

in the NEWS

On Thursday, November 2, Trent Associate Professor Lynne Davis was interviewed on CBC Radio's *Ontario Today* to discuss the "ReEnvisioning Relationships" conference held at Trent from November 2-5, 2006.



The Toronto Star featured Professor Carlyle Smith's ground-breaking research on Saturday, November 12 in an article entitled "Committed to memory."



Economics Professor Harry Kitchen was quoted on *CBC News* regarding municipal tax freeze promises on Wednesday, November 15.



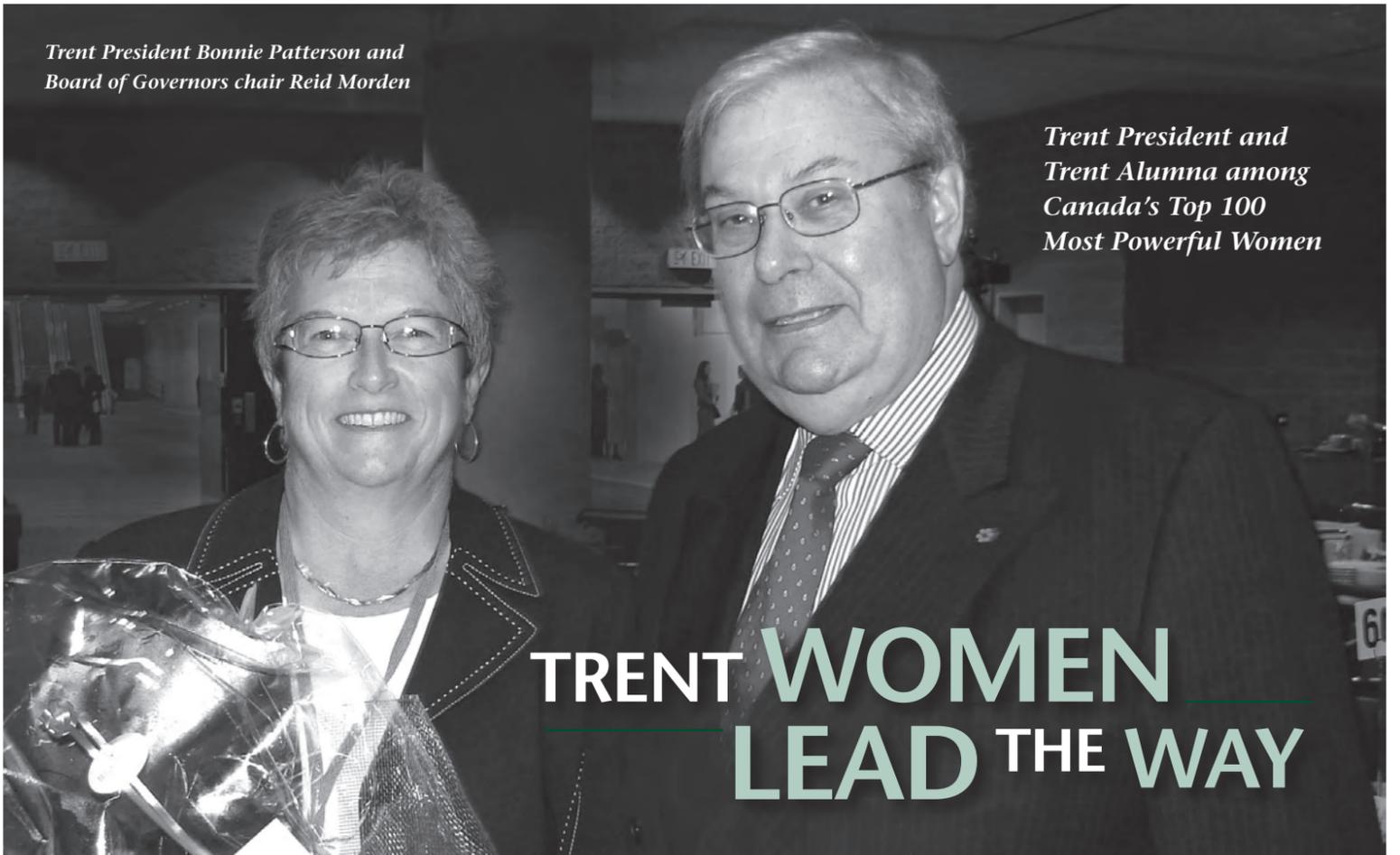
Results from this year's Head of the Trent were profiled in the November 2006 issue of the US-based magazine *Rowing News*.

