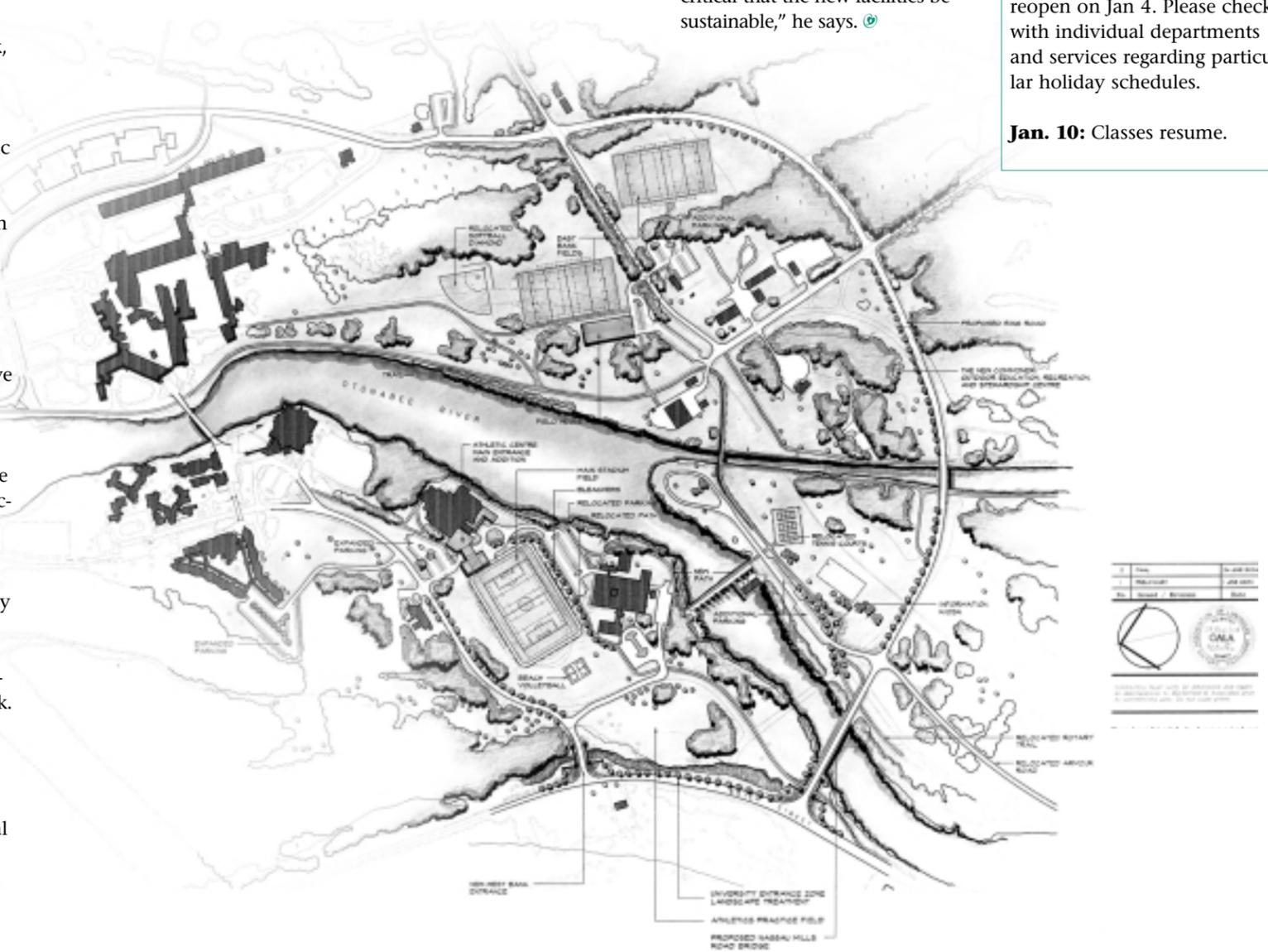
Phase two of the plan is based on a longer-term vision

for improving athletics facilities. This phase includes constructing an addition to the current P.S.B. Wilson Athletics Complex, creating a rock climbing wall, expanding fitness space, renovating change rooms, introducing two-team change rooms, improving access to the administrative offices, creating rental space for revenue generation, and enhancing parking, vehicle and pedestrian routes.

