

in the NEWS



Dr. Roberta Bondar, Trent's Chancellor, was profiled in the fall 2006 issue of *Esteem*, Canada's

number one magazine for professional women. The article, entitled "A Higher Ground", outlines and explores Dr. Bondar's life and successes.

The annual TIP Study and Work Abroad Fair was covered in a Thursday, September 28 article in *The Peterborough Examiner*. Trent Study Abroad advisor Kate Eales and several Trent students were featured.

The Natural Resources DNA Profiling and Forensic Centre located at Trent was highlighted in a story entitled "CSI: Ontario MNR" in the September 2006 issue of *Ontario Out of Doors* – the province's best read outdoor magazine.

In the Tuesday, September 26 edition of *Lindsay This Week*, Christy Gombay, a lecturer in the Department of Politics, and Dr. Elwood Jones, local historian and professor emeritus at Trent,



were featured in an article examining the history of the ward system in local municipal politics.

The 2006 Head of the Trent regatta and homecoming event garnered front page coverage in the Monday, October 2 edition of *The Peterborough Examiner*.

Trent University's Career Centre and the work of Manager, Kristi Kerford, were highlighted in an article entitled "School and Work: A Balancing Act" published in the *Toronto Sun's* JobBoom Career Connection section on Wednesday, August 30. ☞



Clockwise from top left: Face painting fun; rowing spectators; Alumni Darren Huston (l) and Andy Rodford (r) with Alumni Director Tony Storey (c).



2006 HEAD OF THE TRENT REGATTA AND ALUMNI HOMECOMING

The annual Head of the Trent rowing regatta and alumni homecoming was held at Trent University September 29 to October 1. This long-standing Trent tradition brought thousands of alumni and visitors to the Symons campus to participate in a number of activities ranging from the rowing regatta and varsity athletic events, to reunion barbecues and receptions. Here is a look at some of the highlights from the 2006 Head of the Trent.

Inaugural President's River Reception

President Bonnie Patterson was delighted to host approximately 100 alumni, donors, volunteers, and friends at the inaugural President's River Reception held at the height of Head of the Trent activities on September 30. During the reception in the A.J.M. Smith Room the group enjoyed spectacular views of the rowing races and brief presentations were made by President Patterson, Dianne Lister, vice-president, external relations and advancement, and Bill Byrick, director of athletics and recreation.

"The President's River Reception was a great opportunity to bring alumni and friends together in an intimate setting," said President Patterson. "I was delighted by

the response to the reception, as well as by the turnout and enthusiasm at all the activities taking place across campus."

The President's River Reception carried an Athletics and Recreation theme for its first year. "Our commitment to Trent students, staff and the broader Peterborough community is to provide an environment that encourages balanced lifestyles and excellence in sport. As our facility developments continue and our programs evolve it is critical to communicate our message and get more people involved in what we're doing," said Bill Byrick, director of athletics and recreation.

A highlight of the reception was a special gift presentation made to Thomas Bata, a great Trent friend and donor for whom the Bata Library is named. The event was proudly sponsored by ClearSight Wealth Management and guests included Peterborough Mayor and Trent alumna, Sylvia Sutherland, members of Trent's Board of Governors, and Trent athletes and coaches.

Commoner Farewell

"Thank you for letting us say goodbye to an old friend. Well done."

That was the message one alumnus sent to the Alumni Association after the highly successful Commoner Reunion and Farewell at Alumni Head of

the Trent Homecoming Weekend. Over 400 alumni and their families attended the event; guests renewed old friendships and laughed at favourite memories of good times enjoyed at the once lively and atmospheric student pub. Meanwhile about two dozen children scoured the nearby woods as part of a nature scavenger hunt.

A videographer documented oral histories as part of a "speaker's corner" opportunity while other alumni browsed displays and artifacts. The highlight of the afternoon was the christening of a new varsity rowing eight, to be now known as 'The Commoner.' Former Commoner managers and presidents anointed the boat while Alumni Association president Matt Griem announced that the spirit of the Commoner would last forever.