Trent University graduate student Kristyne Wozney was featured in a segment entitled "DNA Evidence Helps Convict Caviar Importer" on the *CBC.ca* news website on Friday, November 24. The story also appeared the same day in the *Montreal Gazette*, *Vancouver Sun*, *Edmonton Journal*, *London Free Press* and the *Thunder Bay Chronicle Journal*.

Trent professor Miriam Smith was interviewed on CBC Radio affiliates across the country on Wednesday, December 6 in regards to the free vote in the House of Commons on same-sex marriage. ☞



Trent President Bonnie Patterson and Board of Governors chair Reid Morden



Trent President and Trent Alumna among Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women

Trent president Bonnie Patterson and Trent alumna Dalal Al-Waheidi agree – being named two of Canada's top 100 most powerful women is a very exciting and humbling experience. Both women were presented with the prestigious award at the fourth annual Women's Executive Network's 2006 *Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100* event held on Tuesday, November 21 in Toronto. Prof. Patterson won in the Trailblazers & Trendsetters category while Ms. Al-Waheidi was recognized in the Future Leaders category.

"It is a humbling experience that has allowed me to reflect on what I have been doing with my life so far," Prof. Patterson said. "In this field, I spend a great deal of time looking forward and thinking of what's next – this was a time to pause and think about what has been accomplished in the past. It was inspiring."

Ms. Al-Waheidi, who spoke at the event on behalf of her category, echoed similar sentiments when asked how she felt about receiving the award. "I never thought in my wildest dreams I would receive this award. I am definitely humbled by it all," she said. "It makes me strive even more to do the best job I can."

Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Awards is a symbol of the success women have attained and represents a unique array of proven achievers from many walks of life. Under the leadership of Women's Executive Network, an independent advisory board selected the winners in eight categories, including the



Trailblazers & Trendsetters and Future Leaders categories.

In being selected for the Trailblazers & Trendsetters Award, Professor Patterson was recognized for a list of accomplishments past and present – among them a long record of "firsts" in taking on leadership roles not previously held by women. These roles include Canada's first female dean of business at Ryerson, the first female president of the Council of Ontario Universities, and the first female president and vice-chancellor of Trent University.

"It was a renewing experience in a sense," Prof. Patterson said, reflecting on the awards ceremony. "Especially having a Trent grad win in another category

– that was a reminder of why I am working in this field and why this work is important."

Ms. Al-Waheidi, the Trent graduate to whom Prof. Patterson referred, is the chief operations director for Free The Children, the world's largest network of children helping children through education. She came to Trent as an international student from Palestine and, as part of the Trent in Ecuador program, spent her third year in Ecuador learning about development first hand. It is this hands-on experience that she credits with helping to shape her groundbreaking career with Free The Children.

