

in the NEWS

Trent's new DNA Building was featured in an article in the June 2006 edition of *Award Magazine*.

After receiving the Bora Laskin Fellowship, Political Studies professor Miriam Smith was featured in several on-line magazines including *Xtra*, *365gay.com*, and *Lifesite*.

Robert Wright, a History professor at Trent in Oshawa, wrote an article on the best available reads on the Castro regime that was featured in the Saturday, August 12 edition of *The Globe and Mail*.

On Thursday, August 17, Trent alumnus and honorary degree recipient James Orbinski appeared on *CBC Morning*.

On Friday, August 11, Trent graduate student Cynthia Kwok, was quoted in a *National Post* article discussing the new security procedures at Pearson airport.

Throughout their cross-country bike ride collecting stories about breast cancer survival, Trent graduates Alison Ellwood and Megan MacDonald were featured in several newspapers and on-line magazines, including *One80*, *the Enterprise Bulletin*, and the *Owen Sound Times*.

Trent researcher, Stuart Admiral, discussed storm patterns on the Tuesday, July 18 edition of *CHEX Newswatch*.

On Wednesday, August 30, Professor Jim Sutcliffe was interviewed on *980 CRUZ*, talking about insects and West Nile virus.

In an article in the Wheels section of the Saturday, July 29 edition of the *Toronto Star*, former Trent professor, Jamie Awe showed drivers around an ancient village in Belize. ☞



About 20 Trent University students, several faculty members and staff found themselves face-to-face with Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty on September 7, 2006 hearing first-hand the province's plans to make long-term planning easier for post-secondary institutions across Ontario.

At a special provincial announcement organized by the Office of the Premier and held at the A.J.M. Smith Conference Room in Trent University's Bata Library, Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty and the Honourable Chris Bentley, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, announced a new multi-year accountability agreement for universities and colleges. The Premier and Minister were joined at the announcement by Peterborough M.P.P. and Trent alumnus Jeff Leal, President Bonnie Patterson, students, faculty and staff.

As M.C. for the event, President Patterson warmly welcomed the provincial representatives to Trent University, noting, "We know you appreciate the distinctive mission Trent University has in Ontario and it is indeed a very special opportunity to have both the Premier and the

Minister on our campus on the same day. Our message to you is one of gratitude. We greatly appreciate how this government is determined to follow through on the important recommendations from the Rae review of post-secondary education, for the benefit of our students and Ontario's future."

The new multi-year agreement will define how funding will flow from the province to universities and colleges during the next three years. It also sets out specific accountability measures that will be used to assess the impact of investments being made to improve quality and access. The province announced that the funding allocation to colleges and universities will result in an investment of \$4 billion this year, rising to \$4.3 billion by 2008-09. A central theme of the announcement focuses on providing universities and colleges with advanced knowledge of their annual funding on a three-year planning cycle, thereby enhancing each institution's ability to complete longer-range business planning with greater certainty. Potential benefits to Trent University include resources to support new faculty hiring, educational resources for

Information Technology, the Bata Library and labs, and investments in expanded Graduate Studies programs.

During the next two months, Trent University's President's Executive Group will review details that will emerge from the multi-year accountability agreement in order to better understand the precise impact on Trent University. In addition, a series of consultations will occur throughout September and October with various groups to review the impact of the announcement, and how it relates to other planning processes underway inside the University this fall. Groups to be consulted include: Board of Governors; Faculty Board; Faculty Council; Senate; Student Senate Caucus; Executives of College and Student Governments; Extended Management; and all-staff

meetings. The announcement was attended by media from the Press Gallery and local media outlets.

The Office of the Premier selected Trent for the announcement with Minister Bentley stating, "We are blessed to be here at Trent today because you have great faculty and great leadership, and you do such wonderful work." Premier McGuinty recognized Trent's unwavering commitment to its distinctive mission – a close link between faculty and students.

A copy of the provincial announcement is available at: <http://www.premier.gov.on.ca/news/Product.asp?ProductID=756> ☞



WELCOME TO **CAMPUS LIFE...**

A NEW **ACADEMIC YEAR** BEGINS



Classes officially began on Monday, September 11, but Trent University's campuses have been buzzing with activity for weeks. Here is a look at the highlights of the launch of the 2006/2007 academic year...



Left: First-year students at Trent World Day.