Soccer Players Reunited

The alumni soccer game has become a tradition at Trent's annual Head of the Trent homecoming event, thanks in large part to Dave Knapton. Mr. Knapton has been organizing the reunion game since he graduated from Trent in 1993 and year after year, many of Mr. Knapton's original team mates, friendships he describes as having "lasted through the test of time", join with new alumni to play at their home pitch once more.

This year the game was enhanced on a number of levels as more than 25 alumni returned to play on the new field and, for the first time, included

alumni players from the women's teams. This year also marked the first time that the players have been able to



support Trent's varsity soccer program directly – contributing \$10 from their individual registration fees to the program.

"Through our efforts we hope to give the sport and the Trent

program a higher profile," said Mr. Knapton.

On the Water

Renowned as North America's largest single-day rowing regatta, the 2006 Head of the Trent event featured more than 2,000 rowers from across the United States and Canada racing along the Trent Severn Waterway from Parkhill Road to the Faryon footbridge on Trent's Symons Campus. The races featured athletes of various backgrounds competing at a recreational level all the way up to those who compete at the university level, including many rowers who compete at the national level, like Trent's own Brent Holmes. ☞



TRENT PROVIDES "MAGICAL" SETTING FOR LAUNCH OF INDIGENOUS THEATRE FESTIVAL



Frangipani Perfume

Forged from a dream and a cross-continental e-mail inquiry, *Honouring Theatre*, an international tour of Indigenous theatre from Australia, New Zealand and Canada, became a reality when it was launched with great fanfare at Trent University on September 19.

During a traditional gathering featuring drummers and dancers, and held in Mshiikeh: the First Peoples Gathering Space in Peter Gzowski College, the playwrights, actors, producers, and directors associated with the *Honouring Theatre* tour were officially welcomed to Trent University, to Peterborough, and to the Anishnaabe Territory.

According to the players involved in the tour, Peterborough and Trent University were natural choices as the first stop on this international tour, which ran in the city from September 24 to 28 before heading to other Canadian cities and eventually overseas to Australia and New Zealand in 2007.

"It is very significant to start the tour at Trent where there is this kind of Indigenous program and work already in



Annie Mae's Movement

place and where there is such a vibrant Indigenous culture. It is magic land around here," said Canadian playwright Yvette Nolan, who wrote *Annie Mae's Movement* – one of the three plays in the festival. The other two plays are *Frangipani Perfume* from New Zealand, and *Windmill Baby* from Australia.

Ms. Nolan, who is also the artistic director of Native Earth Performing Arts in Toronto, was one of a small handful of people to create the *Honouring Theatre* tour. In fact, she was the recipient of the cross-continental e-mail, sent by Sam Cook, executive director of Yirra Yaakin Aboriginal Corporation in Australia, which started it all.

During an artists' talk and roundtable discussion following the official welcome and held in Nozhem: the First Peoples Performance Space at Trent, Ms. Cook recounted how the *Honouring Theatre* tour got its roots.

"I came across Native Earth and we just started talking," Ms. Cook said, explaining that, at the time, she was looking for opportunities to tell and share true Indigenous stories. "Almost at once (Yvette) was on a plane to Perth and collectively we drew up the plan."

The rest, as they said, is history. Over the next few years, the plans for *Honouring Theatre* came together quickly thanks,

in large part, to the support of such countries as Canada and such partners as Trent University, who were eager for an opportunity to showcase authentic and contemporary Indigenous theatre. And, according to both Ms. Nolan and Ms. Cook, telling real and authentic Indigenous stories is the key element of the *Honouring Theatre* festival.

"Our stories from Indigenous communities are as diverse as any other – we are not stereotypes," Ms. Cook explained. "We have an obligation to tell our colour and the right to dream, share, and tell new, unfiltered stories. If we keep looking backwards, we will always be playing catch up."

Ms. Nolan agreed, saying, "I do it because of the stories we are telling. I believe that theatre can change the world..."

We have a responsibility to show mainstream audiences a contemporary artistic experience – something other than what they expect." In the larger realm, it is the new dream of those involved in the festival that *Honouring Theatre* will be just a beginning for the expression of Indigenous culture through theatre and the arts.