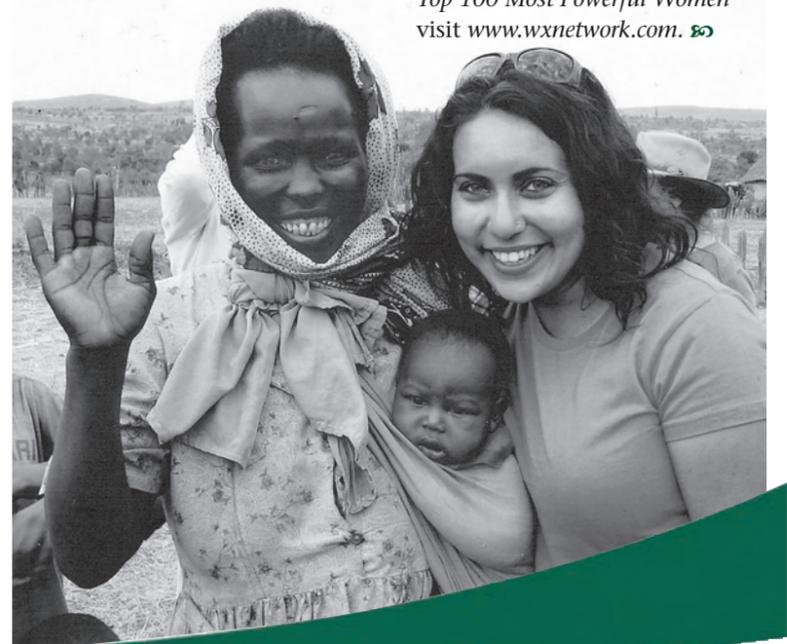
"I really feel that my experiences at Trent prepared me for the development work in my field," she said. "Trent is great at providing the opportunity to link

theory to practice."

Her career with Free the Children began in 2002, shortly after Ms. Al-Waheidi received her degree in International Development Studies (IDS) and Political Studies from Trent. Over the past four years, she has made her way up through the organization. Starting out as an intern, she now manages 60 employees across Canada as the chief operations director.

"For me, this is not a nine-to-five job, it is a passion," she said. And it is this passion that she hopes to pass along to other future female leaders: "If by receiving this award I have opened a door to other women to realize their potential, to realize their passion and to put that passion into action, than I will have done something right."

For the full list of *Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women* visit www.wxnetwork.com. ☞



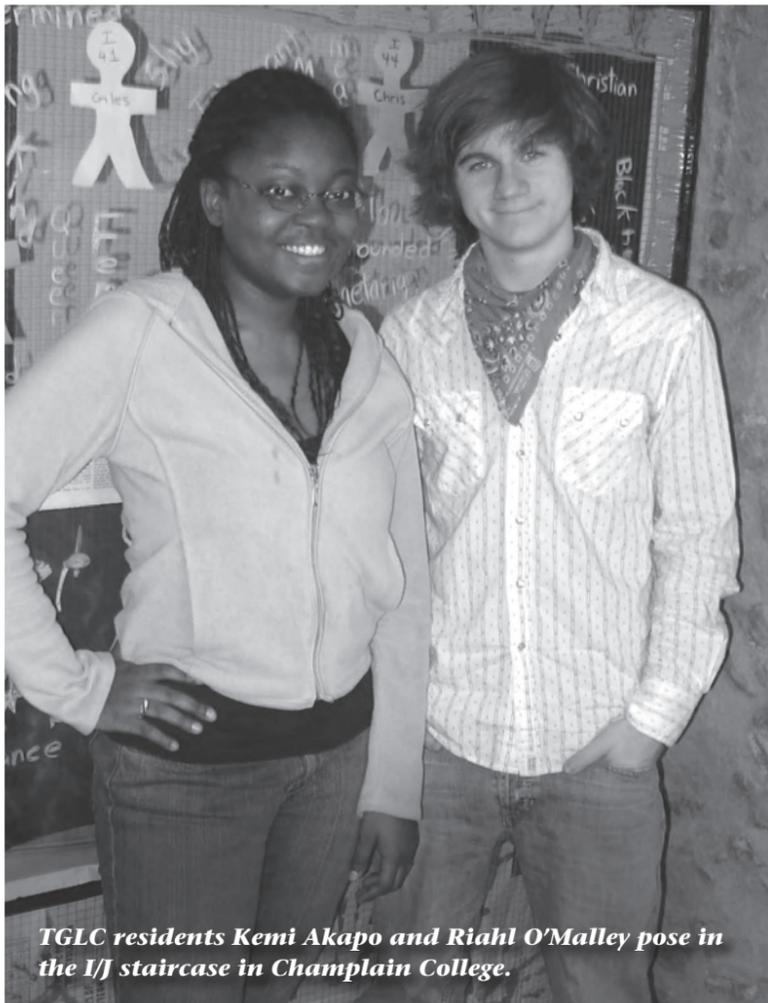
Trent alum Dalal Al-Waheidi on a recent trip to Kenya.