2,000 New Students Arrive

On Monday, September 4 approximately 2,000 new students and transfer students arrived at Trent University to begin Introductory Seminar Week (ISW), a series of orientation activities that acclimatizes new students to the Trent environment.

Designed to make the transition to university as comfortable as possible, ISW offers new students a combination of University-wide and college-specific social events intermixed with condensed sample lectures of all first-year courses offered at Trent.

Highlights from the week included Trent World Day, a new ISW event designed to highlight Trent's cultural diversity. Throughout the day, during the IntroVillage fair, first-year students had the opportunity to participate in a number of cultural activities such as a global scavenger hunt and an international dress photo booth. Shinerama, the annual fundraising event for Cystic Fibrosis, took place on Saturday, September 9. All day long, Trent students were seen across the city shining shoes, playing music, and washing cars all for a good cause. This year, Trent students raised over \$26,000 – a new University record!

TIP Welcomes 100 Students at Camp

The Trent International Program (TIP) welcomed over 100 new students from around the world at the annual TIP Camp, held at Camp Kawartha during the first weekend in September.

TIP campers this year included exceptional

students from China, Japan, the Caribbean, the Americas, and Africa. Over the course of the weekend, the new international students got their first experience of Canada along with an introduction to the University. The Camp also provided students with their first experience canoeing or swimming in a natural lake.

"TIP Camp 2006 will be remembered for a long time!" said TIP Director Michael Allcott. "We had great geographical diversity--with people coming from all corners of the earth. Based on the spirit of the camp, I think we can count on seeing some outstanding student leaders emerge, who will have much to teach and share with us over the next few years."

90 New Faculty

Trent University welcomes approximately 90 new faculty members for the 2006/2007 academic year, including 22 new tenure-track faculty and 70 sessional faculty. Tenured faculty include specialists in a variety of disciplines including: Dr. Nikolai Dokuchaev in Mathematics, Dr. Peri Ballantyne in Sociology, and Dr. Lewis McLeod in English. Sessional faculty, including Andy Mitchell, former MP and cabinet minister from Perry Sound-Muskoka and new President and CEO of the Greater Peterborough



Area Economic Development Corporation, will teach at the University for 12 months or less.

Nursing and School of Ed Move to Symons

This summer, the Trent-Fleming School of Nursing and the School of Education and Professional Learning both moved to the Symons campus from their former location at Gzowski at Argyle.

The School of Nursing is now located in the Science Complex and the School of Education and Professional Learning is in Otonabee College.

New Website

Trent University launched its new website on August 28. The redesign was undertaken in order to shift the focus of the website to communicating with external clients of the University, including prospective students, faculty, staff, and supporters. This shift was important because of the crucial role the institution's website plays in conveying the quality of the academic and research environment at Trent. The site was also redesigned to more effectively highlight and promote Trent's diverse services, such as athletics and first-rate conference facilities.

Exciting new features of the redesigned website include: navigation based on the needs of the visitor; pathways allowing users to find information quickly; main navigation present on every page to ensure users know where they are at all times; different beauty shots of campus and student life with every visit to the home page; and a new video, *The Trent Experience*.

Visit www.trentu.ca to see the new website for yourself!



Improved Technology for Students

Students who are returning to Trent this fall or coming to campus for the first time, are experiencing many technological upgrades. In conjunction with the new Trent website, a new and improved myTrent was unveiled as a digital one-stop shop for on-line services for students and employees at Trent University.

The new myTrent for students is a blending of existing and new services together inside a single, consistent and easy-to-use interface. Highlights include: a new targeted news service, allowing students to access messages targeted specifically to them by College, academic level, and location; the convenience

of a single password for all on-line services; and easy access to service request forms. Students are able to access the new myTrent from more places on campus than ever before, thanks to an upgrade of AirTrent – the on-campus wireless network for students. AirTrent is now available in all cafeterias and student common rooms on the Symons campus.

In addition to campus-wide upgrades, students living in residence are benefiting from

a new partnership between the University and Peterborough Utilities Inc. and Nexicom. Peterborough Utilities Inc. has replaced 40 year-old telephone wiring in over 1,000 residence

rooms on the Symons campus, resulting in more reliable Internet service that is 20 times faster than the high speed connections most people have in their homes. In addition, Nexicom has provided a new phone service to all residence rooms giving students access to the latest technology of Voice Over IP, a phone that works over the Internet. ☎



Left: TIP Camp 2006.