"I hope we are developing an appetite for authentic Indigenous work and opening doors for any number of people and groups," said Ms. Cook. "The lifecycle of *Honouring Theatre* should be one that will never end."

If the response at Trent and in the Peterborough community was any indication, it appears *Honouring Theatre* is off to a good start in achieving its goal. 🌟



Windmill Baby

"A RARE COMMITMENT TO ENGAGE"

For those who are passionate about the future direction of internationalization at Trent University, these are exciting times. Through its "Excellence in Internationalization: Next Steps for Trent" discussion series, the University has taken a proactive approach to reviewing past activities with regard to internationalization. This strategic planning process has created opportunities to engage students, faculty and staff to discuss Trent's further development in this area.

What is internationalization? According to Kumari Beck, a leading researcher on the subject, and instructor in the Office of International Teacher Education at Simon Fraser University (SFU), it is "the process of integrating an international, intercultural, or global dimension into the purpose, functions or delivery of post-secondary education." A doctoral candidate at SFU, Ms. Beck was one of two experts on internationalization who visited

Trent the week of September 25 to present during the two-day workshop.

The course of internationalization at Trent can potentially have far-reaching effects on a wide range of academic activities, such as curriculum content, student recruitment, faculty hiring practices, research programs, study abroad programs and the issuing of joint degrees. It is for this reason that Dr. Chris Metcalfe, chair of Trent's International Affairs Committee, has

initiated an open dialogue with the University community to "consider new possibilities and determine next steps."

To launch this institution-wide conversation, the International Affairs Committee invited two leading experts in the field of internationalization – Ms. Kumari Beck and Dr. Jane Knight – to present their current research to Trent faculty, students and staff. On September 27, Ms. Beck

facilitated a workshop entitled "Inclusive Pedagogy and Related Conversations" to Trent faculty keen to explore teaching strategies and 'best practices' in relation to internationalization.

Trent faculty representing several disciplines participated in a lively exchange during the workshop. Following the discussion, Ms. Beck commended the University's efforts to establish a meaningful dialogue, saying that "Trent exhibits a rare commitment to engage in discussion in a thoughtful process regarding internationalization."

The next day, Dr. Jane Knight presented her report entitled, "Internationalization: New Realities, Challenges and Opportunities". An adjunct professor with the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at University of Toronto, Dr. Knight is Canada's premier scholar on internationalization and has conducted several worldwide survey projects of significance in the field. Her September 28 presentation at Trent University marked the first time the 2006 results of

the International Association of Universities' survey on internationalization had ever been shared at the institutional level.

"Trent is a jewel of a university, with a very strong reputation for its international education," said Dr. Knight during her presentation. She praised the outstanding work of the Trent International Program, and was excited to see Trent take a leadership role as it prepares its "second generation" internationalization strategy.

Information and participant feedback from these workshops will be reviewed by the International Affairs Committee, who will use these results to make recommendations for strategic planning regarding internationalization at Trent University. The Trent community will be invited to review these recommendations before they are implemented.

For further information, please visit www.trentu.ca/internationalization. 🌟



Excellence in Internationalization at Trent

Left to right: Kumari Beck, Jane Knight, Chris Metcalfe and Susan Apostle-Clarke

DIRECTOR HONoured WITH PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL AWARD

Dr. Dauna Crooks, the director of the Trent-Fleming School of Nursing, has been at Trent for a little over a year and already her renowned reputation is helping to bring the University some national attention.

This attention received a significant boost when Prof. Crooks was recently presented with the prestigious Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology (CANO)/Pfizer Research Award of Excellence at the 14th Annual International Conference for Cancer Nursing held in Toronto.

The national research award of excellence is one of a series of awards given out by CANO on an annual basis to recognize the outstanding of achievements of Canadian oncology nurses. The winners are nominated by their colleagues from across the country.

As a recipient of the award, Prof. Crooks receives a \$1,000 honorarium and a plaque. The plaque will hang proudly in her new office in the Science Complex and the honorarium will go towards a breast cancer education program and to a nursing scholarship set up through Trent University's Advancement Office.