NEW RESIDENCE COMMUNITY GOES GLOBAL

This year there is a fresh new feeling in the halls of the Champlain College residences thanks, in large part, to the creation of the first-ever living and learning community at Trent University.

The Trent Global Living Community (TGLC), located in the I/J staircase in the North Quad of Champlain, is home to 32 students who all share a common interest – a passion for the world around them, and the determination to learn more about it.

All students applied to be part of TGLC this past April when residence applications announced the creation of a new community for students with an interest in global studies and citizenship. Made up of Canadian students and international students from countries ranging from Bosnia to St. Lucia, members of the TGLC strive to not only take in the world around them, but also to discover traditions and cultures abroad. Through fun and dynamic programming and guest-speakers, living in the TGLC inspires new growth and understanding for those who are passionate about the world.



TGLC residents Kemi Akapo and Riahl O'Malley pose in the I/J staircase in Champlain College.

"The TGLC has provided students with an interest in the world the possibility to live and learn together and from each

other," said Casey Phillips, college residence life coordinator at Champlain. "The group has also provided the opportunity for TIP,

the College Office, Housing and other faculty and staff to work together on a new and exciting collaboration."

Among the residents of the TGLC is Naja Graugaard, a first-year international student from the small town of Holstebro, Denmark. Ms. Graugaard is studying political science and international development studies; she chose Trent because of the reputation of the Trent International Program, as well as renowned academic courses in global awareness and education. Another deciding factor for Ms. Graugaard was the new TGLC.

"TGLC is not just based on academics, but you get to live where you learn as well," she says. "Here you have the opportunity to build things together."

In addition to her classes and contributions to the TGLC, Ms. Graugaard is also spearheading a new project – the Food Awareness Initiative. This initiative advocates for health education for students who eat on campus, promoting health and awareness about the food choices they make. Currently in the recruiting stages, there has been plenty of

enthusiasm for this project from students, health services, professors, faculty and students from the Nursing program and Aramark.

"I enjoy dedicating myself to something that matters and concerns me. I want to help Trent students," Ms. Graugaard says.

Another interesting resident of the TGLC is Rocky Katunda. Originally from the Democratic Republic of Congo in Central Africa, Mr. Katunda came to Trent on a World University Service of Canada (WUSC) scholarship. Since his arrival, he has become a magnet of activity at Trent due to his charismatic personality, and great sense of humour.

When asked what makes living in the TGLC so great, Mr. Katunda quickly replies, "The diversity and the people! Here, I know Trent is the place to be!"

Written in partnership with third-year Trent student, Brandon Smith, don of Champlain College's TGLC.

TWO CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH PROJECTS RECEIVE \$2.5 MILLION FROM CFI

A \$2.5 million grant announced on November 27 by the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) will have a profound effect upon how we understand the impacts of chemical contaminants and climate change. The investment of \$2,558,085 will support projects led by Trent professors Douglas Evans and Chris Metcalfe to significantly advance their work in state-of-the-art facilities.

Through the CFI's Leading Edge Fund, Prof. Evans will receive \$1,266,760 in support of his project entitled *Upgrading and Expansion of the Trent University Worsfold Water Quality Centre and Isotope Ratio Facility*. The funds will support the purchase of new mass spectrometers used to measure chemical contaminants in the environment, such as pharmaceuticals that pass into waste water after human consumption. The Worsfold Water Quality Centre is an emerging centre of excellence at Trent University, known

throughout North America as one of the leading facilities for the study of chemical contaminants in the natural environment.