COMING HOME: ALUMNI HOUSE OPENS IN CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE



Tony Storey, director of Alumni Affairs at Trent, has come home to Champlain College.

Mr. Storey first came to Champlain as an undergrad 35 years ago, arriving on campus riding his Honda 90. Now, over three decades later, Mr. Storey has returned to Champlain, leading the Alumni Association in its relocation to the former Master's Lodge at the College.

"In many ways, it is like a homecoming for me," Mr. Storey said in a recent interview from his new office nestled beside an interior courtyard. It is also a homecoming for another Alumni Association staff member, Kathleen Easson, who has returned to Champlain after being an undergrad here 28 years ago.

Trent University's much-anticipated new Alumni House officially opened in August as the Alumni Association moved its headquarters back to the Symons Campus after seven

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years in Langton House on the Traill College campus. The move marks the accomplishment of a long-time goal for the Alumni Association.

"It has been, for about a decade, a major goal to have a visible headquarters on the Symons Campus," Mr. Storey said, adding that, in a 2003 on-line survey, over 70 per cent of alumni recommended the development of such of a house. In looking towards the future of the Association in their new home, however, Mr. Storey is also eager to pay homage to the past, and especially the time spent at Traill.

"We loved our time at Traill and we will be sure to bring the values of that college community and exercise them here," he said.

This connection to the past can be seen as a theme for the new Alumni House, which Mr. Storey likes to describe as a "living museum" that pays tribute to former Trent students as well as to the history of the Lodge itself. It is the vision of Alumni House to boost awareness of the Alumni Association, and to recognize the important role alumni play in a thriving university environment, all in a space that showcases the work of Trent master architect, Ron Thom.

Through the reassignment of the Master's Lodge into Alumni House, the building will be restored to its original splendor. The courtyard garden will be transformed into a feature garden and a place for reflection. A separate patio will allow for al fresco dining with

a view of the river. Alumni House will also provide high quality accommodation for visiting scholars, alumni-in-residence, and university visitors, working to continue the college tradition of enriching university life through the day-to-day, residential participation of distinguished scholars and alumni.

In addition, Alumni House will work to benefit the entire University community through collaborations with various departments and programs, including the Continuing Education Department, which will use the dining area for much-needed teaching space, and the Seasoned Spoon, who will use available kitchen facilities for baking. Alumni House will also

be used as a meeting space for workshops, seminars and other social gatherings.

The renovations to Alumni House are being funded solely through alumni donations. To date, \$145,000 in gifts and pledges has been raised towards a total goal of \$250,000.

"It is my hope that, when all of the improvements have been completed, people will come here and have a special experience," Mr. Storey said. "Everyone who comes through our doors will help contribute to the mission of strengthening Trent's reputation as a great institution." ❧



A fresh, in-depth, and modern look at one of the world's greatest archaeological mysteries is among nine Trent research projects to be given a boost from a recent \$597,833 funding infusion from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC).

Dr. Gyles Iannone, a professor in the department of Anthropology at Trent, will dedicate his \$173,500 SSHRC research grant towards a continuing study of the reasons behind the infamous "collapse" of the ancient Maya civilization. It is important research that, according to Dr. Iannone, would not be able to continue without the support of SSHRC.

"Archaeology, by necessity, is an expensive endeavour – even more so in our case, wherein we are trying to excavate and map large portions of an ancient city and its surroundings," said Dr. Iannone. "This type of research requires large numbers of people, lots of equipment, tons of food, vans, tractors etc. Without the SSHRC support, there is no way that we could effectively

TRENT RESEARCHERS RECEIVE OVER HALF A MILLION IN SSHRC GRANTS

tackle a big problem such as the ancient Maya collapse."

Another Trent researcher to receive a significant grant is Dr. Steven Tufts, an assistant professor in the department of Geography. Dr. Tufts will utilize the SSHRC funds to explore the links between specific geographies of strategic corporate research and the revitalization of union organizing, collective bargaining, and political action.

By surveying union research officers from across Canada, he hopes to be able to map how and where this corporate research is carried out in organizations.

"I believe this research will contribute to Trent's rich liberal arts and humanities tradition that takes social justice issues seriously," said Dr. Tufts. "Trent also has a strong history of labour studies research on which this project will build."