In describing how she felt receiving the award in front of 1,500 conference attendees, most of whom are Prof. Crooks' former colleagues and mentors, she said, "It was extremely emotionally powerful. It was like going back in time and connecting with people across my professional lifespan."

And Prof. Crooks' professional lifespan has thus far been an impressive one. She received her Bachelor of Nursing Science degree at the University of Toronto, her Masters in Nursing Science at the University of Western Ontario, and her Doctorate in Nursing Science at the State University of New York. She has held clinical appointments in oncology nursing in Hamilton, where she was jointly appointed with the Juravinski Cancer Centre and McMaster University, and she has held an investigator position in the Supportive Care Research Unit at the Hamilton Regional Cancer Centre. In addition, Prof. Crooks has been an active reviewer for many organizations that fund research initiatives, including the National Cancer Institute and the Hospital for Sick Children Foundation. She is also the author and co-author of numerous published scientific papers, abstracts and conference

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proceedings, book chapters, and educational manuals.

It is the research component of her work, however, that Prof. Crooks herself considers some of the most influential of her career, saying "Oncology nursing is where I spent most of professional life, but the research component presents opportunities to connect and give back to the patients you have cared for – to make life better for similar patients and to affect policies and make services more accessible."

Looking to all of her success, Prof. Crooks places much emphasis on the support of her colleagues and mentors

over the years, stating that "research is never an activity you do alone. I have been extremely fortunate, having colleagues and mentors who have helped me move."

As for her move to Trent, Prof. Crooks saw it as "an opportunity to return to academia" and as a chance to take the lead on a number of agendas, including implementing educationally sound programming and a strong research agenda for the nursing program. The University also opens up new channels for Prof. Crooks' ever-growing health care network across Canada, providing opportunities for collaborations with new programs including psychology and Indigenous studies.

Prof. Dauna Crooks

"This award came at a perfect time in my life and in my growth as an administrator and a researcher," Prof. Crooks said shortly after returning from the awards ceremony. "It is a nice culmination of my career."

Although she uses the word "culmination," Prof. Crooks is quick to point out that she is "not quite finished yet" when it comes to her career. And her relatively new post at Trent University it seems is yet another chapter to look forward to. ☞

It's not often that one has a chance to chat casually with internationally-renowned scholars, however the Ashley Fellowship is designed for just that. Funded by a bequest from the late Professor C.A. Ashley, long-time friend of Trent University, this program brings visiting professors to the University in order to create opportunities for informal exchanges with students to support their academic pursuits.

This year, the Senate of Trent University appointed two Ashley Fellows: Dr. Peter Stephenson, an internationally-recognized medical anthropologist from the University of Victoria, and Dr. David Montgomery, an eminent historian of the American labour movement and past-



Prof. Peter Stephenson

MEET THE FELLOWS

president of the Organization of American Historians. Both bring fascinating academic specializations that will be presented in a series of lectures until October 18.

Upon learning of his selection as an Ashley Fellow, Professor Stephenson said he was "really pleased" and was looking

forward to meeting Trent students, who he described as "not intimidated." "You can tell Trent students are used to first-hand contact with their professors, as they are very comfortable approaching me and asking questions during my talks." In addition to his lecture series, Prof. Stephenson will also be speaking to nursing students here at Trent about community mental health and meeting with anthropology students to discuss research methods and ethical issues.

Prof. Stephenson's three lectures will explore the ways in which social discourses of health and illness have been simultaneously embodied and articulated as "disease" by examining three principal sites: the body, the city and the world. "I'm hoping to make students think about embodiment and how the body is used metaphorically to understand the external world," said Prof. Stephenson in a recent interview. "Although metaphors can give certain insights, powerful metaphors such as the city as a body can also limit the way you think." He hopes to get people talking to one another about these ideas, and welcomes opportunities for one-on-one discussions with students about their own research. "I like to help people construct and build things," commented Prof. Stephenson. His three lectures, entitled "Age, Agency and the Body: the discourse of time and novelty," "The City Embodied: the discourse of decay and renewal," and "An Embodied World and the Pandemic

Esteemed scholars eager to hear from Trent students

Phantasm" ran from October 4 to October 18 and will form the core of his next book.