CFI also announced that *The Microenvironment Laboratory at Trent University* project led by Prof. Metcalfe will receive \$1,291,325 under the New Initiatives Fund. This new lab will support the research of 14 faculty members at Trent, who are involved in developing models that allow scientists to accurately predict the future impact of climate change, pollution and other negative pressures on biological, physical and chemical processes in the natural environment.



Prof. Doug Evans

As the CFI grant does not cover the full cost of these research initiatives, Trent University is seeking the support of private donations to support the remaining portions (approximately 20 per cent) of both nationally significant projects.

Trent University's associate vice president of research Jim Parker welcomed the CFI announcement, saying: "This announcement by CFI will strengthen Trent's ability to continue making significant contributions to the study of environmental contamination. This research will become more critical as the search for scientifically-based solutions intensifies in the face of growing pressures on our natural environment."

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infrastructure. The CFI's mandate is to strengthen the capacity of Canadian universities, colleges, research hospitals, and non-profit research institutions to carry out world-class research and technology development that benefits Canadians.

"The CFI's support of cutting-edge research infrastructure has transformed Canada's research landscape and increased the

country's international competitiveness," said Dr. Eliot Phillipson, President and CEO of the CFI. "Investments like these have allowed Trent University to become a destination of choice for some of the world's top research talent."

TRENT A DRAW FOR FAMOUS SPEAKERS

Trent University has a reputation for being a vibrant place for famous visitors. This reputation was solidified in November with two extraordinary speakers.

Remarkable Visit by a Remarkable Woman: The Hon. Flora MacDonald

On November 23, the Honourable Flora MacDonald spent a whirlwind day taking part in a host of activities on the Trent campus.

Tireless despite her 80 years, Ms. MacDonald arrived on campus early to have a breakfast meeting with the Trent Muslim Students Association and Peterborough's Muslim community. This was followed by a mid-morning open session with students hosted by Trent's Politics department on the topic of women in Canadian politics during which Ms. MacDonald noted the enduring challenges women continue to face in their quest to achieve balance with men in politics at all levels – municipal, provincial and national. During the afternoon, faculty members joined Ms. MacDonald for an

engaging discourse concerning the future of CIDA.

That evening, Ms. MacDonald gave a riveting presentation to more than 120 guests entitled "The Other Afghanistan: Building Peace in Mountain Villages Based on Grassroots Community Activism." Drawn from her recent experiences working in Afghanistan, her presentation revealed a contrasting portrait of the country and its people,



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showcasing the progressive efforts of Afghans as they rebuild their own country. Ms. MacDonald's visit to Trent was organized by Dr. Betsy McGregor, senior research associate at the University.

Gwynne Dyer Returns to Trent with a Warning

On November 20 in a much-anticipated and well-attended talk, entitled "Back to the Great Game," historian and journalist Gwynne Dyer discussed the emerging power of China and the shift in global influence from the U.S. and its allies in the West to Asia.

In his 90-minute presentation, he said he isn't worried about the Middle East or terrorism, describing them as "a diversion from what we should be paying attention to." He expressed some worry about the U.S. and their strategies to "encircle China," comparing current alliances with those that led to the beginning of World War I. What scares Dr. Dyer the most, however, is climate change and the potential desertification of the earth's temperate land that could come with an estimated five degree

The Hon. Flora MacDonald

increase in average temperatures. It is a scenario that, according to Dr. Dyer, may well occur if the world continues on its current trajectory.

"This is not a world that can feed six billion, or by the time we get there, eight billion people," he said. "If we get there we are in a catastrophe zone...but we don't have to go there. Decisions to be made or that are failed to be made will tell us where we end up."