Trent researchers are not the only ones to benefit from the SSHRC funding. Trent students, both undergraduate and graduate, also benefit through opportunities to participate in these various research projects. Dr. Marit Munson, a professor of Anthropology at Trent, who will use SSHRC funds to continue a study of rock art at two ancient Pueblo Villages in New Mexico, will also employ several student researchers in order to

gain a clearer picture of the role of religion in ancient Pueblo political and social organization.

"Trent students are involved throughout this research project," explained Dr. Munson. "Some will work with archival materials, learning new research skills. Others will gain valuable hands-on experience in the field. The students who travel to New Mexico with me are also introduced to a whole new landscape and culture. They will learn how to record and analyze rock art, and they will get a chance to experience Southwestern archaeology first-hand – some will even learn the joys of tortillas and chiles for breakfast!"

The funding from the SSHRC was part of an \$81 million Standard Research Grants announcement, which aims to support essential research on a wide range of topics and to train a new generation of Canadians for careers in research, as well as in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors. The overall SSHRC investment is supporting 969 research projects at 70 universities and colleges across Canada. ❧

A complete list of researchers at Trent to receive SSHRC funding is as follows:

- **Dr. Dimitry Anastakis, History, \$15,501:** *Auto Continent: Consolidating the Borderless North American Auto Industry, 1971-1995*
- **Dr. Antonio Cazorla-Sanchez, History, \$40,008:** *Fear and Progress: A Social History of Franco's Spain, 1939-1975*
- **Dr. Finis Dunaway, History, \$39,007:** *Imagining Environmentalism: Nature and the Culture of Images in 1970s America*
- **Dr. Gyles Iannone, Anthropology, \$173,509:** *Community Response to Dramatic Political Change: A Case Study from the Ancient Maya Centre of Minanha, Belize*
- **Dr. Marit Munson, Anthropology, \$55,408:** *Rock Art, Religion, and Politics in the Late Prehistoric Galisteo Basin, New Mexico*
- **Dr. Davide Panagia, Cultural Studies, \$98,164:** *The Viewing Subject: A Genealogy of Political Reflection*
- **Dr. David Sheinin, History, \$64,013:** *The Last Champions: Boxing, Violence, and Political Cultures in Argentina, 1963-1988*
- **Dr. Jacqueline Solway, International Development Studies, \$48,915:** *Democracy as a Lived Experience: Governance and the Livestock Industry in Botswana*
- **Dr. Steven Tufts, Geography, \$63,308:** *Geographies of Union Strategic Corporate Research and the Renewal of Organized Labour in Canada* ❧



International Indigenous Theatre Festival at Trent

An International Indigenous Theatre Festival will begin its cross-country Canadian tour in Peterborough on September 20. Honouring Theatre is a tri-nation agreement to foster and support a triple bill tour of authentic Indigenous theatre. Touring over three years, Honouring Theatre shares Indigenous stories with Canada, Australia and Samoa, promoting the premiere Indigenous theatre companies from each nation. Peterborough is the first stop on the tour. The productions for 2006 are: Annie Mae's Movement [Native Earth]; Franglipani Perfume [Makerita Urale]; and the 2003 Patrick White Award winning play Windmill Baby [Yirra Yaakin].

Honouring Theatre is co-presented by Indigenous Performance Initiatives, O'Kaadenigan Wiingashk, and Pubic Energy in association with the Indigenous Studies Program at Trent. For more information, visit www.publicenergy.ca.

Trent Withdraws from Maclean's Survey

After careful consideration, Trent University has decided to join with other universities from across Canada and withdraw from the *Maclean's* annual ranking survey. In explaining her decision, President Patterson emphasized, "Trent will continue to discuss with *Maclean's* how their survey can be improved and remains committed to transparency and providing new and improved benchmarking data to parents, students and the public." To see the full correspondence sent to *Maclean's* and concerns about the survey methodology please visit http://www.trentu.ca/newsevents/newsreleases_060830macleans.php

Royal Society of Canada Elects Trent Prof to Academy of Arts and Humanities



Trent English professor Michael Peterman has been elected a 2006 Fellow to The Royal Society of

Canada (RSC), the Canadian Academy of the Sciences and Humanities, the highest honour that can be attained by scholars, artists and scientists in Canada. Dr. Peterman, along with the other 2006 Fellows, will be inducted to the Society during a ceremony on Sunday, November 19, 2006 in Ottawa.