Students will pay their first levy and will benefit from phase one beginning in the fall of 2005. For Mr. Byrick, the rationale for developing a proposal

that has garnered such wide community support is clear. "Our intent is to improve and expand the athletic facilities to provide top quality service to Trent University students. By creating excellence in our athletic operations and creating incentives for students to come to Trent, we are creating a new sense of ownership and new partnerships with the local community."

Mr. Byrick adds that the business plan has been developed in order to ensure that Trent Athletics can both afford to build the facilities, as well as operate them for the long term. "It is critical that the new facilities be sustainable," he says. ☺



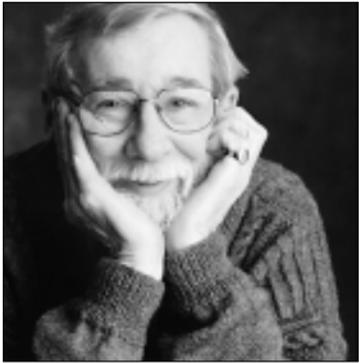
UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 13, 14, 15, 16: Advent at Trent. The Religious Affairs Committee will be conducting Advent Services Monday through Thursday at 11 a.m. Monday and Wednesday services will be in Otonabee College Room 211 and Tuesday and Thursday services will be in the PIT at Lady Eaton College. Open to all members of the Trent community regardless of their religious affiliation.

Dec. 15: Sex, Humour, God & Noise: Humanities Research Day, 2004. The papers to be given by faculty members are engaging and eclectic. You can look forward to discussions of such diverse topics as excavations on Crete, flood and famine relief in French Colonial Vietnam, American humour and Queer theory. Other papers will focus on Dante, Margaret Atwood's *Oryx and Crake*, Freud and Shakespeare, reproductive immunology, film depictions of Christ and theory of the utterance, Traill College Lecture Hall, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. Please register by calling Wendy Scammell in the Traill College office at 748-1011 ext 1736. (Lunch is included in your registration fee of \$7)

Dec. 23: University Offices Closed – from Dec 23 to Jan 3 – inclusive. The last day of operation before the break will be Dec 22 and offices will reopen on Jan 4. Please check with individual departments and services regarding particular holiday schedules.

Jan. 10: Classes resume.



- class sizes in both the 1st and 2nd as well as the 3rd and 4th year categories (ranked ninth)
- library expense (ranked ninth)
- student retention (ranked ninth)

Trent and the Rae Review

Former Ontario Premier, the Honourable Bob Rae hosted two highly successful meetings on November 22 in Peterborough as part of the Postsecondary Review process taking place across Ontario. Trent University was the location for a round table discussion where delegates from various local and regional institutions provided input. A Town Hall meeting held in the evening at Fleming College drew more than 100 participants.

Mr. Rae addressed each question and, at times, engaged in longer discussion on points of interest. Topics at the Town Hall meeting ranged from student financial assistance and preparing students for post secondary-style learning to university-college collaboration.

Trent University prepared an official submission for to the Postsecondary Review, which can be seen at <http://www.trentu.ca/news/daily/041123raereview.pdf>

Input to the Rae Review can be sent via info@raereview.on.ca

\$82,000 Raised for Peter Gzowski College

Following the enormous success of *An Evening with Peter's Friends: A celebration in support of Peter Gzowski College*, Trent University announced that the special event, featuring many of Peter Gzowski's close friends, well surpassed its goal, raising a total of \$82,000.

Susan Mackle, Trent University's vice-president (advancement), thanked sponsors, patrons, supporters, volunteers, and the many who purchased tickets for the show. Much of the event's success, she added, was thanks to event chair Glenda Hunter and her organizing committee. In total, there were 100 sponsors and supporters, 140 volunteers, and 600 ticket purchasers.