Of his third visit to Trent in six years, Dr. Dyer said, "Trent is a much more personable university than the larger degree mills. The character of this place is significantly different from other institutions."

It is the personal touch and accessibility to the community that Dr. Dyer appreciates more

and more each time he returns to Trent, especially when it means he is able to interact with students on a more personal level. A by-invitation-only reception organized in Dr. Dyer's honour prior to his public talk gave him just this opportunity as he met with Trent students, staff and faculty, and local-area high school students.

"Having a chance to meet Dr. Dyer personally really shows what Trent is all about," said third-year Trent student Brandon Smith, whose interest in global issues and a possible career in journalism led him to attend the talk. "I cleared my schedule to be here – this kind of opportunity is great!"

When Brian Thorn successfully defended his doctoral thesis in August 2006, he earned more than his Ph.D. Mr. Thorn also earned a unique place in Trent's academic history, becoming the first graduate of the Trent-Carleton Ph.D. degree program in Canadian Studies.

An avid student of women's studies and Canadian social history, Mr. Thorn chose to pursue his doctorate at Trent because of the expertise of faculty members such as Professors Joan Sangster and Bryan Palmer, the latter a Canada Research Chair in Canadian Studies. The camaraderie that developed while working closely with leading researchers in the field at Trent stood out for Mr. Thorn as a major strength of this Ph.D. program. "At Trent, you get to know your profs more so than at other schools," he said.

Canada's only full interdisciplinary doctoral program in Canadian Studies, the Trent-Carleton Ph.D. degree was introduced in 2000. The joint program builds on the combined strengths of the existing M.A. programs at

PH.D. GRAD ACHIEVES NEW TRENT FIRST IN CANADIAN STUDIES

both universities, enriching opportunities for students by offering five fields of study: Culture, Literature and the Arts; Environment and Heritage; Women's Studies; Policy, Economy and Society; and Identities.

Entitled "Visions of The New World Order": Women and Gender in Radical and Reactionary Movements in Post-World War II in Western Canada, Mr. Thorn's thesis explored the early efforts of Canadian women to politicize their views through their involvement with right-wing and left-wing political parties. In particular, he analyzed the experiences and class backgrounds of women who were drawn to support more extreme left-wing movements such as the Communist Party, Social Credit Party and the CCF. Mr. Thorn's research revealed how much influence female party members had in shaping political platforms to address women's issues of the day. In conclusion, Mr. Thorn found that most often Canadian left-wing and right-wing parties did not value women's views



Brian Thorn (third from the left) poses with his Ph.D. examining committee.

during the mid-twentieth century, lending momentum to the burgeoning "second-wave" feminist movement of the 1960s.

Through this research, Mr. Thorn's goal was to reveal some of the key challenges facing politically-active women during this important period in the history of women's movements. "I hope my work contributes to a broader historical context to the development of women's political identities." Mr. Thorn went on to say that he sees his thesis as part of a larger process to "reclaim women's history" by building on the first generation

of women's studies scholarship, established in large part by the contributions of Professor Sangster during the 1970s and 1980s.

Would he recommend graduate studies at Trent? "Working on a doctorate is a major undertaking for any student, and I am very pleased with the supportive environment Trent provided me," said Mr. Thorn, noting especially the friendly atmosphere cultivated by the faculty and their willingness to discuss studies outside of class time. He views the growth of graduate program

offerings at Trent as "positive," especially if strong funding levels for students can be maintained. Trent is one of only two universities in Canada that guarantees its graduate students a minimum level of funding. These are available for students enrolled in either a master's level or Ph.D. program. "By offering modest-sized graduate programs, Trent will continue to be able to keep funding levels high, therefore attracting good students," says Mr. Thorn.

While working on his Ph.D., Mr. Thorn also taught undergraduate classes in history and Canadian studies as a teaching assistant. As a graduate of Queen's and Simon Fraser universities, he found the smaller class sizes at Trent a unique difference and enjoyed teaching groups of 10 to 15 students.