New Report on Philanthropy



In September, Trent University's Advancement Office released its 2006 Report on Philanthropy. This new report features profiles of various supporters, highlights many of the giving

programs available at Trent, and contains a list of all gifts received in 2005/2006. To view the 2006 Report on Philanthropy, please visit <http://www.trentu.ca/givingto/trent/donorrecognition.php>

Dr. Julian Aherne Awarded Ireland Canada University Foundation Scholarship

Dr. Julian Aherne, a professor in the department of Environmental Resource Studies at Trent, has been awarded the \$8,000 Ireland Canada University Foundation (ICUF) Scotia Capital Bank Scholarship

to fund a research visit to Ireland to initiate collaborative work with Irish researchers involved in forest ecosystem monitoring.

Ugandan Doctor and Traditional Healer Speaks

The department of Indigenous Studies at Trent University, in partnership with Equinox, presented a talk by Dr. Sekagya Yahaya Hills, a dental surgeon and practicing traditional African Healer from Uganda, on Tuesday, August 22.

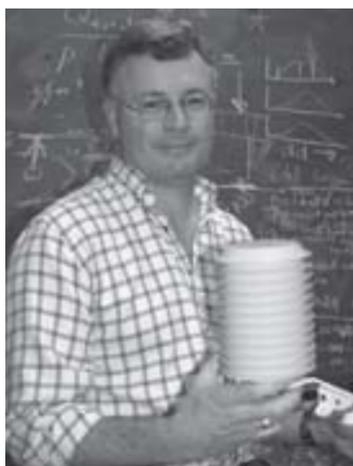
In his presentation, Dr. Hills discussed the importance of traditional healing practices in the fight against HIV and AIDS. He was in Canada to participate in the International AIDS conference in Toronto.



Trent Researcher Receives \$540,000 Award

Trent Geography professor Jim Buttle and his team have received \$540,000 over three years to develop the first national Canadian forest management watershed framework that will help forest managers to better protect Canada's valuable water resources from possible impacts from forest operations.

This award is part of a \$3.3 million investment over three years made by the Government of Canada through a Network of Centres of Excellence, called the Sustainable Forest Management Network (SFMN), in British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, and New Brunswick.



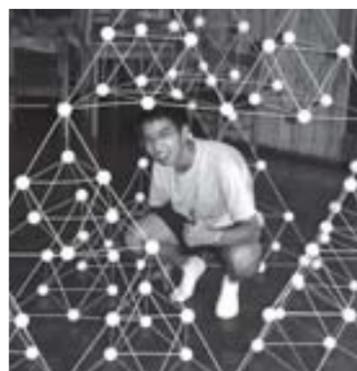
Trent Prof Awarded Prestigious Bora Laskin Fellowship

Trent University political studies professor Miriam Smith has been awarded the 2006 Bora Laskin Fellowship to study the impact of Charter rights on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) politics. The \$55,000 fellowship from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) is awarded to a leading Canadian researcher in the field of human rights.

Trent's Business Program Ranked Second Overall by Corporate Knights Magazine

Corporate Knights, Canada's magazine for responsible business, has ranked Trent University's Business Administration program second overall in their annual ranking of Canadian undergraduate business schools. The Trent program was also ranked first in the course offerings category.

The 2006 *Knight School Guide*, published in the July issue of *Corporate Knights* magazine, surveyed and evaluated 46 undergraduate business programs across Canada. The annual ranking, now in its third year, aims to highlight which schools are the best at infusing social and environmental elements into the student experience.



Shad Valley Enjoys Second Successful Summer at Trent

In its second summer at Trent, the Shad Valley program welcomed 45 of Canada's best and brightest high school students to campus for a four-week program dedicated to providing a competitive advantage for senior high school students striving to push past intellectual and creative standards.

Trent University was one of twelve universities across Canada to offer the Shad Valley program in 2006. The "Shads" participated in many activities at Trent, including: designing an energy-saving invention; a camping trip to Bark Lake where they built a model city out of sand; forensic science workshops, which included crime scene investigations and DNA profiling exercises; and a bio-ethics

workshop, which involved debating the concept of using pigs as substitutes for human organ donors.

Professor Emeritus Recognized

At its annual meeting and conference held in July at the University of Mississippi, the Phytochemical Society of North America presented Dr. Stewart Brown, Professor Emeritus from Trent's department of Chemistry, with an award in recognition of his outstanding contributions and pioneering research in the field of phytochemistry. Dr. Brown was also recognized as one of the founders of the Society, which marked its 45th anniversary this year. ☺