An Evening with Peter's Friends involved a who's who of familiar and up-and-coming Canadian talent alike: Susan Aglukark, Donna Bennett, Dinah Christie, Tom Cochrane, Graham Greene, Alison Gordon, John Gzowski, C. David Johnson, Molly Johnson, George Leach, John McDermott, and Shelagh Rogers.

The campaign for Peter Gzowski College continues with an overall goal of \$1.25 million. For more information, visit www.trentu.ca/gzowskicampaign

Macleans' 2004 Ranking Results

Results from the *Macleans*' 2004 rankings of Canadian universities have placed Trent University first in Canada for medical/science research funding and scholarships and bursaries as a percentage of the operating budget.

Trent placed within the top ten nationally in a number of key ranking areas:

- awards per full-time faculty (ranked third)
- social sciences and humanities research grants (ranked fifth – up from seventh last year)
- classes taught by tenured faculty (ranked sixth)
- faculty with Ph.D.s (ranked seventh)
- reputational survey (ranked seventh)
- student awards (ranked seventh)
- alumni support to the University (ranked eighth – up from ninth last year)



Futures Fund Scholarship

Fourth-year Trent University Business Administration student Riaz Kara has received a prestigious \$5,000 Futures Fund Scholarship for Outstanding Leadership from Canada's Outstanding CEO of the Year award program.

The scholarship, an education grant, and accommodation and transportation to the November 25 Awards Gala in Toronto, was awarded to 10 Canadian university business students for exemplary leadership in their academic and extra-curricular initiatives. Trent University was among the 10 schools chosen to receive the scholarship for one of its students.

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A 10-Year Decline In Spending Has Left Ontario Universities Last In Provincial Funding Per Capita.*

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A Strong Ontario Needs Strong Universities.

*Source: Council of Ontario Universities

The Ontario Government has given Bob Rae the mandate to review the design and funding of Ontario's postsecondary education system. He will be conducting public hearings and be accepting written submissions over the next few months. The universities of Ontario urge you to submit your ideas in person or in writing.

Facing Facts About University Education in Ontario.

- Ontario ranks 10th of 10 in Canada in per capita spending.
- Operating grants per student have declined 24% in 10 years.
- University student to faculty ratio is 24:1, the highest in Canada.
- Outmoded facilities and equipment are in need of maintenance and upgrades.

What can you do?

Read the Discussion Paper posted on the Rae Review's website, www.raereview.on.ca Think about how the system can be improved in accessibility, quality, system design, funding and accountability.

Take your ideas to one of the Public Town Hall Meetings or send your comments to info@raereview.on.ca

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Mr. Kara, a native of Vancouver, was chosen as the recipient by Trent's Business Administration Program because of his strong academic standing and demonstrated leadership skills.

Recognizing Academic All-Canadians

A celebration in recognition of excellence in athletics and academia saw close to 40 students recognized as Academic All-Canadians last month at Trent University. The annual awards event, hosted by the Department of Athletics and Recreation, honoured students who participate in varsity sports and achieve an academic average of 80 per cent or higher.

"These students, who have reached a level of excellence in sport and scholarly accomplishment, received well-deserved recognition," says Bill Byrick, Athletics director.

"Congratulations to these individuals. At an early stage in their lives, they've been able to achieve this healthy lifestyle balance and at the same time, distinguish themselves as leaders."



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Rower Wins National Championship

The Trent University rowing team finished its fall season in Montreal on November 6, racing at the Canadian University Rowing Championships. Eighteen

schools from across the country raced for medals in 12 events. Peter Van Rooijen of Brockville, representing Trent in the men's single, raced to a gold medal. Mr. Van Rooijen was a bronze medallist in last year's championships.

Mr. Van Rooijen is a fourth-year Business Administration student, who has represented Canada at the Under 23 World Rowing Championships for the past two years. 🏆

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