Professor David Montgomery also is enjoying his time on Symons Campus, especially noting the quality of Bata Library's resources and the beauty of Champlain College's architecture in the fall. His goal while at Trent is to help students gain a historical sense of the interaction between the movements of working people and national imperial struggles. The historical context he brings to his lectures is particularly timely for students keen to understand more about contemporary globalization.

"I hope my lectures open up discussions that haven't taken place before," said Prof. Montgomery following his first lecture. He observed that there's considerable interest among Trent students in international affairs, noting that "Trent students asked good questions, including one provocative question that he planned to take up in his next lecture."



Prof. David Montgomery

Prof. Montgomery's three lectures took place from September 26 to October 10 and were entitled "Workers Face Imperialisms, Old and New," "Labour's Monroe Doctrine," and "The Revolt Against Colonialism." On Tuesday, October 17, Prof. Montgomery is also hosting an open discussion, "Relating the Past to Current Struggles over Globalization" featuring a panel of speakers reflecting on his past presentations.

Please check the Calendar of Events at www.trentu.ca/newsevents for upcoming Ashley Fellow lectures. These events are free to attend and open to all members of the public. ☞

Official Opening of Margery J. Warren Garden

Trent President Bonnie Patterson and City Councillor Paul Rexe joined Trent faculty and staff to celebrate the official opening of the Margery J. Warren Garden on September 20.

Located between the Chemical Sciences Building and Enweying/Peter Gzowski College on the East Bank of Trent University's Symons campus, the Warren Garden creates an open and inviting space for Trent faculty, staff and students as well as the larger Peterborough community.

Executors of the Margery J. Warren estate, John Hodgson and Scotiatrust, provided the gift to create the garden at Trent University. In addition, the estate has provided money to be used towards developing an endowment fund that will ensure that the Warren Garden is well maintained for years to come. Margery J. Warren was an Early Childhood Educator and a homemaker. Her estate has contributed to the creation of several gardens at many universities and hospitals across Canada.

TCCBE Hosts Japanese Academics

On September 18 and 19 a group of academics from Obihiro University in Hokkaido, Japan, visited Peterborough and Haliburton Counties to learn more about the Community-Based Education Program at the Trent Centre for Community-Based Education (TCCBE). The group is interested in creating a community-based program in Japan that is similar to the TCCBE program, which is run in partnership with Trent University.

"This is an opportunity to showcase the unique and longstanding partnerships between Trent University and so many community-based organizations," said Todd Barr, the new Executive Director of the TCCBE. "It will bring a fresh perspective to the research and service learning projects that we facilitate in our communities – especially in the context of another culture."

Trent Faculty Receive Over \$2.1 Million in NSERC Funding

Sixteen Trent faculty members will share \$2,141,065 in new funding as a result of the 2006 NSERC Grants and Scholarships competitions. The grants are part of a \$503 million funding



infusion for 8,800 professors and students across Canada.

"These grants will enable our researchers to continue to excel in their disciplines and to deliver outstanding research training to our students," said James Parker, Trent University's Associate Vice-President, Research. "This exciting news is also a tribute to our outstanding faculty and a reflection of Trent University's dedication to innovative research."

For complete details of NSERC's funding announcement, please visit www.nserc.gc.ca/news/2006/p060908.htm



Bishop from Sierra Leone Visits Trent

On Thursday, September 7 the Most Rev. George Biguzzi, Roman Catholic Bishop of Makeni, Sierra Leone participated in World Day celebrations during Trent's ISW week. Bishop Biguzzi was en route from Osaka, Japan where he had been a participant in the World Religions and Peace Conference and had made a four day detour to Southern Ontario. Trent Alumnus-in-Residence Paul Delaney '64 was the bishop's host and chauffeur.