Upon completing his Ph.D., Mr. Thorn brought his teaching experience and Canadian studies specialization to New Westminster, BC, where he currently teaches Canadian history at Douglas College. Although he misses Ontario, Mr. Thorn likes living out west where he and his partner are preparing for another "first" – a new child, expected in April 2007!



Prof. Raul Ponce-Hernandez

Trent Researcher a Lead Contributor to UN Report

Trent University is gaining visibility in environmental circles within the United Nations and in the wider international community thanks in large part to the significant contributions Trent researcher Raul Ponce-Hernandez is making to a groundbreaking Global Environmental Outlook (GEO) report coordinated by the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), which examines the role and impact of the state of the environment on human well-being as well as the use of environmental assessment and valuation as a decision-making tool.

Prof. Ponce-Hernandez, who teaches in the Environmental and Resources Studies and Geography departments at Trent, has been working with a team of approximately 20 scientists from around the world to produce a comprehensive chapter providing an overall global assessment of status and trends of lands. The draft was finalized during a recent authors' meeting in Cairo, Egypt where Prof. Ponce Hernandez was selected as one of six people to undertake the intense last revision process and to finalize the document prior to submission for translation and publication by the UNEP. The full report is scheduled for release in the fall of 2007.



Kristyne Wozney and former Mayor Sylvia Sutherland

Trent Grad Student's DNA Analysis Results in Conviction

When Trent University graduate student and forensic scientist Kristyne Wozney conducted a DNA analysis of fish eggs in April 2005, it was more than an

academic exercise; in fact, she was assisting with a high-profile police investigation. Thanks to Ms. Wozney's work and the facilities at the Natural Resources and DNA Profiling Centre (NRDPFC) at Trent, police were able to convict a major Toronto-area caviar dealer of unlawfully importing without a permit. Ms. Wozney's DNA analysis showed that the species of caviar found in the tin was a mixture of the protected species beluga, sevruga and osetra, and not the un-endangered kaluga type listed on the label.



United Way Campaign Raises Most Money Yet

The generosity of the United Way supporters at Trent University has really paid off this year as faculty, staff, students, and retirees raised an incredible \$72,318, far surpassing their original goal of \$55,000 and making this year the most successful United Way campaign in Trent's history.

Throughout the campaign, which was launched at the beginning of October, many exciting activities took place, including: the annual kick-off barbecue, weekly draws for a number of great prizes such as a deluxe two-night getaway to Irwin Inn, and a gift basket draw that featured 32 baskets created and donated by various Trent departments. This year, 222 Trent donors contributed to the campaign total with an average donation of over \$320.

Rep from Royal Thai Embassy Engages Trent with Students

What happened in Thailand on September 19, 2006 and what does it mean for the country's democratic process? This was the main question Mr. Chatchai Viriyavejakul, vice-secretary of the Royal Thai Embassy in Ottawa, was tasked with answering when

he came to Trent University on Friday, November 3 to take part in a World Affairs Colloquium entitled "Thailand: Democracy at a Crossroads." Over 30 Trent students attended the interactive talk held in the Pit in Lady Eaton College during which Mr. Viriyavejakul discussed the September 19, 2006 coup d'état, Thailand's first in 15 years.

Trent President Invited to Join World Bank Global Forum

On Wednesday, November 29 Trent University welcomed special guest Michael Ehst, Science & Technology Specialist and Coordinator of the World Bank 2007 Global Forum. Mr. Ehst was on campus to discuss



this prestigious event which attracts the world's leading scientific and development experts taking place in Washington D.C. in February 2007 and to invite President Bonnie Patterson to participate as a panellist for a session entitled, "Harnessing Research & Development Capacity from Industrialized Countries." President Patterson accepted this unique opportunity to bring Trent's perspective on the role of universities in international development to the world stage.