Farming for the Future Conference at Trent

From September 15 to the 17, Trent University hosted the 2006 Farming for the Future conference. Organized by the Canadian Biogas Association, in partnership with the Trent University Food and Agriculture Group, this conference brought together an internationally diverse field of professionals involved in the biogas industry

and energy farming. Speakers, which included farmers, operators, scientists, engineers, and bankers, discussed biogas technology, agricultural resources, renewable energy, farm income, rural development, and sustainable communities. Several Trent professors, including Tom Hutchinson, Chris Metcalfe, and Chris Ferguson, were among the speakers.

Chris Metcalfe Appointed to WSC Director

Professor Chris Metcalfe was recently appointed interim director of the Watershed Sciences Centre (WSC) at Trent University. The research centre is an institutional partnership between Trent University, Fleming College, and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (OMNR).

In his new role, Dr. Metcalfe will work to drive the WSC's new mandate to focus a large proportion of its activities to Source Water Protection (SWP) and to support the pending Clean Water Protection legislation.

Study and Work Abroad Fair

The Trent International Program (TIP) hosted its annual Study and Work Abroad Fair for students, staff, faculty, and members of the Peterborough community on September 27. The Fair provided all attendees with a chance to meet representatives from educational, cultural, travel and volunteer organizations from around the world that specialize in providing gateways

abroad for the curious and adventurous. Each year, the Fair is an excellent opportunity for anyone interested in broadening their horizons through the experience of working, studying and living in another country.

School of Ed Hosts 19th Annual Penpal Day

Over 300 students from Trent University met their public school-aged penpals at the 19th annual "Meet Your Penpal Day" on September 22. The event is a significant part of the Penpal program at Trent, which matches university students with children in grades one through three at local schools. In total, approximately 650 penpals will participate in the program this year, sending letters to each other once a month. The letters are used specifically to teach literacy in the classroom, such as spelling, sentence structure, grammar, and letter writing skills. As important is the relationship that is formed between the penpals, showing the power of writing in meaningful real-life activities.

Horizontal Traders and Chocolatiers Visit Trent

For one week at the end of September, Trent University played host to Michael Sacco and Graham Corbett, horizontal traders, chocolatiers, and creators of the ChocoSol project in Mexico and Ontario. During their visit, they led chocolate-making demonstrations, which featured bicycle-grinding technology, and participated in a world affairs discussion.

"For us this is not a mere business or social enterprise," said Michael Sacco. "It is a lifestyle and life choice. It is a calling and, at the same time, an experiment. We call it the ChocoSol project, but more than anything it is about the relationships and work that we have with a group of friends that stretch between Chiapas and Ontario, and then all throughout cyberspace as far as India and Brazil." ☺



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October 12: Professional and Graduate Schools Expo, Gzowski College, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

October 17: Open Discussion with Ashley Fellow Dr. David Montgomery. "Relating the Past to Current Struggles over Globalization," 7:30 p.m., LEC Lecture Hall.

October 18: Career Fair, featuring employers who typically hire university graduates. All students are encouraged to attend. 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Gzowski College.

October 18: Ashley Fellow Lecture Series with Dr. Peter Stephenson continues with his third and final lecture, "An Embodied World and the Pandemic Phantasm." Gzowski College, Room 103, 7:30 p.m.

October 26: Presentation and talk by Col. Chris Hadfield, first Canadian astronaut to perform space walk and to operate CanadArm, 10:00 a.m., Wenjack Theatre.

October 23-27: Residential and Laboratory Week

October 27-29: Trent University will host the Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy 2006 Conference. Themes include: Security, Trust, and Conflict. See www.cswip.ca for conference itinerary and registration details. Contact: Professor Moira Howes (705) 748-1011 ext. 5250 or mhowes@trentu.ca.

October 27-28: "Building Common Visions" conference. Supported by Trent and other community agencies. Fleming College.

November 2: 2006 Writers Reading Series at Trent with Ken Babstock, acclaimed Canadian poet. Traill College Senior Common Room, 7:00 p.m. Open to the public.

November 4: Trent University Fall Open House, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. ☺

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