Academic All-Canadians Recognized

In celebration of excellence in athletics and academia, 52 Trent University students were recognized as Academic All-Canadians at a special ceremony on November 23. The annual awards event, which is hosted by the Department of Athletics and Recreation, honours students who participate in varsity sports and achieve an academic average of 80 per cent or higher.

Trent Athlete Wins OUA Women of Influence Award

Fourth-year Trent nursing student and star cross-country runner Jutta Merilainen was honoured as a top female scholar-athlete by Ontario University Athletics (OUA) at the fourth annual Women of Influence Luncheon



Jutta Merilainen and Cassie Campbell

held on Thursday, November 30 in Toronto. The event was hosted by Cassie Campbell, former captain of the Canadian women's national ice hockey team.

Playwright and Alumna Jennifer Sipos Leads Workshop

On Thursday, November 16 Trent University welcomed alumna Jennifer Sipos ('91) to the new Alumni House for an engaging and interactive discussion on script writing for stage performances. The workshop marked Ms. Sipos' first return to Trent in eleven years, after graduating in 1995 with a degree in English literature and French. Since leaving the University, Ms. Sipos has gone on to enjoy a successful career as a playwright. Ms. Sipos is currently working on a comedy show aimed at helping patients cope with mental illness. The show, entitled *Laughing at Depression*, features entirely female comics, all basing their act around the theme of battling mental illness with humour.

Tanzanian Student Wins Chamber of Commerce Award

When Jania Chilima, an international student from Tanzania, first arrived at Trent she was determined to become involved in all that the



University had to offer. Now, in her final year as an Environmental Science and Business Administration major, she is able to say that, not only has she achieved her goals but, in addition, has had her hard work and dedication recognized by her professors and the larger Peterborough community.

Ms. Chilima learned of this recognition when she was notified that, after being nominated by her professors, she had won the 2006 Greater Peterborough Chamber of Commerce Business Leadership Student Bursary. Ms. Chilima was presented with the \$1,000 bursary at the Chamber's Excellence Awards dinner on October 18, 2006.

Trent-Baycrest Study Explores "Chemobrain" Effect

A new study led by Dr. Gordon Winocur, a Trent University professor and senior scientist of the Rotman Research Institute at Baycrest, has confirmed that it is the drugs, not psychological stress, that causes the phenomenon of "chemobrain" experienced by breast cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy treatment.

UPCOMING events

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December 15: Janice Teichroeb will defend her thesis, "The Archaic Lithic Assemblage from West Burleigh Bay, Ontario." Trent Archaeology Centre, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. All are welcome.

December 15 & 16: *Sky Woman Falls to Earth* Indigenous theatre performance. Nozhem: First Peoples Performance Space, Trent University, 7:00 p.m. on December 15 and 2:00 p.m. on December 16. Open to the public; admission by donation. To reserve seats, call (705) 748-1011 x7921.

December 22-January 2: University closed.

January 8: Classes resume.

January 18: Rooke Lecture Series panel discussion on "The Public Response to *The Diviners*" with Jean Cole, Leonard Conolly, Sylvia Sutherland and Fred Tromly. 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Peterborough Public Library. All are welcome.

January 19: World renowned environmentalist David Suzuki to deliver the annual Tapscott-Lopes Business and Society Lecture. 7:30 p.m., Wenjack Theatre.

January 31: Summer Job and Volunteer Fair, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Gzowski College. ☞

Prior to this study, doctors were unable to determine if the negative changes during treatment were the result of the chemo drug side effects or caused by the psychological impact of extreme stress endured by breast cancer patients.

Dr. Winocur's study was conducted in his labs at Trent University over a period of two years in collaboration with Dr. Leslie Kerr, professor of psychology and biology at Trent. The study entitled, "The effects of the anti-cancer drugs, methotrexate and 5-fluorouracil, on cognitive function in mice," was published in the September 2006 issue of *Pharmacology, Biochemistry and Behaviour* and focused primarily on the short-term effects of the drugs. ☞

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